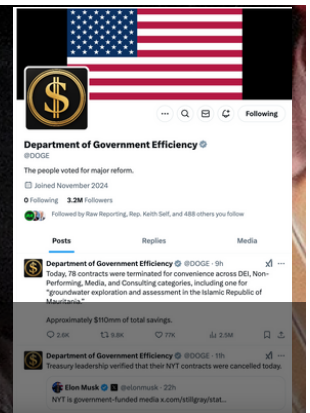


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Executive Summary

Following a \$1.8 trillion [deficit](#) in 2024, President Trump issued an [executive order](#) renaming the U.S. Digital Service to the [Department of Government Efficiency](#), better known as DOGE. DOGE was tasked with the responsibility of [providing](#) recommendations to “slash excess regulations, cut wasteful expenditures and restructure federal agencies” in order to curb federal spending. Elon Musk, the head of DOGE, is a “[special government employee](#)” and believes the office will be able to cut \$1 trillion in annual federal spending and reduce the deficit.

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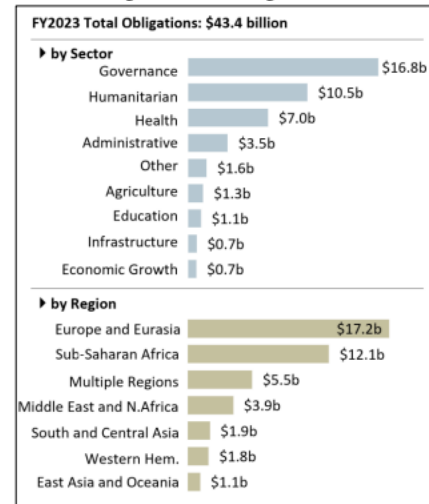
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- So far, DOGE has [cancelled](#) 104 “DEIA” contracts worth \$1 billion across various agencies including the Treasury Department, Health and Human Services and Office of Personnel Management.
- As of February 5, 2025, it has been calculated that DOGE has [generated](#) \$60 billion in taxpayer savings.
- On February 4, 2025, DOGE [posted](#) the termination of 12 consulting contracts at the GSA and the Department of Education for \$30 million in savings. It also found a savings of \$3 million from underutilized lease cancellations.
- On February 3, 2025, DOGE [announced](#) the termination of 36 contracts across six agencies, providing taxpayer savings of \$165 million. Amongst the terminated contracts was a Department of Homeland Security agreement for “people and culture survey and climate support services.”
- On February 2, 2025, DOGE [tweeted](#) that it had terminated 22 leases government building leases over the previous six days, saving taxpayers \$44.6 million.

To Further Root Out Waste, DOGE Has Set Its Sights On USAID

- USAID counts a total workforce of more than 10,000. In fiscal year 2023, USAID sent roughly \$43.4 billion in foreign aid to 130 countries according to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service. The largest share of USAID’s funds went to Europe, Eurasia, and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Figure 1. USAID-Managed Program Funding, by Sector and Region: FY2023 Obligations Estimate



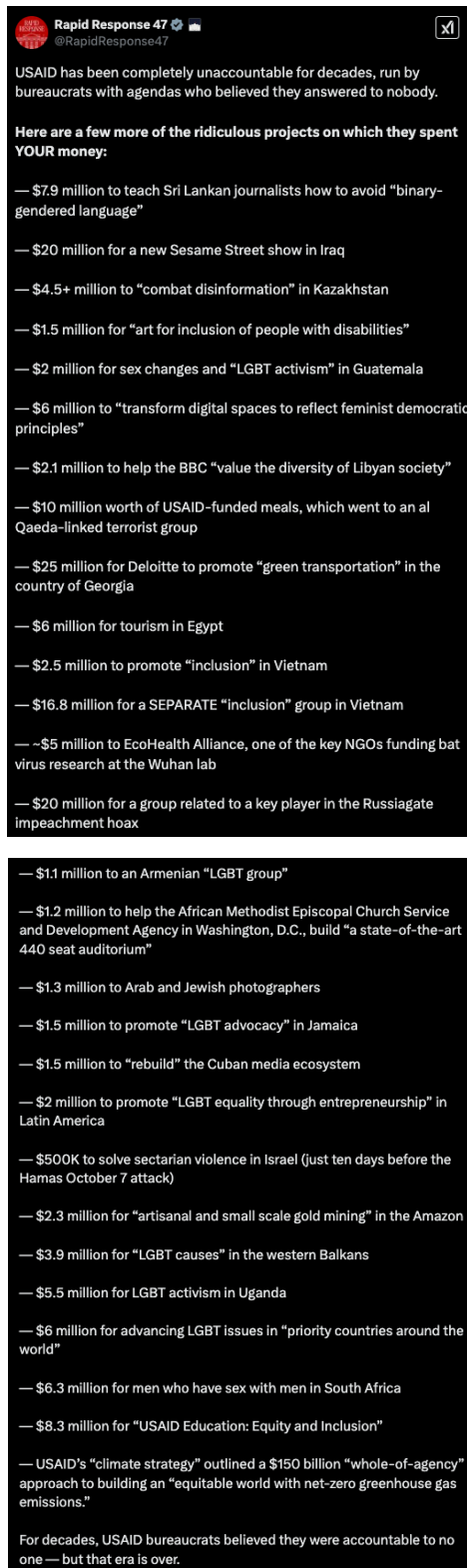
Source: ForeignAssistance.gov, accessed on October 10, 2024, and CRS calculations.

- According to The Associated Press, dozens of senior officials at U.S. AID have put on leave, contractors laid off and billions of dollars to be given to other countries has been frozen. Additionally, Washington staff were told not to come into headquarters and the agency’s website and X account had been removed.
- According to the Trump White House, hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayer dollars have been wasted and abused for spending on the “pet projects of entrenched bureaucrats, with next-to-no oversight.”

Here are only a few examples of the WASTE and ABUSE:

- \$15 million to “advance diversity equity and inclusion in Serbia’s workplaces and business communities”
- \$70,000 for production of a “DEI musical” in Ireland
- \$2.5 million for electric vehicles for Vietnam
- \$47,000 for a “transgender opera” in Colombia
- \$32,000 for a “transgender comic book” in Peru
- \$2 million for sex changes and “LGBT activism” in Guatemala
- \$6 million to fund tourism in Egypt
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars for a non-profit linked to designated terrorist organizations — even AFTER an inspector general launched an investigation
- Millions to EcoHealth Alliance — which was involved in research at the Wuhan lab
- “Hundreds of thousands of meals that went to al Qaeda-affiliated fighters in Syria”
- Funding to print “personalized” contraceptives birth control devices in developing countries
- Hundreds of millions of dollars to fund “irrigation canals, farming equipment, and even fertilizer used to support the unprecedented poppy cultivation and heroin production in Afghanistan,” benefiting the Taliban

- Millions more have been flagged by the Trump administration for “woke” projects.



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The Senate And House Have Each Formed Their Own DOGE Caucus To Assist The Department’s Mission

- Republican lawmakers have [created](#) a DOGE caucus in the House and Senate.

- Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA), chair of the Senate’s DOGE caucus has [touted](#) recent wins for the American taxpayer. In particular, having the Department of Agriculture to issue a return-to-work guidance after a whistleblower came forward to disclose that the agency’s D.C. headquarters was mostly vacant. She recently introduced a provision that directed the General Services Administration to sell off the mostly vacant Wilbur J. Cohen federal building. She also [introduced](#) legislation to tackle waste in the food stamp program and [trim](#) \$2 billion aimed at promoting government agencies.
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- Texas has [planned](#) a DOGE committee to “examine state agencies for inefficiencies.” Additionally, Republican lawmakers in various states including Kansas, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Wisconsin have announced plans to create a DOGE committee.
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