



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Via the New York Post: *With Doge, Trump Can Seize His Cost-Cutting Mandate — But It'll Take Courage*

Last week, President-elect Donald Trump appointed business leaders Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy to lead the newly established Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), where they will be tasked with working to **“dismantle Government Bureaucracy, slash excess regulations, cut wasteful expenditures, and restructure Federal Agencies.”**

In a recent [New York Post op-ed](#), John Hart, CEO of *Open the Books*, notes that reining-in wasteful government spending is paramount to returning the United States to the path of economic prosperity. Top of the agenda for DOGE will be conducting a complete financial and performance audit of the entire federal government and making recommendations for drastic reforms.



WORD ON THE STREET



Via the [New York Post](#):

- *“Trump can deliver on his promises to **tamp down inflation, stimulate growth and shift power away from Washington** and back to We the People.”*
- *“While Kamala Harris sold price controls during the campaign’s home stretch, **Trump wisely enlisted Musk to rail against wasteful spending.**”*
- *“In announcing DOGE, the president-elect said he aimed to reorganize federal agencies, “slash excess regulations” and “drive out the massive waste and fraud*



*which exists throughout our **annual \$6.5 trillion of government spending.***

- *“That goal isn’t far off the audacious target offered by President Ronald Reagan’s Grace Commission 40 years ago, which estimated that one-third of all federal income tax revenue was being wasted.”*
- *“Streamlining government isn’t anti-government; it’s **an essential way to serve taxpayers** by improving the quality of services.”*
- *“Musk and Ramaswamy plan to crowdsource **wasteful spending nominations**, keep a leaderboard of **worst waste offenses**, and offer **“maximum transparency”** as they work.”*
- *“After the historic inflationary spending of the Biden era, **Trump has a decisive mandate to do more for taxpayers with less.** Now he has more tools than ever before.”*

THE BOTTOM LINE

In a recent [statement](#), Chairman Arrington praised the commission, saying, *“This country desperately needs bold leadership to restore fiscal sanity in our nation’s capital and reverse the curse of a looming debt crisis... with help from Elon and Vivek, I like our chances!”*

While past presidents have promised broad spending cuts, achieving them requires courage and leadership. With the national debt approaching \$36 trillion, it’s time for Washington to stop misusing future generation’s money and get serious about reining in waste.

Voters gave President Trump and Congressional Republicans a mandate to govern. DOGE is the first step in meeting that obligation and will be essential for putting America back on a path to fiscal sustainability.

