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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

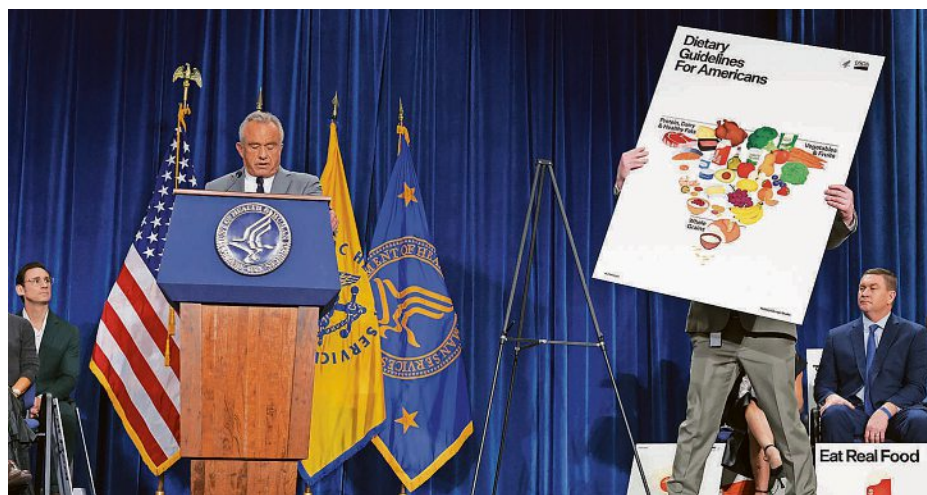
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THE CONVERSATION

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.

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.

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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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Convicted doctor appears in court

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A former Chambersburg-area doctor serving decades in prison for drugging and sexually assaulting women and a teen girl has had his case back in Franklin County court in recent months as he seeks a different outcome.

It's been nine years since Sohael Raschid, 69, was sentenced to 30 to 95 years in prison after a jury convicted him of 14 counts, including rape of a substantially impaired person, indecent assault of a person less than 16 years old, unlawfully administering a controlled substance, and related counts.

His attorney was in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on March 31 for a third evidentiary hearing on a post-conviction relief petition that claims Raschid's trial counsel was ineffective for failing to call character

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Artemis II 10-day crewed mission will fly by Moon

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After two major delays, NASA made history on April 1, launching a crew of four astronauts on a 10-day expedition around the Moon and back.

The Artemis II mission, which is the second under NASA's multibillion-dollar Moon program, marks a major milestone for the space agency: the first crewed deep-space flight in over 50 years. Artemis II crew members are expected to travel about 252,000 miles into space, "farther from Earth than any previous human mission," according to NASA.

"This milestone will occur during the lunar flyby phase, when the crew travels on a free-return trajectory around the Moon, which allows the spacecraft to loop around the Moon

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