

TODAY'S MEDIA TRENDS

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THE GDELT PROJECT

STATE CAPACITY & REGIONAL STABILITY STRAINED: THE CONVERGENCE OF CLIMATE, TRADE BRINKMANSHIP, & TECH RISKS (AUG 2026 REPORT)

AUG 11, 2026: THE ACUTE CONVERGENCE



CLIMATE CATASTROPHE



TRADE BRINKMANSHIP



TECH RISKS

CLIMATIC ESCALATION & STATE OVERLOAD



ONTARIO
RECORD BLAZE

RANK 5/6 BALD RANGE FIRE (BC)
generatag a pyrocumulonimbus cloud



EMERGENCY SYSTEMS AT BREAKING
POINT: RESOURCE FATIGUE.
GROUND SUPPRESSION INEFFECTIVE.



UK/FRANCE/SPAIN HEATWAVE &
DROUGHT: WATER RESTRICTIONS.

THEME: Natural disasters outpace
technology, leading to systemic
infrastructure failure.

TRADE BRINKMANSHIP & ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY



FRANTIC DIPLOMACY TO AVERT
50% TARIFF LEVY. UNPRECEDENTED
CONCESSIONS CONSIDERED
(DAIRY, LIQUOR BANS).



JOB LOSS RISK: 102K (CAN) / 214K (US)

THEME: Trade used as raw leverage;
abandonment of norms forces
domestic policy realignment.

TECHNOLOGICAL INTEGRATION & SOCIAL INSTABILITY



AI REMOTE ATC (NAV CANADA) &
DRIVE-THRU BOTS DEPLOYED.
LABOR SHIFT & CRITICAL FUNCTION RISK.



FOREIGN INFLUENCE CAMPAIGNS
STIR SEPARATIST SENTIMENT.



DOMESTIC FRACTURES:
Social isolation, partisan polarization,
and civil unrest.

THEME: Tech adoption meets
skepticism over safety and human
factor, exacerbating social divides.

DEEP DIVE TRENDS & HOSTILE GLOBAL POSTURE



CLIMATE-INDUCED
STATE OVERLOAD
(Resource fatigue,
unmanageable
disasters)



TRADE AS
COERCION
(Existential threat,
raw leverage)



AI:
CONVENIENCE
TO CRITICAL
(System failure
risks, 'glitches' in
high-stakes)



GLOBAL POSTURE: ANARCHIC ARENA.
US PRESIDENT DECOY OP (TURKEY),
ASSAD SENTENCED, EBOLA CRISIS (DRC).

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT & RISK ASSESSMENT

SHORT TERM (1-4 WEEKS):

Last-minute deals/tariffs.
Wildfire smoke persists.

MEDIUM TERM (1-6 MONTHS):

Alberta referendum risk.
Constitutional crisis potential.

LONG TERM (1-5 YEARS):

Sectoral bilateralism.
Environmental regulation shifts.

RISK ASSESSMENT



REGIONAL ECONOMIC
COLLAPSE
Critical Impact



WILDFIRE URBAN
INTERSECTION
Severe Impact



DOMESTIC
DISINFORMATION CRISIS
Critical Impact



CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
FAILURE
Catastrophic Impact

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STATE CAPACITY AND REGIONAL
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BRINKMANSHIP AND EVOLVING
TECHNOLOGICAL RISKS.

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

August 11, 2026, is defined by an acute convergence of environmental catastrophe and existential economic negotiation. In British Columbia, the "explosive" [Bald Range wildfire](#) has evolved into a rare Rank 5/6 event, generating its own weather systems and forcing tens of thousands to flee Summerland. This domestic crisis is mirrored in Ontario, which is battling its largest fire on record, and in Europe, where a fifth summer heatwave is fueling droughts and wildfire risks in the United Kingdom, France, and Spain. These climate shocks are testing the limits of emergency services and agricultural resilience, with significant crop losses reported across the Okanagan Valley.

Simultaneously, the Canadian federal government is engaged in frantic trade diplomacy in Washington to avert a 50% tariff

levy set for August 19th. Negotiations over the [Kuzma \(USMCA\) review](#) have reached a critical juncture, with Ottawa reportedly considering unprecedented concessions in dairy supply management and provincial liquor bans to secure market access. This occurs against a backdrop of heightened geopolitical tension, evidenced by revelations of elaborate security measures—including the use of catering trucks as decoys—to protect the U.S. President from Iranian assassination threats during international summits. Domestically, Canada faces rising social instability, highlighted by a surge in unclaimed remains in Quebec and fierce debates over supervised consumption sites in Manitoba.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Climatic Escalation and Wildfire Crisis

- The Bald Range fire in BC has grown to 156 square kilometers, resulting in [at least one fatality](#) and the mass evacuation of 12,000 residents from Summerland.
- Ontario's wildfire season has produced the [largest blaze in provincial history](#), covering 3,500 square kilometers and displacing over 1,100 people.
- Extreme heat and drought in the UK have triggered [water restrictions for 27 million people](#), while Spain braces for an influx of eclipse tourists amid peak fire risks.

Trade Brinkmanship and Economic Sovereignty

- Canadian Trade Minister Dominic LeBlanc is conducting a [third round of emergency meetings](#) in Washington to present a proposal to President Trump by early next week.

- The federal government has announced [\\$100 million in subsidies](#) for the steel industry to offset the impact of existing and threatened U.S. tariffs.
- A new economic report warns that a breakdown of the Kuzma agreement would result in the loss of [102,000 Canadian jobs](#) and 214,000 American jobs.

Technological Integration and AI Risks

- Nav Canada is transitioning to [remote air traffic control](#) using AI-enhanced visual systems, starting with tests in Kingston and a full rollout planned for Hamilton.
- Major fast-food chains are deploying [generative AI voice bots](#) in drive-throughs to address labor shortages and increase "upselling" efficiency.
- Social media experts warn of [U.S.-based disinformation campaigns](#) targeting the upcoming Alberta referendum to stir separatist sentiment.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Climate & Extreme Weather

- Wildfires in BC are transitioning from surface fires to [high-intensity crown fires](#), making ground-based suppression efforts largely ineffective.
- A 7.4 magnitude earthquake in [Colombia](#) [has killed at least 130 people](#), prompting a national state of emergency and international rescue mobilization.

Macroeconomics & Trade

- The "August 19th Deadline" represents a significant threat to \$28 billion in Canadian exports if [new 50% levies](#) are enacted by the Trump administration.

- British Columbia businesses impacted by trade disruptions are set to receive [\\$30 million in targeted federal funding](#).

Diplomacy & Statecraft

- Syria has sentenced [Bashar al-Assad to death in absentia](#) for war crimes, though he remains in political asylum in Russia.
- A FIFA leadership crisis has deepened as three regional bodies demand an [independent review of Gianni Infantino](#) following a failed bid to sell World Cup rights to private investors.

Critical Infrastructure Security

- Air quality near the [Gordy Howe Bridge](#) is under scrutiny due to industrial coke production, impacting the health of nearby residents and future bridge users.
- U.S. President Donald Trump was reportedly [smuggled out of Turkey in a catering truck](#) to swap planes and avoid an Iranian assassination plot.

Global Health & Biosecurity

- The Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo has surpassed [2,000 deaths](#), with vaccine trials ongoing amidst armed conflict.
- U.S. health experts are criticizing an executive order that [narrowed childhood vaccine recommendations](#) to only 11 core shots.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

Climate-Induced State Overload

Emergency management systems in Canada and Europe are reaching a breaking point.

The phenomenon of wildfires [creating their own weather](#) (pyrocumulo nimbus) indicates a shift toward unmanageable natural disasters that outpace current suppression technology. The redirection of firefighters from Alberta to Ontario and then BC highlights a domestic "resource fatigue." Furthermore, the global nature of these heatwaves suggests a systemic failure of traditional agricultural and urban cooling infrastructure, leading to record-breaking [ocean temperatures in July 2026](#).

Trade as a Tool of Coercion

The U.S. administration's use of 50% tariff threats against "compliant" Kuzma goods demonstrates the complete abandonment of traditional trade norms in favor of raw leverage. Canada's willingness to consider [halting provincial liquor bans](#) and modifying dairy supply management indicates that the federal government perceives the threat as existential to the national economy. The "August 19th Deadline" is being used to force a comprehensive realignment of Canadian domestic policy to suit U.S. interests.

AI: From Convenience to Critical Function

The move toward [fully remote air traffic control](#) and the use of AI in drive-throughs signals a fundamental shift in the labor market. While marketed as a solution to "attrition" and staffing shortages, these moves are meeting significant skepticism regarding safety and "the human factor." The risk of system failures or "glitches" in such high-stakes environments as aviation remains a primary concern for the public, despite industry assurances of learning algorithms and [infrared night-vision capabilities](#).

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Canada

- **Institutional Decay:** The doubling of [unclaimed bodies in Quebec](#) since 2020 points to rising social isolation and a cost-of-living crisis where families cannot afford funeral services even with government benefits.
- **Partisan Polarization:** The Conservative opposition is aggressively criticizing Prime Minister Mark Carney's administration for making "concession after concession" in trade talks while failing to deliver [certainty for workers](#).
- **Civil Unrest:** The opening of Winnipeg's first supervised consumption site has faced [significant community pushback](#), with local business owners citing fears of vandalism and theft, highlighting a deep fracture in public health strategy.
- **Separatism:** The upcoming Alberta referendum is a focal point for domestic instability, exacerbated by [foreign disinformation](#) aimed at exploiting regional grievances.

United States

- **Political Security:** The use of high-level [decoy operations](#) for the President indicates a domestic security environment under unprecedented external pressure, specifically from Iran.
- **Regulatory Rollback:** Executive orders targeting vaccines and historical museum narratives (Smithsonian) suggest a highly ideological approach to governance that [challenges established scientific and academic norms](#).

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Hostile Threat Matrix

The global arena is portrayed as increasingly anarchic and threatening. The "smuggling" of the U.S. President in a [catering truck](#) to avoid assassination underscores a perception of extreme vulnerability even within allied territory (Turkey). Similarly, the sentencing of Bashar al-Assad and the ongoing Ebola crisis in the DRC portray a world where international law is secondary to raw power and survival.

Fracturing Multipolarity

Canada is attempting to pivot toward "domestic markets" and "regional resilience" to mitigate the volatility of its relationship with the United States. This is evidenced by the [Regional Tariff Response Initiative](#) and efforts to streamline interprovincial trade. However, the \$1 trillion at stake in Kuzma suggests that North American integration is too deep to allow for a clean break, leaving Canada in a reactive posture to U.S. "impulsive vision."

ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic climate is one of extreme uncertainty, with markets pricing in the potential for a catastrophic disruption in North American trade. Inflation and cost-of-living issues are driving domestic policy, from funeral benefits to retail "price tags" for patriotic consumption. The steel, forestry, and automotive sectors are particularly exposed to

[punishingly high tariffs](#) that could permanently alter global supply chains.

- **Steel Sector Subsidies:** \$100 million allocated to cover half the cost of [domestic shipping](#) for Canadian steel producers.
- **BC Industry Support:** \$30 million for 24 companies in manufacturing and forestry to diversify markets away from the [unpredictable U.S. partner](#).
- **Kuzma Job Risk:** 2.5 million Canadian jobs and 1.4 million American jobs depend on the [bilateral relationship](#).
- **Agricultural Loss:** Massive losses in Okanagan fruit crops; one neighbor reported [162,000 lbs of peaches](#) going to waste due to fire evacuations.
- **Fraud Losses:** A fake pilot scammed hundreds of free flights from [three U.S. carriers](#) over four years.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Strategic leadership is being reshuffled as administrations respond to trade and security crises. The absence of the Prime Minister from the capital during a critical trade week has become a point of political contention.

- **Mark Carney (Prime Minister):** Currently in Italy on personal commitments, drawing fire from [Conservative critics](#) for his "cost of waiting" and absence during the tariff deadline.
- **Dominic LeBlanc:** Operating as the primary negotiator in Washington, holding his [third meeting in three weeks](#) with U.S. Trade Representative Jamison Greer.

- **Gianni Infantino (FIFA):** Facing widespread calls for resignation and an [independent review](#) from major soccer confederations, though supported by Donald Trump.
- **Shawn Chen (MP):** Stepping down from his role in Scarborough North due to [health issues](#) following a car crash, triggering a future by-election.
- **Roland Sokalovski:** Consented to [extradition to the U.S.](#) to face charges related to an international cocaine smuggling ring.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The lead story across all broadcasts is the [Bald Range wildfire](#), emphasized with dramatic footage and personal accounts of loss. The urgency is fear-inducing, framing the fire as an unstoppable force of nature. The secondary focus is the trade deadline, which is presented as a high-stakes countdown. Buried stories include the Ebola outbreak in the DRC and the sentencing of Assad, which receive significantly less airtime. The tone is one of "managed alarm," particularly regarding the trade talks, where the network emphasizes the government's "elbows up" posture. Conspicuous omissions include detailed reporting on the specific terms of the dairy concessions and the long-term environmental impact of the [Gordy Howe Bridge air pollution](#).

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The subtext of the day's reports suggests a world where the U.S. is a volatile but necessary hegemon, and Canada is a resilient but vulnerable middle power. International

organizations (FIFA, WHO) are portrayed as fragile or compromised.

COUNTRIES

- **United States:** Framed as unpredictable, aggressive, and highly ideological. Quote: "Treat this in Washington as [boring, low-grade, technical discussion](#)... keep it out of the president's temperamental, impulsive vision."
- **Canada:** Portrayed as a principled negotiator under extreme pressure. Quote: "When our [sovereignty is threatened](#), you do what you can."
- **Colombia:** Depicted as a chaotic zone of tragedy and natural disaster. Quote: "It kicked off a [frantic search for survivors](#)."

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Framed as a strong, volatile, and highly influential actor whose personal whim dictates global trade. Quote: "I have a [threat all the time](#). I'm number one on their list."
- **Mark Carney:** Portrayed by critics as inept or absent, but by his office as deeply engaged. Quote: "Mr. Carney's put a [lot of chips on the table](#)... and hasn't gotten lot in return."
- **Gianni Infantino:** Framed as deceptive and corrupt. Quote: "When [trust is broken through deception](#)... that duty has been abandoned."

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **RCMP:** Portrayed as vigilant and authoritative. Quote: "Police are looking for [witnesses who saw suspicious activity](#)."

- **Sinaloa Cartel:** Framed as a pervasive, dangerous, and sophisticated criminal entity. Quote: "Acting as the [de facto bank](#) for Ryan Wedding's international cocaine smuggling conspiracy."

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The "meta-narrative" of the day focuses on the threat of disinformation to democratic processes. Specifically, the [Alberta referendum](#) is identified as a prime target for U.S.-based influencers who prioritize "attention over information." There is a clear delta between the government's narrative of "intensified technical talks" and the reality of a desperate scramble for concessions. Narrative seeding is also evident in the framing of [remote air traffic control](#) as "the future," designed to minimize public resistance to automation.

- **Propaganda:** The Trump administration's order for signs outside the [American History Museum](#) stating it "can't be trusted" is a direct state-sponsored attempt to control historical narrative.
- **Psy-ops:** The use of a [decoy catering truck](#) to smuggle a president is a classic counter-intelligence operation designed to manipulate the perception of threat actors.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Trade Capitulation:** Canada is highly likely to concede on dairy and liquor bans by the August 19th deadline to preserve the broader Kuzma agreement.

- **Climate Migration:** Recurrent wildfires in the Okanagan and Northern Ontario will lead to a long-term [decline in regional property values](#) and a shift in internal migration patterns toward urban centers.
- **Automated Infrastructure:** Despite labor union resistance, the air traffic control model will successfully [transition to remote hubs](#) to offset chronic staffing shortages.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect a flurry of "last-minute" trade announcements and potential counter-tariffs if the August 19 deadline is not met. Wildfire smoke will continue to severely [impact air quality](#) across Western Canada and the Northern U.S.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The results of the Alberta referendum in 10 weeks could trigger a [constitutional crisis](#) if separatist sentiment continues to be fueled by foreign disinformation. Compensation packages for Okanagan farmers will become a major federal budget item.

Long Term (1-5 Years): North American trade will increasingly be defined by **sectoral bilateralism** rather than broad free trade agreements. Environmental regulations will shift to accommodate ["bioindicator" species](#) like salamanders to monitor forest health amid insecticide use.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The convergence of climate failure and trade war creates a high-impact risk environment

where a single policy error could lead to systemic failure.

- **Regional Economic Collapse:** A failure to secure a trade deal by August 19 could lead to immediate layoffs and plant closures in the steel and auto sectors. Triggers: Impulsive U.S. executive action; Likelihood: Moderate; Impact: Critical; Mitigations: Immediate [federal subsidies](#) and diversification into domestic markets.
- **Wildfire Urban Intersection:** The Bald Range fire could breach control lines and destroy core Summerland infrastructure. Triggers: Sudden shifts in [local winds](#) and severe drought; Likelihood: High; Impact: Severe; Mitigations: Mandatory evacuations and [military standby](#).
- **Domestic Disinformation Crisis:** The Alberta referendum could be delegitimized by AI-generated disinformation. Triggers: High engagement on [American social media platforms](#); Likelihood: High; Impact: Critical; Mitigations: Increased funding for news literacy and media regulation.
- **Critical Infrastructure Failure:** Remote air traffic control systems could suffer a cyberattack or technical glitch. Triggers: Unforeseen [AI learning errors](#); Likelihood: Low; Impact: Catastrophic; Mitigations: Retaining human-operated [backup towers](#).
- **Opioid Crisis Escalation:** Nitazines, 43 times stronger than fentanyl, could lead to a spike in overdose deaths. Triggers: Proliferation of [online drug markets](#) from China and India; Likelihood: High; Impact: Severe; Mitigations: Increased CBSA [interception of shipments](#).

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

A complete risk assessment is hindered by several unverified or omitted details from the day's broadcasts.

- The specific nature of the ["suspicious activity"](#) sparking the Bald Range fire remains undisclosed, leaving open the possibility of arson or ecoterrorism.
- The actual depth of [dairy concessions](#) being offered in Washington is hidden, preventing a true impact assessment for Quebec's agricultural sector.
- There is a lack of data on the [long-term reliability](#) of remote air traffic systems in extreme weather conditions, as testing has only just begun.
- The financial ties between [Thrive Capital](#) and the FIFA investment plan remain opaque, obscuring potential conflicts of interest at the highest levels of global sport and politics.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

The "Managed Crisis" Hypothesis

The dramatic 50% tariff threat and the subsequent frantic negotiations may be a **theatrical stalling tactic** for both administrations to secure domestic political wins ahead of elections. By framing a "disaster averted," leaders on both sides can claim to have protected national interests while maintaining the status quo. The "Black Swan" event here would be an actual [accidental enactment of tariffs](#) due to a communication breakdown, leading to an immediate collapse of the Canadian dollar.

The "AI as a Scapegoat" Scenario

The push for AI in air traffic control and fast food may not be a tech advancement but a **cover for systemic infrastructure rot**. By shifting the blame to "learning algorithms" and remote hubs, organizations can divest from physical maintenance and human training. The "Black Swan" here is a [mass walkout of specialized labor](#) (controllers) who refuse to be "shadow-tested" against machines, leading to a total grounding of Canadian commercial aviation.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Accelerate the implementation of [military support for wildfires](#) as a permanent, rather than "on standby," fixture of the summer season.
- **Economic:** Prioritize interprovincial trade [de-barrierization](#) to create a hedge against U.S. trade volatility.
- **Diplomatic:** Formalize a "disinformation response team" for the Alberta referendum to coordinate between federal and provincial authorities.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chains:** Steel and auto parts manufacturers should immediately [leverage federal subsidies](#) to diversify logistics into domestic and non-U.S. markets.
- **Safety Standards:** Tech firms should prioritize the transparency of [generative AI voice bots](#) to avoid consumer "trip-ups" that lead to brand damage.
- **Capital Allocation:** Real estate and insurance firms should re-evaluate Okanagan Valley exposure, accounting for ["uninsured" farm risks](#) in future premiums.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Policy action is focused on emergency industry protection and ideological shifts in public health and education.

• BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Regional Tariff Response Initiative:** A \$30 million federal fund to assist [BC businesses](#) impacted by U.S. tariffs.
- **Quebec Death Benefit:** A proposal to increase the [death benefit from \\$2,500 to \\$5,000](#) to address the rise in unclaimed bodies.

• HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Washington Trade Summit:** Emergency meetings between [LeBlanc and Greer](#) to avert the August 19th tariff deadline.
- **Smithsonian Congressional Testimony:** Leadership was [summoned to testify](#) regarding alleged "progressive political activism" in historical curation.
- **White Castle AI Launch:** Industry briefing on the deployment of ["Julia" AI](#) at 40 locations to increase productivity.

KEY STORIES

- **Bald Range Wildfire (BC):** An out-of-control Rank 5/6 fire near Summerland has scorched [156 square kilometers](#), leading to one death and 12,000 evacuations.
- **Canada-US Trade Talks:** Emergency negotiations in D.C. to stop [50% tariffs](#) on Canadian goods; concessions on dairy and liquor are on the table.
- **Colombia Earthquake:** A magnitude 7.4 quake struck [300 km west of Bogota](#), killing 130 and trapping survivors in collapsed hospitals and apartment buildings.

- **Decoy Security Operation:** The U.S. President used a [catering truck decoy](#) in Turkey to avoid an Iranian assassination threat during a military plane swap.
- **Remote Air Traffic Control:** Nav Canada tests "digital aerodrome" towers in [Kingston and Hamilton](#), replacing traditional window-views with AI-enhanced screens.
- **Fake Pilot Fraud:** Dallas Pocornick, a former flight attendant, pleaded guilty to wire fraud after [using fake IDs](#) to take hundreds of free flights over four years.
- **Unclaimed Bodies Crisis:** The number of unclaimed remains in Quebec has [doubled to nearly 1,000](#) per year due to poverty and social isolation.
- **Alberta Referendum Disinformation:** Experts warn that [U.S.-based influencers](#) are using AI to fuel Alberta's separatist movement ahead of a vote in 10 weeks.
- **Okanagan Agricultural Loss:** Massive fire damage to [uninsured mushroom farms](#) and fruit orchards, with smoke taint destroying wine grape harvests.
- **Nitazine Crisis:** A CBC investigation reveals [online networks from China and India](#) smuggling nitazines—stronger than fentanyl—into Canada hidden in teapots and basketballs.
- **Tupac Murder Trial:** Jury selection begins for [Dwayne Keith Davis](#), accused of masterminding the 1996 killing of the hip-hop legend.
- **European Heatwave:** A fifth summer heatwave brings [36-40°C temperatures](#) to the UK and France, fueling record droughts and wildfire threats.
- **Winnipeg Consumption Site:** The opening of Manitoba's [first supervised injection site](#) faces fierce local opposition from business owners.
- **Smithsonian Controversy:** President Trump signs an executive order for signs outside the [American History Museum](#) stating its curation cannot be trusted.
- **Gordy Howe Bridge Pollution:** Residents warn of [sulfur dioxide toxins](#) from a nearby coke plant affecting the health of bridge users.
- **Stellantis Muscle Car:** Dodge reveals the new [Charger Superbee](#) built in Windsor, attempting to re-embrace gas performance amid weak electric sales.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

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