

After spending-bill win, Democrats confident they can block Trump agenda

By exploiting Republican divisions over spending priorities, Democrats secured nearly \$5 billion in new money for domestic programs in the five-month budget deal. The lopsided victory means it will be very difficult — if not impossible — for the GOP to exert its will in future budget talks.

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What's in the spending deal?

House Republicans continue push for a health-care bill, even if it goes nowhere in the Senate

The messy effort to rally their party around a plan to revise the Affordable Care Act has forced House leaders to focus on one goal: pass a bill they can say repeals Obamacare to shield their members in next year's elections. But even that is proving elusive.

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Fox News co-president Shine resigns amid harassment scandal

Bill Shine succeeded Roger Ailes, who left during a sexual-harassment scandal last summer, and his ouster comes one week after the firing of Bill O'Reilly, the network's biggest star.

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Germany used to have a leader like Trump. It's not who you think.

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Trump's nifty plan to spend more and hurt poor people more — at the same time!

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'Auntie Maxine' and the quest for impeachment

Rep. Maxine Waters' decades of forceful confrontation of institutional discrimination has attracted fans far beyond her Los Angeles congressional district. Now her crusade against President Trump has made her the darling of a new generation of restless citizens.

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Trump's praise for strongmen alarms human rights advocates

In a undeniable shift in American foreign policy, President Trump is cultivating authoritarian leaders across the globe, one after another, in an effort to reset relations following an era of ostracism and public shaming by former president Barack Obama and his predecessors.

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Trump embraces yet another strongman

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With his well-documented history of espousing extreme right-wing views and his role in an armed group backed by a U.S. adversary, Guillaume Cuvelier's ability to join the Army raises questions about recruitment and screening.

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Pentagon chief cracks down on service academy athletes going pro without serving full-time

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has rescinded a department policy that allowed some of the military academies' athletes to avoid active-duty service after graduating in order to pursue professional sports.

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The Fix Analysis: Trump's totally bizarre claim about avoiding the Civil War

In an interview with the Washington Examiner, our president-historian posits that the war might not have happened if only Andrew Jackson had still been around. The whole thing apparently could have been avoided if only we had a bona fide negotiator — someone more up to the task than Low Energy Abe Lincoln.

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Trump administration denies it plans to end Michelle Obama's girl's education program

Hours after CNN reported on an internal Peace Corps email that said it would stop supporting the former first lady's "Let Girls Learn" program, a White House spokesman said there had been no changes to the initiative.

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Trump picks antiabortion activist to head HHS family-planning program

In the second appointment within three days that has pleased abortion opponents, Teresa Manning will lead the Title X program, which provides family-planning funds for poor Americans or those without health insurance.

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The Bengals and Browns both came away with some impressive draft classes, but the Falcons and Bears made ill-advised trades.

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