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- **WIC has temporary funding.**
- **Lowering the price of prison phone calls. Administration delaying implementation of this approved act by Congress**
- **White House restriction of funds to colleges unless they agree to their policies. Some universities are refusing to sign on to this agreement.**

Troy

- **Environment**
 - **EPA rebuilding and will cut red tape.**
 - **Halting Solar for All program which brings clean power to low income communities.**
 - **EPA will lay off researchers and halt vital programs.**
 - **Easing restrictions on forever chemicals use**
 - **2009 Endangerment finding re green house gases harmful being threatened**
 - **US pulls out again of the Paris Climate agreement. Global partners do not trust us now.**
- **Immigration**
 - **Clash of law, power, and politics**
 - **National Guard in Portland and Chicago**
 - **Judges in both cities have blocked these deployments. Troops are in limbo.**
 - **Administration offering \$2,500 unaccompanied youth to return to their country. Threat to due process for these people. Being challenged in court.**
 - **Supreme Court appears to be agreeing to halting of TPS for Venezuelans**
 - **In DC immigration enforcement is shaping every part of the city. Construction projects being delayed due to lack of workers. School absenteeism is high. Police making traffic stops grow into immigration enforcement causing the public losing trust with police, which is harmful for the community and the police.**

Dominic

- Health initiatives around the world being tied to national interests and not the health of people

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- Israel/Hamas peace agreement holding up and hostages and prisoner swap ongoing. The US endorses plan. Killings on both sides continue. Aid restrictions could be stopped if all remains are returned.
- The humanitarian situation is still dire and not enough. Water is critical.
- Sudan - political and humanitarian situation troubling
- Food and Hunger - World Food Day - today. Eradication of Poverty - tomorrow. Celebrate our local food ministries to fight hunger in our communities
- World Meteorological Organization documents rise in temperature and emissions
- World shipping carbon emissions negotiation
- Civil society in US continuing to work for climate action

More info on above topics:

[Universities decline Trump offer](#)

[Dept of Education cuts](#)

[Gaza Peace](#)

[Gaza aid](#)

[Permanent Peace in Gaza](#)

[Sudan violence continues](#)

[World Hunger on World Food Day](#)

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[Record rise in CO2 levels](#)

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[FCC cuts broadband expansion](#)