

Wasteorama: Trump’s Costly Brain Farts

This category covers the costly, resource-draining, or outright pointless government actions driven by impulsive, legally dubious, or unworkable Trump directives—especially those that burn through public funds, staff time, and political capital, but result in little or nothing of value.

These are the headline-grabbing "brain farts" that get implemented (sometimes at great expense) before being reversed, abandoned, or exposed as unworkable, unconstitutional, or just plain silly. Below, you'll find the worst offenders—colorfully labeled for your reading pleasure—with a "See More" button for the gory details and receipts.

The Hall of Infamy: Wasteorama Initiatives

Initiative	Label	Description	Estimated Cost/Impact	More Info
Luxury Golf & Travel	Brain Fart Resource Drain Showboating	Frequent presidential golf trips (often to Trump properties), requiring Air Force One, Secret Service, and staff—padding his own pockets while taxpayers foot the bill.	\$10.7M (2025), \$152M (total)	See More
Military Parade Mania	Showboating Brain Fart Nothingburger	Grandiose parade proposals inspired by France’s Bastille Day—millions spent on planning before being canceled, with nothing to show but headlines and invoices.	\$92M (estimate)	See More
Grant & Contract Cancellations	U-Turn Brain Fart Nothingburger	Abruptly axed grants and contracts (e.g., \$50M environmental justice grant, \$881M in education contracts), wasting funds already spent and leaving vital work unfinished.	\$50M, \$881M	See More
DOGE “Efficiency” Theater	Brain Fart Nothingburger Showboating	Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) claims billions “recovered,” but watchdogs say it ignores Trump’s own excesses and often mislabels routine spending as “fraud.”	\$1.9B (claimed)	See More
Legal/Ceremonial Spectacles	Brain Fart Showboating Resource Drain	Legal costs, security, and logistics for Trump’s court appearances and rallies require significant federal resources—millions spent for political theater.	Millions (undisclosed)	See More

Even a Broken Clock: Accidental Wins

Initiative	Label	Description	Positive Impact	More Info
Right-to-Try Act	Accidental Hit	Allowed terminally ill patients access to experimental treatments not yet fully approved by the FDA.	Expanded patient options in rare cases	Wait, That Worked?
First Step Act	Accidental Hit	Bipartisan criminal justice reform that reduced some mandatory minimums and expanded rehabilitation programs.	Thousands released, recidivism reduced	Even a Blind Squirrel...
VA Accountability Act	Accidental Hit	Made it easier to fire underperforming VA employees, aiming to improve care for veterans.	Some improvement in VA responsiveness	Broken Clock Moment
USMCA Trade Deal	Accidental Hit	Replaced NAFTA with a new trade agreement, updating labor and environmental standards.	Modernized trade with Canada/Mexico	Who Knew?
Right-to-Work Nominations	Accidental Hit	Some judicial and agency appointments have advanced bipartisan causes (e.g., criminal justice reform, antitrust).	Occasional bipartisan praise	Oops, That Helped

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