

## Hello, World 2.0 | Week of May 12, 2025



### Drowning in News

Welcome to my inaugural post! I'm your captain rolling onto the scene to provide updates, shed insight, and hopefully provide a little comedic relief along the way. The powers that be are flooding the zone, but I've got my life jacket and raft. Hop on, and let's ride this thing out together.

It was another chaotic week here in the States. The U.S. and China rolled back tariffs, Trump toured the Middle East, and the House Budget Committee rejected that Big, Beautiful Bill. Springsteen called

Trump unfit, and Trump randomly posted that Taylor Swift was "no longer hot," a callback to his "I HATE TAYLOR SWIFT!" hissy fit on Truth Social back in 2024. Weird flex, but okay.

### Hot Take: Pushing the Envelope—Return to Sender

All this overshadowed the week's biggest story (maybe by design). Stephen Miller—aka Pee Wee German—announced the administration is seriously looking into suspending *Habeas Corpus*. Cue the collective Googling: "Wait, what even is that again?"

Making good on campaign promises Cosplay Kristi and her henchman Todd Lyons have been aggressively deporting anyone even *suspected* of being here illegally, and they've taken some shortcuts along the way. Paperwork is such a hassle. Amirite tho? This has folks pushing back and yelling about Due Process, to which Miller rolls his eyes and says, "Um, no." Trump seems to be on board, saying to give everyone their day in court would mean millions of hearings. Constitutional rights can be so inconvenient sometimes.



If you haven't caught on by now, *Habeas Corpus* is the legal and constitutional right to present your case to a judge, and the Constitution doesn't limit this to citizens. It applies to anyone physically present in the U.S., and the courts are backing this up. Shoutout to our system of checks-and-balances.



Suspending *Habeas Corpus* is only allowed when the U.S. is under an invasion or rebellion, which we currently are not. The last, and only time, it was ever suspended was during the Civil War, if that gives you some idea of how rare this is. Naturally, this matters to undocumented people, but it also matters to immigrants who are here *legally*, especially if they happen to be Black or Brown. White South African immigrants, on the other hand, seem to skip the line entirely. Guess it doesn't hurt having the world's richest man advocate on your behalf.

This issue has the potential to affect U.S. citizens as well, since the act that would suspend Due Process doesn't specify who it applies to, which means if you've made Trump's naughty list (looking at you, James Comer), then you could find yourself with a one-way ticket to El Salvador. Fortunately, our Judicial Branch is working overtime to keep Trump from acting like the dictator he told us he would be "on Day One." Y'all do remember that, right?

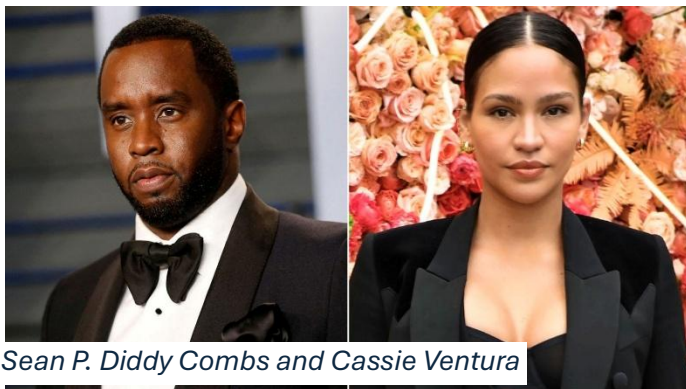
## On My Radar: A Palatial Plane Fit for a King

A second story worth noting—is this lavish, royal jet the Qatari government has offered The Donald. Not only would it be completely unethical to accept this plane, referred to as a *palace in the sky*, it violates the Foreign Emoluments Clause. Cue Google again. But this isn't a deterrent for Trump who says it would “be stupid” not to accept it.

The Founding Fathers had the foresight to put it in writing that our elected leaders and other powerful government officials probably shouldn't be taking gifts from kings and queens. They thought corruption was one of the greatest threats to democracy. Wow—did these guys have a crystal ball? Did Thomas Jefferson drive a DeLorean by chance?

This story has gotten a lot of attention because, in addition to being outrageous, it highlights the Trump Foundation's ongoing business dealings in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE—the three countries Air Force One landed in during what some have dubbed “Trump's Corruption Tour.”

While Trump lamented having to ride around in an old, decrepit private plane (hey, 40 is not *that* old), other more practical individuals noted that restoring the \$400 million “gift” from the Qataris would end up costing U.S. taxpayers almost a billion dollars to ensure to retrofit it and make sure it's not a security risk. Some gift. Where the heck is DOGE when you need them?



Sean P. Diddy Combs and Cassie Ventura

## Pop Corner: P. Diddy, TikTok, and Nottoway With a Side of Shawshank

In other news, the federal sex trafficking case against Sean “P. Diddy” Combs has moved forward with his ex Cassie Ventura testifying against Combs in court this week. Nine months pregnant and facing her abuser in court? That's fire, y'all. All kinds of horrifying (and freaky) stuff is coming out. None of it's surprising, but it's got people tuning in, nonetheless. This Bad Boy for Life may be getting just that.

On an unrelated note, a new TikTok trend has students sticking random objects into USB ports in their Chromebooks, in some cases causing fires. Seriously, why can't kids just put glue on their hands and peel it off like we did in the olden days? Glad we fought to keep TikTok in the U.S. Clearly paying off.

Multiple airports across the country have reported random outages lasting up to 90 seconds. A haunted doll is hanging out in Louisiana. Also in Louisiana, the South's largest antebellum plantation burned to the ground Thursday and ten New Orleans prisoners escaped Friday morning. At present, seven are still on the loose. *Annabelle, was this you?*



Nottoway Plantation, White Castle, Louisiana

## Final Thoughts

I don't know about you, but I feel like I've been treading water all week. I'm exhausted. And all the craziness in DC has me wondering if there isn't more going on behind the scenes they're trying to keep out of the limelight. JD Vance has been mighty quiet lately. Hopefully, he's spending a lot of time in the pews reflecting on Pope Francis' final message. Maybe even asking for forgiveness: JD, we know it was you. Congrats to Pope Leo; he'll represent America well.

I hope you'll join me next week. Same place, same time. More ridiculous news.

That's all for now, World. Over and out.

—Kara



**“The Habeas Corpus secures every man here, alien or citizen, against everything which is not law, whatever shape it may assume.”**

— Thomas Jefferson, Letter to Albert Gallatin (1798)

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