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

What you need to know about the latest attempts to defund and dismantle nonprofits →



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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.

