



Hard to see progress after USMNT makes same old exit

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Program gives struggling artists \$1,000 a month



A few commissions, contracts, sales or cancellations can dramatically change what artists earn in a given year. GETTY IMAGES

The result: freedom and time to focus on their art

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THE CONVERSATION

Though artificial intelligence is making it easier than ever to produce images, music and text, the technology is also making it harder for the people who have traditionally produced this work to earn a living.

A photographer who once was commissioned to make art for an advertising campaign is now competing with graphics produced by the AI image generator Midjourney. A novelist who used to make money on the side as a technical writer is seeing that work be replaced by a series of prompts in ChatGPT.

The extent to which AI will upend creative work remains unsettled. But that uncertainty has made guaranteeing income for creatives a more viable policy idea.

In fact, creatives in New York recently participated in the largest basic income program for artists in U.S. history,

The program selected artists through a weighted lottery. It adopted an expansive definition of “artist.” Anyone engaged in artistic, cultural or community-centered creative practices – such as musicians, storytellers or muralists – was eligible to apply.

the Guaranteed Income for Artists initiative.

Spearheaded by Creatives Rebuild New York and primarily funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the program gave 2,400 artists across New York state \$1,000 a month beginning in June 2022. There were no work requirements and no restrictions on how the money could be spent. The program sought to improve the financial stability of artists and encourage the public to

see them as workers who deserve a stable income and social support.

As researchers who study artists, cultural work and public policy, we evaluated this program to see whether it achieved its stated goals. Our main finding was simple: Artists did not stop working. Instead, they changed the kind of work they did.

Cash buys time

Artists often make choices that look strange in standard economic models, which typically assume workers will prioritize higher wages while balancing work against leisure time.

Artists, on the other hand, may stay in poorly paid, unstable arts work, even when other work pays more. Economists have long described this as a “work-preference” model. Put plainly, they argue that artists get value from the work itself, not just from the paycheck.

The guaranteed-income program, which was geared toward low-income artists, offered a rare chance to see how a financial cushion would influence the kind of work they focused on,

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Trump says Iran ceasefire is ‘over’

Number of U.S. service members killed rises to 14

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President Donald Trump said on July 8 that he considered the ceasefire between the United States and Iran to be over and could resume his bombing campaign after the latest round of tit-for-tat strikes, casting uncertainty over efforts to end the conflict.

“To me, I think it’s over. I don’t want to deal with them,” Trump said from Ankara, Turkey, where he was attending a NATO summit. “They’re scum. They’re sick people. They’re led by sick people, and they’re vicious, violent people.”

His remarks came as a U.S. Navy commander was presumed dead following an emergency helicopter landing in the Arabian Sea, raising the number of U.S. service members killed in the Iran war to 14.

Cmdr. Gabriel Edwards, the commanding officer of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 5, was reported missing after the July 1 incident. On July 5, the Navy suspended its search-and-rescue operations.

Three of the helicopter’s crew members were found and reported in stable condition, the Navy said. They were aboard an MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to the USS George H.W. Bush, one of two aircraft carriers that continues to operate in the Arabian Sea region amid the war.

What led to the emergency landing remains unclear. The U.S. Navy said an investigation is ongoing and there’s “no indication the emergency was caused by hostile action.”

‘It’s over’

Trump told reporters during a morning meeting with NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte that U.S. negotiators wanted to continue to try to broker peace with Iran but he declared: “As far as I’m concerned, it’s over.”

Trump made the comments several hours after Iran said it targeted U.S. military sites in Bahrain and Kuwait. The attacks came after the United States launched strikes against Iran in retaliation for attacks on commercial ships in the Strait of Hormuz that American officials described as a ceasefire violation.

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Judge blocks subpoena on GA election workers

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In a blow to President Donald Trump’s efforts to investigate the 2020 presidential election, a federal judge quashed a grand jury subpoena July 7

seeking information on 2020 election workers from Fulton County, Georgia, which includes most of Atlanta.

“The breadth of the Grand Jury Subpoena ... is staggering,” targeting personal identifying information for “thousands of employees and volunteers,”

wrote Judge William M. Ray II, who was appointed by Trump to the federal bench in 2018.

A series of audits, recounts and court cases have failed to produce evidence that would support Trump’s assertions that Joe Biden beat him through wide-

spread fraud, but Trump has continued to promote his unsubstantiated claims.

The subpoena sought names, residential and email addresses, and personal phone numbers for an array of

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