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Illinois governor challenges Trump's threat to send troops to Chicago

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CHICAGO — Gov. JB Pritzker of Illinois has a message for President Donald Trump: Keep the military out of Chicago.

Pritzker, a Democrat, stood alongside the Chicago River on Monday afternoon, flanked by Mayor Brandon Johnson of Chicago, pastors, business leaders and community organizers, to push back on Trump's offhand declaration that he would send the military into the city, as he had done in Los Angeles and Washington.

"Calling the military into a U.S. city to invade our streets and neighborhoods and disrupt the lives of everyday people is an extraordinary action, and it should require extraordinary justification," Pritzker said.

"Look around you right now," he said, gesturing to pedestrians strolling on the city's popular riverwalk and the "L" trains rumbling nearby. "Does this look like an emergency?"

Pritzker added that eight of the 10 states with the highest homicide rates were led by Republicans.

Responding to his remarks, Abigail Jackson, a spokesperson for the White House, wrote in an email: "If these Democrats spent half as much time addressing crime in their cities as they did going on cable news to complain about President Trump, their residents would be a lot safer."

On Friday, Trump said that he planned to target Chicago and New York for his next federal crackdown on crime, calling Chicago "a mess" and suggesting he was willing to use active-duty troops on city

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Gov. JB Pritzker of Illinois speaks with reporters Monday on the Chicago water taxi as they pass Trump International Hotel and Tower in Chicago. Pritzker pushed back on President Donald Trump's intent to send the National Guard into Chicago, calling the idea illegal and unconstitutional, and pointing to the city's recent reductions in crime.



SUN FILE (2015)

The studios of public radio's KCNV and KNPR are inside the Donald W. Reynolds Broadcast Center on the campus of the College of Southern Nevada, 1289 S. Torrey Pines Drive in Las Vegas. Federal funding cuts to National Public Radio and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting are causing public radio and television stations nationwide, including in Las Vegas, to be creative with their fund-raising and budgeting efforts.

MEDIA

How Las Vegas' public radio, TV stations plan to navigate federal funding cuts

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By TYLER SCHNEIDER

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In the half-decade since Mare Mazur became the president of Vegas PBS, the regional Emmy Award-winning TV executive managed to skillfully navigate her network through the pandemic, diversify its funding streams and extend its streak as one of the top-10 most-watched PBS stations nationwide to 15 consecutive years.

Lately, however, Mazur and her team have been preparing to tackle an entirely different challenge. Congressional Republicans clawed back more than \$9 billion in public funds and programs by narrowly passing the Rescissions Act of 2025 last month. The cuts include \$1.1 billion for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which since 1967 has played an instrumental role in supporting PBS and National Public Radio outlets, including in Las Vegas.

In response, the CPB announced it would embark on an "orderly wind-down" of operations through early 2026, including gutting most of its staff by Sept. 30. The 2026 federal fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Now, Vegas PBS and other Las Vegas



SUN FILE (2012)

A producer makes his way onto the stage at Vegas PBS during a power outage that struck midway through a 2012 taping of a political debate. Vegas PBS officials say one way they'll cope with federal funding cuts at the station is through more local programming efforts.

Valley public media nonprofits like Nevada Public Radio are facing an unprecedented chapter as they look to offset annual funding shortfalls of 12% and 8%, respectively, in 2026 and 2027.

"I think we were put on notice even before this administration took office," Mazur said. "When they published Project 2025, there was an entire section dedicated to why CPB, PBS and NPR should be defunded, and we went into the New

Year expecting that there would be some kind of effort there."

She wishes her suspicions weren't true.

"It's very sad for me. The public owns these airways and likes our work, and I feel like that relationship in this public-private partnership is now being forgotten and ignored," she said.

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POLITICS

Democratic Party faces a national voter registration crisis

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The Democratic Party is hemorrhaging voters long before they even go to the polls.

Of the 30 states that track voter registration by political party, Democrats lost ground to Republicans in every single one between the 2020 and 2024 elections — and often by a lot.

That four-year swing toward the Republicans adds up to 4.5 million voters, a deep political hole that could take years for Democrats to climb out from.

The stampede away from the Democratic Party is occurring in battleground states, the bluest states and the reddest states, too, according to a new analysis of voter registration data by The

New York Times. The analysis used voter registration data compiled by L2, a nonpartisan data firm.

Few measurements reflect the luster of a political party's brand more clearly than the choice by voters to identify with it — whether they register on a clipboard in a supermarket parking lot, at the Department of Motor Vehicles or in the comfort of their own home.

And fewer and fewer Americans are choosing to be Democrats.

In fact, for the first time since 2018, more new voters nationwide chose to be Republicans than Democrats last year.

All told, Democrats lost about 2.1 million registered voters between the 2020 and 2024 elections in the 30 states, along with

Washington, D.C., that allow people to register with a political party. (In the remaining 20 states, voters do not register with a political party.) Republicans gained 2.4 million.

There are still more Democrats registered nationwide than Republicans, partly because of big blue states like California allow people to register by party, while red states like Texas do not. But the trajectory is troublesome for Democrats, and there are growing tensions over what to do about it.

Democrats went from nearly an 11-percentage-point edge over Republicans on Election Day 2020 in those places with partisan registration, to just over a 6-percentage-point edge in 2024.

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Donald Trump, the Republican presidential nominee, salutes supporters during an Oct. 24, 2024, campaign stop in Las Vegas. The Democratic edge for voter registration in swing states like Nevada has been vanishing as the Republican share continues to grow.