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Rubio Fires Almost Entire USAID Workforce; Bureaucrats Sue as Steube, Massie File Bill to Abolish Rogue Agency

President Donald Trump’s war against waste, fraud, and abuse at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has continued with the dismissal of some 4,700 employees, leaving a staff of just under 300.

Federal bureaucrats have retaliated with the usual far-left lawsuit claiming that what Trump has done — gut the agency, fire the employees, and stop foreign aid for 90 days — is illegal.

As well, GOP U.S. Representatives Greg Steube of Florida and Thomas Massie of Kentucky have introduced legislation to abolish the rogue agency, which has spent billions of taxpayer dollars on wasteful projects abroad, not least its subsidies to sex perverts and more than 6,000 journalists.



AP Images
Marco Rubio

I’ve seen enough. The Trump admin was right to suspend aid — I’m taking it a step further.

I just introduced a bill to shut down USAID for good. No more taxpayer dollars wasted on corrupt regimes, far-left agendas, and ineffective programs.⁰⁰Read more:

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— Congressman Greg Steube (@RepGregSteube) [February 6, 2025](#)

You’re Fired

Doing what should have been done long ago, the acting administrator of USAID, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, has cashiered almost every employee. [NBC reported](#) that the agency

is expected to be reduced to about 290 workers from the more than 5,000 foreign service officers, civil servants and personal service contractors it currently employs, according to two sources familiar with the plans.

Most of the approximately 3,000 institutional support contractors have already been fired or furloughed. The status of the approximately 5,000 foreign service nationals serving around the world is not yet clear.

Speaking to Fox News, Rubio explained what had to be done.

He first noted that the agency is required “to take policy direction” from the president, secretary of state, and National Security Council. However, it has “evolved into an agency that believes they’re not



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even a U.S. government agency.” Instead, its personnel believe the agency is a “global charity.” The agency spends tax money as it sees fit, he said, “whether it is in the national interest or not.”

Uncooperative Agency

Rubio said diplomats the world over say the agency is uncooperative and will “undermine the work that we’re doing in that country.” They also support “programs that upset the host government.”

That includes [supporting sexual perversion](#). In any event, Rubio continued, agency employees “just don’t consider that they work for the U.S. They just think they’re a global entity and that their master is the globe and not the United States.”

“That’s not what the statute [that created USAID] says,” Rubio explained. “And that’s not sustainable.”

The State Department is waiving the cessation of certain foreign aid, for instance, by helping Panama deport illegal aliens. But USAID, with \$40 billion of foreign aid money, is “completely uncooperative,” he said:

They won’t tell you what the programs are. They refuse to answer questions. They try to push through payments. Even after the executive order, they were still trying to push money through the system.... The goal was to reform it, but now we have rank insubordination. Now we have basically an active effort ... where their basic attitude is we don’t work for anyone. We work for ourselves. No agency of government can tell us what to do....

They’re completely uncooperative. So we had no choice but to take dramatic steps to bring this thing under control....

They are insubordinate. They refuse to provide access, they refuse to provide information.

Rubio said the agency even stonewalls Congress. He notes that the entitled bureaucrats tell congressmen and senators,

“We’re not going to tell you anything. We don’t work for you. We don’t work for State. We don’t work for the president. We don’t even work for America. We work for ourselves.”
That’s not going to continue.

Rubio emphasized that foreign aid must serve American interests. The federal government is not a global charity, as USAID personnel think.

Lawsuit and Legislation

That, of course, is why the American Foreign Service Association and the American Federation of Government Employees, highly organized cabals of gifting bureaucrats, have sued Trump, Rubio, State, and USAID.

The [lawsuit alleges](#) that Trump violated the separation of powers provision in the federal Constitution. Why? Because USAID, first created by executive order, was recreated as a free-standing agency by Congress in a law signed by President Bill Clinton in 1998.

The renegades also argue that Trump violated the “take care” clause of the Constitution, which requires that the president “take care that the Laws be faithfully executed.”

Last, they argue that Trump’s overhaul “is arbitrary and capricious” and violates the Administrative



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Procedure Act, which governs how federal agencies make rules and regulations.

I just cosponsored [@RepGregSteube](#)'s bill to abolish the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

USAID sends billions of American tax dollars overseas. When it spends at home, it's subsidizing subscriptions to left-leaning outlets like [@politico](#).

End USAID. pic.twitter.com/8RV4kBGiEp

— Thomas Massie (@RepThomasMassie) [February 6, 2025](#)

Yet what Rubio described, along with the [recently uncovered waste, fraud, and abuse](#), is why Massie and Steube [introduced the law](#) to abolish USAID.

[Steube said](#) in his press release:

For too long, USAID has funneled billions of American tax dollars into bloated, inefficient foreign aid programs that are riddled with waste, corruption and ideological bias. Instead of benefitting American taxpayers who fund these programs, USAID's initiatives often push progressive social agendas that are out of touch with the values and interests of our nation. Worse yet, these dollars frequently end up in the hands of bad actors who do not have America's interests in mind and misuse the funds for purposes far removed from their original intent.

"It's time," he said, "to put America first" and stop sending money to an "unaccountable bureaucracy."

Funding "Journalism"

Steube introduced the bill as more examples of waste, fraud, and abuse surfaced — most notably the agency's funding journalists across the globe.

"Trump's foreign aid freeze throws journalism around the world into chaos," [Reporters Without Borders claimed](#):

According to a USAID fact sheet which has since been taken offline, in 2023, the agency funded training and support for 6,200 journalists, assisted 707 non-state news outlets, and supported 279 media-sector civil society organizations dedicated to strengthening independent media. The 2025 foreign aid budget included \$268,376,000 allocated by Congress to support "independent media and the free flow of information."

Another report revealed that the federal government — meaning American taxpayers — is the "largest public donor to independent media development globally."

USAID spent \$159 million from our taxes to build 106 climate resilient schools in Sindh (Pakistan). The result: pic.twitter.com/NB9Fsl70M5

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□ Most people are unaware that USAID, gifted in 2016, \$310 million of taxpayer money to start a Palestinian cement factory project. The project was a private venture, by a company called Sanad, to create cement mills and factories, Helping build Hamas' terror tunnels in Gaza. pic.twitter.com/jvj6KxK1A5

— Leslie Kajomovitz (NEW) (@kikas6652) [February 6, 2025](#)

The End Wokeness X feed reported that USAID threw away \$159 million to build “climate resistant schools” in Pakistan. And a [Substack writer revealed](#) that the agency sent \$310 million to Hamas to build a cement factory. The terror outfit used it to [build tunnels](#) used [in its attack](#) on Israel on October 7, 2023.



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