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She asked a Justice Department lawyer, "You can't blow it up, but why should you be able to starve it to death?"

Jackson also asked the government attorney, Liam Holland, whether "making sure consumers are protected from abusive practices" was "inconsistent with policy priorities of this administration."

"I don't know the answer to that question, your honor," Holland replied. He portrayed the work stoppage orders as typical of turnover in presidential administrations but couldn't provide an example when Jackson asked him for any historical corollary.

As we resize our government, I hope we all keep in mind that the current administration has hyped over and over that saving the taxpayers their hard-earned money is paramount. One would hope that that includes protecting our hard-earned money from scams by unscrupulous lenders.

As a hard rule, "I don't know" should NEVER be used in court.

And, as it should be, lots of Americans from both sides of the aisle are worried that DOGE has not been as successful as everyone hoped it would be in reducing overall wasteful spending. Over 750 rows of zero savings, plus more questionable, such as the IRS \$2 Billion, are spread out over years.

BTW - Part of the IRS upgrade was to allow consumers to directly file, bypassing tax preparers, saving consumers hundreds of millions in fees and software every year. It would have also allowed the IRS to use its new resources to do a better job at auditing the millionaires and billionaires...

Would it be too much to ask for these tech geniuses to show the totals of their savings like I have [here](#)? A simple display of each department, with the savings given as a total for each department, and an overall total of each department at the bottom would reassure us that the numbers are real, and not hopeful estimates.

Estimated Savings

\$105B

Combination of asset sales, contract/lease cancellations and renegotiations, fraud and improper payment deletion, grant cancellations, interest savings, programmatic changes, regulatory savings, and workforce reductions.

Amount Saved Per Taxpayer

\$652.17

Per taxpayer amount is calculated using an estimate of 161 million individual federal taxpayers.

	A	B	C	D	E
1501	USAID	USAID/BURMA DIVERSITY AND I...	02/12/25	\$28,038,500.00	
1502	USAID	USAID/HONDURAS PUBLIC EFFEC...	02/12/25	\$19,577,564.00	
1503	USAID	USAID/NEPAL EARLY GRADE LEA...	02/12/25	\$27,127,274.00	
1504	USAID	USAID/OTI INSTITUTIONAL SUP...	02/12/25	\$44,218,464.57	
1505	USAID	USAID/RDMA SOUTHEAST ASIA'S...	02/12/25	\$8,213,099.75	
1506	USAID	USAID/JKENYA AND EAST AFRICA...	02/12/25	\$40,991,781.51	
1507	USAID	Vetting Analyst, Watch Offi...	02/12/25	\$18,444,099.56	
1508	USAID	Washington Real Estate Stra...	02/12/25	\$19,957,858.48	
1509					
1510			New total	\$9,601,135,843.23	
1511					
1512			Old Total	\$7,187,598,305.00	
1513					
1514			New Savings	\$2,413,537,538.23	
1515					
1516		New Yearly Savings	\$32.00		
1517		New Monthly Savings	\$2.67		
1518					
1519	See line 1012 above – New entry.				
1520	DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	ENTERPRISE PROGRAM, PROJECT...	02/18/25	\$1,900,000,000.00	
1521					
1522		Without Enterprise Program		\$513,537,538.23	
1523					
1524		New Yearly Savings	\$1.71		
1525		New Monthly Savings	\$0.14		
1526					

Even if we believe the DOGE numbers, if you divide 652.17 by 12, it comes to a monthly savings of \$54.34, weekly \$12.54. While we all want to cut as much waste as possible, increasing the taxes on the rich would offset this a lot.

Another way DOGE could increase their trustworthiness would be to show the SSA/SSI payment Karoline Leaveitout keeps claiming are being made to super-seniors, people over 100. How hard would it be to run a query, breaking it down into five year increments, simply asking just for the number of recipients as well as the total paid to each age group?

DOGE should be able to provide such a simple and basic report, thereby alleviating any doubt as to the supposed fraud once and for all.

FYI - The SSA automatically cuts off payments to anyone over 115 years old.

I would strongly encourage DOGE employees to visit a homeless shelter or food kitchen this weekend and donate not only food, but their time as well.

Maybe they will run into some of the Americans they helped lose their jobs and homes simply because they didn't understand how valuable they, and their jobs really were.

The 1797 Treaty of Tripoli



Begun by George Washington, signed by John Adams and ratified unanimously by a Senate still half-filled with signers of the Constitution, this treaty announced firmly and flatly to the world that **"the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion."**

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