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ANALYSIS

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

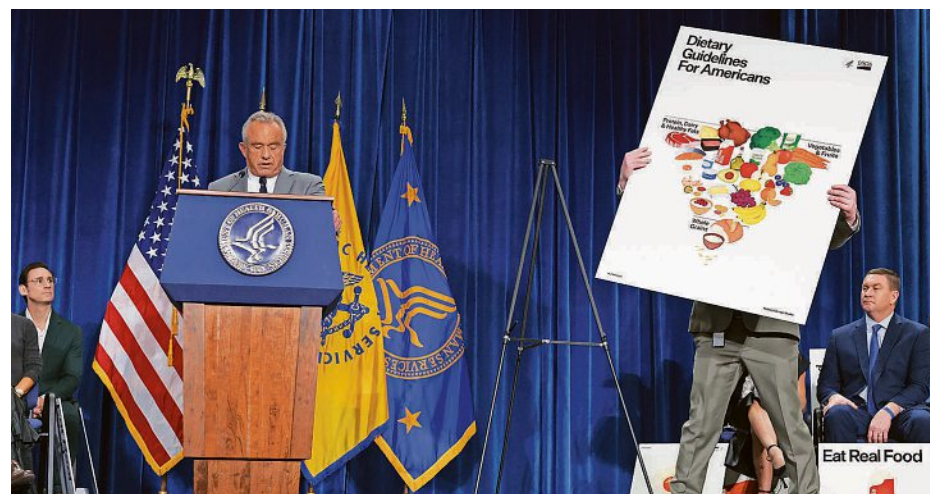
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THE CONVERSATION

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.

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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.

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Novo Nordisk to cut 400 jobs

Manufacturing site in Bloomington affected

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Drug maker Novo Nordisk is cutting 400 jobs in Bloomington, amid signs that competition in the weight loss drug market has intensified.

A spokeswoman said in an email that the company would make the cuts in early May, after which about 1,400 local employees would remain.

"Despite this difficult decision, Novo Nordisk continues to invest in Site Bloomington as a critical part of our U.S. manufacturing network and our commitment to the people who depend on our medicines," said Stacy Beard, public affairs and media relations principal.

She said the reduction was unrelated to the announcement from last fall that Novo Nordisk would cut 9,000 jobs globally.

"These are separate decisions driven by separate circumstances," Beard said. "The situation at Site Bloomington has continued to evolve as we have worked through the integration of this acquired facility and as business conditions have shifted."

Cuts will remove millions of dollars in annual wages

The job losses could remove tens of millions of dollars in annual wages from the local economy. Local economic development officials have said pharmaceutical manufacturing jobs typically pay above-average wages: The Bloomington Economic Development Corp. said last year that new Simtra jobs would average about \$70,000 a year. The losses also trickle down to other parts of the local economy. The BEDC has quoted analyses according to which each pharmaceutical manufacturing job in Monroe County supports about two additional jobs elsewhere in the local economy.

Novo Nordisk rode an Ozempic/Wegovy wave of success a few years ago, adding thousands of jobs and buying Catalent's fill-finish business for \$16.5 billion to boost capacity. However, strong competition from

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5 things to check out this weekend in Bloomington

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Spring is in full swing this Easter weekend in the Bloomington area, and there's reminders everywhere about how special this area is. From a tribute concert to Seymour native son John Mellencamp at the Brown County Playhouse, to a collaborative exhibit from three Bloomington artists to a special

screening of "Beetlejuice" at IU Cinema, there's reminders everywhere of what makes this area unique — you only have to go out and find it.

See a John Mellencamp tribute concert at the Brown County Playhouse

Celebrate the music of south central Indiana's "Small Town" legend with the tribute concert "American Fools: The

Music of John Cougar Mellencamp," this Friday at the Historic Brown County Playhouse. From towering hits like "Jack and Diane" to deep cuts like "Thundering Hearts," the sprawling tribute concert is a true testament to the Seymour native's singular writing style and raw talent that's long captured the American Heartland.

"American Fools" is from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Historic Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., Nashville.

Tickets are \$27.11 and can be purchased online at browncountyplyhouse.org/events/.

See a new collaborative exhibit from three beloved Bloomington artists

Witness a collaborative effort by three beloved Bloomington artists with "Intersections and Abstractions," an

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