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I] The influence of affluent figures in American politics ignited the debate about the role played by money in last year's presidential election as both documents point. While The New York Times highlights the advent of an oligarchy, Slate analyses the implicit implications of wealth-power.

So Both documents concern on the substantial influence of billionaires in recent presidential elections. Their money was essential in campaign fundings and both candidates, Donald Trump and Kamala Harris, took advantage of it (doc 1). However, Biden's Farewell Address implicitly denounced the sway of wealth in the case of Trump (doc 2). Furthermore, the role of money in the election has been made all the more visible with the emergence of an oligarchy (doc 2). But, the wealth behind the election process could have had many consequences in favouring wealthy figures' vested interests (doc 1)

750 Document one recalls the major role played by money in politics in the past, thus its contribution to last year's elections was not a precedent (doc 1). Nevertheless the way of using money, especially for these elections, has posed a risk to democracy and truthful information according to document two. The interactions between those who are wealthy and the working class also changed, as both documents pinpoint. Billionaires pretend to hear people's claims, but they are likely to serve their own interests thanks to their money (doc 1/doc 2)

Furthermore, such influence of money in the electoral process is made increasingly obvious by the leading role of oligarchs in major sectors like the military (doc 1) and their involvement in decision-making (doc 2). The prominent role of wealth in recent elections goes to the extent of considering reforms so as to prevent the abuse of power and a backlash in progress (doc 2). Oligarchy has replaced megadeners (doc 1) in last year's elections, and hold big sway over the enactment of legislation which makes the pivotal role of money in politics even more explicit (doc 1). Plus, this wealth-power can entail bias opinions especially with the advent of AI industry's billionaires (doc 2).

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II) The richest man in the United States, or potentially in the world, did not reflect on means, and held a singular position in Trump's presidential campaign - who promised to place him at the head of a commission in charge of an audit of the government for an in-depth "overhaul". Following an investment of seventy-five million dollars (sixty-nine million euros) in the campaign of the Republican candidate, Elon Musk vowed to offer one million dollars a day to a "randomly" chosen voter on electoral lists of the swing states in exchange of signing a petition that declares the First and the Second Amendments of the American Constitution to be untouchable - those which guarantee freedom of expression and the right to bear arms, which "traditional media outlets do not want to talk about", he said.

Other targets of the conspiracy circle are the media outlets and the platform X offers conspiracionists an "exceptional firepower". Elon Musk openly accuses "Democrats of allowing a myriad of "illegal" migrants to enter the US in order that they obtain the American nationality and that they vote in favor of Democrats

III) All fifty states shifted rightwards and this despite a president being impeached twice, accused of sexual abuse, convicted of multiple felonies, not to mention being shot twice. Democracy in the United States seems at risk and even though it has been resilient over the past centuries, I reckon that Americans should be alarmed and act quickly enough.

One can admit that Trump was democratically elected, in due process, but this analysis misses the forest of the trees. The problem concerns the form of influence held by the MAGA's administration which is essentially composed of oligarchs/who, have vested interests. Both documents one and two acknowledges how the government empowered them. And this is because they control strategic fields like Elon Musk with SpaceX and his constellation of satellites Starlink. Allowing these wealthy figures to have the same prerogatives of government officials poses a risk to democracy and its pillars like freedom of expression and privacy. Indeed, with such powers, they can intrude upon one's privacy and they can control the flow of information and censorship. They can even skew public opinion by cajoling them with money as Elon Musk did during the 2024 presidential election (doc 3).

But what makes me even more astonished is Trump's list of forbidden words which includes "LGBT", "inclusive" and many others. There are hundreds of words banned from the public debate which is utterly opposed to the MAGA's motto of bringing back democracy, freedom of speech in the United States. Isn't it completely paradoxical? Document five highlights this paradox of not being able to "afford" free speech. I have the impression that George Orwell's dystopic book 1984 (1949) is becoming a reality and no more a fiction.

The pillars of democracy are trivialized and flouted in the US. A case in point is the immunity granted to Presidents for official acts while in ~~imm~~ office: firstly, thanks to the Nixon v. Fitzgerald ruling in 1982 and secondly

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the ruling of 2024 that allowed Trump to run for presidency. This is a kind of absolute power given to Presidents which is in opposition with the principle of democracy where all individuals are equal and face the same sentences in case of misdemeanors.

Absolute immunity, so as to be above the law, coupled with extreme wealth seem to be the new principles of the American politics. The oligarchy that is taking shape, as Biden put it in his Farewell Address, make wealthy people richer and the rest of the population is being put aside. And document four witnesses the dynamic of this trend: only French billionaire Bernard Arnault experienced a "dramatic" decrease in its wealth (-1,6%) whereas that of Elon Musk increased by 10%.

I think that Biden's statement and his proposition to reform the Constitution is relevant. If Americans want to assure a tenable democracy where the American dream can be reinvigorated, they must act now they should open their eyes now ~~to act on time~~ and react by considering new ways of safeguarding the foundations of ~~their~~ ~~the~~ the Founding Fathers' work.

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