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100 DAYS OF HOAXES: Cutting Through the Fake News

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Since President Donald J. Trump took office 100 days ago, it has been a nonstop deluge of hoaxes and lies from Democrats and their allies in the Fake News suffering from terminal cases of Trump Derangement Syndrome.

In no particular order, here are some of the most egregious hoaxes peddled by the usual suspects so far in President Trump's second term:

- **HOAX:** Fake News CNN [attempted](#) to “fact check” President Trump’s claim that the Biden Administration spent millions on “making mice transgender.”
- **FACT:** After their so-called “fact check” was [thoroughly debunked](#), they were [forced to update it](#) in disgrace and admit the claim was, in fact, true.
- **HOAX:** The Fake News [claimed](#) the Department of Defense removed Gen. Colin Powell’s name from a list of notable Americans buried at Arlington Cemetery.
- **FACT:** No service members’ names were [removed](#) from that section — and Gen. Powell’s name remains among those listed.
- **HOAX:** Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) [claimed](#) “no president” presided over more plane crashes during their first month in office as President Trump.
- **FACT:** “There were 55 aviation accidents in the U.S. between Biden’s inauguration on Jan. 21, 2021, and Feb. 17, 2021, compared to 35 during the same period for Trump,” [Fox News reported](#).
- **HOAX:** [Gov. JB Pritzker \(D-IL\)](#) and [Chicago Public Schools officials claimed](#), without bothering to [verify](#), that ICE agents had conducted a “raid” at an elementary school — a false claim echoed by media outlets, including the [Chicago Tribune](#).
- **FACT:** It was [actually](#) the U.S. Secret Service investigating a threat unrelated to immigration.
- **HOAX:** Far-left influencers and other leftist hacks falsely [claimed](#) the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and Elon Musk were out to “cut Social Security.”
- **FACT:** They were referencing an interview in which Musk was [clearly referring](#) to the [tremendous amount](#) of waste, fraud, and abuse within entitlement programs.

- **HOAX:** The media [smeared](#) DOGE as “young, inexperienced engineers” engineering a “government takeover.”
- **FACT:** In reality, DOGE is led by [seasoned industry professionals](#), including successful CEOs who paused their lives to aid in the effort of streamlining government and holding the bureaucracy accountable.
- **HOAX:** NBC’s Peter Alexander [peddled](#) the lie that “constituents in some traditionally red districts” were unhappy with President Trump’s effort to cut waste, fraud, and abuse in government.
- **FACT:** The same “protests” cited by the Fake News were [funded and organized](#) by far-left special interest groups.
- **HOAX:** NPR [claimed](#) NASA astronauts Suni Williams and Butch Wilmore — who were [stuck](#) on the International Space Station for more than nine months following problems with their spacecraft — were “not stranded.”
- **FACT:** NPR itself had [described](#) the astronauts as stranded in prior reporting, and only seemed to take issue with the description once President Trump and Elon Musk [made](#) it a priority to bring them home.
- **HOAX:** A foreign Fake News outlet [reported](#) that President Trump “shut down” the British prime minister during a news conference.
- **FACT:** In reality, President Trump was simply [moving on](#) from a reporter who was trying to goad the two leaders into division.
- **HOAX:** NPR falsely [claimed](#) the White House was actively searching for a new secretary of defense.
- **FACT:** This lie was immediately [shut down](#) by multiple Trump Administration officials, including [President Trump himself](#).
- **HOAX:** The Fake News [attempted](#) to paint illegal immigrant gang member Kilmar Abrego Garcia as an innocent “Maryland father” who was unjustly deported by the Trump Administration — and [actively censored](#) the truth about him.
- **FACT:** Abrego Garcia is a citizen of El Salvador and was deported to his home country amid [overwhelming evidence](#) of his gang affiliation.
- **HOAX:** Deranged “filmmaker” Michael Moore [questioned](#) whether deported illegal immigrants would go on to cure cancer or stop “that asteroid (sic) that’s gonna hit us.”
- **FACT:** Moore’s statement was a [strong early contender](#) for the dumbest, most ridiculous statement of the year considering those deported illegal immigrants were [violent criminals](#).

- **HOAX:** The Fake News [portrayed](#) Mahmoud Khalil, a pro-Hamas radical who led violent protests at Columbia, as an innocent graduate student with an absolute right to remain in the U.S.
- **FACT:** An immigration judge [ruled](#) Khalil — who is not a U.S. citizen — can be deported.
- **HOAX:** The *Financial Times* [reported](#) that Senior White House Counselor Peter Navarro wanted to remove Canada from the “Five Eyes” intelligence sharing network.
- **FACT:** Mr. Navarro immediately [shut down](#) this fake story.
- **HOAX:** A foreign Fake News reporter [claimed](#) President Trump referred to European nations as “parasites.”
- **FACT:** President Trump immediately [pushed back](#) on this ridiculous claim — as did the Italian prime minister.
- **HOAX:** Fake News CNN’s Brianna Keilar [implied](#) the Trump Administration was somehow wrong for stopping illegal immigrants from stealing taxpayer dollars in the form of welfare benefits.
- **FACT:** Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller summarily [embarrassed](#) her with the facts: “The federal government will find EVERY illegal alien who is stealing American taxpayer dollars — and that’s what Americans expect to happen. I don’t even fathom the premise of your question.”
- **HOAX:** A [favorite refrain](#) of the Fake News is that Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., is “[anti-vaccine](#).”
- **FACT:** Kennedy [debunked](#) the lie in his confirmation hearings: “This has been repeatedly debunked ... Bringing this up right now is dishonest.”
- **HOAX:** WIRED falsely [claimed](#) the Social Security Administration is “shifting its public communication exclusively to X” under President Trump.
- **FACT:** [Not happening](#).
- **HOAX:** Reuters falsely [reported](#) that the Trump Administration “stalled a United Nations program in Mexico aimed at stopping imported fentanyl chemicals from reaching the country’s drug cartels.”
- **FACT:** The Department of State is actually [trying](#) to expand the initiative.
- **FACT:** The Fake News frequently [pushed](#) the lie that as part of the Trump administration, Secretary Kennedy would implement a national abortion ban and “restrict or even ban medication abortion without a single act of Congress.”
- **FACT:** Secretary Kennedy consistently [pledged](#) to implement President Trump’s policies — which include leaving abortion to the states, ending barbaric late-term abortions, protecting conscientious objections, and ending federal funding for abortions.
- **HOAX:** Fake News savant Tara Palmeri falsely [reported](#) that President Trump’s proposal for Gaza was conceived by Jared Kushner.

- **FACT:** This lie was immediately and summarily [debunked](#) by the Trump Administration: “The worst reporter in America makes up fake news for clout because she has no real sources. Sit down, dummy.”
- **HOAX:** Sen. Chris Murphy, Rep. Jasmine Crockett, and media outlets [claimed](#) President Trump’s directive to pause radical, wasteful government spending meant an end to Medicaid, food assistance, and other individual assistance programs.
- **FACT:** Individual assistance programs — Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, etc. — were explicitly excluded, as was [made clear](#) by Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt and the Office of Management and Budget. Only unnecessary spending — DEI, Green New Scam, NGOs that undermine the national interest — were included in the directive.
- **HOAX:** A “physicians advocacy group” was [widely cited](#) as opposing President Trump’s nomination of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., to lead the Department of Health and Human Services.
- **FACT:** The “advocacy group” was really an astroturfed partisan organization funded by prominent left-wing donors — and [accepted fake signatures](#).
- **HOAX:** Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA) and other Democrats [pushed](#) the lie that DOGE posted “classified information” on their website.
- **FACT:** That alleged “classified information” was really just an employment headcount — which has been publicly available for years.
- **HOAX:** Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) [claimed](#) Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem called all Venezuelan immigrants “dirtbags.”
- **FACT:** Secretary Noem [actually called](#) illegal immigrant members of the vicious Tren de Aragua gang “dirtbags,” which is true.
- **HOAX:** *The New York Times* [wrote](#) that Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., wanted to “ban fluoride in drinking water” and “reverse ... one of the most important public health practices in the country’s history.”
- **FACT:** New York Times made no mention of their [own reporting](#) that fluoride may be “linked to lower IQ scores in children.”
- **HOAX:** Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) repeatedly [lied](#) about President Trump “going after” Social Security.
- **FACT:** President Trump has repeatedly [pledged](#) to protect Social Security and make it more robust for American citizens.
- **HOAX:** Sen. Mark Kelley (D-AZ) attempted to scare veterans by shamelessly [claiming](#) their care was in jeopardy due to “layoffs” at VA hospitals.

- **FACT:** The lie was debunked by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Doug Collins: “What changes are you talking about? We’ve not had those layoffs... I put \$360 million back into community care... It’s concerning to me that a veteran would actually tell stories to veterans that are not true.”
- **HOAX:** Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-TX) exploited the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport plane crash tragedy by [claiming](#) President Trump “froze the hiring” of air traffic controllers.
- **FACT:** Air traffic controllers were [exempt](#) from the federal hiring freeze.
- **HOAX:** Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-TX) [implied](#) that “cutting” members of an aviation advisory committee was somehow a cause of the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport plane crash tragedy.
- **FACT:** The advisory group [hadn’t met](#) since 2023 and was comprised of business and union leaders who gave “advice” to the TSA and had nothing to do with actual air travel.
- **HOAX:** A far-left writer [claimed](#) Elon Musk and DOGE staffers “illegally installed a commercial server to control federal HR databases that contain sensitive personal information, including SSNs, home addresses, and medical histories.”
- **FACT:** A top official [confirmed](#) “there’s nothing illegal and no server, just more made up tall tales from uninformed career bureaucrats.”
- **HOAX:** *The Washington Post* [alleged](#) the Trump Administration was setting “quotas” for immigration authorities — and [gave](#) the administration just four minutes to comment before publishing.
- **FACT:** As usual, this was a [fake story](#).
- **HOAX:** Online liberal activists [claimed](#) President Trump “took down” President Obama’s portrait in the White House.
- **FACT:** Obama’s portrait was not taken down — it was simply [moved](#) only feet away from its previous location.
- **HOAX:** Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) [claimed](#) Attorney General Pam Bondi created a “weaponizing task force.”
- **FACT:** It was a task force to [END](#) weaponization at the Department of Justice.
- **HOAX:** CBS News [reported](#) that Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth ordered a “makeup studio” be installed inside the Pentagon.
- **FACT:** It was a “[totally fake story](#),” and the alleged studio [was really](#) an existing green room with no frills.
- **HOAX:** Politico [reported](#) the Trump Administration was debating lifting sanctions on Russian energy assets, including the Nord Stream pipeline.

- **FACT:** This was debunked by both [Secretary of State Marco Rubio](#) and [Special Envoy Steve Witkoff](#).
- **HOAX:** An illegal immigrant in U.S. custody “simply disappeared,” [The New York Times](#) reported.
- **FACT:** The illegal immigrant was a [confirmed member](#) of the vicious Tren de Aragua gang. An immigration judge [ordered](#) his removal, and he was deported along with other threats to national security.
- **HOAX:** *The Wall Street Journal* [alleged](#) that Special Envoy Steve Witkoff was receiving sensitive information on a personal phone while in Moscow and that Russian Intelligence must’ve had access to the information.
- **FACT:** This was a total fabrication. Special Envoy Witkoff [did not even have](#) a personal phone with him in Russia. He had only a government phone; a secure line of communication.
- **HOAX:** *The Wall Street Journal* [claimed](#) the Trump Administration “sought to portray” deported criminal illegal immigrant gang member Kilmar Abrego Garcia as “violent.”
- **FACT:** Abrego Garcia’s own wife [filed](#) an order of protection against him and testified that he brutally beat her.
- **HOAX:** An AP reporter [claimed](#) that FAA staff who worked on “radar, landing and navigational aid maintenance, among others” were “harassed on Facebook” by DOGE.
- **FACT:** That was a [total lie](#). DOGE doesn’t have a Facebook page and no professionals who perform critical safety functions were fired.
- **HOAX:** The Daily Beast [claimed](#) Vice President JD Vance “broke one of the most notorious Vatican rules during his Easter weekend visit” by being photographed in the Sistine Chapel.
- **FACT:** Buried all the way down in the 14th paragraph, The Daily Beast [admitted](#) the vice president was given special permission by the Vatican to have photographs taken inside the Sistine Chapel.
- **HOAX:** Left-wing social media accounts [promoted](#) fake, AI-generated audio of Vice President Vance “disparaging Elon Musk in private.”
- **FACT:** The audio was [debunked](#) as fake.
- **HOAX:** *The New York Times* [reported](#) that funding for the Women’s Health Initiative was being slashed by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- **FACT:** Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., himself [declared](#) this Fake News and recognized the project is “mission critical.”
- **HOAX:** Fox News’s Jennifer Griffin [gave legitimacy](#) to a hoax from delusional Reps. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) and Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) that Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth requested nearly \$140,000 in “upgrades” to his government residence.

- **FACT:** This lie was [debunked](#) by Secretary Hegseth — and it was so outrageous, even the AP was [forced to admit](#) it was completely fake.
- **HOAX:** Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA) and many others [claimed](#) the Supreme Court ordered the return of illegal immigrant gang member Kilmar Abrego Garcia to the United States.
- **FACT:** Even CNN [admitted](#) that's not what happened: "They did not order the administration to return him to the United States ... they could've said 'we order him returned,' but they didn't do that."
- **HOAX:** Joe Biden [accused](#) the Trump Administration of "taking aim at Social Security."
- **FACT:** As usual, he was [lying](#) — President Trump has repeatedly pledged to protect Social Security.
- **HOAX:** Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA) [claimed](#) the arrest of a Milwaukee judge who helped an illegal immigrant evade arrest was "unprecedented."
- **FACT:** It wasn't; it has [happened before](#).
- **HOAX:** Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) [called](#) the arrest of a Milwaukee judge who helped an illegal immigrant evade arrest a "gravely serious and drastic move."
- **FACT:** The judge [violated the law](#) by obstructing an ICE arrest of an illegal immigrant.
- **HOAX:** Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) [claimed](#) the arrest of the Milwaukee judge who obstructed an apprehension of a criminal illegal immigrant "threatens the rule of law."
- **FACT:** It literally does the opposite because no one is above the law.
- **HOAX:** Politico [claimed](#) the Trump Administration "wipe[d] out firefighter health and safety programs."
- **FACT:** The programs remain a top priority for the administration — and [will remain intact](#).
- **HOAX:** Sen. Elizabeth Warren [claimed](#) that President Trump's policies make it so "no one wants to make investments in the United States."
- **FACT:** President Trump has [secured](#) more than \$5 trillion in [investments](#) since taking office, which is expected to create more than 451,000 new jobs — and the list is only expected to grow.
- **HOAX:** NBC's Kristen Welker [peddled](#) a Fake News hoax that the Trump Administration was deporting children.
- **FACT:** Secretary of State Marco Rubio shut down her desperate attempt at a hoax by [highlighting](#) how the mother, who was in the country illegally, made that choice all on her own.
- **HOAX:** *The New York Times* [implied](#) President Trump was alone in wearing a blue suit to the funeral of Pope Francis.
- **FACT:** Photos show dozens of world leaders and other attendees — many situated near President Trump — [also wearing blue](#) clothing.

- **HOAX:** Teachers' union boss Randi Weingarten **accused** President Trump of taking teachers' salaries and giving them to "billionaires" by cutting the Department of Education.
- **FACT:** President Trump has repeatedly **called** teachers "the most important people in this country" who should be paid more, not less. The federal government does not pay the salaries of teachers; state and local governments do.
- **HOAX:** The Fake News and their predictable **allies** ran with a **story** that claimed an American citizen was detained by authorities after he informed them he was, in fact, a citizen.
- **FACT:** That's not **what happened**. The individual "approached Border Patrol in Tucson and stated he had entered the U.S. illegally through Nogales. He said he wanted to turn himself in and completed a sworn statement identifying as a Mexican citizen who had entered unlawfully ... A few days later, his family presented documents showing U.S. citizenship. The charges were dismissed, and he was released to his family."
- **HOAX:** PBS News claimed "DOGE operatives attempted to gain access to secure spaces," implying they attempted to access classified information without approval.
- **FACT:** This wasn't **even remotely true**.
- **HOAX:** The AP falsely **claimed** Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard said President Trump is "very good friends" with Russian President Vladimir Putin.
- **FACT:** The AP was humiliatingly **forced** to retract its story, admitting they were wrong. Stephanie Ruhle **also had** to issue a correction. DNI Gabbard was referencing President Trump's relationship with Indian PM Narendra Modi.
- **HOAX:** Student visa holders **should have unfettered access** to do whatever they want in the United States.
- **FACT:** Wrong. As Secretary of State Marco Rubio **said**, "When you apply to enter the United States and you get a visa, you are a guest... If you tell us when you apply for a visa 'I'm coming to the U.S. to participate in pro-Hamas events,' that runs counter to the foreign policy interest of the United States... If you had told us you were going to do that, we never would have given you the visa."