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Civil servants caught in moral ‘loyalty trap’



The second Trump administration has attempted a far more sweeping overhaul of the federal bureaucracy. More than 50,000 federal workers have been fired or targeted for layoffs. ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES

Federal workers wrestle with whether to stay, speak up or go

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For many Americans, work is not just about earning a paycheck. It is a centerpiece of their lives, and they want their job to be meaningful. • Decades of research suggest this is true for most federal civil servants, who aim to serve not only their organizations and their missions, but also the public and the nation. Over the course of President Donald Trump’s first administration, from 2017-21, we spoke with dozens of federal civil servants. They described their jobs as a calling aligned with their ideals – to serve the government, uphold democracy and serve the public.

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President Donald Trump has praised authoritarian leaders with poor human rights records, such as Russia’s President Vladimir Putin, while giving the cold shoulder to allies in Europe. ANDREW CABALLERO- REYNOLDS/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Sarasota hospital to build in Venice

\$82.5M rehab pavilion to open in early 2028

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Sarasota Memorial Health Care System unveiled plans Oct. 8 to build an \$82.5 million Rehabilitation Pavilion at its Venice campus. The Sarasota County Public Hospital Board approved funding for the four-story, 83,000-square-foot facility in September and recently tapped Gresham Smith as project architects and Deangelis Diamond as general contractor.

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Big Top brewery hit with \$4.6M in lawsuits from its lenders

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Sarasota’s Big Top Brewing is being sued by multiple lenders claiming that the popular brewery owes more than \$4.6 million in unpaid loans, according to court records. In separate lawsuits filed in Sarasota County Circuit Court, at least two lenders are claiming that the Sarasota brewery, its owners and an affiliated liability company defaulted on loan agreements by failing to make timely payments. The Sarasota brewery, which has three locations in Sarasota and Manatee counties, allegedly owes more than \$4 million to Berkeley Alternative Income Fund and an additional more than \$600,000 to South-State Bank, according to the lawsuits.

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