

# U.S. Health Policy: Trump 2.0

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Make America Healthy Again??





# US Health Agenda

- Reversing Declines in Life Expectancy
- Health Care Costs – Now \$4.9 trillion
- Access to Care
  - Achieving universal coverage, defend ACA, prevention fund
    - 7.7 % of US population is still uninsured (25.3 million)
  - Women's health care, reproductive health, family planning, maternal mortality
  - Gender affirming care
  - Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA)
- Addressing Social Determinants of Health
- Long Term Care (Alzheimer's Disease in particular)





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## Infectious Disease Threats

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- COVID now an endemic disease
- Increase in respiratory & other infectious diseases
  - RSV & Influenza
  - **Measles**, Polio & other vaccine preventable diseases
  - Sexually transmitted diseases (neonatal syphilis up)
  - Malaria & vector bourn diseases
- PEPFAR reauthorization
- Hep C & HIV control
- Adult vaccine program





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- Environmental Health
  - Climate Change
  - Environmental issues (exposures, toxins, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act)
  - Lead exposure - Line replacement & dust
- Injury
  - Gun Violence Epidemic
  - Domestic violence
  - Violent extremism
  - Unintentional Injury (Falls, Pedestrian injury, other MVA)
  - Violence against health care workers
- Misinformation / Disinformation





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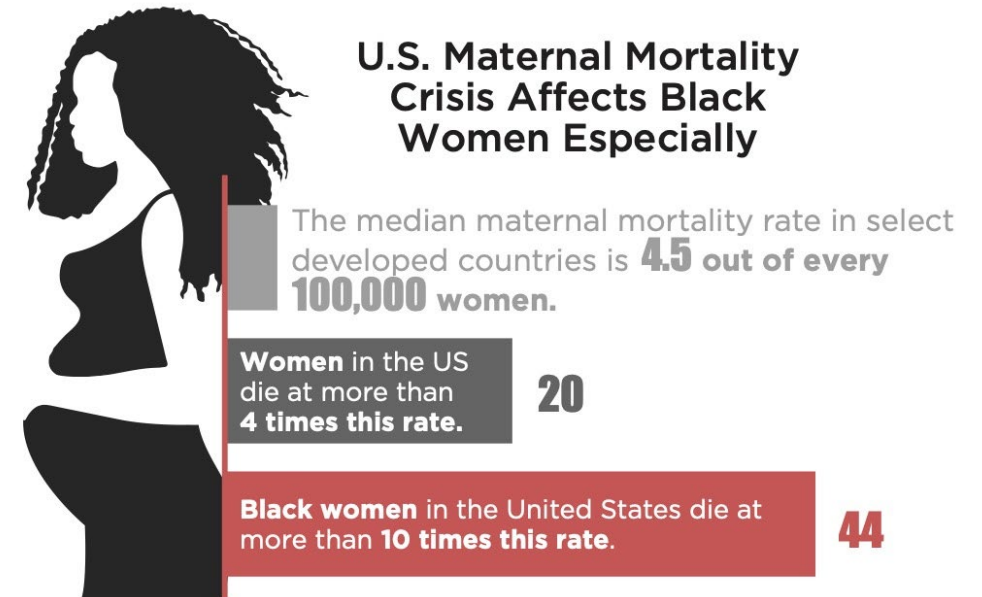
- Food Insecurity – WIC, SNAP, Child Nutrition & Farm bills
- Food Safety – Multiple foodborne outbreaks currently
- Tobacco Control (Menthol rule) & Vaping
- Growing Mental Health Crisis
- Chronic Disease Including Cancer (Screening and case management)





# U.S. Health Agenda

- Health Workforce
- Health Inequities
- Chronic Disease
- Multiple Epidemics
  - Opioid
  - Obesity
  - STD
  - Maternal mortality
  - H5N1
  - Mpox
- Building the Next Generation Public Health System

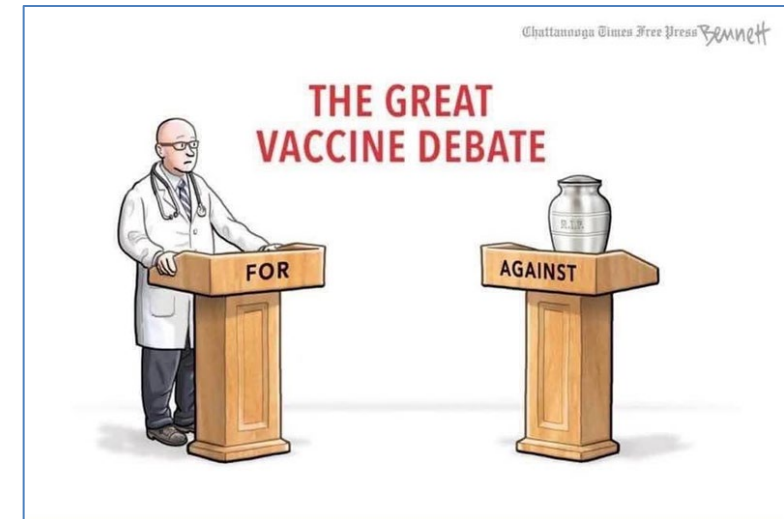


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# Distractions To A Sound U.S. Health Agenda

- Limiting Fluoride in our drinking water
- Limiting access to vaccines
- Restructuring Federal Agencies; Including breaking up the CDC
- Inappropriate Health Surveillance
  - Tracking women's menstrual periods & pregnancies
- Healthcare reform that limits access to care







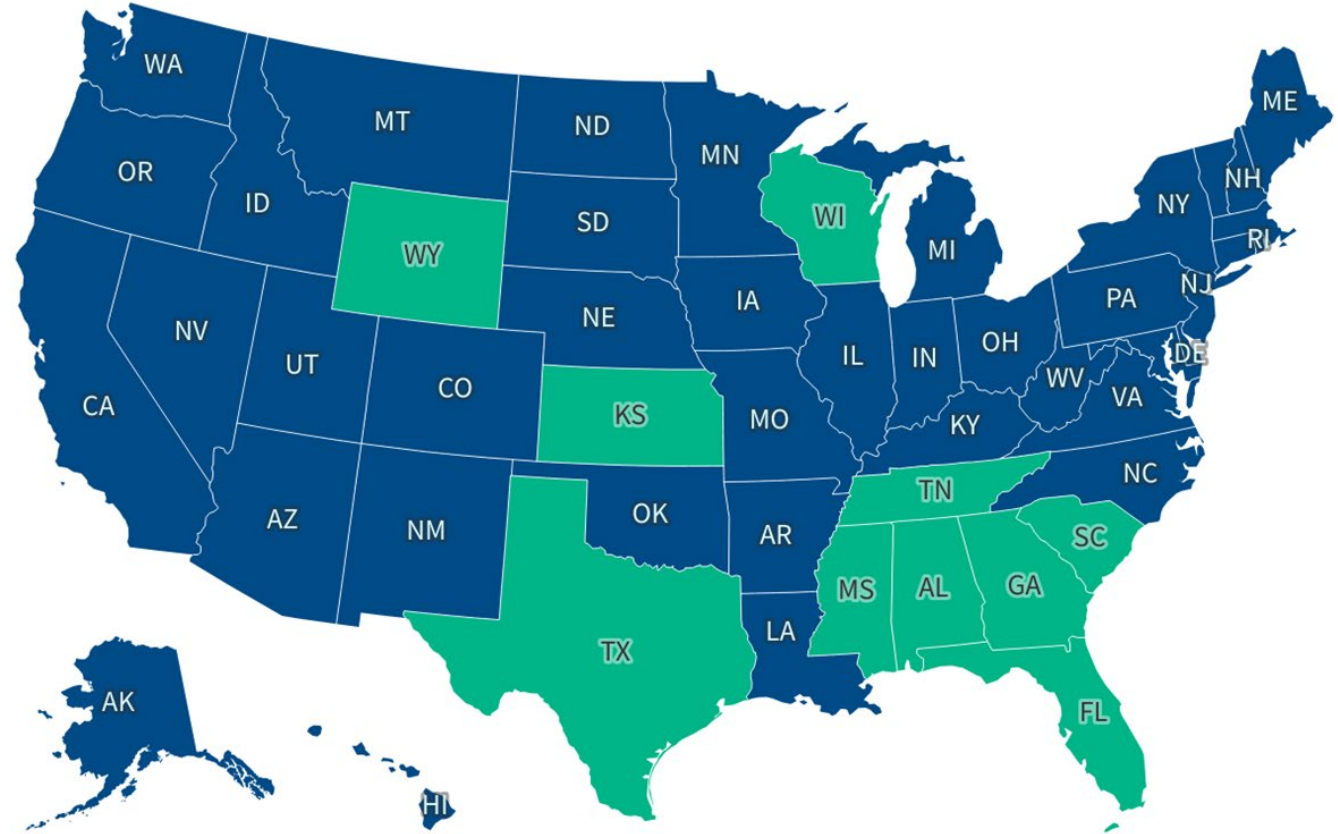


# Opportunity #1

**With all 3 branches in Republican hands can we finally get ACA in all states even if we must do so on their terms**

## Status of State Action on the Medicaid Expansion Decision

■ Adopted and implemented (41 states including DC) ■ Not adopted (10 states)



Source: KFF tracking and analysis of state actions related to adoption of the ACA Medicaid expansion

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## Opportunity #2

### Ultra-Processed Foods

Examples include ice cream, ham, sausages, crisps, mass-produced bread, breakfast cereals, biscuits, carbonated drinks, fruit-flavored yogurts, instant soups, and some alcoholic drinks - whisky, gin, and rum



**Can we finally take on BIG Food**



## Opportunity #3



**Getting Healthcare Costs Under Control**



## Opportunity #4

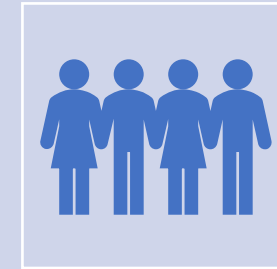
### **Build A Next Generation Public Health System**

Structure and resource the nation's health and public health system to meet the strategic needs of the nation to perform its health security mission





# Opportunity #5



AS GOVERNMENT  
WITHDRAWALS

CIVIL SOCIETY INFLUENCE  
INCREASES

**Strengthen Civil Society Organizations**





# Flood The Zone Strategy



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- Dodge intrusions into federal data
- Fiscal cuts
- Personnel cuts
- Communication controls
- Word control
- Executive order policy reversals
- DEI redefinition & attacks
- Global disruptions
  - USAID elimination
  - Tariffs
- Threatening individuals
  - Removing security protections
  - Immigration arrests



# Trump 2.0 Actions to Date

- Finding freeze has caused confusion, disrupted health care and
- Personnel decisions – Secretary Kennedy poor choice; others mixed bag
- Personnel cuts – Indiscriminate and destructive to capacity to do public's health
- NIH Indirect cut to 15% - Destructive to research in short term, not real savings as many costs will simply shift to direct costs & any real savings will go to tax cut not more research
- Censorship, misinformation and disinformation is most concerning of all actions
- Political interference has eroded trust
- Plans to leave WHO
- DEI & health equity attacks
- FDA – Delays in drug approvals & potential policy changes on reproductive health

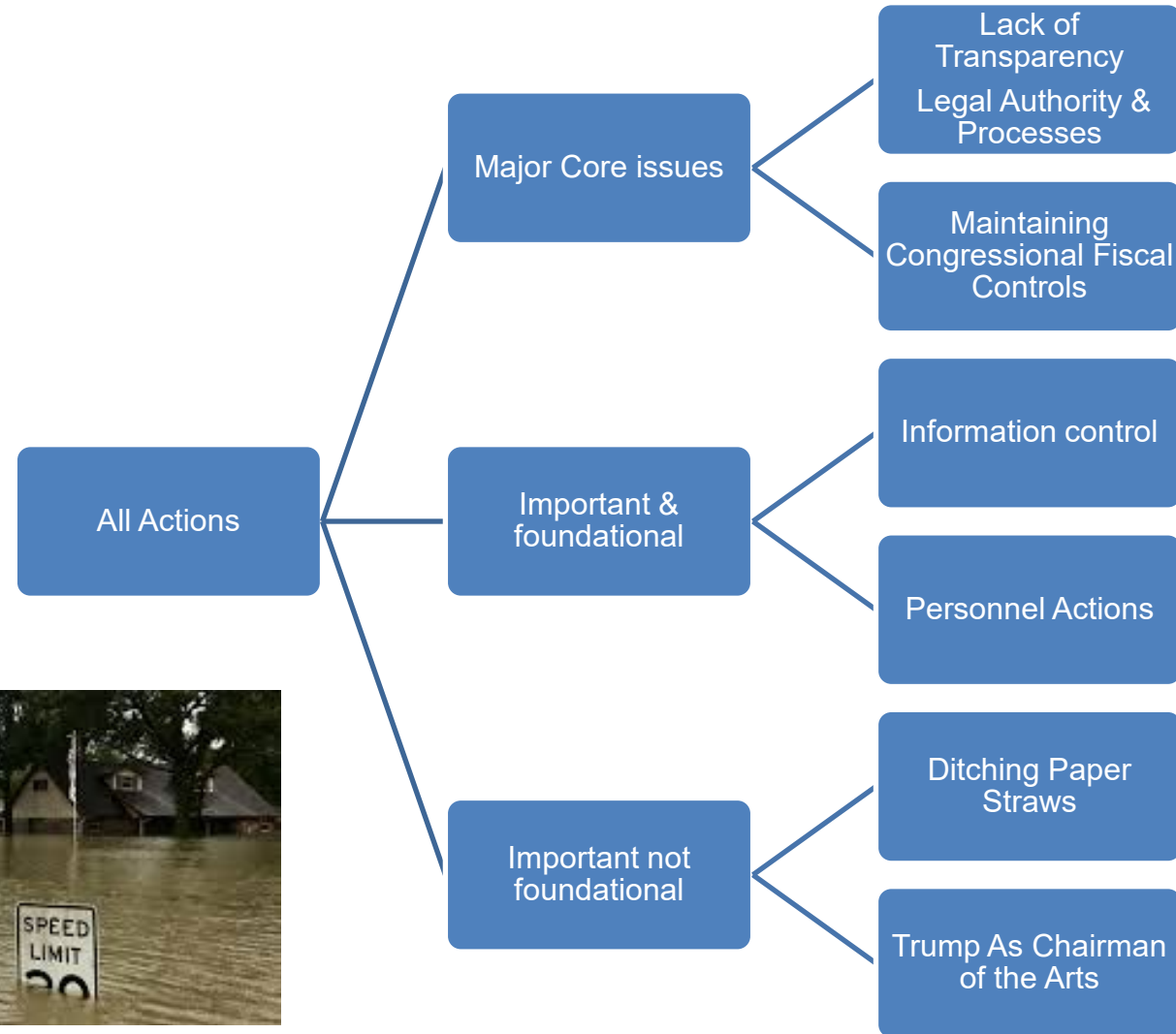


# CDC Specific Issues – Some Issues

- Personnel cuts indiscriminate and confusing
- Funding pauses & cuts interrupt core public health programs
  - Increase risk of injury, illness and death
- Communication pause to CDC staff
- Website alterations - Censorship of specific words, data
- MMWR and other health communications delays
- Program interruptions – WHO, global health
- Support of state & local health officials diminished
- U.S. Points of entry health screening capacity diminished
- ACIP & CDC/FDA Vaccine compensation meetings cancelled



# Managing The Flood

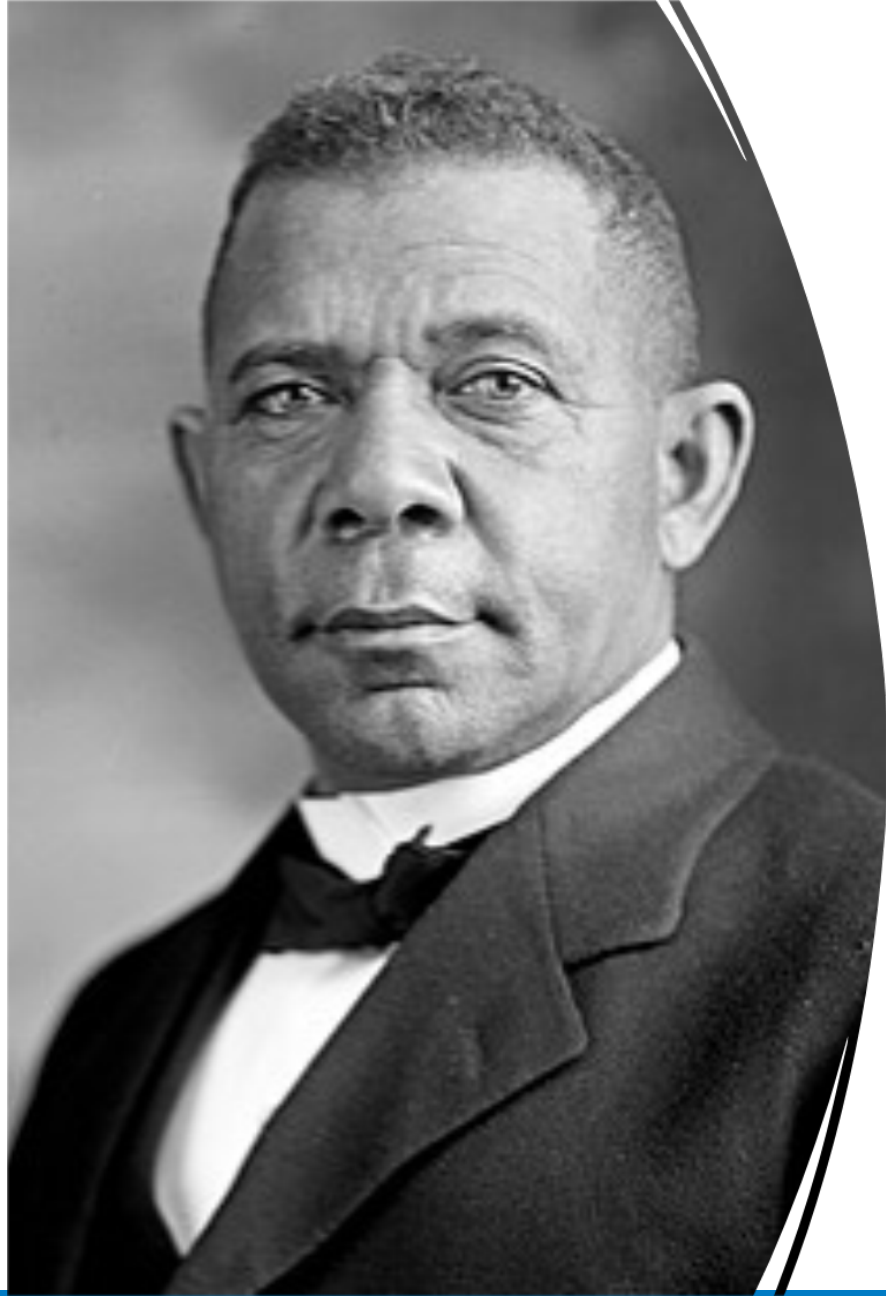




# What Can We DO?

- Make them follow the law
- Force transparency
- Inform the public of the impact of their actions
- Do not let them redefine terms like DEI
- Maintain our core values and act on them
- Have no fear – They have only the power we give them





## Booker T. Washington

“A lie doesn't become truth, wrong doesn't become right, and evil doesn't become good, just because it's accepted by a majority”







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