

Patti Adair (OR-05) Research Report

Significant Findings

Adair Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Enacted The Largest Cuts To Medicaid In History, Kicking More Than 26,000 OR-05 Residents Off Their Health Insurance And Slashing Local Hospital Revenue

- ✓ June 2025: Adair supported the One Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill enacted the largest cuts to Medicaid in history, kicking more than 26,000 OR-05 residents off their health insurance and slashing local hospital revenue.
 - ✓ Hospitals in OR-05 were projected to lose more than \$55 million in revenue as a result of Medicaid cuts.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful bill enacted the largest SNAP cuts in history, threatening food assistance for more than 36,000 households in OR-05.
- ✓ Adair supported the One Big Beautiful Bill's billions in tax breaks to the ultra-wealthy at the expense of working Americans.

Adair Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act, Opposed The Extension Of ACA Tax Credits, And Hiked Premiums For Workers On The County Health Plan

- ✓ 2017: Adair repeatedly advocated for a full repeal of the Affordable Care Act, calling the legislation "2700 pages of a million unintended consequences."
 - ✓ 2025: Repealing the ACA threatened the coverage of more than 28,000 individuals in OR-05 on Marketplace plans, and would end coverage protections for 701,000 Oregon residents with pre-existing conditions.
- ✓ Adair opposed the extension of Affordable Care Act Advanced Premium Tax Credits, whose expiration drastically raised health care costs for OR-05 residents on marketplace plans.
 - ✓ Insurers that participated in the ACA Marketplaces raised premiums in response to the expiration of Advanced Premium Tax Credits, driving up health care costs by nearly 300% for some households in OR-05.
- ✓ October 2023: Adair approved a budget that raised health insurance payment rates for county workers by 29% and expressed concerns that the increase was not high enough.

Adair Repeatedly Voted To Raise Property Taxes For Deschutes County And Supported Reckless Tariff Policies That Worsened The Affordability Crisis For Oregon Households

- ✓ Adair repeatedly voted to raise property taxes on Deschutes County residents despite expressing concerns about high taxes.
 - ✓ May 2023: Adair voted to raise property taxes for rural residents by six cents per \$1,000 in assessed property value.
 - ✓ May 2022: Adair voted in favor of a property tax increase of six cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.
- ✓ Adair supported Trump's tariffs, retweeting a post calling them a "reset" which "may be the best thing that has happened to Americans in a very long time."

- ✓ Trump's tariffs were a tax on consumers and estimated to cost American families more than \$2,500 a year on average as they pushed up the prices of everyday goods.

Adair Was An Anti-Abortion Extremist Who Voted Against Providing Abortion Coverage To County Workers And Touted The Endorsement Of Oregon Right To Life

- ✓ Adair repeatedly voted against a proposal to expand health insurance coverage for county workers to fully cover abortion, which would have aligned the county with state law.
- ✓ 2021: Adair touted her endorsement by Oregon Right to Life PAC, an extreme anti-abortion group with the goal of banning abortion nationwide without exceptions.

Adair Was Criticized For Making "Erroneous And Egregious [...] Statements That Have No Basis In Fact" And Engaged In Far-Right Conspiracy Theories Like Climate Change Denial And The Anti-Vax Movement And Was Recorded Being Blessed By A QAnon Pastor

- ✓ Adair was criticized for making "erroneous and egregious [...] statements that have no basis in fact" on "any number of issues," expressing positions that one resident called "too extreme for Deschutes County."
- ✓ Adair repeatedly refused to answer if she believed that climate change was real and humans were the main drivers, saying "Weather is changing. It changes all the time."
- ✓ Adair promoted anti-vaccine conspiracy theories, including that vaccines caused autism and called for the flu vaccine to be removed from the market.
- ✓ 2016: Adair spread conspiracy theories about Barack Obama being a secret Muslim.
- ✓ April 2022: Adair attended an event where she was prayed over by a pastor who was known for his affiliation with the QAnon conspiracy.

Adair Voted To Raise Her Own Salary By \$14,000 While Criticizing Salary Increases For Other County And State Workers

- ✓ 2023: Adair voted to raise her own salary by \$14,000, or 12.3%, raising her total compensation above both the area median income and the pay for commissioners of neighboring counties.
- ✓ Fellow Deschutes County Commissioner Chang declined to take the raise because he thought it was "wrong" in light of county budget issues, and a Deschutes County Resident said Adair's decision was "a classic example of having your cake and eating it, too."
- ✓ 2018-2025: Adair repeatedly criticized salary raises for county and state employees, citing budget issues.

Adair Was A Longtime Trump Loyalist Who Worked On His 2016 Campaign, Served As A Trump Delegate To The Republican National Convention, And Denied The Results Of The 2020 Election

- ✓ 2026: Adair was a "fierce" supporter of President Trump and refused to disavow her strong support for him despite his deep unpopularity in the 5th district.
- ✓ 2016: Adair was the Eastern Oregon Director and Coordinator for Trump's presidential campaign, was a Trump delegate to the Republican National Convention, and attended his first inauguration.
- ✓ 2020-2021: Adair repeatedly spread misinformation about the results of the 2020 presidential election and later attempted to minimize her role in the wake of the January 6th insurrection.

2023: Adair Opposed A Water Conservation Project That Was "Crucial" For The Viability Of Local Agriculture And Supported By Republican Congressman Cliff Bentz, Leading To Accusations That She Prioritized Property Values Over Oregon Farmers

- ✓ May 2023: Adair reversed her support for a project that would have turned Arnold Canal into a closed pipe, conserving water lost from seepage.
- ✓ Adair said she opposed the piping project due to cost, concerns about property values, and because “If you're piping everything, where do the wildlife get a drink?” and wrote to Congressman Cliff Bentz urging him to oppose the project.
- ✓ The piping project was a “crucial” initiative to ensure farmers had enough water for their crops and was supported by Bentz and Central Oregon farmers.
- ✓ Central Oregon farmer Mike Hayes: “It is disheartening to see a county commissioner prioritize the potential impact on property values over securing a reliable water supply for our farms.”

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June 2025: Adair Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill

June 2025: Adair Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill On Twitter, Including Its Cuts To Medicaid

In June 2025, Adair Shared Posts From Republican Sens. Markwayne Mullin And Rick Scott Praising The One Big Beautiful Bill. “In June 2025, Adair’s X account shared posts from Republican Sens. Markwayne Mullin and Rick Scott touting the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OB BB), the sweeping tax law already being called the signature policy achievement of President Donald Trump’s second term. The law extends tax cuts for wealthy individuals by making massive reductions in federal spending. This includes a \$1 trillion cut to Medicaid, the program that provides health insurance to low-income Americans, including 206,000 of Adair’s would-be constituents.” [American Journal News, [5/12/26](#)]

Headline: “Republican Patti Adair Endorsed Cutting Medicaid, Repealing Obamacare.” [American Journal News, [5/12/26](#)]

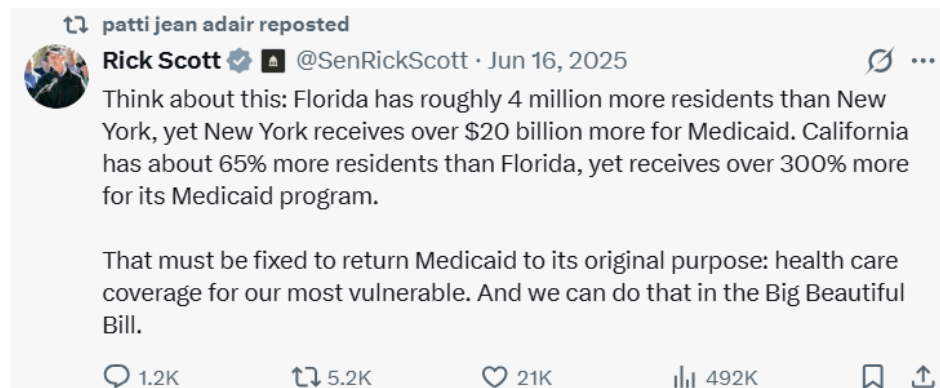
June 2025: Adair Expressed Support Of The One Big Beautiful Bill. Adair retweeted a post from Senator Markwayne Mullin that said: “Dems can scream tax breaks for billionaire’ until they are blue in the face. The TRUTH: @POTUS ‘One Big, Beautiful Bill’ delivers the LARGEST TAX CUT in HISTORY for working and middle-class families... an inconvenient fact for liberals clinging to a false narrative.” [Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [6/30/25](#)]



[Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [6/30/25](#)]

June 2025: Adair Retweeted A Post From Senator Rick Scott In Support Of The Medicaid Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill. “Think about this: Florida has roughly 4 million more residents than New York, yet New York

receives over \$20 billion more for Medicaid. California has about 65% more residents than Florida, yet receives over 300% more for its Medicaid program. That must be fixed to return Medicaid to its original purpose: health care coverage for our most vulnerable. And we can do that in the Big Beautiful Bill.” [Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [6/16/25](#)]



[Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [6/16/25](#)]

July 2025: Trump Signed The One Big Beautiful Bill Into Law

July 4, 2025: Trump Signed The One Big Beautiful Bill. “President Trump on Friday signed a massive spending and tax bill that the White House has dubbed the ‘One Big Beautiful Bill’ to implement much of his domestic policy agenda. The bill passed Thursday after Republican leaders in the House of Representatives convinced holdouts in their own party to get in line behind the controversial legislation.” [NPR, [7/4/25](#)]

May 2025: The Hill: “Trump Sent Kudos To House Republicans” After They Passed The One Big Beautiful Bill. “President Trump sent kudos to House Republicans after they worked late Sunday evening and narrowly cleared a key hurdle to advance the ‘big, beautiful bill’ that contains most of his legislative priorities. ‘CONGRATULATIONS REPUBLICANS!!!’ the president posted on Truth Social just before 1 a.m. EDT on Monday. ‘MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!!!’” [The Hill, [5/19/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest Cuts To Medicaid In History, Kicking More Than 26,000 OR-05 Residents Off Their Health Insurance And Slashing Local Hospital Revenue

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Kick More Than 26,000 People In OR-05 Off Their Health Insurance

September 2025: The Joint Economic Committee Minority Estimated More Than 26,000 People In OR-05 Would Lose Health Insurance By 2034 Due To Congressional Republicans’ Cuts To Medicaid And The ACA. “Source: The Joint Economic Committee – House Minority’s district-level numbers were created by combining estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office on the national total number of people who would lose insurance by 2034 with a range of state-level data on recent trends in Affordable Care Act enrollment, the total number of Medicaid enrollees in each state, and early analyses of how some Medicaid cuts in the bill would impact each state. Estimates were allocated to the district-level based on data provided by the House Budget Committee on the number of people in each District who are enrolled in Medicaid or in ACA Marketplace Plans. These estimates were sourced from the Regional Leadership Council and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Due to redistricting in 2024, Congressional district data for North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama, and New York may not be an exact match. ACA estimates are rounded, and data may not sum to overall totals due to rounding.” [Joint Economic Committee Minority, [September 2025](#)]

NV-03: Health Insurance Losses From Cuts To Medicaid And The Affordable Care Act Under The One Big Beautiful Bill

Est. Number of People Losing Affordable Care Act Coverage	Est. Number of People Losing Medicaid Coverage	Est. Total Number of People Losing Insurance
2,300	24,215	26,515

[Joint Economic Committee Minority, [September 2025](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was “The Biggest Rollback In Federal Support For Health Coverage Ever,” Cutting \$1 Trillion From Medicaid

KFF Executive Vice President For Health Policy Larry Levitt: The Big Beautiful Bill Was “The Biggest Rollback In Federal Support For Health Coverage Ever.” “The ‘one big beautiful bill’ that was just passed by the Senate has not been framed as a health reform plan. But make no mistake: This Republican policy bill is effectively a partial repeal of the Affordable Care Act to help pay for tax cuts, and should it reach President Trump’s desk, it would represent the biggest rollback in federal support for health coverage ever. A preliminary estimate from the Congressional Budget Office projects that the bill would reduce federal spending for Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act’s provisions by more than \$1 trillion over a decade, resulting in nearly 12 million more people becoming uninsured by 2034.” [New York Times, KFF Executive Vice President for Health Policy Larry Levitt Op-Ed, [7/1/25](#)]

Washington Post: The One Big Beautiful Bill Slashed “About \$1 Trillion From Medicaid — The Largest Cut In The Program’s History.” “Congress has signed off on a \$3.4 trillion legislative package featuring new tax breaks, spending cuts, and more funding for defense and immigration enforcement, delivering President Donald Trump his ‘big, beautiful bill’ despite rumblings from fiscal hawks about the projected \$4 trillion it could add to the national debt over the next decade. [...] The bill slashes about \$1 trillion from Medicaid — the largest cut in the program’s history — and at least 17 million Americans are projected to lose health coverage or insurance subsidies that make coverage affordable, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.” [Washington Post, [7/3/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Cut More Than \$55 Million In Revenue To Hospitals In OR-05

Under The One Big Beautiful Bill, Hospitals In OR-05 Were Projected To Lose More Than \$55,000,000 As A Result Of Medicaid Cuts. [Third Way, GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide, [7/8/25](#)]

Projected Cuts To OR-05 Hospital Revenue From Medicaid Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill				
Hospital Name	Address	Zip Code	City	Projected Cut to Hospital Revenue
Providence Willamette Falls Med Ctr	1500 Division Street	97045	Oregon City	\$6,007,340.16
Providence Milwaukie Hospital	10150 S.E. 32nd Avenue	97222	Milwaukie	\$4,138,158.32
Samaritan Albany General Hospital	1046 Sixth Avenue Sw	97321	Albany	\$7,000,446.11
Samaritan Lebanon Comm Hospital	525 North Santiam Highway	97355	Lebanon	\$6,108,103.18
Silverton Hospital	342 Fairview Street	97381	Silverton	\$6,736,425.22
Santiam Memorial Hospital	1401 North 10th Ave	97383	Stayton	\$2,408,909.66
St Charles Medical Center	2500 Ne Neff Road	97701	Bend	\$22,808,257.87
TOTAL:				\$55,207,640.51

[Third Way, GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide, [7/8/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest SNAP Cuts In History, Threatening Food Assistance For More Than 36,000 Households In OR-05

Center For American Progress: The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest SNAP Cut In The Program's History

Center For American Progress: “The Senate Has Released Its Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Which Would Enact The Largest Cut To The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In The Program's History According To Center For American Progress Estimates.” “The Senate has released its version of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which would enact the largest cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the program's history according to Center for American Progress estimates. Despite the proposal cutting less than the House-passed version's nearly \$300 billion in cuts, it is even more extreme than the House version in some key aspects. Moreover, this legislation comes at a time when food insecurity is rising across all 50 states, reaching levels not seen since 2014.” [Center for American Progress, [6/26/25](#)]

- **Axios: “The Bill Would Reduce Nutrition Funding, Which Includes SNAP, By Around \$186 Billion Between 2025 And 2034.”** “By the numbers: The bill would reduce nutrition funding, which includes SNAP, by around \$186 billion between 2025 and 2034. While analyst's projections have fluctuated as the legislation's provisions are tweaked, analysts have indicated millions of people could be cut from SNAP under the work requirement provisions.” [Axios, [7/3/25](#)]
- **CBPP Headline: “House Reconciliation Bill Proposes Deepest SNAP Cut In History, Would Take Food Assistance Away From Millions of Low-Income Families.”** [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [5/28/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Cut SNAP By Around \$186 Billion. “President Trump's massive tax and spending bill, which is advancing through the House after surviving its Republican push through the Senate, would slash food benefits for thousands. The big picture: It would mark a historic cut to the social safety net that Republicans claim weeds out waste, fraud and abuse — but experts say the restructuring of assistance programs could leave more people hungry and uninsured. [...] By the numbers: The bill would reduce nutrition funding, which includes SNAP, by around \$186 billion between 2025 and 2034.” [Axios, [7/3/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Risked Food Assistance For More Than 36,000 Households In OR-05

According To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture, 36,249 Households Participated In Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In OR-05. [USDA, accessed [4/23/26](#)]

Who Receives SNAP?

SNAP provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budgets of low-income families so they can purchase healthy food.

In OR District 5, SNAP serves...

36,249

HOUSEHOLDS

[USDA, accessed [4/23/26](#)]

Adair Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill's Billions In Tax Breaks To The Ultra-Wealthy At The Expense Of Working Americans

October 2017: Adair Supported Trump's Corporate Tax Cuts That Mostly Benefited “Already Wealthy Individuals”

October 2017: Adair Supported Trump's Corporate Tax Cuts. Adair quote-tweeted a post from The Heritage Foundation that linked to an article from the Washington Times advocating in favor of Trump's corporate tax cuts. "Time for a tax cut. Working Americans deserve to keep more of their hard earned \$\$\$." [Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [10/4/17](#)]



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Heritage Foundation @Heritage · Oct 4, 2017

A tax cut for all Americans: Trimming corporate taxes puts more money in workers' pockets. @EdFeulner bit.ly/2xHBXOP

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[Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [10/4/17](#)]

2017: Washington Post: Trump Passed A "Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy" And "A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations." "A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations 'A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses' tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation's largest companies.'" [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

Trump's Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Slashed Corporate Tax Rates From 35% To 21%. "The TCJA slashed the corporate rate by 40 percent, from 35 percent to 21 percent. But the falloff in corporate revenue has been even sharper than expected." [Center for American Progress, [12/19/19](#)]

Center For American Progress: The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act's Large Corporate Tax Windfalls Mostly Went Toward "Lining The Pockets Of Already Wealthy Individuals." "So far, the large corporate tax windfalls have gone mostly toward lining the pockets of already wealthy individuals, and there is little evidence that middle- and working-class families will see real benefits." [Center for American Progress, [12/19/19](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Extended Trump's 2017 Tax Cuts And Granted More Than \$1.5 Trillion In Tax Cuts To The Wealthiest Americans

Center For American Progress: In Addition To Extending The 2017 Tax Breaks, The One Big Beautiful Bill Added "Additional Loopholes" That Skewed The Tax Code Even More In Favor Of The Ultrawealthy. "The One Big Beautiful Bill Act would issue the largest transfer of wealth from working-class Americans to the ultrawealthy in the nation's history. [...] Not only does this proposal extend the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act's tax breaks for the wealthy, but it also adds additional loopholes that skew the tax code even more in favor of the ultrawealthy. Polling demonstrates that Republican voters oppose the bill when they learn that the tax cuts overwhelmingly benefit those who are already rich." [Center for American Progress, [6/13/25](#)]

Center For American Progress: The One Big Beautiful Bill Gave Millionaires A Larger Tax Cut Than The Bottom Half Of Americans Combined—With More Than \$1.5 Trillion In Tax Cuts Going To The Top 5 Percent. "The One Big Beautiful Bill Act would issue the largest transfer of wealth from working-class Americans to the ultrawealthy in the nation's history. To do so, House Republicans are proposing to cut programs that are essential to people, especially in states that voted for Trump in the last election, in order to pay for tax cuts for the

wealthiest Americans. Under this proposal, millionaires would see a larger tax cut than the bottom half of Americans combined—with more than \$1.5 trillion in tax cuts going to the top 5 percent. In total, households that make at least \$1 million per year would receive roughly twice as much in tax breaks as the bottom 50 percent of the nation combined. Roughly 57 million households in the bottom 60 percent would see a tax increase or a negligible tax change (\$100 in either direction) under the House Republican proposal. Not only does this proposal extend the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act's tax breaks for the wealthy, but it also adds additional loopholes that skew the tax code even more in favor of the ultrawealthy.” [Center for American Progress, [6/13/25](#)]

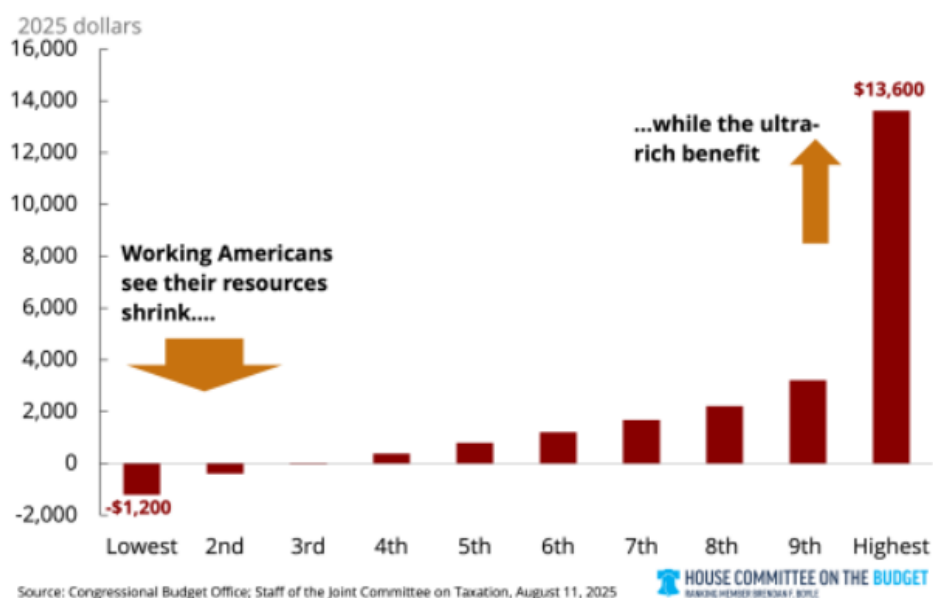
CNN: Under The One Big Beautiful Bill, “Low-Income Americans Will Feel The Effect Of Changes To Aid Programs, While The Wealthy Will See Most Of The Windfall From Tax Cuts”

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: The House-Passed Reconciliation Bill Would Give The Richest 1% Of Americans \$117 Billion In Net Tax Cuts In 2026. “The House of Representatives today narrowly passed a massive tax and spending reconciliation bill that now heads to President Trump’s desk. Please see below for a statement from ITEP and our latest updated analysis of how the bill’s tax provisions will affect families at different income levels nationally and in every state. [...] The richest 1 percent of Americans would receive a total of \$117 billion in net tax cuts in 2026. The middle 20 percent of taxpayers on the income scale, a group that has 20 times the number of taxpayers as the richest 1 percent, would receive less than half that much, \$53 billion in net tax cuts that year.” [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [7/3/24](#)]

CNN: “Low-Income Americans Will Feel The Effect Of Changes To Aid Programs, While The Wealthy Will See Most Of The Windfall From Tax Cuts, According To Multiple Assessments.” “It took intense lobbying from President Donald Trump, an all-nighter, and a vote on a bill for which many people did not yet have a clear grasp of the final changes, but House Republicans got it done this week. They passed their version of the ‘one big, beautiful bill,’ a behemoth that pairs tax cuts with new provisions that will push people off Medicaid and food assistance. Low-income Americans will feel the effect of changes to aid programs, while the wealthy will see most of the windfall from tax cuts, according to multiple assessments.” [CNN, [5/24/25](#)]

House Committee On The Budget Minority: “Everyone In The Bottom Twenty Percent Of The Income Distribution, Or Those Making Less Than \$43,000 A Year, Will See A Net Decline In Household Resources.” “CBO analyzed the combined effects of the tax policies and spending reductions and found that working families will experience a net loss in household resources, while the ultra-rich will get richer. Specifically: Families already struggling to make ends meet lose the most. Households in the lowest income decile, making \$24,000 a year or less, lose about \$1,200 every year, mostly due to deep cuts to Medicaid and food assistance. That amounts to over 3 percent of their total income, a devastating hit for people who can afford it the least. Everyone in the bottom twenty percent of the income distribution, or those making less than \$43,000 a year, will see a net decline in household resources. Middle-class families get next to nothing. For those in the 5th and 6th decile, or the middle of the distribution, they will experience a resource gain of only 0.8 to 1 percent. That is barely enough to keep up with rising costs due to President Trump's reckless actions. The ultra-rich get a windfall. Families making over \$700,000 a year will see a \$13,600 boost, almost entirely from tax cuts. That figure does not even count the massive estate tax giveaways for the ultra-rich.” [House Committee On The Budget Minority, [8/11/25](#)]

Average Annual Change in Household Resources, 2026-2034



[House Committee On The Budget Minority, [8/11/25](#)]

The Hill: “The Republicans’ ‘Big, Beautiful Bill’ Will Make The Poorest Americans Even Poorer, While Padding The Wallets Of The Highest Earners The Most, According To An Analysis Released Monday By Congress’s Budget Arm.” “The Republicans’ ‘big, beautiful bill’ will make the poorest Americans even poorer, while padding the wallets of the highest earners the most, according to an analysis released Monday by Congress’s budget arm. The assessment, conducted by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) at the request of top Democrats, found that the top 10 percent of earners in the country will see an average boost of \$13,600 per year over the next decade as a direct result of provisions in the law, while the bottom 10 percent will see an average annual decrease of \$1,200. The report challenges the arguments made by President Trump and other Republicans that the massive domestic policy package would benefit workers at all levels of wealth and income. And it’s given fuel to the attacks from Democrats that the legislation was, all along, designed to help the wealthiest people at the expense of the working poor.” [The Hill, [8/11/25](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “Budget Office Says GOP’s ‘Big, Beautiful Bill’ Will Make Rich Richer, Poor Poorer.”** [Hill, [8/11/25](#)]

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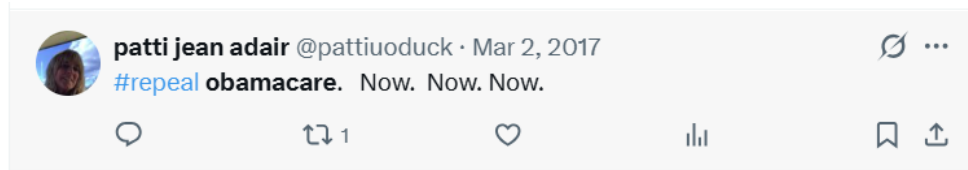
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American Journal News: “Adair Previously Called For Eliminating Obamacare Entirely.” “Adair previously called for eliminating Obamacare entirely. She wrote in a 2017 X post, ‘#repeal Obamacare. Now. Now. Now.’ The spending cuts in OBBA go far beyond health care. The law also slashes \$186 billion from SNAP, the program that helps more than 42 million Americans buy groceries.” [American Journal News, [5/12/26](#)]

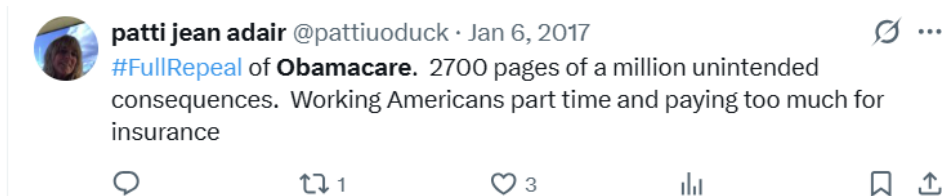
Headline: “Republican Patti Adair Endorsed Cutting Medicaid, Repealing Obamacare.” [American Journal News, [5/12/26](#)]

March 2017: Adair Tweeted: “#Repeal Obamacare. Now. Now. Now.” “#repeal obamacare. Now. Now. Now.” [Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [3/2/17](#)]



[Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [3/2/17](#)]

January 2017: Adair Tweeted: #Fullrepeal Of Obamacare. 2700 Pages Of A Million Unintended Consequences.” “#FullRepeal of Obamacare. 2700 pages of a million unintended consequences. Working Americans part time and paying too much for insurance.” [Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [1/6/17](#)]



[Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [1/6/17](#)]

2017: Adair Said Repealing The Affordable Care Act Had To Be A Priority For Congress And Criticized House Republican Reform Efforts For Not Going Far Enough

January 2017: Adair Said “Removing Obamacare Has To Be A Priority” For Congress. “Removing Obamacare has to be priority. Part-time jobs do not provide our American family's security.” [Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [1/3/17](#)]



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Removing **Obamacare** has to be priority. Part-time jobs do not provide our American family's security.



Archive: Rep. Greg Walden @repgregwalden · Jan 3, 2017

Excited to kick off the new session of Congress today & looking forward to reforming government & increasing job growth in Oregon & America



[Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [1/3/17](#)]

Adair Tweeted: “#Fullrepeal This Is Still Obamacare.” In Response To House Republican’s Proposed Affordable Care Act Replacement Bill. Adair quote-tweeted a video from Fox Business captioned “House Budget Committee approves ObamaCare replacement bill” with “#Fullrepeal This is still Obamacare.” [Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [3/16/17](#)]



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FOX Business @FoxBusiness · Mar 16, 2017

House Budget Committee approves ObamaCare replacement bill.
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[Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [3/16/17](#)]

2025: Repealing The ACA Threatened The Coverage Of More Than 28,000 Individuals In OR-05 On Marketplace Plans

2025: More Than 28,000 Individuals In OR-05 Were Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans. [KFF, [10/3/25](#)]

Number Of OR-05 Residents Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans In 2025	
District	ACA Marketplace Enrollees
OR-05	28,495

[KFF, [10/3/25](#)]

Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would End Coverage Protections For 701,000 Oregon Residents With Pre-Existing Conditions

2014: The Affordable Care Act Barred Insurance Companies From Denying Coverage Or Charging Higher Premiums To People With Pre-Existing Conditions

NPR: Before The Affordable Care Act, It Was Legal For Health Insurers To Deny Coverage To People With Pre-Existing Conditions. “A ‘preexisting condition’ refers to any health issue someone has before they sign up for a health insurance policy — from high blood pressure to pregnancy to allergies. Before the Affordable Care Act, it was perfectly legal for health insurers to deny coverage to people with such conditions. An estimate from the Kaiser Family Foundation suggests that about 54 million people have conditions that — without legal protections — could prompt health insurers to deny them policies. Polls show this is one of the most popular provisions of the law, across the political spectrum.” [NPR, [10/27/20](#)]

January 2014: ACA Regulations Preventing Insurance Companies From Refusing To Cover Costs Related To Pre-Existing Conditions Went Into Effect. “Insurers pursue multiple strategies to reduce the cost of covering enrollees with pre-existing conditions, or medical conditions and health problems that existed before the individual

enrolled in a health plan. One strategy, the pre-existing condition exclusion, allows insurers to refuse to cover any costs associated with care for a pre-existing condition permanently or over a period of time. Beginning January 1, 2014, insurers in the individual and group markets will be prohibited from imposing pre-existing condition exclusions under the Affordable Care Act. This new fact sheet provides an overview of how pre-existing condition exclusions are regulated under current law, and how the ACA will change those regulations in 2014, enabling consumers to access necessary benefits and services beginning from their first day of coverage.” [KFF, [10/8/12](#)]

2014: The Affordable Care Act Barred Insurers From Charging People With Pre-Existing Conditions Higher Premiums. “Beginning in 2014, the ACA barred insurers in the individual market from charging people higher premiums because of their health status or health conditions. Insurers can only adjust an individual’s premium by specific factors: age (within limits), geographic area, and tobacco use (also within limits). Before the ACA, people in the individual market frequently paid much higher premiums if they had pre-existing conditions. Often, a ‘standard’ premium rate would be established for a particular insurance product, and people could be charged a higher premium (‘rated up’) if they had health conditions or get a reduced premium (‘rated down’) if they were healthy.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [10/5/20](#)]

2019: 701,000 Oregon Residents Had Declinable Pre-Existing Conditions If The Affordable Care Act Were Repealed

2019: KFF Estimated 701,000 Non-Elderly Oregon Residents, Or 28% Of The Non-Elderly Population, Had Declinable Pre-Existing Conditions. [KFF, [10/4/19](#)]

- **KFF Used Data From The National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) To Approximate The Underwriting Processes Carried Out By Insurers And Calculate A Conservative Estimate Of The Number Of People Who Would Have Been Denied Coverage.** “We used data from the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) to estimate that 27% of nonelderly adults had a declinable health condition in 2018, the same percentage that we found in our earlier analysis for 2015. The NHIS has a number of questions about whether the respondent has ever been diagnosed with a number of the health conditions that would have been declinable in the pre-ACA non-group market. While we cannot duplicate the underwriting processes carried out by insurers, we feel that our approach is reasonable and may be conservative because the NHIS does not contain information about all of the conditions (e.g., AIDS/HIV) used by insurers and does not provide information on prescriptions that insurers also used to decline applicants for coverage.” [KFF, [10/4/19](#)]

2020: Center For American Progress: If The ACA Were Repealed, 372,000 People In Oregon Would Lose Their Health Coverage, Raising The State’s Uninsured Rate Among The Non-Elderly From 9.1 Percent To 20.3 Percent. “A ruling that invalidates the ACA or eliminates core features of the law would have a devastating effect on American families. Select your state from the drop-down list below to see some of the harms that would result from ACA repeal. [...] 372,000 people in Oregon would lose coverage, raising the state's uninsured rate among the nonelderly population from 9.1 percent to 20.3 percent.” [Center for American Progress, [3/2/20](#)]

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USA Today: ACA Repeal Would Likely Mean “All Consumers Would Take A Huge Financial Hit” Since “Insurers Would Probably Recoup Their Losses By Charging Higher Premiums.” “Republicans may not agree with President Obama's State of the Union call to drop the idea of repealing the Affordable Care Act, but health experts say the law has taken such hold that it may be impossible to get rid of it. The consequences of repeal, health care officials and industry analysts say, go beyond the fact that 9 million people would suddenly lose their insurance or that anyone with a pre-existing condition would either lose insurance or pay much higher premiums. All consumers would take a huge financial hit, because health care costs would continue to rise, and insurers would probably recoup their losses by charging higher premiums.” [USA Today, [2/1/14](#)]

AARP: If The Affordable Care Act Were Fully Repealed, The Health Care Market Would Return To When “Insurance Companies Routinely Charged Older People Much Higher Amounts Than Younger People For The Same Coverage.” “Prior to enactment of the ACA, many older adults ages 50–64 who were not old enough to be eligible for Medicare but who did not have coverage through an employer had difficulty obtaining health insurance coverage on their own in the individual market. If coverage was available, older adults were often charged much higher premiums due to their age or a preexisting condition, making it unaffordable and out of reach. [...] Consequently, insurance companies routinely charged older people much higher amounts than younger people for the same coverage in the individual health insurance market.” [AARP, [1/2017](#)]

- **The ACA Prevented Insurers From Charging Older Customers More Than Three Times What They Charge Younger Adults.** “Raises premiums for older people. The Affordable Care Act limited insurers from charging older customers more than three times what they charge younger adults. The House bill would raise that to five times. This may enable younger consumers to find cheaper coverage, but older policyholders would face higher rates.” [Huffington Post, [3/6/17](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would End The Guarantee That People Under 26 Can Stay On Their Parents’ Health Insurance, Which Cut The Uninsured Rate For Young Adults In Half After The ACA’s Implementation. “Repealing the ACA could have devastating consequences for young adults. Prior to the ACA, young adults were uninsured at a higher rate than any other age group. However, thanks to the ACA’s various coverage provisions, the young adult uninsured rate has been cut in half since 2010. One of the law’s most popular components allows young people to stay on a parent’s health plan until they are 26. This dependent coverage provision has helped millions of young people gain access to health insurance during a volatile age range when many are pursuing higher education; beginning their careers; or working in part-time or contract jobs that do not offer benefits. It has also helped young adults secure more comprehensive coverage than many were previously able to access through student health plans available prior to the ACA. The law made important strides in boosting the quality of these policies by requiring that they cover preexisting conditions; banning annual and lifetime limits; and providing preventive care at no out-of-pocket cost.” [Center for American Progress, [10/1/20](#)]

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November 2025: Adair Retweeted A Post Opposing The Extension Of Affordable Care Act Advanced Premium Tax Credits. Adair retweeted a post from Senator Roger Marshall that read: “Republicans will have a healthcare bill by December that puts the American patient first again. And we will not be sending \$150 billion subsidies to insurance companies anymore.” [Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [11/10/25](#)]



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January 2026: Affordable Care Act Advanced Premium Tax Credits Expired After Republicans Failed To Extend Them In The One Big Beautiful Bill

January 2026: Affordable Care Act Enhanced Premium Tax Credits Expired. “The Affordable Care Act (ACA) enhanced premium tax credits expired on January 1st, 2026, causing premium payments to increase significantly for many Americans enrolled in ACA exchange plans. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projected that a permanent extension of the enhanced tax credits would increase the number of people with health insurance by 3.8 million in 2035. Without the extension, the CBO anticipated insurers on the individual market would raise rates with the expectation that some healthier people would drop coverage rather than pay a significantly higher monthly amount. The total number of people who have enrolled in the ACA Marketplaces and paid for at minimum one month of coverage won’t be available until the summer of 2026.” [Peterson-KFF Health System Tracker, [1/14/26](#)]

July 2025: The One Big Beautiful Bill Failed To Extend Enhanced Premium Tax Credits For ACA Marketplace Plans. “The OBBBA did not extend enhanced premium tax credits for ACA marketplace plans. As a result, when open enrollment begins on November 1, 2025, 20 million marketplace enrollees will see their premium costs spike.” [Center for American Progress, [7/29/25](#)]

Insurers That Participated In The ACA Marketplaces Raised Premiums In Response To The Expiration Of Advanced Premium Tax Credits, Driving Up Health Care Costs By Nearly 300% For Some Households In OR-05

Peterson-KFF Health System Tracker: Insurers That Participated In The ACA Marketplaces Raised Premiums On Average By 20% In 2026. “For 2026, across 312 insurers participating in the ACA Marketplaces from the 50 states and the District of Columbia, this analysis shows a median proposed premium increase of 18%, which is about 11 percentage points higher than last year. This is the largest rate change insurers have requested since 2018, the last time that policy uncertainty contributed to sharp premium increases. On average, ACA Marketplace insurers are raising premiums by about 20% in 2026. Based on a more detailed analysis of available

documents from insurers in 19 states and the District of Columbia, like in prior years, growth in health care prices stood out as a key factor driving costs in 2026. Insurers cite increasing cost and utilization of high-priced drugs as well as general market factors, such as increasing labor costs and inflation, as contributing to premium increases.” [Peterson-KFF Health System Tracker, [8/6/25](#)]

- **The Majority Of Insurers Assumed Enhanced Tax Credits Would Expire At The End Of 2025, Which Caused Them To Raise Their Rates By An Average Of 4%.** “Uncertainty over federal policy changes has forced insurers to make some assumptions when developing their rates for 2026. Commonly mentioned by insurers is the impact of the expiration of enhanced premium tax credits, which are scheduled to sunset at the end of 2025, unless extended by Congress. The majority of insurers have assumed that enhanced tax credits will expire at the end of this year, driving rates an average of 4 percentage points higher than they otherwise would be. These increased rates are due to insurers anticipating that some healthier members will leave the ACA Marketplaces when their subsidies decrease, creating an enrollee base that is less healthy and more expensive on average.” [Health System Tracker, [8/6/25](#)]

2026: KFF: Without Affordable Care Act Advanced Premium Tax Credits, A 60-Year Old Couple Making \$85,000 In OR-05 Saw Their Monthly Premiums Rise By 293%, Or \$1,767. [KFF, [10/9/25](#)]

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department. ‘The context is that we are at a crossroads year,’ Chang told The Bulletin. ‘From this point forward, our reserves are steadily being drawn down, (and) we have huge capital construction needs coming up in the next few years. Looking at our assessed rate is one of the ways the county is able to provide services to a growing community.’ Fellow Commissioner Patti Adair also voted in favor of the increase. When asked why, Adair said in an interview she was concerned about increasing costs for capital projects like the courthouse. She also said she was concerned about raising taxes on residents when inflation is so high.” [Bend Bulletin, [5/29/22](#)]

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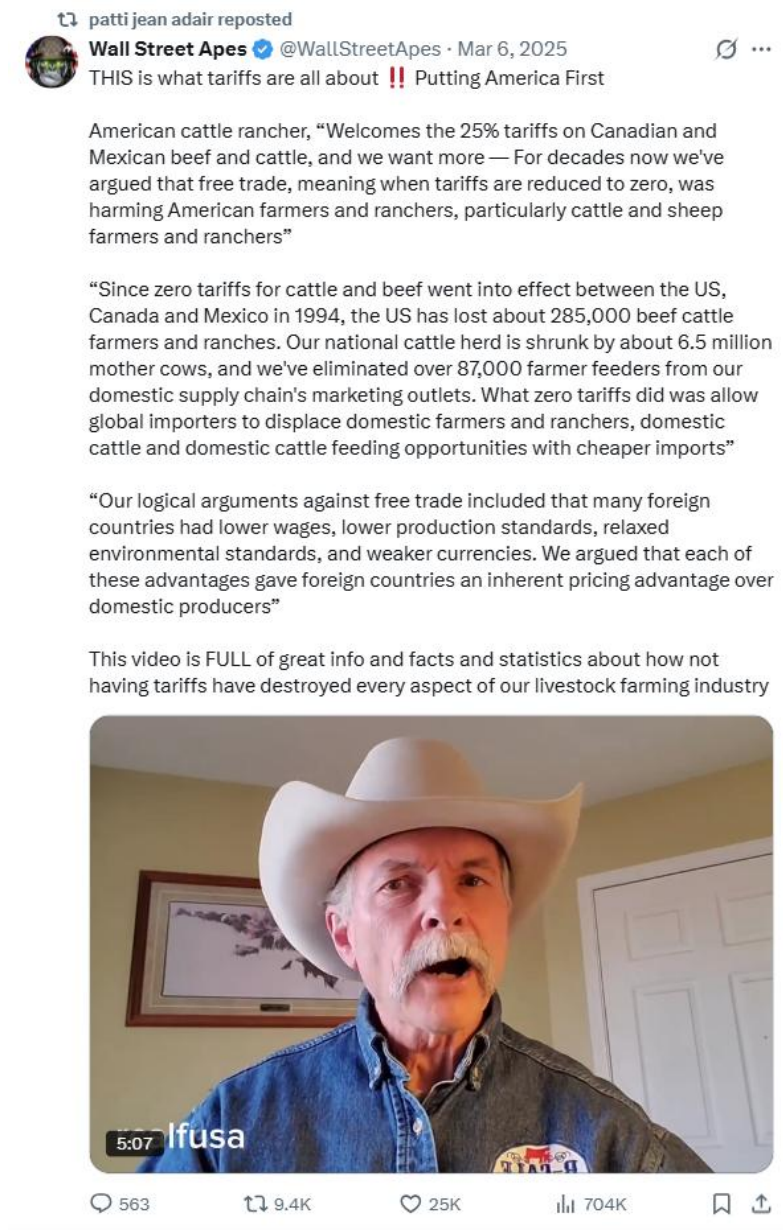
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Adair Expressed Support For Trump’s Tariffs On Twitter

March 2025: Adair Retweeted A Post Supporting Trump’s Tariffs. “THIS is what tariffs are all about !! Putting America First American cattle rancher, ‘Welcomes the 25% tariffs on Canadian and Mexican beef and cattle, and we want more — For decades now we've argued that free trade, meaning when tariffs are reduced to zero, was harming American farmers and ranchers, particularly cattle and sheep farmers and ranchers’ ‘Since zero tariffs for cattle and beef went into effect between the US, Canada and Mexico in 1994, the US has lost about 285,000 beef cattle farmers and ranches. Our national cattle herd is shrunk by about 6.5 million mother cows, and we've eliminated over 87,000 farmer feeders from our domestic supply chain's marketing outlets. What zero tariffs did was allow global importers to displace domestic farmers and ranchers, domestic cattle and domestic cattle feeding opportunities with cheaper imports’ ‘Our logical arguments against free trade included that many foreign countries had lower wages, lower production standards, relaxed environmental standards, and weaker currencies. We argued

that each of these advantages gave foreign countries an inherent pricing advantage over domestic producers’ This video is FULL of great info and facts and statistics about how not having tariffs have destroyed every aspect of our livestock farming industry.” [Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [3/6/25](#)]



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April 2025: Adair Retweeted A Post That Argued That Not Being Able To Purchase Goods From China Was “Blessing” And Said “I Think This Version Of A Reset May Be The Best Thing That Has Happened To Americans In A Very Long Time.” “You know, maybe not being able to buy another Chinese TV, phone, child labor clothing, or plastic crap toy is a blessing. Maybe people will adjust how they spend their personal time and money by turning inwards to self-sufficiency? Grow a garden, mend your clothes, kids playing outside, talk to your neighbors. I think this version of a reset may be the best thing that has happened to Americans in a very long time.” [Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [4/28/25](#)]



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- **January 2025-February 2026: Trump’s Tariffs Cost Americans An Average Of More Than \$1,700 Per Family.** “Following the Supreme Court’s decision today to overturn Trump’s tariffs, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority released an updated report estimating that American families have already paid more than \$1,700 each in tariff costs since President Trump took office. Combining Treasury Department data on the amount of tariff revenue collected across the first year of Trump’s term with independent estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office of the percent of each tariff dollar that is paid by American consumers, the Committee found that they paid more than \$231 billion in total tariff costs between February 2025 and January 2026, an average of more than \$1,700 per family.” [Joint Economic Committee Minority, [2/26/26](#)]

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The Tax Foundation, A Nonpartisan Organization, Described Trump’s Tariffs As “The Largest U.S. Tax Increase As A Percent Of GDP Since 1993.” “President Donald Trump's tariffs cost the average American household \$1,000 last year, according to new research from the nonpartisan Tax Foundation...The research called Trump's tariffs ‘the largest U.S. tax increase as a percent of GDP since 1993.’ It suggests the president's signature economic policy is exacerbating cost of living concerns at a time when many households are grappling with persistently high prices. According to the research think tank Tax Foundation, the federal government collected \$264 billion in total tariff revenues in 2025 -- far short of the trillions regularly touted by the White House. The research also finds the tariffs will offset most of the economic benefits of the new tax cuts from Trump's signature tax law that took effect this year.” [ABC News, [2/9/26](#)]

- **Tax Foundation: “Tariffs Are Taxes That Raise Prices And Reduce Available Quantities Of Goods And Services For US Businesses And Consumers, Resulting In Lower Income, Reduced Employment, And Lower Economic Output.”** “The Trump tariffs amount to an average tax increase per US household of \$1,200 in 2025 and \$1,600 in 2026. Under the tariffs imposed and scheduled as of November 1 the weighted average applied tariff rate on all imports rises to 18.2 percent, and the average effective tariff rate, reflecting behavioral responses, rises to 13.1 percent—the highest average rate since 1941. The Trump tariffs are the largest US tax increase as a percent of GDP (0.54 percent for 2025) since 1993, surpassing the tax increases enacted under President Barack Obama and President George H.W. Bush. Trump’s imposed tariffs will raise \$2.4 trillion in revenue over the next decade on a conventional basis and reduce US GDP by 0.6 percent, all before foreign retaliation. Accounting for negative economic effects, the revenue raised by the tariffs falls to \$1.8 trillion over the next decade. The Trump tariffs threaten to offset much of the economic benefits of the new tax cuts, while falling short of paying for them. [...] Historical evidence and recent studies show that tariffs are taxes that raise prices and reduce available quantities of goods and services for US businesses and consumers, resulting in lower income, reduced employment, and lower economic output.” [Tax Foundation, [10/31/25](#)]

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Trump’s Tariffs Raised The Cost Of Groceries And Household Goods

September 2025: Axios Headline: “Grocery Inflation Highest Since 2022 As Trump Tariffs Pile Up.” [Axios, [9/11/25](#)]

- **Trump’s Tariffs Contributed To Prices Rising For Groceries.** “President Donald Trump pledged to bring down grocery costs. But his administration’s policies are contributing to an acceleration in prices, food economists and companies say. Grocery prices last month rose at their fastest pace in three years, stoked by Trump’s tariffs, a crackdown on immigration, and extreme weather hurting food production. Prices jumped 0.6% in August from the month prior, according to the latest reading from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and they are up 2.7% from a year ago. Food prices are deeply personal to consumers, and weekly grocery bills shape their overall perceptions of the economy. More than half of Americans count grocery costs as a major stress in their lives. Low-income and middle-income Americans, hit the hardest by rising grocery costs, are changing where they shop and what they buy. Companies are also taking extreme measures to appeal to shoppers strained by higher prices, such as bringing back paper coupons.” [CNN, [9/20/25](#)]

HEADLINE: “The Maker Of Tide And Charmin Said It Will Raise Prices In Part Because Of Tariffs.” [CNN, [7/29/25](#)]

Proctor & Gamble, Maker Of Household Staples Including Detergent And Toilet Paper Raised Prices Because Of Donald Trump's Tariffs. "Procter & Gamble, the maker of several household staples including Tide detergent and Charmin toilet paper, is hiking prices because of President Donald Trump's tariffs." [CNN, [7/29/25](#)]

September 2025: Trump's Tariffs On Drug Imports Could Raise Prices For Americans

Trump's Tariffs On Drug Product Imports Could Raise Prices For Americans. "Analysts are already warning that U.S. consumers could see higher prices due to new tariffs President Donald Trump plans to impose on drug product imports as soon as next week. But a series of exemptions may blunt the ultimate impact. In a Truth Social post late Thursday, Trump said that any branded or patented pharmaceutical products brought into the U.S. would face a 100% tariff starting Oct. 1." [NBC News, [9/26/25](#)]

Trump's Tariffs Spiked Car Prices

Kelley Blue Book: "President Trump Has Announced A 25% Tariff On All Cars Built Outside The United States And On Many Parts Used In Cars Built Here. [...] Shoppers Can Expect The Tariffs To Increase Car Prices By As Much As \$6,000 On Vehicles Priced Under \$40,000." "President Trump has announced a 25% tariff on all cars built outside the United States and on many parts used in cars built here. See our latest news updates below on where tariffs stand. Effective Dates: Imported Cars: Tariffs began on April 3. Car Parts: Tariffs began on May 3. These tariffs have started to increase car prices. To save money, consider locking in a new car deal before any potential price increases take effect. Can You Avoid a Car Tariff? No vehicle made at an assembly plant in the United States is 100% made here. Even Tesla sources its parts from other countries. This means that with tariffs, car prices will increase for American car buyers, though the timing remains unclear. You can potentially avoid paying a tariff on a new car by purchasing one that was imported to the U.S. before the tariffs took effect, or by buying a used car. How Will Tariffs Affect Car Buying? If new cars become too expensive, used cars will become more attractive. However, if demand spikes, used car prices may also increase. Here's more information: New cars: Shoppers can expect the tariffs to increase car prices by as much as \$6,000 on vehicles priced under \$40,000. Higher car prices mean higher car taxes, financing, car insurance, and other ownership costs. This price pressure will make cars less affordable for consumers." [Kelley Blue Book, [9/15/25](#)]

Trump's Tariffs Worsened Inflation

Reuters Headline: "Powell Says Tariffs Keeping Inflation Elevated, Fed Watching Energy Prices Closely." [Reuters, [3/18/26](#)]

March 2026: Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell Estimated That "A Big Chunk Of" The Current High Inflation Rate "Is Actually Tariffs." "Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell on Wednesday described significant challenges in bringing inflation down, from persistent tariff-driven price hikes to Iran war-driven energy price hikes that the U.S. central bank may not be able to 'look through' as a transitory shock. Powell, speaking in a press conference after the end of the Fed's latest two-day policy meeting, said the central bank needs to see core inflation come down this year as the one-time impact of President Donald Trump's tariffs pass through the economy. Inflation, as measured by the Fed's preferred gauge, has remained well above the central bank's 2% target, at about 3%, and 'some big chunk of that, between a half and three-quarters is actually tariffs, so we're looking for progress on that,' Powell said." [Reuters, [3/18/26](#)]

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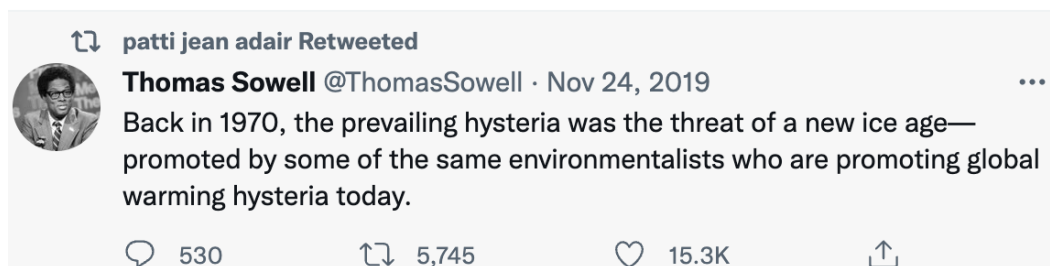
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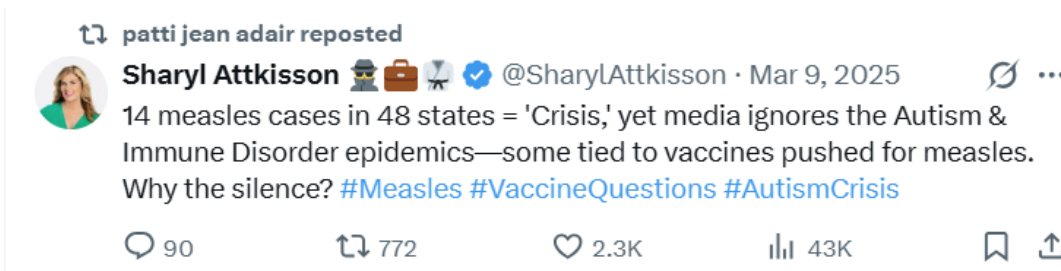
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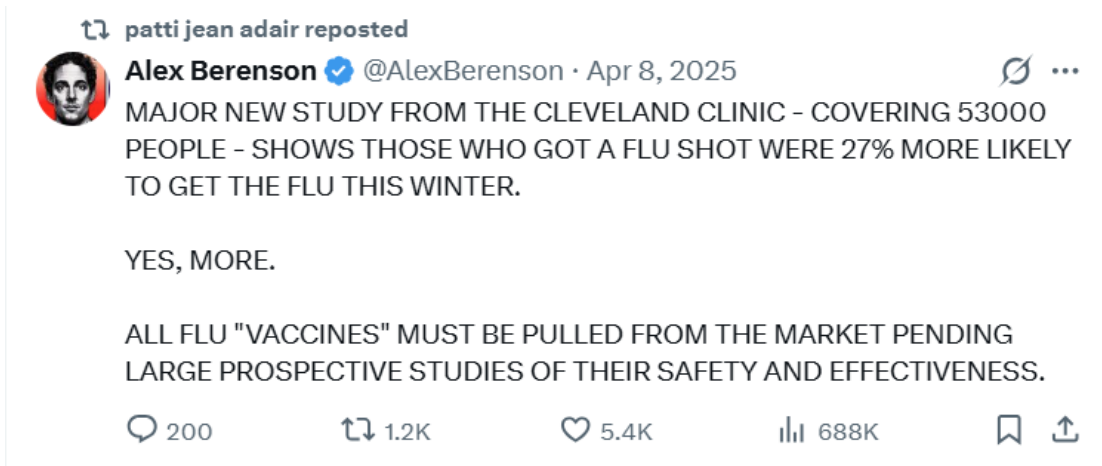
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2016: Adair Spread Conspiracy Theories About Barack Obama Being A Secret Muslim

July 2016: Adair Tweeted About Barack Obama Being Muslim. Adair Quote-Tweeted: “Remember what Obama said to George on ABC 2008. ‘My muslim faith’.” In response to a post that read “Photo of Obama in Muslim garb shows deep ties to faith, O'Reilly says via the @FoxNews App” and linked to a clip of The O'Reilly Factor. [Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [7/7/16](#)]



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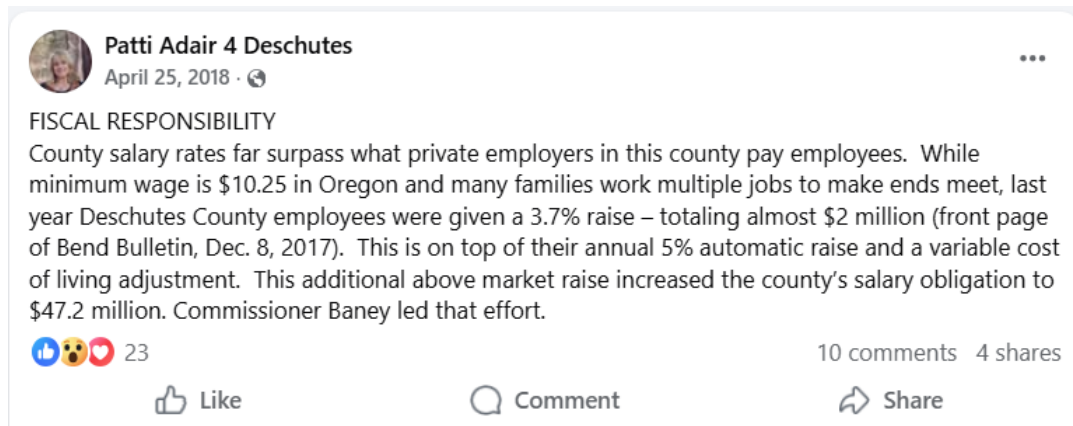
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2018: Adair Posted On Facebook Opposing Salary Increases For Deschutes County Staff

May 2018: Nugget Newspaper: Adair Criticized Incumbent County Commissioners For Raising The Pay Of County Staff. “Both Adair and Barbeau criticized the incumbent commissioners for raising the pay of county staff based on comparisons with districts that have a higher median income.” [Nugget Newspaper, [5/2/18](#)]

April 2018: Adair Criticized County Worker Salary Increases, Implying They Were Fiscally Irresponsible. “FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: County salary rates far surpass what private employers in this county pay employees. While minimum wage is \$10.25 in Oregon and many families work multiple jobs to make ends meet, last year Deschutes County employees were given a 3.7% raise – totaling almost \$2 million (front page of Bend Bulletin, Dec. 8, 2017). This is on top of their annual 5% automatic raise and a variable cost of living adjustment. This additional above market raise increased the county’s salary obligation to \$47.2 million. Commissioner Baney led that effort.” [Patti Adair 4 Deschutes, Facebook, [4/25/18](#)]



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January 2026: The Oregonian: “Despite Trump's Deep Unpopularity In The 5th District, Adair Says She Won't Disavow Her Strong Support For The President.” “Adair acknowledges she must make huge inroads in Clackamas County to win the seat and said she has not yet been endorsed by any key political figures there. She points to her record, which she said includes helping save a Bend city park, secure two additional circuit court judges for Deschutes County and push for greater access to mental health care. Despite Trump's deep unpopularity in the 5th District, Adair says she won't disavow her strong support for the president.” [The Oregonian, [1/25/26](#)]

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2016: Central Oregon Daily: Adair Was The Central Oregon Coordinator For The Trump Campaign. “Patti Adair, the Central Oregon coordinator for the Trump campaign, was in Washington, D.C. to witness the inauguration. Diane Dean spoke to her right after she left the ceremony on Friday. Adair says she will continue to work with President Trump's team in any way she can to advance his agenda in Central Oregon.” [Central Oregon Daily, [1/21/17](#)]

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2020-2021: Adair Repeatedly Spread Misinformation About The Results Of The 2020 Presidential Election And Later Attempted To Minimize Her Role In The Wake Of The January 6th Insurrection

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May 2024: Madras Farmer Phil Fine Said Piping Was Critical For Central Oregon Farmers To “Remain Relevant.” “With the lack of water in the basin and junior water holders, there's not a whole lot you can do in the immediate time frame,” said Madras farmer Phil Fine. Fine is a patron of the North Unit Irrigation District, which is now partnering with the Central Oregon Irrigation District and the Deschutes River Conservancy, which Fine serves as a board member, to generate support for piping water to farmers. “That whole plan hinges on piping up canals. And if we don't pipe the canals because of the water volume that's required by the North Unit, we'll have a hard time remaining relevant,” Fine said. Craig Horrell is the managing director for the Central Oregon Irrigation District. “The canals in Bend were meant to transfer water for irrigated ag. And right now, they're losing anywhere from 30% to 50% of water,” Horrell said Monday.” [KTVZ, [5/14/24](#)]

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Housing

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Islamophobia

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Marijuana

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Pay Equity

March 2025: Oregon Public Broadcasting Headline: "Deschutes County Pays \$150,000 Settlement Over Alleged Gender Discrimination." [Oregon Public Broadcasting, [3/20/25](#)]

- **March 2025: Deschutes County Settled A Pay Inequity And Gender Discrimination Claim By Deputy District Attorney Alison Filo For \$150,000.** "Deschutes County settled a pay inequity and gender discrimination claim for \$150,000 this month, according to records obtained by OPB. Deputy district attorney Alison Filo first reached out to the county's human resources department about issues she was seeing two years ago. She discovered the pay difference between her and her colleagues after District Attorney Steven Gunnels, who Filo praised, wanted to promote employee retention by examining how attorneys in the office were paid. 'I really believed that when I emailed (HR) in April of 2023, the response I was going to get was, 'Oh my gosh, we're so sorry. Let's get this fixed!'' Instead, Filo said, what happened was the most frustrating experience of her professional career as a prosecutor, which spans 25 years in California and then Deschutes County. Filo said Deschutes County promised a memo justifying the pay discrepancy, but she never received it. She set monthly alarms to email the HR department, seeking an answer, she said. It wasn't until she hired outside legal representation, she said, that the county became responsive." [Oregon Public Broadcasting, [3/20/25](#)]

Adair Voted To Eliminate The County's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion And Access Committee, Which Had Been Tasked With Addressing Pay Equity Issues For County Workers. "Deschutes County Commissioner Phil Chang brought up Filo's settlement Wednesday as the board discussed the recent dissolution of the county's diversity, equity, inclusion and access committee. Chang said that group was needed to address personnel issues inside the county like Filo had faced. Committee members had been slated to take up pay equity following a March 2024 audit that found pay disparity for workers of different genders and races. The county board's conservative majority voted to terminate the committee before that could happen. Commissioners Tony DeBone and Patti Adair have said staff retention and pay equity are issues that would live with the human resources department." [Oregon Public Broadcasting, [3/20/25](#)]

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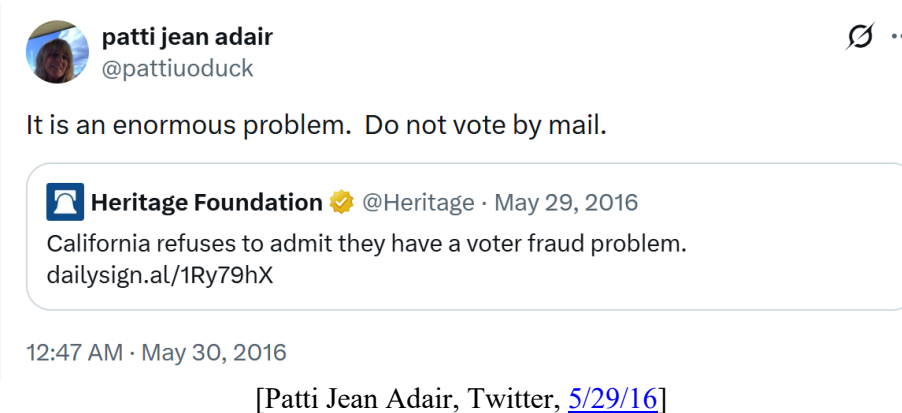
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Adair Opposed Voting By Mail And Uplifted Conspiracy Theories About Voter Fraud

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- **May 2016: Adair Quote Tweeted A Heritage Foundation Post Claiming California Had A “Voter Fraud Problem” With The Statement “It Is An Enormous Problem. Do Not Vote By Mail.”** Adair said “It is an enormous problem. Do not vote by mail.” In response to a Heritage Foundation Tweet that said “California refuses to admit they have a voter fraud problem.” [Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [5/29/16](#)]



- **May 2018: Adair Tweeted That Her Supporters Should Not Vote By Mail And Should Instead Drop Off Their Ballots.** “Do not mail your ballot. Please drop it off. Vote for Patti Adair. Deschutes County commissioner. Position 3.” [Patti Jean Adair, Twitter, [5/10/18](#)]



2026: Elections In Oregon Were Conducted Entirely By Mail. “In mostly mail elections, all registered voters are sent a ballot in the mail. The voter marks the ballot, puts it in a secrecy envelope or sleeve and then into a separate mailing envelope, signs an affidavit on the exterior of the mailing envelope, and returns the package via mail or by dropping it off. Ballots are mailed out well ahead of Election Day, so voters have an ‘election period,’ not just a single day, to vote. Mostly mail elections can be thought of as absentee voting for everyone. This system is also referred to as ‘vote by mail.’ Eight states and Washington, D.C., allow all elections to be conducted entirely by mail: California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Vermont and Washington state.” [National Conference of State Legislatures, [4/6/26](#)]