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### Consignes

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## I - Résumé analytique comparatif

These two articles highlight that money had an unprecedented influence in last year's American election. While the Slate article focuses on the emergence of an oligarchy in the US, the New York Times article denounces this shift and advocates for reforms.

So First and foremost, both documents see eye to eye on the constitution of an oligarchy in the US. Scott Nover demonstrates that Trump owes a major part of his victory to billionaires' support. Indeed, not only did they fund his campaign but they also contributed to <sup>enhance</sup> Trump's popularity. In this election, money had far more influence than it once had, as legislation regarding wealth power weakened. Furthermore, money was weaponized to gain the working-class's votes. Likewise, Erica Green evidences that American democracy turned into a populist regime where money was used to attract John and Jane Doe. But she denounces that oligarchs campaigned for their vested interests and to make profit at the expense of working-class Americans. In Document 1, Scott Nover clearly agrees with this vision.

200 Besides, money had a major influence on the results of the elections, thereby threatening democratic principles. Indeed, Document 2 is teeming with Biden's quotes, denouncing the role of oligarchs. He underlines that the wealth power into few hands calls into question the separation of power in the US. Therefore he advocates for a separation between politics and economics by reforming the SCOTUS and the Constitution. This shift is all the

250 more concerning as oligarchs are not elected and spread massive fake news on social media. Similarly, the first columnist lambasts the role of oligarchs in last year's election, as it eroded democratic values. In fact, oligarchs are not only donors but they use their money to reach personal objectives. He asserts that

300 they can decide the result, by using their influence, which can reach frightening proportions. Therefore, there is obviously an unequal distribution of power, which undermines democracy. But little did Americans realize the role money plays in American democracy.

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## II - Expression personnelle : essai argumenté

According to Abraham Lincoln, democracy is the government "of the people, by the people and for the people". However, last year's American presidential election evidenced that

American democracy was no longer the government "of the people" but that of a wealthy minority. therefore, I would personally argue that // democracy is in danger in the US to the extent that the US institutions seem to come to a standstill, which favours the spread of fake news and the rise in populist leaders.

To begin with, I am convinced that the US checks and balances system is not democratic enough. Indeed, it does not represent the popular vote and it has come under strong criticism recently. In 2007, Hillary Clinton won the popular vote but not the elections as she did not gain some swing states. It goes against the democratic principle according to which each citizen has the same influence on the elections. Furthermore, some practices seem to hinder the democratic process, such as gerrymandering or filibustering. <sup>for instance</sup> gerrymandering aims at changing the electoral map to gain vote. In 2022, Republicans were accused of going beyond the pale in terms of gerrymandering in the run up to the mid-term elections. therefore, the weakness of the checks and balances system is used to gain elections, which compromises democratic values. However, the more alarming thing is undoubtedly a series of controversial Supreme Court rulings in 2022 (such as Dobbs v Jackson) and 2023. It seems to confirm the SCOTUS' conservative bias, which would become "Trump's SCOTUS" as he replaced several justices. For example, in 2023 the SCOTUS put an end to the long-standing affirmative action in university with the Students for fair admission v University of Harvard ruling (voted by the

300 six Conservative justices against the three Democrats). faced with a loss of trust towards these institutions, I think people are more likely to believe in fake news.

350 Then, I think that the massive spread of fake news poses a major threat to American democracy. Indeed, the risk is that people vote on false premises. For instance, in 2012 during Obama's campaign, the Birther movement published a false birth certificate, <sup>for Obama</sup> claiming he was not born in the US and therefore was not eligible. Even though he won the elections, it drastically harmed his popularity and so, has to be denounced.

400 Besides, the money power seems to be massively undemocratic as highlighted in Documents 1 and 2. Indeed, money rules the roost. So the lure of profit made people vote for Trump, as Musk offered money to Trump's voters in swing states (Doc 3). Bot, it has also urged billionaires to support Trump.

450 Indeed the statistics provided in the graph (Doc 4) are unequivocal: billionaires hugely benefited a rise in income thanks to Trump's election. So, they supported him in this perspective convincing people to vote for Trump for their vested interests actually. Therefore, it jeopardized democratic principles.

500 To conclude, the prospects for the future seem bleak: wealth power influences people's votes but the main risk is that it can prevent poor people from having a voice in the political debate, as implied by the cartoonist (Doc 5). If people vote to gain money, only wealthy people will be able to reach the top of the political ladder. Therefore, the US will not be the government "of the people" but that of oligarchs.

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## III thème

The richest man in the United States, or even in the world did his utmost to fund Trump's election, therefore becoming a full-fledged piece in Donald Trump's campaign, who promised to nominate him at the head of a commission meant to make an audit of the American government, in the perspective to "overhaul" it.  
[...]

After he invested 75 million dollars (69 million euros) in the Republican candidate's campaign, Elon Musk promised to offer 1 million dollars to a voter chosen "randomly" in the voting lists in swing states every day in exchange to the signature of a petition, which declares that the First and the Second amendment of the US Constitution can't be changed - those which ensure freedom of speech and the right to bear arms, which "don't want to be evoked by traditional media platforms" he said.

The media platforms are another target of the conspirator sphere... The social media platform X offers to him a "massive power, which has no equal". Elon Musk made him also victim of the allegations against Democrats for massively conducting "clandestine" migrants in the United States so that they get the US citizenship and vote for them.

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