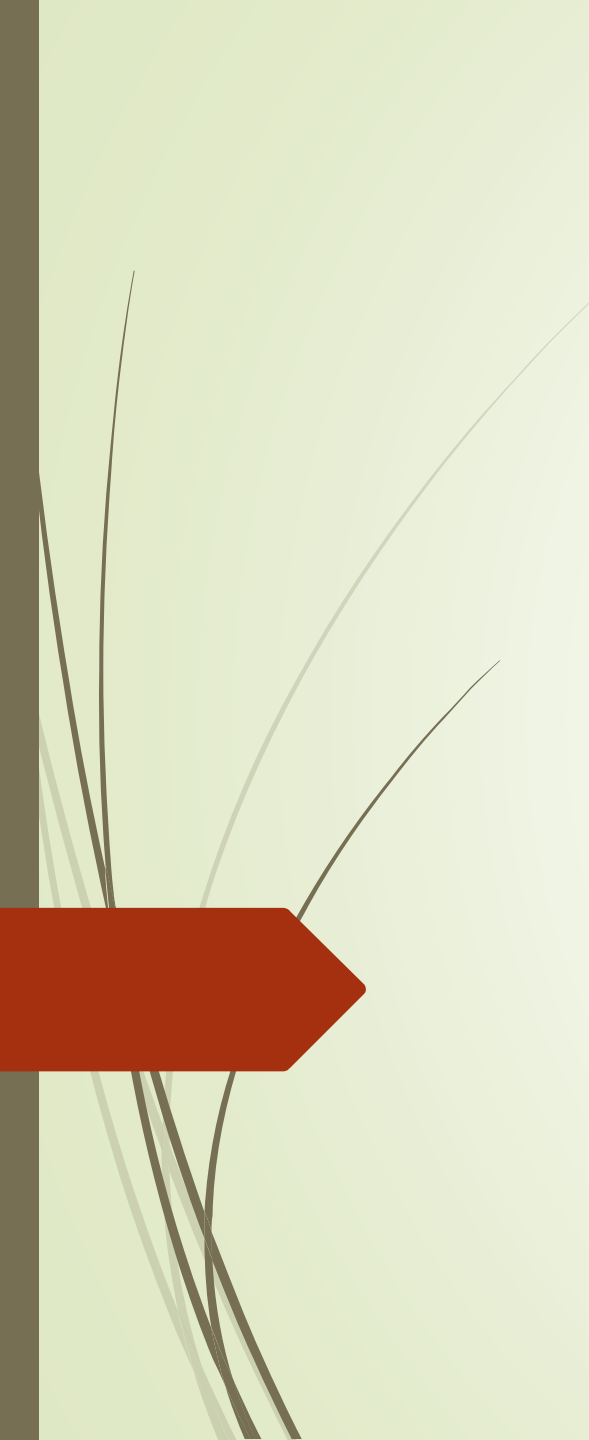


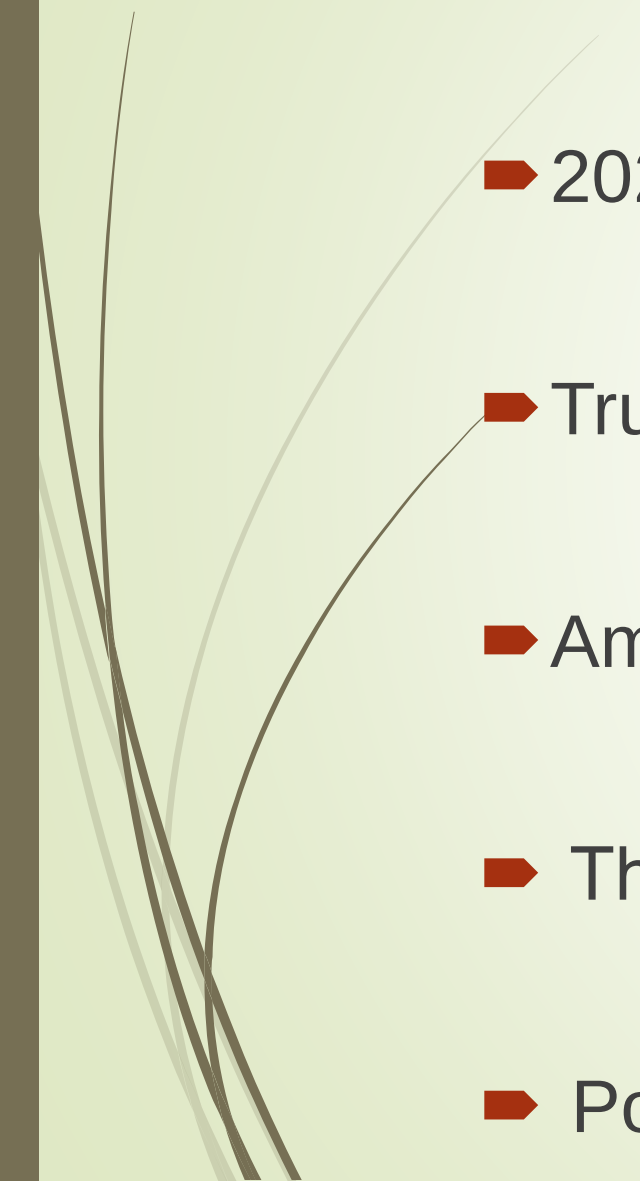


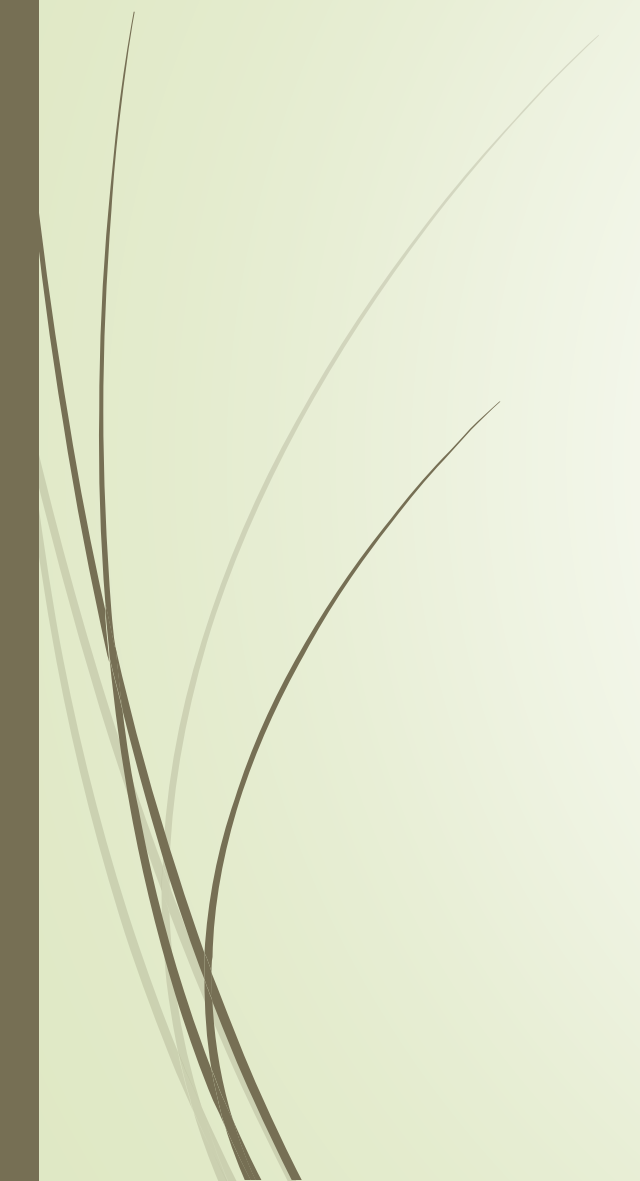
Talk 59: *MAGA* 2.0

Talk 59: MAGA 2.0 and American Futures

Talk	US	Time Period	Date of Talk
56	The road to MAGA..	2001-2017	June 1st
57	MAGA 1.0: First Trump Presidency	2017-2021	June 15th
58	The Biden interlude	2021-2024	June 29th
59	MAGA 2.0 and potential futures	2025+	July 6th

MAGA 2.0 & American Futures

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- MAGA 2.0
 - 2024 Election
 - Trump the first two years
 - America today,
 - The “Red” and “Blue” competing American Pasts
 - Potential futures/ final thoughts



MAGA 2.0

MAGA 1.0 : Trump First Term 2017-2021

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- ➡ Chaotic and without a plan
 - ➡ Constraints on power
 - ➡ Divided Republicans: Conservative vs MAGA
 - ➡ Divided Courts system till end term
 - ➡ “Adults in the Room” first two years
 - ➡ Democrats gain control of House 2019-2021
 - ➡ Effective separation Trump business and Presidential Office
 - ➡ Interrupted by Covid Distraction and “Stolen” Election

MAGA “Thought leaders determined to avoid mistakes in 2024

Heritage Foundation

- Founded 1973
 - Conservative millionaires (Coors)
 - Republican election booster
 - Focus on culture..”family values”
- Growth & Decline 1980’s-2018
 - Pro invasion Afghanistan/ Iraq
 - Opposes ACA ...”Socialism”
 - Self regulates....vs Racial superiority claims, opposes Trump election
 - Loses influence to MAGA
- Rebirth 2021
 - Elects Kevin Roberts as President
 - Objective power, vehicle MAGA/ Trump
 - Goal “Institutionalise Trumpism”

Extensive advertising....America First



Kevin Roberts (1975....)

Background

-Catholic Louisiana family
-student of history, PHD history of slavery
- ...objective, analytical

Move Right

- ...establishes Catholic private University
- ...resents Govt interference
- ...Follow Conservative trend
- ...Nationalism, America First
- ..."Family values" Immigration, "Christian values"
- .."Support for Ukraine puts America last"

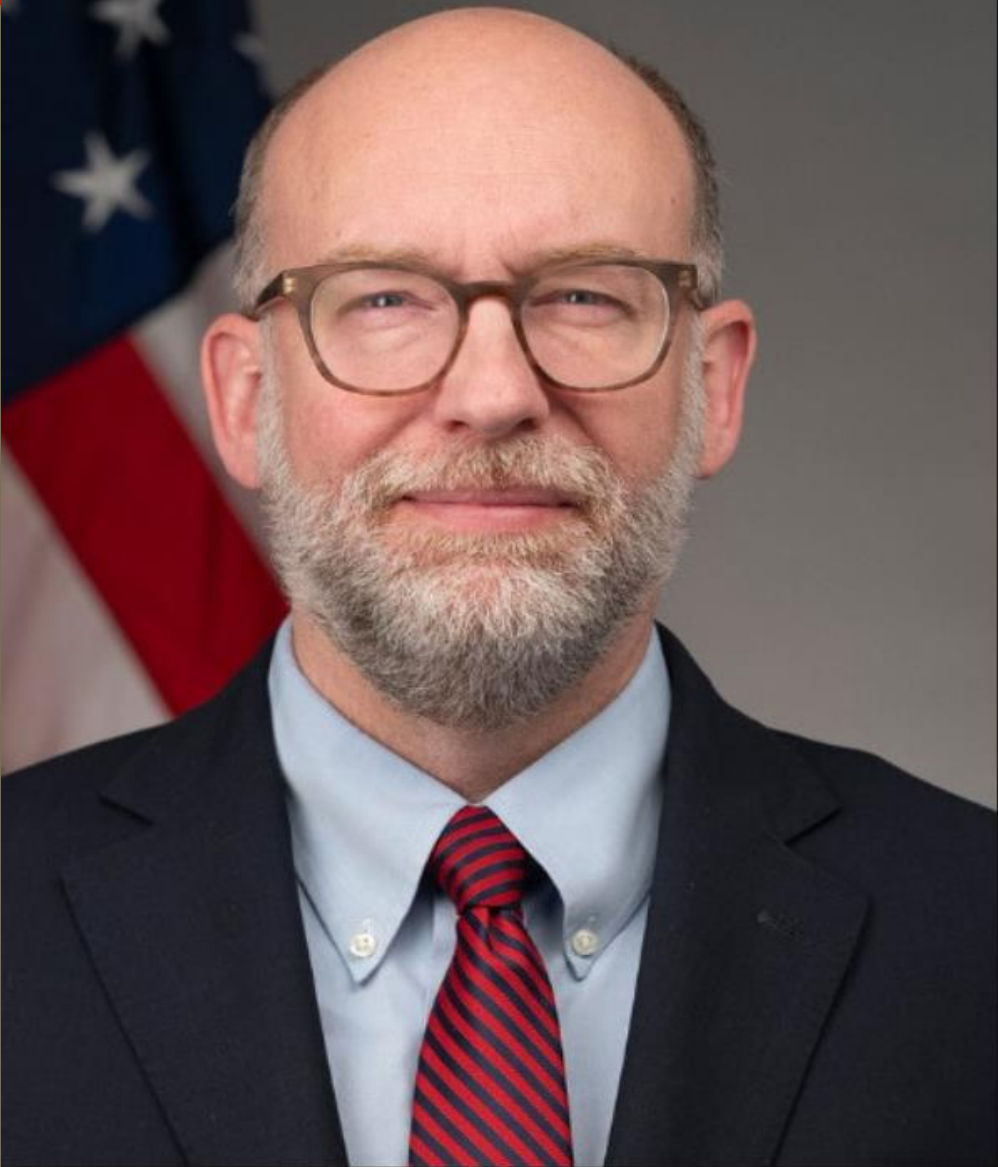
President Heritage Foundation 2021

- ... diagnosis MAGA 1.0 failure
- ..."the Trump administration, with the best of intentions, simply got a slow start. And Heritage and our allies in Project 2025 believe that must never be repeated."

Needs expert in government



Russel Voight (1976....)



Background

- ...father electrician, mother co founder Christian school
- ...Political Science Wheaton College (evangelical
- ...research analyst Texas Senator Phil Graham
- ...night school ...law school

Political career

- ...Analyst for Texas 2004-2017
- ...Deficit reduction. Opposes ACA, Climate change
- ..."Christian Nationalist"...God creates the nation,
...not its people
- "Islam/ Hindu/ other "deficient ideology for rejecting Jesus"
- ...Joins Heritage...policy director

Director Office Management & Budget 2017

- Gate-keeper for Government funds
-Blocks funding for activities not Trump approved
-diverts funds for Wall..refuses to report to Congress

Chief Architect "Project 2025"

Project 2025: MAGA with Plan

- Unitary Government: President > Congress and Court
 - Remove “checks and balances”
- Politicise Civil Service
 - “independent Agencies to report direct to President (Justice, Science)
 - Party to appoint 50,000 jobs (“to victor, the spoils”)
 - “Loyalty” database and purge non loyal
- Devolve culture to states: Prayers abortion, gay marriage
- Economic/ Social policies:
 - Shrink government/ Replace income tax with tariffs
 - Mass deport illegal immigrants
 - Legal immigration based on “race” and income

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Mandate *for* Leadership

The Conservative Promise

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Foreword by Kevin Roberts, PhD
Edited by Paul Dans and Steven Groves

Stephen Miller (1985.....) Director of Policy

Stephen Miller 2020



- Background
 - Ashkenazi Jewish Family
 - Conservative Activist
 - Political Career
- Role Trump First Term
 - Speechwriter
 - Policy Director immigration
 - Architect immigration policy
- During Biden Interlude
 - Advisor to Project 2025
 - Drafts Executive Orders
 - Supervise vetting for “loyalty”

2nd most powerful man in world?

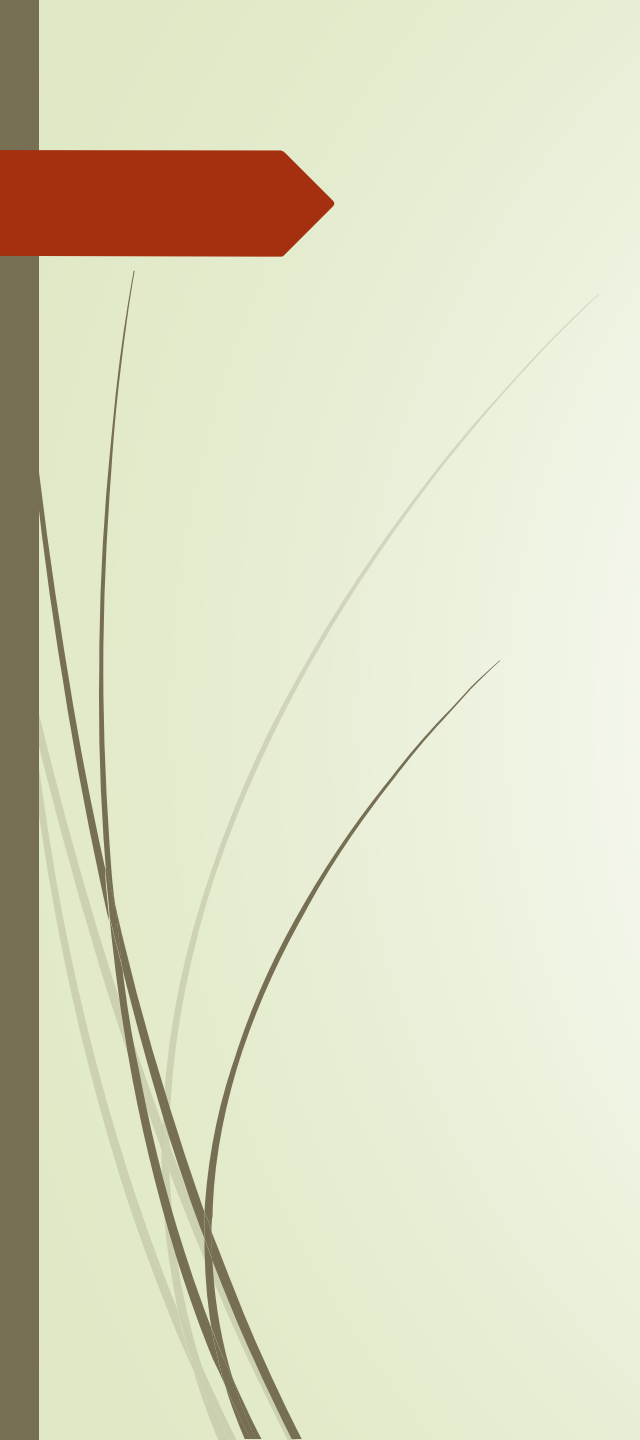
MAGA 2.0 vs MAGA 1.0

Organised with direction set by Project 2025

- “Executive Orders” prepared to by-pass Congress and act fast
- Cabinet “team” based on loyalty, dependency, media presence/ experience
- “Guard-rails” removed
 - Compliant 6-3 Supreme Court
 - “Trifecta” in place...Republican control of House and Senate
 - Republican “Conservatives” isolated, removed
- Transparent monetisation of Presidential Office



The 2024 Presidential Election



The Party Nominations

Trump Legal Issues prior to election

“hush money” payments vs porn star “Stormy Daniels” :Convicted by Jury 2024

- Appeal and Sentencing 2025 (after election) :“unconditional discharge” ...no fine/ prison
- Retention classified documents at Mira Lago(dismissed 2024 Trump appointed Judge)
- Overturn election in Georgia (Rejected on appeal by Republican judge)
- Convicted sexual harassment writer Jean Carroll by jury, fined \$5m appeal rejected
- Fraudulent asset valuations to secure loans : fined \$500m for fraud, On Appeal, guilty of fraud, but exempted from making a payment?

Trump claimed himself a “victim” by Radical Left..supporters agree

Securing the Republican Nomination

- “Criminal convictions” no impediment
 - Maine/ Colorado attempt to remove Trump from ballot
 - Trump vs Anderson (2024) only Congress can restrict eligibility to run
 - Trump vs US 2024 rules President immune for official acts as President
- Republican campaign
 - Trump announces decision to run December 2022 (after 2022 mid-terms)
 - Opposition minimal, MAGA dominant...”Conservative” Republicans removed
 - Trump wins 96% delegates, 75% Republican vote, 48 out 50 primaries

The main challenge during campaign...staying alive

Assassination attempt July
.....survival increases popularity, "I took a shot for you!"



Trump the candidate:setting the tone



Election process fraudulent

“The only way they can do anything is if they cheat like hell, and we’ve been victims of that”.

Claims non citizens voting....no proof

Our elections are bad, and a lot of these illegal immigrants coming in, they’re trying to get them to vote,” ...“They can’t even speak English. They don’t even know what country they’re in practically. And these people are trying to get them to vote.

About accepting results

“If everything’s honest, I’ll gladly accept the results. I don’t change on that,”“If it’s not, you have to fight for the right of the country.”

Joe Biden Re-election campaign

Biden at aged 80



- Mixed result first term
 - Economy , inflation 4%, unemployment 4%, growth 3%
 - Approval rating 41% (Afghanistan, Media attacks)
 - 75% public consider him too old at 81
- The only Democrat who can beat Trump
 - Mid Term results 2022 vindicate Biden leadership
 - Fear of Trump priority, Biden did win in 2020
 - Minimal public appearances
 - Opinion polls “dead heat” at 47% each
- Winning nomination
 - No opposition despite increasing age concerns
 - Wins 99% delegates, 95% vote
 - Keeps Kamela Harris as Running mate



The Election

Election campaign 2023-2024

Opinion polls tied throughout 2023....Immigration declines but reforms proposed by Democrats blocked by Republicans....public perception of chaos continues

- Increasing signs of Biden's cognitive decline during 2024
 - Stumbles making speeches ,Mixes up words
 - Avoids press conferences, unscripted campaign events
 - Document retention issue (left in garage after being VP Hurr Report: no crime but Biden described as "well meaning elderly gentleman with a poor memory")
- Trump takes 4 point lead early 2024
 - Economy improving but price of petrol rises from 80p to 95p per litre?
 - Trump rallies mass crowds, vigorous, humorous..."sleepy Joe"

Everything will depend on first Presidential Debate June 27th

Debate does not go well...for Biden

..Trump. Disciplined, prepared, victim of accusations

..Biden...raspy voice, Trump "convicted felon"

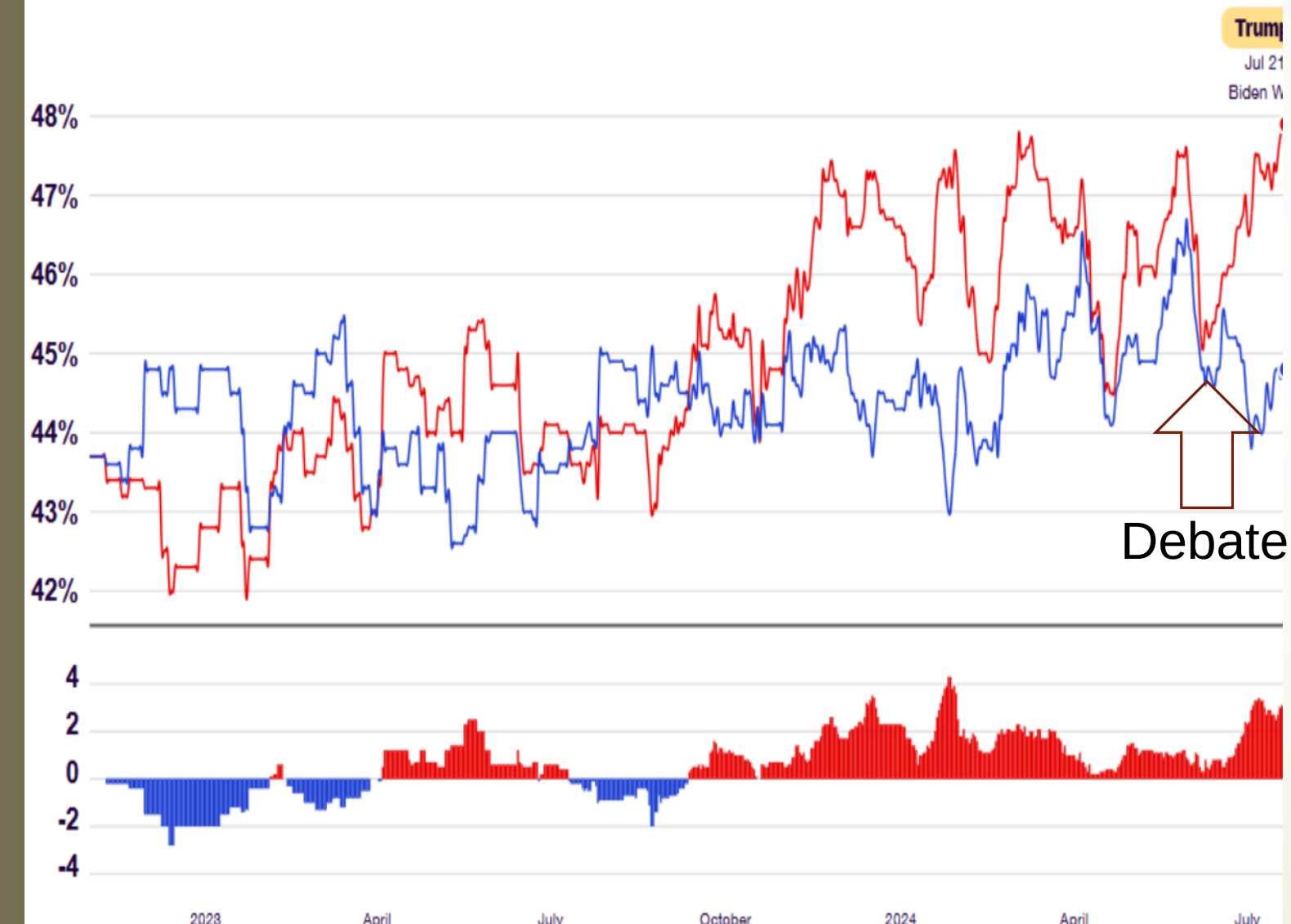


The “defining moment”...Biden looking lost
...repeats statement, loses track of debate



Trump vs Biden

2024 General Election: Trump vs. Biden



- Debate catastrophe for Biden
- Biden staff defends his abilities...poll sinks
- Withdraws from race July 21^s
- Delegates transferred to VP "running mate" Kamela Harris
- Harris secures nomination without opposition

Kamala Harris (1964...)

Kamala Harris 2024



Background

...mother Indian (scientist). father Jamaican (economist)
...parents divorced..mother intellectual to Montreal
...graduates HS Canada/ I black “Howard University”
...to law school UC San Francisco

Career

....Prosecutor SF...dates mayor “Willie Brown
.....increase cash bail, reduce loopholes truancy
....runs for Attorney General...accused of using Brown

...Brown response: “Sure I dated her...Harris is the only one who, after I helped her, sent word that I would be indicted if I 'so much as jaywalked' while she was D.A. That's politics for ya.”

Success in role....prosecutions corporations, repossessions, ..consumer protection, tech privacy,
...rated competent/ and balanced
.....runs for Senate 2018

Kamela Harris Senator 2018-2024

Kamela with “Black Caucus” “2019



Elected to Senate 2018-2024

....opposes Trump nominations

...supports gay, immigrant rights

..., Trump impeachment

...Judiciary Committee

....Popular, effective, precise

...Up and coming “Progressive”

Kamela as Vice President

Harris with Zelensky (In Switzerland)



The “Tie breaker”

..Senate 50-50...13 VP interventions

..Covid relief, Inflation Reduction Act

Used as International ambassador

..Biden limited by health

...”Fix” alliances...”America is back”

...Harris South/ Central America

...resolve underlying immigration causes

...Meets Zelensky, does not visitbut
not Ukraine

Right attacks as “Border Czar”

....high level, big picture, no operational role

...visits actual border only after Media attack

Donald Trump vs Kamela Harris

Kamela Harris

- 3 months to create and run national campaign, 30% media coverage
- High energy, large rallies....Initial surge in polls....
- Message “Hope”, “Progress”, “Abortion rights!, Climate change, democracy
- Support Israel and Ukraine
- Large crowds, passionate, inclusive, future focused

➤ Donald Trump

- Extensive 18 month campaign underway
- Consumes 70% media coverage
- Message: Immigration control, Economy (inflation), “drill baby drill”, leadership
- End wars Ukraine, Gazaimmediately
- Enormous crowds, nostalgic, ultra patriotic, recover lost past,

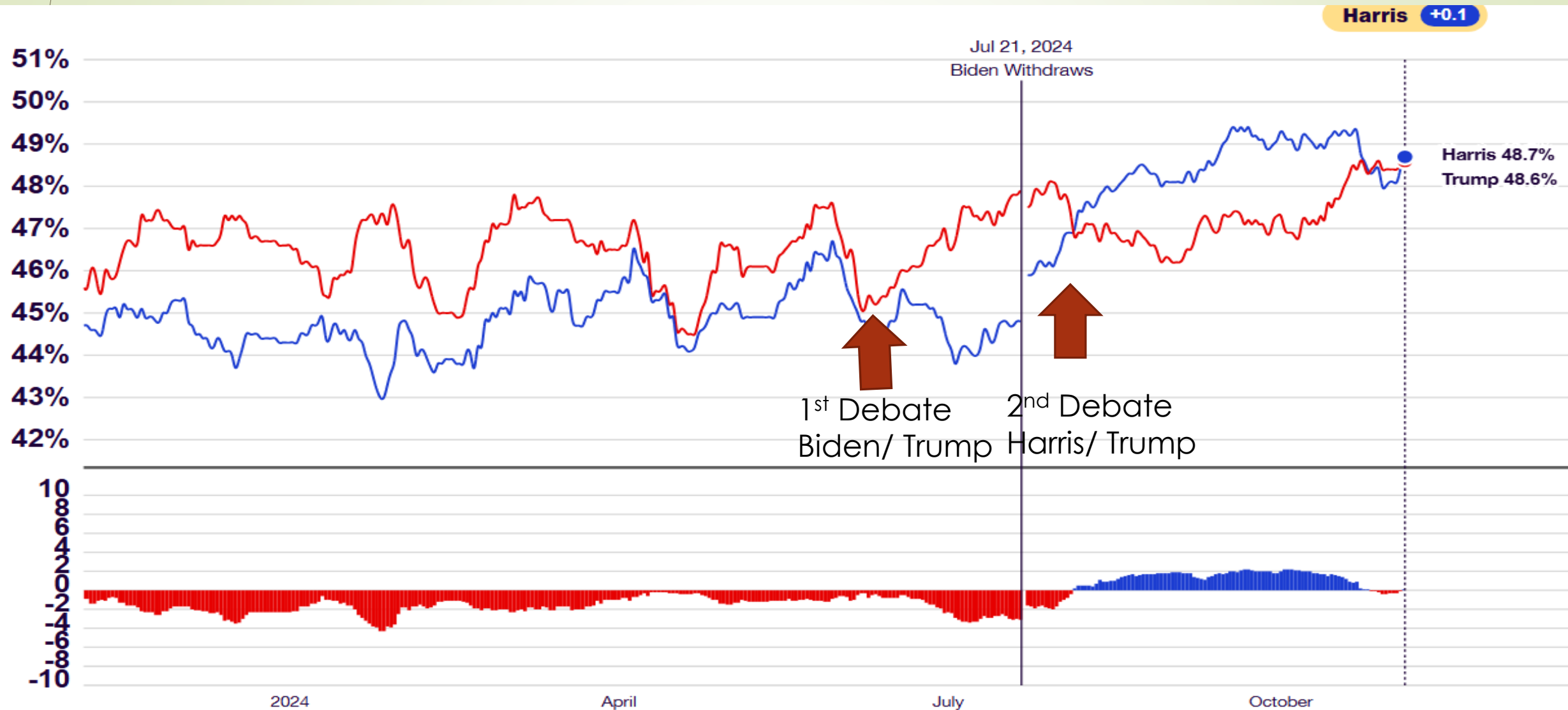
2nd Presidential Debate Trump vs Harris

...Harris the prosecutor, wins on points

...Trump, the outraged victim,, wins with Base..physical dominance



Harris starts taking the lead ...Trump cancels 3rd debate



Trump Rally...raucous, passionate, emotion
....."Fear"....."Lost (imaginary) past"





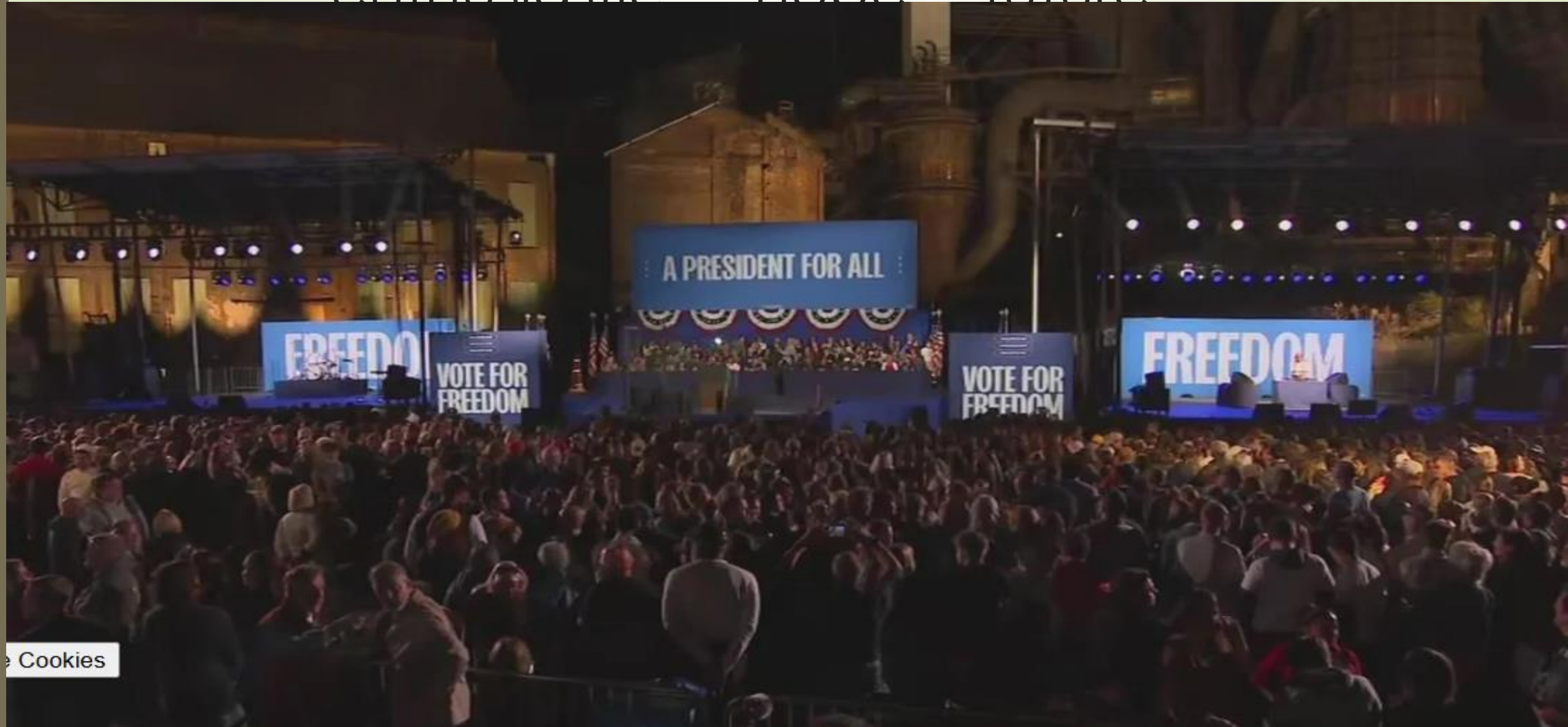
A Trump Rally experience

...Wall St Journal, Madison Square Garden

October 2025...Alex Leary & Vivian Salama

- “Hours before Donald Trump appeared, supporters stood in long lines under intense summer heat, many dressed in red MAGA hats, patriotic clothing, and Trump merchandise. Country music and classic rock played over loudspeakers while vendors sold T-shirts, flags, and campaign memorabilia. People chatted easily with strangers, posed for photographs, and treated the event as both a political gathering and a social occasion. There was anticipation rather than impatience, with many attendees saying they had travelled long distances to be there.
- When Trump entered to Lee Greenwood's 'God Bless the U.S.A.,' the crowd erupted in sustained cheers, waving signs and recording on their phones. The mood resembled a sporting event or concert as much as a traditional political rally, with frequent chants of 'USA' and responses to Trump's remarks. Supporters laughed at jokes, applauded criticisms of political opponents, and often finished familiar lines before Trump did.”

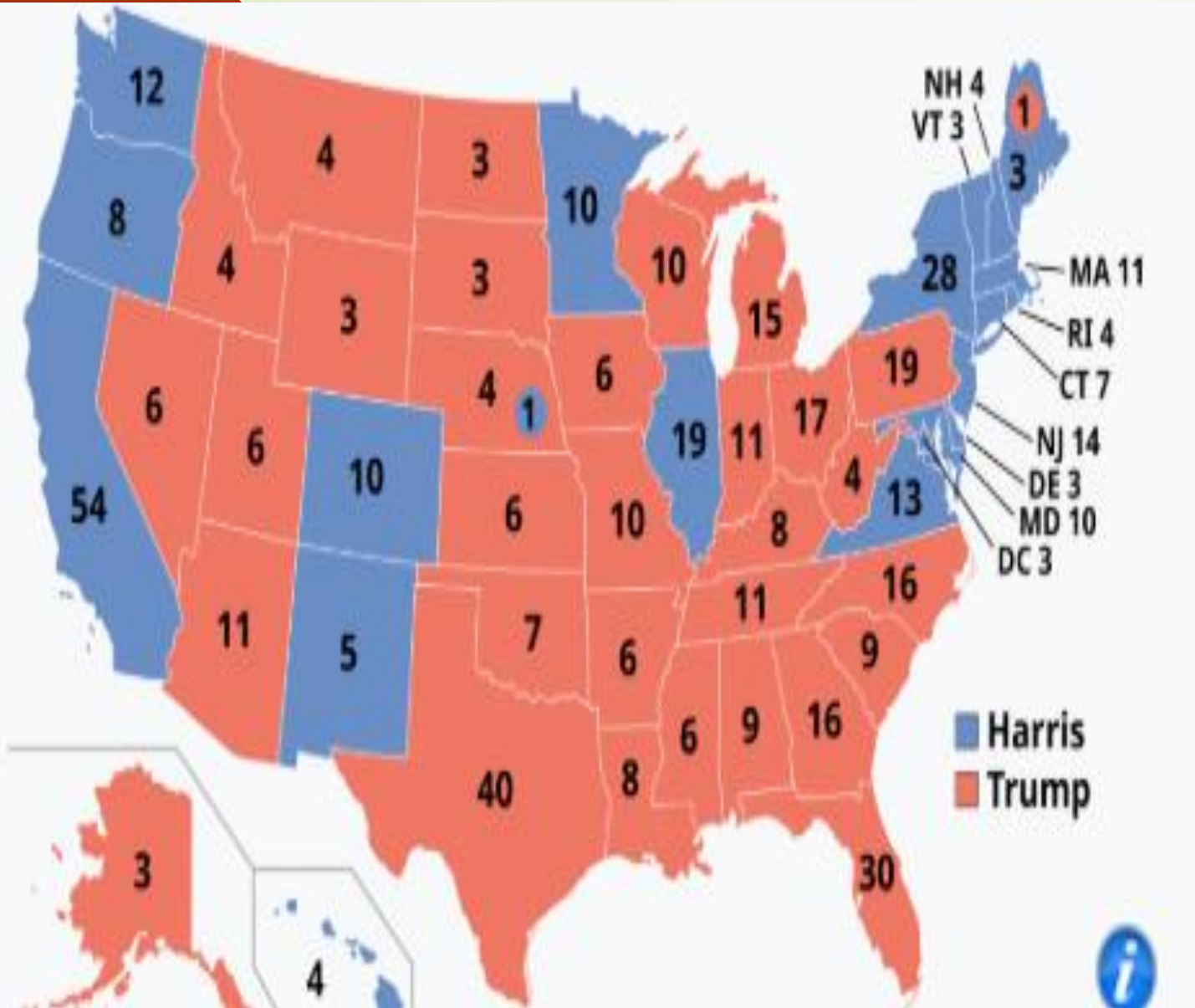
Kamala Harris rallies...inclusive,
enthusiastic "hope" "future"



“When we vote we win”... “We’re not going back



2024 Presidential Election Results



Trump wins 49.8% vote vs Harris 48.3%
312 electoral votes vs 226
....retains House, 220-215
....wins Senate ...53-47...not “landslide”

Trump wins because of “Base”
...82% Evangelical (30% electorate)
...60% over 50 years old
...56% no college degree support
...55% South and “Rust Belt”

Harris wins minorities/ women
...married women choose Trump
...lower black turnout (Indian/Jamaican)

Trump voter higher turn-out
....Republicans energised, committed
....Harris enthusiastic only

Kamala Harris concession speech

...when we lose an election, we accept results



MAGA 2.0 Triumphant November 7, 2024



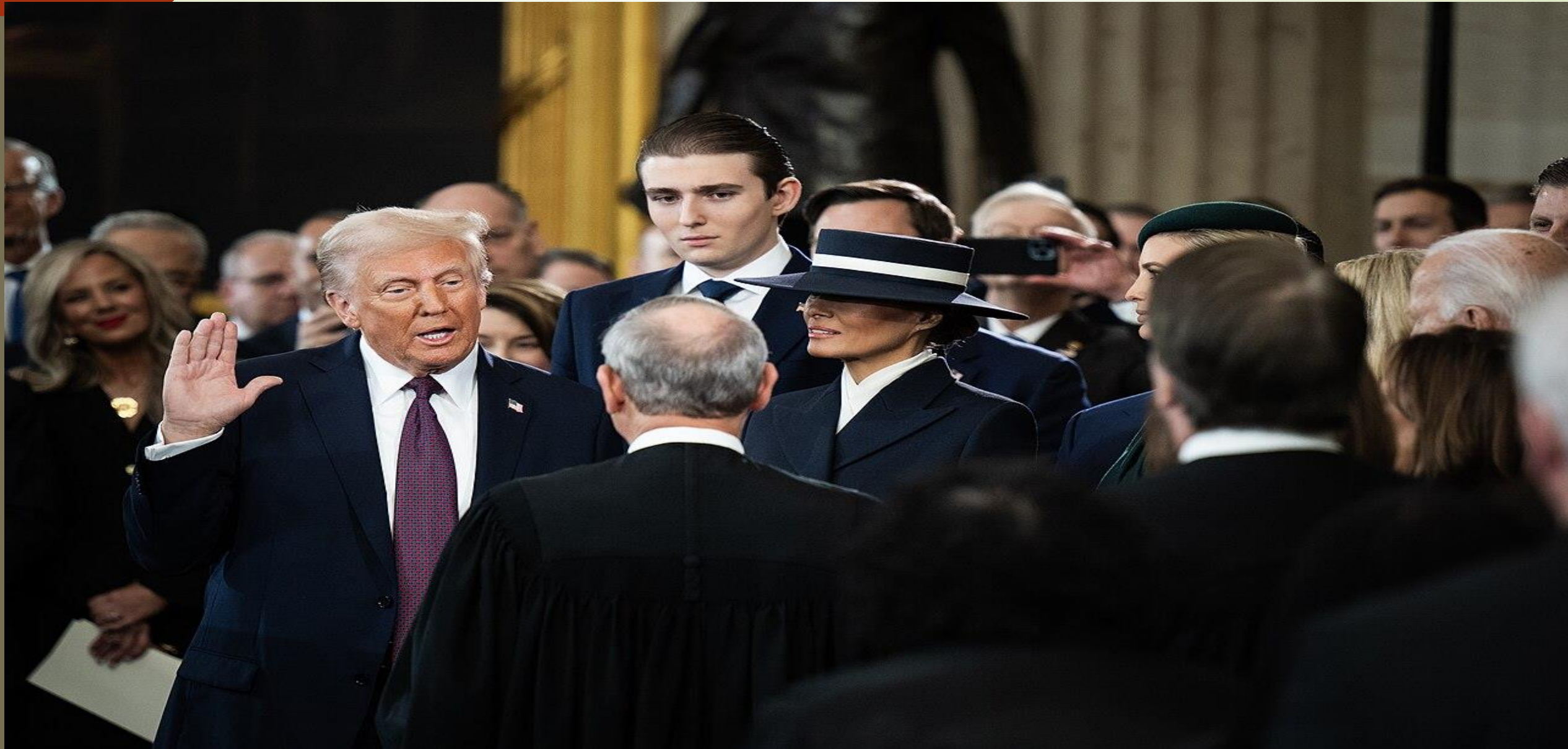


MAGA 2.0 the first 2 years

The Transition of Power. ...Biden cooperation



Taking the oath



Trump Inaugural “message”

- ➡ “I was saved by God to make America great again”
- ➡ “From this day forward, our country will flourish and be respected again”
- ➡ “Golden Age of America begins right now”
- ➡ I will be returning millions and millions of criminal aliens back to the place from which they came.” ...
- ➡ “My legacy will be as a peace-maker and unifier”

Trump Cabinet...13 Billionaires, 23 former Fox Media employees, little to no experience in government
.....entirely dependent on Trump for jobs and income



Mass signing Executive Orders



Executive Orders..first 100 days

- ▶ “Complete and unconditional “ pardons for all January 6 rioters,
- ▶ Cartels labelled “terrorist organisation”...licence to kill
- ▶ End Biden Climate Control initiatives, remove restraints oil and gas exploration
- ▶ Accelerate and resource Immigration enforcement
 - ▶ Move military to border, stop all entries, resume ““Stay in Mexico”
 - ▶ Resume family separation policy
 - ▶ Launch mass deportation activities, expand “Immigration and Customs Enforcement “ (ICE)...invocation of 1798 Alien and Sedition Act
- ▶ Government restructuring: create “Department of Government Efficiency”

Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE)

Established 2002 after 9/11:

- 10,000 employees, \$10 BN budget
- Priority criminal immigrants, targeted raids, individual deportations
- Operations 2002-2025: focus criminal (70%) 250,000 deportations (incl. MAGA 1.0)
- MAGA 2.0
 - Triple headcount to 30,000, multi year \$80BN, sign on bonuses
 - Mass deportations, integrated with National Guard, Democrat run cities targets, work places, schools, immigration offices
 - Widen scope to all illegal immigrants, use of racial profiling
 - 450,000 deported year 1, 30% criminal, 70% non criminals
 - Threaten to expand scope to “oversee” elections to prevent illegal voting

Trump's America: politics of fear

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“Alligator Alcatraz” ...built 8 days Florida SwampTrump visiting



Alligator Alcatraz...one of 200 similar facilities



Task forces to Democrat run cities
....find, incarcerate and remove..litigation later



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Growing back-lash....disgust



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Newspapers

Immigration USA current state

- Increased controls effective
 - 30% reduction legal immigration during 2025
 - 80% decline illegal immigration
 - Deportations increased from 250,000 to 500,000
- Fear and distrust
 - 20 million illegal immigrants in USA live in fear
 - Deportation scope expanded to non criminals (now 70%)..workplaces, Children of immigrants deported, many separated from parents
 - Unknown deaths in custody
 - 500,000 immigrants who arrived as children under threat
- Turning point: 2026 projected as first year of net emigration

DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency)

Elon Musk at the White House



Goals

- ... slash \$1TN (10%) budget
- ...eliminate Fraud, reduce Aid, cut departments, Diversity, Science

Process

- ...Elon Musk “leader”
- ...team of “volunteer” CEOs
- ...Temporary “sharp shock”

Impact

- ...\$ 50BN “cuts”, contract delays
- ...700,000 deaths from aid loss
- ...300,000 lay offs..”loyalty” vetting

Discontinued

- ...impact >1% budget
- ..offset by Defence Increase,

One Big Beautiful Bill

Passed as “Budget Reconciliation Act”: Avoids filibuster, 50-50

➤ Content

- 10% Tax cuts for top 10%, 20% benefit cuts
 - End subsidies for ACA (increase health premiums)
 - Fund ICE, increase Defence Budget 20%
 - Eliminate many environment regulations
- Impact: Increases inequality, medically uninsured, US deficit

Trump and the World

Actions

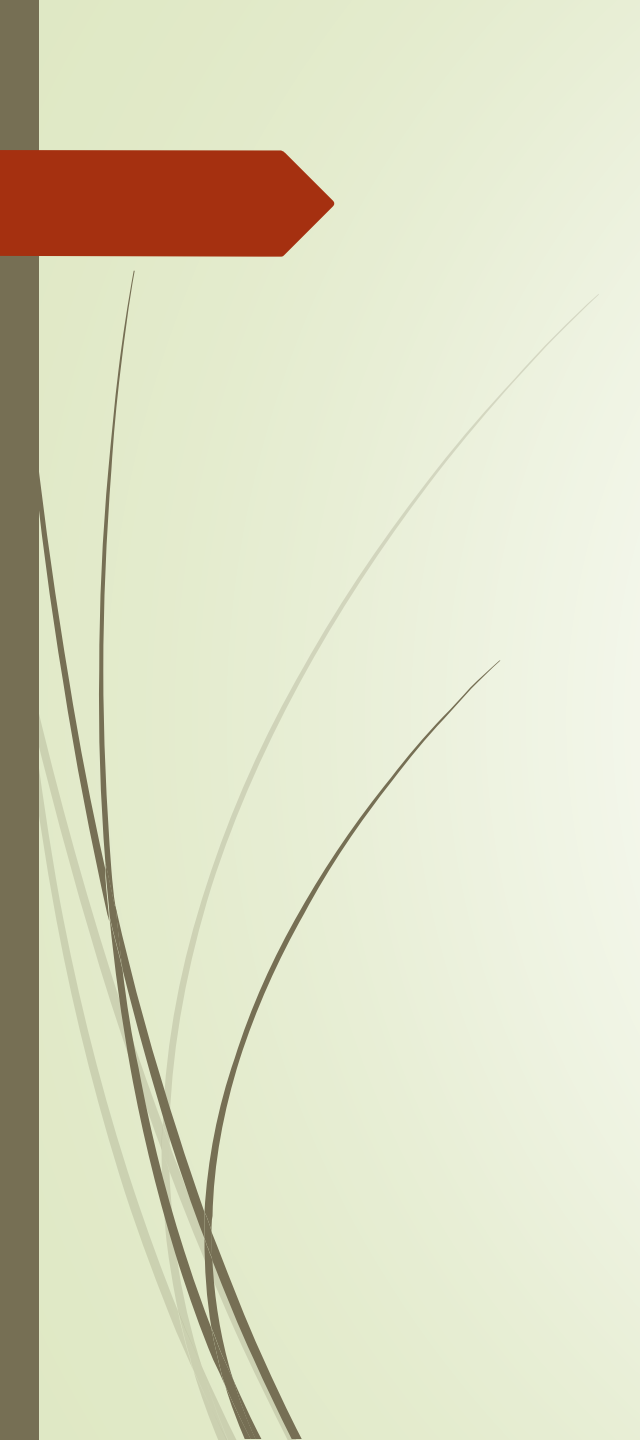
- Ukraine: Russian relationship more valuable to US interests than Ukraine/ Europe security
- Middle East: success of “Greater Israel” in US interests, Gaza a real estate problem
- Iran: assumed threat to US/Israel.. discontinued due to increase cost of petrol in US
- Venezuela “excursion”...low cost seizure of oil revenues and cripple Cuba
- Greenland...low cost alternative to defending Europe
- American Diplomacy
 - Tangible economic transactions trump abstract Values
 - “America First” paramount driver; no such thing as Globalism, “Alliances”
 - Threat and use of Military force prime US asset

“Imperialistic Isolationism?”



“History” ends here....replaced by “Current Affairs”

Time to “take stock”.....present, past, future



Intermission



Intermission

America Today

The paramount World power but more fragile and less dominant

- Military power > largest 10 economies combined
- Global technology dominance in AI
- Unsustainable levels of debt with no political will in place to resolve
- Diminishing share of world trade, Alliances in disarray, “soft power” in decline
- Triumph of monetisation: Health, Politics, Religion, and Media
- Toxically divided, and ending of national dialogue?
 - “Red States” “America First”, Christian Nationalist, “Faith first”, xenophobic
 - “Blue” Democrats “Globalists” Secular Patriots , “Evidence first”, multi-cultural
- Shift from “Checks and Balances” to Unitary Government

Trump Presidency unprecedented

Trump and the White House

- Presidency monetised...\$2BN increase in wealth (Financial Disclosure 2025/26)
 - \$600m sales of World Liberty Crypto tokens
 - \$500, sales of Trump branded meme coin
 - \$400m Qatari private plane (estimated)
 - \$200m stock sales (21,000 trades) many preceding announcements
 - \$60m foreign asset sales, Royalties, settlements,
- Unprecedented, “transparent”, unchallenged & managed by “Trust” run by Trump family
- Self glorification projects underway

The Ball room



The proposed “Trump” Arch



The Reflecting pool (American flag blue")
.....turning green....metaphor?



The “new Look” Department of Agriculture



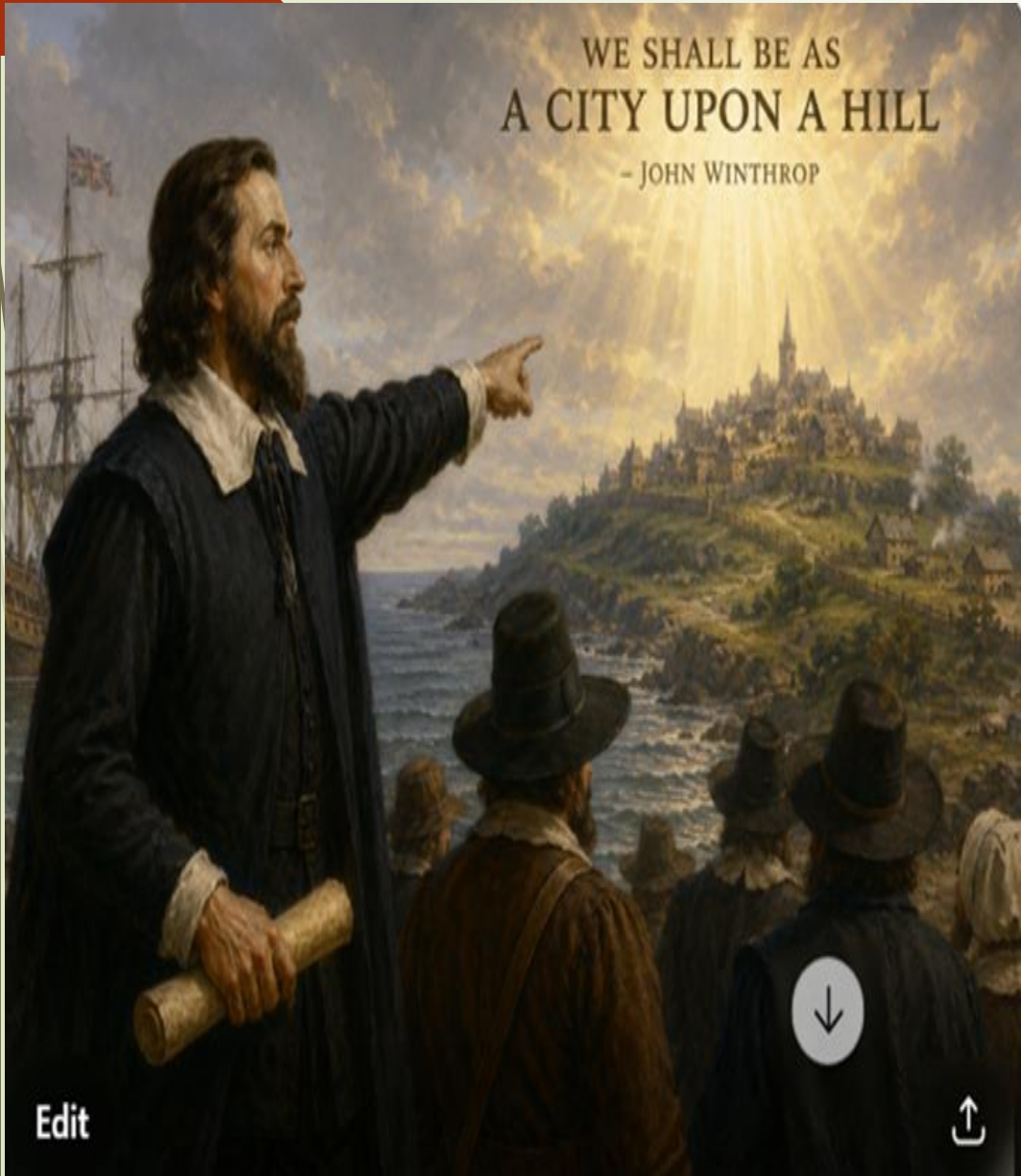
Trump everywhere....Department of Labour





The “Red” and “Blue” competing pasts

“The Promised Land”: John Winthrop 1630



“For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us. So that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken, and so cause Him to withdraw His present help from us, we shall be made a story and a by-word through the world. We shall shame the faces of many of God’s worthy servants, and cause their prayers to be turned into curses upon us till we be consumed out of the good land whither we are going”

Red View: America “chosen”: “others” a threat

Blue View: America to provide example to “others”

American Revolution (1775-1783)



➤ Red State View

Divine guided revolt vs tyranny

War won by bravery and God's help

Americans one people, united,

➤ Blue State

Replacement of foreign elite by 13 local versions from each colony

War won by geography, British military & political incompetence and French

Civil war between "Patriots"/ "Loyalists"

A new nation is born: the Constitution created 1789



➤ Red State View

Divinely inspired event

Christian based

Constitution infallible

Presidential power dominant

➤ Blue State View

Masterpiece of “Enlightenment”

Secular: God/ Jesus not mentioned

Subject to continual interpretation

Checks & Balance divide power

The Continent conquered from sea to sea



Red State View

- ... Manifest Destiny" of the civilised
-White race to dominate
-"Sturdy individuals" led effort
-Land existed only to be exploited
-"Lesser peoples" subservient

Blue State View

- ... Inevitable result of technology,
-numbers and disease
-Government land policy + army
-Land to be conserved
-All inhabitants equal

Civil War & Reconstruction 1861-1875: ultimate polarisation



➤ Red State View

“Noble Cause” fight for freedom

Slavery a necessary source of wealth

South to resolve slavery issue in time

South defeated by numbers

Cause restored by “Jim Crow” Laws
after Reconstruction ended (1876)

➤ Blue State View

South expanding slavery West & threat

Slavery incompatible with US ideals

The “Union” must to be preserved

South given chance to reform and

wasted ittill 1960's Civil Rights

Word Economic super-power 1865-1929



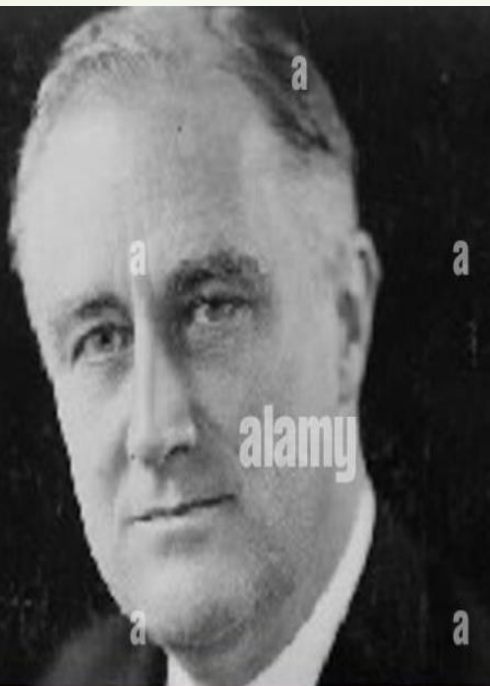
Red State View

- ...Entrepreneurial geniuses
- ...hard work. Capitalism
- ...Enabled by "sturdy individuals", no unions,
- ...age of "free market" capitalism
- ...Enabled by God's guidance

Blue State View

- ...Geographical advantages
- ...European investment
- ...Government support (rail, water, tariffs)
- ...Unions delivered rights to workers
- ..Progressive legislation curbs monopoly power
- ...Dominance secured by European self destruction WW1

Rescue from Disaster.....New Deal 1931-1941



➤ Red State View

Collapse due to conspiracy pf Bankers & speculators

Pretext to create powerful & ungodly “Deep State”

Economy would have self fixed

➤ Blue State View

Collapse due to market and absence of regulation & failure of market

Government limited catastrophe

Government must prevent recurrence



America the Superpower 1941-1945..united again



➤ Red State View

- War started 1941
- America saved the world
- World should be eternally grateful
- Allied role minimal

➤ Blue States

- War started 1939
- America joined because it was attacked and Germany declared war on US
- 2 wars: dominate Pacific, defeat Fascists
- US encountered only 20% German army
- US role primarily guns, logistics & finance

The golden years 1945-1968



➤ Red State view

Middle class abundance

Pro Business government

Super US work ethic, freedom

Family strong, women, minorities in their place

➤ Blue State view

World in ruins/ no competition

Government GI loans, low tariffs,

Marshall plan demand from Europe

Government financed roads & water and Defence Industry

Women, minorities exploited

The promise of the 1960's

...Great Society...freedom, Civil Rights



Red State View

- ...attack on American values
- ...secularisation of American life
- ...Kennedy womaniser, immoral
- ...LBJ traitor to South, crude
- ...US fighting Godless Communism

Blue State View

- ...America becoming “normal”
- ...Hope, optimism, fairness
- ...Necessary correction of wrongs
- ...Women freed from drudgery
- ...US fighting for freedom, justice

The new age 1964-1970's: division returns



Red State View

- ...American Way under attack
-Drugs, godlessness rampant
- ...Youth ill disciplined, thankless
- ...Counter with evangelisms

Blue State

- ...Time of freedom & experiment
- ...Revolt vs conformity
-Rejection materialism
- ...embrace world cultures

US politics divided: 2 Americas

Then the disappointments: 1960 riots

Los Angeles Riots 1965



Red State View

- ..Great Society failed
- ..failure of black character
- ...minorities “entitled”
- .. Intensify law enforcement
- ..Return needed to Golden Age

Blue State View

- ..Riots vs injustice
- ...Address underlying causes
- ...Affirmative action
- ...Invest in “Great Society”

Polarisation intensifies

Defeat in Vietnam 1964-1975



Red State view

US failed due to “soft” tactics

US “doing the right thing”

Betrayed by Anti-War demonstrations

Solution isolationism

Blue State view

Stupid war fought for business interest

Elite running country not to be trusted

Solution change values, accommodate

Revolutionary movements,

Red and Blue two worlds

Corruption...Nixon resignation 1975



➤ Red State View

- National humiliation
- Minor transgression/ system rigged
- “Good man” destroyed by pride, fear of losing & respect for law

➤ Blue State View

- “Tricky Dick” got what he deserved
- President not above law
- “System worked

Humiliation: Iran Hostage Crisis

US embassy staff Iran 1979



- Red State View
 - ultimate national humiliation
 - Democrat response spineless
 - “Bomb bomb bomb Iran”
 - Revenge as national policy
- Blue State View
 - Result US interference in Iran
 - President did “best he could”
 - Diplomacy better than war
 - Iran release hostages to please Reagan/ secure arms vs Iraq

“Greatness restored” 1979-1987



Red State View

-American Hero
-restored optimism, pride
- ...crushed unions, attack “Great Society”
- ...deregulated business
- ...”Moral Majority” triumphant
- ...wins Cold War by “Star Wars”

Blue State View

-Dangerous cowboy
-destroyed public sector,
- ... begins globalisation
-primacy of business over labour
- ...Nearly causes WW3
- ...USSR collapse internal

2 Decades of prosperity..and all's right with the world



Gulf War Victory Parade 1991
...ultimate proof American power & glory
.....nation united, polarisation on hold



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Clinton Presidency 1992-2001: return of polarization



➤ Red State View

- “Good old Boy” Acceptable at first
- Democratic Conservatism acceptable
- Moral failings trigger revulsion as revealed
- New Gingrich 1994 Speaker of House
- Weaponised “Moral Majority”, Government shut-downs, impeachment attempt

➤ Blue State View

- Technocratic Presidency
- Fiscal prudence, deficit reduced
- Unites Progressives/ Conservatives
- No wars, alliances strengthened
- Republicans considered “fanatical”

The Contested Election 2000

Gore conceding defeat 2001



➤ Red State View

Triumph of Christian evangelism

GW Bush “Born Again”

Moral values recovered

➤ Blue State View

Election stolen in Florida” by Bush

Supreme Court rigged

Arc of progress bended

9/11 Unity Restored....by Trauma



Financial Crash 2008



➤ Red State View

Conspiracy to manipulate housing market

Federal Agencies corrupt

Fed kept interest rates too low

Banks "too big to fail". Government to rescue

➤ Blue State View

Market failure due to unregulated real estate

Irresponsible financing

Government must intervene to prevent collapse of the financial system

... "fix the fire, not jail the arsonist" (Geitner)

Obama and the politics of Hope

Obama family election night 2008

Red State View

- ...Muslim, non citizen?
- ...Bails out the banks, allow bonuses
- ...Rescued “Deep State”, not real Americans
- ...Imposed Socialist medical plan.
- ...Launched “Wokism” on Whites
- ...Allowed US to be cheated by allies
- ...damaged US oil/mining by “fake” science

Blue State View

- ...Represented new diverse America
- ...Saved economy from depression
- ...Provided insurance to 30m Americans
- ...Redressed legitimate minority greivances
- ...Secured Global alliances to avoid wars
- ...Launched efforts to save world from climate



....and then came MAGA

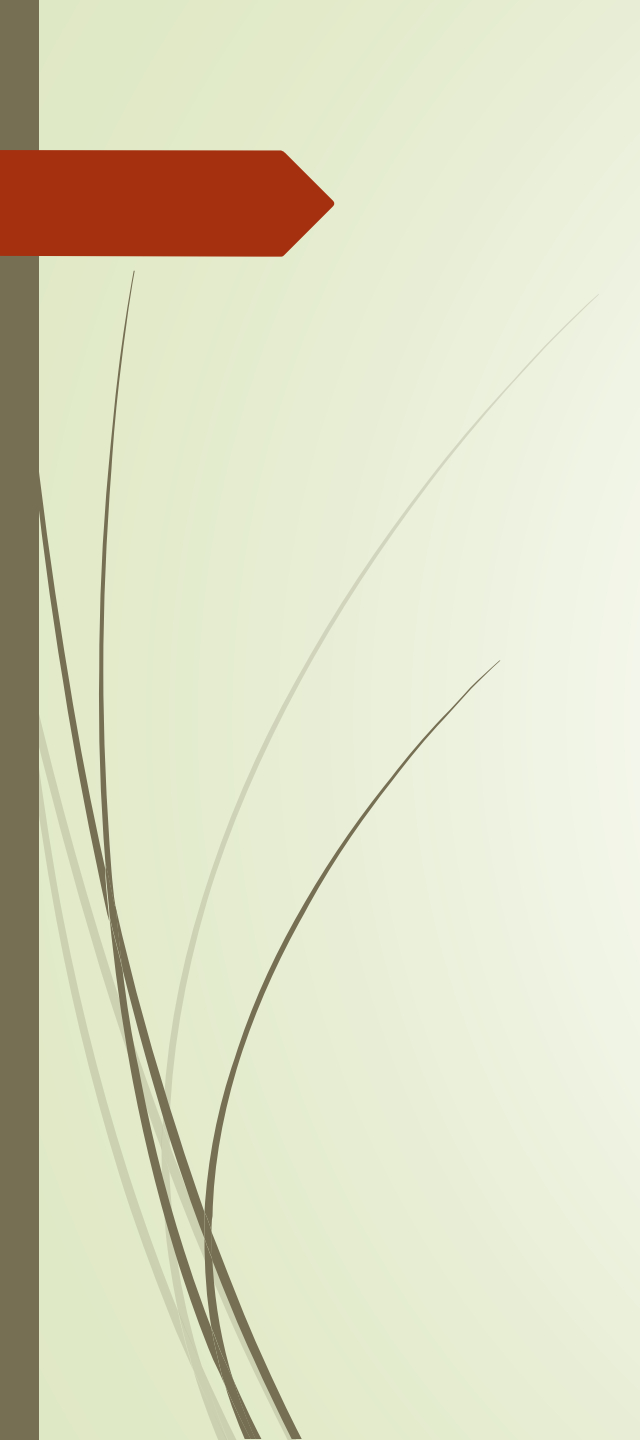


➤ Red State View

- God's agent to "Make America Great Again"
- Restore "Christian American" values
- "Facts" are as defined by Trump
- Remove immigrants/ protect white majority
- Shrink government, free the people
- Stop helping the world

➤ Blue State View

- Fascist narcissist seeking return to ugly past
- Imposing "Christian Nationalism"
- Facts must be based on evidence
- Fostering "White Replacement" theory
- Benefits the wealthy and asset owners only
- America weakened by loss of allies & values



The America Future

USAthe near term

➤ November 2026 Mid- Terms

- Democrats will win “House” and small majority in Senate
- Senate Majority will not be enough to impeach (need 67 votes)
- Trump will claim “fraud” and seek additional voting restrictions
- Congress will seek to restrict Presidential power....and be ignored

➤ Implications

- Trump to seek “spectacular” achievement to create legacy (Greenland, Cuba?)
- American polarization will intensify
- Attempts to suppress voting in “Blue States” will intensify
- A vicious succession battle within MAGA & between MAGA and “Conservatives” will emerge as risk of losing power increases

American futurelonger term

- Drift to authoritarianism may continue
 - MAGA base remains strong and highly committed, opposition fragmented
 - Rise of China will increasingly threaten American...and trigger back-lash
 - AI Technology will increase power of surveillance...and will be used
 - Generation Z (2006-2012) and Millennials (1996-2005) less politically active
- The most likely outcome....more optimistic
 - Civil Structure at State and local level remains strong and pushing back
 - Inequality will continue to increase along with demands for change
 - American population diverse (50% non -white) and may unite vs MAGA
 - American history runs in cycles and MAGA just another

Unexpected event may trigger unifying “Re-set”...negative or positive



What about us?



The America we knew

America) nation founded on an Idea...Democracy, Freedom, Justice without preference to religion.....imperfect at first but Improved over time to guarantee equality for all
.... An example to the world....."a City upon a hill"

John Kennedy inaugural address 1961:

“ Let every nation know , whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, in order to assure the survival and success of liberty”

America 2026

- “Rules based Order” established 1945 is gone
- “Transaction based” America First” policy a realityand must be assumed to be permanent. Trump elected twice, not an aberration

Stephen Miller, Presidential Policy Advisor 2026:

“We live in a world, in the real world....that is governed by strength, that is governed by force, that is governed by power: these are the iron laws of the world since the beginning of time”

The World has changed

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- US remains the premier World Power, but dominance declining
 - Military power greater than next 10 largest nations
 - Technological investment 24 X combined investment of Europe & UK
 - Financial strength under threat by escalating deficits
 - Soft power (culture, fashion, attractiveness) declining significantly
 - Future behaviour unpredictable, transactional based, and dangerous
 - China the rising power and a threat to both US and us
 - Economic and financial power secondary but rising fast
 - Technological and military power rising but restricted by internal constraints
 - Objectives regional military, global “over-lordship”

The US- UK Relationship has changed...permanently

- ➡ The US will end physical military presence in Europe and UK
- ➡ Retaining sovereignty requires deep military, technical, trade alliances
- ➡ Retain our democracy depends on us, not those once thought cousins
- ➡ The Special Relationship is dead, time to move on.



That's all Folks!