



Attacking nonprofits is the next step in the Trump administration's effort to dismantle civil society.

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What happened?

A week after the Department of Justice ended Vera's federal funding, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) requested a meeting with Vera to discuss "having a DOGE team assigned to the organization."

In the meeting, DOGE staffers stated **plans to assign teams to "every agency and institute that has congressional monies appropriated to it."**

Why does it matter?

Although DOGE withdrew its request after learning Vera's federal funding had been cut, this incident reveals that **more than 100,000 nonprofits receiving federal funding are vulnerable to intimidation and overreach.**

DOGE has claimed its purpose is to save taxpayer money, but it effectively works to dismantle programs disliked by the Trump administration.

What could happen next?

There are rumors that the Trump administration will issue executive orders attacking nonprofits soon. They could include **changing IRS rules to disqualify certain issues or activities as charitable and making it easier to designate a nonprofit as a terrorist organization.**

The administration is also considering revoking Harvard's tax-exempt status as punishment for failing to meet its demands.