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Views From the Front Lines of Trump's War on the Science Community

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The Trump administration has unleashed a tsunami of budget cuts to federal science programs. Mass firings have taken place at both the [Department of Health and Human Services](#) and the [Department of Education](#), part of a deliberate [decimation of research staff](#) across the federal government.

Since January, the administration has systematically cut science funding to [its lowest level in decades](#) and issued a flood of [budget plans](#) and [executive orders](#) that are reshaping how the government uses and supports science.

Some outcomes have been immediate and tragic, including staffing shortages that have left cancer [patients stranded](#) during experimental drug trials and [delays](#) in approving COVID-19 vaccines.