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H. R. 3432

To direct the Director of the National Institutes of Health to conduct or support research to advance the understanding of Trump Derangement Syndrome, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2025

Mr. DAVIDSON (for himself and Mr. MOORE of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Trump Derangement
5 Syndrome Research Act of 2025” or the “TDS Research
6 Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Trump Derangement Syndrome has been
2 described as a behavioral or psychological phe-
3 nomenon involving intense emotional or cognitive re-
4 actions to Donald J. Trump, his actions, or his pub-
5 lic presence, with early documented references
6 emerging during his 2016 presidential campaign.

7 (2) Notable early instances of TDS include cer-
8 tain media coverage amplifying polarized responses
9 to Donald J. Trump’s campaign rhetoric, which
10 some observers cite as initial signs of TDS, though
11 precise origins remain understudied.

12 (3) Recurrent, selective reporting by media out-
13 lets, emphasizing aspects of Donald J. Trump’s ac-
14 tions or statements while omitting broader context,
15 has been alleged to contribute to TDS by inten-
16 sifying polarized public reactions and deepening soci-
17 etal division.

18 (4) Frequent amplification of unverified or
19 anonymously sourced claims about Donald J.
20 Trump’s conduct has further fueled TDS, driving
21 significant public outrage and contributing to height-
22 ened emotional responses among individuals and
23 groups.

1 (5) The following two confirmed assassination
2 attempts against Donald J. Trump occurred in
3 2024:

4 (A) On July 13, 2024, at a campaign rally
5 in Butler, Pennsylvania, a shooter wounded
6 Donald J. Trump's ear, killed one attendee, and
7 injured two others.

8 (B) On September 15, 2024, at the Trump
9 International Golf Club in West Palm Beach,
10 Florida, a suspect was apprehended with a rifle
11 and the incident was investigated as an assas-
12 sination attempt.

13 (6) Understanding TDS may contribute to
14 broader insights into political polarization, media in-
15 fluence, and psychological responses to public fig-
16 ures, with implications for public health and social
17 cohesion.

18 (7) The National Institutes of Health, through
19 its existing programs, is well-positioned to study the
20 psychological and social factors underlying TDS, in-
21 cluding its origins, media influences, and potential
22 links to extreme behaviors, to inform public health
23 strategies.

1 **SEC. 3. NIH RESEARCH ON TRUMP DERANGEMENT SYN-**
2 **DROME WITHIN EXISTING PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National In-
4 stitutes of Health, through the existing programs and au-
5 thorities of the National Institute of Mental Health and
6 other relevant institutes and centers, shall conduct or sup-
7 port research to advance the understanding of Trump De-
8 rangement Syndrome, including its origins, manifesta-
9 tions, and long-term effects.

10 (b) RESEARCH OBJECTIVES.—The research con-
11 ducted under subsection (a) shall include—

12 (1) efforts to identify the initial emergence or
13 earliest documented cases (commonly referred to as
14 “patient zero” or index cases) of TDS, including his-
15 torical and social analyses to trace the onset of
16 TDS;

17 (2) investigation of the long-term psychological,
18 social, or behavioral impacts of TDS on affected in-
19 dividuals, communities, or public discourse;

20 (3) analysis of contributing factors, such as
21 media exposure, political polarization, or social dy-
22 namics, to the development or spread of TDS; and

23 (4) exploration of potential interventions, cop-
24 ing mechanisms, or strategies to mitigate adverse ef-
25 fects of TDS, as applicable.

1 (c) COLLABORATION.—The Director shall collaborate
2 with the heads of other Federal agencies, academic institu-
3 tions, and relevant organizations, as appropriate, to
4 achieve the objectives described in subsection (b).

5 (d) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
6 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and annu-
7 ally thereafter, the Director shall submit to the Committee
8 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate
9 and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
10 House of Representatives a report on—

11 (1) the progress of research conducted under
12 this section;

13 (2) any findings related to the initial emergence
14 or long-term effects of TDS; and

15 (3) recommendations for further research or
16 public health actions.

17 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

18 In this Act, the term “Trump Derangement Syn-
19 drome” or “TDS” refers to a behavioral or psychological
20 phenomenon characterized by intense emotional or cog-
21 nitive reactions to Donald J. Trump, his actions, or his
22 public presence, as observed in individuals or groups.

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