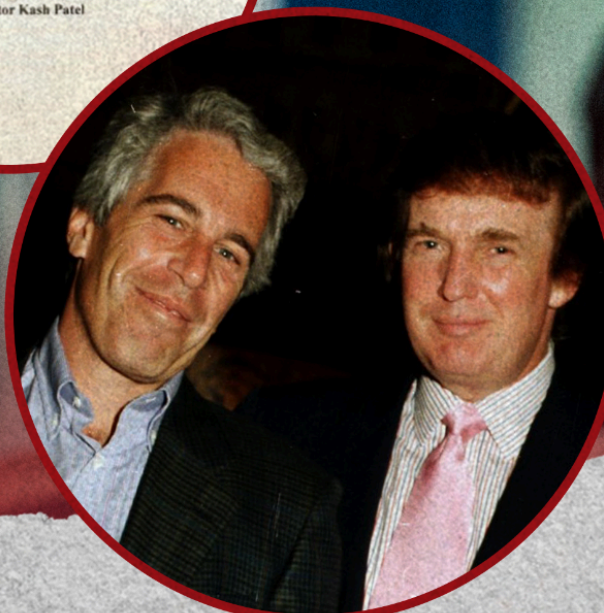
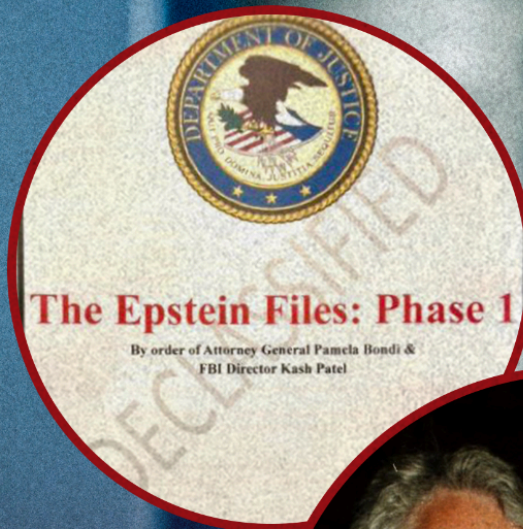


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ONE YEAR SINCE BONDI'S BINDERS: THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S EPSTEIN FILES COVER-UP GOES ON



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One Year Since Bondi's Binders:
The Trump Administration's Epstein
Files Cover-Up Goes On

Donald Trump and his allies promised us full transparency and accountability about the Epstein files. Instead, a year after Pam Bondi's fake "Epstein Files" binders event with right wing influencers on February 27, 2025, this administration is still running a full scale cover-up – blowing past legal deadlines, hiding millions of pages, and weaponizing a chaotic, victim-exposing document dump to protect Trump, other administration officials and the well-to-do Epstein class while claiming there is "nothing to see here."

For the last 12 months, the pattern has been the same: Trump and his hand-picked Attorney General hype non-existent "client lists" and "truckloads" of evidence, then the DOJ quietly insists there's no client list at all. Congress passes a near-unanimous transparency law, then the DOJ blows through the deadline and declares its review "over" with millions of files still hidden. The DOJ claims it's "protecting victims," then leaves dozens of victims' names, nude photos, Social Security numbers, and bank accounts exposed while carefully blacking out Trump's face. At the same time, Trump orders up investigations of his enemies, DOJ spies on members of Congress reviewing the files, and Bondi uses a House hearing to deliver histrionic attacks on the very idea of oversight and accountability, instead of answering basic questions about Trump, Epstein, and at least a half-dozen Trump cabinet officials who show up in the files.

Meanwhile, the rest of the world is doing what Trump's America refuses to do. In the UK, Norway, France, Slovakia, Poland, at the U.N., in universities, boardrooms, and media outlets, people named in the Epstein files are resigning, being investigated, or facing charges. But here, Trump shrugs off more than a million internal references to his own name, calls Prince Andrew's arrest "very sad," and insists he's "totally exonerated" and it's time to move on. But across poll after poll, Americans in both parties overwhelmingly believe Trump's DOJ is hiding what the Epstein files really show about a global criminal enterprise, and about the president and his circle.

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ONE YEAR AGO THIS WEEK: Bondi Lies, Then Hands Out Fake “Epstein Files” Binders




People carrying binders bearing the seal of the U.S. Justice Department reading “The Epstein Files: Phase 1” walk out of the West Wing of the White House on February 27, 2025 (Jim Watson/AFP/Getty Images)

🙄 **February 21, 2025: Pam Bondi lied that she had the Epstein files “sitting on my desk right now to review.”** On February 21, Attorney General Pam Bondi goes on Fox News and [claims](#) the Jeffrey Epstein client list is “sitting on my desk right now to review.” In July, the Department of Justice. A few days later, Bondi [tells](#) Jesse Watters that she was going to release “a lot of flight logs, a lot of names, a lot of information.”

📖 **February 27, 2025: Bondi stages a stunt handing out “Epstein Files” binders full of old news to right wing influencers at the White House.** On February 27, Bondi summons a group of 15 right-wing influencers to the White House for a [meeting](#) that included President Donald Trump, Vice President J.D. Vance, and FBI Director Kash Patel. Bondi handed out elaborate binders labeled “The Epstein Files: Phase 1” – but the binders were just material that was already in the public domain, not new information at all. Bondi tried to blame the FBI for preventing the disclosure of more information and demanded that the bureau hand over “the full and complete Epstein files” by the next morning. There was never a second release of “Phase 2” of the files.

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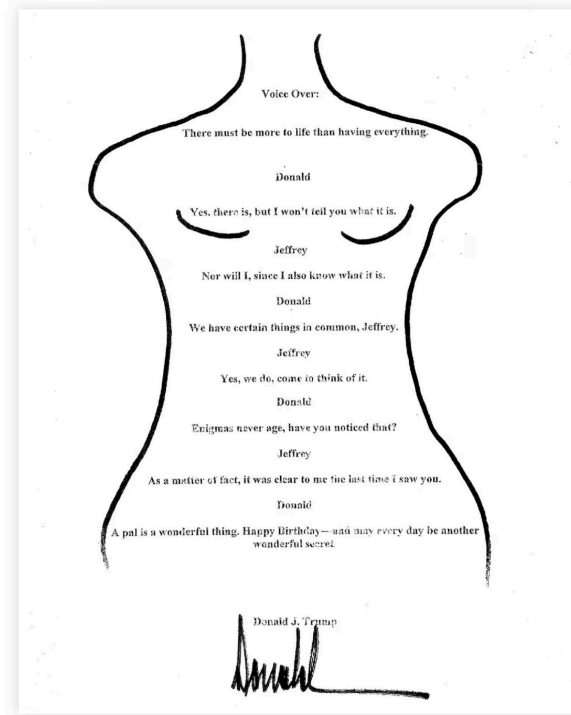
- **Even Trump’s biggest allies didn’t fall for this one.** MAGA Rep. Anna Paulina Luna (R-FL-13) [rages](#) at Bondi: THIS IS NOT WHAT WE OR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ASKED FOR. GET US THE INFORMATION WE ASKED FOR instead of leaking old info to press.” Trump pal and influential right wing activist Laura Loomer [called for](#) Bondi to resign and called her a “total liar.” The influencers summoned for Bondi’s stunt [spend months](#) talking about how humiliated and angry they felt at being duped.

 **March 2025: Here we go again: Bondi promises (and promises and promises) that Americans will “get the full Epstein files” soon and claims she just received a “truckload” of Epstein evidence.** Two days after the binder flop, Bondi [appears](#) on Fox News and told Mark Levin that Americans will “get the full Epstein files” thanks to Donald Trump being the “most transparent president.” On March 3, in yet another Fox News [appearance](#) with Sean Hannity, Bondi says that a "truckload" of evidence was delivered to the White House per her request. Except for the names of victims, Hannity asks, "Will everything else be made public that you get in your possession?" Bondi replies, "We believe in transparency, and America has the right to know." She also accuses the Biden administration of sitting on the documents. "It’s a new administration and everything is going to come out to the public," she says. On March 14 it’s [back to](#) Fox Business to talk about the “truckload of documents” again and on March 23, Bondi [swears](#) that it was just a matter of redacting a few things and they will be “releasing all of these documents” any day now.

- **April 2025: Trump promises “100% of those documents are being delivered.”** On April 22, Trump [told reporters](#) in the Oval Office that he would speak to Bondi about the status of the Epstein files and “100% of all of these documents are being delivered.”

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SUMMER 2025: Trump And Friends Frantically Backpedal While Fighting Real Transparency



Trump's birthday letter to Jeffrey Epstein revealed

!! May 2025: Bondi now says information can't be released because the FBI is reviewing "tens of thousands of videos" of Jeffrey Epstein "with children or child porn." In a [surprise statement](#) on May 7, Bondi now says that the delay in releasing additional files is because the FBI is reviewing "tens of thousands of videos of Epstein with children or child porn" and there are "hundreds of victims." Weeks later lawyers and law enforcement officials involved in the cases against Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell still had [no idea](#) what Bondi was referring to. None of the case files against Epstein and Maxwell mention the existence of this trove of video and neither were ever charged with possession of child sex abuse material. This supposed trove of "tens of thousands" of videos is never mentioned again and FBI Director Kash Patel [tells Joe Rogan](#) that there is no video of "some guy or gal committing felonies on an island."

🤔 May 2025: Bondi briefs Trump and tells him his name is in the Epstein files. Suddenly DOJ officials start downplaying Epstein conspiracy theories they used to espouse. Sometime in May, Bondi [briefs](#) Trump on the Justice Department review of the Epstein files and tells the president that his name appears in the files. Also in May FBI Director Patel and Deputy Director Dan Bongino make an [appearance](#) to announce that, actually, Jeffrey Epstein definitely died by suicide and there's nothing more to investigate, infuriating their [supporters](#) and the [MAGA media](#) by completely backtracking on the conspiracy theories they used to traffic in before joining the FBI. Bongino continues his "nothing to see here" tour on Fox News [claiming](#) "There is nothing in the file at this point on the Epstein case," and [dismissing](#) the whole thing as just a "hot potato for folks."

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🙄 **July 2025: Whoops! DOJ now claims there's no Epstein client list after all and why are we still talking about this?** A Justice Department [memo](#) now says "the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have conducted an exhaustive review of investigative holdings relating to Jeffrey Epstein." According to Bondi's DOJ, "This systematic review revealed no incriminating 'client list'. There was also no credible evidence found that Epstein blackmailed prominent individuals as part of his actions. We did not uncover evidence that could predicate an investigation against uncharged third parties." The memo concludes that "no further disclosure would be appropriate or warranted." At a July cabinet meeting Bondi tried to [backtrack](#) and claim she never said there was an Epstein client list and President Trump just couldn't believe that people were "still talking about this guy." A week later Trump [repeats](#) that he doesn't understand why his supporters are still so interested in Epstein because it's "pretty boring stuff" and Bondi [refuses](#) to answer any more questions about the Epstein files.


🔥 **July 2025: MAGA erupts and Trump calls them "selfish" and "stupid."** Prominent right-wing podcasters and influencers [flatly reject](#) the Trump administration's claim that there was no client list and no incriminating evidence of additional perpetrators involved in Epstein's crimes. Tucker Carlson [calls](#) the DOJ memo a "cover up" and Steve Bannon lashed out against federal law enforcement calling for supporters to "take these apparatuses down." In an unhinged July 12 Truth Social rant Trump [shouts](#), "What's going on with my 'boys' and, in some cases, 'gals?' They're all going after Attorney General Pam Bondi, who is doing a FANTASTIC JOB! We're on one Team, MAGA, and I don't like what's happening. We have a PERFECT Administration, THE TALK OF THE WORLD, and "selfish people" are trying to hurt it, all over a guy who never dies, Jeffrey Epstein. For years, it's Epstein, over and over again. Why are we giving publicity to Files written by Obama, Crooked Hillary, Comey, Brennan, and the Losers and Criminals of the Biden Administration, who conned the World with the Russia, Russia, Russia Hoax, 51 "Intelligence" Agents, 'THE LAPTOP FROM HELL,' and more? They created the Epstein Files, just like they created the FAKE Hillary Clinton/Christopher Steele Dossier that they used on me, and now my so-called 'friends' are playing right into their hands."

- **Trump: "It's all been a big hoax" that only "bad people" care about.** On July 16, Trump [tells reporters](#) in the Oval Office that "It's all been a big hoax. It's perpetrated by the Democrats. Some stupid Republicans and foolish Republicans fall into the net." On Truth Social, Trump [disavows](#) his "PAST supporters" who believed "Jeffrey Epstein Hoax" and at Andrews Air Force Base he [claims](#) only "bad people" care about Epstein.


📧 **July 2025: Trump's "bawdy" birthday letter to Epstein revealed.** In July, the Wall Street Journal [publishes a story](#) indicating that Ghislaine Maxwell had compiled a set of "bawdy letters" for Jeffrey Epstein for his 50th birthday – and one of them was from Donald Trump. Trump [says](#) the letter is a "FAKE" and a "Scam" and [files](#) a defamation suit against the Wall Street Journal. In September, lawyers for the Epstein estate gave Congress the [letter](#) that Trump said didn't exist with salacious doodles and Trump's signature referencing "wonderful secrets" and his "pal" Jeffrey Epstein. The White House [keeps calling it](#) "FAKE NEWS to perpetuate the Democrat Epstein Hoax!" Around this time Trump [starts saying](#) that his falling out with Jeffrey Epstein happened because Epstein "stole" Virginia Giuffre and other young women who worked at the spa at Mar-a-Lago and not because Epstein was a "creep" like White House officials previously claimed.

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 **July - August 2025: Trump's former personal attorney Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche holds meetings with Ghislaine Maxwell, releases transcripts claiming Maxwell never saw Trump "in any inappropriate setting," and moves her to a cushy "Club Fed" facility.** On July 22, Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche – one of Trump's [former](#) personal defense attorneys – [says](#) he's in talks with Ghislaine Maxwell's attorney and that he plans to meet with her at Pam Bondi's direction. Trump says he [thinks](#) this plan "sounds appropriate." Just days after Maxwell holds a marathon two-day meeting with Todd Blanche she is [moved](#) to a minimum security "Club Fed," in Texas, a move which is quite rare for convicted sex offenders like Maxwell and heavily suggests she's receiving special treatment from Trump's DOJ. In her quest for a pardon, Maxwell [told](#) Todd Blanche that she never saw Trump "in any inappropriate setting," and in February 2026, she [refused](#) to testify before the House Oversight Committee and said she will only answer questions if Trump grants her clemency. Even as she seeks clemency from Trump, Maxwell is actively in court trying to [block release](#) of documents from Virginia Giuffre's defamation lawsuit under the Epstein Files Transparency Act.

 **August 2025: A federal judge admonishes the Trump administration for pursuing the "illusion" of transparency rather than actual disclosure.** In July the DOJ files a motion in the Southern District of New York to unseal grand jury testimony related to Epstein's 2019 indictment charging him with sex trafficking offenses, citing "extensive public interest" following the agency's July 6 memo. The agency files similar motions in New York for Ghislaine Maxwell's case, as well as in Florida, where Epstein agreed to a plea deal with U.S. prosecutors in 2007 over the abuse of minor girls. Initially all three motions are [denied](#) by federal judges, with Federal judge Paul Engelmeyer in New York reprimanding the Department of Justice, [writing](#) that an observer "might conclude that the Government's motion for their unsealing was aimed not at 'transparency' but at diversion – aimed not at full disclosure but at the illusion of such." In November, the administration [revives](#) their request to release the grand jury files after passage of the Epstein Files Transparency Act, and this time they are [successful](#).

FALL 2025: Trump's MAGA Henchmen In Congress Work To Block Release Of The Epstein Files

 **July 2025: Reps Thomas Massie (R-KY) and Ro Khanna (D-CA) introduce the Epstein Files Transparency Act.** On July 15, bipartisan legislators [introduced](#) the Epstein Files Transparency Act, legislation which would force the House of Representatives to vote on the complete release of the full Epstein files. Massie and Khanna introduce the resolution as a discharge petition to bypass House leadership, seeking to force a vote on the bill when the petition reaches 218 signatures.

 **September 2025: Department of Interior removes satirical statue of Donald Trump and Jeffrey Epstein from the Mall.** In September, a statue of Epstein and Trump skipping hand-in-hand, above a satirical plaque honoring their friendship, appears on the National Mall, erected by a protest group seeking full release of the files. U.S. Park Police abruptly [remove](#) the statue for what the Department of Interior later said was permit noncompliance.

 **September 2025: Department of Justice turns over incomplete files containing mostly public court filings in response to House Oversight Committee subpoena.** On September 2, the House Oversight Committee [releases](#) more than 33,000 pages of

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Epstein-related records that the Justice Department turned over in response to a subpoena that Democrats on the committee had effectively forced Republicans to issue. Although the subpoena sought all department files, only a portion was turned over. Many of the records released were already public court filings, and added little new information.

⚠ September 2025: The White House and its allies threaten and bully to try to kill the Epstein Transparency Act. On September 3, dozens of Epstein victims and their family members travel to Washington to demand the full release of the files. While survivors [watch](#) from the gallery, GOP members of Congress block the vote on the disclosure measure. On September 10, Republicans in the Senate [block](#) another effort to force a vote on the release of the files. Behind the scenes the Trump White House pulls the strings, [bullying](#) and [threatening](#) Rep. Thomas Massie and other Republicans who supported the transparency bill.

🚫 October 2025: Republican block seating new House member Adelita Grijalva for weeks in a desperate attempt to block the Epstein Transparency Act discharge petition. On September 23, Adelita Grijalva is elected to fill a vacant House seat in Arizona. She had pledged to become the 218th vote for the discharge petition to force a vote on the Epstein Transparency Act. Breaking longstanding precedent, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson [refuses](#) to seat her for seven weeks during a government shutdown, blocking the ripening of the discharge petition and delaying the vote on transparency further. Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes and Grijalva [sue](#) the House over the refusal to swear her in, alleging that Johnson is delaying Grijalva's swearing in to prevent her from voting on the Epstein petition.

NOVEMBER 2025 - JANUARY 2026: Block, Distract, Delay, And Obfuscate


✉ November 12: “Quiet Piggy”: House Oversight Democrats release emails further implicating Trump in Epstein’s trafficking operation. On November 12, Oversight Democrats [release](#) three emails from the documents provided by Epstein’s estate in response to a subpoena that demonstrates Trump knew more about Epstein’s sex-trafficking operation than he had acknowledged. In one [email](#), Epstein wrote that Trump had spent hours at his home with one of Epstein’s victims. In another, Epstein directly asserted that Trump “knew about the girls.” After a journalist tried to ask him about the emails, Trump [snapped](#) and told her “Quiet. Quiet, piggy.”


🎯 November 15: Days after House Democrats release the emails, Trump demands that Pam Bondi investigate Democrats in the Epstein files and Bondi eagerly agrees. On November 15, Pam Bondi [announces](#) that she is appointing Manhattan US Attorney Jay Clayton to lead an investigation into Jeffrey Epstein’s ties to Democrats and Trump’s political enemies, including former President Bill Clinton. Hours before Bondi's announcement, Trump [posts](#) on Truth Social that “the Epstein Hoax, involves Democrats, not Republicans” and he will be asking Pam Bondi, the Justice Department and the FBI to investigate Epstein's "involvement and relationship" with Clinton and other Democrats, including former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers and LinkedIn founder and Democratic donor Reid Hoffman. Asked whether he should be ordering up such investigations, Trump [tells reporters](#) aboard Air Force One: "I'm the chief law enforcement officer of the country. I'm allowed to do it."

🚫 November 2025: Trump launches an all out campaign to stop Republicans from voting to release the Epstein files. Trump and his Republican allies ramp up their all-out


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[campaign](#) to block the bipartisan effort to force the House vote directing the Justice Department to release all Epstein-related files. Trump sends aides to warn Republicans that supporting the petition would be seen as a “hostile act” against the administration. The president personally calls defectors, [summons](#) Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO-04) to meet with Pam Bondi and FBI Director Patel in the White House Situation Room to pressure her to move off the discharge petition, and he angrily [withdraws](#) his support of Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, a longtime fervent Trump ally.

 **November 2025: Trump says only “very bad or stupid” Republicans would vote for the “Jeffrey Epstein Hoax” – but then reverses course days later and signs the bill.** In a Truth Social rant on November 12 Trump [writes](#), “The Democrats are trying to bring up the Jeffrey Epstein Hoax again because they’ll do anything at all to deflect on how badly they’ve done on the Shutdown, and so many other subjects. Only a very bad, or stupid, Republican would fall into that trap. There should be no deflections to Epstein or anything else.” In a surprising reversal, Trump [posts](#) on Truth Social on November 16 that Republicans should go ahead and vote in favor of the bill “because we have nothing to hide.” On November 18, the House passes the Epstein Transparency Act 427-1, with the lone opposition vote coming from unhinged [Trump ally](#) Clay Higgins of Louisiana. The Senate passes the same measure by unanimous consent hours later. On November 19, Trump [signs](#) the bill, now taking credit for its passage.

 **December - January: Weeks of delay as the DOJ blows through the legal deadline to release the files.** The DOJ [didn’t even come close](#) to meeting the statutory December 19 deadline to release the Epstein files after weeks of slow walking. While most Republicans shrug, Ro Khanna and Thomas Massie [furiously](#) petition district court judge Paul Engelmayer of the Southern District of New York to intervene and force an independent audit of the files and their release, arguing that the “DOJ cannot be trusted with making mandatory disclosures under the Act.” On January 19, a full month after the legal deadline to release the files, [almost nothing](#) has been released as Trump’s DOJ definitely made excuses for continued inaction.

JANUARY 2026: Protecting Trump, Exposing Victims

 **January 30, 2026: DOJ finally dumps more than 3 million pages – 43 days late – then declares the review “over.”** On January 30, DOJ [releases](#) roughly 3.5 million pages of Epstein records – more than a month past the legal deadline. Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche [confirms](#) that the review of more than six million files is effectively “over” and appears to confirm that millions of files will not be released. Hours after the final release of documents, a group of 18 survivors of Epstein’s abuse say in a [joint statement](#) that the disclosure does not do enough to hold his enablers accountable. Politico [describes](#) Trump’s weaponization of the pending document dump as “WikiLeaks 2.0,” with bad-faith actors cherry-picking and misrepresenting documents and Associated Press [finds](#) at least 16 files had disappeared from the DOJ’s public website within hours after the release.

 **Donald Trump was mentioned over 1,000 times in released documents.** While some of the references are benign, others include newly disclosed unverified sexual assault claims against Trump and [new details](#) about how some of Epstein’s victims described their interactions Trump. The newly released documents include a list of unverified assault allegations against Trump compiled by FBI officials last year that was [briefly deleted](#) and then

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re-released. There are also FBI notes about a woman who accused Trump in a lawsuit of raping her when she was 13, and an FBI interview with one of Epstein's victims who stated that Epstein's accomplice Ghislane Maxwell once "presented her" to Trump at a party. Despite these appalling new revelations, Trump immediately claims to have been completely absolved and spends the weekend after the January 30 release [threatening](#) to [sue](#) anyone who dared to suggest otherwise.

- **Trump is referenced over a million times in the unredacted Epstein files.**
After finally getting into the DOJ's unredacted room, Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD-08) says [internal searches](#) spit back "more than a million" hits tied to Donald Trump's name and identifiers and that Trump world's public spin on Epstein is "flatly incompatible" with what members are actually seeing on screen. Fresh reporting from the [Miami Herald](#) also shows that Trump knew exactly who Epstein and Maxwell were – telling the Palm Beach police chief that "everyone" knew about them and calling Maxwell "evil" even as he publicly wished her well.

•• **Sloppy redactions put victims at risk and seem too widespread to be accidental.**
The DOJ's sloppy review process exposes the names of dozens of Jeffrey Epstein's victims, including many who haven't shared their identities publicly or were minors when they were abused. A *Wall Street Journal* analysis [finds](#) that at least 43 victims' full names are left unredacted in files made public by the government. Several women's full names appear more than 100 times in the files, [others](#) have Social Security numbers and personally identifying information exposed. While the DOJ went to [great lengths](#) to obscure Trump's image in one photo, it left [dozens](#) of nude photos of young women or possibly teenagers unredacted. Attorneys for Epstein's victims [describe](#) the thousands of redaction failures as an "unfolding emergency" and claim that "There is no conceivable degree of institutional incompetence sufficient to explain the scale, consistency, and persistence of the failures that occurred."

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FEBRUARY 2026: The Cover-Up Continues



*Attorney General Pam Bondi refuses to look at Epstein survivors behind her as they express that they have been ignored by Trump's DOJ, February 11, 2026
(Roberto Schmidt/AFP via Getty)*

🗣️ February 11, 2026: Pam Bondi put on a show for one before the House Judiciary Committee. Attorney General Pam Bondi has a [disastrous](#) appearance before the House Judiciary Committee on February 11, shouting at members, [refusing](#) to even look at Epstein's victims and putting on a histrionic performance for an audience of one. Trump [raves](#) that Bondi did "fantastic," because her real job isn't truth-telling or accountability, it's running a cover up for him while the DOJ keeps its thumb on the scale.

👁️ DOJ caught spying on members of Congress. Bondi doesn't just grandstand for Trump, she walks into the hearing [waving](#) a page titled "Jayapal Pramila Search History," complete with a detailed outline of which Epstein files Rep. Jayapal opens on DOJ's locked-down terminal, prompting [outrage](#) and threats of legal action from members on both sides of the aisle.

📄 DOJ withheld and removed files related to Donald Trump – like 50 pages of FBI interviews from conversations with a woman who accused Trump of sexual abuse when she was a minor. An NPR investigation [reveals](#) in late February that the Justice Department withheld some Epstein files related to allegations that President Trump sexually abused a minor and removed some documents from the public database where accusations against Epstein also mention Trump. Some files were not made public despite the law mandating their release, including more than 50 pages of FBI interviews, and notes from conversations with a woman who accused Trump of sexual abuse decades ago when she was a

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minor. Trump's DOJ refuses to answer questions on the record about these files, what's in them, or why they haven't been published.

📁 **At least 11 top Trumpworld figures show up in the files.** At least [11 senior Trumpworld figures](#), including cabinet secretaries, top advisers, donors, and campaign operatives, appear in the files. At least a half-dozen Trump cabinet officials are mentioned in the files, including [HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#), [Secretary of the Navy John Phelan](#), and, most troublingly, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick.

- **The White House stands by Howard Lutnick as more evidence of his ongoing relationship with Epstein emerges.** Trump's hand-picked Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick previously swore up and down that his relationship with Epstein was "absolutely done" after one awkward 2005 meeting; his own Senate [testimony](#) in February blows that story to pieces. Lutnick admits under oath that he visited Epstein's island in December 2012 with his family *after* Epstein was a convicted sex offender. Just five days after the island visit, Lutnick and Epstein each [signed a contract](#) to invest in a digital ad technology company called AdFin Solutions. Lutnick faces [bipartisan calls](#) to resign while the Trump White House [shrugs off](#) the Epstein connections and keeps [defending](#) him.

👤 **Trump expresses sympathy for former Prince Andrew, keeps insisting that he has been "totally exonerated" by the files.** Trump and his cronies [insist](#) the files "totally exonerate" him, with Trump [saying](#) he "had nothing to do with Epstein" and [demanding](#) Americans "move on," even as references to him and his officials mount. Trump has [repeatedly](#) called the arrest of former Prince Andrew "very sad" and a "shame." Trump-loving House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer has also [declared](#) the case closed and said Trump was "completely exonerated" by the files.

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FEBRUARY 2026: Accountability Anywhere But Here











(Jaimi Joy/Reuters)

While Trump and his DOJ keep covering up for his administration's connections to Epstein, here's where accountability is happening:

-  **THE UK:** Former British ambassador to the US Lord Peter Mandelson [resigned](#) his membership of the Labour Party to avoid causing “further embarrassment” after the latest release of files detailed his links to Jeffrey Epstein. Mandelson has now been [arrested](#) on suspicion of misconduct in public office over claims he leaked financial information to Epstein. Former Prince Andrew has also been [arrested](#) on suspicion of misconduct in office following weeks of new revelations over his relationship with Epstein and Prime Minister Keir Starmer’s job continues to [teeter](#) on the brink – even though he never even met Epstein.
-  **NORWAY:** A top Norwegian diplomat and former junior minister [resigned](#) over what the foreign minister called a “grave error of judgment” in her Epstein ties, and prosecutors have opened a [corruption probe](#) that now reaches all the way to a former prime minister.

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-  **FRANCE:** Last week, Paris prosecutors [opened](#) two new investigations into potential sex abuse crimes and financial wrongdoings linked to Epstein. Prosecutor Laurence Beccau said the investigations are seeking to use the newly released files, media reports and new complaints that are being filed. Earlier this month Jack Lang, who once served as France's culture minister, announced that he would resign as head of the prestigious Arab World Institute after French authorities said they were [investigating](#) his financial links to Epstein.
-  **SLOVAKIA:** Miroslav Lajcak, the national security advisor to Slovakia's prime minister, [resigned](#) after the release of emails in which he and Jeffrey Epstein appeared to banter about young women.
-  **POLAND:** Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk [announced](#) that Polish authorities are analyzing the Epstein documents to seek any potential Polish victims and investigate whether Epstein had any link to Russian secret services. "We cannot allow that any of the cases involving abuse of Polish children by the network of pedophiles and the organizer of this satanic circle, Mr. Epstein, be treated lightly," Tusk said.
-  **NEW MEXICO:** Earlier this week, New Mexico lawmakers [passed](#) legislation to launch the first full investigation into what happened at Zorro Ranch. Epstein's New Mexico ranch is [now owned](#) by a self-described "MAGA Trump Republican" candidate for Texas comptroller, businessman Don Huffines.
-  **THE UNITED NATIONS:** A panel of United Nations experts [suggested](#) that allegations detailed in the DOJ's Epstein files could amount to "crimes against humanity." The group of experts, appointed by the U.N. Human Rights Council, said that the files signal "the existence of a global criminal enterprise" that engaged in the "systematic and large-scale sexual abuse, trafficking and exploitation" of women and girls.
-  **ACADEMIA:** Columbia University stripped Dr. Moss-Salentijn of her title as a vice dean at the dental college and [cut all ties](#) with Dr. Thomas Magnani after documents disclosed they helped secure admission to the College of Dental Medicine for Epstein's girlfriend. David A. Ross [resigned](#) from his position as department chair at the School of Visual Arts after emails revealed a decades long friendship with Epstein.
-  **MEDIA:** Longevity influencer Dr. Peter Attia [resigned](#) from his position as a contributor to CBS News after it was revealed that the newly released Epstein files included more than 1,700 documents with his name in them.
-  **BUSINESS:** Billionaire Thomas J. Pritzker [resigned](#) this week from his role as executive chairman of Hyatt Hotels after the files revealed his ongoing contact with Epstein after his sex crimes plea deal. Talent agent Casey Wasserman saw dozens of musicians and performers [leave his agency](#) after emails revealed his flirtatious relationship with Ghislaine Maxwell and he is now putting his eponymous agency up for

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sale. Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem [resigned](#) as head of the giant Dubai Ports World after his exchanges with Epstein were revealed. Brad Karp, the longtime chairman of Paul Weiss, one of the nation's top corporate law firms, [resigned](#) earlier this month after e-mails showed that his relationship with Epstein was deeper than previously known.

What's Next for Accountability? Calls for greater business world accountability are now growing louder with two major teachers unions [asking](#) the Securities & Exchange Commission to consider whether a 2021 statement from Apollo Global Management Inc. about the extent of its contact with Epstein could be considered materially false or misleading, billionaire Les Wexner facing a congressional [deposition](#) about his long friendship with Epstein, and the EU announcing a [new investigation](#) into non-consensual sexual deepfakes generated by [Epstein-linked](#) Elon Musk's Grok AI chatbot.

BY THE NUMBERS: Americans Simply Do Not Believe The Trump Administration's Lies About The Epstein Files

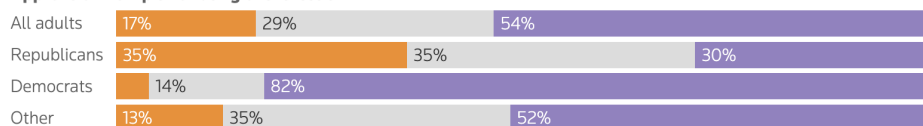
July 2025: Almost 70% of Americans believe the Trump administration is hiding information about Epstein. Reuters/Ipsos polling [shows](#) roughly 69% of Americans believe the Trump administration is hiding information about Epstein. Washington Post polling finds only [16%](#) approve of the Trump administration's handling of its investigation into the Epstein case.

What Americans think about the Jeffrey Epstein files

Reuters/Ipsos polled 1,027 U.S. adults on July 15-16

● Yes ● Unsure / Did not answer ● No

Approve of Trump's handling of the issue



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August 2025: Americans were overwhelmingly skeptical of Trump’s handling of the Epstein files. In a UMass Amherst national [poll](#), 70% of respondents said Trump was not handling the Epstein case well, while only 18% said he was.

August 2025: Trump’s own voters grew skeptical of his handling of the Epstein files. A growing volume of data over the summer showed Trump’s own voters [expressing concerns](#) about how the Epstein issue was being handled. A Quinnipiac poll showed that only four in 10 Republicans said they approved of his administration’s handling of the Epstein files. In a Washington Post poll, only 38 percent of all Republicans – and 43 percent of MAGA Republicans – said they approved of the president’s handling of the Epstein files.

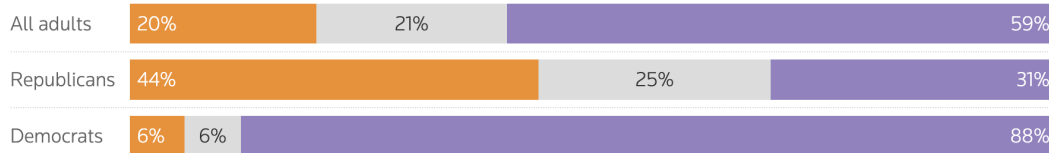
November 2025: Only 20% approve of how Trump is handling the Epstein files. Another Reuters/Ipsos poll [found](#) that only 20% of Americans – including just 44% of Republicans – approved of how Trump has handled the Epstein case. Some 70% of poll respondents – including 87% of Democrats and 60% of Republicans – said they believe the government is hiding information about Epstein's clients.

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Reuters/Ipsos polled 1,017 U.S. adults on November 14-17, 2025

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December 2025: 65% of Americans disapproved of the way Trump was handling the Epstein files. A Quinnipiac poll [found](#) that only 26% of voters approved of the way the Trump administration was handling the Jeffrey Epstein files, while 65% disapprove.

January 2026: Just 6% of Americans were satisfied with the release of the Epstein files. After the Trump administration blew past the statutory deadline to release the files by over a month, a CNN poll [found](#) that just 6% of Americans were satisfied with what had been released. A two-thirds majority of Americans said the federal government was intentionally holding back some information about the Epstein case that should be released.

February 2026: Voters Think Trump Has Been Mostly Dishonest About Epstein – and Find Attacks Against the “Epstein Class” Convincing. A Data for Progress poll [found](#) that a majority (55%) of voters say Donald Trump has mostly been dishonest by a +19-point margin. This includes Independents by a +33-point margin.

February 2026: A majority of Americans continue to disapprove of Donald Trump and even more disapprove of his handling of the Epstein investigation. A YouGov poll [found](#) that 57% of Americans disapprove of Trump’s handling of the Epstein investigations, 53% of Americans say Trump is trying to cover up Epstein’s crimes, and half (50%) of Americans think that Trump himself was involved in crimes allegedly committed by Epstein.