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Do We Need a Surgeon General?

President Trump dismissed Obama’s Surgeon General. Do we need a Surgeon General? The position was created in the 19th century when Public Health Service hospitals were established for the Navy. In 1968, President Johnson abolished the office and the Surgeon General, who is a physician, became an advisor on medical matters for the administration.

The last Public Health Service hospital closed 36 years ago. The office of Surgeon General was reestablished six years later to manage the Commissioned Corps of public health workers, but does not supervise them. In 2014, the Surgeon General received a tax-payer funded salary of $181,000. I think Trump and Republicans could abolish the position and the office for good.


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