

REFERENCE TITLE: Trump Derangement Syndrome; research; report

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AN ACT

**PROVIDING FOR A STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ON TRUMP
DERANGEMENT SYNDROME.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Department of health services; Trump Derangement
3 Syndrome; research; report; delayed repeal;
4 definition

5 A. The director of the department of health services shall conduct
6 or support research to advance the understanding of Trump Derangement
7 Syndrome, including its origins, manifestations and long-term effects on
8 individuals, communities and public discourse.

9 B. The research conducted prescribed by subsection A of this
10 section shall include:

11 1. Efforts to identify the initial emergence or earliest documented
12 cases of Trump Derangement Syndrome, including historical and social
13 analyses to trace the onset.

14 2. An investigation of the long-term psychological, social or
15 behavioral impacts of Trump Derangement Syndrome on affected individuals,
16 communities or public discourse.

17 3. An analysis of contributing factors, such as media exposure,
18 political polarization or social dynamics, to the development or spread of
19 Trump Derangement Syndrome.

20 4. Exploration of potential interventions or strategies to mitigate
21 or prevent Trump Derangement Syndrome.

22 C. The director of the department of health services shall
23 collaborate with mental health professionals, academic institutions and
24 relevant state agencies as appropriate to achieve the objectives described
25 in subsection B of this section.

26 D. Not later than one year after the effective date of this
27 section, the director of the department of health services shall submit a
28 report to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of
29 representatives and the governor on the following:

30 1. The progress of research conducted pursuant to this section.

31 2. Any findings related to the initial emergence or long-term
32 effects of Trump Derangement Syndrome.

33 3. Recommendations for further research or public health actions.

34 E. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2027.

35 F. For the purposes of this section, "Trump Derangement Syndrome"
36 means a behavioral or psychological phenomenon that is characterized by
37 intense emotional or psychological reactions to Donald J. Trump, his
38 actions or his public presence as observed in individuals or groups.

39 Sec. 2. Legislative findings

40 A. The legislature finds that:

41 1. The United States thrives on liberty, opportunity and civil
42 discourse, yet extreme political polarization has fractured national
43 unity, threatening the democratic values cherished by Arizonans.

44 2. From 2017 to 2021, President Donald J. Trump's Tax Cuts and Jobs
45 Act of 2017 reduced the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent,

1 driving record economic growth with a median household income of \$68,700
2 in 2019.

3 3. President Trump's first term achieved historic unemployment lows
4 of 5.4 percent for African-Americans and 3.9 percent for
5 Hispanic-Americans in 2019, lifting millions out of poverty and advancing
6 opportunity for all.

7 4. Through deregulation, President Trump eliminated 22 regulations
8 for every new one in 2017, saving \$33 billion annually by 2018, empowering
9 Arizona's small businesses and innovators.

10 5. The Abraham Accords of 2020, brokered by President Trump,
11 normalized relations between Israel and nations like the United Arab
12 Emirates and Bahrain, strengthening America's global leadership.

13 6. After reelection on January 20, 2025, President Trump issued
14 over 200 executive actions, eliminating harmful mandates and affirming
15 biological truth in federal policy to protect family values.

16 7. The Laken Riley Act, signed January 29, 2025, has enhanced
17 border security by mandating detention of criminal illegal aliens, better
18 safeguarding Arizona communities.

19 8. Through tariffs, President Trump's economic policies in his
20 second term have added 671,000 jobs by July 2025 and generated a \$27.2
21 billion surplus in the Department of the Treasury, bolstering prosperity.

22 9. In 2025, President Trump brokered a Gaza ceasefire and aided
23 Israel in resolving the June Iran-Israel conflict, reinforcing America's
24 role as a global peacemaker.

25 10. Despite these contributions to America's prosperity, security
26 and values, "Trump Derangement Syndrome" (TDS) has emerged since his 2016
27 campaign and has been proposed for study in the federal TDS Research Act
28 of 2025.

29 11. Selective media reporting and amplification of unverified
30 claims about President Trump's conduct have fueled TDS, intensifying
31 polarized public reactions and deepening societal division.

32 12. TDS has led to significant social harm, with Americans who
33 support President Trump or his policies reporting discrimination,
34 intimidation or ostracism in professional, academic and social settings,
35 further eroding community cohesion.

36 13. TDS has contributed to psychological harm, with studies from
37 the American Psychological Association documenting surges in political
38 anxiety and bias during Trump's tenure, undermining civil discourse in
39 Arizona and beyond.

40 14. This irrational animus culminated in two assassination attempts
41 on President Trump, one in Blazer, Pennsylvania on July 13, 2024 where a
42 gunman grazed President Trump's ear and killed a bystander, and another at
43 his Florida golf course on September 15, 2024, both demonstrating the
44 dangerous escalation of TDS-driven hatred.

1 15. The people of Arizona have a proud history of independent
2 thought, open debate and a patriotic commitment to preserving liberty and
3 the rule of law.

4 16. A comprehensive approach is required to address TDS and its
5 impact on public health by studying its origins, manifestations and
6 effects to inform strategies for promoting civil well-being and reducing
7 societal division.

8 B. Based on these findings:

9 1. The legislature declares TDS a public health crisis that affects
10 mental health, social cohesion and political stability in this state.

11 2. The purpose of this act is to protect public health and respond
12 to the harms of political polarization by:

13 (a) Directing the Department of Health Services to conduct or
14 support research on TDS, including its psychological and social impacts.

15 (b) Requiring the department to collaborate with mental health
16 professionals and other stakeholders to develop interventions for
17 mitigating TDS-related division.

18 (c) Mandating a report on findings and recommendations to state
19 leaders within one year to guide future public health strategies.

20 Sec. 3. Short title

21 This act may be cited as the "Trump Derangement Syndrome Study Act".