

**White House Daily Briefing  
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**Three Articles to Read**

**Trump calls for unity after synagogue attack: 'No tolerance for anti-Semitism in America'**

In response to the deadly shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue, President Trump on Saturday called for Americans to unite in condemning anti-Semitism and all forms bigotry and prejudice. <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/oct/27/donald-trump-calls-unity-after-synagogue-attack-no/>

**US consumer spending increased 0.3% in Sept, while personal income edged up 0.2%**

U.S. consumer spending rose by an inflation-adjusted 0.3 percent in September, led by increased spending on health care services and motor vehicles. <https://www.cnbc.com/2018/10/29/us-personal-income-sept-2018.html>

**Trumps hand out candy to costumed kids for their second Halloween event at White House**

President Trump and first lady Melania Trump hosted a Halloween event Sunday at the White House. The pair walked out of the decorated South Portico together. Melania, who held a basket in her left hand, handed out candy to costumed kids who walked by. <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/trumps-hand-out-candy-to-costumed-kids-for-their-second-halloween-event-at-white-house>

**Things to Know**

**'It's time to end the global freeloading once and for all'**

For far too long, the United States has been footing the bill for lower drug prices—in foreign countries. American patients and taxpayers unfairly subsidize worldwide drug innovation while patients overseas get much lower prices from drug makers. Medicare in particular has shouldered an outrageously high burden.

Today, President Donald J. Trump is launching actions to confront global freeloading and lower medicine prices for American patients. The heart of the effort is simple: putting forward a new way for Medicare to pay for certain drugs that is based on prices that other developed countries pay.

That action alone is projected to reduce Medicare's payments for these drugs by an incredible 30 percent over the next five years. And a related plan will fix the perverse incentives for doctors to administer more expensive drugs to patients.

Driving down drug costs has been a top priority for this President since day one, and Americans are already seeing results:

- In the 100 days following the release of President Trump's blueprint for lower drug costs, more than a dozen drug companies reduced their list prices, rolled back planned price increases, or froze their prices for the rest of the year.
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) set a new record for generic approvals last year, approving more than 1,000 generics that will bring an estimated \$9 billion in savings in 2018.
- President Trump signed a law to end unfair gag clauses, which prevented pharmacists from telling patients when they could pay less out of pocket than if they used insurance to cover certain medicines.

[President Trump: "It's time to end global freeloading once and for all."](#)

**Watch:** [The results from President Trump's plan are pouring in.](#)