



**Where We've
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**Where We're
Headed.**

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Overarching Priorities

- Reducing the role & size of government
- Advancing restrictions on immigration
- Reinterpreting rights and protections

Key Actions

- Funding & grant delays
- Eligibility changes and immigration enforcement
- RIFs & reorganizations
- DEI activities
- Deregulatory efforts
- Data pivots (e.g., IES restructuring, removing USDA food insecurity survey)
- Targeting foundations & nonprofits

What's (likely) to Come

Legislative

- **Reconciliation**

- Congress is likely to make another attempt at pursuing a reconciliation package
- The Biden Admin pursued reconciliation twice when it had unified control of government (ARPA & IRA)

- **Rescissions**

- The Administration is likely to submit additional requests for rescissions based on past success

- **FY26**

- Congress will need to resolve its differences on FY26 to emerge from the shutdown
- During the shutdown, HHS will furlough 41% of staff and USED will furlough 95% of staff
- If the shutdown is protracted, OMB may seek to advance additional Reductions in Force

What's (likely) to Come

Judicial

- **DEI**
 - Courts are still adjudicating lawsuits brought against the Administration's actions to halt DEI
 - This includes litigation brought by State Head Start Associations and parent groups
- **Birthright Citizenship**
 - The administration has asked the Supreme Court to review its EO reinterpreting the 14th amdt.
 - Lower courts have found that the EO conflicts with the plain text of the Constitution as well as long-standing precedent
- **Federal Public Benefits**
 - Courts have yet to reach the merits of the Administration's reinterpretation of federal public benefits
 - They have offered limited injunctions for some states and for all Head Start programs

What's (likely) to Come

Executive

- **Regulatory Activity**

- HHS: Head Start rule (Nov. 2025); CCDF Rule (Feb. 2026); Medicaid work requirements (June 2026)
- Treasury: Employer-Provided Child Care Tax Credit (45f)

- **Impoundment**

- The President is likely to continue its practice of impounding funds
- The Admin. Is currently blocking \$410 billion in funds
- The GAO has opened 46 impoundment investigations against the Administration



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