

Questions from Ranking Member Warren

Loyalty to President Trump

1. Has any Trump Administration official, or individual associated with President Trump in the context of vetting you for a role in the Administration, at any time, sought assurances of your loyalty to the President? If so, how?
2. Has any Trump Administration official or individual associated with President Trump in the context of vetting you for a role in the Administration, at any time
 - a. Asked you to sign a loyalty pledge or other similar oath? If so, did you sign it?
 - b. Asked you who you voted for in the 2016, 2020, or 2024 elections?
3. Did President Trump ask you or attempt to confirm in any conversation leading up to your January 2026 nomination if you would change your views if you were confirmed as Fed Chair?
4. In 2017, you interviewed with President Trump for the role of Fed Chair but were passed over. You have since suggested you were passed over because you “did not put [your] ambitions ahead of [your] principles.” How did your interview in recent months differ from your interview in 2017? Did you put your ambitions ahead of your principles this time?¹
5. Please identify one policy issue across *any* policy area with which you personally disagree with President Trump. As a reminder, your disagreement with President Trump over whether or not you are “out of central casting” is not a policy disagreement.
6. Please identify one economic policy issue with which you personally disagree with President Trump. As a reminder, your disagreement with President Trump over whether or not you are “out of central casting” is not an economic policy issue.
7. Do you support the Department of Justice’s decision to criminally investigate sitting Fed Chair Jerome Powell?
8. Do you support the Department of Justice’s decision to criminally investigate sitting Fed Governor Lisa Cook?
9. The following is a non-exhaustive list of statements from President Trump regarding Fed Chair Jerome Powell. For each statement, indicate whether you believe the statement reflects an appropriate posture towards the independent Fed Chair from a sitting President.

¹ The Wall Street Journal, “How Fed Pick Warsh Survived Trump’s Ultimate Reality Show,” Nick Timiraos and Brian Schwartz, January 30, 2026, <https://www.wsj.com/politics/policy/how-warsh-won-fed-job-ff9d02bc>.

- a. “He’s got some real mental problems. There’s something wrong with him. It’s just ridiculous. I’ll be honest, I’d love to fire his ass. He should be fired.”²
 - b. “So we’re thinking about bringing a gross incompetence, what’s called a gross incompetence lawsuit, it’s gross incompetence, against Powell...I’d love to fire him. Maybe I still might.”³
 - c. “I don’t know why the Board doesn’t override [Powell]...Maybe, just maybe, I’ll have to change my mind about firing him?”⁴
 - d. “‘Too Late’ Jerome Powell of the Fed, who is always TOO LATE AND WRONG, yesterday issued a report which was another, and typical, complete ‘mess!’ [...] Too Late should have lowered Interest Rates [...] long ago, but he should certainly lower them now. Powell’s termination cannot come fast enough!”⁵
 - e. “I talked about the concept of firing him. I said, ‘what do you think?’ Almost everyone of them said I should...but I’m more conservative.” [...] “I don’t rule out anything but I think it’s highly unlikely unless he has to leave for fraud...I mean it’s possible there’s fraud involved with the \$2.5 billion renovation.”⁶
10. Yes or no—did President Trump lose the 2020 election? If your answer is “no,” or if you feel unable to provide a “yes” or “no” answer, elaborate on your views about who won the 2020 election. As a reminder, the question is not about Congressional “certification.”
11. President Trump has, during his second term, stated the following, either verbally or via social media. For each statement below, please indicate whether you agree or disagree, and why.
- a. “I’m winning a War, BY A LOT, things are going very well...”⁷
 - b. “The word ‘affordability’ is a Democrat scam.”⁸
 - c. “America’s Elections are Rigged, Stolen, and a Laughingstock all over the World.”⁹

² CBS Austin, “‘I’d love to fire his a**’: Trump says Fed Chair Jerome Powell has ‘real mental problems,’” Jessica A. Botelho, November 19, 2025, <https://cbsaustin.com/news/nation-world/id-love-to-fire-his-a-trump-says-fedchair-jerome-powell-has-real-mental-problems-federal-reserve-chair-economics-interest-rates-cuts-white-housepresident-donald-trump>.

³ The Guardian, “Trump says he’d ‘love to fire’ Jerome Powell in latest attack on Fed chair,” Robert Mackey, December 29, 2025, <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/dec/29/trump-jerome-powell-latest-attack-fedchair>.

⁴ Reuters, “Trump says he may change his mind about firing Fed Chair Powell,” Trevor Hunnicutt and Jasper Ward, June 20, 2025, <https://www.reuters.com/business/finance/trump-says-he-may-change-his-mind-about-firing-fed-chair-powell-2025-06-20/>.

⁵ Truth Social Post by @realDonaldTrump, April 17, 2025, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/114352766082542122>.

⁶ New York Times, “Trump Has Draft of Letter to Fire Fed Chair. He Asked Republicans if He Should Send It.” Maggie Haberman and Colby Smith, July 19, 2025, <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/16/us/politics/trump-powellfiring-letter.html>.

⁷ Truth Social Post by President Donald Trump, April 20, 2026, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/116438577686057718>.

⁸ C-Span, “President Trump Holds a Cabinet Meeting,” December 2, 2025, <https://www.c-span.org/program/white-house-event/president-trump-holds-a-cabinet-meeting/669774>.

⁹ Truth Social Post by President Donald Trump, May 2, 2026, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/116162644396687602>.

- d. “We are the only Country in the World STUPID enough to allow “Birthright” Citizenship!”¹⁰
- e. “Now with the death of Iran, the greatest enemy America has is the Radical Left, Highly Incompetent, Democrat Party! Thank you for your attention to this matter.”¹¹
- f. “Great News! ‘Senator’ Thom Tillis will not be seeking reelection.”¹²
- g. “Thom Tillis has hurt the great people of North Carolina...Tillis is a talker and complainer, NOT A DOER!”¹³
- h. “Robert Mueller just died. Good, I’m glad he’s dead.”¹⁴
- i. “Canada should be the 51st state, they really should.”¹⁵
- j. “Oh yes, I would say (it’s) beyond reconsideration [for the United States to withdraw from NATO]. I was never swayed by NATO. I always knew they were a paper tiger...”¹⁶
- k. “[I]n a certain way, you can say that those Media Outlets that generated [a news story] should be brought up on Charges for TREASON for the dissemination of false information!”¹⁷
- l. The use of the term “Piggy” in reference to Bloomberg correspondent Catherine Lucey.¹⁸
- m. “Anything less than [Greenland in the hands of the UNITED STATES] is unacceptable.”¹⁹
- n. In response to the statement, “...I’m trying to figure out how you can come to the conclusion right now that diversity had something to do with this crash [referencing the January 2025 crash between a passenger plane and a helicopter],” “Because I have common sense. OK?”²⁰

¹⁰ Truth Social Post by President Donald Trump, April 1, 2026, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/116330362125395500>.

¹¹ Truth Social Post by President Donald Trump, March 22, 2026, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/116272810363139207>.

¹² Truth Social Post by President Donald Trump, June 29, 2025, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/114768737638722781>.

¹³ Truth Social Post by President Donald Trump, June 29, 2025, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/114767092507731112>.

¹⁴ Truth Social Post by President Donald Trump, March 21, 2026, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/116268334535345382>.

¹⁵ Time, “Does Trump Still Plan to Annex Canada and Make It the 51st State? Here's What to Know,” Callum Sutherland, June 29, 2025, <https://time.com/7297490/trump-plan-to-annex-canada-51st-state-mark-carney/>.

¹⁶ CNN, “Trump suggests in new interviews he is ‘absolutely’ considering withdrawing US from ‘paper tiger’ NATO,” Christian Edwards, April 1, 2026, <https://www.cnn.com/2026/04/01/middleeast/trump-nato-us-withdrawal-intl>.

¹⁷ Truth Social Post by President Donald Trump, March 15, 2026, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/116235861005528220>.

¹⁸ CBS News, “Trump lashes out at female reporters, calling them “ugly,” “stupid” and “piggy,”” November 28, 2025, <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-calls-female-reporters-ugly-piggy/>.

¹⁹ Truth Social Post by President Donald Trump, January 14, 2026, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/115893255826342514>.

²⁰ AP, “Trump was challenged after blaming DEI for the DC plane crash. Here’s what he said,” Adriana Gomez Licon, January 30, 2025, <https://apnews.com/article/plane-crash-washington-dc-trump-dei-claims-3ac5486ec594d81e919e8ebbd9733869>.

- o. “I mean, I could be a stupid person and say, ‘No, we don't want a free, very expensive airplane,’” regarding a luxury Boeing 747 offered by a foreign government, valued at \$400 million.²¹
- p. “Leo should get his act together as Pope, use Common Sense, stop catering to the Radical Left, and focus on being a Great Pope, not a Politician”²²
- q. “Pope Leo is WEAK on Crime, and terrible for Foreign Policy.”²³
- r. “The Movie Industry in America is DYING a very fast death... This is a concerted effort by other Nations and, therefore, a National Security threat.”²⁴
- s. “REPUBLICANS MUST DEFUND AND TOTALLY DISASSOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM NPR & PBS, THE RADICAL LEFT ‘MONSTERS’ THAT SO BADLY HURT OUR COUNTRY!”²⁵
- t. “I...get viciously and wrongfully blamed by, as usual, a Wacky, Nasty, Crooked, and totally Out of Control Judge, named James Boasberg, a man who suffers from the highest level of Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS), and has been “after” my people, and me, for years.”²⁶

Supervision and Regulation

12. Despite clear warning signs prior to the 2008 crash, regulators largely ignored the risks associated with subprime mortgage markets, derivatives products, and other financial sector fragilities.
- a. You maintained that the subprime mortgage market did not pose systemic risks. That market was at the heart of the most severe financial crash since 1929.²⁷
 - i. Please describe your reasoning for downplaying the systemic risks from the subprime mortgage market as late as August 2007.
 - ii. In 2020, when discussing the origins of the 2008 financial crisis, you stated, “it was perceived early to have something to do with subprime US mortgages, a hypothesis that I did not believe then was adequate and do not believe now.”²⁸ Do you still hold this belief?
 - iii. What regulatory or supervisory steps should you have taken in 2006-07?
 - b. Why did you incorrectly diagnose the risks posed by derivatives?

²¹ NPR, “Trump says he'd be 'stupid' to turn down Qatar's offer of a new plane,” Franco Ordoñez, Deirdre Walsh, May 12, 2025, <https://www.npr.org/2025/05/11/g-s1-65838/qatar-plane-trump>.

²² Truth Social Post by President Donald Trump, April 12, 2026, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/116394704213456431>.

²³ Truth Social Post by President Donald Trump, April 12, 2026, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/116394704213456431>.

²⁴ Truth Social Post by President Donald Trump, May 4, 2025, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/114452117143235155>.

²⁵ Truth Social Post by President Donald Trump, April 1, 2025, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/114264549657133828>.

²⁶ Truth Social Post by President Donald Trump, March 15, 2026, <https://trumpstruth.org/statuses/37311>.

²⁷ C-SPAN, “Kevin Warsh speaking at 2007 Fed Meeting on Mortgage rules,” December 18, 2007, <https://www.cspan.org/clip/public-affairs-event/user-clip-kevin-warsh-speaking-at-2007-fed-meeting-on-mortgage-rules/5192278>.

²⁸ Yale School of Management, Program on Financial Stability, “YPFS Lessons Learned Oral History Project: An Interview with Kevin Warsh,” Kevin Warsh and Matthew A. Lieber, August 24, 2020, <https://elischolar.library.yale.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=15545&context=yvfs-documents>.

- iv. Do you believe that derivatives were key drivers of systemic risk during the financial crisis?
 - c. Do you believe big banks were undercapitalized in the lead up to the 2008 financial crisis? If so, are you on record anywhere in 2006 or 2007 supporting higher capital requirements? Please provide the citation. If not, do you regret failing to push for higher capital requirements?
 - d. Did you vote for the Basel II capital rule? If so, was it projected to reduce capital requirements?
 - e. What lessons have you learned from your gross misjudgments of systemic risk drivers? If you are confirmed, will you heed early warning signs and address emerging risks before they become systemic?
13. As a primary architect of Wall Street bailouts throughout the financial crisis, do you believe your actions are, in any part, responsible for exacerbating the Too-Big-To-Fail problem?
- a. Do you believe that risky executive compensation practices contributed to the 2008 financial crisis?
 - b. Should bailouts have been conditioned on foreclosure restrictions? Do you believe such restrictions could have helped Americans stay in their homes?
 - a. TARP disbursed more than \$440 billion to Wall Street firms and automakers.²⁹ What role, if any, did you play in helping firms secure TARP bailouts?
 - c. Did you ever advocate for direct support for struggling families during this period?
 - d. In hindsight, are there any parts of your participation in the crisis response that you would change?
 - e. Do Too-Big-To-Fail firms still exist? If so, what steps would you take to eliminate this problem once and for all?
14. During your time as Fed Governor, you consistently warned about upside risks to inflation that never materialized. In hindsight, do you believe those concerns were justified by the data available at the time, or do you now view them as misjudgments?
- a. Please provide empirical evidence to support your answer
15. Year-over-year core PCE inflation stands at 2.8 percent today³⁰ – higher than the roughly 1.8 percent average during your time as Fed Governor³¹ – yet you now support rate cuts rather than the hawkish stance you maintained then. How do you reconcile this shift in position given that inflation is actually higher and unemployment lower now?
- a. Please provide empirical evidence to support your answer.

²⁹ U.S. Department of the Treasury, “Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP),” <https://home.treasury.gov/data/troubled-asset-relief-program>.

³⁰ U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, “Personal Income and Outlays, January 2026,” press release, <https://www.bea.gov/news/2026/personal-income-and-outlays-january-2026>.

³¹ FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, “Personal Consumption Expenditures Excluding Food and Energy (Chain-Type Price Index) [PCEPILFE],” <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/PCEPILFE>.

16. In 2019, the Fed rolled back capital and liquidity rules, stress testing, resolution planning, and other safeguards for banks with \$100 billion-\$700 billion in assets.³² The level of deregulation in this rule went beyond what was mandated by Congress in the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act.
- Do you believe that material stress at, or the failure of, banks with \$100 billion-\$700 billion in assets can threaten the stability of the U.S. financial system?
 - Do you believe that the 2019 rule played any role in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th largest bank failures in U.S. history in Spring 2023? If not, do you believe it was a coincidence that the banks that failed in 2023 were the exact type of banks deregulated in 2019?
17. In 2020, you stated big bank stress tests implemented in the aftermath of the financial crisis were “quite useful” and “helpful for [regulators] to understand what these banks could survive...and helpful for markets so they’d have a better understanding of what’s in the four walls of the institutions.”³³ You continued to say that over time, “the stress tests became part of the compliance effort, a repeat take-home test,” and that it’s “especially problematic when the institutions are...backstopped by the US government.” Under both Trump Administrations, the Fed has taken steps to severely weaken stress tests. In 2019, the Fed removed the qualitative objection component from its annual Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review, which allowed the Fed to stop big-bank shareholder distributions if the firms had deficiencies in their internal capital planning processes.³⁴ Over the past year, the Fed issued proposals undermining the stress capital buffer framework and published the models and scenarios used in stress tests, effectively giving banks the answers to the test.
- Does revealing stress testing scenarios and models undermine the integrity of the exercise and make it “a repeat take-home test”?
18. In a Wall Street Journal op-ed, you urged Fed leadership to get on board with Vice Chair for Supervision Michelle Bowman’s wholesale deregulatory agenda.³⁵ Vice Chair Bowman has spent the past year attacking bank supervision, slashing megabank leverage requirements, and weakening stress tests.³⁶ Which parts of Vice Chair Bowman’s agenda do you agree with? Are there any components with which you disagree?
19. Last November, the bank regulators finalized a major rollback of a core post-2008 safeguard – the enhanced supplementary leverage ratio – cutting required loss-absorbing capital requirements by more than \$200 billion and letting the eight biggest banks fund

³² Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, “Federal Reserve Board finalizes rules that tailor its regulations for domestic and foreign banks to more closely match their risk profiles,” press release, October 10, 2019, <https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/pressreleases/bcreg20191010a.htm>.

³³ Yale School of Management, Program on Financial Stability, “YPFS Lessons Learned Oral History Project: An Interview with Kevin Warsh,” Kevin Warsh and Matthew A. Lieber, August 24, 2020, <https://elischolar.library.yale.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=15545&context=yvfs-documents>.

³⁴ Center for American Progress, “Tailoring Banking Regulations to Accelerate the Next Crisis,” Gregg Gelzinis, May 16, 2019, <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/tailoring-banking-regulations-accelerate-next-crisis/>.

³⁵ The Wall Street Journal, “The Federal Reserve’s Broken Leadership,” Kevin Warsh, November 16, 2025, <https://www.wsj.com/opinion/the-federal-reserves-broken-leadership-43629c87>.

³⁶ The New York Times, “The Fed Is Cutting Bank Oversight. Critics See Risks,” Colby Smith and Stacy Cowley, November 17, 2025, <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/17/business/fed-bowman-bank-oversight.html>.

larger balance sheets with more borrowed money.³⁷ Regulators recently proposed further cuts to firms' risk-based capital requirements. Does allowing banks to load up on even greater debt increase or decrease the likelihood of their failure?

- a. Is it appropriate for a community bank to face an 8% leverage ratio regulatory requirement, and potentially a 10% market-imposed leverage requirement, while Wall Street banks now face a 4% leverage requirement?
 - b. What do you believe is the appropriate leverage ratio requirement for the largest and most systemically important U.S. banks? Please provide a specific figure or range and the analytical basis for that number.
 - c. What lessons did the 2008 crisis teach you about the predictive value of risk-based versus leverage-based measures of capital adequacy? Do you believe risk-based capital requirements or leverage-based capital requirements are the more reliable and effective tool for ensuring the safety and soundness of large financial institutions?
20. Under Vice Chair Bowman's leadership, the Fed has taken a series of actions to slash examiner staff, drastically limit their ability to identify deficiencies, and inflate banks' supervisory ratings.³⁸
- a. Do you support Vice Chair Bowman's plans to cut roughly 30 percent of the staff in the Division of Supervision & Regulation?
 - b. The Fed finalized a rule that would weaken the supervisory rating framework for big banks. Under the rule, banks with managerial weaknesses would be permitted to engage in riskier activities and supervisory deficiencies would be allowed to fester. How should the Fed monitor and enforce corrective action if deficiencies are allowed to persist?
21. In July 2025, the banking agencies proposed a rescission of the 2023 Community Reinvestment Act final rule and have weakened enforcement of fair lending laws.³⁹
- a. Do you believe decades of redlining inflicted severe harm on communities of color and low-and moderate-income communities?
 - b. Do you believe redlining and other discriminatory lending practices are still a problem in the banking system? If so, why erode protections that help prevent such practices?
 - c. Do you believe that the 1995 CRA guidelines are sufficient to ensure financial institutions meet the credit needs of the communities in which they do business?
 - d. What, if any, components of the 2023 rule do you think were valuable and provided meaningful improvements to the CRA framework?

³⁷ Financial Times, "Wall Street to trump Main Street with new bank rules," Sheila Bair, July 18, 2025, <https://www.ft.com/content/553c0b1a-33d0-4b6c-a048-3a11064f5d3b>.

³⁸ The New York Times, "The Fed Is Cutting Bank Oversight. Critics See Risks," Colby Smith and Stacy Cowley, November 17, 2025, <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/17/business/fed-bowman-bank-oversight.html>.

³⁹ Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Reserve Board, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, "Agencies issue joint proposal to rescind 2023 Community Reinvestment Act final rule," press release, July 16, 2025, <https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/pressreleases/bcreg20250716a.htm>.

22. Under the Trump Administration, the Fed and other bank regulators have shown a willingness to rubber stamp anticompetitive mergers that raise costs for consumers and risk the stability of our financial system.⁴⁰
- Has bank consolidation made the Too-Big-To-Fail problem worse?
 - Do you believe consumers and small businesses have been well-served by the substantial increase in consolidation of the banking sector over the last four decades?
23. Do you believe any bank or financial institution in the United States today is "too big to fail," meaning that its failure would cause contagion if not a crisis, cascading failures, and likely government bailouts? What factors would you use to make that determination?
- If you don't believe that any financial institution in the United States today is too big to fail, do you support the use of Title II of the Dodd-Frank Act as the preferred resolution mechanism for a large, failing financial institution?
 - Do you believe that Title II creates moral hazard by providing an implicit government backstop? If so, please explain how the federal government should resolve the failure of a G-SIB under the bankruptcy code.
24. Do you believe a large, systemically important stablecoin issuer experiencing a run could pose risks sufficient to warrant emergency Federal Reserve intervention? Does Section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act allow for the Fed to extend emergency liquidity support to a stablecoin issuer? If stablecoin issuers obtain Federal Reserve master accounts, does that access create an implicit expectation of lender of last resort support in a crisis, and how would you manage that expectation?
25. In your opening statement, you said "Fed officials are not entitled to the same special deference in...bank regulatory or supervisory policy." Would you faithfully execute the bank regulatory and supervisory agenda of a President or Treasury Department, even if you personally disagree with that agenda?
26. Do you think the Fed's supervision and regulation decisions should be directed by the President, or his political appointees, such as the Treasury Secretary or Director of the National Economic Council?
27. If you believe the Federal Reserve is independent for purposes of monetary policy, but not for supervision and regulation, could the President fire a Governor over policy disagreements related to supervision and regulation?
28. Would you support legislation to strip supervision and regulation authorities from the Federal Reserve?
29. Do you think that the Chair should defer to the Vice Chair for Supervision on matters of supervision and regulation? How do you see the relationship working if you become Chair?

⁴⁰ U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, "Warren, Waters Demand Fed Reconsider Its Decision to Rubber Stamp Dangerous Capital One-Discover Merger," press release, May 2, 2025, <https://www.banking.senate.gov/newsroom/minority/warren-waters-demand-fed-reconsider-its-decision-to-rubberstamp-dangerous-capital-one-discover-merger>.

30. Among other factors, the Bank Holding Company Act requires the Fed to consider “managerial resources” when reviewing certain bank applications, including mergers and acquisitions.⁴¹ If an applicant has been subject to a federal consent order, subsequently violated that order, and was fined again for the same conduct affecting more than 100,000 consumers, would you view that record as inconsistent with approval? If not, what factors would be determinative?
- a. Should the Federal Reserve review an applicant’s record of complying with federal consumer financial law, including any enforcement actions initiated by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), when evaluating the managerial resources of an applicant?
31. How will you enforce President Trump’s 10% cap on credit card interest rates?
32. When a fintech company whose business model relies on rates that exceed the usury laws of most states seeks to acquire a national bank with a bank holding company, what analysis does the Federal Reserve conduct to determine whether the primary purpose of the application is to preempt state consumer protection laws? Would you commit to making that analysis public?
33. In March 2023, the federal government invoked the systemic risk exception to the FDIC’s least cost test to provide full deposit insurance coverage beyond the statutory \$250,000 limit to depositors at Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank. If you had been Fed Chair at the time, would you have supported invoking the systemic risk exception to, among other things, make depositors whole? If not, what would have been the appropriate government response, and how would you have managed the reported risk of contagion to the broader banking system?
- 34.
35. The SVB failures raised serious questions about the regulatory and supervisory frameworks at the Federal Reserve. SVB was subject to materially weaker regulation than it would have been had the Federal Reserve Board not undertaken its "tailoring" changes to deregulate large banks during the first Trump administration. Further, while San Francisco Fed supervisors had identified risk management deficiencies at SVB well before its collapse, the Board did not act to compel corrective action. What specific changes would you make to the Fed's regulatory framework for large banks, supervisory culture, and escalation procedures to strengthen the regulation of large banks and ensure that identified risks are acted upon in a timely manner?

Epstein Files

36. The publicly available version of the Epstein files include references to you and your family.
- a. To the best of your knowledge, did you or any other members of your immediate or extended family have any personal connections with Jeffrey Epstein?
 - b. To the best of your knowledge, did you or any other members of your immediate or extended family have any personal connections with Ghislaine Maxwell?

⁴¹ 12 U.S. Code § 1842.

- c. To the best of your knowledge, did you or any other members of your immediate or extended family have any financial connections with Jeffrey Epstein?
 - d. To the best of your knowledge, did you or any other members of your immediate or extended family have any financial connections with Ghislaine Maxwell?
37. Did you travel to the island of St. Barthélemy, often referred to as St. Barths, or to the surrounding area, at any point during December 2010 or January 2011? If so, please provide the exact dates you spent at St. Barths or in the surrounding area.
38. Did you attend an event, party, or other gathering of any size in December 2010 or January 2011 where Jeffrey Epstein was present? If so, when? Describe the gathering, its purpose, and your interactions, if any, with Mr. Epstein.
39. Did you attend an event, party, or other gathering of any size in December 2010 or January 2011 where Ghislaine Maxwell was present? If so, when? Describe the gathering, its purpose, and your interactions, if any, with Ms. Maxwell.
40. Did you attend an event, party, or other gathering of any size in September, October, or November 2010 where Jeffrey Epstein was present? If so, when? Describe the gathering, its purpose, and your interactions, if any, with Mr. Epstein. Was President Trump or any member of his family there?
41. Did you attend an event, party, or other gathering of any size in September, October, or November 2010 where Ghislaine Maxwell was present? If so, when? Describe the gathering, its purpose, and your interactions, if any, with Ms. Maxwell. Was President Trump or any member of his family there?
42. Provide copies of any communications, including but not limited to emails, texts, or phone records, between you and Peggy Siegal; and employees of Peggy Siegal and Peggy Siegal Company, including but not limited to Stephanie Berlin.
43. Describe and provide the dates of any additional interactions and communications, if any, between you and Jeffrey Epstein not included in your answers above.
44. Describe and provide the dates of any additional interactions and communications, if any, between you and Ghislaine Maxwell not included in your answers above.
45. Your father-in-law, Ron Lauder, also makes hundreds of appearances in the Epstein files. There are a number of examples of what appear to be their assistants working to schedule lunches, dinners, and other events, and they also appear to email back and forth directly.
- a. Were you aware any relationship between your father-in-law and Mr. Epstein? If so, did you have any concerns about their relationship? If not, upon learning about these exchanges, do you have any concerns about their relationship?
 - b. Have you spoken with your father-in-law at any time about his appearance in the publicly available Epstein Files?

- c. Do you have any understanding of why your father-in-law appears in the Epstein files?
46. Since 2011, you have held a position as a “consultant” at GoldenTree Asset Management LP in Palm Beach. One of GoldenTree’s satellite offices, was flagged in a 2018 email amongst Deutsche Bank staff as a “high risk account” that required “case management” in connection to a “Southern Financial/Epstein Relationship.”⁴²
- Are you aware of any connections between GoldenTree and Mr. Epstein or any of his businesses?
 - Did you have any direct or indirect contact with Epstein or his business ventures during your time at GoldenTree?

Fed Independence

47. In 2010, you gave a speech, where you stated, “If the Federal Reserve lost its independence, its hard-earned credibility would quickly dissipate.”⁴³
- Do you believe it is the role of the Fed Chair to protect the “hard-earned credibility” of the Fed?
 - If the Fed can fire board members at will, with essentially unlimited power, can the Fed be truly independent?
48. In your hearing testimony, you said: “I do not believe the operational independence of monetary policy is particularly threatened when elected officials—presidents, senators, or members of the House—state their views on interest rates.”⁴⁴
- On August 25, 2025, President Trump announced he was firing Fed Governor Lisa Cook, citing a “criminal referral” from Federal Housing Finance Agency Director Bill Pulte alleging mortgage fraud.⁴⁵ Does removing a Fed Governor under the pretext of a criminal investigation prompted by a political appointee threaten the operational independence of monetary policy? Please explain.
 - On January 9, 2026, the Department of Justice served the Federal Reserve with grand jury subpoenas threatening a criminal indictment related to Powell’s June 2025 Senate testimony about the headquarters renovation.⁴⁶ Powell revealed the subpoenas in a video statement on January 11, calling them a “pretext” to pressure the Fed over interest rates.⁴⁷ President Trump reportedly instructed the DOJ’s

⁴² Email from Terri Sohrab to Thomas Klemm, “Update : Case management on High Risk accounts [I],” August 23, 2018, 3:03:16 pm, Document Number EFTA01362257, <https://www.justice.gov/epstein/files/DataSet%2010/EFTA01362257.pdf>.

⁴³ Federal Reserve System, “An Ode to Independence,” Governor Kevin Warsh, March 26, 2010, <https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/speech/warsh20100326a.htm>.

⁴⁴ Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, United States Senate, “Opening Statement by Kevin Warsh, Nomination to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,” April 21, 2026, https://www.banking.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/warsh_testimony_4-21-26.pdf.

⁴⁵ Post on Truth Social by President Donald Trump, <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/115092130707196133>.

⁴⁶ Wall Street Journal, “U.S. Prosecutors Are Investigating Fed Chair Jerome Powell,” Nick Timiraos, Sadie Gurman, and C. Ryan Barber, January 11, 2026, <https://www.wsj.com/economy/central-banking/jerome-powell-justice-department-investigation-e9e3f84d>.

⁴⁷ Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, “Statement from Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell,” January 11, 2026, <https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/speech/powell20260111a.htm>.

probe and has repeatedly defended it.⁴⁸ Does instructing the DOJ to launch a criminal investigation into the Fed Chair threaten the operational independence of monetary policy? Please explain.

Risks in the Financial System

49. Last year, Chair Powell was asked a question about climate financial risk and he testified “Those banks and insurance companies are pulling out of areas, coastal areas and...areas where there are a lot of fires...So what that’s going to mean is if you fast-forward 10 or 15 years, there are going to be regions of the country where you can’t get a mortgage.”⁴⁹
- a. While the Fed does not generally regulate insurers directly, it does supervise banks that rely heavily on property insurance to mitigate their own risk. Banks and other lenders will not make mortgage loans for uninsured properties, though currently lenders are exposed to underinsured properties and properties insured by low quality providers. What steps should the Fed take to ensure that the banks that it supervises do not face undue risks from property insurance destabilization?
 - b. Do you agree with Fed Chair Powell that worsening climate disasters are impacting property insurance in some areas of the country?
 - c. What do you believe would happen to people who already have mortgages if all the home insurers suddenly pull out of the area?
 - d. How will you mitigate threats to financial stability from insurance destabilization, including threats to households?
50. Do you view the weakness in the growing private credit market as presenting risks to financial stability?
- a. Do you believe industry would know how to price these assets properly in a crisis? If not, how can regulators increase visibility?
 - b. Do you believe the Fed is doing enough to stress test these risks? If not, how can it improve in testing for potential adverse future scenarios?
 - c. Are you concerned that some assets that were used as collateral to obtain credit from banks were flagged by one bank for removal or markdowns and then used as collateral for another bank? If so, what would you do to reduce these risks as Chair?
 - d. Do you believe redemption requests at private credit firms demonstrate run-like characteristics? While there are limitations on quarterly redemptions, the behavior of investors seems to emulate bank runs. How would you address redemption requests not being met in full on a regular basis over several quarters?
51. Do you view the growth in bank lending to nonbank financial companies, and the overall increase in interconnectedness between banks and nonbank financial companies, as presenting risks to financial stability?

⁴⁸ CNBC, “Trump signals DOJ should continue Powell probe, complicating Warsh Fed nomination,” Kevin Breuninger, March 19, 2026, <https://www.cnbc.com/2026/03/19/trump-powell-warsh-fed-doj-pirro.html>.

⁴⁹ Yahoo Finance, “Jerome Powell quietly warned there'd be places in the US where you ‘can’t get a mortgage’ — and he’s not wrong,” Maurie Backman, March 1, 2025, <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/jerome-powell-quietly-warned-thered-134000578.html>.

52. Are you concerned that a large share of collateralized loan obligations held by banks are low-rated? If so, what would you do to reduce these risks as Chair?
- If confirmed, do you commit to keeping the leveraged lending guidance in place?
53. You have invested in several dozen crypto and AI-related companies.⁵⁰
- Do you see any financial stability risks posed by AI-related debt?
 - Do you see any financial stability risks posed by cryptocurrency?
54. In 2024, FSOC identified stablecoins as representing a potential risk to financial stability.⁵¹ Do you agree with the assessment that stablecoins pose risks to broader financial stability?

Federal Reserve Reform

55. Do you believe the Federal Reserve's quantitative easing initiatives, on net, benefited holders of financial assets through inflated asset prices more than it benefited workers in the labor market?
56. The Federal Reserve has the authority to pay interest on reserve balances (IORB) but it does not have the obligation to do so. It is not mandated by law to run a floor system.
- What are your views on IORB?
 - Would you consider ending or curtailing the practice?
 - Did the Fed have difficulties effectuating monetary policy under the corridor system when interest was not paid on reserve balances?
57. Do you think it's appropriate for the Federal Reserve to unilaterally establish swap lines with foreign central banks absent Treasury approval? Would you seek approval from the Treasury Department prior to establishing any new swap line with a foreign central bank?
58. If the Treasury Department directed you to establish a swap line with a foreign central bank, would you do so? If the Treasury Department directed you to revoke a swap line with a foreign central bank, would you do so?
59. What are your views on the Overnight Reverse Repurchase Program (ONRRP)? Is it a backdoor method of providing a master account to, and subsidizing, otherwise ineligible nonbank financial institutions?
60. Is it appropriate that foreign countries allow banks in their respective jurisdictions to issue dollar deposit liabilities without approval from the U.S. government? What, if anything, would you do to curtail or gain greater transparency over this conduct?

⁵⁰ Fortune, "Fed Chair Nominee Kevin Warsh is worth more than \$100 million and has stakes in SpaceX and Polymarket," Jacqueline Munis, April 15, 2026, <https://fortune.com/2026/04/15/fed-chair-nominee-kevin-warsh-net-worth-spacex-and-polymarket/>.

⁵¹ Financial Stability Oversight Council, "2024 Annual Report," December 6, 2024, pp. 8-9, <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/261/FSOC2024AnnualReport.pdf>.

61. Do you believe it's appropriate for large banks to serve on the board of directors of the Federal Reserve's regional reserve banks?
62. Do you believe it's appropriate for the Federal Reserve to pay dividends to large banks?
63. Do you believe reserve bank presidents should have meaningful prior residency requirements tied to their districts?
64. What are your views on the Seasonal Credit Program?
65. Do you believe the Federal Reserve's regional reserve banks should be subject to the Freedom of Information Act?
66. Do you believe the Federal Reserve's regional reserve banks should comply with Congressional oversight requests?
67. If confirmed, do you commit to publicly disclosing the Federal Reserve Board's bylaws and full set of staff delegations?
68. Do you believe it's appropriate for the Federal Reserve Board to delegate significant policy decisions to staff?
69. Do you commit to holding some Fed board meetings each year outside of Washington, D.C.?
70. You've stated that you believe the Federal Reserve's independence is "at its peak in the operational conduct of monetary policy." Could you please cite the statutory provision in the Federal Reserve Act that makes such a distinction? If not, what is the legal authority for your pronouncement?
71. Would you seek to liquidate or donate the Federal Reserve System's artwork collection?
72. If confirmed, would you allow Federal Reserve officials to affirmatively lobby Congress on pending legislation, beyond just responding to Congressional requests for technical assistance?

Monetary Policy, Inflation, and the Labor Market

73. If you were confirmed, you would have to make decisions in the interest of the Federal Reserve's dual mandate – full employment and stable prices. If those two sides of the mandate were to come into conflict, which would you prioritize? Please explain why.
74. President Trump called affordability a "hoax."⁵² Do you agree with the President that affordability is a hoax? Please explain.

⁵² NPR, "Trump calls affordability crisis a 'hoax.' The data tells a different story," Joe Hernandez, December 11, 2026, <https://www.npr.org/2025/12/11/nx-s1-5639957/trump-affordability-hoax-economy-midterms>.

75. President Trump said that he had “defeated inflation” and that the U.S. has “virtually no inflation.”⁵³ Do you agree? Is inflation defeated? Does the U.S. have virtually no inflation? Please explain.
76. Gas prices increased more than 21 percent in March because of Trump’s war in Iran – the highest one-month increase on record.⁵⁴ The increase in gas prices sent energy prices rising nearly 11 percent in March, the highest monthly increase since 2005.⁵⁵ Last week, President Trump said, “we’re having some fake inflation because of the fuel, the energy prices.”⁵⁶ Do you agree with President Trump that the 21 percent increase in energy commodity prices is “fake inflation”? Please explain.
77. In January 2025, year-over-year inflation as measured by the Bureau of Economic Analysis’s Personal Consumption Expenditures price index (PCE) was 2.5 percent and year-over- core PCE was 2.6 percent.⁵⁷ In February 2026, those two measures were 2.8 percent and 3.0 percent, respectively.⁵⁸
- a. What has driven the increase in inflation since January 2025? Please explain.
78. How do you view the Fed’s progress toward its 2 percent inflation target?
79. Has President Trump’s war in Iran increased inflation? Please explain.
80. Has President Trump’s war in Iran increased gas prices? Please explain.
81. In March 2024, you wrote that “Inflation isn’t caused by workers earning too much and living too well. It’s caused by the government living too well—spending, printing and borrowing too much.”⁵⁹
- a. The Trump Administration is estimated to be spending \$1-2 billion per day on the President’s war with Iran.⁶⁰ According to your own statement, is the government spending \$1-2 billion per day on the war inflationary?

⁵³ CNBC, “Trump says inflation was ‘defeated.’ Some economists disagree,” Greg Iacurci and Jessica Dickler, January 21, 2026, <https://www.cnbc.com/2026/01/21/trump-inflation-defeated.html>.

⁵⁴ Business Insider, “Inflation rose in March to the highest rate in 2 years as the Iran war lifted energy prices,” Madison Hoff, April 10, 2026, <https://www.businessinsider.com/cpi-march-inflation-rose-missed-forecasts-iran-war-2026-4>.

⁵⁵ *Id.*

⁵⁶ New York Times, “In Las Vegas, Trump Brushes Off Rising Fuel Prices,” Chris Cameron, April 16, 2026, <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/04/16/us/politics/trump-taxes-fuel-las-vegas.html>.

⁵⁷ U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, “Personal Income and Outlays, January 2025,” news release, <https://www.bea.gov/news/2025/personal-income-and-outlays-january-2025>.

⁵⁸ U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, “Personal Income and Outlays, February 2026,” news release, <https://www.bea.gov/news/2026/personal-income-and-outlays-february-2026>.

⁵⁹ Wall Street Journal, “Uncle Sam’s Guide to Peace and Prosperity,” Kevin Warsh, March 19, 2024, <https://www.wsj.com/opinion/uncle-sams-guide-to-peace-and-prosperity-global-security-economy-5f648a83>.

⁶⁰ CNBC, “The Iran war could cost the American taxpayer \$1 trillion, says Harvard academic,” Joseph Wilkins, April 14, 2026, <https://www.cnbc.com/2026/04/14/iran-war-cost-us-taxpayer-trillion-harvard.html>.

82. Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 0.5 percent in the fourth quarter of 2025,⁶¹ and year-over-year inflation as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics's (BLS) Consumer Price Index (CPI) reached its highest level in nearly two years in March 2026.⁶² Do you stand by your October 2025 assertion that President Trump's policies are leading to "stronger growth and lower prices."⁶³
- Please explain.
 - If yes, which of President Trump's policies are driving stronger growth and decreasing price levels.
83. During the hearing you said, "if Americans that want a job can find a job... we're at full employment."⁶⁴ According to data from the BLS's Jobs Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) data, job openings continued to decline in February 2026 and hiring fell to its lowest rate since 2011, outside the pandemic.⁶⁵ Additionally, the number of people who have been unemployed for at least 27 weeks in December 2025 reached its highest level since 2022 – and remains high.⁶⁶ By all measures, Americans are struggling to find new jobs.
- Do you agree that falling job openings and a hiring rate at its lowest since 2011 suggest that Americans who want a job are increasingly unable to find one – and that, by your own definition, signals a weakening labor market moving further from full employment?
 - Do you agree that rising long-term unemployment suggests that Americans who want a job are increasingly unable to find one – and that, by your own definition, signals a weakening labor market moving further from full employment?
84. According to data from the BLS, job growth in 2025 was the lowest since 2003, outside of recessions.⁶⁷
- Do you agree that the labor market weakened in 2025? Please provide empirical evidence to support your claim.
 - What factors have contributed to lower job growth?

⁶¹ U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, "GDP (Third Estimate), Industries, Corporate Profits, State GDP, and State Personal Income, 4th Quarter and Year 2025," news release, <https://www.bea.gov/news/2026/gdp-third-estimate-industries-corporate-profits-state-gdp-and-state-personal-income-4th>.

⁶² Business Insider, "Inflation rose in March to the highest rate in 2 years as the Iran war lifted energy prices," Madison Hoff, April 10, 2026, <https://www.businessinsider.com/cpi-march-inflation-rose-missed-forecasts-iran-war-2026-4>.

⁶³ Fox Business, "Trump touts falling prices, strong economic growth despite the Fed's 'fool'," October 24, 2025, <https://www.foxbusiness.com/video/6383772990112>.

⁶⁴ Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, United States Senate, "Nomination Hearing," April 21, 2026, 1:47:58, <https://www.banking.senate.gov/hearings/04/14/2026/nomination-hearing>.

⁶⁵ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey," <https://www.bls.gov/jlt/>; CNN, "The pace of hiring just fell to the lowest since 2011, outside of the pandemic," Alicia Wallace, March 31, 2026, <https://www.cnn.com/2026/03/31/economy/us-jolts-job-openings-layoffs-february>.

⁶⁶ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Number Unemployed for 27 Weeks & over [UEMP27OV], retrieved from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/UEMP27OV>, April 22, 2026.

⁶⁷ Bloomberg, "US Wraps Up Worst Non-Recession Year for Hiring Since 2003," Molly Smith and Chris Anstey, February 11, 2026, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-02-11/us-wraps-up-worst-non-recession-year-for-hiring-since-2003>.

85. The President’s immigration policies are reducing labor supply.⁶⁸ How are you evaluating the effect of the President’s immigration policies on labor market dynamics and employment outcomes?
86. In a speech last year, Federal Reserve Governor Waller said, “Tariff effects on households and businesses also will weigh on employment. All of this is consistent with what my business contacts are telling me, which is that they are postponing investment and hiring because of the uncertainty about how tariffs will affect their input costs and demand for their products.”⁶⁹
- a. Do you agree that tariffs have deterred businesses from hiring? Please provide empirical evidence to support your claim.
87. You’ve admitted there is a lag between AI improvements and measurable effects. If the Fed cuts rates now based on the hope of future AI-driven price stability and that productivity boom doesn't happen, how much more will American families have to pay in the form of inflation while the Fed waits for its models to catch up?

Tariffs

88. In 2010, you said that “the creep of trade protectionism is anathema to pro-growth policies.”⁷⁰
- a. Do you still stand by that statement? Please explain.
 - b. In October, you described President Trump’s policies as leading to “stronger growth.”⁷¹ Does that assessment include his trade policies specifically?
 - c. If trade protectionism is, in your own words, “anathema to pro-growth policies,” how do you reconcile that with endorsing an Administration whose defining economic policy is broad and sweeping tariffs? Either your 2010 statement was wrong, your October assessment was wrong, or you believe these tariffs are somehow different in kind – so which is it, and why?
89. In July 2025, you said that tariffs are not inflationary.⁷²
- a. Do you still stand by that statement? Please explain.

⁶⁸ Forbes, “Lower Immigration And Zero Net Job Creation Dim U.S. Growth Prospects,” Stuart Anderson, March 22, 2026, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2026/03/22/lower-immigration-and-zero-net-job-creation-dim-us-growth-prospects/>.

⁶⁹ Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, “Let’s Get On With It,” Speech by Governor Waller, August 28, 2025, <https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/speech/waller20250828a.htm>.

⁷⁰ Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, “Rejecting the Requiem,” Speech by Governor Warsh, November 8, 2010, <https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/speech/warsh20101108a.htm>.

⁷¹ Fox Business, “Trump touts falling prices, strong economic growth despite the Fed's 'fool',” October 24, 2025, <https://www.foxbusiness.com/video/6383772990112>.

⁷² Bloomberg Government, “Warsh Says Fed’s Rates Should Be Lower, Tariffs Not Inflationary,” Maggie Eastland, July 7, 2025, <https://news.bgov.com/bloomberg-government-news/warsh-says-feds-rates-should-be-lower-tariffs-not-inflationary>.

90. Core PCE inflation has been running at about 3 percent for the past three months – one percentage point above the Fed’s target.⁷³ Many Fed officials have said that this excess inflation is due to tariffs and thus expect this excess pressure to fade, as long as new tariffs are not introduced.⁷⁴
- Do you agree that this excess inflation is due to tariffs?
 - If not, what do you think is causing the excess inflation?
 - If not, is there an increased risk if the Fed is to cut rates at this point?

Crisis Response

91. In your testimony, you stated that “[d]uring the great financial crisis...our central bank played an indispensable role... In the period after the crisis, I also witnessed an institution that was tempted to play a larger role in the economy and society.”⁷⁵ With that framework in mind, please answer the following:
- In your view, when did the 2008 financial crisis begin? Please identify the specific date or month you consider the onset.
 - When did the financial crisis and Great Recession end? Please identify the specific date or month you consider the conclusion, and the metric or criteria you rely on to make that determination.
 - When did the COVID-19 pandemic begin? Please identify the specific date or month you consider the onset.
 - When did the COVID-19 pandemic end? Please identify the specific date or month you consider the conclusion, and the metric or criteria you rely on to make that determination.
92. Please identify one central bank – other than the Federal Reserve – that you believe handled either the 2008 financial crisis or the COVID-19 pandemic response particularly well. What specific actions do you believe distinguish its response?
93. With the benefit of hindsight, what specifically would you have done differently in the Federal Reserve’s response to the 2008 financial crisis? Please be as precise as possible, including the timing, magnitude, and type of intervention you would have changed.
94. With the benefit of hindsight, what specifically would you have done differently in the Federal Reserve’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic? Please be as precise as possible, including the timing, magnitude, and type of intervention you would have changed.

Economic Data

95. Do you believe data produced by the Federal Government, including data on inflation and unemployment, are reliable?

⁷³ U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Personal Consumption Expenditures Excluding Food and Energy (Chain-Type Price Index) [PCEPILFE], retrieved from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/PCEPILFE>, April 22, 2026.

⁷⁴ Reuters, “Fed’s Powell says inflation overshoot caused by Trump tariffs,” December 10, 2025, <https://www.reuters.com/business/feds-powell-says-inflation-overshoot-caused-by-trump-tariffs-2025-12-10/>.

⁷⁵ Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, United States Senate, “Opening Statement by Kevin Warsh, Nomination to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,” April 21, 2026, https://www.banking.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/warsh_testimony_4-21-26.pdf.

96. In April 2025, you gave a speech in which you said: “I do not find the current Fed policy of ‘data dependence’ of much real value. We should care little about two numbers to the right of the decimal point in the latest government release. Breathlessly awaiting trailing data from stale national accounts-- subject to significant, subsequent revision-- is evidence of false precision and analytic complacency.”⁷⁶
- If confirmed to the Federal Reserve Board, do you intend to not consider economic data as you analyze the state of the economy, prepare your economic forecasts, and make monetary policy decisions during your tenure?
 - What do you suggest the Fed use to analyze the state of the economy, prepare economic forecasts, and make monetary policy decisions if not economic data?
 - Please explain how the Fed should pivot away from “data dependence.”
97. As a Federal Reserve Governor in 2006, you were reportedly “focused on a six-point agenda to supplement existing government data flows with real-time market metrics.”⁷⁷
- Please provide details on this six-point agenda.
 - Will you attempt to implement a similar agenda if confirmed as chair?
 - What additional data sources do you recommend the Federal Reserve use in its analyzing the state of the economy?
98. The Federal Reserve relies on accurate and unbiased data to make monetary policy, including data produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). In August 2025, President Trump fired the BLS Commissioner, alleging that she “faked the Jobs Numbers before the Election to try and boost Kamala’s chances of Victory.”⁷⁸
- Please provide a written answer with a clear yes or no: Do you agree with President Trump that the BLS published fake numbers to manipulate the outcome of the 2024 Presidential election?
 - If yes, please provide evidence that leads you to that conclusion.
99. In response to a question about the integrity of BLS’ monthly jobs data on September 4, 2025, President Trump said “The real numbers will be in a year from now.”⁷⁹
- Please provide a written answer with a clear yes or no: Do you agree with the President that the BLS’ monthly jobs data will not be “real” or accurate until September 2026?
 - If confirmed to the Federal Reserve Board, do you intend to not consider BLS data as you analyze the state of the economy, prepare your economic forecasts,

⁷⁶ IMF Lecture Hosted by G30, “Remarks by Kevin Warsh Commanding Heights: Central Banks at a Crossroads,” April 25, 2025,

https://www.hoover.org/sites/default/files/research/docs/Commanding%20Heights%20April%2025%202025%20D_C.pdf.

⁷⁷ Journal of Financial Crisis, “Lessons Learned: Kevin Warsh,” Matthew A. Lieber, September 1, 2022, https://ypfsresourceibrary.blob.core.windows.net/fcic/YPFS/LessonsLearned_KevinWarsh.pdf.

⁷⁸ NBC News, “Trump fires labor statistics boss hours after the release of weak jobs reports,” Steve Kopack, Monica Alba, and Laura Strickler, August 1, 2025, <https://www.nbcnews.com/business/economy/trump-orders-firing-bls-commissioner-weak-jobs-report-rcna222531>.

⁷⁹ Tweet by Aaron Rugar, September 4, 2025, <https://x.com/atrupar/status/1963750669275279559>.

and make monetary policy decisions during your tenure? If you do not intend to consider BLS data, please list the data sources you will consider instead.

- c. Will you recommend that the staff of the Federal Reserve Board no longer present research and analysis that incorporate BLS data, given the President's declaration that the BLS data will not be accurate until September 2026?
100. You said you want "better data" from the private sector to fuel your models. Does this mean giving Big Tech companies like Microsoft or Google even more influence over Fed policy, and how will you ensure that the "billion prices" you want to track don't involve a massive invasion of the financial privacy of Americans?

Miscellaneous

101. Would you recuse yourself from voting on any master account application submitted by President Trump's proposed national trust bank, World Liberty Financial?
102. Have you, any members of your immediate family, including Ron Lauder, or any company or entity affiliated with you or members of your immediate family, ever made donations or committed to make donations to the Trump Presidential Library?
103. Have you, any members of your immediate family, including Ron Lauder, or any company or entity affiliated with you or members of your immediate family, ever made donations or committed to make donations to President Trump's ballroom?
104. Do you, any members of your immediate family, including Ron Lauder, or any company or entity affiliated with you or members of your immediate family, own cryptocurrency issued by World Liberty Financial?

Artificial Intelligence

105. There are signs of weakening performance in the private credit market. These private credit lenders are significant sources of financing for the boom in the build out of hyperscalers in communities across the country. But if AI companies are unable to increase revenues they may risk default on the debt they owe to these private credit lenders, who in turn borrowed from banks and insurers.
- a. What is your understanding of the potential risk to the economy and the financial system if or when this data center boom goes bust?
 - b. How will you increase the transparency of lending through these institutional non-bank channels?
106. Further causing concern about the use of private credit fueling data center build out is that these private credit investors aren't just using their own money to fuel these data center deals. These private credit investors are also holding people's hard earned money, like their pensions, or insurance premiums– and soon, given the President's executive order and Department of Labor rule, their retirement accounts . So hardworking Americans may end up footing the bill for these risky investments.
- a. What will you do to ensure everyday Americans are not financially harmed if or when these data center companies and the private credit investors go bust?

- b. How will you monitor the flow of institutional capital, including pensions, retirement accounts, and insurance, into alternative assets like private credit to assess the financial risks of Americans' exposure to the data center investment boom?
107. How should the Fed prevent Wall Street from using AI to automate credit discrimination or hide systemic risks behind algorithms that are hidden from sight?

Payments

108. The Federal Reserve invested over \$540 million to build FedNow, but uptake has been slow and the Federal Reserve has only released limited data on use of FedNow by participating financial institutions.
- a. Will you commit to releasing additional data on FedNow including the exact number of institutions sending over FedNow and how many institutions have sent cumulatively over \$1 million through the system?
 - b. Will you commit to collecting and releasing data on the markups banks charge customers for using FedNow?
 - c. How will you encourage uptake?

Undisclosed Financial Assets

109. Your OGE form lists numerous holdings without disclosing the underlying assets of those holdings, citing pre-existing confidentiality agreements. These funds include the following:

Bessemer Venture Associates VIII, LP
 Bessemer Venture Associates XI LP
 Bessemer Venture Associates XII LP
 DCM Investments 9 LLC
 THSDFS LLC Series 01
 THSDFS LLC Series 02
 THSDFS LLC Series 03
 THSDFS LLC Series 04
 THSDFS LLC Series 06
 THSDFS LLC Series 07
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THSDFS LLC Series 66
THSDFS LLC Series 67
THSDFS LLC Series 72
Juggernaut Fund LP (both items 86.3 and 87)

For each of the entities identified above:

- a. In cases where nominees are unable to disclose the underlying assets of their financial holdings due to pre-existing confidentiality agreements, as required by the Ethics in Government Act, "OGE requires the nominee to establish that the

confidentiality agreements was entered into before the nominee knew that he or she was being considered for a position in the executive branch and that the confidentiality agreement is applicable to a class of investors that includes the nominee.”⁸⁰ Provide copies of the information provided to OGE to meet this requirement.

- b. Did you ask the entity to exempt you from your confidentiality agreement(s) for purposes of completing your financial disclosures? If not, why not? If so, provide documentation of your request. Why was your request denied?
- c. Are you able to confirm whether the entity holds any assets that:
 - i. Have been accused of, charged with, or found to have violated federal anti-money laundering laws?
 - ii. Have been accused of, charged with, or found to have violated U.S. sanctions?
 - iii. Have been accused of, charged with, or found to have violated federal anti-fraud laws?
 - iv. Are banks, as defined in the Federal Reserve Act?
 - v. Are banking institutions, as defined in the Federal Reserve Act?
 - vi. Are trust companies, as defined in the Federal Reserve Act?
 - vii. Are World Liberty Financial?
 - viii. Provide financial benefits to President Trump and his immediate family, or any entity—directly or through subsidiaries—that provides President Trump or any member of his immediate family with a financial benefit?
 - ix. Have contributed to President Trump’s ballroom or presidential library?
 - x. Were established or structured with the financial advice of Jeffrey Epstein?
 - xi. Are controlled by the Chinese or Russian governments, or individuals affiliated with Chinese or Russian governments?

110. In your Ethics Agreement, you commit to divesting the following entities with undisclosed assets “before [you] assume the duties of Federal Reserve Chairman and Member”: Juggernaut Fund LP and THSDFS LLC Series 65.

- a. According to your Ethics Agreement, you “have verified that [you] will be able to carry out the divestitures within the timeframe described above.” For each entity noted above, provide copies of the information you provided to OGE affirming your ability to divest.
- b. Who will you sell the entity to? For what price and under what terms?

111. In your Ethics Agreement, you commit to divesting the following entities within 90 days of your confirmation. According to your Ethics Agreement, you “have verified that [you] will be able to carry out the divestitures within the timeframe described above.” For each entity, provide copies of the information you provided to OGE

⁸⁰ Office of Government Ethics, Memorandum from Director Robert I. Cusick to Designated Agency Ethics Officials, “Financial Disclosure Requirements for Pooled Investment Funds” (DO-08-22) July 22, 2008, [https://oge.gov/Web/oge.nsf/Legal%20Docs/C4EFECF8BE2C9521852585BA005BECCB/\\$FILE/DO-08-022.pdf?open](https://oge.gov/Web/oge.nsf/Legal%20Docs/C4EFECF8BE2C9521852585BA005BECCB/$FILE/DO-08-022.pdf?open).

affirming your ability to divest. In addition, who will you sell your interest in the entity to? For what price and under what terms

Bessemer Venture Associates VIII, LP

Bessemer Venture Associates XI LP

Bessemer Venture Associates XII LP

DCM Investments 9 LLC

THSDFS LLC Series 01

THSDFS LLC Series 02

THSDFS LLC Series 03

THSDFS LLC Series 04

THSDFS LLC Series 06

THSDFS LLC Series 07

THSDFS LLC Series 08

THSDFS LLC Series 09

THSDFS LLC Series 10

THSDFS LLC Series 12

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Consumer Protection and Legal Violations

112. You collected \$750,000 in consulting fees from Cerberus Capital Management,⁸¹ a private equity firm that profited off of the post-2008 foreclosure crisis and now owns tens of thousands of single-family rental homes in the U.S. Through its subsidiary, FirstKey Homes, Cerberus invests in mortgage securities and acquires homes to be operated as rental housing. Cerberus has been cited for weaponizing eviction filings to pressure tenants around rent due dates and charging high junk fees that worsen housing affordability.⁸² Additionally as a large investment firm, Cerberus leverages large amounts of capital to make all-cash offers on homes, allowing them to outbid first-time homebuyers and convert homes into rental investments. Do you have any concerns about Cerberus's tenant practices, and their role in the housing market competing with first-time homebuyers?

113. Since 2019, you have served as a board member of the e-commerce company Coupang and have earned over \$1 million from the company. Coupang also applauded

⁸¹ Office of Government Ethics, Public Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 278e), for Kevin Warsh, Nominee to serve as Chairman and Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 10, 2026, [https://extapps2.oge.gov/201/Presiden.nsf/PAS+Index/F57618ED6E5F30B585258DD9002DD780/\\$FILE/Warsh%20.C%20Kevin%20%20final278.pdf](https://extapps2.oge.gov/201/Presiden.nsf/PAS+Index/F57618ED6E5F30B585258DD9002DD780/$FILE/Warsh%20.C%20Kevin%20%20final278.pdf).

⁸² Private Equity Stakeholder Project, "Cerberus Capital Management's Three-Headed Attack on Homeowners, Tenants," April 2020, <https://pestakeholder.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Cerberus-Three-Headed-Attack-on-Homeowners-Tenants-PESP-041320.pdf>.

your nomination to the Federal Reserve.⁸³ However, Coupang has been scrutinized for its labor conditions and violations, including a series of deaths among workers.⁸⁴

- a. Were you aware of Coupang’s labor violations as a Board Member? If not, why not? If so, what specific steps did you take to address them?

114. You are invested in a number of buy now, pay later and consumer lending platforms with histories of complaints filed against them in the Consumer Financial Protection (CFPB) database, including Cherry, a health care financing payment platform; Tilt, a consumer lending platform; and Kikoff, a consumer credit building platform.⁸⁵ Were you aware of these complaints prior to investing in these companies? If not, why not? If so, why did you move forward with your investments?

115. You are invested in a number of crypto and decentralized finance (DeFi) companies, including companies linked to potential fraud activity.⁸⁶ Do you agree that crypto and DeFi activity should not be allowed to harm consumers or the broader banking system?

116. You have served as a consultant for GoldenTree Asset Management LP, a firm that stands to profit off of Puerto Rico’s crises as one of the largest holders of distressed bonds.

- a. Do you agree that the interests of Puerto Ricans should be prioritized over the financial investments of Wall Street creditors?
- b. As a consultant, what services, if any, did you provide to GoldenTree regarding their purchases of distressed Puerto Rican bonds?

Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

⁸³ Coupang, “Coupang applauds nomination of Board Member Kevin Warsh to lead Federal Reserve,” press release, <https://www.aboutcoupang.com/English/news/news-details/2026/coupang-applauds-nomination-of-board-member-kevin-warsh-to-lead-federal-reserve/>.

⁸⁴ Business and Human Rights Centre, “S. Korea: Coupang found guilty of union-busting in dismissal of logistics workers in addition to negative impact by blacklist,” September 14, 2025, <https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/latest-news/s-korea-coupang-found-guilty-of-union-busting-in-dismissal-of-logistics-workers/>; The Korea Times, “Workplace deaths becoming persistent issue at Coupang,” Ko Dong-hwan, November 25, 2025, <https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/business/companies/20251125/workplace-deaths-becoming-persistent-issue-at-coupang>.

⁸⁵ Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, “Consumer Complaint Database,” https://www.consumerfinance.gov/dataresearch/consumer-complaints/search/?dateRange=All&date_received_max=2026-04-16&date_received_min=2011-12-01&page=1&searchField=all&searchText=kikoff&size=25&sort=created_date_desc&tab=List; Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, “Consumer Complaint Database,” https://www.consumerfinance.gov/data-research/consumercomplaints/search/?dateRange=All&date_received_max=2026-04-16&date_received_min=2011-12-01&page=1&searchField=all&searchText=cherry&size=25&sort=created_date_desc&tab=List.

⁸⁶ The Block, “Blast-based GambleFi platform ‘RiskOnBlast’ allegedly rugpulled presale participants for \$1.3 million,” Danny Park, February 26, 2024, <https://www.theblock.co/post/279004/blast-gamblefi-platform-riskonblast-rugpull>; Post by Blast on X, February 13, 2024, https://x.com/Blast_L2/status/1757404298319888587; Securities and Exchange Commission, “SEC Charges Nader Al-Naji with Fraud and Unregistered Offering of Crypto Asset Securities,” press release, July 30, 2024, <https://www.sec.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2024-91>.

117. Would you approve a merger transaction if so directed by the White House, including after the applicant made a payment to the President, a member of his family, or to his related business interests?
118. Do you commit to a 4-year cooling off period from representing any company subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Reserve Board following the conclusion of your service as Member of the Federal Reserve?
119. For at least 4 years after leaving the Federal Reserve, will you not seek employment or compensation from (1) any entity that you personally and substantially interacted with in your role as Member of the Federal Reserve and (2) from any entity that lobbies the Federal Reserve?

Nomination Process

120. During or leading up to the selection of your nomination, did you discuss Project 2025 with any officials directly or associated with the Trump campaign or the Trump transition team? If so, please explain.
121. During or leading up to the selection of your nomination, did you discuss Project 2025 with any officials directly or associated with the Heritage Foundation? If so, please explain.
122. Please provide a comprehensive list of the people who approached you about joining the administration.
123. Did any person provide advice to you, oral or written, on your responses to these questions? If so, please provide a comprehensive list of the individuals or organizations that provided assistance.
124. According to reports, President Trump has “said he will issue pardons en masse to his closest advisers at the end of his second presidency.”⁸⁷
- a. During conversations with President Trump surrounding your nomination, did President Trump discuss the topic of Presidential pardons, either in jest or in seriousness?
 - b. Did President Trump imply—in jest or in seriousness—that he would grant you a pardon at the end of this second term?
 - c. Did President Trump directly offer you—in jest or in seriousness—a pardon?

Congressional Oversight and Whistleblower Protection

125. If confirmed, will you commit to making yourself available to provide testimony (including but not limited to briefings, hearings, and transcribed interviews) to the Committee on any matter within its jurisdiction, upon the request of either the Chair or Ranking Member?

⁸⁷ The Guardian, “Trump reportedly says he’ll issue mass pardons at end of his presidential term,” Lauren Aratani, April 11, 2026, <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/apr/11/trump-mass-pardons-end-of-presidential-term>.

126. If confirmed, will you commit to fully complying with all information requests from me and responding to those requests in a timely manner?
127. If confirmed, do you intend to respond to congressional information requests differently depending on who is making the request?
128. If confirmed, will you commit to complying with all federal protections for whistleblowers?

U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Full Committee Hearing: Nomination Hearing
Senator Jack Reed
April 21, 2026

Questions for Mr. Warsh

1. You wrote in your opening testimony that “Fed independence is at its peak in the operational conduct of monetary policy. That degree of independence does not extend to the full range of its congressionally mandated functions. Fed officials are not entitled to the same special deference in their stewardship of public monies or in bank regulatory and supervisory policy or in areas affecting international finance, among other matters.”
 - a. Please list the “other matters” to which Fed officials are not “entitled to special deference.”
 - b. On what matters are Fed officials entitled to “ordinary deference”?
 - c. Are there any matters on which Fed officials are entitled to no deference?
 - d. Please define “special deference” and compare this level of deference to ordinary deference.
 - e. Please describe the framework you will use to determine whether a specific action taken by the Fed involves the “operational conduct of monetary policy” or something else.
 - f. What percentage of the Fed’s activities do you estimate involves “operational conduct of monetary policy”?
 - g. Are Fed officials “entitled to special deference” on calibrating liquidity requirements under Regulation WW?
 - h. Are Fed officials “entitled to special deference” on calibrating interest on reserve requirements under Regulation D?
 - i. Are Fed officials “entitled to special deference” on calibrating the overnight reverse repurchase agreement offering rate?
 - j. Are Fed officials “entitled to special deference” on the size of the Fed’s balance sheet?

- k. Are Fed officials “entitled to special deference” on central bank liquidity swaps?
2. If a Democrat is President in 2029 and you are Fed Chair, will you commit to implementing his or her priorities on regulation or supervision given your view that Fed officials “are not entitled to the same special deference in . . . bank regulatory and supervisory policy”?
3. Under what circumstances could the President remove you as Chair of the Federal Reserve? How about as an ordinary Governor?
4. On February 18, 2025, the White House issued an executive order stating, “all executive departments and agencies, including so-called independent agencies, shall submit for review all proposed and final significant regulatory actions to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) within the Executive Office of the President before publication in the *Federal Register*.” The executive order does not apply to the Board or the FOMC “in its conduct of monetary policy,” but does apply “in connection with its conduct and authorities directly related to its supervision and regulation of financial institutions.” Do you intend to seek OIRA review of proposed and final significant regulatory actions by the Federal Reserve?
5. What existing authority does the Federal Reserve have to obtain additional transparency into private credit firms, especially regarding their links with the banking system?
6. In a letter dated October 15, 2024, Chair Powell indicated to me that “the Board may consider revisions to its public regulatory reporting requirements, as appropriate, to account for” synthetic risk transfers and other financial tools. Do you believe that such revisions are appropriate?
7. Do you believe the criminal probe of Chair Powell and the President’s attempt to remove Governor Cook help or harm the independence of the Federal Reserve?
8. The Office of Government Ethics has written regarding your public financial disclosure report (OGE Form 278e) that “OGE is certifying that the report is in compliance with the Ethics in Government Act (See 5 U.S.C. §§13101 et seq.) and 5 CFR Part 2634 for all lines except Part 2, Line 23, 25-53, 55-85, 86.3, and 87. Once the filer divests these assets, he will be in compliance with the EIGA and Part 2634 for this report.”
 - a. Will you commit to not getting sworn in as Chair until OGE certifies that you are in compliance with the Ethics in Government Act?

- b. If not, will you commit to disclosing any assets that you hold as Chair that are not in compliance with the Ethics in Government Act?
9. You disclosed \$10,200,000 in consulting fees from Duquesne Family Office for the last year. Please provide the amount of income earned in this capacity for each of the past five years.
10. You have disclosed ownership interests in Juggernaut Fund, L.P. and in multiple share classes of THSDFS LLC. When you divest, to whom will you be selling each of these ownership interests and how much money will they be paying you for them?
11. Did you or anyone in your family donate to the White House ballroom project? How about to the Trump Presidential Library? If so for either or both, how much?
12. Do you or anyone in your family have any direct or indirect financial interests in Ukraine, including mining rights for lithium deposits?
13. Do you or anyone in your family have any direct or indirect financial interests in Greenland, including power projects or water rights?

United States Senate
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
*Nomination Hearing of the Honorable Kevin Warsh to be a Member and Chairman of the Board
of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.*
Tuesday, April 21, 2026
Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)

Regional Bank President Independence

The Federal Reserve is not solely the Board of Governors here in Washington, but a system that includes 12 regional Federal Reserve Banks. Reserve Bank presidents are selected through their regional governance processes and approved by the Board, reflecting a deliberate structure that balances national oversight with regional input.

These presidents play a critical role in supervising financial institutions, operating key components of the payments system, and contributing to monetary policy deliberations. Their participation helps ensure that economic conditions and perspectives from across the country are reflected in policymaking.

This structure is designed to prevent decision-making from becoming overly concentrated in Washington and to incorporate the experiences of households, workers, and businesses in different regions of the country.

If you are confirmed, you will help set the tone for how this system operates. It is important to be clear about the guardrails that govern this structure and to maintain confidence that Reserve Bank presidents can carry out their responsibilities without being removed or pressured to step aside for political or policy reasons.

- **Do you agree that the Fed Chair does not have the authority to fire Reserve Bank presidents at will?**
- **Do you agree that the Chair cannot remove a Reserve Bank president over a policy disagreement?**
- **Do you agree that pushing out a Reserve Bank president would undermine the Fed's independence and credibility?**
- **And will you commit that you will not try to fire or pressure out any Reserve Bank president and that you will respect their independence?**

Artificial Intelligence and the Economy

When we met, you noted that the economic impact of artificial intelligence will be the most significant challenge facing the Federal Reserve in the years ahead. That assessment reflects a growing recognition that AI is not a distant issue, but one that is already beginning to shape labor markets, productivity, and broader economic conditions.

There is increasing concern that the effects may be particularly acute for recent college graduates and entry-level workers, where rapid changes in hiring patterns and job requirements could emerge more quickly than expected. These developments are unfolding in real time, and there is a risk that both policymakers and institutions are not fully prepared for the pace or scope of the transition. The broader economic implications of AI remain uncertain, and the potential for unexpected disruptions underscores the need for continued attention and analysis.

The Federal Reserve has an important role to play here. While the Fed does not set workforce or technology policy, its recognition of emerging risks and its communication about those risks can help shape expectations across the economy. As has been the case in the past, clear acknowledgment of evolving challenges can help reduce uncertainty and encourage businesses, workers, and policymakers to prepare for potential changes.

- **If confirmed, how would you approach ensuring that the U.S. economy is prepared for the near- and longer-term impacts of artificial intelligence?**
- **In your view, what are the most significant near-term economic vulnerabilities associated with the adoption of artificial intelligence, particularly with respect to labor markets and entry-level employment?**
- **What role do you believe the Federal Reserve should play in identifying, monitoring, and communicating the economic risks and opportunities associated with artificial intelligence?**
- **Would you commit to engaging with Congress on an ongoing basis to ensure that policymakers are appropriately informed and prepared to respond to the economic impacts of artificial intelligence?**

Discount Window

The Federal Reserve's discount window has long been a core component of the financial system's liquidity backstop, but recent events have raised questions about its effectiveness in practice. The Silicon Valley Bank collapse demonstrated that many institutions were not operationally prepared to access the window in a timely and effective manner, highlighting gaps in both readiness and usage.

For several years, there have been calls for reforms to ensure that banks can reliably access the discount window when needed, to reduce the stigma associated with its use, and to improve its functionality in a financial system that is increasingly fast-moving and technology-driven.

These challenges underscore the need to strengthen and modernize existing tools. The discount window was designed to serve as a dependable source of liquidity during periods of stress, but its effectiveness depends on institutions being both prepared and willing to use it without hesitation.

Ensuring that the discount window can fulfill its intended role will require a renewed focus on operational readiness, clearer expectations around its use, and updates that better align it with the realities of the modern financial system.

- **Do you believe that liquidity supervision should consider a bank's level of pre-positioned collateral at the discount window?**
- **Should collateral at the discount window be considered in a bank's internal liquidity stress tests, regardless of the type of collateral as long as it's pre-positioned and eligible for discount window borrowing?**
- **Should the liquidity coverage ratio be reformed to include pre-positioned collateral? If so, should its assumptions be made more severe (higher denominator) given there is greater recognition of assets pre-positioned at the central bank (higher numerator)?**

Federal Reserve Payment System Access

Access to the Federal Reserve's payment rails, including services like Fedwire and the issuance of master accounts, provides institutions with direct connectivity to the core of the U.S. financial system. This access carries significant benefits, including the ability to settle payments in central bank money and participate fully in the national payments infrastructure.

Historically, access to these services has been tied to a clear supervisory and regulatory framework, particularly at the federal level. That framework helps ensure that institutions operating within the payment system are subject to consistent standards for safety and soundness, as well as compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act and broader anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism requirements.

As new types of institutions seek access to Federal Reserve services, it is important to ensure that these core safeguards remain in place. Entities operating with different or less comprehensive supervisory oversight can create gaps in accountability and raise concerns about whether key compliance obligations are being applied consistently across the system.

Maintaining confidence in the integrity of the payments system requires that all institutions with access to Federal Reserve services operate under robust and consistent supervisory expectations. This includes strong federal prudential oversight, clear risk management standards, and full adherence to BSA and AML requirements, regardless of charter type or business model.

- **Do you believe that any entity with access to the Federal Reserve's payment system should have a federal prudential regulator responsible for its BSA and anti-money laundering compliance?**
- **What risks arise if entities are granted access to Federal Reserve payment systems without a consistent federal supervisory framework for BSA/AML compliance?**
- **Do you believe the current framework for granting master accounts and payment system access sufficiently protects against illicit finance risks, or are additional safeguards needed?**

Questions for the Record from Senator Van Hollen

Question 1

In January, the Department of Justice issued subpoenas to the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in a proceeding before a grand jury. Discussing the subpoenas, Chair Powell said that “[t]he threat of criminal charges is a consequence of the Federal Reserve setting interest rates based on our best assessment of what will serve the public, rather than following the preferences of the President.” Do you agree with Chair Powell about the motivation behind the subpoenas?

Question 2

If the President asked you to resign over a disagreement about interest rates or monetary policy, would you step down?

Question 3

If the President attempted to fire or otherwise remove you over a disagreement about interest rates or monetary policy, would you step down?

Question 4

To your knowledge, has the President or another member of the Administration ever suggested changing the composition of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) by removing the president of a Reserve Bank, affecting the selection of a Reserve Bank president, manipulating the group of Reserve Bank presidents that sit on the FOMC, or otherwise? If yes, please explain to the greatest extent of your knowledge, including the person that made such suggestion, the date of such suggestion, any context, and your response.

Question 5

To your knowledge, has the President or another member of the Administration ever suggested attempting to shape monetary policy by influencing or pressuring the president of a Reserve Bank? If yes, please explain to the greatest extent of your knowledge, including the person that made such suggestion, the date of such suggestion, any context, and your response.

Question 6

Would it be appropriate for the President or a member of his Administration to take any step described in Questions 4 or 5 with respect to the FOMC, a Reserve Bank, or a Reserve Bank president?

Question 7

Please describe in detail your views on how shrinking the Fed’s balance sheet could support or lead to lower interest rates, identifying with particularity the causal mechanisms involved.

Question 8

According to the Fed’s website, the Fed’s “goal in providing the FedNow Service is for consumers, households, and businesses across America to have access to instant payments through their banks and credit unions in the coming years.” As Chair, would you share this goal? If so, please describe in detail your plans to increase the availability of FedNow instant payments to consumers and businesses.

Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock (D-GA)
Questions for the Record
Senate Committee Banking, Housing, & Urban Affairs
Nomination Hearing
April 21, 2026

Questions: The Honorable Kevin Warsh, to be a Member and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

1. You have [advocated](#) the importance of shrinking the Federal Reserve's balance sheet, or Quantitative Tightening (QT). One of the concerns with QT is that it will lead to less demand for Mortgage-Backed Securities, which could lead to higher interest rates.
 - a. If confirmed, how will you consider mortgage rates as you shrink the Fed's balance sheet?
 - b. Do you see other run-on effects on the housing market from QT?
 - c. In your view, what are the risks and consequences of QT?
2. Inflation has remained above the Fed's 2 percent target since early 2021, when the country began to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. Since 2025, there has also been an [increase](#) in the unemployment rate, and job growth remains [tepid](#) compared to previous years. If concerned, which of the Fed's dual-mandates concerns you most—price stability or maximum employment?
 - a. What do you believe is the cause of the recent increase in unemployment, and how do you think the Federal Reserve should consider those causes?
 - b. What concerns do you have about the current unemployment rate?
 - c. What are the most significant risks you see to the economy over the next couple of years based on employment trends?
 - d. What populations and demographics of Americans are you most concerned about based on employment trends? How will you consider those populations in your decision making, if confirmed?
3. In the past year, have any of your economic views changed based on the data? If so, please detail which data resulted in your views evolving and why.
4. Under what specific economic circumstances would you vote for a base rate increase?
5. What lessons did you learn from your time on the Federal Reserve board *before* the 2008 financial crisis (not in the wake of the crisis)?
 - a. In hindsight, what do you think the Federal Reserve Board could have, or should have done differently before the crisis to help prevent the 2008 financial crisis?
6. Per statute, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) receives its funding directly from the Federal Reserve every fiscal quarter. All Fed Chairs have provided the required funding when requested by the CFPB Director. Do you commit to fulfilling the CFPB's quarterly funding requests upon request from the CFPB Director?

7. President Trump has tried to illegally fire Fed Governor [Lisa Cook](#). President Trump has also threatened to fire current Fed Chair [Jerome Powell](#) at the same time the Department of Justice continues its baseless investigation into Chair Powell for allegedly lying to Congress. If confirmed, if President Trump or any future president attempts to unlawfully fire you without cause, would you leave the Federal Reserve? Or would you continue your duties like Chair Powell has vowed to do?
8. During a March 18, 2026, press conference, Fed Chair Jerome Powell stated that, when looking at total core inflation, President Trump's tariffs led to about "a half and three quarters" of a percentage point of inflation.
 - a. Do you agree that tariffs implemented by the Trump Administration have contributed to increases in inflation?
9. Do you see any risks of a global recession over the next two years? If so, please detail potential risks.
10. The post-COVID economy recovery has been felt differently depending on wealth and income level, leading to a term some economists have referred to as a "[K-shaped economy](#)." According to the [Federal Reserve Board](#), household wealth has become increasingly concentrated among the top 0.1 percent as Americans who hold assets are able to leverage those assets and fund higher levels of personal spending. There has been a similar trend in the stock market, with seven large tech stocks, known as the "Magnificent Seven," now comprising more than 33 percent of the S&P 500's market cap, up from 12.5 percent in 2016.
 - a. Do you agree with the premise of a K-shaped economy?
 - b. How do we help address the needs of working-class Americans who are struggling?
11. According to data from the [National Association of Home Builders](#), total housing starts were down 0.6 percent from 2024, with single family starts down 6.9 percent. [Research](#) also shows that the United States needs between "three and four million homes beyond normal construction" to address the housing crisis.
 - a. How can the Fed support the construction of new homes in an effort to bring down shelter inflation?
12. Since the beginning of the Iran War, the average 30-year fixed rate mortgage has [increased](#) by roughly 30 basis points. If confirmed, how can the Fed respond to wartime stress indicators to protect borrowers from spikes in the mortgage rate?

Senator Andy Kim**4/21/2025, “Nomination Hearing for The Honorable Kevin Warsh, to be a Member and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.”**

1. To Mr. Warsh: Do you agree that the Federal Reserve must be held to the highest ethics standards?
2. To Mr. Warsh: Are you aware of recent ethics reforms at the Fed instituted by Chair Powell —adopted after trading controversies involving senior Federal Reserve officials— now prohibit individual stock trading, restrict active investing, and require advance notice and approval for transactions, correct?
3. To Mr. Warsh: Do you agree with these ethics reforms and will you pledge to keep them in place?
4. To Mr. Warsh: Do you agree that these reforms have fallen short, given the recent case of Governor Adriana Kugler, who resigned after an ethics probe uncovered she allegedly made stock transactions during blackout periods?
5. To Mr. Warsh: Do you commit to allowing the IG report on Ms. Kugler's case come to light publicly?
6. To Mr. Warsh: Do you confirm you will look into additional ethics reforms for Federal Reserve officials?
7. To Mr. Warsh: Given Federal Reserve Inspector General Horowitz is overseeing several active investigations at the Fed currently, will you commit that you will not seek to remove Mr. Horowitz from his position during your term as Chair?
8. To Mr. Warsh: With respect to your commitment to divest – we have seen examples of Administration officials commit before this Committee to divest assets in the interest of ethics and then fail to do so. In fact, a few months ago, the Ranking Member and I called out David Fogel, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, who promised to divest certain of his assets, but then failed to do so beyond his original deadline. What assurances can you provide that you will indeed follow through on the commitment you are making to this Committee?
9. To Mr. Warsh: Will you commit to providing this Committee with full documentation evidencing the terms of your divestment after it has occurred?
10. To Mr. Warsh: Do you agree that the in Iran war could have long-term effects on oil prices and the global economy, even if the Strait of Hormuz is reopened?
11. To Mr. Warsh: Do you agree that a potential year-long significant increase in gas prices would have destabilizing medium to long-term outcomes for the U.S. economy and continues?
12. To Mr. Warsh: You have argued for aggressively shrinking the Federal Reserve’s balance sheet, but that policy—quantitative tightening—typically puts upward pressure on longer-term interest rates, which matter most for households. Given that, I’m trying to understand: how does reducing the Fed’s balance sheet translate into more affordable borrowing costs for working families?
13. To Mr. Warsh: Can you cite empirical evidence—either from the U.S. or another country—where rapid balance sheet reduction lowered consumer borrowing costs or improved outcomes for working families?

Questions for the Record

Member Name: Senator Ruben Gallego

Hearing Date: April 21, 2026

Hearing Title: Nomination Hearing for the Honorable Kevin Warsh, to be a Member and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Questions for The Honorable Kevin Warsh, to be a Member and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

1. On January 12, 2026, former Fed Chairs Alan Greenspan, Ben Bernanke, Janet Yellen and other prominent economists, released a joint statement on President Trump's criminal probe of Fed Chair Jerome Powell. The statement reads "The reported criminal inquiry into Federal Reserve Chair Jay Powell is an unprecedented attempt to use prosecutorial attacks to undermine that independence... This is how monetary policy is made in emerging markets with weak institutions, with highly negative consequences for inflation ... It has no place in the United States..."
 - a. Mr. Warsh, were you ever asked, or given the opportunity, to sign this statement?
 - b. Do you agree or disagree with the statement and why?
2. Mr. Warsh, as we discussed, modern communication and transparency practices at the Fed are critical for our markets and the public. There is bipartisan support for these communications measures because they are the foundation of accountability and public trust at the Fed.
 - a. Do you commit to publicly releasing FOMC meeting minutes no later than three weeks after the policy decision?
 - b. Do you commit to publicly releasing the policy statement after each FOMC meeting?
 - c. Do you commit to publicly releasing the semi-annual Financial Stability report?
 - d. Do you commit to conducting a public review of the monetary policy framework every 5 years?
3. The Federal Reserve Act states a governor may only be removed for cause. On April 16, 2026, President Trump said he would fire Fed Chair Powell if he does not leave the Fed by May 15.
 - a. Are you aware of any conduct by Chair Powell that would constitute legal cause for removal?
 - b. Do you believe Jerome Powell has been derelict in his duties as Chair of the Federal Reserve?

4. Mr. Warsh, in 2017, President Trump interviewed you to be Fed Chair and you were not selected. After that interview, you gave a public interview where you said that the idea of an independent agency was, "probably not an obvious feature to the President."
 - a. When you met with the President this time around, who else was in the room?
 - b. Did the subject of Fed independence come up?
 - c. Did he describe what he expected from a Fed Chair?

5. Upon reflecting why President Trump did not select you to be Fed Chair in 2017, you stated, "I did not put my ambitions ahead of my principles." In a February 4, 2026, interview, Trump stated "if [Warsh] came in and said, 'I want to raise [interest rates] ...' "He would not have gotten the job, no."
 - a. What does putting your ambitions ahead of your principles mean to you?
 - b. If confirmed, do you commit to upholding the same pledge you made in 2017?

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Questions for the Record

“Full Committee Hearing – Nomination of Kevin Warsh to be a Member and Chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System”

April 21, 2026 – 10:00AM

Written Question for the Record Submitted by Hon. Blunt Rochester to Hon. Kevin Warsh

In your testimony, you clarified that your reference to “regime change” at the Federal Reserve referred to “policy regime change.”

- Q1: What is the difference between those two, and what specific changes are included in your concept of “policy regime change”?
- Q2: Does your concept of “policy regime change” include any changes to the structure, leadership, or independence of the Federal Reserve System, including at the regional Federal Reserve Banks?

During your testimony and in response to my questions, you emphasized that the Federal Reserve needs to “get access to better data” and undertake “considerable work” to evaluate the potential productivity effects of artificial intelligence. You also noted that policymakers must make “informed judgments” despite uncertainty.

- Q3: Please describe your specific plan to update the Federal Reserve’s economic models and analytical frameworks to better capture AI-driven changes in productivity and labor markets.
- Q4: What steps will you take in the next 12 months?
- Q5: What is your expected timeline for incorporating these changes into monetary policy analysis?
- Q6: What specific new data sources or indicators do you believe are necessary to better measure AI-driven changes in the economy? Does this include existing or updated data from the U.S. Department of Labor?
- Q7: Will the Federal Reserve incorporate private-sector or real-time data (e.g., firm-level investment, hiring, or productivity metrics)?
- Q8: How will you evaluate whether these data sources are reliable and policy-relevant?

You noted that policymakers must make “informed judgments” even when data is incomplete.

- Q9: What criteria or thresholds would you use before incorporating expected productivity gains into monetary policy decisions?
- Q10: How will you distinguish between observed productivity improvements and anticipated gains that have not yet materialized?

You stated that if policy judgments are incorrect, the Federal Reserve must “call the flag” and correct course.

- Q11: What specific indicators would signal that productivity assumptions were incorrect?
- Q12: What policy adjustments would you anticipate making in that scenario?
- Q13: How will you ensure transparency around changes to the Federal Reserve’s models, data sources, and assumptions related to AI and productivity?
- Q14: Will the Federal Reserve publish updates or explanations of model changes?

- Q15: How will Congress and the public be able to evaluate whether these updates are improving policymaking?