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DOGE Loses Battle to Take Over USIP—and Its \$500 Million Headquarters

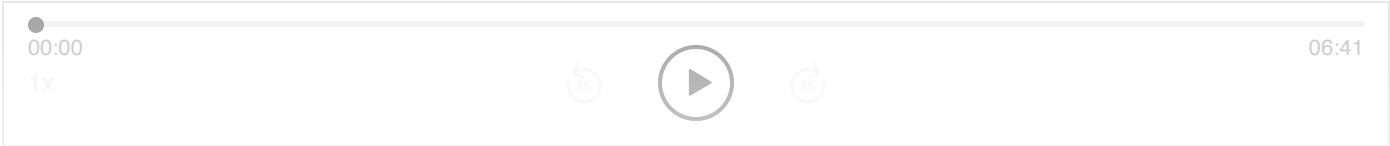
A federal judge called DOGE's actions at the United States Institute of Peace "unlawful."



A sign for the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) is seen on its building headquarters on February 20 in Washington, DC. PHOTOGRAPH: KAYLA BARTKOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES



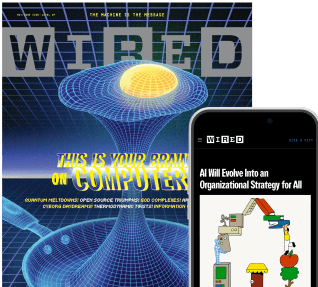
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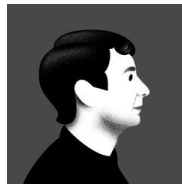


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It may seem as though the worst excesses of DOGE have passed. The reality is, the whole government is DOGE now.

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A CBP spokesperson tells WIRED that the agency plans to expand its program for real-time face recognition at the border, potentially aiding Trump administration efforts to track people who self-deport.

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DOGE Put a College Student in Charge of Using AI to Rewrite Regulations

A DOGE operative has been tasked with using AI to propose rewrites to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations—an effort sources are told will roll out across government.

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Silicon Valley's coveted work visas are under heavy scrutiny from the Trump administration, and immigration lawyers say requests for documentation are increasing.

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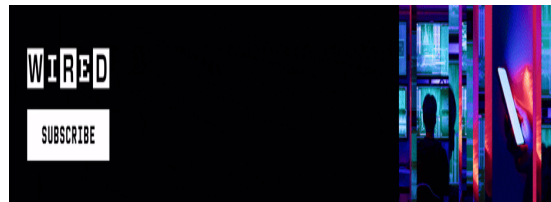
Reorganizations at the EPA may get rid of the agency's fundamental program for research around the risks of toxic chemicals.

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A 'Trump Card Visa' Is Already Showing Up in Immigration Forms

Donald Trump has proposed launching a “gold card” program offering US residency for \$5 million. Elon Musk’s DOGE has begun rolling out the technology to enable it.

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