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III) TRADUCTION DU FRANÇAIS EN ANGLAIS (THÈME) :

The richest man in the United States, if not in the world, has not hesitated in using his wallet, becoming an essential mechanism of Donald Trump's campaign - who promised him he would name him at the head of a commission in charge of making an overall review of the American government, in order to deeply "reform" it. [...]

After having invested 75 millions of dollars (69 millions of euros) in the Republican candidate's campaign, Elon Musk has promised to gift 1 million dollars each day to a "randomly" chosen voter on the swing states' voters' list, in exchange of the signing of a petition for ^[to be] ^[untouchable] the first and second Amendment of the American constitution - the ones that guarantee free speech and arms bearing - which the "traditional media do not want to talk about," he says.

The media, other target of the complottist sphere... The social media X offers an "uncomparable fire strength." Elon Musk makes his the accusations against Democrats to massively welcome "illegal" migrants in the swing states for them to obtain American citizenship and vote for them.

→ Pascal Galinier, Le Monde, 11/05/2024.

I) RÉSUMÉ ANALYTIQUE COMPARATIF

WHAT ROLE DID MONEY PLAY IN LAST YEAR'S AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?

Both documents from Slate and The New York Times tackle the growing issue of wealth-power use in American politics, especially in the latest elections. That leaves one to wonder what role money played in those, that left the United States in the hands of Donald Trump.

50 First of all, the first document clearly asserts that money is always power. In politics, specifically, it can be used to make the outcomes that favor you come true. That is why the second document mentions the fact that billionaires¹⁰⁰ will have enormous influence in politics from now on; in fact, like explained in the article from Slate, the wealthy are usually the first to be targeted by backlash policies. As money gives them the power to change things as they wish, their presence in politics is to be expected.

150 These billionaires are called differently whether it be by themselves or other people. The two articles define them as oligarchs, but the ultra wealthy is more likely to go by the nickname of "mega donors", like mentioned in the first document as the name implies a notion of selflessness. An oligarch, however, is usually²⁰⁰ perceived as a "businessman with considerable sway over government", as political science professor Jeffrey Winters puts it.

Both articles see eye to eye on the fact that oligarchy in the United States bodes ill for the country's political future, but they disagree on the stage the transition²⁵⁰ is in. The Slate article states that oligarchic power is currently at its peak when The New York Times one says it is only emerging.

300 Overall, both documents sound the alarm about the violation of democracy. In fact, money - or more precisely its use in huge amounts - cannot exist along democracy's most important value - power equally shared. The second document goes even further, saying it is a threat to basic rights and freedoms as well, and that Americans, no matter their political stance, should be alarmed.

350 All in all, money acted as a powerful tool for billionaires to play an important role in politics, and that is bad omen for the said "greatest democracy" in the world.

→ 353 words

II) EXPRESSION PERSONNELLE: ESSAI ARGUMENTÉ

IN YOUR OPINION, TO WHAT EXTENT IS DEMOCRACY AT RISK WITHIN THE UNITED STATES?

The reelection of former 45th President Donald Trump in 2024 seems to be enough to tell most American citizens approve of his doings, such as his countless charges or even his role in the swarming of the Capitol. His ⁵⁰eventful campaign and first months in office make me wonder to what extent democracy is at risk.

First of all, one cannot argue with the fact that money is always power (DOC 1). Thus, billionaires being very willing to control the outcomes of policies that might be implemented against them, have invaded ¹⁰⁰the political circle. Some even talk of a form of oligarchy (DOC 1 and 2), in a way where, as defined by political science professor Jeffrey Winters, they are "businessmen with considerable sway over government". These people being described as such is obviously not flattering, as they would rather go by the name of "megadonors", ¹⁵⁰which puts them as very altruistic and generous.

However, this made me wonder why citizens were not more outraged at the obvious violation of democracy by billionaires. Well, when saying money is always power, it truly means in every aspect: one has to have enough money, enough ²⁰⁰power, in order to be heard (DOC 5). That is why the working class, which clearly does not have enough resource for their opinion and pleas to be taken into account, seems so supportive of the Republican party. In fact, the latter is focused on responding to their voice (DOC 1), which gives it in exchange a considerable ²⁵⁰amount of voters, especially essential in swing states.

Other ways are also used to -in my opinion- cheat, such as Elon Musk offering one million dollars each day to whoever signed a questionable petition (DOC 3). These kind of events I saw in media appeared to be those of a non-

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democratic country, and left me speechless. I for one reckon Donald Trump should have been careful when giving Elon Musk such an important role in his campaign, given his unserious personality. In the beginning of 2025, for example, he responded to Justin Trudeau saying Canada would never be a part of the United States by publishing on X: "girl, you're not the governor of Canada anymore, don't matter what you say", which seemed really out of place for someone so close to the American President. (Doc 4)

Furthermore, the fact that the wealth of the top 10 richest people in the world grew so much it became a record (\$64 billion), even those who did not support Trump, like Bill Gates (Doc 1), shows how tightly politics and money are linked. To me, this does not correspond to the values of the so-called "greatest democracy in the world."//

All in all, I reckon the United States is still a democracy, but in urgent need of realizing they might not be for long if we were to continue on this dangerous path. it.

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