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HIGHLIGHTS

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- Blakeman will raise costs on New Yorkers, saying he would “of course” cut New York’s Medicaid program, threatening 6.5 million New Yorkers’ health coverage.
- Blakeman supports Trump’s budget that kicks 450,000 New Yorkers off their health insurance and raises health insurance costs by 40% to give tax cuts to billionaires and large corporations.
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HEADLINE: “Trump Gives Big Boost To Long Island Politician With ‘MAGA All The Way’ Endorsement.” [New York Post, [5/7/25](#)]

- **New York Post: Trump Gave Blakeman A “Mega Boost For A MAGA Long Island Pol.”** “It was a mega boost for a MAGA Long Island pol. President Trump endorsed Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman in a glowing social media post, saying the politician ‘is doing an incredible job.’ ‘Bruce is MAGA all the way, and has been with us from the very beginning,’ Trump said of the Republican on Truth Social Tuesday night.” [New York Post, [5/7/25](#)]

Trump Called Blakeman “100% MAGA.” “Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, a firebrand Long Island Republican, announced a run for governor of New York on Tuesday, setting up a primary clash with fellow Trump ally U.S.

Rep. Elise Stefanik. Blakeman, labeled '100% MAGA' by President Donald Trump, criticized Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul in a social media post and said New Yorkers deserve leadership that works." [WXXI, [12/9/25](#)]

When Asked If He Was "MAGA All The Way," Blakeman Said, "Well, Yeah, What's Wrong With Making America Great Again?". RAJU: "Yea, but [President Trump] says you're MAGA all the way. Are you MAGA all the way?"

BLAKEMAN: "Well, yea – listen what's wrong with making America great again? I wanna make New Yorkers happy again. [...] Not only do I do I share American values with the president, but I also know how to reach out to communities and give them what they want." [CNN Inside Politics, 1:31, [12/22/25](#)] (VIDEO)

- **Trump Posted On Truth Social That Blakeman Was "MAGA All The Way."** "@realDonaldTrump: I am looking forward to being back in the Great State of New York tomorrow, where Highly Respected and very popular Nassau County Executive, Bruce Blakeman, is running to be the next Governor! Bruce is MAGA all the way, and has been with me from the very beginning. As Nassau County Executive, he is working tirelessly with the Brave Heroes of ICE, Border Patrol, and Law Enforcement to Keep Our Border SECURE, Stop Migrant Crime, Safeguard our Community, and Ensure LAW AND ORDER. As your next Governor, Bruce will continue to fight hard to Grow the Economy, Cut Taxes, and Regulations, Promote MADE IN THE U.S.A., Champion American Energy DOMINANCE, Strengthen our Military/Veterans, Advance Election Integrity, and Protect our always under siege Second Amendment! Bruce Blakeman is a FANTASTIC guy, will win the big November Election and, without hesitation, has my Complete and Total Endorsement for Governor of the ONCE GREAT STATE OF NEW YORK. BRUCE WILL MAKE IT GREAT AGAIN, AND WILL NEVER LET YOU DOWN! President DONALD J. TRUMP."



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Blakeman Said “Of Course” When He Was Asked If He Would Cut Medicaid. “Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman and Governor Kathy Hochul fought over the future of Medicaid, with Hochul accusing Blakeman of gutting the program at the expense of New Yorkers, while Blakeman said the governor allowed the program to be rife with fraud and abuse. The Hochul campaign cited various news sources. On an appearance on Channel 2’s The Point, Blakeman noted that New York’s Medicaid budget is twice that of Florida’s. When asked if he would cut Medicaid, Blakeman replied, ‘Of course.’” [Long Island Life Politics, [2/28/26](#)]

City & State NY: Blakeman “Has Promised To Slash Medicaid Spending In New York Should We In Win November.” “Changes to the Essential Plan in New York under last year’s HR1 officially took effect on Wednesday, meaning that some 450,000 New Yorkers have now lost access to the low- to no-cost federally subsidized health insurance they were on. And congressional Democrats are using the opportunity to take aim not only at President Donald Trump for his spending bill, but Republican gubernatorial candidate Bruce Blakeman, who has promised to slash Medicaid spending in New York should he win in November.” [City & State NY, [7/1/26](#)]

State Of New York: HR 1 “[Presented] Substantial Challenges To The Health Care Infrastructure That Millions Of New Yorkers Rely On For Their Well-Being.” “The sweeping changes contained in the federal H.R. 1 legislation represent more than just policy adjustments — they present substantial challenges to the health care infrastructure that millions of New Yorkers rely on for their well-being. We want to keep you updated on the wide-ranging consequences that will affect every level of our health care system, from individual families to hospitals.” [State of New York, NY State of Health, accessed [9/25/26](#)]

- **State Of New York: Impacts From HR 1 “[Extended] To New York’s Medicaid Program, Which Provides Comprehensive Health Coverage To About 6.5 Million New Yorkers.”** “How could my health insurance change? MEDICAID The impact of the bill extends to New York’s Medicaid program, which provides comprehensive health coverage to about 6.5 million New Yorkers: About 2 million New Yorkers are part of the Affordable Care Act expansion population and may face new eligibility requirements. Many of this expansion population who face new eligibility rules are among the most vulnerable populations in the State. Additional requirements and other reforms will increase Medicaid administrative costs.” [State of New York, NY State of Health, accessed [9/25/26](#)]

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2026: AFTER THE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL BECAME LAW, BLAKEMAN SAID TRUMP WAS DOING A “MAGNIFICENT JOB” AND THAT TRUMP HAD DONE “MORE IN ONE YEAR THAN MOST PRESIDENTS DO IN EIGHT”

January 2026: Blakeman Said That Trump Was “Doing A Magnificent Job” And Did “More In One Year Than Most Presidents Do In Eight Years.” 2:59: Inger-Escobedo: “You have the endorsement of President Trump. What, that’s huge?” 3:15: Blakeman: “Yeah, it’s absolutely huge. President Trump, who I’ve known for many, many years, he endorsed me about, I’d say, two weeks ago, and I’m very grateful for that endorsement. I think President Trump is doing a magnificent job. He’s done more in one year than most presidents do in eight years. So I think he’s doing a great job. And to have his support is very important to me.” [Stella Inger-Escobedo Interview, [1/27/26](#)]

- **HR 1, The Big Beautiful Bill, Was Enacted Into Public Law On July 4, 2025.** [GovInfo, PL 119-21, [7/4/25](#)]

November 2025: Blakeman Said That “I Like [Trump’s] Policies... I Think He’s Done An Outstanding Job.” 2:09: Blakeman: “Yes. So, so basically, I’m considering a run for governor, because Kathy Hochul is a complete disaster. She has driven this state down to third world status, and she’s pro criminal. She wants to give billions of dollars to illegal migrants who have been here for fifteen minutes. So my message to Republicans is, first of all, don’t run away from President Trump. Embrace Him, because when you explain to people why his policies are good. They understand that I didn’t run away from President Trump. I said that I like his policies. I think he’s doing an outstanding job.” [Joe Piscopo Show, 11/11/25]

April 2026: Blakeman Said “Donald Trump Is My Friend. I Support Many Of His Policies” And That “Donald Trump Is Somebody Who Supported Me, And I Support Donald Trump.” 27:07: Blakeman: “Yeah, so again, I won reelection

in a landslide by 36,000 votes in a county with 110,000 more Democrats. And I didn't run away from Donald Trump. New Yorkers can spot a phony a mile away. Donald Trump is my friend. I support many of his policies. There's some policies that I don't support, but those are things that we talk about with him in private. But the fact of the matter is, Donald Trump is somebody who supported me, and I support Donald Trump, but what I do, and the reason why I'm successful is when I go into communities that may not support Donald Trump, I say, Look, we're not going to agree on Donald Trump. There's other things we're not going to agree upon. Let's talk about things that we can agree upon." [Pod Force One, [4/1/26](#)]

City & State NY: The Big Beautiful Bill's Enactment Caused "450,000 New Yorkers" To Lose Access To Their Health Insurance. "Changes to the Essential Plan in New York under last year's HR1 officially took effect on Wednesday, meaning that some 450,000 New Yorkers have now lost access to the low- to no-cost federally subsidized health insurance they were on. And congressional Democrats are using the opportunity to take aim not only at President Donald Trump for his spending bill, but Republican gubernatorial candidate Bruce Blakeman, who has promised to slash Medicaid spending in New York should he win in November. In order to avoid the worst outcome for New York Essential Plan enrollees under Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill" that would have left over 1 million New Yorkers in the lurch, the state received a waiver to return to a Basic Health Program to access billions in a federal trust fund." [City & State NY, [7/1/26](#)]

January 2026: Spectrum New York: New Yorkers Receiving Enhanced Subsidies Would See Their Premiums Rise By An Average Of 38% Per Month Without Them. "Health insurance premiums for New York couples receiving subsidies are increasing by an average 38% a month due to the lapse of Affordable Care Act tax credits that expired on Dec. 31, Gov. Kathy Hochul's office said Friday. The governor said about 140,000 New Yorkers will face steep health care costs as early as this week." [Spectrum News, [1/2/26](#)]

2025: The One Big Beautiful Bill Act Did Not Extend The Insurance Premium Tax Credits Under The Affordable Care Act. "The multitrillion-dollar tax and spending package House Republicans passed Thursday contains a multitude of changes that may affect consumers' finances. But the 'One Big Beautiful Bill Act' is missing something health care advocates hoped to see: an extension of the insurance premium tax credits under the enhanced Affordable Care Act that are set to expire at the end of the year. The credits' absence is notable as the bill includes other proposed changes to the ACA marketplace, experts say. The ACA's enhanced premium credits help make health insurance policies through the marketplace more affordable. Eligible applicants can use the credit to lower insurance premium costs upfront or claim the tax break when filing their return." [CNBC, [5/23/25](#)]

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When Asked If He Would "Welcome ICE Agents To The State Of New York," Blakeman Responded, "Yeah, My Policy In Nassau County Has Been To Work With ICE." 7:01: Host: "Would you welcome ICE agents to the state of New York to remove those immigrants you referred to?" 7:09: Blakeman: "Yeah, my policy in Nassau County has been to work with ICE. I have a comprehensive agreement with them. We removed in just one year 2000 illegal migrants with criminal records ranging from attempted murder to rape to kidnapping to carjacking to robbery, and it has made us the safest County in America, according to US News and World Report and I believe that we've got a great Police Department. We fund them, and working with ICE, we've made it safer." [Bloomberg Television, [2/20/26](#)] (VIDEO)

Blakeman Said That ICE Was "Doing An Excellent Job." 0:16: Inger-Escobedo: "Mamdani, who your new mayor of New York City, who's come out and said he'll do anything to keep ICE out Governor Kathy Hochul is against them." 0:23: Blakeman: "I believe that ICE is doing an excellent job. Kathy Hochul and Zohran Mamdani won't let you do anything about it. They're pro criminal. Very troubled by the fact that Zohran Mamdani can't even say that Hamas is a terrorist organization." [Stella Inger-Escobedo Interview, [1/27/26](#)]

- **According To The ACLU, ICE "Has Been Targeting Young Children" And "Zip-Tying Them" In Chicago.** "For months, ICE has been targeting young children – arresting kids with cancer, patrolling near schools, and even "deporting" U.S. citizen kids. In October, ICE conducted a nightmarish raid on a Chicago apartment building – reportedly pulling young kids out of their beds in the middle of the night, separating them from their parents, zip-tying them, and putting them in trucks on the side of the street." [ACLU, Press Release, accessed [9/18/26](#)]

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CBS Headline: “Nassau County’s Citizen Militia Draws Challenge From Democrats.” [CBS News, [2/5/25](#)]

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- **Blakeman Wants Them As A Force Of “Special Deputies” To Be Activated Whenever He Chooses – Including “A Riot.”** “The leader of a New York City suburb is recruiting 75 armed citizens, many of them former police officers, for a force of ‘special deputies’ to be activated whenever he chooses. Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, a Republican who has allied himself with former President Donald J. Trump and thrust himself into the culture wars, posted a call in March for residents with gun permits and an interest in becoming ‘provisional emergency special deputy sheriffs.’ The posting called the initiative a strategy to assist in the ‘protection of human life and property during an emergency’ such as a hurricane or blackout — and perhaps, Mr. Blakeman later added, ‘a riot.’” [New York Times, [7/11/24](#)]
- **Critics Of Blakeman Claimed That He Was Creating An Unsanctioned Militia Answering Only To Him.** “Mr. Blakeman said in an interview that the program was about ‘providing another layer of protection’ for residents. ‘I didn’t want to be in a situation where we had a major emergency and we needed help and people were not properly vetted or trained,’ he said. But critics have accused him of creating, with little notice or explanation, an unsanctioned militia answering only to him. They called the move especially dangerous amid heightened fears of political violence, and as Mr. Trump promulgates plans for mass deportations and quashing dissent.” [New York Times, [7/11/25](#)]
- **Critics Claimed That Blakeman Giving Police Powers To Civilian Gun Owners Could Result In Accidental Shootings And Was An Implied Threat To Minorities And Political Enemies.** “But Mr. Blakeman’s opponents say that giving police powers to civilian gun owners could result in accidental shootings and is an implied threat to minorities and political enemies.” [New York Times, [7/11/25](#)]

CBS 2: “Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman Defends His Decision To Create What Some People Are Calling A Citizen’s Militia.” [CBS New York, YouTube, [5/10/24](#)]

- **Blakeman Even Said He Would Declare Political Protests Emergencies Which Would Allow Him To Deploy The Militia To That Event.** “The issue of the new force grew particularly contentious after Mr. Blakeman acknowledged in April that the deputies could be activated to patrol chaotic demonstrations. When a WPIX reporter asked whether he could declare a political protest an emergency, he said, ‘if the riot was to a level where they were burning buildings.’” [New York Times, [7/11/24](#)]

Four Members Of Blakeman’s Special Deputy Sheriff Program Appear to Have Been Arrested Or Have Warrants Out For Their Arrest. “When the Republican leader of a suburban New York county began hiring armed citizens two years ago to be deployed as special deputy sheriffs on his orders in times of emergency, critics accused him of creating an unlawful, unnecessary, personal militia. [...] Without disclosing identities, the filing, on behalf of two Democratic county

legislators, says that four people involved in the program 'appear to have either been arrested or have had warrants issued for their arrest.'" [New York Times, [3/3/26](#)]