

USAID Website Goes Offline Without Explanation

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The website of the U.S. Agency for International Development went offline without explanation Saturday as thousands of furloughs, layoffs and program shutdowns continued in President [Donald Trump's](#) freeze on U.S.-funded foreign aid and development worldwide.

Congressional [Democrats](#) battled the Trump administration increasingly openly, expressing concern that Trump may be headed toward ending USAID as an independent agency and absorbing it into the State Department. Democrats say Trump has no legal authority to eliminate a congressionally funded independent agency, and that the work of USAID is vital to national security.

Trump and congressional [Republicans](#) say much of foreign aid and development programs are wasteful. They single out programs they say advance liberal social agendas.