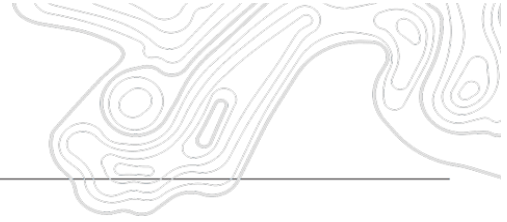


Trump's Attack on USAID from Carnegie, 6 Feb 2025



Dear Colleague,

Just weeks after President Donald Trump took office, his administration is seeking to drastically limit foreign aid. The main target is the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), which has spent decades building American goodwill, funding healthcare, poverty alleviation, and democracy support.

In a new piece for Carnegie's Emissary, I argue that the President's attack on USAID and foreign assistance overall are not simply antithetical to U.S. interests abroad, but an affront to American values.

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I also want to highlight a piece by my colleague Stewart Patrick, unpacking several misconceptions about USAID and foreign assistance. Patrick argues that this latest attack on USAID underscores the President's true foreign policy ideology, pure, narrow-minded nationalism.

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I hope you read and take these pieces to heart and stay tuned for more from Carnegie.

Sincerely,

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