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## I. Résumé analytique comparatif

Over the past four years, the extreme concentration of wealth among economic elites has become a matter of common concern, especially during the 2024 American presidential election. Thus, both documents from the New York Times (document 2) and Slate (document 1) lay stress on the role money played in last year's American presidential election : // while document 1 focuses on oligarchy's power and the threat for democracy, document 2 studies Biden's warning to the US.

On the one hand, money played a pivotal role in the election by giving the tycoons the power to step into politics. Document 1 explains how money was weaponized by the // wealthy to gain momentum during the campaign : Musk for the Republicans as well as Bill Gates for the Democrats, their money allowed them to back up the candidates. Likewise, document 2 highlights that money was a matter of prime importance insofar as it led to the creation of a "tech-industrial" oligarchy // which stepped into the campaign.

On the other hand, money also threatened democracy. Indeed, while document 2 lays stress on the misinformation made by the tycoons in order to influence voters' opinion, document 1 underlines that money endangered the equal distribution of power : the oligarchs, due to the pervasive influence they // had, influenced millions of voters but

under the guise of "they are just expressing their opinion". Thus, money was a threat to the distribution of power between the citizens, undermining trust in a democratic process built 250 years ago (doc 2).

250 Finally, money had fostered the candidates who promote deregulation and advantages // for the wealthy. Indeed, both documents highlight that economic elites endorsed the candidates who are more likely to serve their own interests. The tycoons established strong links with the working-class to come to power, but document 2 explains that this link relies on a manipulation by the wealthy  
300 in order // to enrich themselves. This clearly shows that money had manipulated people during the 2024 American presidential elections.

All in all, money played a pivotal role in last year's American presidential election by giving to the wealthy the power to step into politics, undermining democratic principles and manipulating the voters.

350 words.

## Thème :

The richest man of the United-States, maybe the richest man of the world, did not want easy on the <sup>ways</sup> becoming a keystone in Donald Trump's campaign (who has committed to appointing him at the head of a commission in charge of analyzing the American government, with aiming to "reshape" it

After having invested 75 million dollars in the campaign of the Republican candidate, Elon Musk has committed to offering 1 million dollars a day to a voter chosen "at random" on the swing states electoral lists in exchange of the settlement of an order which declares unshakable the first and the second amendment to the American constitution (the ones which guarantee freedom of speech and the right to bear arms), whose "traditional media don't want to talk about", he said.

Media, another objective of the oligarchy. The network X offers to him "an unexpected fire power". Elon Musk defends the accusations against the Democrats of encouraging "illegal" migrants to come into the swing-states to naturalize and then to vote for them.

Essay:

To what extent is democracy at risk  
within the United States ?

50 On account of the growing debates on free speech, misinformation and concentration of power among political elites, the US seems to be on the verge of a democratic crisis. Indeed, although he was held accountable for the antidemocratic assault on the Capitol on January, 6<sup>th</sup> 2021, Donald Trump was re-elected in November 2024, fueling debates over the current state of the American democracy. Thus, even though it is the oldest democracy in the world, is it possible to talk about "the end of the American democracy"?

100 On the one hand, democracy is jeopardized by an "tech-industry" oligarchy which massively enriched itself with Trump's victory (document 4). This is the result of an permanent interaction between the economic and political spectrum: never before had a tycoon sept into politics during an election like Elon Musk did. He gave financial substantial backing and gave 75 million dollars to a Pro-Trump  
150 action committee. He was later appointed to the newly created Secretariat of Efficiency, testifying to his growing influence on the political spectrum. This clearly threaten democracy because it creates a hierarchy between the candidates and the money they have to fund their  
200 campaign. The tycoons use of their money and power to influence voters' opinion. Indeed, during the Facebook - Cambridge Analytica scandal, Christopher Wylie became a whistleblower: he revealed how the Cambridge Analytica was paid by Trumps' supporters, including Mark Zuckerberg, to legitimize the candidacy and presidency of Trump. Mark Zuckerberg had to present a testimony in front of the US congress  
250 after that, but. This lays stress on the consequences for democracy of tycoons' political power.

300 On the other hand, I would like to show that the current state of American democracy mostly relies on misinformation on social media. For example, in 2022 the twitter - Elon Musk saga repeatedly hit the headlines: the tycoon wanted to buy twitter in order to ensure complete freedom of speech on it, though he did not refrain from

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censoring posts that criticized him. To make matters worse, he decided in September 2024 to reduce content moderation under the guise of free speech. Thus, many were those who voiced their opinion, some of whom declaring that the main objective is to support Trump's false allegations. As depicted by the cartoon in document 5, free speech serves the interest of tycoons and media moguls at the expense of what freedom of speech should be in a democracy: that of the civilians.

Finally, to round the demonstration I would like to demonstrate that democracy is endangered by the ones who are supposed to guarantee it. In 2017, Trump turned the Supreme Court as a weapon with adding three new conservative justices. This had particularly stirred up troubles in 2022 when the majority - conservative Supreme Court decided to overturn Roe V Wade (1975) for Dobs V Jackson: a decision on the right to have an abortion in sharp contradiction with Americans' opinion. Indeed, according to two Pew Research Center polls, 69% of women and 62% of men disapprove the decision of the Supreme Court. But it is also true regarding Biden's policy: even though he accuses Trump of protecting himself with the law (document 2), he did not refrain from pardoning his son Hunter. This clearly threatens the checks and balances system.

All in all, I believe that talk about "the end of the American democracy" is completely possible regarding to what extent it is at risk today

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