



# TAKE 5

So much is happening that sometimes it makes your head want to spin! Take 5 is a look at 5 news stories that maybe you saw OR maybe you missed in the flurry of coverage over a week's time.  
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**President Donald Trump signed an executive order to allow the clear-cutting of 280 million acres of national forests and protected public lands.** Trump signed an executive order allowing federal permitting agencies to ignore environmental protection laws in an effort to increase domestic timber and lumber production. The executive order also calls for expanding domestic logging production on federal lands. However, it did not explicitly call for the clear-cutting of 280 million acres of trees. See story [HERE](#)

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**An estimated 40,000 Palestinians in the West Bank have been forced out of their homes since January 21:** Israel is conducting home demolitions in the West Bank. There is widescale damage to civilian infrastructure and at least 3 refugee camps have been completely expired.

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**Donald Trump melts down over supposed 'transgender mice' because he doesn't know what 'transgenic' means:** Transgenic mice are used in all kinds of laboratory research because mice are transgenic when they have been genetically altered so you can study human illnesses and conditions in them, even though they're mice." See article [HERE](#)

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**Washington, D.C.'s iconic "Black Lives Matter" street mural, which has served as a powerful symbol of activism and a gathering place for joy and resistance, will soon be gone:** The decision to remove the enormous mural near the White House comes after a U.S. Rep. Andrew Clyde, R-Ga., [introduced legislation](#) earlier this week that gave D.C. an ultimatum: either paint over the slogan or risk losing federal funding. The bill also called for the area in downtown D.C. to be re-named from Black Lives Matter Plaza to Liberty Plaza.

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**The Trump administration's "war on woke" continues apace, as the Department of Education recently announced the launch of an online portal at [ENDDEI.Ed.Gov](#). A form to anonymously submit reports of "divisive ideologies" being taught in public schools so that the department might open an investigation.:**

This week, Linda McMahon, who used to lead the WWE, was confirmed as the new head of the Education Department, and she has been vocal about going after "radical gender ideology". So much more to this story. Please read in it's entirety [HERE](#)

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