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USAID Employees Put on Leave for Refusing DOGE Access to Files. Agency's Controversial Funding Exposed.

Top employees of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) have been placed on leave for refusing Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) personnel access to files.

The mulish bureaucrats blocked the DOGErs entry even after they threatened to call in U.S. Marshals.

Meanwhile, X posts showed that USAID was involved with the corrupt Ukrainian energy company, Burisma, the nexus of the Biden-Burisma influence-peddling scheme, and, worse still, that it indirectly funded lawfare against President Donald Trump.



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One good thing is, DOGE chieftain Elon Musk has said Trump “agreed” that the agency must be shut down.

Far-left “Criminal Organization”

Musk made the comment during an X Spaces conversation, hate-Trump [CNN reported](#):

“With regards to the USAID stuff, I went over it with (the president) in detail and he agreed that we should shut it down,” Musk said in a X Spaces conversation early Monday.

Musk said he checked with Trump “a few times” and Trump confirmed he wants to shut down the agency, which dispenses billions in humanitarian aid and development funding annually. CNN has reached out to the White House and USAID for comment.

Sunday evening, before the X Spaces conversation, when asked for comment on USAID, Trump told reporters: “It’s been run by a bunch of radical lunatics, and we’re getting them out, and then we’ll make a decision” on its future.

Before Musk spoke however, the DOGErs battled with “two top security officials” at the rogue agency. They refused the DOGErs “access to systems ... even when DOGE personnel threatened to call law enforcement, multiple sources familiar with the situation told CNN.”

Five dozen USAID bureaucrats were put on leave last week, [CNN reported](#), after they were accused of trying to subvert Trump’s executive order that stopped foreign aid for three months.

The security officials placed on leave over the access issue were USAID Director of Security John Voorhees and his deputy. The agency website is shut down.

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In the X Spaces conversation early Monday, which he co-hosted with Republican Sen. Joni Ernst of Iowa and Vivek Ramaswamy — who was initially named co-chair of DOGE with Musk but has since left — the X owner called USAID “incredibly politically partisan” and said it has been supporting “radically left causes throughout the world including things that are anti-American.”

Musk said USAID is “beyond repair,” among other attacks he made against the agency created by Congress as an independent body.

We don’t have “an apple with a worm in it,” he said. “We have a ball of worms.”

“USAID is a ball of worms.”

Sources told CNN that the DOGErs sought access to “security systems and personnel files” and “classified information.”

On X, Katie Miller, wife of Stephen Miller, the White House deputy chief of staff for policy, said “no classified material was accessed without proper security clearances.”

Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, [said CNN](#), demanded that Secretary of State Marco Rubio provide

an immediate update about the access of USAID’s headquarters, including whether the individuals who accessed the headquarters were authorized to be there and by whom.

The Democrats claimed they were worried about access to personal information and “national security.” More likely, they were worried about the spending DOGE might expose.

After CNN’s first report, Musk wrote on X that “USAID is a criminal organization.”

CNN also reported that the State Department might absorb USAID. And of course, the network found a former agency employee to say that just isn’t possible:

The State Department doesn’t “have the capacity, the expertise, the training to do that kind of work. It is a completely separate line of effort that is undertaken on the ground,” a former senior USAID official said.

CIA Front?

Myriad X posts show that USAID is funding projects that it shouldn’t.

Independent journalist Lara Logan reproduced an email to State Department official George Kent in 2016 that showed the agency was involved with Ukrainian energy company Burisma. [Kent was](#) the official “who raised concerns in early 2015 about then-Vice President Joe Biden’s son serving on the board of [Burisma] but was turned away by a Biden staffer,” as *The Washington Post* reported in 2019. The Biden-Burisma influence peddling scheme involved Vice President Joe [Biden threatening Ukraine](#) with the loss of \$1 billion in loan guarantees if the prosecutor investigating Burisma wasn’t fired.



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Another thread detailed the tens of millions of USAID funds handed to the Open Society Foundations. That organization does the bidding of its founder, George Soros, the anti-American Hungarian communist billionaire.

A third thread showed that [USAID funded](#) another Soros operation, the Tides Center, which in turn funded [Fair and Just Prosecution](#), which seeks to elect far-left, hate-Trump, pro-criminal local prosecutors. One of those is Alvin Bragg, [who ran](#) part of the highly unethical lawfare campaign against Donald Trump. So USAID indirectly subsidized Bragg's effort.

"USAID has been paying media organizations to publish their propaganda," Musk wrote over one post. Over another, he delivered a message to Bill Kristol, who runs something called [Defending Democracy Together](#), which indirectly received USAID money: "Not anymore."

Also going viral is Tucker Carlson's interview last year with Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Kennedy said USAID funded riots in Ukraine in 2014 that overturned a newly-elected government that would have been neutral between the United States and Russia.

USAID is a "CIA front," Kennedy said.



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