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I] Résumé Analytique Comparatif

In the wake of last year's presidential election, both documents provide an insight into money's worrying effects on democracy. As document 1 argues that the old-fashioned term "oligarchy" seems perfectly adapted to describe the American government, document 2 focuses on Biden's Farewell Address warning about the in-the-making oligarchy // of the ultrawealthy in the US.

Indeed, both documents convey that an oligarchy has been emerging in the US over the past few months where billionaires have held center stage and played a crucial ^{role} in the outcome of last year's election (doc 1 & 2). As exemplified with E. Musk whose task is to reduce government bureaucracy, billionaires // have backed Trump during the presidential campaign and are now

holding positions of responsibility in the government, which makes them more potent than ever. Even though, the term oligarchy seems outdated in the collective mind since it usually refers to Eastern European societies where potent businessmen wield much clout over the political sphere. // J. Winters, a political science professor, contends the term perfectly describes Trump's government. Besides, not only did money make it possible for oligarchs to shape the electoral outcome of last year's election, but it enabled them to support political figures like D. Trump by funding their campaigns and agendas (doc 1), which threatens and violates the most fundamental democratic principle (doc 1 & 2).

Furthermore, the concentration of power in the hands of America's ultrawealthy has contributed to building a framework in which money "is always power". All the more (doc 1) since the power of oligarchs doesn't take shape in direct votes,

which makes this distortion of democracy - the power isn't

250 equally shared - ~~thorny~~ to see. The fact that voters fetishize voting precludes them from realizing the crucial roles money did play in last year's election (doc 1).

Moreover, E.L. Green (doc 2) uses Biden's Farewell

Address to ponder over whether the ^{so-called} populists, like Trump or Musk, are genuinely intent on overhauling the then-

300 practices of the government // to benefit low-income households,

whose pain and anger caused them to support the oligarchs (doc 1),

or are, on the contrary, using the support to become even more influential and enrich themselves? This point is also mentioned

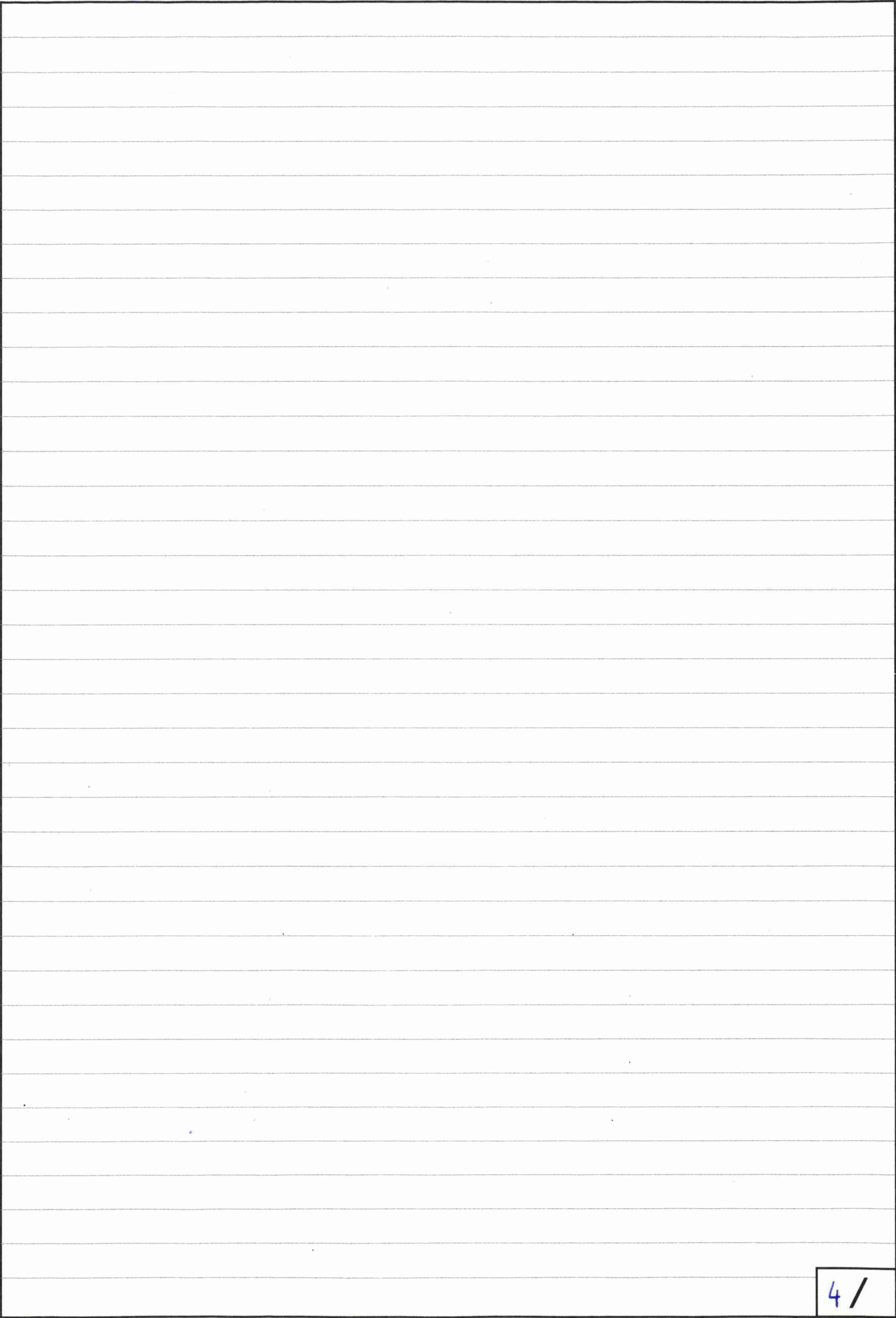
by doc 1, which claims that an odd alliance between working-

class Americans and oligarchs has emerged and played a major ⁱⁿ role

350 last // year's election (doc 1).

Last, both analyses claim money played a crucial role in D. Trump's election and is likely to threaten the entire American democracy in the years to come.

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II) Thème

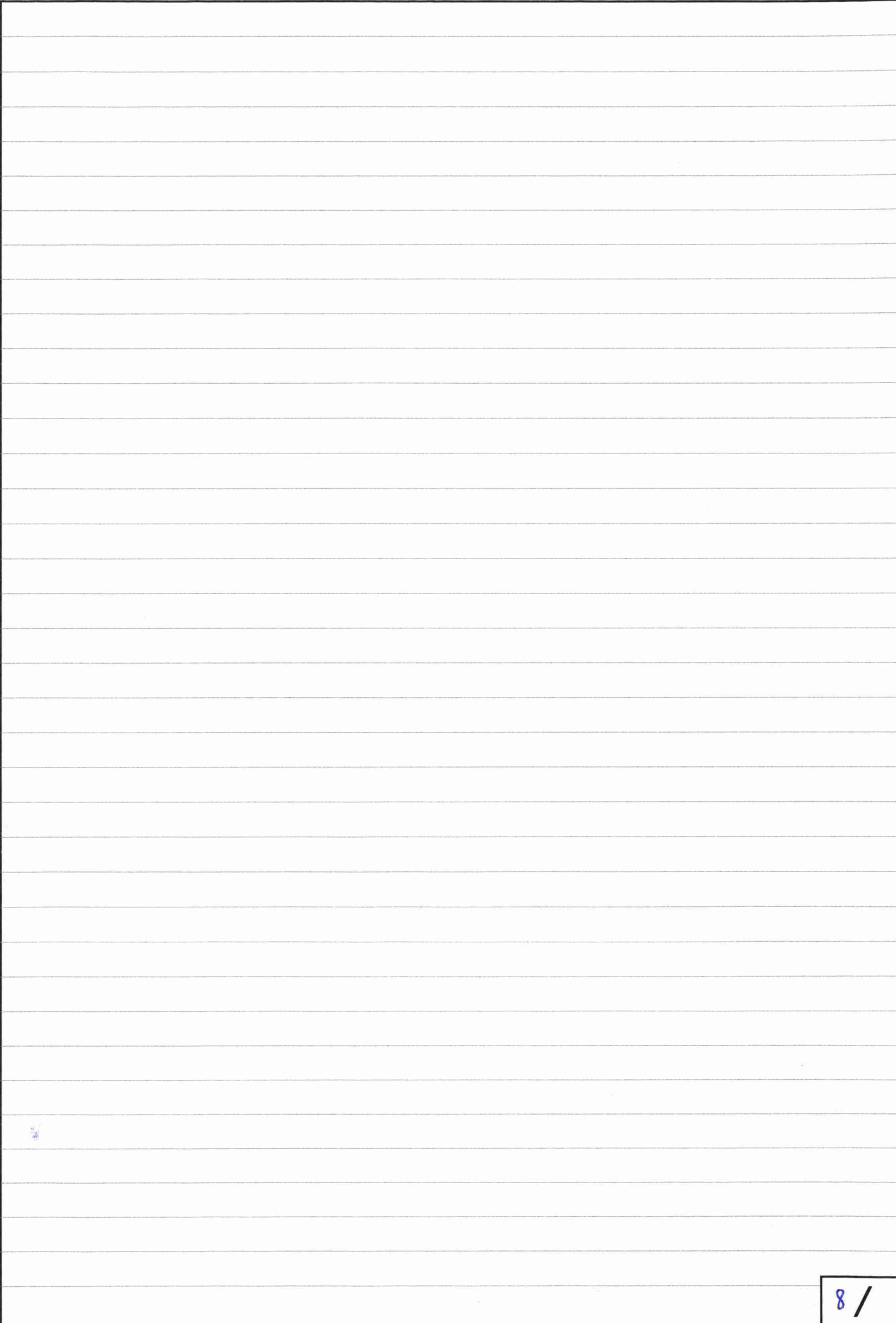
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The richest man in the US, if not the world's richest, was not afraid of spending fortunes, becoming a cornerstone in the campaign of Donald Trump – who promised that he would put him at the head of a commission whose task is to check the spendings of the American government, in order to overhaul it thoroughly. [...]

After he invested \$75 million (€69 million) in the campaign of the Republican candidate, Elon Musk promised to offer \$1 million to a voter picked randomly on the electoral lists of the swing states on a daily basis, in exchange

for signing a petition which makes the first and second amendment of the American Constitution unquestionable - the very ones which guarantee freedom of speech and the right to carry a gun -, which "traditional media outlets don't want to mention", he says.

The media is another target of conspiracy theories. The network X presents Musk with "an outstanding gun-power". Elon Musk admits he made the accusations about the Democrats allowing "undocumented aliens" to flock massively to swing states in order to be granted the American citizenship and vote for them ;



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III Essai

In your opinion, to what extent is democracy at risk within the United States?

As far as I'm concerned, I am not a US citizen which precludes me from getting the whole picture of what's happening across the Atlantic Ocean. The fact remains that last year's presidential election is, in my view, a milestone since the president-elect, D. Trump, has tarnished the image of American democracy while severing ties with a wide range of his trade proxies. All this makes me skeptical over the health of American democracy even if to some extent I do contend the American democracy is at risk.

As doc 3 ~~highlight~~ emphasizes that D. Trump and E. Musk have put up some sort of coalition since Starlink's CEO is literally using his money to buy votes for D. Trump by offering \$ 1 million to a voter picked randomly, in exchange for a top job in the government, I find it hard to hear or even read articles which claim America is bound to be great again. I find this move by Musk awfully frightening since he literally pays voters to vote for the populist president. Besides, the cartoon (doc 5) also echoes the analysis of doc 3 by playing on the word free-speech. Free speech doesn't mean that speech is free, it's quite the opposite since free speech is, to me, what creates a framework in which every voter can feel free to clearly stand for his opinions. Which is why, I tend to say that the impact that money

had on the previous election makes American democracy vulnerable and its citizens at risk, just like J. Biden's Farewell Address warns the nation about the dark digards will wield over the society if nothing in the Constitution prevents them from doing so (doc 4). I do feel worried about that "avalanche of misinformation" caused by artificial intelligence which paves the way for the abuse of power - I completely agree with that point and do contend that those news technologies need to be regulated otherwise, it will simply undermine and hurt trust between the leaders and the governed citizens.

Last but not least, what is at stake in the US's democracy is the creation of a genuine oligarchy^(doc 1) with a huge power of billionaires like Musk, who keep ~~to~~ getting richer after the Trump's election (doc 3) - +10,1%. I find it very shocking and am appalled to see

such a risky transformation of the government after
Biden's four-year-term of office.

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