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Canadian PM: U.S. ties have become a weakness



Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney's governing Liberal Party secured a majority by winning all three seats in special elections on April 14. DAVID KAWAI/REUTERS FILE

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 REUTERS

CALGARY – Canada's close ties to the United States were once a strength but have become a weakness, Prime Minister Mark Carney said on April 19 in a video message to his country in which he also praised the heroism of military leaders who fought against U.S. invasion more than two centuries ago.

Holding up a small toy soldier depiction of Gen. Isaac Brock, the British military leader who died defending what is now Canada from a U.S. invasion in the War of 1812, Carney said Canada can't control the disruption coming from its U.S. neighbors, and can't bet its future on the hope that it will suddenly stop.

"The situation today feels unique, but we've faced down threats like this before," Carney said, referencing Brock and several other Canadian historical figures, including Chief Tecumseh who united Indigenous nations across the Great Lakes to resist U.S. expansion in 1812.

Carney, who recently secured a parliamentary majority for his Liberal government, has said his electoral win will help him deal more effectively in the trade war started by President Donald Trump.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick recently slammed Canada as a difficult trading partner.

Canada, which sends almost 70% of its exports to the United States, is due to review the trilateral U.S.-Mexico-Canada free trade treaty this year. U.S. officials

have suggested they want major changes to the pact.

As well as imposing tariffs on Canadian exports such as steel, aluminum and autos, Trump has repeatedly mused about annexing Canada and turning it into the 51st U.S. state.

Carney's office did not immediately respond to questions about why he had released the video now and why he had praised figures who resisted U.S. expansionism.

Carney said he plans to give regular addresses to Canadians to update them on what his government is doing to grow Canada's economy and defend its sovereignty.

"It's our country, it's our future, we are taking back control," he said.

Poll: Residents support regulating data centers

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SPRINGFIELD – As the number of data centers keeps increasing in Illinois, a new poll found many residents are in favor of regulations for the data centers.

A recent poll conducted by Global Strategy Group surveyed 800 likely voters across the state. The results showed many are in favor of the POWER Act, which would establish environmental, water, and energy regulations for hyper-scale data centers.

The proposed legislation was supported by a three-to-one margin, the poll found.

Findings

Across party lines, support for the "POWER Act" was a net positive for voters.

Those who oppose the POWER Act primarily were Republican, and broken down by upstate and downstate, the majority of those who oppose the legislation were in Cook County and Chicago.

Out of the demographic, 52%, or just over 400 voters said increasing utility costs for local residents are one of their top two biggest concerns about data centers, behind transparency in agreements between companies and politicians toward the creation and management of centers.

Methodology

Global Strategy Group conducted a survey of 800 likely 2026 voters in Illinois between March 16 and March 19, 2026. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.5%, according to Global Strategy Group. Voters were given a brief description "This would regulate data centers to minimize their impact on our utility bills, climate, and water, while still allowing them to be built."

Of the 800 interviews, 530 were conducted by telephone and 270 via text invitation to a web-based survey. Global Strategy Group said care was taken to ensure the geographic, political, and demographic divisions of the population

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IL Android users may be eligible to receive money

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Illinoisans who use an Android phone can claim their share of a \$135 million settlement.

There are few qualifications to be part of the settlement. Here's what to know.

What's the reason for the lawsuit?

The lawsuit, Taylor v. Google LLC, alleges that Google caused Android mobile devices to transfer a variety of information to Google without users' permission, consuming users' cellular data, according to the official settlement website.

Google denies wrong-doing.

Who is eligible to get paid?

All Android phone users in the U.S. are eligible to be part of the settlement. Additionally, you need to have used an Android mobile device to access the

internet through a cellular network from November 12, 2017, to present (the date when the settlement receives final approval).

Potential claimants are disqualified if they are a class member in Csupo v. Google LLC, which is a similar lawsuit involving residents of California.

How to sign up?

Potential claimants do not need to register. Payments are capped at \$100 per

class member, according to a USA Today report.

When will payments be sent?

The next date in the process is the final approval hearing that is scheduled for June 23.

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