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## Consignes

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## I/ Résumé analytique comparatif :

According to documents 1 and 2, what role did money play in last year's American presidential election?

Both documents delve into the meaning and consequences of the increasing influence that oligarchs are likely to have had on the presidential election and to have in the upcoming four years. Whereas the first article analyses how they have achieved their goals and could potentially lose some of their power,<sup>so</sup> the New York Times focuses on Biden's last warnings and suggestions for the years to come.

First and foremost, money has played a significant role in last year's election because both candidates were endorsed by the ultrawealthy, who enjoy being called 'megadonors'. Indeed Elon Musk publicly displayed his support for<sup>1000</sup> Donald Trump and was even assigned the role of diminishing American bureaucracy and other billionaires such as Bill Gates endorsed Kamala Harris (doc 1). In this perspective, their money was used as a means - not necessarily to secure important political positions for themselves - to shape the future of America's politics (doc 1). According to<sup>1150</sup> Joe Biden, this<sup>is</sup> all the more worrying as these billionaires have not been elected and seem to thoroughly enjoy spreading disinformation using their media platforms (doc 2).

However, State insists on the fact that money has always been deeply intertwined with politics. Rather, what seems to be specific to these elections is <sup>2/1000</sup> that no real attempts were made to reduce its power. In fact, according to the interviewed specialist, the fact that oligarchs do only have one vote has become some sort of an excuse for them to hide away from the fact that their money did indeed help them shape America's <sup>150</sup> politics to satisfy their ambitions, and to prevent anyone from <sup>150</sup> revealing how antidemocratic the system really is. Therefore, Biden's farewell speech goes on to warn about the rise of this oligarchy and how money could end up being detrimental to the system of checks and balances which lies at the <sup>300</sup> core of the - so far - successful American democracy (do I?).

Nevertheless, both articles insist on the fact that if money was a means for oligarchs to secure their interests during the election, it might not and should not stay the case. If Biden insisted that no president should ever be immune, <sup>350</sup> the first article hopes it is only a matter of time, as history has showed, before the working-class realises that oligarchs have used their money for their own sake instead of responding to its reclamations. 34

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### III / Theme

The richest man in the United States, if not in the entire world, really did go financially out of his way to therefore become a key player all to himself in Donald Trump's campaign - who promised to appoint him at the head of a commission assigned to assess the American government with the aim of deeply 'reforming' it.

After he invested 75 million dollars (69 million euros) in the Republican candidate's campaign, Elon Musk promised to give one million dollars every day to an 'anonymously' chosen voter among the Swing States' voters lists in exchange of signing a petition claiming that no changes could be made to the first and second Amendment of the American Constitution, those which secure freedom of speech and the right to bear arms, those of <sup>which</sup> 'traditional media refuse to talk about' he says.

The media are another target among the sphere of conspiracies. Network X gives the latter an '~~unprecedented~~ unprecedented power of fire'. Elon Musk makes ~~the~~ the accusations against the Democrats of massively deporting 'illegal' migrants in the Swing States so that they are given the American nationality and vote for them <sup>his own</sup>.

## II/ Expression personnelle: essai argumenté

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

In July 2024, a Supreme Court ruling granted full immunity to American presidents, notably in regards to their actions committed while in office. This is just one of the many reasons which leads me to believe that the American democracy is indeed in a lot of danger.

First and foremost, I'm convinced that the American democracy is at risk given the increasing place that money seems to take in determining the country's course. The fact that donations can be publicly made to endorse candidates during elections, which differs from countries like France or Germany seems to me a way for legitimate billionaires taking part in shaping America's politics to their own will, probably regardless of the interests of the working-class as questioned in document 2. For that matter, figures speak for themselves, as Elon Musk, wealthiest megadonor supporter of Donald Trump, saw his fortune increase by 10.1% following the latter's reelection (doc 4), and which probably makes it a little shocking or a little more okay for him to go and directly pay voters to make sure that no future changes to the first and second Amendments will ever able to be made (doc 3). This hardly seems democratic at all. I think this is all the more worrying as even traditional democratic tools such as voting now seem unable to truly represent how much the system is in fact antidemocratic, as pinpointed in document 2.

More importantly, I feel like the media is becoming a crucial tool of propaganda, therefore threatening democracy. One could argue that the fact that the tenants of Silicon Valley keep rambling on about freedom of speech is a good thing for democracy, I disagree. Whereas traditional propaganda used censorship to transmit ideology, it seems that the abundance of (false) information has

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on the contrary replaced it/<sup>300</sup> Democracy and media have always been deeply intertwined, but this quest for sensationalism over fact-checking and exposing the truth that media like X have been on hardly seems to help citizens make their own opinions about issues, and rather leads me to think it is a hidden way to impose/<sup>350</sup> ideology, and that free speech, as highlighted in document 5, really is a false pretense to make more money. The fact that Donald Trump has his own platform Truth Social on which he uses memes to make fun of the geopolitical situation in Gaza <sup>for instance</sup> seems to make it/<sup>400</sup> easier to shape the minds of citizens while establishing direct contact with them.

Moreover, Donald Trump and Linda McMahon's wish to dismantle the Department of Education, even if it may not actually happen, seems to prove my point. By cutting research budgets for universities or thoroughly making sure that/<sup>450</sup> no DEI initiatives are carried out, it seems America is on the brink of making education the privilege of the wealthiest and therefore contributing to a growing, non-democratic opposition between a ruling elite and the masses.

Finally, <sup>forme</sup> the images of Donald Trump following his reelection where he is/<sup>500</sup> shown changing the face of America with his sole signature only continues to debunk the myth according to which this country could be seen as, <sup>an</sup> example to follow across the

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world as displayed in the City Upon a Hill sermon. <sup>41</sup>

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