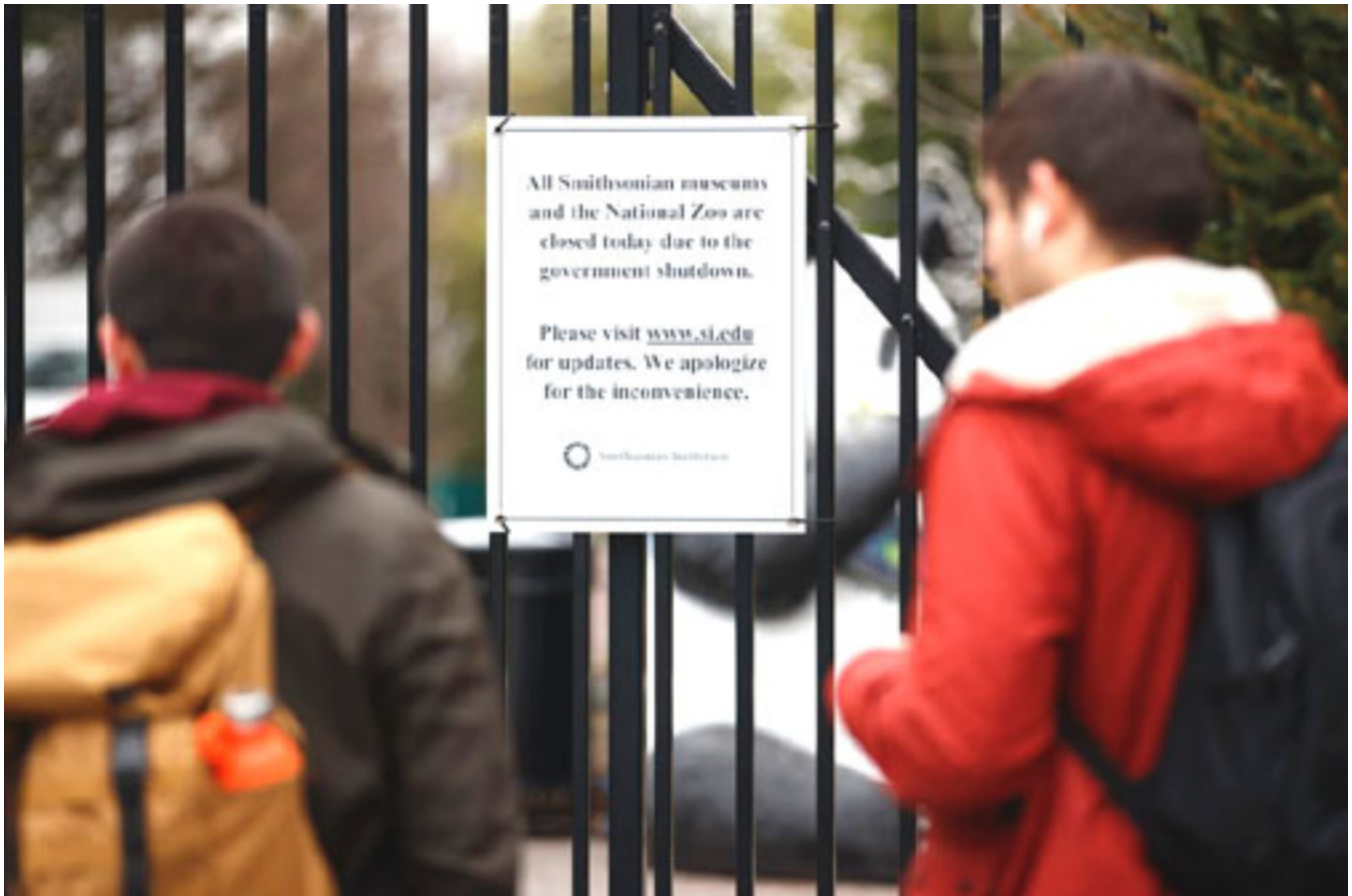


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**In our view, the protracted U.S. Government shutdown is proving to be beneficial to the self-interest of President Trump.**

**It diverts the national conversation in America from the Mueller Russian investigation and the anti-Trump stories arising from the ongoing probe.**

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**Before the shutdown, almost every day and every news hour, top story was about the Mueller investigation.**

**Apparently, that could be the towering reason why President Trump won't compromise with the Democrats...to keep the shutdown continuing and move away from the unpleasant Trump news, including possible impeachment stories.**

**The supposed main reason for the shutdown is funding for the Mexican border wall which President Trump promised during the campaign that the American people will not spend a single cent to build because Mexico will spend for it.**

**Now that Mexico refuses to fund the wall, Mr. Trump wants \$5.6 billion of American taxpayer monies.**

**The Democrats in Congress won't approve the money.**

**Unfortunately, the 800,000 federal workers are suffering.**

**They are working without receiving their salaries.**

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