



United States Postal Service (USPS)

Timeline of Attacks

- **December 2024:** President-elect Donald Trump [hinted](#) at his intention to privatize the U.S. Postal Service.
- **February 19, 2025:** Postmaster General Louis DeJoy [asked](#) the Postal Service Board of Governors to begin a search for his successor.
- **February 24, 2025:** President Trump publicly floated the idea of a Commerce Department [takeover](#) of the USPS, which could remove USPS's independence.
- **March 5, 2025:** While speaking at a Morgan Stanley technology conference, Elon Musk said the Postal Service should be [privatized](#) "as much as possible."
- **March 18, 2025:** DeJoy agreed to a cost-cutting deal, allowing DOGE representatives to [infiltrate the agency](#) to root out "further inefficiencies."
- **March 24, 2025:** Louis DeJoy officially [resigned](#) and appointed Deputy Postmaster General Doug Tulino as the interim leader.
- **March - May 2025:** Tulino [initiated](#) a series of high-level meetings between interim USPS leadership and DOGE operatives Alex Simonpour and Ethan Shaotran to discuss ethics, pricing strategy, and exigent price increases. The meetings later [expanded](#) to include DOGE chief attorney James Burnham and James Sherk, a White House official involved in reduction in force efforts.
- **July 17, 2025:** David Steiner [began](#) his tenure as the new Postmaster General.

Impacts on Capacity

Under a formal agreement signed with the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and the General Services Administration (GSA), Postmaster General Louis DeJoy committed to a drastic downsizing of the postal workforce. The agreement outlined a 30-day window to [remove 10,000 employees](#) from the postal workforce via an early retirement program. By August, the Postal Service's third quarter financial report showed [nearly 10,500 employees](#) had taken the early retirement offer.

Material Harms

DOGE [joined](#) Postal Service leadership in implementing plans that threatened the postal service's [universal service obligation and 6-day delivery standard](#), which will likely result in delayed or lost mail—including time-sensitive medication, legal documents, ballots and benefit checks. Rural, indigenous, and remote areas that [rely on USPS for "last-mile delivery"](#) are at especially high risk of being cut off from services. Should Musk get his wish of privatization, these issues will only be further exacerbated.

According to a [USPS internal review](#) published in May 2025, its delivery time for first-class letters had been 5% slower in the two preceding years. While not directly attributable to DOGE, the poor performance is likely due to [DeJoy's past cost-cutting](#)



measures, a mantle DOGE happily took up.

Notable Names

Ousted Leadership

- **Louis Dejoy:** Postmaster General who stepped down shortly after signing an agreement with DOGE to allow the agency to find “further efficiencies” at USPS.

DOGE Agents

- **Alex Simonpour**
- **James Burnham**
- **Ethan Shaotran**