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## I] RÉSUMÉ ANALYTIQUE

What role did money play in last year's American presidential election?

. Both columnists contend that money played a blatant role in last year's American presidential elections. While Scott Power (document 1) spotlights the impacts of an oligarchy on US democracy, Erica L. Green (document 2) focuses on Biden's viewpoint ~~on~~ on this influence of money.

. First and foremost, both authors pinpoint that money contributed to shaping last year's American presidential scrutiny. <sup>50</sup> Therefore, Scott Power emphasizes that both Trump and Kamala Harris received pivotal financial supports from billionaires ~~consider~~ which deeply modified the vote considering that oligarchs wield sizeable power on society. For instance, Trump was notably backed up by Mellon and Harris by Bill Gates or Michael Bloomberg. Document 2 bears out such an influence by acknowledging that <sup>100</sup> Trump's abundant relationships with plutocrats pushed for the breakthrough of oligarchs in the political

sphere. Similarly, document 1 highlights that the unprecedented partnership between grassroots and oligarchs evidenced how money held sway over this US electoral period.

Subsequently both journalists underline the blatant role of money in political agendas which were <sup>L150</sup> presented in 2024. Indeed, former president Biden in document 2 blows the whistle on Trump's future administration which could be a fertile ground for the reign of money and oligarchs. He notably fears that money becomes the new best means for leading the country. More precisely, document 1 sheds light on how <sup>L200</sup> unfettered influence of oligarchs during the campaign hampered the electoral process. Indeed, not only did money contribute to elaborating political agendas but it also sidelined basic democratic rules such as the crucial principle - "one person, one vote" - because billionaires own a host of means for influencing people. As such, both journalists deplore that <sup>L250</sup> last year's election was deeply impaired by money. On the one hand, they argue that money allowed the most influential people to modify political priorities with a view to catering to their needs. According to Scott Power, numerous jobs dedicated to oligarchs in Trump's administration epitomizes this drift. On the <sup>L300</sup> other hand, both authors deem that increasing clout of money during the campaign will doubtless considering Trump's victory, cement its role in US democracy.

To wrap up, both columnists reckon that money played a crucial role during last year's American election.

## II] ESSAI ARGUMENTÉ

Following his come back in January 2025, Donald Trump has wasted no time in undertaking exuberant measures which interrogate the future of democracy in the US. To my mind, he could indeed deeply imperil the system for a host of reasons.

First and foremost, I contend that the freshly-elected president could endanger democracy because of his stranglehold <sup>150</sup> over institutions, his relationship with tech plutocrats and his controversial foreign policy.

Firstly, Trump holds sizeable sway over US institutions. Indeed, both his allied Justices in the Supreme Court and waves of dismissals organized in numerous administrations exemplify the 47<sup>th</sup> president's unfettered power. Therefore, this <sup>160</sup> abusive Trump's leeway erodes separation of powers which directly threatens democracy. The Supreme Court epitomizes this drift because his high conservative bent favours violation of democratic principles (document 2). Thus, Donald Trump nulled back numerous supports for minorities (DEI) which disrupts social mobility and also equality without any contestations from the Supreme Court.

Besides, the freshly-elected president's links with <sup>170</sup> magnates and oligarchs query the future of US democracy. Indeed, by controlling the most influential people, Trump has stifled his opposition which remains pivotal to ensure a genuine democratic regime. Thus, according to the Guardian, most US main magnates have cosied up to the president-elect but he should adopt measures to <sup>200</sup> weaken them. For instance, Jeff Bezos and Mark Zuckerberg witness this "great capitulation" because they joined Trump for all their criticisms before his victory. ~~Furthermore~~

Furthermore this alliance is also a boon for oligarchs who seize upon power and can cater to their own interests all the more so as Trump is also a 250 billionaire. This aspect is evidenced by document 4. Moreover, I would like to underline that oligarchs own the media and therefore unique propaganda to back up some measures could brainwash people and threaten their freedoms (documents 3 and 5).

Subsequently, I contend that Trump's foreign policy which despises other democracies and extols the virtues of illiberal regimes such as Russia emphasizes 300 his ambitions: rather than defending democracy, Trump defies empires, which bodes ill for the perennity of ~~the~~ US democracy. Thus, I was especially shocked by JD Vance's Munich speech in February which fustigated European democracies.

Finally, I reckon that violent rivalries and inequalities in the US could also upend democracy. Indeed, social 350 tensions have been skyrocketing in the past few years as well as inequalities. Thus, support received by Luigi Mongione after Brian Thompson's assassination showed that the US is a sick democracy which needs reforms to survive.

Notwithstanding, I would like to nuance my pessimistic perspective. Indeed, despite Trump's come back 400 and deep challenges I argue that many counterpowers still remain and that the future of US democracy especially hinges on people's determination to keep it.

First of all, in spite of Trump's threat, American federal system allows to share power between several scales. Therefore, although the president concentrates 410 much power, some measures require to be accepted by states or even cities. For example, California is a "sanctuary state" for migrants which doesn't implement Trump's deportations and contributes to preserving democratic values of solidarity and help.

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Besides I personally believe that democracy relies on people's determination to uphold it. Thus Benjamin Franklin told "America has a Republic if you can keep it".  
Consequently, the end of democracy remains quite <sup>500</sup> far considering this aspect because Americans are not ready to stop protecting it as Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's recent successful meetings exemplified.

To wrap up, I acknowledge that US democracy is facing critical threats ~~which could result in its end~~. However, as long as people defend the regime, democracy will doubtless survive ~~and evolve~~.

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III) THÈME:

• The richest man in the United States, and also in the world, has used a host of means, and has been becoming an ~~autonomous~~ <sup>independent</sup> crucial tool of Donald Trump's campaign - he pledged him to appoint him to lead a Commission dedicated to realize an investigation in ~~audit~~ <sup>audit</sup> of American government, with a view to deeply reforming it.

• After that he had invested 75 million dollars (69 million euros) in the Republican candidate's campaign, Elon Musk pledged to offer 1 million dollar ~~everyday~~ each day to an election ~~chosen~~ <sup>chosen</sup> "by any change" on the electoral lists of Swing states if only he signs a text which declares fixed the first and the second amendment in US Constitution - those which protect freedom of speech and the right

to bear arms - of which "the traditional media don't want to speak about" he says.

The media are other targets of conspiracy theories. Platform X grants him "a unique way to take action". Elon Musk repeats accusations against Democratic people of attracting many ~~illegal~~ "illegal" migrants in swing-states in order for them to obtain US nationality and vote for the Democratic party.

