

In the first Trump admin, the illegal, immoral, unpresidential, and stupid stuff from the Trump administration and the parts of his family he dragged into it were countless; it was hard to even keep track of them because there was always another. As the clown car is about to be unpacked again, this document covers/will cover that stuff again.

This stuff is in-bounds:

- Official acts of Trump
- Statements by Trump
- Things said and done by members of his cabinet/administration and other prominent government roles
- Things said and done by close political proxies and the parts of his immediate family that are politically active within his political bloc

Not all of these categories are equally serious/damning, and I'm starting now, in the early stages of transition.

Covered things are not necessarily illegal; things that break norms of governance, that seem like abuses, or that are particularly harmful.

Character is part of being a President (as is controlling messaging from one's administration and political allies - expelling people who behave inappropriately is a duty); things that indicate poor character are in-bounds. I don't yet take a stance on whether Elon Musk is in-scope, but as I am not active on Twitter, I will miss a lot of his nonsense. (Update: Musk is apparently asked to be part of a special project, so he is in-scope; I can't cover him well both because his idiocies are almost as numerous as Trump's and because I left twitter about two years ago and didn't want to follow him when I was there)

Limits:

- I'm deciding to exclude the most fringe parts of the political right that are not (currently) close political proxies, like MTG or Ramaswamy; if he brings them into his administration, I'll cover them
 - Update: Ramaswamy is unfortunately named part of the administration
 - Later Update: He's back out again
- FoxNews hosts (unless they join the admin) are generally not in bounds
- I'll try to use well-sourced material for the facts of the matter (the analysis will be mine, and may extend beyond the source); I won't generally include sources, but I trust that the mix of dates and specifics will make finding good sources for anything included here pretty easy
- Dates may be inaccurate; they may be dated to when something made the news instead of when it happened.
- I will depend on mainstream media to do their job, as I generally trust journalistic ethics and that people are trying to do the right thing. If I go beyond that, I'll try to note it so people can take things accordingly
- I will not go heavy on health policy matters, because even though this and invasions Trump may start are the two most important topics, health policy matters are better

handled by someone else and a variety of doctors who talk on public health policy are doing a very good job at covering the dumb things RFK Jr is doing; beginnings of a list:

- Craig Spencer
- Andrea Love
- I will generally omit things that strike me as regular-sized scandals; the kind of errors any administration should make (even when people should be fired); just as an example, the recent use of Signal (a private chat app not vetted for security) to coordinate strikes on Houthi militants; a more responsible admin would respond by banning Signal and (at least) making everyone involved take opsec training rather than claiming it's not an issue and having some participants lie and others confirm the whole thing, but that's not the kind of issue I generally cover here (however serious it is).
- I'll largely avoid highly technical matters like national security and classification, as reasonable people may disagree on these matters and most people don't know much and won't be uniquely led to mainline professional conclusions should they start to look into things

I'll break things down topically and then by time (which might be time of actual event or time of news stories).

All choices of how and what to cover or not cover are based on my views; I am a technocratic liberal, not a progressive, not a moderate, not a libertarian, etc etc.

Categories may shift as certain topics emerge

While I don't actively follow these other efforts (preferring to be independently sourced), this is a list of other collections:

- <https://substack.com/home/post/p-158288370>
- <https://www.justsecurity.org/107087/tracker-litigation-legal-challenges-trump-administration/>
- <https://www.mcsweeneys.net/articles/lest-we-forget-the-horrors-an-unending-catalog-of-trumps-cruelties-collusions-corruptions-and-crimes>

Appointing the incompetent and/or unsuitable to positions of power

Whether these people make it in is important, but if they're blocked the fact that they were nominated remains a sign of extremely poor judgement that we should expect to apply to many other decisions, including those we don't see.

- 2024-06-15 - JD Vance as running mate. Vance has at times expressed a number of views incompatible with leading the nation, including notably that professors are "the enemy" and encouraging political attacks on them (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FR65Cifnhw>) and has been involved with the far-right Project 2025 for many years. He has advocated a variety of weird fringe

positions, like giving parents more voting rights, replacing most civil servants with political supporters, and supporting Trump's insurrection attempt in the 2020 election.

- 2024-11-11 - Lee Zeldin to lead the EPA. He tried to validate Trump's attempt to steal the last election, he criticized Hochul for (correctly) identifying climate issues as contributing to recent brush fires in the area, and he has stated that his initial efforts will be to roll back environmental regulations affecting car design, power plants, and oil/gas production; he has said his priority is on economics, which neglects that the role of the EPA is to ensure that our economic activity doesn't damage the environment more than necessary (finding a good balance is hard, but he doesn't seem interested in even trying). Policy orgs focused on the environment have ranked him extremely poorly on environmental issues, and his legislative record shows an enduring hostility to any climate concerns.
- 2024-11-12 - Ramaswamy and Musk to lead a special effort to cut government spending; neither of them have any competence to do this, the former mostly being known for a number of bizarre ideas that either wouldn't work or would break with our civic norms (from invading Mexico to attack cartels to raising the voting age to 25), the latter being a snake oil salesman who has accomplished little, bragged a lot, and accused people criticising him of pedophilia. No government experience between them.
- 2024-11-12 - Pete Hegseth, a Fox News host with no government experience and a number of bizarre views, to become SecDef. He apparently doubts germ theory and doesn't think women should be in most military roles, and has advocated pardons for members of the US military who committed war crimes. He has a violent ideology, with tattoos that proclaim it.
 - 2022-11-26 - He's also suggested the US military should ignore the Geneva conventions on war, and advocates a crusade mentality to war (he outlined this in a book - The War on Warriors)
- 2024-11-12 - Elise Stefanik to become diplomat to the UN - she blamed Trump's insurrectionists on Nancy Pelosi and went all-in on Trump's attempt to steal the election, supporting baseless claims by fringe media outlets about voting systems frauds, and pushing false electors
- 2024-11-13 - Mike Huckabee, who supports illegal settlements and sees Israeli control of the entire West Bank and Gaza as desirable, is announced as diplomat to Israel. Unqualified diplomats are unfortunately the norm in our politics; the norm-breaking here is to support someone in support of the most hardline, awful policies from Israel's far right.
- 2024-11-13 - John Ratcliffe, who served a partial term as director of national intelligence in Trump's first term and repurposed classified intelligence for political purposes, and who has no relevant experience in counterintelligence, is to lead the CIA
- 2024-11-13 - Matt Gaetz for Att General, who prioritised endless investigation of political opponents over legislation for the legislative branch, was involved in sex-trafficking (and voted against funding anti-trafficking orgs), suggested violence against ANTIFA, and suggested the FBI should be defunded while it was looking into his child sex trafficking. **He has since withdrawn from consideration after investigations began digging up embarrassing dirt and his confirmation seemed unlikely**

- 2024-11-13 - Tulsi Gabbard for DNI; she's has no qualifications or history in the field, she has close ties to a number of enemies of the United States, she's blamed Russia's current fascism and wars on the west. She was confirmed on 2025-02-12
- 2024-11-14 - RFJ Jr proposed as director of Health and Human Services - he's pushed so much pseudoscience, from vaccines causing cancer to flouridation being harmful, that it's hard to find someone worse to get medical advice from; his appointment will put medicine far back. Covered well here:
https://news.immunologic.org/p/rfk-jr-as-hhs-secretary-will-be-catastrophic?utm_source=post-email-title&publication_id=2109759&post_id=151280789
- 2024-11-18 - Brendan Carr (one of the authors of the Project 2025 extremist policy cookbook) to lead the FCC; among other things his writings suggest media companies may lose their licenses if they express views deemed anti-American
- 2024-11-19 - Mehmet Oz as administrator for Centers of Medicare and Medical Services; Oz is a pseudoscientist TV personality who has pushed faith healing and a lot of ineffective alternative medicine treatments on his show, and he was one of the nutters pushing Hydroxy, an antimalarial drug, for Covid (which it is both ineffective at treating and which became scarce due to wide misuse after the craze for it emerged in alt-right circles).
- 2024-11-20 - Matt Whitaker as NATO ambassador - He has no relevant qualifications; presumably he was picked for the role because he was Trump's legal proxy when in Trump's first term his inappropriate ties to Russia came to light
- 2024-11-20 - Kristi Noem for secretary of DHS - South Dakota governor, with no background in anything DHS does.
- 2024-11-21 - Linda McMahon for DOE - wealthy donor who ran a fringe advocacy group, with very little background in education. By the low bar for Trump incoming appointees she isn't terrible, but this would be a bizarrely weak pick in a sensible administration
- 2024-11-22 - Russ Vought, who wrote a lot of the most unconstitutional and nutty bits in Project 2025, is to lead the White House budget office
- 2024-11-22 - Seb Gorka, far-right American TV host with ties to Hungarian Terrorism is apparently (**not yet announced - needs verification**) been proposed as national director for counterterrorism
- 2024-11-22 - Martin Markary, who took a journey during the Covid19 area from responsible doctor to someone with fringe views who tried to push people to skip boosters, to head the FDA
- 2024-11-23 - Janette Nesheiwat, a Fox News contributor who is director at CityMD (a NYC-local urgent care center) sounds slightly qualified by that latter point, but she has also has some dumb wobbly stances about vaccines, urging many youth not to get vaccinated because of inaccurate doubts about risks
- 2024-11-26 - Jay Bhattacharya for director of the NIH. He's advocated for a number of the dumbest possible responses to Covid, as part of the group of cranks pushing the Great Barrington Declaration (he was one of its authors).
- 2024-11-27 - John Phelan for secretary of the Navy. He's a campaign donor and investment banker with no military ties whatsoever.

- 2024-11-30 - Charles Kushner for ambassador to France. Chilling and disgusting witness intimidation on his record for his felony (which Trump pardoned him for). Otherwise just a real estate developer - no qualifications (not unusual for a diplomat), but why pick someone with such visibly poor morality?
- 2024-11-30 - Kash Patel for FBI director - Former assistant to Devin Nunes, but somehow worse, fabricated the "Nunes Memo" alleging FBI misconduct (later disclaimed by Nunes), pressured Trump to fire Mark Esper over refusing to use the military to squash protests, offered vague and broad promises to go after political opponents using the legal system (comments made on a Bannon podcast)
- 2024-12-12 - Kari Lake for VOA director - propagandist devoted to Trump's lies about the last election, no qualifications and missing the ethics and credibility required of the role
- 2024-12-14 - Devin Nunes, the weird lawsuit guy who has incredibly thin skin (I've even donated to some of the legal defense funds of fellow conservatives he's gone after for criticism), as chairman of the Intelligence Advisory Board. This is also uncomfortable because Nunes has been acting as CEO of Trump's Truth Social thing.
- 2024-12-15 - Dave Weldon, an antivax nut, to lead the CDC (the Legislature thankfully rejected his nomination)
- 2024-12-08 - Attempts to get his daughter in law Lara Trump, with no political experience, appointed senator in Florida to replace someone who will leave their elected post to take an appointed one in Trump's admin
- 2025-01-23 - Brent Bozell to run US Agency for Global Media; Bozell is the founder of a far-right media group, and his appointment this way disrupts longstanding rules for a bipartisan oversight board to do the appointment
- 2025-02-04 - Joe Kent, who has ties to American militia Movements, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center
- 2025-02-05 - Neil Jacobs, who covered up Trump's miscommunications relating to a hurricane in 2019, to head NOAA (this is not a claim that Jacobs is incompetent, but rather that he should have stood up for Truth rather than Trump even on such a petty matter, and that he was appointed for dumb reasons)
- 2025-02-10 - Not long after stating an intent to rehire someone who expressed a desire to make racism cool again and normalize indian hate, Musk had a 19-year old troll named Edward Coristine, who goes by the name "Big Balls", appointed as a senior advisor to the State Department
- 2025-02-13 - Linda McMahon, professional wrestling mogul, with very little experience in education (1 year on CT's Board of Ed), is going through confirmation hearings to lead the Department of Education, a department that Trump's movement is interested in abolishing
- 2025-02-23 - Dan Bongino, a far-right shock-jock conspiracy theorist, to act as deputy director of the FBI
- 2025-02-25 - Joe Kent, a far-right conspiracy theorist with a history of repeating Kremlin talking points, nominated to become next director of the National Counterterrorism Center

- 2025-03-11 - Russel Vogt, a political and religious extremist who authored much of the Project 2025 plan to destroy the US Government and who stated that he wants government employees to be in trauma, earlier reappointed to the OMB role he had in Trump's first admin, now also appointed to USADF and IAF boards
- 2025-03-15 - Stephen Feinberg as deputy Defense Secretary; Feinberg has no background in any relevant topic, and is unaware that Russia invaded Ukraine (twice)
- 2025-03-27 - Not a direct appointment (he was given this role by RFK), David Geier (who made a career of antivax advocacy tied to autism claims, working with his father who has done the same but was once a doctor - David is not) has been tasked with leading a federal study on vaccines and autism.
- 2025-03-28 - Phil Hegseth (Pete Hegseth's brother), a professional blogger, serving as a senior advisor to DHS secretary. Nepotism isn't new in government, but it's a problem when it turns up
- 2025-03-29 - Sarah Carter, a FoxNews journalist, as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.
- 2025-04-16 - Ed Martin Jr, president of anti-feminist group the Phyllis Schlafly Eagles and frequent contributor to Russian state media outlet RT, for US Attorney for DC.
- 2025-05-06 - Vinay Prasad, candidate for FDA's CBER head (vaccine regulation); Prasad has fringe views on vaccines and epidemiology
- 2025-05-07 - Casey Means, a candidate for Surgeon General, opposes vaccine mandates, consults with quacks on vaccine policy, opposes pasteurisation requirements for food, part of a movement of fake doctors that promote alternatives to germ theory.
- 2025-05-05 - Thomas Fugate, a recent UT graduate with only a set of internships under his belt, heading DHS efforts to combat domestic terrorism
- 2025-07-10 - Nick Adams, a far-right activist, as ambassador to Malaysia
- 2025-07-25 - Paul Ingrassia, who suggested that white men are the most capable of appreciating Western culture and who suggested descendants of slaves pay reparations to descendants of slave owners, and who called for martial law and secession at the end of Trump's earlier term, picked by Trump to head Office of Special Counsel
- 2025-07-31 - Joe Kent, a far-right conspiracy theorist, to lead the National Counterterrorism Center
- 2025-08-25 - CDC picks Retsef Levi, an antivaxer, to lead the recently-fully-replaced immunisation practices committee
- Heather Honey, an anti-voting conspiracy theorist who created an anti-voting group known as Pennsylvania Fair Elections, appointed to a new role in DHS focused on election integrity
- 2025-09-25 - Jeremy Carl, who suggested Trump's insurrectionists had it worse than Black Americans under Jim Crow laws, and who said white people celebrating Juneteenth, a holiday to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States, have "already surrendered", nominated for a prominent Department of State role managing coordination with international bodies like the UN, called for the execution of Randi Weingarten, and suggested there's no peaceful coexistence with people like Cori Bush.

Ukraine

- 2024-11-10 - Donald Trump Junior mocks Zelensky's efforts to defend his country against the Russian invasion on Instagram, with a picture of Zelensky looking tired and a caption of "when your allowance is about to run out", suggesting that the Trump admin may cut off support to Ukraine and permit Russia to keep land it gained through both invasions. This is appeasement, it didn't work in WW2, and pushing for it now is irresponsible.
- 2025-02-20 - Delegate to G7 objects to criticism of Russian aggression of Ukraine
- 2025-02-23 - Demands Ukraine set up a \$500B fund to pay the US in order to continue helping it against Russia's invasion
- 2025-02-24 - Sides with Russia to vote against a UN resolution condemning Russia for its invasion of Ukraine
- 2025-02-28 - Invites Zelenskyy to White House, takes strikingly pro-Russian positions throughout the meeting ending in condemning the leader
- 2025-03-04 - Ends CIA intelligence-sharing with Ukraine, making them more vulnerable to Russia
- 2025-03-06 - Plan to end refugee status for over 200k Ukrainians in US who've fled Russia's invasion
- 2025-03-17 - Withdraws from a multinational investigating Russia's war crimes in Ukraine
- 2025-04-24 - Not long after another Russian attack on Ukraine's civilians, JD Vance boosts a post denouncing Zelensky for refusing to cede land to Russia, painting Ukraine's failure to surrender as an impediment to peace
- 2025-07-01 - Lifts sanctions on Russian banks with close ties to Putin
- 2025-07-01 - Ends various military supplies to Ukraine

Israel/Gaza

- 2025-01-22 - Lifts sanctions on fascist settler groups within Israel, leading to an immediate uptick in violence against Palestinians in the West Bank
- 2025-01-27 - Announces plan to, with the endorsement of Bibi a few days later, ethnically cleanse Gaza of Palestinians and transfer the territory to the US. The plan gets widespread international condemnation and he partially backs off from it a week later
- 2025-02-25 - Posting of a music video featuring him, Musk, and Bibi and several golden statues of himself, promoting his plan to do ethnic cleansing in Gaza and turn the area into a Trump resort
- 2025-06-25 - Pushes Israel to end its corruption trial because Trump calls him a hero
- 2025-09-04 - Sanctions various Palestinian rights groups for engaging with the International Criminal Court's probe of Israel's atrocities

Needless antagonizing of allies

- 2024-11-12 - Musk mocks Canada on social media, on its slow economic growth
- 2024-11-25 - Musk calls the UK a tyrannical police state and claims civil war is inevitable there
- 2024-12-20 - Threats to apply tariffs to EU if they don't increase oil/gas purchases from the US:
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/12/20/trump-threatens-tariffs-if-eu-doesnt-buy-more-oil-and-gas-from-us>
- 2025-01-07 Musk holding a poll on whether the US should "liberate the people of Britain from their tyrannical government"
- 2025-01-20 - When speaking in the White House after signing EOs, Trump spoke of Latin American countries saying a positive relationship would be great but that they need the US more than it needs them, saying that it doesn't need them.
- 2025-01-26 - Threatens economic ruin on Columbia if they don't take his deportees
- 2025-02-01 - Launches trade war with Canada and Mexico
- 2025-02-24 - Repeatedly calls the PM of Canada a governor as a way of pretending Canada is a US state.
- 2025-02-25 - Navarro is pushing to remove Canada from an intelligence-sharing agreement as a way to pressure the country to accept annexation
- 2025-02-27 - Navarro pushes for new negotiations on the borders between Canada and the US
- 2025-03-01 - Pete Hegseth threatens Mexico with military action if it doesn't feel Mexico is sufficiently going after drug cartels
- 2025-03-09 - Musk tells Poland's Foreign Minister, who was confronting him over his threats to turn off Starlink to force Ukraine to submit to Russian aggression, "Be quiet, small man".
- 2025-03-12 - Trump claims the EU was set up to take advantage of the US (in a social media post the next day, he uses the term "screwing" while repeating the same claim)
- 2025-03-21 - Blocks Canadian access to the Haskell Free Library and Operahouse, long a symbol of peace and cooperation between Canada and the US; as part of the closure, Secretary of Homeland Security Noem made a visit to the building, stepped into Canada, and claimed that Canada will be the 51st State (could've put this in the category below)
- 2025-05-02 - Pressures Mexico to allow the US military to engage in the country
- 2025-05-06 - Lutnick calls Canada a socialist regime that has been basically feeding off America
- 2025-09-04 - Declaring foreign drug gangs as terrorist groups, Rubio brags about blowing up ships in Latin America with no cooperation or permission from governments there; under exceptional circumstances I think this could be justified, but Trump's use of this as a regular tactic is unacceptable and future such actions should be met by Latin American military responses
- 2025-09-15 - Extrajudicial attack in international waters against a vessel the Trump admin claims were narcoterrorists from Venezuela

- 2025-09-20 - Another extrajudicial attack in international waters. I will not cover more of these in the future (as there are likely to be many), but using the military to murder specific people in the open seas is a misuse of the military, terrible diplomatically, violating norms and possibly laws, and makes the world less predictable and safe.

Attempts to steal land from other nations or otherwise threatening territorial integrity

- 2024-12-17 - Continued "jokes" that the US should absorb Canada:
<https://newrepublic.com/post/189474/donald-trump-canada-state-joke>
- 2024-12-22 Threatens to take over the Panama Canal over canal fees, and again suggests trying to annex Greenland
- 2025-01-07 - In press conference at his resort, issues economic threats against Denmark unless it gives up Greenland, refusing to rule out force to invade Greenland or Panama
- 2025-03-04 - Again threatens to invade Panama, get Greenland one way or another in state of the union
- 2025-03-13 - Orders military to draw up plans to capture the Panama Canal
- 2025-03-13 - Says that Canada only works as a (US) state
- 2025-03-14 - Secretary of Commerce Lutnick talks on Fox News about wanting to absorb Panama and Greenland, digs into centuries-old story of founding of Greenland as part of building a justification for calling the country illegitimate
- 2025-03-18 - Trump FoxNews interview with Laura Ingraham: "Canada is meant to be our 51st state" and "One of the nastiest countries to deal with is Canada"
- 2025-03-23 - Vance states that Denmark is not being a good ally and that the US will show more territorial interests in Greenland
- 2025-03-28 - Vance tells Greenlanders they'd be better off as part of the US, claims Greenland isn't spending enough on security, and that the US should acquire Greenland for World Peace; Trump repeats that "we can't do without Greenland"
- 2025-04-03 - In an interview, says he doesn't expect to use the military to attempt to gain control of Canada, but suggests it's possible he'll do so for other desired conquests
- 2025-04-06 - Continues to press Canada to join the US in his first public meeting with Carney after Carney says Canada is not for sale
- 2025-05-27 - Pressures Canada again by touting a Golden Dome missile defense system which he says would cost Canada \$61B to join unless it becomes the 51st US State
- 2025-08-27 - Greenland discovers a number of US agents doing influence operations in Greenland designed to lay groundwork for a grab
- 2025-09-19 - Trump demands control of Bagram Airbase, a soviet-built military base that the US controlled before it withdrew from Afghanistan (also erroneously claiming the US built it)

Power Grab beyond our norms

- 2024-11-10 - EO draft to provide process to purge generals
- 2024-11-18 - Social media posts by Trump stating an intent to declare a national emergency over illegal immigrants and use the military to help deport them (the problem here is that the military should not be used within our borders for purposes like this), and statements by Miller that they may also declare a public health emergency to avoid legal review of asylum claims; misuse of emergency powers is another problem
- 2025-01-09 - Mike Waltz, Trump's future National Security Advisor, announced a directive to remove national security civil servants loaned from other departments, explicitly referencing Alexander Vindman's exposure of Trump's illegal acts in his first term as something he'd like to avoid
- 2025-01-21 - Executive orders aimed at ending birthright citizenship; this is an abuse of process as Birthright Citizenship is part of our Constitution (through Amendment), and is not something an EO can end.
- 2025-02-11 - Gives the non-congress-approved "DOGE" pseudo-department authority into all hiring for civil service positions
- 2025-02-18 - Signed EO that asserts that only the presidency or AG can speak for the US when interpreting laws carried out by the executive branch, attempting to cut judicial review out of how our government works. This also claims to end independence of independent agencies, with limited exceptions for the Fed.
- 2025-02-20 - Removes a number of top military officials and lawyers, reportedly to seek people willing to offer him personal loyalty rather than loyalty to the nation; Hegseth later says in an interview about the lawyers that he wants to remove people who may act as roadblocks to Trump's future actions
- 2025-02-21 - In an effort to get compliance over sports policy, threatens US governors with pulling funding if they do not comply, telling them that he is the federal law
- 2025-03-04 - Selling a variety of crucial government buildings, including the headquarters of the Department of Justice and the headquarters of the Department of Labor. The next time we have a reasonable government, repurchase and screening of these buildings will be amazingly expensive.
- 2025-03-18 - Removed both Democratic FTC commissioners; the FTC is an independent agency and has had commissioners of both parties
- 2025-05-28 - Linda McMahon, in an interview: "Universities should continue to be able to do research as long as they're abiding by the laws and in sync, I think, with the administration and what the administration is trying to accomplish."
- 2025-06-26 - Pressuring University of Virginia to fire its president James Ryan as part of govt efforts to control or extinguish it
- 2025-06-26 - Pressures congress to investigate the J6 committee that investigated his misdeeds
- 2025-07-31 - Forces Smithsonian to remove him from an exhibit on impeachment
- 2025-08-07 - Pressures Intel's CEO to resign over a perceived closeness to China, also issues an EO to try to pressure banks to be friendlier to funding conservative activism

- 2025-08-11 - Does a federal takeover of DC's police department and deploys national guard to DC, pledging that "crime, savagery, filth, and scum will DISAPPEAR", using a provision designed for emergencies that has never been before invoked
- 2025-08-11 - RFJ Jr pressures the Annals of Internal Medicine to retract a study on vaccine safety that contradicts his preferred and inaccurate narrative that trace amounts of aluminium pose health risks for children; they thankfully refuse
- 2025-08-12 - Letter to Smithsonian establishing a review process to control museum content to fit Trump's vision of history
- 2025-08-25 - EO that uses funding cut threats to pressure states to end cashless bail policies nationwide
- 2025-08-25 - EOs to expand military and national guard usage across the country, using unintended and possibly illegal loopholes to do the latter without the normal legal frameworks with its safeguards
- 2025-08-27 - Begins to start a long legal saga trying to fire Federal Reserve governor Lisa Cook, as part of an effort to take control over the independent agency; the firing is without the legal/process grounds necessary to do so, and is the first time a US President has attempted this

Misuse of the legal system (and similar)

- 2024-11-16 - The incoming Trump admin is gathering information to possibly court-martial or even charge with treason some of the generals involved in the Trump-Biden withdrawal from Afghanistan:
<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/trump-transition-team-compiling-list-current-former-us-military-office-rcna180489>
- 2024-11-17 - Calls for investigation into Ann Selzer (who did election polls), calling her work possible election fraud
- 2024-11-18 - Reports that Trump plans to put into place a Heritage Foundation plan to pressure universities to censor pro-palestinian protests on campus (Project Esther); Heritage documents their efforts here:
<https://www.heritage.org/progressivism/report/project-esther-national-strategy-combat-antisemitism>
- 2024-12-05 - States that he believes the Jan 6 committee members should be jailed
- 2024-12-06 - Brendan Carr reiterates threats, in a CNBC interview, to revoke FCC licenses from news stations that are not friendly enough to Trump
- 2024-12-17 - Defamation suit (claims it was election interference) against Des Moines register for pollsters thinking he wouldn't win; the suit seems to imagine a legal duty that's not there and if its theory were somehow accepted, election polling could not be done
- 2025-02-17 - Use of the DOJ to investigate AOC over public meetings she's holding advising people on how to interact with ICE agents

- 2025-02-18 - Federal prosecutor Denise Cheung was asked to investigate government contract recipients, misrepresent evidence, and freeze their assets, without support of evidence (she resigned after 24 years in the DOJ)
- 2025-03-12 - Had the FBI request bank account freezing of climate change and housing activist groups for receiving EPA grants
- 2025-04-14 - Suggests (post on Truth Social) the FCC impose fines and punishment on 60 Minutes, CBS, and Paramount over negative coverage. On 2025-05-01, claims interview edits in the past presidential campaign are fraud, that NYT coverage of it may be tortious interference, and that they will all pay a price.
- (Topic) - Extensive use of deportation for mild legal offenses, including traffic violations.
- 2025-06-15 - Announces he's stepping up deportation enforcement in cities with a lot of Democrats, in the (false and strange) belief that illegal immigrants aid Democrats in illegal voting. The reason for the enforcement is partisan (**TODO**: Move this to a separate "misuse" section)
- 2025-07-01 - Trump and Noem announce plans (in a brief interview available on C-SPAN) to go after CNN for their reporting on Iran, other journalism unfriendly to the Trump admin
- 2025-07-01 - Pushes investigation of naturalised citizens for the possibility of denaturalisation far more broadly (and, separately, appears to be considering use of this to deport Elon Musk over his political opposition)
- 2025-07-12 - Posts that "Because of the fact that Rosie O'Donnell is not in the best interests of our Great Country, I am giving serious consideration to taking away her Citizenship" on Truth Social, continuing the theme of wanting to use denaturalisation as a way to attack free speech
- 2025-07-18 - Having let go of a lot of immigration judges, the Trump plan to use Military Lawyers as immigration judges is a power grab for the executive branch from the judiciary and is a worrying plan
- 2025-07-28 - After announcing an investigation of GMU, Professors published a resolution supporting the University against Presidential overreach; the Trump administration then announced it would announce an investigation of the involved University faculty and the effort to condemn the government for its overreach
- 2025-08-07 - Use of the FBI to track Texas legislators who left the state to deny quorum that would be used for reidistricting (Trump's statement that "we are entitled to 5 more seats" relating to this is questionable)
- 2025-09-20 - Directs Pam Bondi to "do something" about Comey, Adam Schiff, Leticia, and other political enemies.

Electoral Abuses

- 2024-11-13 - Floating the idea of a third term, even with denial. As often with his dangerous ideas in the past, it's phrased in a way that makes it look possibly like a joke; this is not the first time he's talked about looking for a way to bypass our constitutional limits. Mentions this many more times, including on 2025-03-30.

- 2025-01-24 - Ending practice of having federal agencies offering voter registration materials and information to people, on the theory that efforts to increase voting primarily benefit Democrats
- 2025-04-24 - Directs DOJ to investigate ActBlue, one of the most widely used fundraising platforms for the Democratic Party (the closest Republican counterpart is probably WinRed)

Personal abuses elevated by his role

Personal lawsuits made by the POTUS (or POTUS-elect in this case) have a weight to them that other lawsuits do not; I consider these in-bounds for this document.

- 2024-11-14 - Trump threatens journalists for unfriendly coverage he got in the run-up to the election:
https://www.cjr.org/the_trump_reader/trump-threatens-new-york-times-penguin-random-house-critical-coverage.php
- 2025-08-24 - Threatens to reopen a long-dead scandal (closure of George Washington Bridge) as a legal investigation of Chris Christie over the latter's public critiques of Trump on an ABC News show

Using cover of government to target people

- 2024-11-27 - Musk posts names of people in positions he would eliminate, leading to their harassment:
<https://www.cnn.com/2024/11/27/business/elon-musk-government-employees-targets/index.html>
- 2024-11-27 - Musk claims that Vindman has committed treason against the US and is paid by Ukraine, suggesting Vindman "will pay the appropriate penalty"
- 2025-04-09 - Stripped Chris Krebs and Miles Taylor, two figures from his first administration, the first because Krebs didn't support Trump in his insurrection, the latter because Taylor wrote an expose covering Trump's decisionmaking
- 2025-04-18 - Seb Gorka suggests, in an interview on Newsmax, people opposed to Trump's deportation efforts are "technically aiding and abetting criminals and terrorists", noting that aiding and abetting is a federal crime.
- 2025-04-23 - Includes home address of the Garcia family (the husband was wrongly reported to El Salvador) in public documents, leading to threats against the family
- 2025-05-01 - Removal of Global Entry status for Chris Krebs
- 2025-05-19 - Trump says he wants to investigate Springsteen, Oprah, Beyonce, and other celebrities for endorsing Kamala Harris

Pardon Abuse and dropped cases

- On the first day, Trump pardoned the insurrectionists that 4 years ago under his influence disrupted Congressional certification of his election loss; the pardons covered people convicted for assaults on police and other violent crimes, including Enrique Tarrio. (on 2025-03-25 he started floating the idea of funding them)
- 2025-01-23 Ross Ubrecht - **Fill this in**
- 2025-02-10 - Pardoned Rod Blagojevich, who attempted to sell a senate seat some years ago
- 2025-03-17 - Claims that pardons issued by Biden to protect people from his preannounced attempt to go after political foes were not valid, based on two specious arguments (the type of pen used to sign, and on reasons of mental incapacity) - **Probably should not be in this category**
- 2025-04-06 - Intent to pardon Tina Peters, who stridently supported Trump's lies about his 2020 election and committed security breaches around voting machines to breach election machines
- 2025-05-27 Pardons Paul Walczak, an executive who committed tax crimes and who also was involved in fundraising for Trump
- 2025-05-27 - Pardons a Virginia Sheriff Scott Jenkins, who accepted over \$70k in bribes to hand out deputy badges to wealthy local businessmen
- 2025-05-28 - Todd and Julie Chrisley, conservative reality TV stars who committed a number of white collar crimes without any extenuating details, received a pardon
- 2025-05-29 - Larry Hoover, leader of a large Chicago drug gang convicted of murder and serving a life sentence, had his sentences commuted
- 2025-06-03 - pardoned Paul Walczak, a nursing home exec who stole millions from his employees, after his mum attended an expensive Trump dinner
- 2025-07-05 - Edward Kelley, one of Trump's insurrectionists from J6, was sentenced to life for plotting to kill officers who investigated his case
- 2025-07-12 - US AG drops case against Michael Kirk Moore, a doctor who mass-falsified Covid vaccination certificates and destroyed vaccines under his care

Attacks on Free Speech or Freedom of Association

- 2025-03-04 - Attacks on the American Bar Association over its defense of judges maligned by the Trump Administration, calling them snooty leftist lawyers
- 2025-03-09 - Arrests and deportation of noncitizen students, some of whom have permanent residency, who joined in protests against Israel, in violation of the First Amendment. This is paired with ending grants to Columbia University and threatening others that permit pro-Palestinian protests
- 2025-03-11 - Attacks on many law firms based on clients they represented or internal policies they have; this has made it difficult for people targeted by Trump's policies to get legal representation. Expanded to "Paul, Weiss" because one of its retired lawyers, before he worked at the firm, built a case against Trump while working at the Manhattan

DA's office (this is a common pattern and I will not cover each firm Trump is going after). On 21 March 2025 the law firm agreed to a number of (unacceptable) demands, including ending DEI practices (note: I oppose DEI but I don't think it's remotely appropriate for the government to pressure non-government entities to entirely exclude it)

- 2025-03-12 - Facing protests over their efforts to revoke an anti-Israel protester, Tommy Tuberville says of them: "When it comes to protesters, we gotta make sure we treat all of them the same: send them to jail."
- 2025-03-13 - Attempts to write new discipline policy for Columbia University that would centralise and increase harshness of discipline on campus as well as take control over the Middle East Studies department; Columbia eventually caved
- 2025-03-21 - Badar Khan Suri, a professor at Georgetown University and a green card holder, detained for deportation for his views against Israel in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
- 2025-03-22 - Momodou Taal, a student at Cornell, has been asked to surrender to ICE for deportation over pro-Palestine protests
- 2025-03-24 - Yunseo Chung, a permanent resident and student, targeted by ICE for deportation over taking part in pro-Palestinian protests
- Rumeysa Ozturk, a doctoral student at Tufts from Turkey, detained by ICE for a pro-Palestinian article in the student paper
- 2025-03-27 - Rubio says 300 student visas have been revoked so far over pro-Palestinian activities
- 2025-03-28 - Leaked state department doc has agents monitoring all student visa-holders' social media posts
- 2025-03-29 - Pressures Harvard into dismissing faculty leaders of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies and suspending partnership with Birzeit University, a Palestinian institute in the West Bank
- 2025-03-30 - NYU cancels a speech by Joanne Liu out of fear of further pressure by Trump (this is a downstream effect) because her mention of Israel's abuses in Gaza may be seen as antisemitic and her mention of cuts to USAID might be seen as anti-government
- 2025-04-14 - Harvard refuses Trump's demands; immediately afterwards he freezes federal funding
- 2025-05-22 - Terminates Harvard's F/J visa sponsorship eligibility; no new students, existing students must transfer or lose legal residency
- 2025-07-18 - Paramount cancels Stephen Colbert's show, because of its critical stances on the administration and the company's recent capitulation to government attacks on its content. Trump posts that "it's really good to see them go, and I hope I played a major part in it", expressing an intent to pressure for removal of two other TV hosts
- 2025-08-25 - Signs an EO directing the DOJ to prosecute flag-burning, a clear and direct 1A violation
- 2025-09-12 - Pete Hegseth directs DOD staff to identify members of the military who have spoken negatively about recent-assassinated conservative activist Charlie Kirk, in order to fire or punish them; this is a clear violation of the first amendment.

- 2025-09-18 - Placed pressure on broadcasters to have Disney/ABC cancel comedian Jimmy Kimmel over his comments on the assassination of Charlie Kirk; asked in a Foxnews interview about it, Carr said (while placing his words in the mouths of unnamed others) that the content no longer meets the needs and values of the community, and that the shift reflected market realities. (later update: after public pressure leads ABC to restore him, Trump expresses disappointment and threatens ABC with unspecified legal and regulatory action)

Attacks on Lawyers/Courts/Rule of Law/Ignoring Court Orders

- 2025-02-25 - In a press conference, described plans to go after the international law firm Covington and Burling over their legal aid to his political opponents, particularly former special counsel Jack Smith
- 2025-02-28 - Demotion of several lawyers in the DOJ that were involved in investigating his earlier crimes
- 2025-03-16 - Ignored court orders not to deport Dr Rasha Alawieh without prior notice
- 2025-03-16 - Ignored court orders not to deport alleged Venezuelan gang members, and acknowledged that it received and ignored the orders giving the argument that because the flights were already over international waters the ruling did not apply. The next day, Homan claims on FoxNews that "We're not stopping. I don't care what the judges think"
- 2025-03-23 - Memorandum threatening sanctions against lawyers and law firms that litigate against the US Government
- 2025-03-23 - Trump reposts (on Truth Social) extremist posts from his supporters suggesting treason and sedition charges for judges that block parts of his agenda
- 2025-03-24 - Ignores court orders to provide more information on his lawless deportation of "designated terrorists"
- 2025-03-24 - Jim Jordan, a legislator and the chair of the House Judiciary Committee, briefs Trump over plans to reign in federal judges that might rule against part of Trump's agenda
- 2025-03-25 - EO targeting law firm Jenner and Block
- 2025-03-27 - EO targeting law firm Wilmer Hale
- 2025-04-01 - Facing pressure from the President, Willkie Farr & Gallagher agrees to provide \$100m in free legal support for Trump's causes and assures that it will also not refrain from taking certain clients that have had trouble getting representation (Law firms should be free to choose their clients based on criteria they pick, particularly including strength of cases)
- 2025-04-02 - Facing pressure from the President, Milbank has been strongarmed into providing \$100M in free legal support for Trump's causes
- 2025-04-09 - Bars Justice Department lawyers from participating in ABA events
- 2025-04-10 - EO targeting Susman Godfrey law firm
- 2025-04-11 - Coerced further law firms for free legal support for Trump's causes:
 - Kirkland and Ellis LLP
 - Allen Sherman Sterling US LLP

- Simpson Thatcher and Bartlett LLP
 - Latham and Watkins LLP
 - (several more)
- 2025-04-16 - Indicates it will ignore Supreme Court order to return the man it wrongfully sent to a gulag in El Salvador
- 2025-04-23 - Lawsuit against Perkins Cole, also indicated he would blackball any federal contractor that works with them last month
- 2025-04-25 - (the legal arguments on this have not finished landing; will need to keep evaluating this as information comes out) FBI arrest of Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Hannah Dugan, for directing someone wanted by ICE to a court exit that may have made it harder for ICE to detain them
- 2025-05-09 - Stephen Miller says he's "actively looking at" suspending the principle of habeas corpus, suggesting abusing the concept of invasion to include illegal immigration
- 2025-05-11 - Roger Stone, a long-time political consultant to Trump, called Democratic Senator Mark Kelly treasonous and called for his execution over Kelly's critique of Trump's crypto corruption
- 2025-06-12 - Hegseth would not commit, when questioned, to complying with court orders if they were to force him to remove the marines from protests in LA
- 2025-06-24 - Emil Bove, part of the Justice Department, said he was willing to ignore court orders to achieve policy wins. Over 900 former DOJ lawyers signed a letter opposing his nomination.
- 2025-06-24 - Sues every federal district judge in Maryland as well as the court itself, to challenge a court order blocking them from deportations without due process
- 2025-07-09 - Tells Brasil that the trial of corrupt former leader Jair Bolsonaro must end immediately, and issues tariffs to try to prevent justice there
- 2025-07-28 - Trump's DOJ files misconduct complaint against District Court Judge James Boasberg over predicting Trump may disregard federal court rulings, something Trump directly suggested he might do on several occasions
- 2025-08-09 - Justice Department pushes judge to impose sanctions on California lawyer Joshua Schoeder who filed a lawsuit that filed papers with a court that briefly stopped someone from being deported
- 2025-09-20 - Forced Erik Siebert, US Attorney for Eastern District of Virginia, for not bringing fake charges against NY Attorney General Letitia James
- 2025-09-27 - Pressures Microsoft to fire Lisa Monaco, a lawyer working on policy at the country who in the past in a different job investigated Trump's insurrection attempts

Not yet classified

- 2024-12-10 - Promises on Truth Social that people investing \$10B+ in the US will get permits for their businesses including environmental permits; it's unclear if what he's promising is carte blanche on permits or that the permits will be granted quickly
- 2024-12-12 - In a Time Magazine interview, he's calling for a "virtual closure" of the Department of Education, making false claims about what they do.

- 2024-12-20 - Trump and Musk have partnered to scuttle a spending deal in Congress to keep the government funded (infuriating that we even have this system) because they want a government shutdown
- 2024-01-20 - Withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord, an international measure important to limit climate change; this is dangerous for the biosphere and will have economic impacts on the US in the long term
- 2025-01-21 - Ends secret service protection for John Bolton and Anthony Fauci, who has shown a need for such protection in the past
- 2025-01-28 - Removes both security detail and clearance for General Mark Milley
- 2025-02-10 - Pauses enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
- 2025-02-?? - Sending illegal immigrants accused of crimes to Guantanamo, without a trial. This is an abuse of due process and puts them out of reach of most of our civil rights laws, or at least easy monitoring of such
- 2025-02-07 - Appoints televangelist Paula White to a "White House Faith Office", a position she immediately uses to ask for money for blessings; this seems a clear violation of church and state
- 2025-02-19 - Kills congestion pricing in Manhattan, tweeting an image about it with himself wearing a crown saying "Long Live the King"
- 2015-02-21 - Jack Posobiec, a white supremacist conspiracy theorist, is apparently advising and traveling with Pete Hegseth in his handling of the DoD
- 2025-02-24 - Efforts to impeach judges that rule parts of Trump's policies are illegal (John Bates)
- 2025-02-26 - Closure of military base in Greece (Alexandroupoli) based on a request from Russia (geopolitical enemy) and Turkey (sort-of-enemy)
- 2025-02-28 - RFK Jr ends public comment practices on upcoming HHS plans
- 2025-03-01 - Musk calls for US to leave NATO, the UN
- 2025-03-02 - Musk lies about functionality of an incoming Verizon system for the FAA in order to try to get the contract for it swapped to use tech from one of his companies, Starlink:
<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-features/elon-musk-starlink-faa-officials-find-funding-1235285246/>
- 2025-03-04 - Hegseth ends military programs designed to train and promote efforts to reduce civilian harm during military operations (as well as coordinate with known civilian positions to tune airstrikes)
- 2025-03-06 - Establishing a crypto reserve, something the US has no need for, but which incentivises investment in these alternative currencies by providing means to bail out individuals who went big on them
- 2025-03-11 - Runs what is essentially an advertisement for Elon Musk's Tesla cars
- 2025-03-12 - Says of Chuck Schumer, a (jewish) senator from NY, "Schumer is a Palestinian as far as I am concerned. He has become a Palestinian. He used to be Jewish."
- 2025-03-13 - Hegseth, who in Trump's first term arranged for Trump to pardon war criminals, is now replacing the military's Judge Advocate Generals he dismissed last month with ones uninterested in prosecuting war crimes

- 2025-03-18 - Calls to impeach the federal judge who ruled against his no-due-process expulsion of a number of Venezuelans (swiftly condemned by Supreme Court Justice Roberts)
- 2025-03-21 - Expresses a desire to explore sending people, even US citizens who vandalise Tesla dealerships to prisons outside the country
- 2025-03-25 - White house seeks bids for corporate sponsorship for the White House Easter celebration
- 2025-03-26 - EO that would give the DOGE pseudo-department access to voter rolls of every state (order is named "Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections"); the other half of this - new requirements for proving eligibility to vote - appears to violate the 10th Amendment (and many US Citizens don't have the documents needed to prove eligibility to vote)
- 2025-03-27 - Musk sets up petitions against the judiciary in Wisconsin, announces he paid a random(?) signer \$1 million
- 2025-03-27 - Kristi Noem (Sec DHS) does a number of highly questionable photo ops, including in El Salvador in front of a crammed cell of prisoners (presumably the people deported from the US without due process) using prisoners for photo ops.
- 2025-04-04 - Removes the director of the NSA Timothy Haugh on advice of conspiracy theory activist Laura Loomer
- 2025-04-05 - Revokes all visas from South Sudan over an incident where South Sudan refused to accept a deportation of someone the US mistakenly sent to South Sudan (who was not of that nation)
- 2025-04-26 - Adjusted Hatch Act enforcement to permit federal employees to display campaign materials at work but only for the incumbent President (him)
- 2025-05-02 - Post image of himself as a pope not long after Pope Bergoglio dies
- 2025-05-03 - Removes the independent board which reviews violations of the Hatch Act
- 2025-05-05 - For top bidders on his memecoin, offers access to the President
- 2025-05-11 - Appears set to accept a large open-ended bribe from Qatar - an extravagant airplane that will become Airforce One for a time and then be transferred to Trump's presidential library before the end of his term
- 2025-05-21 - In March, Joe Kent, a top aide of Tulsi Gabbard, ordered staffers to redo an intelligence assessment on Venezuela's control of criminal gangs in order to falsify support for Trump's public lies relating to Tren de Aragua.
- 2025-06-09 - Claims that protests in LA over his use of ICE there constitutes rebellion against the United States, uses this to use the national guard and to claim that the Secretary of Defense may use the regular armed forces on US soil
- 2025-06-09 - Comments that California Governor Newsom has committed the crime of "running for governor because he's done such a bad job" and that warrants his arrest, saying he'd do it if he were (his official) Tom Homan
- 2025-06-11 - Political interference with the Fulbright Program's board, leading to a resignation of the entire board:
<https://www.reuters.com/business/media-telecom/fulbright-board-resigns-citing-interference-by-trump-administration-2025-06-11/>

- 2025-06-14 - Kirsti Noem, in a press conference, says the US military is in California to liberate it from its elected representatives
- 2025-06-14 - In that same conference, Senator Padilla attempts to ask a question, is pushed from the room by police, shoved to the ground, and handcuffed. Noem lies about the event, claiming Padilla didn't identify himself and was acting in a threatening manner (full video of the event disproves Noem's allegations)
- 2025-06-16 - Eric Trump announces Trump-branded mobile phone brand with American flag, inappropriately using the office of the president to launch new business ventures
- 2025-07-01 - Policies of recent weeks have sent refugees back to war zones they had escaped from, breaking longstanding principles of handling refugee status and putting lives at risk
- 2025-07-05 - Opened concentration camps ("Allegator Alcatraz") in the swamps of Florida, designed to be cruel (and with Kristi Noem and others bragging about the cruelty and joking about alligators eating the residents); tours of the facility describe it as inhumane, unhygienic, and dangerous.
- 2025-07-29 - Uses whitehouse video library to celebrate a golf event relating to Trump's private golf business
- 2025-08-01 - On Truth Social, calls Jerome Powell a moron for not lowering interest rates, suggests the board should "assume control and do what everyone knows has to be done".
- 2025-08-01 - Uses social media to "direct his team" to fire Erika McEntarfer, commissioner of Labour Statistics, over Trump's bad job numbers that she published, commenting again that Jerome Powell should be fired (although he does not have the authority to do so)
- 2025-08-07 - Misuses US Diplomats to push for changes in European tech law that isn't directly about the US nor defending essential rights (Europe has a somewhat different but also viable and western approach to these issues; it is inappropriate to push against them):
<https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/society-equity/rubio-orders-us-diplomats-launch-lobbying-bltz-against-europes-tech-law-2025-08-07/>
- 2025-08-14 - Norwegian sources assert Trump called the Norwegian finance minister threatening tariffs if he is not awarded the Nobel Peace Prize
- 2025-08-25 - Stephen Miller calls the Democratic Party a domestic terrorist organisation
- 2025-09-02 - Announces move of US Space Command to Alabama as a way of punishing Colorado for its electoral laws
- 2025-09-05 - Mixing his personal business and that of the nation, Trump would host next year's G20 at his golf club (this is a conflict of interest and is illegal but cannot be prosecuted because of Trump's presidency)
- 2025-09-06 - Trump posts on Truth Social that Chicago, having resisted Trump's efforts to deploy the Texas's national guard to the state, is "about to find out why it's called the Department of WAR" (Trump's name for the Department of Defense); the post has a disturbing "Chipocalypse Now" image
- 2025-09-12 - Stephen Miller says the left is inspiring terrorism, vows to dismantle the left, and that spreading hate will lead to law enforcement finding people, take their money

and power, and *if* the law is broken, taking their freedom (the phrasing indicating that people who don't break the law may still face repression from law enforcement

- 2025-09-27 - The US, in a second likely breach of international law relating to the UN, revoked the visa of Colombia's President Petro, having him join Abbas in leaders unable to address the UN in its NYC headquarters.
- 2025-09-30 - In a gathering of military generals, Trump tells people he's arranging to train a quick reaction force to use the military to quell civil unrest, referencing "the enemy within" as something that needs to be handled
- 2025-10-01 - Entering this year's government shutdown, employees of various agencies are given phrases they're instructed to use in autoreplies to emails, that violate the Hatch Act by using official government communications towards explicitly political ends (not even cause-based, but flattering Trump and blaming Democrats); government websites likewise violate the hatch act with banners:
<https://www.wired.com/story/government-employees-out-of-office-email-replies/>
- 2025-10-02 - Resumes practice of extorting universities over a variety of policy changes he wants them to make, to avoid funding cutoffs
- 2025-10-03 - Calls the Democratic Party (in a social media post) "The Party of Hate, Evil, and Satan"
- 2025-10-03 - Claims that he changed official policy condoning violence against those that spit at police
- 2025-10-03 - Announces a commemorative coin with Trump on the face, violating longstanding norms and laws against US currency featuring living individuals

Press

- 2024-11-24 - Musk jokes or hints about buying MSNBC to end hostile press coverage (which also uses a tacky juxtaposition of religious imagery and a prostitute)
- 2025-01-23 - Trump's FCC chair Brendan Carr looking to punish news stations that don't give Trump favourable coverage, likely violating 1A protections
- 2025-02-11 - AP barred from attending events because they would not call the Gulf of Mexico by Trump's new name for it, an attack on freedom of the press (and quite petty)
- 2025-02-24 - DC Attorney Edward Martin states that "As President Trump's Lawyers, we are proud to fight to protect his leadership as our President and we are vigilant in standing against entities like the Associated Press that refuse to put America first"
- 2025-02-26 - White House announces that it will determine which and how news outlets will cover Trump in the future. This replaces the older system where proper news orgs follow the POTUS everywhere and gives the Trump admin more control over the press
- 2025-03-14 - In a speech at the DOJ, claims that CNN and MSNBC are illegal
- 2025-04-18 - Responding to a court order restoring AP's access to the press pool for briefings, Trump entirely removed the wire press pool in order to exclude AP

- 2025-06-25 - Calls for Natasha Bertrand (CNN) to be fired over her reporting on his lies on various topics (his post is on Truth Social)
- 2025-06-27 - Threatens to sue New York Times for reporting on an (acknowledged to be real) intelligence report on his military strike on Iran
- 2025-07-01 - Threatens to sue CNN over reporting on an app that crowdsources warnings that ICE agents are in an area
- 2025-07-01 - Pushes Paramount into a settlement over an interview they did with former Presidential candidate Harris, claiming routine edits amounted to election interference (this is covered by the First Amendment), where they agreed to donate millions to his future Presidential Library
- 2025-07-25 - Brendan Carr, Trump's FCC chair, says he'll put a bias monitor in place covering SkyDance and CBS as part of their merger deal, in a move that will likely ensure friendly coverage of Trump's admin and movement
- 2025-07-27 - Sues Rupert Murdoch and Fox News for running a story on Trump's involvement with Epstein
- 2025-08-18 - Trump attacks journalist Nicolle Wallace, suggesting he'll pressure NBC to fire her over critical coverage
- 2025-08-24 - Because "ABC and NBC fake news" don't praise him enough, suggests they're actually a branch of the Democratic Party and should have their broadcast licenses revoked by the FCC, in a Truth Social post
- 2025-09-16 - \$15B defamation suit against NYTimes, devoid of legitimate legal claims, over critical coverage and endorsement of Harris
- 2025-09-18 - Again suggests that because network coverage of him is mostly negative, "maybe their license should be taken away. It will be up to Brendan Carr."

Race related matters

(For these, they're written from the perspective of being skeptical of DEI and progressive approaches to race, but supportive of tolerance and accurate history)

- 2025-03-15 - Dramatically overbroad removal of minorities from mention on government public pages, with mention of honors often tagged with "DEI" in public URLs and occasionally in page content; it is plausible that some mentions were only done for representativeness and should be removed, but the blanket removal went so far beyond that and seems so careless as to be indefensible, as if someone made a list of things to look into expecting a 5% removal rate and someone else just did a "select all" and "apply". A prime example being removal of articles on the Navajo code talkers.
- 2025-03-18 - Removes longstanding explicit ban on allowing federal contractors that have segregated facilities (already illegal under general workplace laws)

Weird culty stuff

(for this we're looking more broadly, on the theory that anyone decent seeing a cult of personality forming around themselves would shut it down)

- 2025-02-14 - Claudia Tenney introduced a bill to make Trump's birthday a national holiday
- 2025-02-26 - Joe Wilson drafting legislation to put Trump on a \$250 bill
-