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Pregnant on the Front Lines
Expectant mothers in the Ukrainian military such as Nadia, above, say they are fighting for their country and their children. Page A4.

DOGE Risked Personal Data, An Insider Says

By NICHOLAS NEHAMAS
WASHINGTON — Members of the Department of Government Efficiency uploaded a copy of a crucial Social Security database in June to a vulnerable cloud server, putting the personal information of hundreds of millions of Americans at risk of being leaked or hacked, according to a whistleblower complaint filed by the Social Security Administration’s chief data officer.

The database contains records of all Social Security numbers issued by the federal government. It includes individuals’ full names, addresses and birth dates, among other details that could be used to steal their identities, making it one of the nation’s most sensitive repositories of personal information.

The account by the whistleblower, Charles Borges, underscores concerns that have led to lawsuits seeking to block young software engineers at the agency built by Elon Musk from having access to confidential government data. In his complaint, Mr. Borges said DOGE members copied the data to an internal agency server that only DOGE could access, forgoing the type of “independent security monitoring” normally required under agency policy for such sensitive data and creating “enormous vulnerabilities.”

Mr. Borges did not indicate that the database had been breached or used inappropriately.

But his disclosure stated that as of late June, “no verified audit or oversight mechanisms” existed to monitor what DOGE was using the data for or whether it was being shared outside the agency. That kind of oversight would typi-

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Mortal Threat to Bearing Witness to War in Gaza

By AARON BOXERMAN
JERUSALEM — The Israeli strikes that killed five journalists in a Gaza hospital on Monday were the latest episode in what has been an incredibly deadly conflict for Palestinian journalists, who have often served as the world’s on-the-ground witnesses to Israel’s campaign.

“It’s reached the point where I’m scared to report,” said Gevara al-Safadi, a photographer who works with Al-Kofiya, a Palestinian broadcaster. Such fears and the deadly risks of reporting in

Palestinian Journalists Face Extreme Risk

Gaza could further stifle the amount of information coming out of the war.

Israel has barred international journalists from freely entering Gaza to cover the war and has killed some Palestinian reporters it claimed were members of Hamas or other militant groups. More than 190 media workers, the great majority of them Palestin-

ian, have been killed since the war began in October 2023, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists.

The episode on Monday began after Israel first struck Nasser Hospital in southern Gaza, hitting one of the journalists, said Abdullah al-Attar, a freelance journalist who was present. As other reporters and emergency medical workers rushed to the scene, Israeli forces struck again, killing a total of 20 people and wounding several others, health officials said. Mr. al-Attar’s account was corroborated

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KOREAN CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY, VIA AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE — GETTY IMAGES

In North Korea, increasing state media coverage signals the rising status of Kim Jong-un’s daughter. Experts say that perhaps she is being groomed to one day take the reins of the isolated, nuclear-armed regime. Page A10.

Behind Trade Fears in U.S.: A Safety Net Flimsier Than Peers’

By PETER S. GOODMAN
In the stories Americans tell about the decimation of middle-class life, international trade tends to get a prominent role. Anger over joblessness and diminishing fortunes in factory towns helped propel Donald J. Trump to the White House.

Yet a look at the sources of American distress reveals an-

other factor: a far less comprehensive social safety net than in the rest of the developed world. That defining feature of the American economy has left workers uniquely vulnerable to the pitfalls of joblessness. The stakes have grown as trade has expanded.

That reality emerges from a comparison of layoffs in the United States with the experience in other countries. This is the

story of two women who lost jobs — one in Ohio, the other in Sweden — and what happened next.

In Lordstown, Ohio, the calamity unfolded just before Thanksgiving in 2018. General Motors was shifting production to Mexico from the local auto factory, where Melinda Minor had worked for 17 years. The wages she and her husband earned — \$33 an hour — had paid the mortgage on the home

where they raised three sons. Their health care had covered the insulin pumps and frequent doctors’ visits that she required to manage her diabetes.

“I was frustrated and furious that those jobs were going to another country,” Mrs. Minor, 47, said. “I was terrified. I don’t know what it’s like in other countries, but here, if you lose your job,

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Trump’s Bid to Control Fed May Roil Global Economy

Experts Warn of Inflation and Bond Chaos if Effort to Fire a Governor Succeeds

This article is by **Ben Casselman, Colby Smith and Tony Romm.**

In his monthslong battle to take control of the Federal Reserve, President Trump has tried threats, name-calling and — in one particularly memorable news conference with a hard-hat-wearing Jerome H. Powell — public humiliation. But he has always stopped short of the step that advisers warned could roil financial markets and upend a pillar of the global economy: attempting to fire a Fed official.

On Monday evening, he took that leap.

Mr. Trump’s target was not Mr. Powell, the Fed chair, at least for now. Instead it was Lisa Cook, one of the Fed’s six other governors. The president, in a letter, said he was removing Ms. Cook “for cause,” citing allegations of mortgage fraud. Ms. Cook has not been charged with any crime.

But Mr. Trump has made little secret of his true aim. He wants to control the Fed.

Janet L. Yellen, who was Mr. Powell’s immediate predecessor as Fed chair and later served as Treasury secretary under President Joseph R. Biden Jr., said she was “utterly alarmed” by the move.

“I feel this is now turned into an all-out assault on the Federal Reserve and an attempt by President Trump to really gain control over decision-making at the Fed,” she said.

Peter Conti-Brown, an expert on Fed governance at the University of Pennsylvania, said Ms. Cook’s firing, if successful, would mark “the end of central bank independence as we know it.”

In the short term, Mr. Trump’s attempt to fire Ms. Cook creates more uncertainty at a critical mo-

ment for Fed policy. Ms. Cook has vowed to fight her ouster, and on Tuesday her lawyer promised to file a lawsuit challenging what he called an “illegal action.” Legal experts say she has a strong case given that she hasn’t been convicted of a crime and that the fraud allegations involve her private conduct, not her work at the Fed.

That sets up the potential for a protracted legal battle between Ms. Cook and the president, which almost certainly won’t be resolved before the Fed’s next meeting in mid-September, and perhaps not for many meetings after that. It is possible that the Republican-controlled Senate could confirm a replacement for Ms. Cook while she is still fighting for her seat, a standoff with no precedent in the Fed’s century-long history.

In the longer run, if Mr. Trump succeeds in replacing Ms. Cook, he will have reshaped the central bank in a way hardly anyone thought possible before last week. During a marathon cabinet meet-

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In a letter, President Trump said he was removing Lisa Cook “for cause,” citing allegations of mortgage fraud.

Districts Lifting Black Students Face Legal Peril

By DANA GOLDSTEIN
Chicago is a testing ground for some of the left’s biggest ideas about race and education. School systems in the city and nearby suburbs are pushing to hire more Black male teachers, add more Black history and train teachers in concepts like white privilege.

Some of those policies have a strong record of improving student learning, while others lack much track record.

But for the Trump administration, all of it could be against the law.

Now, school districts with programs aimed at lifting up Black students, and others, are finding themselves legally vulnerable. The White House is pursuing a reversal of the federal government’s traditional role on race and schools, going after what it calls “illegal D.E.I.,” or diversity, equity and inclusion. The administration is using the Education Department’s Office for Civil Rights, which was established to protect racial and ethnic minority groups, to try to end programs meant to help some of those same students.

Through executive orders, investigations and threats to cut funding, the government has put what was once a bipartisan movement to address the legacy of slavery and racism on the defensive. Even Republican-leaning states like Florida and Mississippi have teacher recruitment programs intended, in part, to diversify the work force — an idea the administration has called illegal affirmative action.

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D.C. Residents Join in Jeering Federal Agents

This article is by **Clyde McGrady, Bernard Mokam and Pooja Salhotra.**
WASHINGTON — To those who have never lived in the 68 square miles of Washington, the nation’s capital can seem to lack an authentic residential and cultural identity. Transient populations come and go with alternating administrations.

Ordinary life proceeds in the shadows of the White House, monuments and the Capitol dome. Even the sports teams can struggle to rally fans.

But the recent deployment of hundreds of often masked federal agents and hundreds more National Guard troops have brought many Washingtonians a sense of shared purpose: outrage.

“We are not against fighting crime,” said Tony Guardado, a 49-year-old construction worker, who emphasized that he is not against the police. “But we are against boots on the street, and we don’t want to feel like we are in North Korea.”

Ty Hobson-Powell, a community organizer and author who was born in Washington, called it “a shared sense of opposition.”

Since President Trump declared a “crime emergency” in Washington and ordered federal law enforcement agents to deploy to the capital on Aug. 7, they have set up checkpoints, evicted home-

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