

**We're a Republic.
It's Under Assault.**

Week1 Review

- **First Amendment Rights**
- **Separation of Powers**
- **Due Process and The Rule of Law**
- **Abuse of Executive Power**

First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Actions not protected by the First Amendment include:

- **Speech that incites imminent lawless action**
- **Threats**
- **Obscenity**
- **Speech integral to illegal conduct**

Relevant Judicial Decisions

- **Ray Epps, present at the Jan 6th Capitol events, claimed that Tucker Carlson falsely accused him of being a government provocateur. Epps argued that Carlson's statements damaged his reputation and incited threats against him.**
- **Secretary of State Marco Rubio personally approved the deportation of five student activists last year because of their participation in pro-Palestinian protests and their writings about the war in Gaza.**

HOMEWORK (IF YOU WANT IT)

Google the following on TED Talks:

Let's Get Real About Free Speech

Greg Lukianoff

Week 2 - The Dismantling of Our Institutions

- **The Impact of DOGE on Governmental Agencies**
- **The Impact on the Media**
- **The Impact on Education**

THE WALKING DOGE!

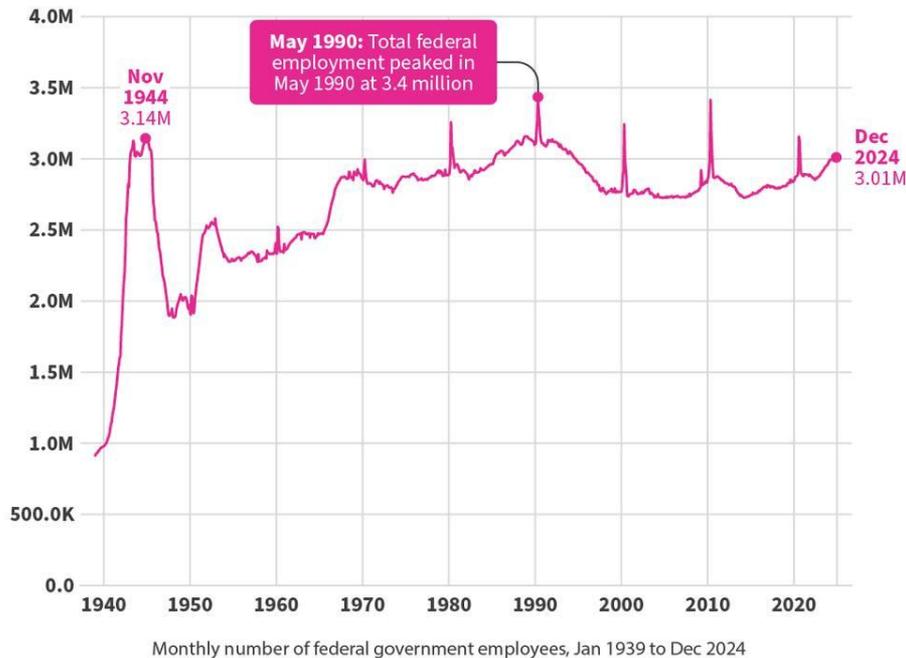


The Size of Government 1950 - 2024

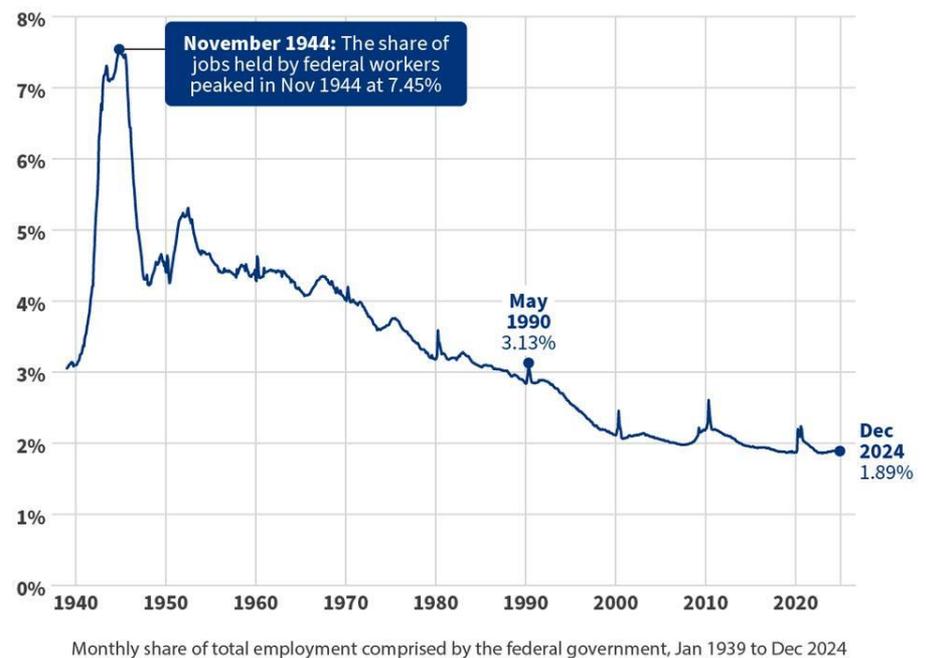
How many people **work** for the US federal government?

United States federal government employment since 1939

Total federal employment



Percent of all US jobs



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Note: Data is seasonally adjusted. Spikes are due to hiring temporary Census workers.

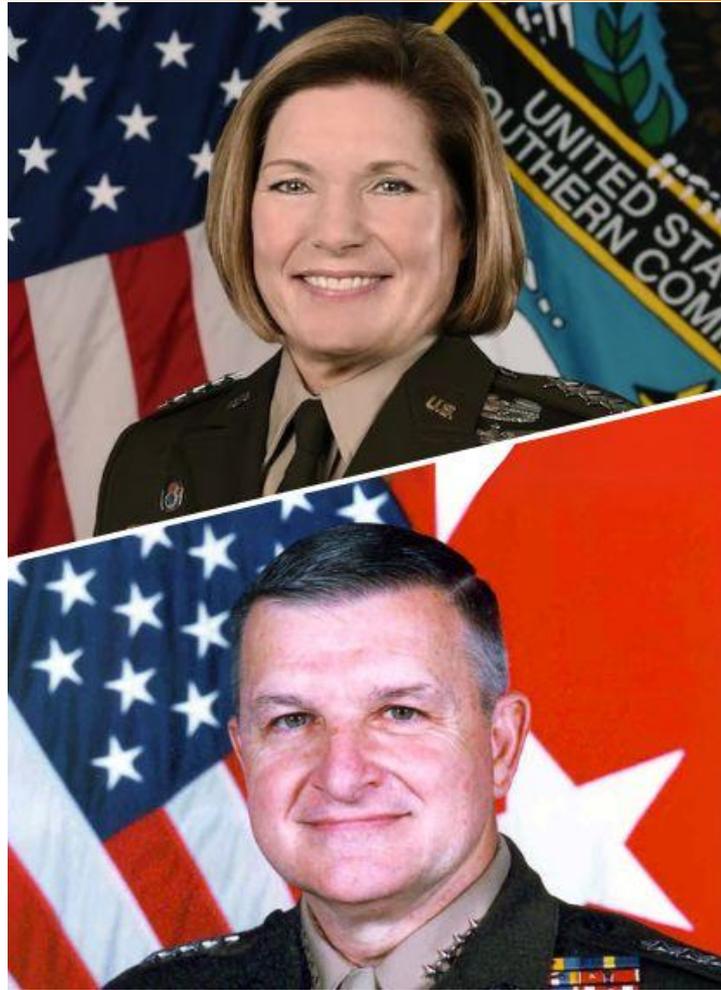
USA FACTS

The Impact of DOGE on Governmental Agencies

- **Department Eliminations**
- **Workforce Reductions**
- **Data Access & Security**

DOGE Impacts Biosafety

General Laura J. Richardson, USA (Ret.) and General Anthony C. Zinn USMC (Ret.)



<https://www.usglc.org/resources/military-power-alone-is-not-enough-international-aid-is-vital-to-us-security-the-hill/>

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The Impact on the Media

- **Legal and Financial Action**
 - A. Defamation Lawsuits
 - B. Public Broadcasting Cuts
 - C. International Media Funding
- **The Administrative and Regulatory Pressures**
 - A. FCC Investigations
 - B. Pentagon Access
 - C. White House Restrictions:
 - D. "Media Bias" List
- **Rhetoric and Intimidation**
 - A. Verbal Attacks
 - B. DOJ Policy Shifts
 - C. Social Media

The Impact on Education



Worker Leaving the Department of Education Building

Minnesota Governor's Race



Candidate Leaves The Race For Governor