

Taxpayer-Funded Media Ends as CPB Votes to Dissolve

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting has voted to dissolve itself after Congress eliminated all federal funding for the organization that for decades served as the financial backbone of NPR and PBS. The decision follows a sweeping defunding measure signed into law by President Trump, marking a decisive shift in federal media policy. The vote formally ends a nearly 60-year-old institution that conservatives have long criticized for ideological bias.

The board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting voted unanimously to dissolve the organization rather than continue operating without congressional appropriations. CPB officials said maintaining a defunded entity would expose the organization to legal and financial risk while offering no meaningful public benefit. The vote follows months of staff layoffs and operational wind-downs after Congress rescinded funding allocated for future fiscal years.



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CPB was established in 1967 to distribute taxpayer funds to public television and radio stations nationwide. Over time, the majority of those funds flowed to NPR and PBS, along with hundreds of local affiliates. Republicans have long argued that the system functions as government-subsidized media advancing left-leaning narratives, a claim frequently echoed during congressional budget debates.

The defunding measure passed through the United States Congress in 2025 and was signed by President Trump, who repeatedly called for an end to taxpayer support for public broadcasting. Supporters of the move framed it as a matter of

fiscal responsibility and viewpoint neutrality, arguing that media organizations should survive on voluntary support rather than mandatory taxation.

While CPB will cease to exist, NPR and PBS will continue to operate as independent entities, funded through donations, underwriting, and private grants. Smaller rural stations that relied heavily on CPB grants now face uncertain futures. The dissolution represents a clear break from decades of federal involvement in public media and fulfills a long-standing conservative policy objective.

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