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U.S. Supreme Court Backs Trump in NIH Grant Cuts

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Washington, D.C. — The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the Trump administration, allowing it to cut more than \$780 million in federal research grants. The 5–4 decision permits the administration to suspend funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that was directed toward projects the government deemed “disfavored,” including programs related to diversity, gender identity, and vaccine hesitancy.

The ruling represents a significant legal victory for the administration, although the decision was narrowly split. Justices in the majority argued that the executive branch holds discretion in determining the scope and continuation of federal funding. Dissenting justices warned that the ruling could set a precedent for limiting academic and scientific research based on political considerations.

Trump’s Visit to Federal Forces in Washington

In a separate development, President Trump made a surprise visit to Washington, D.C., where he delivered pizza and hamburgers to National Guard troops and federal agents. The visit was intended to boost morale among security personnel stationed in the capital.

The president also credited his administration’s intervention in Washington law enforcement this month with contributing to a drop in local crime rates. However, city statistics show that crime in the capital had already been declining over the past two years, prior to the latest federal actions.

Shift in Federal Guidance on Immigrant Education

The administration has also moved to roll back decades-old federal guidance on public education for immigrant students. The previous rules required schools to provide broad support services for students still learning English. The new policy reduces these requirements, giving states and districts more discretion in how they assist immigrant children.

Education groups have expressed concern that the change could limit resources for students seeking to integrate into the U.S. education system. Meanwhile, federal data indicates that for the first time in decades, more immigrants are leaving the United States than arriving.

Broader Implications

Taken together, the Supreme Court ruling, the president's law enforcement initiatives in Washington, and the education policy shift highlight the Trump administration's active role in reshaping federal priorities. The administration has emphasized tightening control over research spending, strengthening law enforcement presence in the capital, and reducing obligations on schools serving immigrant populations.

The decisions are expected to generate significant debate in the months ahead, particularly as federal agencies and local governments adapt to the policy changes.