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Résumé analytique comparatif

Both articles deal with the power of money during last year's American presidential election. Document 1 underlined its use within political spheres while Document 2 relates to the caveat expressed by former President Joe Biden around the growing oligarchy and the threat it represents to democracy.

To begin with, money was used as a political tool for Trump to be elected. Document 1 sheds light on the fact that billionaires wield much power thanks to their use of money, Elon Musk is a case in point in that regard. Scott Nover, author of the article, stresses the great number of these ^{billionaires} and their involvement into political spheres: they financed campaigns (Musk for Trump, Bill Gates for Kamala Harris). To make matters worse, not only do billionaires finance campaign but they also control opinions. Document 2 recalls that the influence they have over the media allows them to share their stance whereby misinformation, that could convince the viewers to adhere to certain ideas, Joe Biden, consequently, warns about the excess of influence ~~have~~ billionaires have. Furthermore, this sway seems to gain traction within working-class groups which find a solution to the anger they feel with politicians (doc. 1). As a result, money and

billionaires appear to wield much power and their influence during last year's American presidential election undeniable.

As a consequence, that use of money also emphasized the rising oligarchy and revealed its threat to democracy. As a matter of fact, both articles are seeking the outcome of such a use of money within politics and particularly last year's election. Document 2 highlights how Biden ~~seems~~ worried Biden seemed during his farewell speech. Money would be the root cause of a rising oligarchy, ~~that is a political system set by only a few people~~. Both articles hinge upon the result that might have over ^{the} society, in both cases this oligarchy or even plutocracy could symbolize a threat to democracy owing to the conflicts of interest and the fact that billionaires will always privilege their interests over the people's. Document 2 sets the alarm ringing around the possible collapse of the checks and balances system while document 1 surmises that working-class Americans are likely to be deceived. Conversely, document 1 also contemplates the possibility of taxes against these billionaires but at the end of the day their power still constitutes a threat to democracy.

All in all, money turned out to be a major factor of Trump's victory back in November 2024. Unfortunately, it also echoes the arrival of a financial oligarchy at the head of a democracy.

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Theme

The wealthiest man in the United States, if it's not worldwide, did not hesitate to spend a lot, turning into a fundamental fool in Donald Trump's campaign — the latter — Trump had promised to make him the head of a ~~commission~~ department in charge of making an audit of the American Government, planning on "reforming" it deeply [...].

After having invested 75 million dollars (69 million euros) in the Republican candidate's campaign, Elon Musk pledged to offer 1 million dollars daily to a "randomly"-chosen elector on the electoral lists of swing states in exchange for a signature of a petition that declared that the First and Second Amendment of the American Constitution were out of possible modifications — they are those that guarantee freedom of speech and freedom to bear a firearm —, those of which "traditional media do not want to talk about", he said.

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The media's other target of theorist spheres ... The social media X offers him "an unequalled shooting power". Elon Musk uses the accusations against the Democrats according to which they massively bring back "illegal" migrants into key States so that they would get the American citizenship and vote for them.

Essai

In April 2025, Trump's administration cut off 200 million dollars of public funding to Columbia University, President Trump considered that woke ideology did not have its place in college, which, for many, represented an infringement of freedom. Since his arrival at the White House, Trump accumulated the measures to "make America great again" but due to the protests and alerts, the question comes down to wondering how Trump buried American democracy.

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Firstly, Trump concentrates all powers and ignores the legislative power to enact. Indeed, he cumulates the White House, the Senate, the House of Representatives and the Supreme Court, the latter has the ability to amend the Constitution. As a result, Donald Trump seems omnipotent. During his farewell speech, Joe Biden reminded that some constitutional changes needed to be implemented so as not to keep presidential immunity.^(doc) The various accusations against Trump appear to be shunned. In my opinion, despite the importance of political continuity, if a president is charged, the trial should happen during his time in office, especially in the United States where the Vice-President can deputize for the President. Moreover, Trump's numerous executive orders dwarf the Congress which has partially been elected by the people, which directly curtails the right to choose the political direction the country takes.

Then, American democracy is threatened by the creation of a financial oligarchy. The United States is the country with the wealthiest men on Earth as it is shown in document 4, besides one can notice that their fortunes have grown since Trump's arrival at the White House; as a consequence one might surmise that the new Administration serves their interests instead of those of who elected them. Document 3 mentions in other words the DOGE (Department of Government efficiency), a new department created by Trump for Elon Musk that allows him to access the Treasury paying systems and advise the President. Although Musk is a private actor and the conflicts of interests are lively, he got to choose to suppress several federal agencies (like USAID) that donated 80 billion dollars of humanitarian help yearly. As a whole, decisions seem to be taken by only a few people which puts democracy at risk.

Lastly, the great deal of infringement of freedom of speech since the beginning of Trump's office endanger the American democracy. The media and more importantly social media are often controlled by the ultra-rich that can monitor the content to protect the users or conversely give up on

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any control to spread fake news in order to generate fear or to convince. Twitter was bought by Elon Musk and his proximity with Donald Trump allowed the President to publish anything on the platform. For instance, Trump expressed his anger towards American University, as a symbol of woke ideology. The Universities are a place of discussion and debate, it epitomizes what democracy represents. However, due to pro-Palestine protests, Trump decided to cut public funding of Ivy League Schools including Harvard, Yale, Princeton and so on.

At the end of the day, the American democracy seems bogged down in a new Trump crisis. However ominous the situation seems to be, taxes on billionaires and reviewing some points of the Constitution could be an opposite blueprint.

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