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Dear Patriot,

Last week we heard a headline on the radio: "Shocking July Jobs Report, Economy Unexpectedly Loses 23,000."

Our heart sank. It was another thing the Demoncrats and Fake News would use to beat up Trump and sink his poll numbers on the economy.

But then we did a little digging around.

It seems that yes, we did lose jobs but...mostly at the state level in the public education boondoggle.

Private employers actually added 30,000 jobs in July while government payrolls fell by 53,000.

Of the 53,000 jobs lost, 50,000 came from local government education. Federal employment fell by only 3,000 in July.

We have been talking about the Education Secretary Linda McMahon and her mission to close down the Department of Education. That is having a ripple effect in state governments.

The overall point is that all the headline news you hear about this administration will be bad for Trump. Do not let it depress you. Find out the truth behind the crazy left's propaganda.

The Trump Economy is much better than we are told by the "experts". It just needs more time in the oven.

Today, spend some time learning about

- the numbers behind the numbers.
- how to plug the leaks.
- another Fake News lie debunked.
- making Colombia great again.
- why art matters.
- a curious question.



1- When you dig past the headlines, you will see an amazing story!

PJ Media

23,000 Jobs Lost, but the Number Washington Hates Is 53,000

QUOTE: President Donald Trump got handed an ugly jobs headline Friday. The economy lost 23,000 payroll jobs in July, and revisions erased another 103,000 jobs from May and June.

Both nonfarm payroll employment (-23,000) and the unemployment rate (4.1 percent) changed little in July, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Employment declined in local government education and retail trade. Employment continued to trend up in health care. This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys.

Among the unemployed, the number of people on temporary layoff increased by 153,000 to 921,000 in July. The number of permanent job losers changed little at 1.7 million. In July, the number of people jobless less than 5 weeks edged down to 2.0 million and is down by 344,000 over the year. The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) edged down over the month to 1.8 million but changed little over the year. The long-term unemployed accounted for 25.5 percent of all unemployed people in July.

That can't be dressed up; a weak jobs report is a weak jobs report.

But buried one line deeper is a number worth noticing. Private employers added 30,000 jobs in July while government payrolls fell by 53,000. If government employment had simply remained flat, the headline number would've been a gain of 30,000 jobs.

Statistics can tell very different stories depending on where somebody stops reading. The easiest headline is "23,000 jobs lost."

It's accurate, but so is "private employers added 30,000 jobs."

So is "government employment fell 53,000."

We deserve all three numbers because together they show what actually

happened.

The government decline needs context, too. Of the 53,000 jobs lost, 50,000 came from local government education. Federal employment fell by only 3,000 in July. Giving Trump credit for all 53,000 would be just as misleading as pretending the private-sector gain never happened.

The larger federal trend, however, belongs squarely in Trump's column. Office of Personnel Management data show the federal workforce has lost 272,283 employees since Trump took office on Jan. 30, 2025.

His administration imposed a hiring freeze, encouraged early retirement, pursued reductions in force, and offered deferred resignations as part of a deliberate effort to shrink Washington.

For decades, politicians have promised smaller government the way some people promise to start exercising Monday. Washington usually survives the speech and hires somebody else by Tuesday.

Trump's administration has actually reduced the federal headcount by hundreds of thousands.

A Democrat once supplied the slogan. During his 1996 State of the Union address, then-President Bill Clinton told Congress, "The era of big government is over." His own party platform repeated the message later that year, declaring that "big bureaucracies and Washington solutions" weren't the answer.

Thirty years later, those words sound almost foreign to the political left. The Democratic Socialists of America promote expanded public services and collective ownership of major industries and have championed a federal jobs guarantee built through the public sector.



2- More numbers relating to jobs that will be totally ignored.

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Jobless Claims Remain Below 200,000 For Third Straight Week—First Time in 57 Years

QUOTE: The number of new claims for unemployment benefits remained near a historical low last week, indicating few Americans are losing their jobs to layoffs.

The Department of Labor said on Thursday that 199,000 people filed for benefits for the first time, up from 198,000 in the prior week. That was better than the 201,000 consensus forecast.

Jobless claims have been below 200,000 for three consecutive weeks, the first such streak in 57 years. The last time jobless claims remained this low

for this long was in 1969, during the extraordinary stretch of low unemployment from 1967 through 1969. The current numbers are all the more extraordinary because the workforce is more than twice as large and the last period's labor numbers benefited from a military draft to support the Vietnam War.



3- This is the kind of garbage that the Trump Team has to put up with every single day. It is distracting, frustrating and pulls resources away from overall administration goals. Not to mention putting the President and all Americans at risk.

This man's life work is null and void as he will now be known as a traitorous leaker.

The Gateway Pundit

Air Force One Leaker Identified: Pentagon Revokes Access to Classified Information for Biden-Era Air Force Secretary

QUOTE: The Department of War on Friday revoked former Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall's eligibility for access to classified intel after he leaked classified information about Air Force One to the media. The Biden-era Air Force Secretary leaked sensitive information about President Trump's Qatari-gifted Air Force One jet to The New York Times. Full statement from Pentagon spokesman Sean Parnell:

"Effective immediately, the Department of War has REVOKED former Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall's eligibility for access to classified information and his ability to hold any sensitive position. This action follows his unauthorized disclosure of classified information regarding Air Force One's capabilities to a media outlet. Safeguarding classified information is a non-negotiable duty. Those who violate that trust forfeit the privilege of access and any role requiring it."

Frank Kendall's bio according to the Air Force:

-Frank Kendall was the 26th Secretary of the Air Force, responsible for organizing, training, and equipping the U.S. Air and Space Forces. In this capacity, he directed the Department of the Air Force's annual budget exceeding \$173 billion, provided Air and Space forces to Combatant Commanders for global military operations, and was accountable for the welfare of nearly 700,000 active duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian Airmen and Guardians and their families.

Mr. Kendall has more than 50 years of experience in engineering, management, defense acquisition and national security affairs across private industry, government and the military. He was a consultant to defense industry firms, non-profit research organizations and the Department of Defense in the areas of strategic planning, engineering management and technology assessment. Additionally, he is an attorney.

and was active in the field of human rights, working primarily on a pro bono basis.



4- The Fake News produces flat out, made-up stories with the intent to upset and divide. This was yet another fabrication that had to be addressed.

We need Justice Alito for many more years.

The Epoch Times

Supreme Court Justice Alito Says He's Sticking Around for Another Term

QUOTE: Justice Samuel Alito said he will be staying on the Supreme Court "for another term," after a news bulletin weeks ago falsely reported his imminent retirement.

"Obviously I'm here for another term," the 76-year-old justice said in an exclusive interview that The Wall Street Journal published on Aug. 7. His comment comes after NPR retracted a June 30 report by reporter Nina Totenberg, 82, that incorrectly stated that Alito was retiring.

Totenberg's 29-paragraph story outlined Alito's history on the bench, focusing largely on his views on matters such as abortion and the death penalty.

Not long after publication, NPR removed the article, saying it had been "erroneously published" and that neither Alito nor court officials had announced his retirement. Totenberg also broadcast an on-air apology to Alito and described the error as "the worst professional mistake of my more than 50 years in journalism."



5- Isn't it amazing how the words of our Founders still ring worldwide, 250 years later?

Freitbart

Citing Thomas Jefferson, Conservative Abelardo de la Espriella Becomes President of Colombia

QUOTE: Colombia's conservative President Abelardo de la Espriella took office as the nation's new head of state for the next four years on Friday.

President de la Espriella, a 48-year-old lawyer nicknamed “The Tiger” and highly supportive of President Donald Trump and the United States, became the next Colombian head of state after defeating far-left Sen. Iván Cepeda in the June 21 presidential runoff election. He ran successfully on a campaign focused on the fight against organized crime and terrorist organizations, eradicating corruption, and restoring the country’s economy and security.

De la Espriella and his Vice President José Manuel Restrepo will lead Colombia for a four-year term through August 7, 2030.

“I send a firm message to the Colombian people — the time has come to restore order, authority, and freedom,” de la Espriella said, emphasizing that he will be the president of Colombia for all Colombians, whether they voted for him or not.

De la Espriella reiterated that his administration will not seek any kind of constitutional reform to alter the laws of the republic or extend presidential terms — citing American founding father Thomas Jefferson, who “warned that there would never be a lack of real difficulties capable of serving as a pretext for prolonging the exercise of power.”

In addition to focusing on the fight against international crime and Colombian terrorist organizations, President de la Espriella has vowed to restore Colombia’s historic friendly relations with the United States and Israel — both of which were singlehandedly and severely strained by Petro over the past years. De la Espriella has also pledged to have Colombia join President Trump’s Shield of the Americas regional counter-cartel initiative.



5- As a culture, we need art. We need beauty. We need to encourage all of the arts: writing, painting, sculpture, pottery, architecture. All of these pursuits are indicative of the time and place in which they were created. We need those touchstones to have the real sense of history. Instead of tearing down our history because it does not fit into the agenda of the current fad, we need to add more. This is what President Trump is trying to achieve by adding art to the Rose Garden and the White House.

Go to the link to learn more about the sculpture of Thomas Jefferson and the man who created it.

The Epoch Times

The Sculptor and Visionary Behind the Thomas Jefferson Statue at the White House

QUOTE: On July 4, Colorado sculptor George Lundeen received a surprise voicemail from President Donald Trump thanking him for his bronze statue of Founding Father Thomas Jefferson.

"Luckily, I was not in my studio when he called. And he left a message on my answering machine, so I was able to keep that," the 77-year-old artist told The Epoch Times.

The president said in the message: "Hi, George. It's your favorite president, Donald Trump, and I just wanted to thank you. ... It looks really beautiful.

"I'll see it very shortly, but just from the picture, I can see it's really incredible. And we have a wonderful place [for it] right in the Rose Garden, and I appreciate it."

The life-size bronze statue depicting Jefferson seated on a bench with the Declaration of Independence and a feather quill had remained in Lundeen's studio for nearly 25 years. It now stands in the White House Rose Garden as one of the new monuments Trump added to celebrate America's 250th birthday.

The person behind the effort to deliver the statue to the president was Steve Barber, Lundeen's longtime friend and business partner based in Los Angeles.

Barber helps raise funds, works with sculptors, and oversees the creation and installation of statues for the president and other major public projects.

When Barber saw the sculpture in Lundeen's studio, he felt it belonged at the White House and wanted to donate it as a gift. But getting the attention of White House officials proved far more difficult than he expected.

Barber told The Epoch Times that he spent seven or eight months making nearly 100 phone calls and sending countless emails to the White House and other officials to get approval. After no response, he decided to give up the idea. Then something unexpected happened.

"As soon as I let go, like the second I let go, I got an email from the White House," Barber said.

The message asked when he could send the sculpture.

"I couldn't believe it," Barber said, thrilled by the email he had received at 4 a.m.

The 585-pound sculpture was shipped to Washington a few weeks later, with hopes that it could be installed in the Rose Garden before the Independence Day celebrations.

However, getting it to the White House was another challenge. A heat wave, road closures, and heightened security measures around the National Mall all delayed its arrival. The Secret Service also needed to complete a security screening.

Lundeen joked that officials had to make sure no one was "sending a Trojan horse in the shape of Thomas Jefferson."

Nearly a week after Independence Day, Lundeen and Barber finally received a photo from the White House showing the statue installed in the Rose Garden.



7- SO odd!

**Isn't it odd how when
it's Democrat vs
Democrat in a primary
they can count all the
votes in a few hours
but when it's a
Republican vs a
Democrat it takes
weeks???**



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