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III / Thème

The richest man of the United-States, and even of the world, went hard on the means, becoming an entire piece of Donald Trump's campaign - who promised him to put him at the head of a comission aiming at auditing the American government, in order to "reform" its foundations. [...]

After he invested seventy-five million dollars (sixty-nine million euros) in the Republican candidate's campaign, Elon Musk promised he would give one million dollars to a voter chosen in a "non-arbitrary" way on the electoral lists of swing states in exchange of a signature of a petition stating that the First and Second Amendments to the US Constitution cannot be modified - ~~thos~~ the ones who guarantee freedom of speech and the right to bear arms - which "mainstream medias do not want to talk about", he ~~says~~ says.

Medias, another target of the conspirationnist sphere... The social media X gives him "a power like no other one". Elon Musk takes advantage of the accusations against Democrats ~~that they would~~ claiming that they would help "illegal" immigrants come massively in swing states so that they could obtain the American nationality there and vote for them.

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I/ Résumé analytique comparatif

Both documents highlight the way some individuals, thanks to their wealth, are empowered politically in America, making it look like an oligarchy.

So, according to Documents 1 and 2, how did money influence last year's American presidential election?

First, money played a major role in last year's presidential election as candidates were supported by billionaires, serving their own interests through their "donation". Indeed, Document 1 underlines how common these financial donations were by giving the example of Timothy Mellon, who gave $76.5 million to Trump. Document 2 also sheds light on Musk's political position in Trump's administration, which shows that these billionaires can even have direct and explicit political power. Both documents highlight the way ultrawealthy people support candidates who they think will defend their position in society by passing laws that will serve their interests. According to them, whether or not these people are directly involved in the government, the political power is now concentrated in their hands. Both documents claim that such a power, which only represents the wealthiest, ~~is threatening~~ threatens democracy, which is deeply-rooted in the principle of equal representation. Therefore, both documents show that America is turning into an oligarchy.

However, both documents shed light on the fact that this role money played in last year's presidential election, despite its importance, was not as obvious and visible as it may seem. Indeed, Document 1 claims that the wealth-power

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used by billionaires was not seen as voting but just as a way to express their support for their favorite candidate. Therefore, people did not see how much of an influence they represented. Similarly, Document 2, which reformulates Biden's farewell address, puts the stress on the implicit dimension of that wealth-power, as it highlights how Americans, because of misinformation, are totally unaware of its influence. Therefore, both documents criticize the role money played in those elections, while trying to highlight its importance, despite the fact that it is not always obvious and visible.

So, both documents underline how, in America, money and power are more and more intertwined, undermining democracy.

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II / Expression personnelle

While Donald Trump often celebrates how the United-States still represent the "American dream", the multiple threats to their democracy seem to prove the contrary. Indeed, democratic principles such as individual liberties and equal representation are no longer respected in the United-States.

Therefore, what is ~~endangering~~ undermining democracy in the United-States ?

First and foremost, I believe the threats to equal representation in the United-States are undermining their democracy. Indeed, documents 1 and 2 shed light on the risk ~~represented by~~ which represents a concentration of power in the hands of a small number of wealthy people. Such a power does not seem to be the one in a democracy, but in an oligarchy. Yet, Democrat and Republican elected officials continue to pretend to represent the people, whereas they are often serving the interests of a small elite. Therefore, Document 4 shows how much Trump relied on his billionaire friends, especially Elon Musk, to win the election. These billionaires also relied on him to preserve their position in society. Therefore, power only seems to be influenced by money in the United-States, as testifies Document 5, representing a ~~politician~~ caricature of a politician delivering a speech in front of the Capitol, but instead of words, money is coming from his mouth. Such threats to equal representation, especially because of the influence of money, can also be seen in the scandal of Justice Clarence Thomas who ~~not~~ ~~declaring~~ did not declare the many gifts offered by a billionaire friend. It sparked criticism as many people believed the SCOTUS was only represented by a small wealthy elite. Therefore, because of the multiple threats to the democratic principle of equal and fair representation of the people, I think democracy is at risk within the United-States.

Finally, to me, the threats to individual freedom, especially freedom of speech, also contribute to undermine democracy in the United-States. Indeed, whether the threats are coming from Conservatives or liberals, free speech is in danger, as testifies Document 5. In the United-States, what characterizes free speech seems to be double standards. Therefore, while Elon Musk claimed he was a "free speech absolutist", the way he managed free speech on X proved the contrary, as hate speech flourished on his plateform. Even though, according to Document 3, Musk seems strongly attached to the defence of

free speech, ~~it seems that~~ he means free speech only for who he agrees with, but not for all. But such an attitude toward freedom of speech can also be the one of Republicans and Democrats. Therefore, if Conservatives object to books about sex and gender issues, ~~Dem~~ liberals object to books with outdated racial depictions. Cancel culture is therefore spreading in America, as ~~the multiplication of~~ testifies the multiplication of laws passed to cancel some contents, like the STOP Woke Act in Florida. ~~Another example of such threats to freedom of speech is the censorship in many books~~. Recently, Puffin publisher altered the description of Augustus Gloop as "enormous" instead of "enormously fat", which sparked criticism from free speech advocates. Therefore, I believe the democratic principle of freedom of speech is in danger in the United-States, undermining democracy in general.

As a conclusion, I think the threats to equal representation and freedom of speech illustrate how democracy is in danger in the United-States.

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