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NATIONAL NEWS

Health of U.S. kids in steep decline, study shows

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Associated Press

The health of U.S. children has deteriorated over the past 17 years, with kids today more likely to be obese and have chronic diseases and mental health problems such as depression, a new study says.

Much of what researchers found was already known, but the study paints a comprehensive picture by examining various aspects of children's physical and mental health at the same time.

"The surprising part of the study wasn't any with any single statistic; it was that there's 170 indicators, eight data sources, all showing the same thing: a generalized decline in kids' health," said Dr. Christopher Forrest, one of the authors of the study published Monday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has brought children's health to the forefront of the national policy conversation, unveiling in May a much-anticipated "Make America Healthy Again" report that described kids as undernourished and overmedicated, and raised concerns about their lack of physical activity. But the Trump administration's actions – including cuts to federal health agencies, Medicaid and scientific research – are not likely to reverse the trend, according to outside experts who reviewed Monday's study.

"The health of kids in America is not as good as it should be, not as good as the other countries, and the current policies of this administration are definitely going to make it worse," said Dr. Frederick Rivara, a pediatrician and researcher at the Seattle Children's Hospital and UW Medicine in Seattle. He co-authored an editorial accompanying the new study.

Forrest and his colleagues analyzed surveys, electronic health records from 10 pediatric health systems and international mortality statistics. Among their findings:

- Obesity rates for U.S. children 2-19 years old rose from 17% in 2007-2008 to about 21% in 2021-2023.
- A U.S. child in 2023 was 15% to 20% more likely than a U.S. child in 2011 to have a chronic condition such as anxiety, depression or sleep apnea, according to data reported by parents and doctors.
- Annual prevalence rates for 97 chronic conditions recorded by doctors rose from about 40% in 2011 to about 46% in 2023.
- Early onset of menstruation, trouble sleeping, limitations in activity, physical symptoms, depressive symptoms and loneliness also increased among American kids during the study period.
- American children were around 1.8 times more likely to die than kids in other high-income countries from 2007-2022. Being born premature and sudden unexpected death were much higher among U.S. infants, and firearm-related incidents and motor vehicle crashes were much more common among 1-19-year-old American kids than among those the same age in other countries examined.

The research points to bigger problems with America's health, said Forrest, who is a pediatrician at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

"Kids are the canaries in the coal mine," he said. " When kids' health changes, it's because they're at increased vulnerability, and it reflects what's happening in society at large."

The timing of the study, he said, is "completely fortuitous." Well before the 2024 presidential election, Forrest was working on a book about thriving over the life span and couldn't find this sort of comprehensive data on children's health.

The datasets analyzed have some limitations and may not be applicable to the full U.S. population, noted Dr. James Perrin, a pediatrician and spokesman for the American Academy of Pediatrics, who wasn't involved in the study.

"The basic finding is true," he said.

The editorial published alongside the study said while the administration's MAHA movement is bringing welcome attention to chronic diseases, "it is pursuing other policies that will work against the interests of children." Those include eliminating injury prevention and maternal health programs, canceling investments in a campaign addressing sudden infant death and "fueling vaccine hesitancy among parents that may lead to a resurgence of deadly vaccine-preventable diseases," authors wrote.

Officials from the U.S. Health and Human Services Department did not respond to a request for comment.

Forrest said risks highlighted by the MAHA report, such as eating too much ultra-processed food, are real but miss the complex reality driving trends in children's health.

"We have to step back and take some lessons from the ecological sustainability community and say: Let's look at the ecosystem that kids are growing up in. And let's start on a kind of neighborhood-by-neighborhood, city-by-city basis, examining it," he said.



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Children run on a lawn in April 2020 in Kansas City, Mo. A new study shows that children in the U.S. are more likely to be obese and have chronic diseases and mental health problems such as depression.

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ERIE COUNTY
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IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION OF NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW FOR THE ERIE WYOMING TRANSMISSION SOLUTION PROJECT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG" or the "Applicant") intends to file an application ("Application") with the New York State Public Service Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law ("PSL") of the State of New York for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate") for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the "Erie Wyoming Transmission Solution Project" ("Project") in the Towns of Elma, Marilla, and Wales, Erie County, and the Town of Sheldon, Wyoming County, New York. NYSEG must receive a Certificate from the Commission before constructing the Project.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:
The Project is NYSEG's proposal to rebuild its existing Line 67, a 230 kilovolt ("kV") electric transmission line that runs a distance of approximately 11.3 miles from the Stolle Road Substation in the Town of Elma, Erie County, to the High Sheldon Substation in the Town of Sheldon, Wyoming County. The Project traverses the Towns of Elma, Marilla, and Wales in Erie County, and the Town of Sheldon in Wyoming County.

For approximately 2.5 miles, NYSEG proposes to rebuild Line 67 within the right-of-way ("ROW") of the existing line utilizing shared lattice structures with NYSEG's 345kV Line L29. Where Line 67 diverges off the lattice structures and is constructed on H frame structures, NYSEG proposes rebuilding the line on an 85-foot offset from the existing H frame structures by obtaining additional ROW. The Applicant is adhering to an 80-foot limit between the edge of the ROW and the proposed centerline within the ROW. As such, the Applicant is proposing to expand the existing ROW from 5 feet to 90 feet along the single circuit H frame section. The Project will include the replacement of conductors, insulators, and existing structures on Line 67.

Exhibit 3 of the Application will provide a description of the various alternatives NYSEG considered to address the need for the Project. The considered alternatives include a no-action alternative, alternative transmission line technologies, and non-wires alternatives.

PROPOSED ROUTE:
The Project is proposed to extend approximately 11.3 miles, beginning at the Stolle Road Substation in the Town of Elma, Erie County, extending to the southeast to the High Sheldon Substation in the Town of Sheldon, Wyoming County. The Project crosses the Towns of Elma, Marilla, and Wales in Erie County and the Town of Sheldon in Wyoming County. Line 67 is proposed to be rebuilt within the ROW of the existing line where the Line shares lattice structures with the 345kV Line L29. The Applicant is proposing expanding the existing ROW from five feet to 90 feet along the single circuit H frame section.

The Applicant currently owns or holds easements to the existing ROW but will need to acquire additional property rights for the Project to expand the width of existing ROW, as described above. The Applicant may need to acquire additional temporary or permanent rights outside of the ROW to: (i) allow for the off-ROW access of construction vehicles and equipment for the duration of construction; (ii) facilitate the storage of materials, equipment, vehicles, job trailers, and other similar uses (e.g., staging area(s), laydown yard(s), and marshalling yard; (iii) enhance the Applicant's rights on Existing ROW (including the permanent removal of residential structures therefrom); and (iv) acquire additional rights outside of the existing ROW to selectively remove danger or hazard trees if they pose a risk to the Applicant's transmission facility.

DATE OF FILING:
NYSEG expects to file the Application with the Commission on or about July 22, 2025.

AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION:
A copy of the Application will be served upon the chief executive officers of Erie and Wyoming County and the Towns of Elma, Marilla, Wales, and Sheldon, and a copy will be available for public inspection in each of the following locations: Elma Public Library, 1860 Bowen Road, Elma, New York 14059; and Warsaw Public Library, 130 North Main Street, Warsaw, New York 14569.

In addition, copies will be available for public inspection at the Department of Public Service Offices in Albany (Office of Central Files, 14th Floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223) and will be posted on the Commission's website (www.dps.ny.gov).

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Ukraine

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Much of that is seemingly reversed, at least for now.

The president said last week he was "very strongly" considering backing a bipartisan Senate bill that would impose a new sanctions bill that would allow — but not require — Trump to impose 500% tariffs on any country purchasing Russian oil or gas.

Trump also lifted a brief U.S. pause on delivering weapons to Ukraine. A plan hatched at the NATO summit in June to arm the Ukrainians by selling American weapons to the Europeans, who in turn would pass them on to Ukraine's beleaguered forces, is beginning to take shape. Speaking to reporters Sunday, the president said he planned to provide more Patriot missiles to Ukraine, stressing that the weaponry would be paid for, and that the nation was in "desperate need" of it.

"Because Putin really surprised a lot of people," Trump said. "He talks nice and then he bombs everybody in the evening, but there's a little bit of a problem there. I don't like it."

The president, who has also complained privately to several associates that he believes Putin has strung him along, declared the other day that "we get a lot of bullshit thrown at us by Putin." That was a point that the foreign policy advisers around former President Joe Biden say they made, repeatedly, to Trump's incoming team.

"It's a welcome change in rhetoric," Sen. Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, the top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said in an interview Saturday. "He seems, at least in his recent comments, to recognize that he's finally getting this — Vladimir Putin is playing him."

"Whether that lasts very long," she added, "is not clear."



NEW YORK TIMES

President Trump and NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte speak at the 2025 NATO Summit in The Hague, Netherlands, on June 25. They met again at the White House this week.

Anna Kelly, a White House spokesperson, declined to respond to the idea that Trump's position now more closely mirrors Biden's, or address Trump's frustrations with an inability to sway Putin so far.

In a statement, she blamed Biden for not being able to halt Russia's invasion. "Unlike Biden, President Trump is focused on stopping the killing, and thanks to his leadership, Russia and Ukraine are having direct talks for the first time in years," she said.

Biden's approach to Ukraine came from a conviction that the invasion was both illegal and morally offensive, and that in the 21st century, nations do not violate others' borders. He declared, repeatedly, that stopping Russia from taking Ukraine was crucial if the West wanted to deter a Russian march deeper into Europe. To Biden, halting the aggression that has led to Europe's largest war since the defeat of Nazi Germany was essential to preserving the post-World War II order.

Trump has never had much use for those alliances, or the order they created for the past 80 years. Nor has he ever in the past decade condemned Putin with the same ferocity that Biden did. When television host Bill O'Reilly bluntly called Putin a "killer" on Fox News while interviewing Trump in 2017, the newly elected president replied with moral relativism: "There are a lot of killers," he said. "You think our country's so innocent?"

Trump never called the 2022 invasion illegal — when it first began, he praised Putin for a "smart," if violent, land grab. He has approached the few, sporadic negotiations over a ceasefire and possible peace accord as a real estate transaction. The one he has envisioned would acknowledge that Putin will hold whatever lands he now controls in the south and east, and perhaps more. At the Justice and State departments, Trump has largely dismantled the offices gathering evidence for possible war crimes prosecutions against Russian officials.

But now, the president seems to be acting out of a sense of personal pique, and perhaps the discovery that his relationship with the Russian leader isn't what he once might have imagined. Trump has admired Putin's toughness, part of a pattern of praise by the U.S. president for authoritarian leaders. But he appeared to believe the sentiment was mutual.

In the past, Trump expressed skepticism about continuing to support Ukraine with military aid, a reversal of American strategy and a position that resonated not just with the president's fiercest supporters but some in the broader electorate who had come to see defending Ukraine as yet another lengthy foreign entanglement.

And Trump has talked with Putin a half-dozen times since taking office, though by his account with diminishing results. He sent his special envoy, Steve Witkoff, to visit Putin at the Kremlin, but he emerged with little to show for the discussions, which usually took place with no other U.S. officials, save for a translator.

Although Trump has said there would be no progress on Ukraine without a direct meeting between him and Putin, none has been scheduled. (Biden had only one face-to-face meeting with the Russian leader, in Geneva in June 2021, largely prompted by a major Russian ransomware attack on an American oil and gas pipeline provider.)

A phone conversation between Trump and Putin earlier this month was followed, within hours, by a massive Russian missile and drone attack on Kyiv and other major Ukrainian cities, a volley in one of the most extensive assaults on Ukraine since the war began. That has left Trump in the position he most hates: being embarrassed and, worse, appearing like a paper tiger.

The approach Trump is taking seems designed to keep him at least one arm's length away from the conflict. By having the Europeans pay for and funnel the arms, Trump may hope that he is not regarded as a direct participant in the war. Of course, the United States is directly participating: It even hosts the intelligence center in Germany where British, U.S. and Ukrainian military officials sort through targets each day.

But Trump has not backed a new security assistance package from Congress, which he knows would inflame his base and run contrary to its demands — often voiced by Vice President Vance — to end the cycle of direct American support. He has not pressed Europe to seize the $300 billion in Russian assets that Moscow had in Western financial institutions when it mounted the invasion in 2022.

And while he appears to be vaguely supporting the bill now in the Senate — backed by 85 senators by latest count — that would call for sanctions against countries that are buying Russian energy products, including China and India, he has not said whether he would actually impose those sanctions.

Marshall Billingslea, who served in Trump's first term as arms control negotiator and in other diplomatic roles, noted recently in a social media post that Trump "already has all the legal authority needed to do everything in that bill." But Trump appears to want the cover of having Congress act first.

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WORLD NEWS

Russia escalates air war despite U.S. pledge to Ukraine

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New York Times

KYIV, Ukraine — An explosion damaged the entrance to a Kyiv subway station where people were sheltering from an air attack. A missile or a drone set an empty kindergarten on fire in the Ukrainian capital, officials said. And a city in western Ukraine endured its heaviest barrage of the war.

Russia overnight Monday fired the latest in a series of missile and exploding drone assaults at Ukraine that have steadily escalated in recent months even as ceasefire talks began in the spring. At least two people were killed and 15 others injured, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine said.

The recent strikes have caught the attention of President Trump, who cited the Russian bombing campaign when he announced a plan last week to provide new military aid for Ukraine. The attacks early Monday were the first large volleys since that announcement, when Trump said "we are very unhappy" with Russia.

Trump said the United States would sell Patriot air defense systems to allies who quickly provide their own systems to Ukraine, bolstering defenses. But the attack Monday highlighted a rising menace the American missiles cannot counter: vast assaults of slow-flying, exploding drones, fired nearly nightly.

In Kyiv, the engines of Russian drones flying over the city were heard nearly continuously from after midnight until first light, interspersed with dozens of explosions.

One explosion hit the entryway to the Lukianivska subway station while dozens of people sheltered inside, sending clouds of dust and smoke billowing down escalators and through tunnels. Men, women and children awoke coughing in clouds of smoke, said Diane Mailat, 23, a hairdresser who was sheltering in the station with her husband and cat. They had believed they would be safe on the platform, more than 200 feet underground.

"People started to panic," she said. Some clambered with children and pets into the train tunnels to escape the smoke. Only after about an hour did the dust settle.

The mayor of Ivano-Frankivsk, a city in western Ukraine that had been a haven from the violence and rarely targeted, reported the most intensive strikes of the war early Monday.

The escalation of the air war comes as Russia has successfully stepped up its industrial-scale manufacturing of exploding drones and decoys, which are small drones fired into Ukraine mostly to distract air defense teams. Moscow's rate of fire with cruise and ballistic missiles has remained steady, according to the Ukrainian military.

To protect against missiles, Ukraine is expecting a first delivery of Patriots from Germany under the agreement Trump announced last week.

The Patriots are not cost-effective against the cheap, mass-produced exploding drones that now pose the gravest risks for Ukraine from sheer volume. Russia uses a model, Shahed, originally designed in Iran. Now more Shaheds hit targets in Ukraine than missiles, the Ukrainian military says.

Russia launched 728 drones and decoys overnight into July 9, according to the Ukrainian air force. That is more than Russia fired in the whole month of July last year. On Monday, the air force said it had shot down or electronically jammed 403 out of 426 drones in the volley.

By fall, Ukrainian officials say they expect Russia to routinely launch 1,000 drones per volley. The officer overseeing a Ukraine task force in Germany's military, Maj. Gen. Christian Freuding, estimated last week that Russia planned to eventually launch 2,000 drones at a time.

The Russian strategy is akin to shooting a shotgun, as firing drones in vast numbers ensures some reach a target even as many miss or are shot down. In another setback for Ukraine, Russia's rate of breaching air defenses with Shahed drones is also rising: Last year, 7% hit their targets. So far this year, 11% have, according to air force figures.

Ukrainian and Western engineers are experimenting with methods like lasers, robotic gun turrets and interceptor drones to bolster interception rates. Ukraine currently uses machine guns mounted on trucks, helicopters, fighter jets and domestically made interceptor drones.

Beyond the damage from direct hits, the drones have a psychological effect in depriving civilians and soldiers of sleep during overnight attacks. They also signal to the Ukrainian population that all locations in Ukraine are at risk of frequent attacks.

The recent attacks by Moscow have shown no sign of relenting even as the Trump administration seeks to end the war with ceasefire talks.

Trump has recently shifted from a policy of blaming Ukraine for causing the invasion to one aimed at helping the country to defend itself more effectively.

At the same time, Ukraine has also been conducting long-range drone strikes into Russia, including a barrage overnight Saturday into Sunday. Russia's military said it had shot down more than 230 drones in the attacks, which delayed flights at Russian airports but did not appear to have caused any casualties.



UKRAINIAN EMERGENCY SERVICE

Firefighters try to put out a fire last week after a Russian attack in the Kharkiv region of Ukraine. Overnight Monday, Russia fired the latest in a series of assaults that have steadily escalated.

Bangladesh Air Force jet crashes into school; 20 dead

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Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh — A Bangladesh Air Force training aircraft crashed into a school in Dhaka, the capital, shortly after takeoff on Monday afternoon, catching fire and killing the pilot and at least 19 other people, most of whom were students, officials said.

Another 171 students were rescued with injuries from a smoldering two-story building, officials said, including many with burns who were whisked away in helicopters, motorized rickshaws and the arms of firefighters and parents.

The Chinese-made F-7 BGI training aircraft experienced a "technical malfunction" moments after takeoff at 1:06 p.m. local time, and the pilot attempted to divert the plane to a less populated area before crashing into the campus of Milestone School and College, according to a statement from the military.

Students said the school's buildings trembled violently, followed by a big explosion that sent them running for safety. A desperate scene soon unfolded at the crash site, as panicked relatives searched for loved ones. Screams filled the air at a nearby hospital.

The Milestone school is in Dhaka's Uttara neighborhood, which is roughly 11 kilometers (7 miles) drive from the A.K. Khandaker air force base. The school is in a densely populated area near a metro station and numerous shops and homes.

The pilot, Flight Lt. Mohammed Toukir Islam, made "every effort to divert the aircraft away from densely populated areas toward a more sparsely inhabited location," the military said, adding that it would investigate the cause of the accident.

It is the deadliest plane crash in the Bangladeshi capital in recent memory. In 2008, another F-7 training jet crashed outside Dhaka, killing its pilot, who had ejected after he discovered a technical problem.

The government announced a national day of mourning on Tuesday, with flags to fly at half-staff across the country.

At the crash site Monday afternoon, a father sprinted with his daughter cradled in his arms. A mother cried out, having found her younger child, but desperately searched for her older one.

Another father described his feeling of helplessness while waiting to learn the fate of his daughter.

"The plane crashed on the building where my daughter was. My wife called me, but I was praying so I could not pick up," Jewel, who goes by one name, said at the scene. "When I came here I saw there was a huge fire. There was a dead body of a child."

Luckily, his daughter was safe, he said, but he saw many other children suffering from burns.

Students also scrambled to see what had happened. "We fought with the crowd and the soldiers to get close to the crash site in our school," said Estiak Elahi Khan, who is in the 11th grade. "What I saw I can't describe that ... that's terrible."

Doctors at Uttara Adhunik Hospital said more than 60 students, many between the ages of 12 and 16, were transferred to a special hospital for burn victims.

By Monday evening, rescuers continued to scour the debris, searching for bodies. A crane was being used to remove debris.

Bangladesh's interim leader, Muhammad Yunus, also pledged an investigation, and he expressed his deep sorrow over the "heartbreaking accident." He called it "a moment of deep national grief."

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi also expressed shock and sadness. "Our hearts go out to the bereaved families," Modi said in a post on X. "India stands in solidarity with Bangladesh and is ready to extend all possible support and assistance."

Rafiqa Taha, a student who was not present at the time of the crash, said by phone that the school, with some 2,000 students, offers classes from elementary grades through high school.

"I was terrified watching videos on TV," the 16-year-old said. "My God! It's my school."



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Firefighters look for survivors after a Bangladesh Air Force training aircraft that crashed onto a school campus shortly after takeoff in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Monday.

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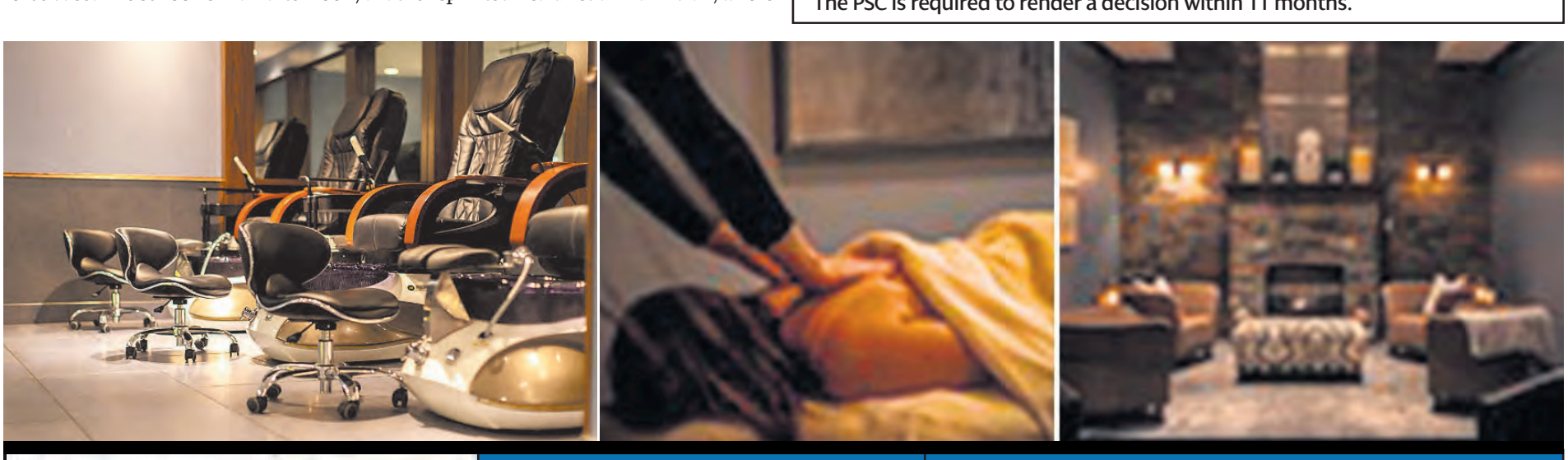
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NATIONAL NEWS

An appointee of DeSantis is making waves in Florida

PATRICIA MAZZEI
New York Times

MIAMI — As chief of staff to Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida, James Uthmeier worked behind the scenes to cement the Republican's national reputation as a culture warrior. DeSantis rewarded him this year by appointing him attorney general.

It was Uthmeier who announced last month that the state was opening its own immigration detention center in the Florida Everglades. He made international headlines by referring to the swampy, remote location as "Alligator Alcatraz."

The detention center's first weeks have been chaotic but it has amounted to a political coup for Uthmeier. President Trump visited before it opened and praised the attorney general.

"You do a very good job," Trump told him during a visit this month. Then, referring to Uthmeier, Trump remarked to others in attendance, "He's even a good-looking guy. The guy's got a future."

The moment offered Uthmeier hope that Trump might consider endorsing him when he runs for a full term as attorney general next year, despite Uthmeier's close ties to DeSantis, who ran against Trump in last year's presidential primary. And it raised the profile of Uthmeier, a 37-year-old lawyer who has never been on a ballot, just as the term-limited DeSantis' power wanes.

Florida Republicans have speculated that primary races in next year's midterms could pit a slate of Trump-backed candidates against a slate backed by DeSantis.

Trump's comments quieted some of the chatter that Uthmeier could draw a primary challenger, but he remains vulnerable because of his involvement with the financial transactions of a charity tied to Casey DeSantis, the state's first lady. State prosecutors are investigating.



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President Trump with Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis on July 1 at a migrant detention facility in Ochopee, Fla., dubbed "Alligator Alcatraz." Trump has praised James Uthmeier, the state's attorney general who may run for governor with DeSantis being term-limited.

The Hope Florida Foundation received $10 million last year from a Medicaid contractor that had overbilled the state; it gave the money to two "dark money" political groups. Those groups then routed $8.5 million to a political committee that Uthmeier was running to back an anti-marijuana campaign led by DeSantis.

Text messages obtained through a legislative investigation showed that Uthmeier informed at least one of the two dark money groups about the $10 million and urged it to solicit the Hope Florida Foundation for the money before the charity's board knew about it. Uthmeier has denied any wrongdoing.

His office did not respond to a request for an interview. But in a statement sent after this article first published, he defended his tenure. "My priority is to protect Florida's most vulnerable, our kids and our seniors," he said. "We've already locked away dozens of child predators in the past few months, and we won't stop until we've gotten them all."

His political rise is inextricably tied to DeSantis, who hired Uthmeier as deputy counsel shortly after becoming governor in 2019 and made him chief of staff in 2021. Uthmeier had previously worked as senior adviser and counsel in the Commerce Department, where he was among the officials involved in the Trump administration's contentious decision to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census.

Uthmeier helped the governor defy public health guidance during the pandemic. He was also instrumental in flying a group of migrants to Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts after they crossed the southern border.

In 2023, DeSantis tapped Uthmeier to manage his foundering presidential campaign.

"We did not run to the middle in a swing state," Uthmeier said on a podcast last month. "We were true conservatives. We stood on principle and ultimately, the electorate shifted massively to become what is now a red state."

As attorney general, Uthmeier has followed an aggressive playbook intended to make a splash, much like that of his former boss.

He filed a class-action lawsuit against Target, arguing that the company's "radical LGBTQ activism" hurt its investors. He opened a parental rights office and said he would no longer defend a GOP-passed state law that raised the age requirement to buy a rifle to 21, from 18.

Uthmeier also suggested that "weather modification could have played a role" in the recent deadly floods in Texas.

In May, Uthmeier threatened "swift legal action" against a gym in Palm Beach Gardens for allowing transgender people to use bathrooms that align with their gender identity. The gym, owned by the national chain Life Time, reversed its policy.

"He has always been comfortable using the weight of his office in a way that other people would balk at," said state Rep. Alex Andrade, a Pensacola Republican who led the state House investigation into the Hope Florida Foundation and is one of Uthmeier's fiercest critics.

Uthmeier has been especially forceful on immigration enforcement – the current top priority of DeSantis – threatening to remove elected officials in Fort Myers and Key West who initially opposed working with federal officials on the issue.

Last month, a federal judge held Uthmeier in civil contempt of court for defying her order to put part of a new state immigration law on hold. The law would have made it a state crime for a migrant lacking legal status to enter Florida. Uthmeier told police officers that he could not "prevent" them from making arrests under the order. He appealed the contempt ruling last week.

His office said the previous week, in a report required by the court, that at least two men in St. Johns County, near Jacksonville, were wrongly charged under the blocked state law in late May, more than a month after the judge's order.

Several Republicans in Tallahassee said that Uthmeier hatched the idea for the Everglades detention center, and that the Department of Homeland Security, eager for more detention capacity, was happy to go along. Kristi Noem, the homeland security secretary, said when she visited the facility last month that James Percival, her agency's general counsel, had approached DeSantis about partnering on a detention site.

It did not go unnoticed in Florida political circles that, in an unusual upstaging of the governor, it was Uthmeier who announced that the detention center was under construction. DeSantis then gave an exclusive tour of the facility to Fox News before Trump's visit, an unusual upstaging of the president.

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On June 30, 2025, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) filed with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) an Investment Plan for Powering NY, which includes testimony, exhibits, and proposed delivery rate changes to the above-referenced tariff schedules for service.

The changes contained in that filing would increase revenues by approximately $457.4 million from NYSEG's electric operations and by approximately $90.8 million from the company's natural gas operations, to become effective in the spring of 2026.

The PSC may approve, modify or reject any or all of the proposed tariff changes. Among other things, the PSC's determination may require revisions of the proposed amount of the increases applicable to particular classifications of service or changes in rates applicable to those classifications for which no increase is proposed by the companies.

The complete NYSEG filing may be examined on the PSC's website or the PSC's Albany office. These cases are open and public. Individuals may provide comments directly to the Secretary of the PSC or offer comments at a public statement hearing hosted by the PSC. As the case proceeds, documents pertaining to the case are posted on the PSC website.

The PSC is required to render a decision within 11 months.

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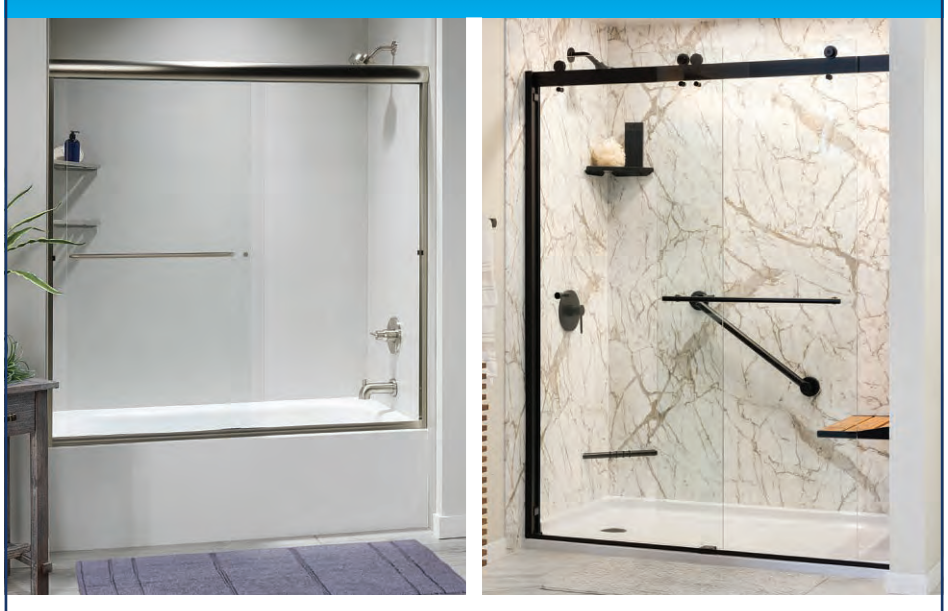
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