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San Antonio Report: De La Cruz's Campaign Was Not Active Before Republican Leaders "Swooped" In Before Early Voting With Endorsements. "Carlos De La Cruz is a retired Air Force veteran whose campaign wasn't particularly active before party leaders swooped in the day before early voting. Their endorsements came as a surprise to some Texas GOP leaders who saw the district as a natural fit for a different Republican, popular state Rep. John Lujan (R-San Antonio), who finished first in the March primary, but now trails De La Cruz is fundraising headed into the May 26 runoff." [San Antonio Report, 4/16/26]

De La Cruz Received Campaign Contributions From GOP Leaders Including Mike Johnson, Tom Emmer, And From Conservative PACs. "De La Cruz's report is chock full of checks from GOP leaders in Washington: U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana), Majority Whip Tom Emmer (R-Minnesota), and leadership PACs aligned with U.S. Rep. Jason Smith (R-Missouri) and Monica De La Cruz — who faces her own tough race this year. About a third of De La Cruz's haul came from conservative PACs, while a group aligned with AI industry leaders also spent for him in the primary." [San Antonio Report, 4/16/26]

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March 2026: De La Cruz Touted His Endorsement From Trump

VIDEO: March 2026: De La Cruz Said He Was "Honored" To Receive Trump's Endorsement. DE LA CRUZ: "Listen, I am honored to have received the endorsements from both our president, Donald Trump, as well as Veterans For America First." [Veterans For America First: The Vet Voice, 00:05, 3/7/26] (VIDEO)

CREW: Trump's Corruption Was Harming Everyday Americans

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CREW Headline: "How Trump's Corruption Is Harming Everyday Americans." [CREW, 8/26/26]

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VIDEO: February 2026: De La Cruz: "Now President Trump, We Are So Blessed To Have Him. He Is Saving America. He Has Given Us The Working Families Tax Cut Bill." DE LA CRUZ: "Now President Trump, we are so blessed to have him. He is saving America. He has given us the working families tax cut bill. That has given us no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, has extended the child tax credit, has invested in our children's future with the Trump accounts, has unleashed American energy dominance, and probably most, most of all, he's secured our borders." [Carlos De La Cruz, Twitter, 01:21, 2/28/26] (VIDEO)

- **"Working Family Tax Cuts" Referred To The One Big Beautiful Bill.** "For months, President Donald Trump's main message about the sweeping bill he pushed through Congress was that it was 'big' and 'beautiful.' […] Two Republican strategists said they are advising lawmakers to sell the act to a wider audience using different titles: the 'Working Family Tax Cuts' act or possibly the 'Trump Working Family Tax Cuts.'" [NBC News, 7/15/25]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest Cuts To Medicaid In History, Slashing Local Hospital Revenue, And Was Projected To Kick More Than 1.6 Million Texans Off Their Health Insurance

The One Big Beautiful Bill Made The Largest Cuts To Medicaid In The Program's History

The Hill: Republicans Passed "The Largest Cuts To Medicaid Since The Program Began In The 1960s." "Senate Republicans on Tuesday passed the largest cuts to Medicaid since the program began in the 1960s, a move that would erode the social safety net and cause a spike in the number of uninsured Americans over the next decade. The tax and spending bill is projected to cost more than $3 trillion during that time, but it would be partially paid for with about $1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid. Almost 12 million lower-income Americans would lose their health insurance by 2034, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO)." [The Hill, 7/1/25]

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Take Health Insurance Away From More Than 14 Million People

KFF: "CBO Estimates Show That The Number Of Uninsured People Will Increase By More Than 14 Million In 2034." [KFF, 8/20/25]

Rolling Stone Headline: "Congress Officially Passes Trump's Bill To Kick Millions Off Medicaid." [Rolling Stone, 7/3/25]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Kick More Than 1.6 Million People In Texas Off Their Health Insurance

September 2025: The Joint Economic Committee Minority Estimated More Than 1.6 Million People In Texas Would Lose Health Insurance By 2034 Due To Congressional Republicans' Cuts To Medicaid And The ACA. "According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO)'s most recent analysis, President Trump and Congressional Republicans' cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would result in 16 million people losing their health insurance by 2034. Using CBO's analysis released June 4 and other research, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority calculated new estimates of the number of people who would lose health insurance." [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Press Release, September 2025]

Texas: 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**
460,100	1,206,600	1,666,700

[Joint Economic Committee Minority, Press Release, September 2025]

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Atlantic: "House Republicans Worked Through The Night To Advance A Massive Piece Of Legislation That Might, If Enacted, Carry Out The Largest Upward Transfer Of Wealth In American History." "House Republicans worked through the night to advance a massive piece of legislation that might, if enacted, carry out the largest upward transfer of wealth in American history. That is not a side effect of the legislation, but its central purpose. The 'big, beautiful bill' would pair huge cuts to food assistance and health insurance for low-income Americans with even larger tax cuts for affluent ones." [The Atlantic, 5/22/25]

- **The Atlantic Headline: "The Largest Upward Transfer Of Wealth In American History."** [The Atlantic, 5/22/25]

CAP: "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." "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. 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]

- **CNBC: Households In The Top 5% Were "The Biggest Winners."** "House Republicans passed a budget plan Tuesday that lays the groundwork to extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, a package of tax breaks enacted in 2017 during President Donald Trump's first term. […] However, with an extension, the largest tax cuts would accrue to the highest-income families, the Treasury said. Household in the top 5% — who earn more than $450,000 a year, roughly — are the 'biggest winners,' according to a July 2024 analysis by the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center. They'd get over 45% of the benefits of extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, it said. A Penn Wharton Budget Model analysis on the impacts of the broad Republican tax plan had a similar finding. The bottom 80% of income earners would get 29% of the total value of proposed tax cuts in 2026, according to the Wharton analysis, issued Thursday. The top 10% would get 56% of the value, it said." [CNBC, 3/3/25]

Economic Policy Institute Headline: "The Radical Republican Budget Bill Steals From The Poor To Give Tax Cuts To The Rich." [Economic Policy Institute, 7/2/25]

Cronkite News Headline: "Historic Tax Cuts In Trump's Big Beautiful Bill Have Wide Gap Between Winners And Big Winners." [Cronkite News, 7/16/25]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Gave The Richest Americans The Bulk Of The Tax Cuts

The One Big Beautiful Bill's Biggest Tax Cuts Benefited The Wealthiest. "The One Big Beautiful Bill includes the largest tax cuts in U.S. history. Whether it's actually 'beautiful' is in the eye of the beholder. At every income level taxes should subside. That's a big selling point from President Donald Trump and fellow Republicans who pushed the law through Congress with no Democratic support. It will benefit everyone. But the biggest cuts go to the wealthiest taxpayers – the ones who pay the lion's share of taxes. For most families the savings will be miniscule in comparison, in raw dollars and as a share of income. And millions will lose subsidized health insurance and other benefits. Critics see a plan that widens income inequality and, worse, offsets tax cuts for the wealthy with draconian spending cuts that hit lower-income households." [Cronkite News, 7/16/25]

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]

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- **Economic Policy Institute: "The Radical Republican Budget Bill Steals From The Poor To Give Tax Cuts To The Rich."** [Economic Policy Institute, 7/2/25]

De La Cruz Message #1 Backup

A super PAC backed by Artificial intelligence companies spent more than $1M boosting De La Cruz's election. These are the same AI companies that are building data centers all over Texas, are using up our water and raising utility rates. And De La Cruz owns thousands in stock in data center developers. No wonder De La Cruz backed a bill to give data center developers $80B in tax breaks.

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2026: AI Super PAC Defending Our Values Spent More Than $1.4 Million To Support De La Cruz In The Primary And Primary Runoff

2026: Defending Our Values PAC Spent More Than $1.4 Million On Independent Expenditures To Support Carlos De La Cruz. [FEC, Independent Expenditures, Carlos De La Cruz, accessed 9/4/26]

2026: Defending Our Values PAC Independent Expenditures For De La Cruz				
Date	**Spender**	**Description**	**Payee**	**Amount**
2/20/26	Defending Our Values PAC	Ad Buy - Digital	Arena Mail + Digital	$127,694.00
2/20/26	Defending Our Values PAC	Mailers	Connector Inc.	$53,087.87
2/20/26	Defending Our Values PAC	Production - Digital Ad	Jamestown Associates	$7,488.06
2/20/26	Defending Our Values PAC	Production - Digital Ad	Jamestown Associates	$3,000.00
2/23/26	Defending Our Values PAC	TV Ad Buy	Del Cielo Media	$175,535.00
2/24/26	Defending Our Values PAC	Mailers	Connector Inc.	$53,087.87
2/24/26	Defending Our Values PAC	Mailer	Connector Inc.	$59,837.69
5/8/26	Defending Our Values PAC	Production - TV	Jamestown Associates	$9,919.25
5/8/26	Defending Our Values PAC	Digital Ad Buy	Arena Mail + Digital	$295,865.00
5/8/26	Defending Our Values PAC	Production - Digital	Jamestown Associates	$4,500.00
5/8/26	Defending Our Values PAC	Mailer	ColdSpark	$66,669.07
5/8/26	Defending Our Values PAC	TV - Buy	Del Cielo Media	$600,516.00
5/15/26	Defending Our Values PAC	Mailers	ColdSpark	$17,560.78
5/15/26	Defending Our Values PAC	Mailers	ColdSpark	$17,560.77
			Total:	**$1,492,321.36**

[FEC, Independent Expenditures, Carlos De La Cruz, accessed 9/4/26]

Defending Our Values PAC Was A Super PAC Funded Largely By Pro-AI Tech Executives. "Gober, an Austin-based attorney who previously served as chief lawyer for Elon Musk's super PAC, is one of at least seven Texas candidates running for Congress this year who have collectively gotten more than $2.8 million in support from AI-linked super PACs, according to Federal Election Commission filings. Though these campaign finance records show the PACs are largely funded by pro-AI tech executives, the groups have otherwise shrouded their connections to the industry, going by generic-sounding names such as Jobs and Democracy PAC and Defending Our Values PAC, and running ads — like with the pro-Gober spot — that do not mention the technology." [Texas Tribune, 4/1/26]

- **Data Centers Powered AI Applications.** "Artificial intelligence is poised to transform various sectors, powering applications in finance, health care, and defense. Undergirding this use is the need for state-of-the-art data centers that host file servers and networking equipment that can store, process, and analyze information. Tech companies are investing hundreds of billions of dollars in new data centers to facilitate the AI applications, assistants, and agents that are coming online. These investments are sparking discussions around their energy demand, geographic distribution, and cost. Yet, these are only a few of the considerations top of mind for businesses who may face challenges in construction and the communities where these facilities are built." [Brookings, Commentary, 11/10/25]

These Are The Same AI Companies That Are Building Data Centers All Over Texas, Are Using Up Our Water And Raising Utility Rates.

Defending Our Values Was Connected To Anthropic, An AI Company That Was Investing In Building Data Centers In Texas

Defending Our Values Was Connected To Anthropic And Meta

Defending Our Values Was Connected To Anthropic. "Another network of AI-linked PACs — Public First, Jobs and Democracy PAC and Defending Our Values — collectively brought in a bit over $5 million in the first quarter. Their backers include a nonprofit linked to the firm Anthropic, which pitches itself as a champion of ethics in the AI industry and has battled with the Trump administration over military use of its products." [Politico, 4/17/26]

Defending Our Values Was Part Of An Umbrella Group That Received Millions Of Dollars From Anthropic. "In response to Leading the Future, two former congressmen — Republican Chris Stewart of Utah and Democrat Brad Carson of Oklahoma — have formed a competing political network, Public First, to back candidates who support AI regulation. Public First Action, the umbrella organization for a trio of super PACs, is not required to disclose its donors. In June, the group said it had raised $80 million thus far. Anthropic has donated $40 million to the group. […] The group has two super PACs: one that supports candidates from both parties called Public First; one that supports Democrats, called Jobs and Democracy PAC, and another that supports Republicans, called Defending Our Values PAC." [Business Insider, 7/26/26]

Meta Superintelligence Labs Employee Todor Markov Contributed $50,000 To Defending Our Values PAC. [FEC, Defending Our Values PAC, 5/13/26]

MARKOV, TODOR MIHAYLOV	DEFENDING OUR VALUES PAC	PRIMARY	CA	05/13/2026	$50,000.00

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Source information

Name	MARKOV, TODOR MIHAYLOV
City, state and ZIP code	SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94117
Occupation	RESEARCH SCIENTIST
Employer	META SUPERINTELLIGENCE LABS
Year to date	$50,000.00

Recipient information

Committee	DEFENDING OUR VALUES PAC
Political party	
Type	Super PAC (Independent Expenditure-Only)
State	Arizona

Receipt information

Amount	$50,000.00
Receipt date	May 13, 2026
Report year	2026
Memo	
Reported on	Form 3X on line 11AI
Election type	PRIMARY

[FEC, Defending Our Values PAC, 5/13/26]

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Anthropic Was Investing In Building Data Centers In Texas. "Today, we are announcing a $50 billion investment in American computing infrastructure, building data centers with Fluidstack in Texas and New York, with more sites to come. These facilities are custom built for Anthropic with a focus on maximizing efficiency for our workloads, enabling continued research and development at the frontier. The project will create approximately 800 permanent jobs and 2,400 construction jobs, with sites coming online throughout 2026. It will help advance the goals in the Trump administration's AI Action Plan to maintain American AI leadership and strengthen domestic technology infrastructure. We are proud to create good American jobs and bolster American competitiveness." [Anthropic, Announcements, 11/12/25]

- **Anthropic Was An AI Company.** "Anthropic is an AI safety and research company. We build reliable, interpretable, and steerable AI systems." [Anthropic, Company, accessed 9/11/26]

Meta Was Building A Massive Data Center Near El Paso, Texas

Meta Announced A 1.2 Million-Square-Foot Data Center In El Paso, Texas. "El Paso, Texas, will be home to our next state-of-the-art data center — our 25th in the United States and 29th in the world. This almost 1.2 million-square-foot campus will be optimized for our AI workloads as part of the highly advanced infrastructure that helps connect billions of people around the world and will have the ability to scale to 1GW. Once completed, the El Paso Data Center will represent an investment of more than $1.5 billion and support approximately 100 jobs. We anticipate that more than 1,800 construction workers will be onsite at the peak of construction. For construction information and jobs, please check the JE Dunn and Hensel Phelps websites. Meta job opportunities for the data center will be on the Meta Careers page in a few weeks." [Meta Press Release, 10/15/25]

Data Centers Drove Up Energy Prices And Drained Water Resources

Data Centers Drained Local Water Resources

Data Centers Drained Water Resources. "The burst of AI super PAC spending, which has gone toward ads and mailers for candidates from both parties, though primarily Republicans, comes as Congress grapples with how to regulate the burgeoning technology, and as Texas sees an explosion of power and water-guzzling data centers popping up across the state. Most of the AI-affiliated spending in Texas has supported candidates who have indicated they want to see fewer regulations for the industry, though some groups are also getting behind candidates advocating for stronger guardrails. [Texas Tribune, 4/1/26]

Bloomberg: Data Centers "Consume Immense Amounts Of Water." "Each time you ask an AI chatbot to summarize a lengthy legal document or conjure up a cartoon squirrel wearing glasses, it sends a request to a data center and strains an increasingly scarce resource: water. The data centers that power artificial intelligence consume immense amounts of water to cool hot servers and, indirectly, from the electricity needed to run these facilities." [Bloomberg, 5/8/25]

- **Forbes: Data Centers Were "Projected To Consumer Between 16 Billion And 33 Billion Gallons" Of Water Annually By 2028.** "In 2023, U.S. data centers consumed an estimated 17 billion gallons of water, according to federal and industry analyses compiled by the Energy Department and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Hyperscale facilities alone are projected to consume between 16 billion and 33 billion gallons annually by 2028." [Forbes, 1/11/26]

Nature Forward: "Data Centers Can Introduce Several Types Of Pollutants Into Water Systems." [Nature Forward, 2/4/26]

AI Data Centers Were Increasing Electricity Costs

HEADLINE: "Data Center Power Demands Are Contributing To Higher Energy Bills." [EESI, 2/24/26]

Bloomberg: Electricity Cost 267% More "Than It Did Five Years Ago In Area Near Data Centers." "Wholesale electricity costs as much as 267% more than it did five years ago in areas near data centers. That's being passed on to customers." [Bloomberg, 9/29/25]

Residential Electricity Costs Increased Between 7.1% And 20% Across All States, With AI Datacenters Playing A "Significant" Role In Driving Up Prices. "It's no secret that electricity costs across the U.S. are skyrocketing. Residential prices jumped 7.1 percent in 2025—more than double the inflation rate—and topped 20 percent in some states, according to federal data. The AI data center rush isn't the only factor driving up prices—others include inflation and an aging power grid—but it's a significant one. That's because hyperscale data centers demand a nearly unimaginable amount of energy. The International Energy Agency says a typical hyperscale data center might use 100 megawatts (MW), as much electricity as 100,000 households. And that's at the low end. Meta's Hyperion project in Louisiana, for instance, will need at least 5 GW to run. That's three times as much electricity as the entire city of New Orleans, according to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy." [Consumer Report, 3/20/26]

Data Centers Increased Energy Costs. "More data centers can mean higher costs. That same Bloomberg analysis found that areas with high concentrations of data centers saw electricity prices jump 267 percent over the past five years. And John Steinbach isn't the only Virginia resident to see a connection: Nearly three-quarters of voters in the state blame the facilities, largely clustered in Northern Virginia's Data Center Alley, for rising electricity costs, according to a January 2026 survey conducted by Global Strategy Group and the Chesapeake Climate Action Network Action Fund." [Consumer Reports, 3/20/26]

And De La Cruz Owns Thousands In Stock In Data Center Developers.

2026: De La Cruz Reported Owning Up To $30,000 In Data Center Developer Stocks

2026: De La Cruz Reported Owning Between $1,001 And $15,000 Of ARK Innovation ETF (ARKK) Which Was Invested In Companies Expanding AI Infrastructure

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Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type(s)
Schwab_ROTH IRA (Carlos) ⇒ Alphabet Inc. - Class A Common Stock (GOOGL) [ST]		$1,001 - $15,000	Tax-Deferred
Schwab_ROTH IRA (Carlos) ⇒ Amazon.com, Inc. - Common Stock (AMZN) [ST]		$1,001 - $15,000	Tax-Deferred
Schwab_ROTH IRA (Carlos) ⇒ ARK Innovation ETF (ARKK) [EF]		$1,001 - $15,000	Tax-Deferred

[U.S. House Clerk, Carlos De La Cruz 2026 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 2/4/26]

ARKK Was An Exchange Traded Fund That Invested In Companies Including In The Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, And Automation Sectors. "The Fund is an actively-managed exchange-traded fund ('ETF') that will invest under normal circumstances primarily (at least 65% of its assets) in domestic and foreign equity securities of companies that are relevant to the Fund's investment theme of disruptive innovation. The Adviser defines 'disruptive innovation' as the introduction of a technologically enabled new product or service that potentially changes the way the world works. The Adviser believes that companies relevant to this theme are those that rely on or benefit from the development of new products or services, technological improvements and advancements in scientific research relating to the areas of genomics ('Genomic Revolution Companies'); innovation in automation and manufacturing ('Automation Transformation Companies'), transportation, energy ('Energy Transformation Companies'), artificial intelligence ('Artificial Intelligence Companies') and materials; the increased use of shared technology, infrastructure and services ('Next Generation Internet Companies'); and technologies that make financial services more efficient ('Blockchain & Fintech Innovation Companies')." [ARK Innovation ETF, Prospectus, 11/30/25]

Ark Was Invested In Companies Expanding AI Infrastructure. "On Monday, Cathie Wood-led Ark Invest executed significant trades involving NVIDIA Corp. (NASDAQ:NVDA), Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (NASDAQ:AMD), and Palantir Technologies Inc. (NASDAQ:PLTR). The Nvidia Trade Ark Invest made substantial purchases of Nvidia shares across multiple ETFs, including ARK Blockchain & Fintech Innovation ETF (BATS:ARKF), ARK Innovation ETF (BATS:ARKK), ARK Autonomous Technology & Robotics ETF (BATS:ARKQ), ARK Next Generation Internet ETF (BATS:ARKW), and ARK Space & Defense Innovation ETF (BATS:ARKX). NVIDIA's stock closed at $225.01, and Ark's acquisition of 101,356 shares in ARKK alone translates to an investment of approximately $22.8 million. Nvidia expanded its AI infrastructure strategy by securing 4.25 gigawatts of data-center capacity in Ohio for OpenAI, with the site potentially supporting about $150 billion-$200 billion in Nvidia revenue per system generation. Separately, the companies were reportedly restructuring financing to reduce Nvidia's potential guarantee from $250 billion to less than $120 billion, while OpenAI's broader commitments could represent roughly $600 billion in the Jensen Huang-led company's computing systems through 2030." [Benzinga, 8/17/26]

2026: De La Cruz Reported Owning Between $1,001 And $15,000 Alphabet Inc. Stock Which Built Data Centers

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Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type(s)
Schwab_ROTH IRA (Carlos) ⇒ Alphabet Inc. - Class A Common Stock (GOOGL) [ST]		$1,001 - $15,000	Tax-Deferred
Schwab_ROTH IRA (Carlos) ⇒ Amazon.com, Inc. - Common Stock (AMZN) [ST]		$1,001 - $15,000	Tax-Deferred
Schwab_ROTH IRA (Carlos) ⇒ ARK Innovation ETF (ARKK) [EF]		$1,001 - $15,000	Tax-Deferred

[U.S. House Clerk, Carlos De La Cruz 2026 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 2/4/26]

- **Alphabet Was The Parent Company Of Google.** "What is Alphabet? Alphabet is mostly a collection of companies. The largest of which, of course, is Google. This newer Google is a bit slimmed down, with the companies that are pretty far afield of our main internet products contained in Alphabet instead. What do we mean by far afield? Good examples are our health efforts: Life Sciences (that works on the glucose-sensing contact lens), and Calico (opens in new window)(focused on longevity). Fundamentally, we believe this allows us more management scale, as we can run things independently that aren't very related." [Alphabet Investor Relations, accessed 9/12/26]

- **Google Built Data Centers.** "We build world-class data centers, providing the essential infrastructure that enables businesses, governments, and individuals to connect with each other, championing an inclusive and sustainable future for all." [Google, Data Centers, accessed 9/12/26]

No Wonder De La Cruz Backed A Bill To Give Data Center Developers $80B In Tax Breaks.

2026: De La Cruz Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill Which Gave Data Center Developers Over $80 Billion In Tax Breaks

2026: De La Cruz Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill

VIDEO: February 2026: De La Cruz: "Now President Trump, We Are So Blessed To Have Him. He Is Saving America. He Has Given Us The Working Families Tax Cut Bill." DE LA CRUZ: "Now President Trump, we are so blessed to have him. He is saving America. He has given us the working families tax cut bill. That has given us no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, has extended the child tax credit, has invested in our children's future with the Trump accounts, has unleashed American energy dominance, and probably most, most of all, he's secured our borders." [Carlos De La Cruz, Twitter, 01:21, 2/28/26] (VIDEO)

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American Prospect: Data Center Developers Received $83 Billion In Tax Breaks From The One Big Beautiful Bill, Including Google. "As the *Prospect* reported on Monday, just six companies, all of them related to the AI build-out, received $83 billion in tax breaks last year thanks to the extension of various corporate tax benefits in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Like nearly all Republicans, Barrett voted for that bill, which enabled

Microsoft, Google, Amazon, Meta, and Nvidia to spend more funds on building data centers." [American Prospect, 8/20/26]

De La Cruz Message #2 Backup

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July 2025: Rep. Monica De La Cruz Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill Act. "July 3, 2025 — House Vote 190 Fiscal 2025 Budget Reconciliation Measure — Motion to Concur Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would permanently extend nearly $4 trillion in expiring individual and business tax cuts, create several new tax breaks and fund border and immigration enforcement and air traffic control upgrades. It would cut Medicaid and other safety net programs to partly offset the cost. Among other provisions, it would raise the statutory debt ceiling by $5 trillion and appropriate more than $448 billion in mandatory funding for Trump administration priorities and other needs, including $153 billion for defense, $89 billion for immigration enforcement, and $89.5 billion for border control and security. It also would increase the state and local tax deduction cap to $40,000 annually for five years for households making up to $500,000 a year until 2030, when it would permanently revert to $10,000. Motion agreed to 218-214. Note: A "yea" was a vote in support of the president's position." [HR 1, Vote No. 190, 7/3/25; CQ, 7/3/25]

De La Cruz Was The Brother Of U.S. Rep. Monica De La Cruz. "The new 35th Congressional District is ground zero in the Trump administration's effort to squeeze more Republican lawmakers out of Texas in 2026. But the conservative Texas Legislature drew it for one of their own, state Rep. John Lujan (R-San Antonio), who they believed would give the party their best chance at winning it in November. At the eleventh-hour, Trump and House GOP leaders endorsed De La Cruz, who finished a close second behind Lujan in the March primary. Now the two must face off in a May 26 primary runoff, where Democrats are also still deciding the nominee for this race. De La Cruz is the brother of U.S. Rep. Monica De La Cruz (R-Edinburg), and his connections in D.C. have been paying off big in his race with Lujan." [San Antonio Report, 4/29/26]

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest Cuts To Medicaid In History, Was Projected To Kick More Than 1.6 Million Texans Off Their Health Insurance, And Gutted Rural Hospital Funding

The One Big Beautiful Bill Made The Largest Cuts To Medicaid In The Program's History

The Hill: Republicans Passed "The Largest Cuts To Medicaid Since The Program Began In The 1960s." "Senate Republicans on Tuesday passed the largest cuts to Medicaid since the program began in the 1960s, a move that would erode the social safety net and cause a spike in the number of uninsured Americans over the next decade. The tax and spending bill is projected to cost more than $3 trillion during that time, but it would be partially paid for with about $1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid. Almost 12 million lower-income Americans would lose their health insurance by 2034, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO)." [The Hill, 7/1/25]

- **The Hill: The Republicans' Reconciliation Bill Made About $1 Trillion In Cuts To Medicaid.** "Senate Republicans on Tuesday passed the largest cuts to Medicaid since the program began in the 1960s, a move that would erode the social safety net and cause a spike in the number of uninsured Americans over the next decade. The tax and spending bill is projected to cost more than $3 trillion during that time, but it would be partially paid for with about $1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid. Almost 12 million lower-income Americans would lose their health insurance by 2034, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO)." [The Hill, 7/1/25]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Take Health Insurance Away From More Than 14 Million People

KFF: "CBO Estimates Show That The Number Of Uninsured People Will Increase By More Than 14 Million In 2034." [KFF, 8/20/25]

Rolling Stone Headline: "Congress Officially Passes Trump's Bill To Kick Millions Off Medicaid." [Rolling Stone, 7/3/25]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Kick More Than 1.6 Million People In Texas Off Their Health Insurance

September 2025: The Joint Economic Committee Minority Estimated More Than 1.6 Million People In Texas Would Lose Health Insurance By 2034 Due To Congressional Republicans' Cuts To Medicaid And The ACA. "According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO)'s most recent analysis, President Trump and Congressional Republicans' cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would result in 16 million people losing their health insurance by 2034. Using CBO's analysis released June 4 and other research, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority calculated new estimates of the number of people who would lose health insurance." [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Press Release, September 2025]

Texas: 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**
460,100	1,206,600	1,666,700

[Joint Economic Committee Minority, Press Release, September 2025]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Cut More Than $73 Million In Revenue To Hospitals Across San Antonio And TX-35

Under The One Big Beautiful Bill, Hospitals Across San Antonio And TX-35 Were Projected To Lose More Than $73 Million Annually. [Third Way, 7/8/25] [Third Way, GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide, 7/8/25]

Projected Cuts To San Antonio And TX-35 Hospital Revenue From Medicaid Cuts		
Hospital	**Location**	**Amount**
University Health System*	San Antonio, TX	$22,624,524
Methodist Hospital*	San Antonio, TX	$21,227,522
Santa Rosa Healthcare*	San Antonio, TX	$13,528,892
Baptist Health System*	San Antonio, TX	$11,617,140
Methodist Stone Oak Hospital*	San Antonio, TX	$1,533,231
Southwest General Hospital	San Antonio, TX	$1,076,309
Guadalupe Regional Medical Center	Seguin, TX	$818,934
Resolute Health*	New Braunfels, TX	$548,839
Connally Memorial Medical Center	Floresville, TX	$293,242
Otto Kaiser Memorial Hospital	Kenedy, TX	$89,288
Texas Center for Infectious Disease	San Antonio, TX	$40,284
	Total:	**$73,418,205**

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

NOTE: Hospitals with an asterisk (*) above were located outside the 35th Congressional District but within the San Antonio metro area, making them part of the health care infrastructure of the district's residents.

The Reconciliation Bill's Cuts To Medicaid Would Particularly Impact Rural Communities

HEADLINE: "Rural Communities Brace For Medicaid Cuts In Republicans' Big Bill." [NBC, 6/25/25]

The Big Beautiful Bill Act Would Result In 1.8 Million Individuals In Rural Communities Losing Their Medicaid Coverage. "Medicaid, which covers over 16 million people in rural communities, helps address barriers to health care and sustain rural hospitals. But many in Congress are considering Medicaid cuts that would have a devastating impact on rural hospitals and patients. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1) would result in 1.8 million individuals in rural communities losing their Medicaid coverage by 2034. In addition, select Medicaid provisions in H.R. 1 would result in a $50.4 billion reduction in federal Medicaid spending on rural hospitals over 10 years." [American Hospital Association, 6/16/25]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Gutted Rural Hospital Funding, And Threatened The Closure Of Vital Rural Health Resources

The One Big Beautiful Bill's Cuts To Medicaid Would Result In A $50.4 Billion Reduction In Funding For Rural Hospitals

Rural Hospitals Would Collectively Lose More Than $1.8 Billion In Funding, Which Would Be Equivalent To 21,000 Full-Time Hospital Employees' Salaries. "Hospitals in rural areas would collectively lose more than

$1.8 billion with a 15% cut to Medicaid. That loss in revenue is roughly equivalent to 21,000 full-time hospital employees' salaries. Rural hospitals' margins have been deteriorating for 10 to 15 years, said Michael Topchik, executive director for the Chartis Center for Rural Health, which analyzes and consults on rural hospital finances. Ten years ago, about one-third of rural hospitals were operating in the red. That's closer to 50% now, he said." [KFF, 6/12/25]

- **HEADLINE: "'One Big Beautiful Bill' Would Batter Rural Hospital Finances, Researchers Say."** [KFF, 6/12/25]

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Threatened More Than 300 Rural Hospital Closures

The Cuts To Medicaid And Other Federal Health Programs In President Trump's Budget Plan Would "Rapidly Push" More Than 300 Financially Struggling Rural Hospitals Toward A Fiscal Cliff. "Cuts to Medicaid and other federal health programs proposed in President Donald Trump's budget plan would rapidly push more than 300 financially struggling rural hospitals toward a fiscal cliff, according to researchers who track the facilities' finances. The hospitals would be at a disproportionate risk of closure, service reductions, or ending inpatient care, according to a report authored by experts from the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research following a request from Senate Democrats, who released the findings publicly Thursday. Many of those hospitals are in Kentucky, Louisiana, California, and Oklahoma, according to the analysis." [KFF, 6/12/25]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Let ACA Tax Credits Expire, Driving Up Health Care Costs By An Average Of 35% For Nearly 4 Million Texans On Marketplace Plans, Including Nearly 240,000 In Bexar County

The One Big Beautiful Bill Made Health Care More Expensive For Nearly 240,000 Individuals In Bexar County That Got Coverage From ACA Marketplace Plans

2025: Nearly 4 Million Individuals In Texas Were Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans. [KFF, 4/2/25]

Number Of Texas Residents Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans In 2025	
State	**ACA Marketplace Enrollees**
Texas	3,966,226

[KFF, 4/2/25]

2025: San Antonio Express-News Reported That Premium Tax Credits That Helped About 240,000 Bexar County Residents Enroll In ACA Marketplace Plans. "Bexar County's public hospital system is preparing for the possible expiration of pandemic-era subsidies that help roughly 240,000 county residents enroll in health insurance plans sold through the Affordable Care Act marketplace." [San Antonio Express-News, 11/3/25]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Did Not 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]

- **The Majority Of Insurers Took Into Account The Potential Expiration Of Enhanced Premium Tax Credits For Their Rate Increases.** "In addition to rising healthcare costs, the majority of insurers are also taking into account the potential expiration of enhanced premium tax credits in their premium rate increases for the next year. The expiration of enhanced tax credits will lead to out-of-pocket premiums for ACA marketplace enrollees increasing by an average of more than 75%, with insurers expecting healthier enrollees to drop coverage. That, in turn, increases underlying premiums. Other federal policy changes, like the implementation of tariffs and the ACA Marketplace Integrity and Affordability rule were also discussed, though to a lesser extent." [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." [KFF Health System Tracker, 8/6/25]

- **The Expiration Of Enhanced Tax Credits Would Lead To Out-Of-Pocket Premiums For ACA Marketplace Enrollees Increasing By An Average Of Over 75%.** "In addition to rising healthcare costs, the majority of insurers are also taking into account the potential expiration of enhanced premium tax credits in their premium rate increases for the next year. The expiration of enhanced tax credits will lead to out-of-pocket premiums for ACA marketplace enrollees increasing by an average of more than 75%, with insurers expecting healthier enrollees to drop coverage. That, in turn, increases underlying premiums. Other federal policy changes, like the implementation of tariffs and the ACA Marketplace Integrity and Affordability rule were also discussed, though to a lesser extent." [KFF Health System Tracker, 8/6/25]

October 2025: Health Insurance Companies Requested An Average Premium Increase Of 35% For ACA Plans In Texas

Health Insurance Companies Were Set To Increase Monthly Premiums For ACA Health Care Plans In Texas By 35% For 2026. "Affordable Care Act premiums are set to rise by 35.2%, on average, in Texas when open enrollment begins Nov. 1, a consequence of the insurance industry's response to rising costs and the likelihood of expiring premium tax credits. The sticker shock from this percent increase will be more pronounced in Texas than in all but five states. An average benchmark monthly premium — the premium for the second-lowest cost silver plan, which is used to calculate the size of tax credits — for a 40-year-old individual was $489, before tax credits are applied, for 2025; health policy organization KFF found that Texas insurers are charging ACA enrollees $661 for benchmark plans, on average, in 2026. That was the biggest percentage change since 2018." [Texas Tribune, 10/31/25]

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- **Headline: "Texas ACA Insurers Hike Monthly Premiums By 35% On Average"** [Texas Tribune, 10/31/25]

Texans Reported A 500% Increase In Their Monthly Premiums After ACA Tax Credits Expired

San Antonio Small Business Owners Mark And Laura Humphries Saw Their Monthly Premiums For Health Insurance Spike 500% From $500 To $3,000 A Month After ACA Tax Credits Expired. "San Antonio small business owners Mark and Laura Humphries and their two children have relied on the Affordable Care Act marketplace for their health insurance on and off since the program opened in 2014. Expanded tax credits first approved in the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act and later extended through 2025 helped keep their monthly premium around $500. When Congress allowed those enhanced credits to expire at the end of last year, the couple's premiums skyrocketed — to nearly $3,000." [San Antonio Report, 3/9/26]

Texas's ACA Enrollment Decreased By 4% After The Tax Credit Expiration

Texas's ACA Enrollment Decreased By 4% After The Tax Credit Expiration. "The number of Texans who paid for the first month of their Affordable Care Act coverage dropped 4% this year, the state's first year-over-year decline since 2019, according to a first nationwide glimpse at how coverage through the federal marketplace is shaking out this year. Texas was one of a handful of states to increase its ACA enrollment at the beginning of the year, a surprising data point in the wake of the expiration of tax credits that had subsidized premium costs for most enrollees." [Texas Tribune, 7/9/26]

Texas Tribune Headline: "Texas' ACA Enrollment Shrinks By 4% After Tax Credit Expiration, New Federal Data Shows." [Texas Tribune, 7/9/26]

De La Cruz Message #3 Backup

Carlos De La Cruz is running to be Trump's puppet and will make life more expensive for our working families.

Johnny Garcia Is A Sheriff's Deputy Who Will Secure The Border, Keep Them Safe, And Bring Down Costs While Carlos De La Cruz Is Running To Be Trump's Puppet And Will Make Life More Expensive For Our Working Families.

De La Cruz Said He Wanted To Be A "Wingman" For Trump, And Was Funded By House Republican Leadership Who Voted For Reckless Tariff Policies That Raised The Price Of Basic Goods Like Food And Clothing, Costing Families Thousands Of Dollars A Year

June 2026: De La Cruz Said He Wanted To Be Trump's "Wingman" In Congress And Touted His Endorsement From Trump

De La Cruz Said He Was Ready To Be Trump's "Wingman" In Congress

Associated Press: De La Cruz Said He Was "Ready To Be President Trump's Wingman In Congress." "While De La Cruz no longer touts himself as a 'TRUMP CONSERVATIVE' at the top of his homepage, a video that is embedded lower down features the Air Force veteran speaking at a Trump rally. He still calls himself a 'TEXAS TRUMP CONSERVATIVE' on his bio page and lists "Supporting President Trump's America First Agenda' as among his priorities on a 'Mission' page. But the bio section has also been tweaked. It once described him as 'ready to be President Trump's wingman in Congress.' That section now says he is running because he "believes America needs more servant leaders and fewer corrupt politicians" and "because he's not finished serving the country he loves.'" [Associated Press, 8/27/26]

De La Cruz Said He Was Ready To Be Trump's "Wingman" In Congress. "Carlos is not a career politician. He is a fighter who knows a threat when he sees one. He's ready to be President Trump's wingman in Congress and take down the radical leftists who are destroying America. Carlos will fight every day to make sure our children inherit a country where God, Country, and Families can prosper." [Carlos for Congress, Meet Carlos, accessed 6/23/26]

CARLOS DE LA CRUZ

TEXAS TRUMP CONSERVATIVE

Carlos De La Cruz is not done serving his country.

A proud Air Force veteran, small businessman, husband, father, and conservative Texan with deep San Antonio roots, Carlos has spent his life protecting America. Inspired by his grandfather's Navy service, he enlisted at 17 and served 20 years, including at Lackland Air Force Base. After 9/11, he deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Later, he took on the cartels at the southern border. Time and again, Carlos has faced America's enemies — and always come out standing.

After retiring from the Air Force, he and his wife built a successful San Antonio business from the ground up, mentoring young people and cutting through government red tape to succeed.

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[Carlos for Congress, Meet Carlos, accessed 6/23/26] *Note: This line has since been deleted from De La Cruz's website*

2026: De La Cruz On Trump: "I Will Be His Wingman In Congress." "Career politicians have betrayed President Trump time and time again. I will be his wingman in Congress. That means securing our border, bringing manufacturing back home, and stopping communist China from ripping us off. While the elites sell us out, I will always put American workers and families first. America should never bow to global elites—we put our people first, period." [Carlos for Congress, Mission, accessed 6/23/26]

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Strong PAC Ran An Ad Calling De La Cruz "Trump's Wingman." [Strong PAC via YouTube, 00:06, 2/18/26] (VIDEO)

[Strong PAC via YouTube, 2/18/26] (VIDEO)

March 2026: De La Cruz Touted His Endorsement From Trump

VIDEO: March 2026: De La Cruz Said He Was "Honored" To Receive Trump's Endorsement. DE LA CRUZ: "Listen, I am honored to have received the endorsements from both our president, Donald Trump, as well as Veterans For America First." [Veterans For America First : The Vet Voice, 00:05, 3/7/26] (VIDEO)

2025-2026: De La Cruz Took $8,000 In Campaign Cash From House Republican Leadership, Which Repeatedly Voted To Protect Tariffs

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2025-2026: De La Cruz Received $8,000 In Campaign Contributions From House Republican Leadership. [FEC, Carlos For Congress, accessed 6/26/26]

2025-2026: De La Cruz Contributions From RSC Members			
Date	**Contributor**	**Recipient**	**Amount**
2/19/26	Emmer For Congress	Carlos For Congress	$2,000.00
3/18/26	Emmer For Congress	Carlos For Congress	$2,000.00
3/3/26	Mike Johnson For Louisiana	Carlos For Congress	$2,000.00
3/4/26	Mike Johnson For Louisiana	Carlos For Congress	$2,000.00
		Total:	**$8,000.00**

[FEC, Carlos For Congress, accessed 6/26/26]

March 2025: New York Times: "House Republican Leaders On Tuesday Quietly Moved To Shield Their Members From Having To Vote On Whether To End President Trump's Tariffs." "House Republican leaders on Tuesday quietly moved to shield their members from having to vote on whether to end President Trump's tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China, tucking language into a procedural measure that effectively removed their chamber's ability to undo the levies." [New York Times, 3/11/25]

- **Politico: "GOP Leadership Slipped Language Into A House Rule On Their Stopgap Funding Bill That Would Prevent Any Member Of Congress From Bringing Up A Resolution Terminating Trump's Declaration Of A National Emergency."** "GOP leadership slipped language into a House rule on their stopgap funding bill that would prevent any member of Congress from bringing up a resolution terminating Trump's declaration of a national emergency over fentanyl and undocumented immigrants entering the U.S. The president has used that emergency declaration to justify his tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China." [Politico, 3/11/25]

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2025: 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]

- **Axios Headline: "Grocery Inflation Highest Since 2022 As Trump Tariffs Pile Up."** [Axios, 9/11/25]

Republican Tariffs Raised Prices On Apparel Goods

2025: Tariffs Raised Prices On Apparel Goods. "The impact of President Donald Trump's tariffs on prices throughout the economy is expected to increase over the summer. At U.S. department store chains including Macy's, Nordstrom, and Dillard's, the evidence of sticker price inflation is starting to show up across more items. Recent price increases in apparel, footwear, and bags across major U.S. department-store websites tracked by DataWeave indicate a turning point in May, when prices started their ascent. DataWeave analyzes nearly 15,000 SKUs (stock keeping units), a scannable code retailers use to identify and track a product, and has been collecting that data from January to June for signs of price hikes in footwear, apparel, and bags. 'Footwear is now as much as 4% above January levels at some banners, while apparel is roughly half that pace,' said Karthik Bettadapura, co-founder & CEO of DataWeave." [CNBC, 7/2/25]

- **CNBC Headline: "Inside America's Department Stores, Tariff-Triggered Price Hikes Are Picking Up."** [CNBC, 7/2/25]

- **The Guardian Headline: "Clothing Prices Rising In US As Trump Tariffs Kick In, H&M Boss Says."** [The Guardian, 6/26/25]

Republican 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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Associated Press Headline: "U.S. Producer Prices Surge In July As Trump Tariffs Push Costs Higher." [Associated Press, 8/14/25]

New York Times Headline: "Key Inflation Gauge Sped Up In July As Companies Grappled With Tariffs." [New York Times, 8/12/25]