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Trump crackdown upends life in cities



Federal agents stand outside the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement building in Portland, Oregon, on Oct. 12. MATHIEU LEWIS-ROLLAND/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Federal deployments spark backlash, legal battles

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In Chicago, federal agents rappelled from Black Hawk helicopters onto an apartment building. In Portland, Oregon, masked officers clashed with protesters wearing inflatable animal costumes. In the nation's capital, police set

up checkpoints and troops patrolled the streets. Since early June, President Donald Trump has surged federal resources into a growing number of Democratic-led cities as part of a widening crackdown on illegal immigration and violent crime. The deployments have sparked intense backlash and a dizzying number of legal battles, and they have upended

daily life in communities flooded with federal agents and National Guard troops. The Trump administration says the added resources are needed to service the president's mass deportation campaign and clamp down on violence in liberal cities. Critics, including state and local officials, say the deployments are an illegal show of force and a power grab.

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CA contest may decide fate of the U.S. House

Voters weighing in on redistricting measure

Sarah D. Wire
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California voters are already casting ballots in what is likely the most important contest of 2025 – one that will play a substantial role in deciding which party controls the U.S. House for the last two years of President Donald Trump's time in office. And from the rural, Republican north to liberal enclaves along the coast, many are frustrated, angry and wanting to push back against Trump or Gov. Gavin Newsom. Proposition 50 seeks to let the California legislature redraw the state's congressional districts through 2030 to create five more seats favorable to Democrats. California's Constitution requires district boundaries to be drawn by a nonpartisan commission. Newsom is asking voters to waive that requirement to give Democrats a better chance of reclaiming the House. The commission would resume drawing the boundaries after the 2030 census. Passing the proposition could essentially negate the five new Republican-leaning congressional districts that Texas created earlier this year at Trump's urging. Similar actions by Republicans in Indiana, Missouri and Ohio and Democrats in Illinois, Maryland and New York are under consideration, and Republicans in North Carolina recently approved a new congressional map. The GOP currently holds a razor-thin majority in the U.S. House. Historically, the party that controls the White House fares poorly in midterm elections. A Trump-friendly House post-2026 could allow the president to continue one of the most aggressive and disruptive agendas in modern presidential history, while a

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MI community still mourns after shooting

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DETROIT – Somewhere beneath the rubble and charred remains of Michigan's Grand Blanc Township Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, there is a set of car keys. The keys have not yet been recovered, so the black Jeep Compass – the vehicle driven by Thelma Armstrong, 54, who died from a gunshot wound on Sept. 28 during a shooting and fire at the church that claimed four lives – has sat in the same parking spot since then. The sight of the SUV, facing westward and alone in the parking lot, is overwhelming for Armstrong's 30-year-old son, Damon Du Bruyn. "Churches are supposed to be safe buildings, as opposed to fear and worrying about ..." Du Bruyn, of Klerksdorp, South Africa, said in an interview at a Clarkston LDS church, trailing off before finishing his sentence. "I don't want to be in a church at the moment. Doesn't matter how safe the building is."

During the interview with the Detroit

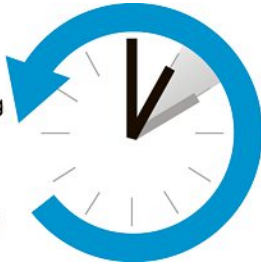
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Damon Du Bruyn, left, 30, of Klerksdorp, South Africa, and his brother-in-law Shane Lichtenberg, 36, of Grand Blanc, Michigan, survived the attack at the Church of Latter-day Saints in Grand Blanc Township. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

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