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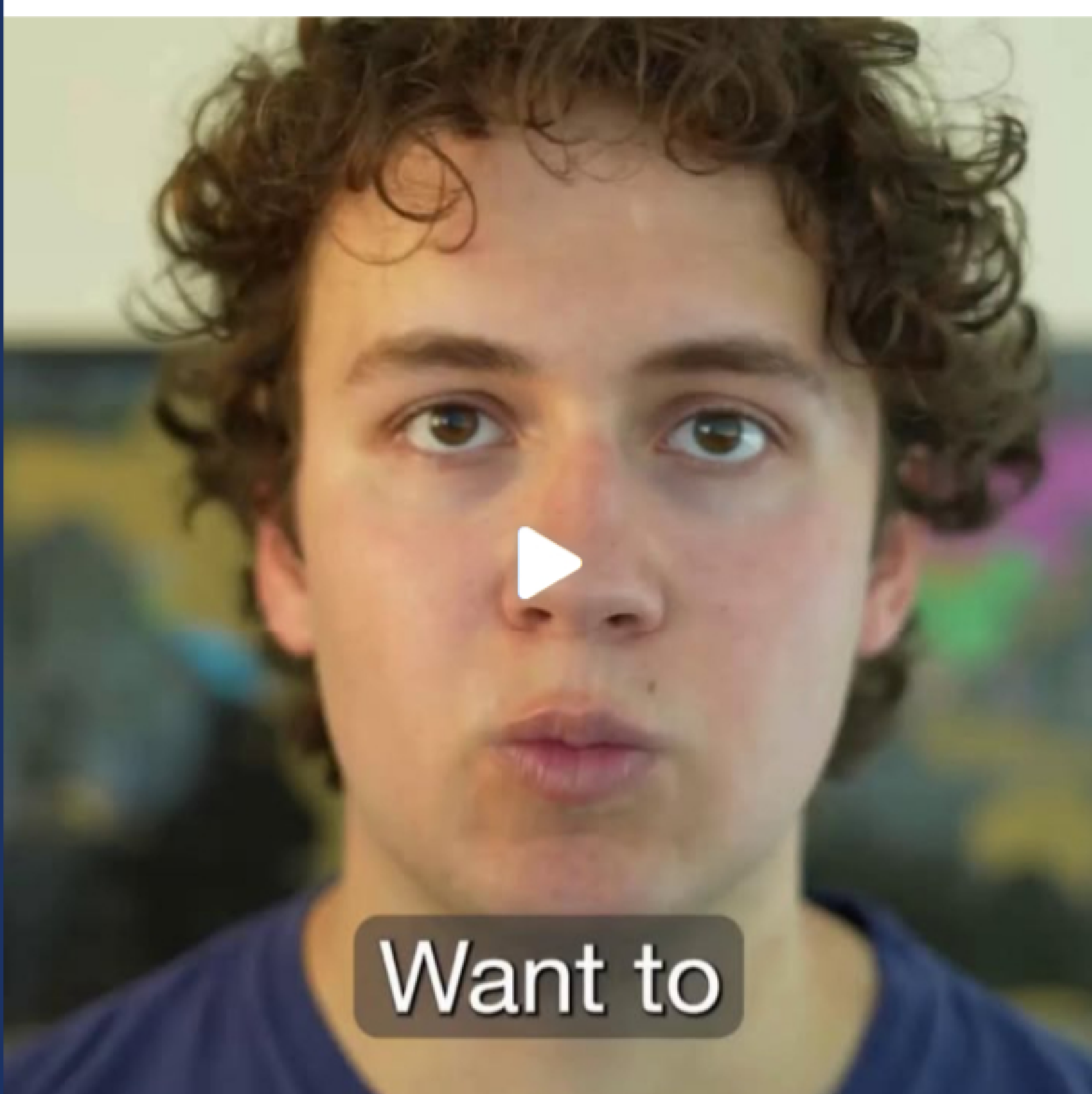


"I fear that losing 1,300 Foreign Service professionals, civil service professionals, international affairs professionals in a world that is increasingly chaotic is a very, very bad move for our country."

In case you missed it, AFSA's new president, John Dinkelman, spoke with NPR's Steve Inskeep about the far-reaching consequences of gutting the Foreign Service:

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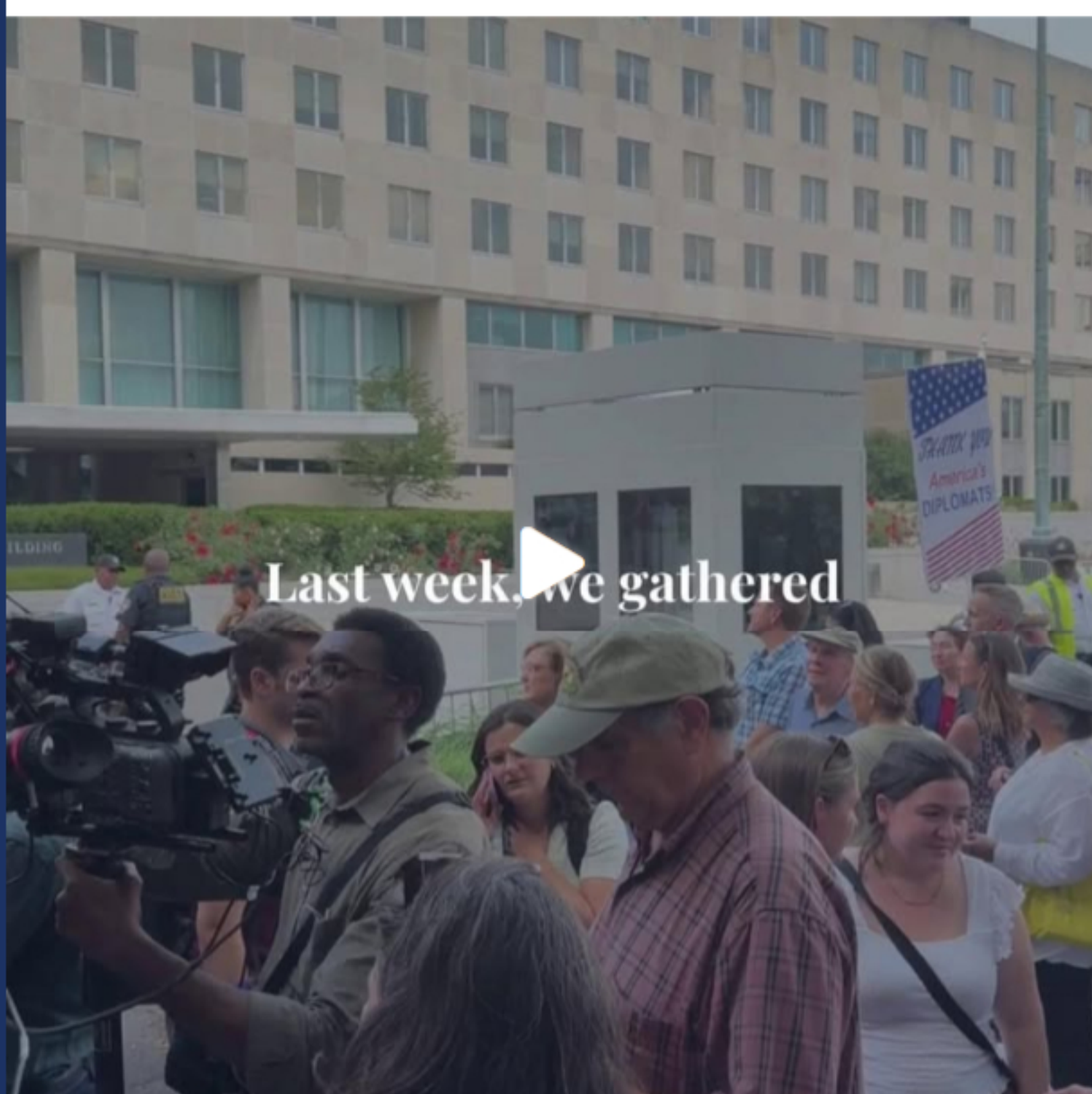
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