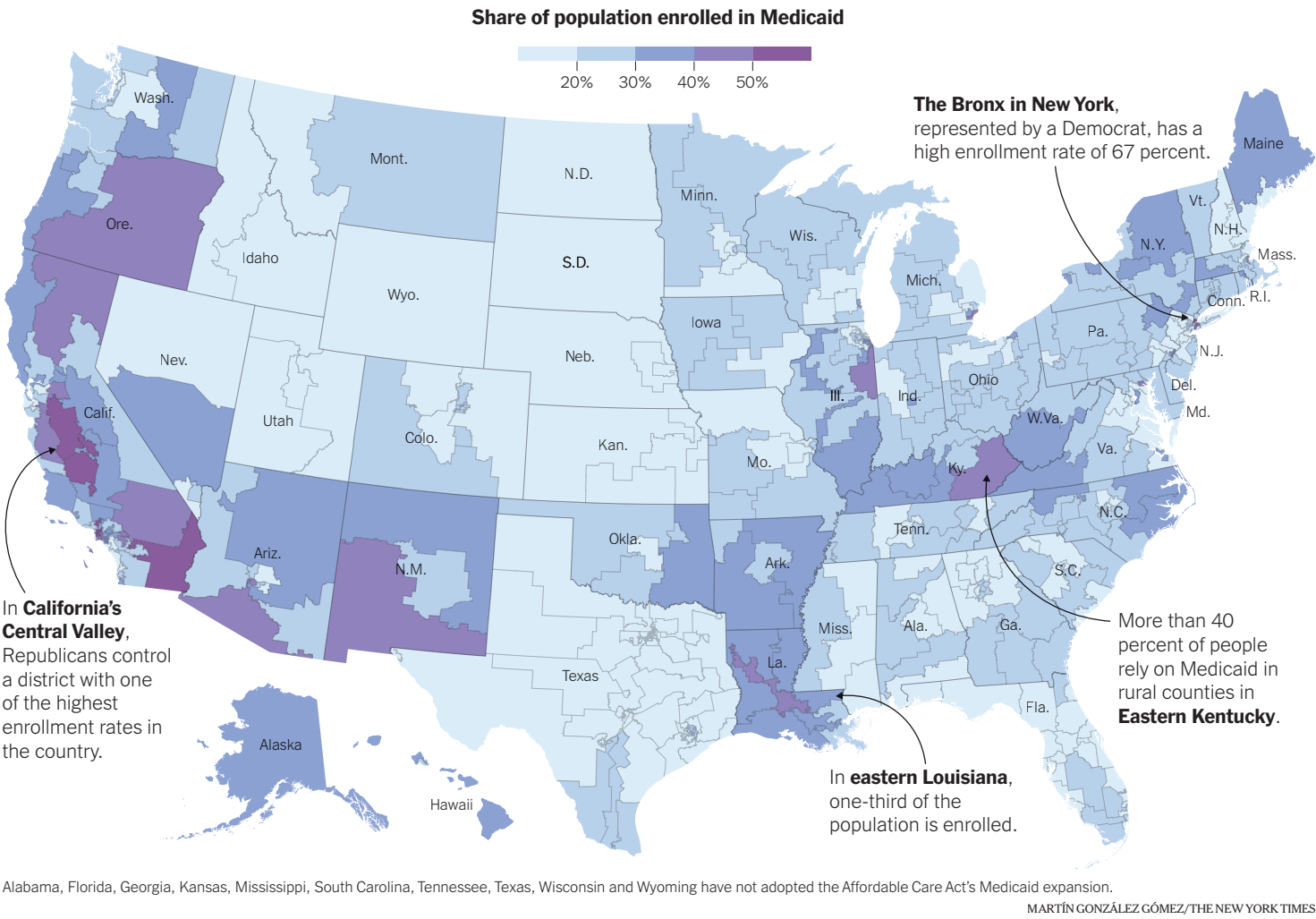


More Than 72 Million Americans Are on Medicaid. This Is Where They Live.

Medicaid covers about one-fifth of the U.S. population. As Republicans weigh steep cuts to the program in their budget plans, these congressional districts — some red and some blue — have the most to lose. Page A18.



NEWS ANALYSIS

Party Divided
On Resistance

Stand Up to Trump, or
Try to Court the Center

By ANNIE KARNI

WASHINGTON — To counter President Trump's first major address of his second term, Democrats in Congress selected a middle-aged woman senator with a background in national security to deliver a simple, centrist message, devoid of partisan animus, aimed at voters across the political spectrum.

But the lasting image of Democratic pushback to Mr. Trump on Tuesday night may have come instead in the form of a liberal 77-year-old congressman waving his cane as he shouted at the president in a protest that got him ejected from the House chamber.

The contrast reflected the clash within the Democratic Party as it tries to find an effective message to counter an unbound president who is defying laws and norms while dominating the public's attention. Under pressure from a restive progressive base, some want to position themselves as part of a party of aggressive resistance to Mr. Trump. Others see a political center that can be peeled away through a sober appeal to center-leaning voters feeling adverse impacts from the president's policies.

The competing strategies were on display as congressional Democrats face critical decisions in the coming days over how much to obstruct Mr. Trump's agenda as he tramples over the power of the legislative branch. Most immediately, with government funding set to expire on March 14, Democrats must decide whether they will vote for legislation to avert a shutdown or refuse to do so at a moment when Mr. Trump is defunding and dismantling federal programs all on his own.

The range of responses on Tuesday night was also a reminder that Democrats, locked out of

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SPEECH The president was quiet about the costs of his disruptive actions. News Analysis. PAGE A15

Canadians Steel Themselves for Economic Pain

By IAN AUSTEN

and VJOSA ISAI

WINDSOR, Ontario — The trucks that carry about \$300 million worth of auto parts each day over the bridge from Windsor, Ontario, to Detroit are still rolling as usual. But in the aftermath of President Trump's decision to impose 25 percent tariffs on most categories of Canadian exports, the mood in Windsor, like all of Canada, was transformed.

Mr. Trump's move has ignited a sense of economic anxiety and anger among Canadians about how they are being treated by their neighbor, ally and best customer. Most are still puzzling over Mr. Trump's motivations and objectives for the tariffs, as well as his

Fearing Recession and
Feeling Betrayed by
Trump's Tariffs

comments about annexing Canada as the 51st state.

And as they turned their attention to getting the potentially crippling tariffs, and a 10 percent levy on Canadian oil and gas and some minerals, lifted, politicians, business people and ordinary Canadians say that the relationship between the two countries will never return to what it once was.

Flavio Volpe, the head of a Canadian auto-parts maker trade group, said that his members

could start shutting down factories in days, and that he feels betrayed by the United States. (Wednesday brought a slight reprieve, as Mr. Trump said he would pause a 25 percent tariff on cars coming from Canada and Mexico under a trade pact for one month, while other levies stayed in place.)

“We've built two societies on the same values,” said Mr. Volpe, who is also a member of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Council on Canada-U.S. Relations. “The man in the White House did a U-

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ON PAUSE Tariffs on cars from Canada and Mexico will be delayed for one month. PAGE A10



AUDRA MELTON FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Chricket Cho, 25, spent \$8,400 on tickets, merchandise and travel across seven concerts last year.

For Gen Z, Concert Tickets Are Worth the Debt

By MELISSA ROHMAN

Ignacio Vasquez spent the last year saving money for tickets to Beyoncé's Cowboy Carter tour, which will kick off next month. Mr. Vasquez, 20, a full-time student from Modesto, Calif., was on the lookout for tickets to one of the tour's five shows at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles for him and his sister.

Shelling Out for Swift,
Beyoncé and Others

“I went to go see Beyoncé on the Renaissance tour, and since I knew this was coming up, I knew I had to be saving,” Mr. Vasquez said.

On Feb. 11, Mr. Vasquez got in

Ticketmaster's online queue for the BeyHive presale, offered exclusively to those who signed up on Beyoncé's website. After waiting his turn, Mr. Vasquez was surprised to see tickets listed at a minimum of \$600 each and many at more than \$1,000.

“The prices were just outrageous by the time I got in there,” Mr. Vasquez said. “I was like, ‘Oh,

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THE WEATHER

Today, a mixture of clouds and sunshine, turning breezy, high 55. Tonight, partly cloudy, windy, colder, low 33. Tomorrow, sunny, blustery, high 49. Weather map, Page A24.

JUSTICES REJECT
TRUMP'S FREEZE
ON FOREIGN AID

5-4 EMERGENCY RULING

Roberts and Barrett Join
Skepticism of Plans
to Reshape U.S.

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected President Trump's emergency request to freeze nearly \$2 billion in foreign aid in a closely divided decision indicating that the justices will subject his efforts to reshape the government to close scrutiny.

The court's brief order was unsigned, which is typical when the justices act on emergency applications. It said only that the trial judge, who had ordered the government to resume payments, “should clarify what obligations the government must fulfill.”

But the ruling represented one of the court's first moves in response to the flurry of litigation filed in response to Mr. Trump's efforts to slash government spending and take complete control of the executive branch. The vote was 5 to 4, with Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justice Amy Coney Barrett joining the three liberal members to form a majority.

Although the language of the order was mild, tentative and not a little confusing, its bottom line was that a bare majority of the court ruled against Mr. Trump on one of his signature projects. The president's plans to remake American government, the order indicated, will have to face a court more skeptical than its composition, with six Republican appointees, might suggest.

That, in turn, is likely to give rise to major rulings testing, and perhaps recalibrating, the separation of powers required by the Constitution.

Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., writing for the four dissenting justices, said the majority had gone profoundly astray.

“Does a single district-court judge who likely lacks jurisdiction

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Cuts would affect a camp for displaced people in Somalia.

Mayors Rebut
Fiery Criticism
Over Migrants

In Hearing, G.O.P. Digs
Into Sanctuary Cities

This article is by Emma Fitzsimmons, Maya C. Miller and Thomas Fuller.

WASHINGTON — House Republicans on Wednesday accused the Democratic mayors of New York, Denver, Boston and Chicago of harboring criminal immigrants in an acrimonious congressional hearing over what role large cities should have in the Trump administration's immigration crackdown.

Under fiery and angry questioning from Republicans on the House Oversight Committee, the mayors defended their policies and their cities' efforts to house and feed migrants, tens of thousands of whom were bused to their communities by Republican governors. The mayors rejected the notion that the local police should help in the administration's deportation efforts.

“We do not have the capacity for our law enforcement to be doing federal immigration enforcement,” Mayor Mike Johnston of Denver told lawmakers. “But we want to be partners in making sure we are pulling violent criminals off the street.”

Mr. Johnston spoke of the influx of 42,000 migrants two years ago, many bused from Texas, “mostly women and children in 10-degree weather with only sandals and a T-shirt.”

The hearings seemed to capture the political moment. It was a clash of the law-and-order Republican Party led by President Trump and liberal politicians running cities, broadly known as sanctuary cities, that have large populations of immigrants.

Even the language employed by both sides underlined the stark differences in the ways the two parties approach the issue. The chairman of the committee spoke of “illegal aliens,” a term now out of favor among Democratic leaders and immigrant advocates, who prefer the term “undocumented.”

At the heart of the hearing was a question seemingly unique to America's decentralized political system — the extent to which one segment of government is allowed to curb its cooperation with another.

Republicans are seeking a more proactive approach by cities, saying that local police departments should be doing more to facilitate the transfer of undocumented immigrants to the federal authorities. Democrats counter that if cities were deputized to help enforce federal immigration laws, they would have to divert resources away from other priorities, such as investigating crimes and apprehending violent criminals.

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Heads Are Spinning in Russia
As Moscow Warms Up to U.S.

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI

BERLIN — Five weeks ago, Russia's foreign minister, Sergey V. Lavrov, delivered a routine speech blasting the “hegemonic, egoistic” United States at the helm of the “collective West.” The worldview of the 74-year-old veteran diplomat has since undergone some head-spinning changes.

In an interview on Russian state television on Sunday, Mr. Lavrov listed the ills that Europe — not America — had brought upon the world. The United States, in his telling, had gone from evil mastermind to innocent bystander.

“Colonization, wars, crusaders, the Crimean War, Napoleon,

World War I, Hitler,” Mr. Lavrov said. “If we look at history in retrospect, the Americans did not play any instigating, let alone incendiary, role.”

As President Trump turns decades of U.S. foreign policy upside down, another dizzying swing is taking place in Russia, both in the Kremlin and on state-controlled television: The United States, the new message goes, is not that bad after all.

Almost overnight, it's Europe — not the United States — that has become the source of instability in the Russian narrative. On his marquee weekly show on the Rossiya-1 channel Sunday night,

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The commerce secretary suggested government spending should be excluded from official reports. PAGE B1

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Testimony in the child sex abuse trial of a former surgeon suggested a culture of silence lasting decades. PAGE A9

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The Cost of ‘Optimization’

Haskell Indian Nations University in Kansas was already facing troubles. Then the Trump cuts eliminated a quarter of its workers. PAGE A13



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Friendly Rivals of ‘Deli Boys’

Saagar Shaikh, left, and Asif Ali star in a Hulu series that brings the comic glory of the minimart to life. PAGE C1

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An exhibition explores the magazine's sometimes weighty and sometimes whimsical archive material. PAGE C1

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A Top Team Endures Turmoil

The Connecticut Sun, who have reached the W.N.B.A. semifinals for six straight years, have had a difficult off-season. The owners are signaling that more drastic changes may lie ahead. PAGE B7

Ohtani Returns to Double Duty

The Dodgers' Shohei Ohtani hit 54 home runs and stole 59 bases last season en route to an M.V.P. award. His encore will include a return to the mound, most likely in May. PAGE B9

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New Home for ‘Saltburn’ Tub

The bathtub from a steamy scene in the dark thriller, and other memorabilia from the film, is now on display inside a passionate fan's house. PAGE D1

