



REPUBLICAN SHUTDOWN: OMB DIRECTOR RUSS VOUGHT'S ABUSES OF POWER

FACT SHEET: OMB DIRECTOR RUSS VOUGHT STEALS FROM COMMUNITIES, LIES TO THE PUBLIC

Republicans Gave Corrupt Director Vought the Shutdown He Begged For

Instead of lowering the cost of living, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Russ Vought has dismantled crucial government services that American families rely on. Vought has consistently broken the law and is now falsely claiming that a government shutdown allows him to do whatever he wants. Here is a look at just a small portion of Russ Vought's corruption and the harm he has caused:

Increased Costs and Stole from Communities

- Cancelled \$8 billion in energy projects and froze more than \$45 billion in energy programs, increasing energy costs and eliminating jobs
- Froze more than \$1 billion in USDA nutrition assistance
- Illegally froze funds for Head Start, biomedical research, museums and libraries, public schools, and FEMA assistance, reducing the quality of life of our constituents and making it harder to make ends meet
- Cancelled more than 1,000 National Institutes of Health research grants totaling more than \$1 billion, including grants for research on cancer, Alzheimer's disease, HIV/AIDS, heart disease, substance use disorder, infectious diseases, and vaccines
- Defunded the police by refusing to provide \$1.9 billion to state and local crime fighting efforts, making our communities less safe

Weaponized Bureaucracy

- Blatantly targeted projects in Democratic states, including blocking \$18 billion in critical infrastructure projects for New York and \$2.1 billion in Chicago
- Unlawfully defunded the Council of the Inspectors General, a group of internal government watchdogs, in a direct attack on independent oversight designed to make it easier for Trump to break the law
- Manufactured a crisis to threaten thousands of Americans' jobs and livelihoods without justification

Lied to the American People

- Along with the President, illegally stole \$9 billion in taxpayer funding
- Illegally hid binding budget decisions from Congress and the public
- Lied at Congressional confirmation and oversight hearings when he pledged to protect investments he has now unlawfully cut

In Their Own Words...

RUSS VOUGHT: "We want the bureaucrats to be traumatically affected"

RUSS VOUGHT: "When they wake up in the morning, we want them to not want to go to work because they are increasingly viewed as the villains."

RUSS VOUGHT: "The appropriations process has to be less bipartisan." "It's not going to keep me up at night... by having the appropriations process be a little bit partisan."

SEN. MIKE LEE: "Russell Vought has been dreaming — and meticulously preparing for — the Schumer Shutdown since puberty."

PRESIDENT TRUMP: "We'll be laying off a lot of people... They're going to be Democrats."

PRESIDENT TRUMP: "A lot of good things can come from shutdowns... We can get rid of a lot of things that we didn't want" in a shutdown."

PRESIDENT TRUMP: "We can do things during the shutdown that are irreversible, that are bad for them."

SPEAKER MIKE JOHNSON: "It can provide an opportunity to downsize the scope and the scale of government."

LEADER JOHN THUNE: "This is the risk of shutting down the government and handing the keys to Russ Vought" "we don't control what he's going to do."

REP. BOB GOOD: "A govt shutdown would be an excellent opportunity to massively reduce the federal workforce. Please, Democrats...make our day"

PRESIDENT TRUMP: "You all know [White House budget director] Russell Vought, he's become very popular recently because he can trim the budget to a level that you couldn't do any other way. So, they're taking a risk by having a shutdown. Because of the shutdown, we can do things medically and other ways, including benefits, we can cut large numbers of people out."

PRESIDENT TRUMP: "I have a meeting today with Russ Vought, he of PROJECT 2025 Fame, to determine which of the many Democrat Agencies, most of which are a political SCAM, he recommends to be cut."

SEN. TED CRUZ: "President Trump is going to use that as an opportunity not to tell people you're furloughed for a few days, but instead to send pink slips and to get rid of left-wing bureaucrats who are imposing left-wing priorities that are contrary to President Trump's priorities. I think that's fantastic."

SEN. RAND PAUL: "I'm all for it. As much as they can do and will do. I would love to see them cut more agencies and cut more federal largesse. We've got to make the government smaller. And the interesting thing is the Democrats squawk over this. But the courts and the Supreme Court have largely upheld the president's right to hire and fire people in the executive branch. So the Democrats do this at their own peril. They can keep it closed. But everything's on the chopping block as long as Congress is absconding and not doing anything."