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Trump funding cuts axed nutrition program



SNAP-Ed taught people how to identify healthy food patterns, keep food safe and navigate a complex food environment. It also taught low-income Americans how to improve their budgeting and planning for meals that balance cost and nutrition. GETTY IMAGES

SNAP-Ed saved money, helped Americans eat healthier

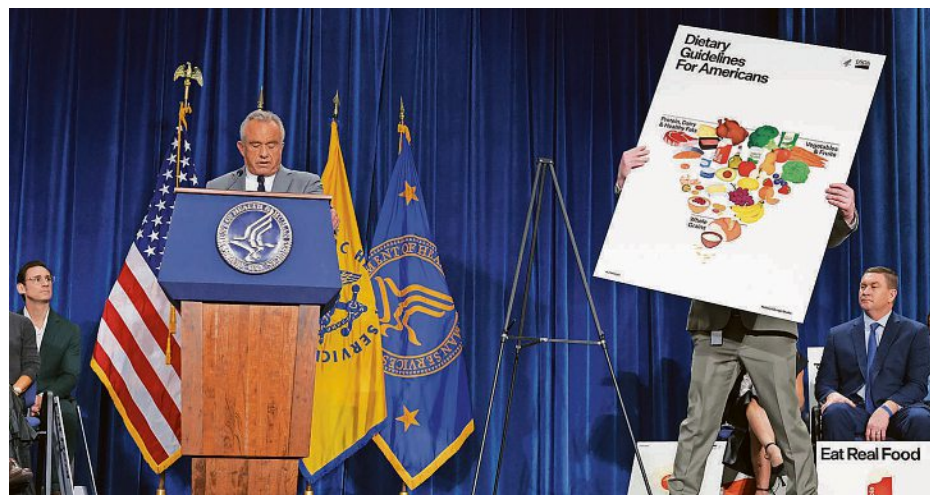
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THE CONVERSATION

If the government had found a way to save \$10 for every dollar it spent helping low-income people get healthier, wouldn't it make sense for it to keep doing that?

Well, that's exactly what the U.S. government did when it piloted the SNAP-Ed program in 1977. This U.S. Department of Agriculture program persisted for nearly 50 years until the Trump administration shuttered it in 2025.

SNAP-Ed served as the nutrition education arm of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which helps more than 40 million Americans buy groceries.

SNAP-Ed complemented SNAP by teaching people who get those benefits how best to use that government assistance. It paid for nutrition educators to teach lessons at schools, community centers and university extension offices. The educators led grocery store tours, taught label reading and budget comparisons, and taught cooking classes. And they offered a mix of printed and



Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and the Make America Healthy Again movement have embraced a core principle: Healthy habits prevent chronic disease. Yet the Trump administration stopped funding SNAP-Ed, which helped boost health in at-risk communities. ANNA MONEYMAKER/GETTY IMAGES

online resources to support good nutrition in the home.

While the federal government fully funded the program, the states, along with Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico, administered and implemented SNAP-

Ed through local community programs, often partnering with nonprofits. It cost only one penny for every SNAP dollar spent, and it worked.

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1 rescued after U.S. jet downed over Iran

Law experts claim 'clear violation of the United Nations Charter'

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One crew member of a U.S. F-15E fighter jet that went down over Iran on April 3 has been rescued, according to a U.S. official.

President Donald Trump has been briefed on the jet, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said in a statement without providing details.

CBS News first reported the crew member's rescue.

The status of the other crew member from the two-seater fighter jet was unclear. News outlets including The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times reported that a search and rescue operation was ongoing.

The regional governor promised a commendation for anyone who captured or killed the pilot, according to the semi-official Iranian news agency ISNA. Iranian news agencies said U.S. helicopters were flying low on apparent search missions and carried videos of residents shooting at them.

President Donald Trump vowed in an April 1 address to hit Iran "extremely hard" over the next two to three weeks.

As of April 2, 13 U.S. service members had died in the war and more than 300 had been wounded.

Trump proposed increasing defense spending to \$1.5 trillion – a 44% increase – in his 2027 budget, which was released on April 3.

"President Trump promised to reinvest in America's national security infrastructure, to make sure our Nation is safe in a dangerous world," wrote Russell Vought, the director of the Office and Budget Management, in a letter submitting the budget to Congress. "The 2027 Budget upholds this promise and would ensure that the United States continues to maintain the world's most powerful and capable military."

The investments include the "Golden Dome" missile defense system, a pay raise for the troops and "battle force ships."

The budget also proposes a \$73 billion cut, 10%, in nondefense spending.

The war has also raised oil prices, with U.S. gas prices reaching the highest point in years as analysts warn

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The unemployment rate for recent college graduates ages 22 to 27 stood at 5.7% in the fourth quarter of 2025, up from 5.3% in the previous quarter. MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES FILE

College grads find challenging job market

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In 2025, new college graduates wanted remote, high-paying jobs that aligned with their values. In 2026, they just want a job.

With 89% worrying artificial intelligence could replace entry-level roles – up from 64% last year – 67% of graduates now say they would accept a lower-paying position if it offered more job se-

curity, Monster's 2026 State of the Graduate Report found.

"They do not want to be 'the last one in, first one out' of their new job," Monster career expert Vicki Salemi said, adding that young people are noticing waves of corporate layoffs. "They really want to feel like they're going to be in a job for the long term."

An April 2 Challenger, Gray & Christmas report may have confirmed some of their fears. It found employers an-

nounced 60,620 layoffs in March – up 25% from February – with AI adoption the primary reason behind the cuts.

Overall, the U.S. economy added 178,000 jobs in March, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated April 3 – a figure well above forecasters' expectations. This news comes after the revised jobs report for February showed a loss of 133,000 jobs. The return to work in

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