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## Trump puts Musk, Ramaswamy in charge of efficiency

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Trump announced a new Department of Government Efficiency yesterday, with Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy in charge of cutting departmental waste. But is efficiency a better alternative than cutting wasteful and unconstitutional programs altogether?

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