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Civil servants caught up in ‘loyalty trap’



The second Trump administration has attempted a sweeping overhaul of the federal bureaucracy. More than 50,000 federal workers have been fired or targeted for layoffs. ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES

Federal workers wrestle with whether to stay, speak up or go

Jaime L. Kucinskis, and Yvonne Zylan
Hamilton College and University of Calgary | THE CONVERSATION

For many Americans, work is not just about earning a paycheck. It is a centerpiece of their lives, and they want their job to be meaningful. • Decades of research suggest this is true for most federal civil servants, who aim to serve not only their organizations and their missions, but also the public and the nation. Over the course of President Donald Trump’s first administration, from 2017-21, we spoke with dozens of federal civil servants. They described their jobs as a calling aligned with their ideals – to serve the government, uphold democracy and serve the public.

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President Donald Trump has praised authoritarian leaders with poor human rights records, such as Russia’s President Vladimir Putin, while giving the cold shoulder to allies in Europe.

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Halloween traditions kick off season

Trunk-or-treating events planned around Marshfield

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As municipalities set their annual trick-or-treat hours, many organizations and groups are planning their own “trunk-or-treat” events. The events make it convenient for families to go to one location where they can find a variety of treats at various stations as they collect their candy. Sometimes, there are cars decorated for Halloween. Other times, there are stations for candy. Assisted-living and nursing home facilities often schedule a time where kids can come for candy too. These events are scheduled throughout the month in the Marshfield area.

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WOOD COUNTY BRANCH 3

Gebert announces candidacy for judge

Karen Madden
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune
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WISCONSIN RAPIDS – After working 16 years as a prosecutor, Elizabeth Gebert announced Oct. 8 that she plans to run in the April 7, 2026, election for the Wood County Branch 3 Circuit Court judge position. Gebert is the second person to announce she’s planning to run for the Branch 3 seat. Emily Nolan-Plutchak, who was appointed to the Branch 3 position upon the retirement of former

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