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A protester at a demonstration outside the Office of Personnel Management in Washington D.C. on February 7, 2025 holds a sign reading "Stop the Billionaire Coup!"

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A protest on February 5, 2025 in Washington D.C. outside the federal building housing the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. The rally was against, among other things, the actions of Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency.

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A protest in Washington D.C. on February 10, 2025, against President Donald Trump and DOGE's Elon Musk's plans to dismantle the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

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Elon Musk's son, X Musk, was alongside his father and President Donald Trump on February 11, 2025 inside the Oval Office to talk about DOGE and implementing a "workforce optimization initiative."

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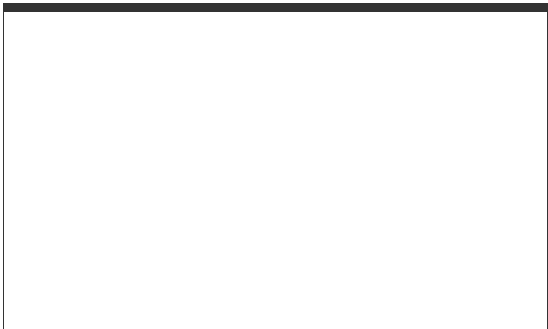
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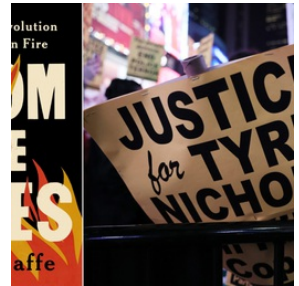
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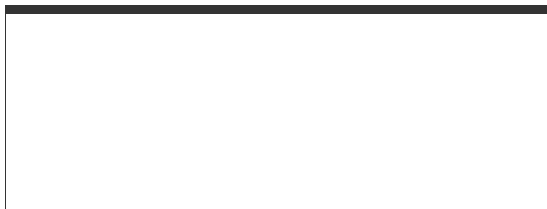
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Protesters rallying against attacks by DOGE on federal employees in Washington D.C. on February 11, 2025.

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A protester at a demonstration on February 7, 2025 in Washington D.C. holds a sign reading "NO MASS LAYOFFS! FIRE MUSK!"

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