

THE BG TOP 3

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#1 THE SHUTDOWN ROLLS ON...

Republicans and Democrats were unable to reach an agreement on a continuing resolution before the September 30th deadline and have made little to no progress since then. In fact, both sides have strengthened their respective positions since the shutdown began. At this point, it's an effort to "win" the message, which is not easy in the context of a government shutdown.

“ Don't ask the Republicans what we should be doing or what we should be negotiating. I don't have anything to negotiate. ”

- Speaker Johnson (R-LA):

#2 SENIOR MILITARY LEADERS CONVENE

War Secretary Hegseth and President Trump addressed senior military leadership in what was a unique gathering of U.S. military leaders from around the globe. Secretary Hegseth spoke about the need for a new culture, including new health and fitness requirements, as well as several new policies and requirements for senior military leaders.

“ No plan, no program, no reform, no formation will ultimately succeed unless we have the right people and the right culture at the Department of War. ”

- Secretary Hegseth

#3 LOOMING GOVERNMENT LAYOFFS?

The White House has been considering large layoffs during the government shutdown - both an effort to pressure Democrats to agree to the current continuing resolution and to remove government employees that do not "align" with the Administration's "values." It is not yet clear what the timing could be around layoffs, but the White House has been aggressively talking about the potential for layoffs as the shutdown continues.

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- [Appropriations Update | September 29th, 2025](#)
- [Rural Report | September 30th, 2025](#)
- [Congressional Update | September 2025](#)
- [What Will Drive Both Sides to Come Together to End the Shutdown?](#)
- [We Have a Government Shutdown. What's Next?](#)
- [The Six Stages of a Government Shutdown](#)