

# Trump supporters who got fired by DOGE:

## ‘This is just going completely off the rails’

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The confusion and fallout continues among federal workers who voted for [Donald Trump](#) but have since been fired from their jobs under the new administration by way of the [Department of Government Efficiency](#).

DOGE, run by world's richest man [Elon Musk](#), has ordered tens of thousands of government workers and grants to be shown the door and canceled under Trump's watch.

“I was thinking that there would be changes,” a two-time Trump voter and Department of Agriculture researcher [told The Los Angeles Times](#).

“But instead of being focused, this is just going completely off the rails, chopping and slicing up parts of the government that are protecting Americans.”

The person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity "to increase his chances of regaining his job," added: "They are just in this shock-and-awe mode, with no concern about all the damage that is being done. ... No one is asking how they are going to put all this, to put Humpty-Dumpty, back together again."

He worked at USDA for more than a decade, but because of change to a new position he was technically a probationary employee that made him subject to DOGE cuts, the Times reported.

The Times wrote about the experiences of several Trump supporters who got axed by DOGE in a story headlined: "[They voted for Trump, but now they're losing their U.S. government jobs.](#)"

The layoffs are part of the Trump administration's intensified efforts to shrink the size of the federal workforce through DOGE by ordering agencies to lay off nearly all probationary employees who have not yet gained civil service protection.

The slash-and-burn effort Musk is leading diverges from what was initially outlined by Trump during the 2024 presidential campaign. DOGE, a nod to Musk's favorite cryptocurrency meme coin, was initially presented as a blue-ribbon commission that would exist outside government.

After the election, however, Musk hinted there was more to come, posting to his social media site, X, "Threat to democracy? Nope, threat to BUREAUCRACY!!!" He has leaned aggressively into the role since.

Last week he stood on stage at the Conservative Political Action Conference gathering outside Washington, where he boasted of his exploits and hoisted a blinged-out, Chinese-made chainsaw above his head that was gifted by Argentinian President Javier Milei.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

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