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Portsmouth, Virginia



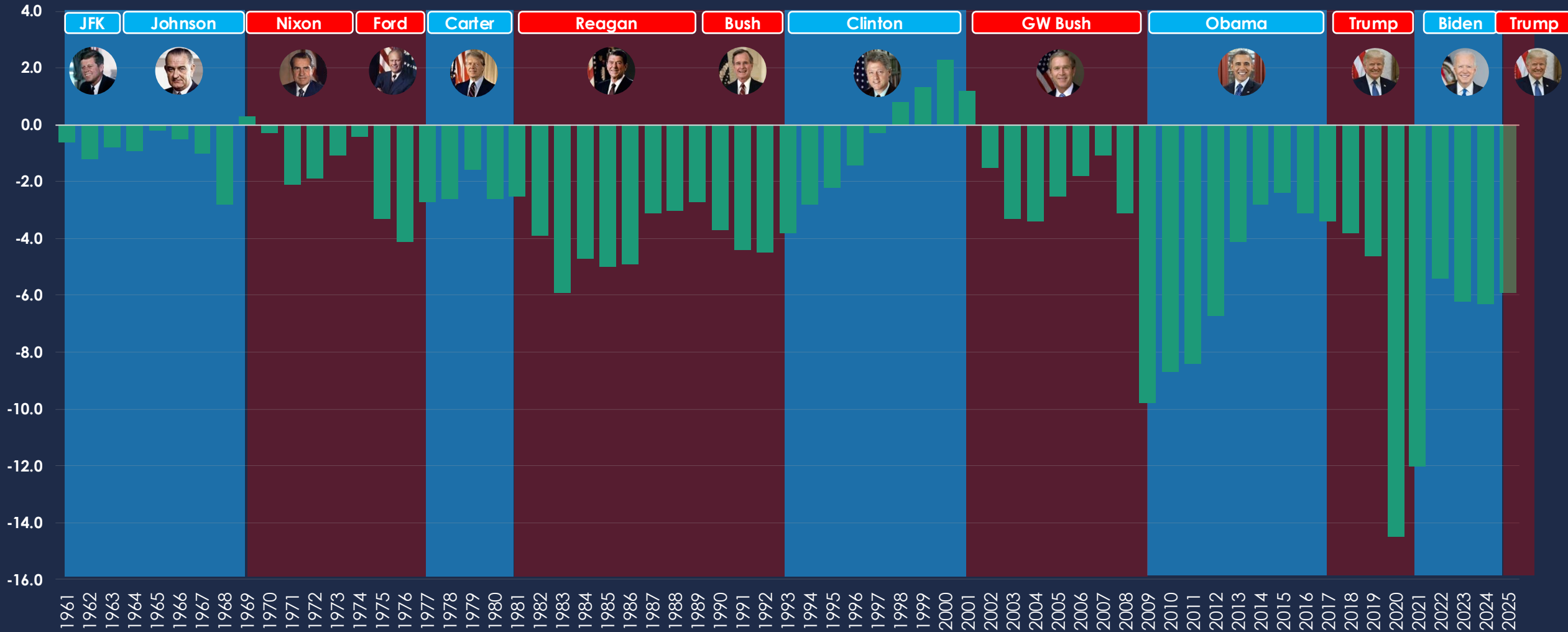
Average Monthly Job Change By Administration

seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll



Federal Budget Deficit By Administration

deficit as a percentage of GDP



Source: Office of Management and Budget

Trump/GOP Health Care Crisis

- **15 million people** across the United States will lose their health insurance due to the Big Ugly Bill and Republicans' decision to end enhanced Affordable Care Act tax credits
- **\$1 trillion** in cuts to Medicaid as a result of the Big Ugly Bill
- **Over \$1,000 annually:** Average additional cost for **22 million Americans** due to Republicans' decision to end enhanced ACA tax credits
- **32,445 people in VA-03 alone** will lose health coverage because of the Big Ugly Bill and Republicans' decision to end enhanced Affordable Care Act tax credits

Trump/GOP Health Care Crisis

IN VA-03

27,000

people in VA-03 are seeing their health care costs rise because of Republicans' decision to end enhanced Affordable Care Act tax credits

Source: [Co-Equal](#)

The Republican Health Care Crisis will send premiums skyrocketing:



For a 60 year old couple earning \$85,600 a year

annual premiums will rise by

▲ **\$15,615**

▲ **221%**



For a family of four earning \$66,000 a year

(ages 45, 45, 15, and 10)

annual premiums will rise by

▲ **\$2,651**

▲ **205%**



For a family of four earning \$133,750 a year

(ages 45, 45, 15, and 10)

annual premiums will rise by

▲ **\$7,550**

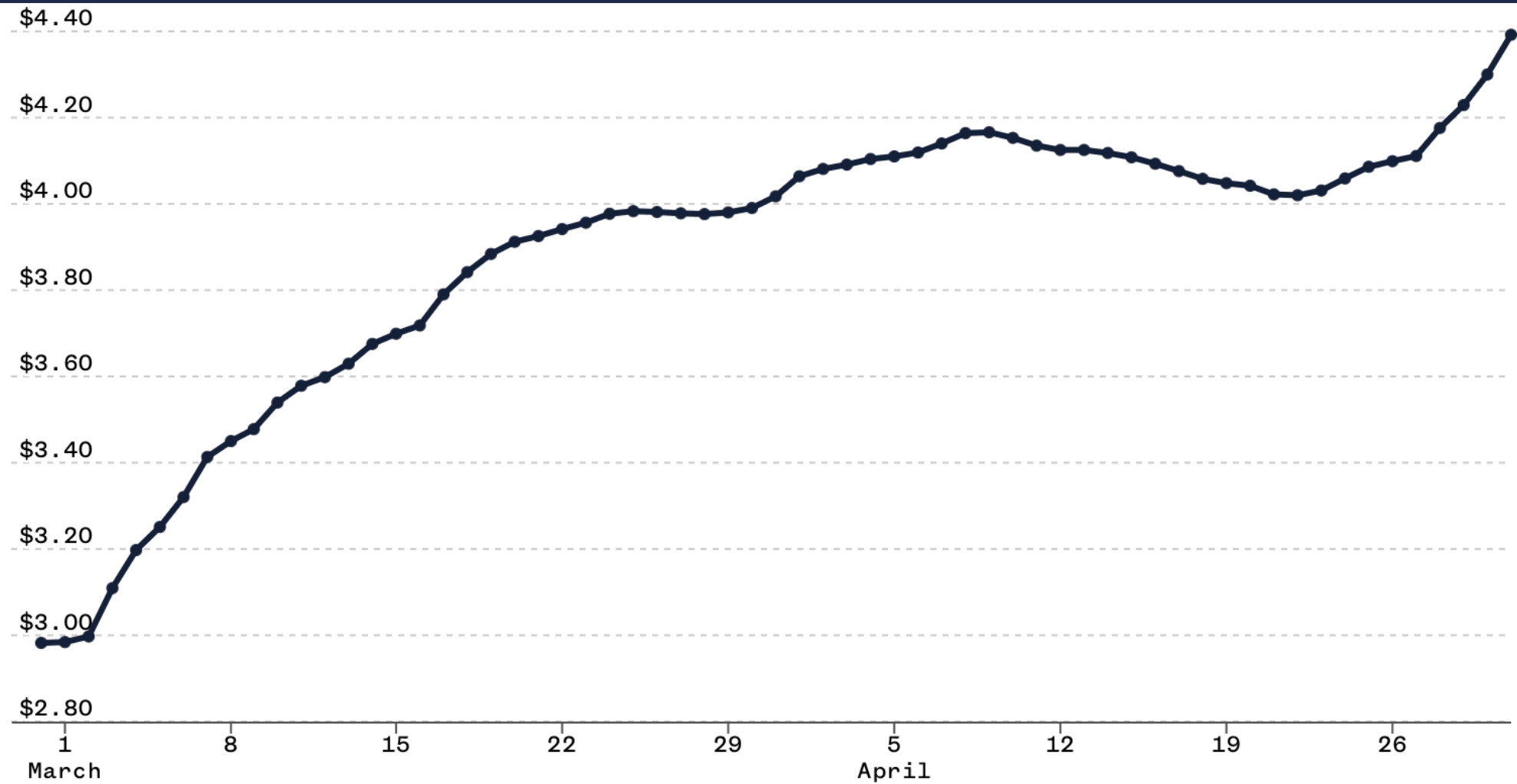
▲ **67%**

Source: [Keep Americans Covered](#)

Trump/GOP Affordability Crisis

- **\$1,745** Average hit to American families due to Trump's tariff taxes during his first year in office
- **15,742 individuals or families in Virginia** filed for bankruptcy in 2025. (10.4 percent increase over 2024)
- **\$297**: average increase in electricity costs for families in VA-03 under Donald Trump and Congressional Republicans in 2025
- **\$1.41 per gallon**: rise in average gas prices since Donald Trump initiated his reckless, illegal war in Iran

Trump's Gas Price Hike



Source: [AAA](#)

Graphic: Jiachuan Wu / NBC News

Attacks on Voting Rights

- President Trump has ordered Republican Governors across the country to initiate mid-decade redistricting in order to **rig the midterm elections.**
 - 6 of the 7 gerrymandered seats in Texas, Missouri, and North Carolina are represented by African American or Hispanic members of Congress.
- The Supreme Court gutted Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and effectively legalized racist gerrymandering.
 - Republican states are likely to begin drawing new maps that **end minority representation in the South for a generation.**
 - "I dissent because Congress elected otherwise. I dissent because the Court betrays its duty to faithfully implement the great statute Congress wrote. I dissent because the Court's decision will set back the foundational right Congress granted of racial equality in electoral opportunity. I dissent..." - Justice Elena Kagen, dissenting



**Serving as Ranking Member of the
House Committee on Education
and Workforce**

PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE ACT

- *The Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act (H.R. 20)* ensures that workers can decide for themselves whether to exercise their right to form a union.
- This legislation would be the most significant upgrade for workers' collective bargaining rights in more than 80 years.
- The *PRO Act*: (1) empowers workers to exercise their right to organize; (2) holds employers accountable for violating workers' rights; and (3) secures free, fair, and safe union elections.

RAISE *the* WAGE

GOOD FOR WORKERS, GOOD FOR BUSINESS, GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY

- Gradually raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$17 by 2030.
- Index future increases in the federal minimum wage to median wage growth to ensure the value of minimum wage does not once again erode over time.
- Guarantee tipped workers are paid at least the full federal minimum wage by phasing out the subminimum wage for tipped workers, which will ensure decent, consistent pay without eliminating tips.
- Guarantee teen workers are paid at least the full federal minimum wage by phasing out the rarely used subminimum wage for youth workers.

586,000 Virginians would be impacted by the Raise the Wage Act

CHILD CARE FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT

SECURING ACCESS TO SAFE, HIGH-QUALITY, AND AFFORDABLE
CHILD CARE FOR MILLIONS OF U.S. FAMILIES

- Make child care affordable for working families. The typical family in America will pay less than \$15 a day for child care—with many families paying nothing at all—and **no working family will pay more than 7 percent of their income on child care.**
- Improve the quality child care for all children and expand families' child care options.
- Support higher wages for child care workers.
- Dramatically expand access to high-quality pre-K.

Dismantling the Department of Education

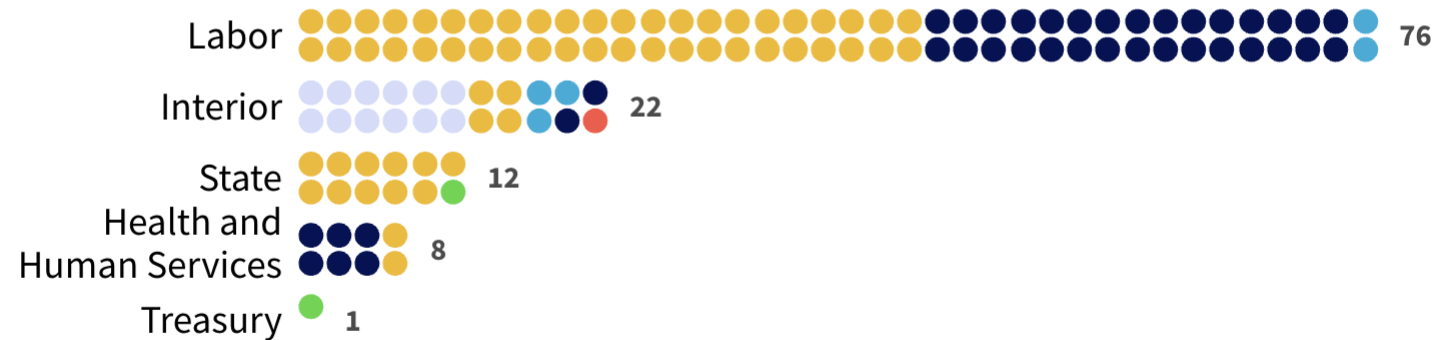
As of March 19, the Department of Education (ED) has struck 10 agreements to shift 119 of its programs to five other agencies.

A core function of ED is to protect and defend students' civil rights. The federal government must retain its central role in enforcing students' civil rights, because historically, when states had no federal oversight, we saw segregation of public schools, a refusal to educate students with disabilities, and a lack of resources for low-income communities.

It is explicitly stated in the *Department of Education Organization Act* that the purpose of creating ED was because a 'dispersion of education programs across a large number of federal agencies ha[d] led to fragmented, duplicative, and often inconsistent federal policies relating to education.' The mass transfer of these programs is not only extremely inefficient and wasteful, but it will result in inconsistent enforcement of federal education policy.

- Federal Student Aid (FSA)
- Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)
- Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)
- Office of Indian Education (OIE)
- Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE)
- Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA)

New federal agency



DATA SOURCE: [Education Department interagency agreements](#)

*For one program moving to Health and Human Services, no office in the receiving agency is specified.

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