

Trump tries to move forward with his wall funding

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When the clock hit midnight on Dec. 22, 2018, the United States' government was partially shut down because lawmakers did not pass appropriation bills to deal with next year's spending budget. This happened because Congress was not able to agree on a request that came from President Donald Trump. He put in a request for five billion dollars to fund the wall that he wants to put up between the United States and Mexico in order to increase border control. Originally, Trump said Mexico was going to pay for it, but now that he realizes that is not going to happen, he is scrambling to scrape together money he thinks the United States has just to make one of his promises come true. Congress refused to let funding pass for the wall, but Trump refused to back down on his request. Now, the government is reopen, but the shutdown affected so many citizens and they are still undecided about what to do about the wall.

Since the government was only partially shutdown, federal agencies had to cut down on non-essential things that they were spending money on. The essential services that needed to be kept running were the ones that affected the public's safety, but each federal agency did have their own plan about what to do during a government shutdown. The agencies followed that plan until the government finally started to run fully again. According to cnbc.com, an estimated 800,000 federal

workers had been furloughed from their jobs. Now, since the government was shut-down, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) were working hard to get tax returns back to citizens, but they recalled over 36,000 workers to come back to work, without pay, just so citizens can file their taxes on time and get their tax returns. Those workers were not compensated for their work while the government was shutdown all because Congress and Trump could not come to an agreement about the spending for this year. As the government shutdown grew longer, more and more federal workers were called back into work without any pay.

This government shutdown did not just affect United States citizens, but also the national parks. When the government was shutdown, Trump and former Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke decided to not close the national parks. Even though the national parks were not closed, all of the national park workers were furloughed, so the parks had not been taken care of. Plenty of careless people went to various parks around the United States and trashed and vandalized them because there was no one there to stop them. The workers



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Joshua Tree is one of the national parks in the United States that was greatly affected by the government shutdown. Parts of the park were trashed because there were no workers there to stop it from happening and clean up the park.

are back since the government reopened, but it is going to take a lot of work just to get them clean again.

One of the solutions that was talked about for the government shutdown was to take money from various disaster funds that would be going to help Puerto Rico and all of the areas in the United States that were hit by Hurricane Maria. That large amount of money has not been spent to repair the communities yet, but those communities have been promised that money to help with the damage that has been done. Fortunately, that funding was not tapped into and the disaster areas will eventually get that money. Another solution that Trump presented on Jan. 19 involved the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, better known as DACA. He proposed

support DACA and the DREAMers and he used that for his own selfish advantage.

On Jan. 25, Trump announced the plan that was put into place so that the government could reopen. At first, he only reopened the government for three weeks so that a committee could discuss the funding for his wall. Opening the government back up was a good thing because 800,000 federal workers were finally getting paid again, the problems with airport security had been fixed and the Food and Drug Administration safety inspections started back up. In the three weeks that Trump gave the committee, they did not come up with a plan to fund his wall. When Feb. 5 came around, Trump gave his State of the Union address and brought up the border security

problem and he pushed the idea of his wall again. As of Feb. 27, Trump tried to declare a national emergency at the Mexican border that would help him get money to build the wall, but the House turned it down and even some of the Republicans in the House were against it. The government officials are in agreement that they do not want to shut the government down again, so Trump is going to have to find another way to get the money for his wall.

This whole shutdown started because Trump wanted his wall built. Instead of talking to Congress to make a compromise about the decision, he let part of the government be shutdown. He did not even consider any other ways to secure border control and only wants to build a wall that will most likely make the situation even worse and cause the United States to go into even more debt. As of this year, the United States is 21 trillion dollars in debt, and Trump plans on increasing that even more by spending money, that the government does not have, on a wall that might not even work. Border control is not about physically separating the United States from Mexico, but instead about having a stronger security staff who will do their jobs. Trump has less than two years left to try and do something that will change the United States for the better. This last minute effort to try and collect money to build the wall feels like a crazy show that he is putting on to try and turn his presidency around from the mess that it has become.

Don't be silent, report domestic violence

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Life is full of unpredictable-ability's that we think may never happen, such as a pop quiz in one of our classes, getting new shoes dirty, or losing your homework, but for some it is not some omnipotent force that causes these mishaps in our daily lives. It can be those who are here with you, even those close to you or those you think are close to you.

Recently there was a domestic abuse billboard put up in Roseville by the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, along with the addition of domestic abuse awareness ribbons on Roseville police cars that has drawn the attention of many. When it comes to domestic crimes the Roseville Police Department has responded to this type of crime

more than any other which led them to putting the domestic abuse awareness ribbon on multiple police vehicles. This does not mean just basic physical assault when it comes to domestic abuse cases. It includes emotional assault, which can be verbal or nonverbal. It can also include financial assault, which is where you withhold resources, stealing, or using their bank account or any form of financial aid to incur debt, as well as sexual, which is rape and other sexual-related indecencies without consent.

"In Michigan, there were 88,464 cases in 2017 of violent crimes committed, of these amount of violent crimes, 1 in 3 of them being women have experienced



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domestic violence and 1 in 4 men have experienced it as well," as stated in the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting website.

That means 29,488 women and 22,116 men were victims of domestic violence in 2017. With this said, it is not just the adults who have to deal with domestic abuse, it has affected

children too.

The Childhood Domestic Violence Association and the Office Of Women's Health has shown that, "The children who suffer from living in a home where domestic abuse occurs, may develop CDV, or Childhood Domestic Violence which can affect a child's physical and mental health, along with relationships with others and behavior for the rest of their lives, but usually between the ages of two to 17. In some instances, when a child is raised in an abusive environment, they can be lied to by the abuser and the child may conform to those lies."

Now this does not mean that the children who have been victims did not simply witness it,

some were abused themselves.

Throughout the year of 2014 there were 247,742 reports of children being abused and or neglected in the state of Michigan. In terms of CDV statistics they say that 1 in 7 of children will suffer from this abuse, which means of the 2,882,065 children ages 0-19, there are 164,267 undocumented cases of child abuse and if they do develop CDV, they are 6 times more likely to commit suicide. Additionally, 50% are more likely to use drugs or alcohol, and 74% are most likely to commit a violent crime and possibly have PTSD.

If you feel like you or anyone you know are being abused in any of these ways or think you have CDV, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline with these numbers 1-800-799-7233 or 1-800-787-3224 or tell a person you trust.

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