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Issue #22 “Don’t Rain on my Parade”

Topic - Trump is getting his big military parade (and his birthday wish.)

In his first term, Trump tried to schedule a big parade with tanks, troops, planes. Many around him convinced him that it was not prudent and he finally gave up the idea. This time he has surrounded himself with an unlimited number of “YES” people.

No one will convince him to give up ideas that are wrong, unacceptable, stupid or unnecessary this time.

Trump will watch with the same fervor and emotion as other leaders from countries like North Korea, Russia and China. Countries ruled by authoritarian leaders who use spectacles like this to show off their military as a sign of their power.

Not only will the parade cost America over an estimated \$43 million dollars, but potential damage to streets could add millions more. Money that could be better spent on more deserving projects. So much for saving money from “Fraud, Waste and Abuse”.

America is too good to brag with this kind of demonstration, but should show by our compassion and dedication to democracy that our power is in the patriotic people of America.

Note - by the time you read this the parade may have been cancelled if the coming rain is accompanied by thunder storms.

In the News

AP 6/13/25

Here’s what to expect at the Army’s 250th anniversary parade on Trump’s birthday

“WASHINGTON (AP) — The tanks are staged and ready to roll. [Fencing and barriers are up](#). Protective metal plating has been laid out on Washington’s streets. And more than 6,000 troops are poised to march near the National Mall to honor [the Army’s 250th anniversary](#) on Saturday, which happens to be [President Donald Trump’s 79th birthday](#).”

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MSNBC 6/3/25

The president's expensive — and literally destructive — parade is poised to significantly damage the streets of Washington next weekend.

*"The predicted consequences of Trump's massive military parade keep getting worse
The president's expensive — and literally destructive — parade is poised to significantly damage the streets of Washington next weekend."*

The cost to repair Washington, D.C., streets after the upcoming military parade celebrating the Army's 250th anniversary could cost as much as \$16 million, according to U.S. military officials."

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CNN 6/6/25

Army preparing for largest military parade on the capital's streets in decades, featuring 7 million pounds of hardware

"Millions of pounds of military hardware are expected to roll down the US capital's streets in less than two weeks, fulfilling a dream of President Donald Trump but also sparking concerns about how the roads of Washington, DC, will fare under the literal weight of heavy tanks and fighting vehicles. "[Read more](#)

User Views

6/9 LD - To us normal people, his actions seem ludicrous, illegal, and ridiculous. But then we are the normal people, and they don't count.

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