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Trump II

First Year

Major Themes and Evaluation

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1. Passing the “One Big Beautiful Bill”- a sweeping realignment of taxes, spending, and priorities

1. One Big Beautiful Bill

- **Income Tax Cuts and Large Increase in Standard Deduction**
- **New Business Incentives but Cancellation of Clean Energy Incentives**
- **Raise Statutory Debt Limit, Increase Spending for Defense and Immigration Enforcement**
- **Reduce or Eliminate Spending for Education, Health, Foreign Aid programs**
- **Likely Significant Addition to Federal Debt**

2. Reduce Size of Federal Workforce and Agencies



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- **Created DOGE; claimed “\$2 Trillion savings”, actual about \$32 Billion**
- **Offered Buyouts to 2 million employees, and 150,000 took it**
- **Began 2026 with 212,000 fewer employees, a 9% reduction**
- **Dept of Defense down 60,000, Treasury down 30,000, Veterans down 30,000, Dept of Agriculture down 20,000, FEMA down 2450, Dept of Education down 2000**
- **Closed U S Agency for International Development**
- **Laid off 24% of employees (3000 jobs) at Centers for Disease Control, cut \$12 Billion in Programs**
- **Cut 50% of employees at Dept of Education and directed agency to wind down**
- **Cut \$26 Billion in Clean Energy Programs**
- **Cut \$1.2 Billion funding for Public Broadcasting and shut down Voice of America**
- **Cut \$1 Billion for Medicaid, cut SNAP \$186 Billion reducing beneficiaries by 20%**
- **Closed Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**



3. Using Presidential Power to Reward Allies and Target Foes, and to Settle Old Scores

3. Reward Allies and Target Foes

- Reuters compiled list of 470 people or institutions targeted by Trump as-of November 2025
- Over 100 prosecutors and FBI agents fired so far who had worked on cases tied to Trump
- Called for prosecution of Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell for excess costs in building renovation due to Powell resisting interest rate cuts
- 269 Federal Officials forced out due to perceived disloyalty or opposition
- Former FBI Director James Comey charged after investigating possible Russian interference in U.S. elections
- Issued blanket clemency to 1600 convicted or charged for Jan 6, 2021 attack on U.S. Capitol
- Pardoned Juan Orlando Hernández, the former President of Honduras, who was serving a 45-year sentence for drug trafficking and weapons offenses
- Commuted 20-year sentence of Phillip Esformes after only 4 years, convicted of \$1.3 Billion in Medicare Fraud



4. Continuous Direct Communication Rather than Controlled and Staffed Messaging

4. Continuous Informal Direct Communication

- Casual statements from doorway of Air Force 1 sometimes contradicts other statements, can be undignified with reporters
- Texting continuously, often at odd hours
 - unable to get count of total texts in 2025
 - flurries of texts, up to 150 per day
 - sometimes repeats unproven rumors, etc
- Casual remarks leaving White House
- “The Weave”, speaking extemporaneously within a scripted speech, can be off-topic and distract from message- not fact-checked or vetted



5. Sealing Off Illegal Immigration and Aggressively Deporting Illegal Aliens within the U.S.

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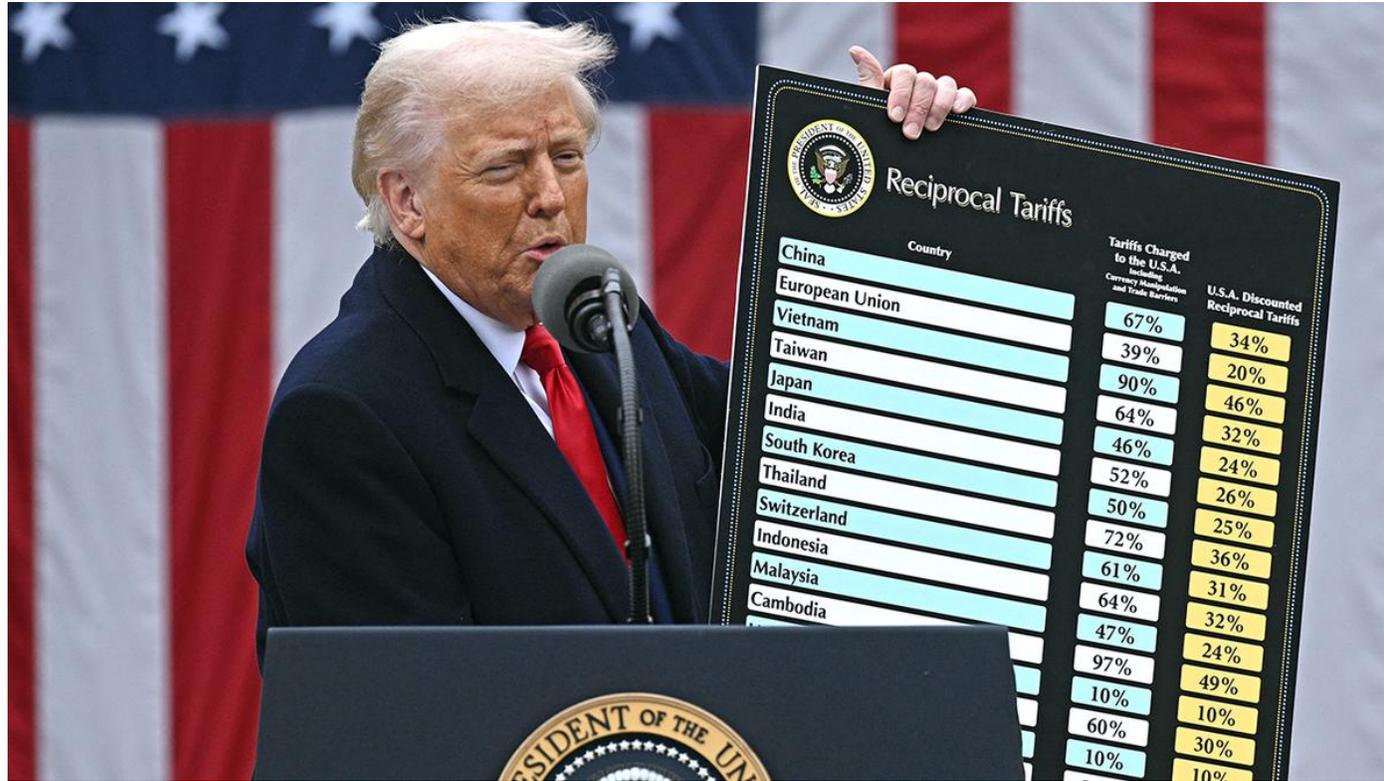
- Not Clear how many aliens actually entered U.S. under Biden; number 20 Million often cited, probably exaggerated
- Border Patrol recorded 7.2 Million encounters at Southwest Border plus 1.6 Million “Gotaways” under Biden
- ICE deported 600,000 people in 2025 vs. 271,500 in 2024
- ICE arrested 458,000 people in 2025 vs. 113,400 in 2024
- Pew Research Center estimated Illegal Immigrant population peak at 14 Million in 2023; estimated total Immigrant population at 51 Million in 2025
- Tightened asylum, suspended refugee admissions, expanded E-Verify, and deportation drives have created economic strain in some sectors
- Huge expansion of ICE from 8,000 to 22,000 officers in only a few months is problematic



6. Realigning U.S. Foreign Policy and Confronting Traditional International Allies

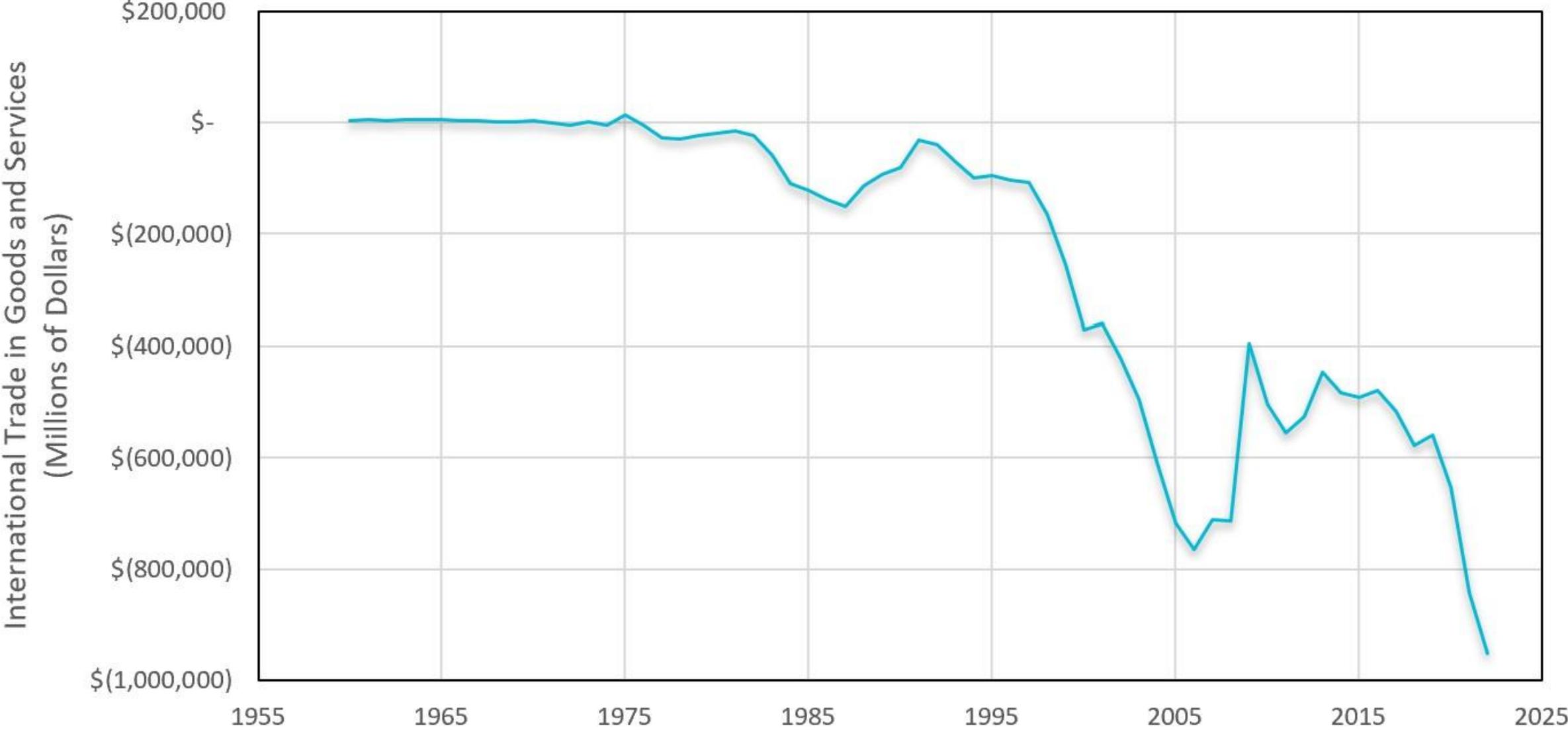
6. Realigning U.S. Foreign Policy

- Policy is TRANSACTIONAL- i.e. each situation is dealt with based on its own specific conditions
- Speech at Davos aired Grievances against Europe
- Issued National Security Strategy in Nov 2025 prioritizes Western Hemisphere, downplays Europe and China
- Threatened new high tariffs on every trading partner
- Agreements with foreign nations often include commercial aspects
- Grievances against Canada
- Claims to have ended 8 wars but claims are exaggerated
- Openly encourages Right-Wing movements in Europe and elsewhere
- Demanded Denmark cede Greenland despite no historical basis
- 493 military strikes in first 12 months in office (mainly Yemen and Somalia)
- Strike on Iran on June 22, 2025 using 125 aircraft
- Strike against Maduro in Venezuela on Jan 3, 2026 using 150 aircraft



7. Reshaping Economic Policy with Emphasis on Broad Tariffs by NATION Rather than by Product

US Trade Balance 1960 - 2022



7. Tariffs as Focus of Economic Policy

- **Global Trend over last 80 years has been to Reduce Tariffs and increase International Trade**
- **U.S. Policy for last 80 years has been to use Tariffs directed at Products (Crude Oil, Steel, Autos) where that Industry is in stress**
- **Trump Tariff Policy is focused on Individual Trade Balance with Each Country, seen as “Zero-Sum” transaction**
- **Trump Claimed that Tariffs would bring in Substantial Revenue but has not materialized- \$308 Billion collected in 2025 (must be refunded)**
- **Trump Claimed that Tariffs would Revitalize and Expand U.S. Manufacturing**
- **Trump Tariff Policy has been very inconsistent and rapidly shifting**
- **Trump continues to claim EXPORTING NATIONS pay the Tariffs**

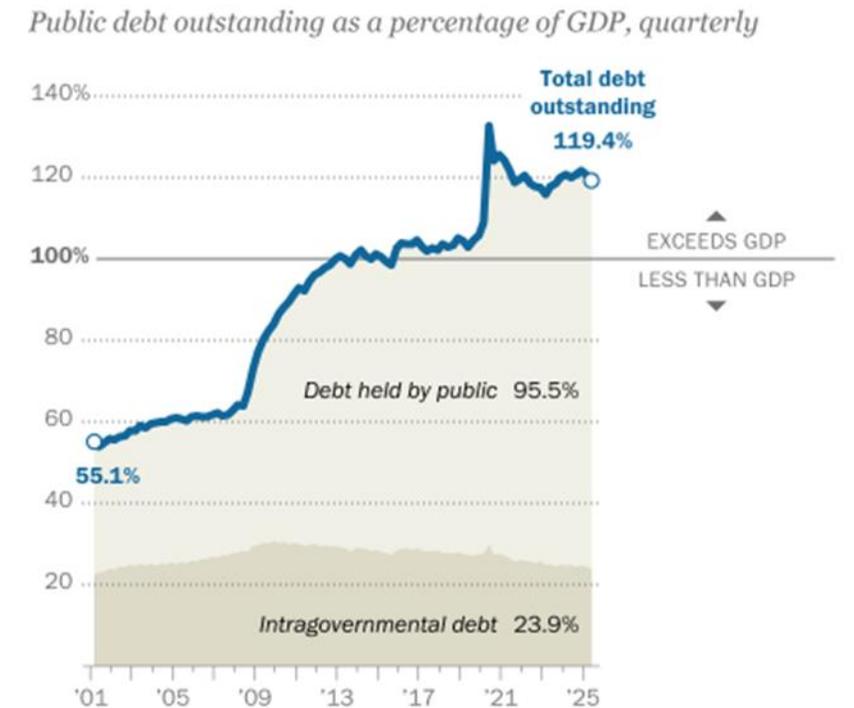


**8. Action on
Reduction of
Deficit and National Debt has been Deferred**



president	start	compl	Begin	End	% Increase
Trump II	25	26	\$35.4	\$38.4	
Biden	21	25	\$28.4	\$35.4	25%
Trump I	17	21	\$20.2	\$28.4	40%
Obama	09	17	\$11.9	\$20.2	70%
G W Bush	01	09	\$5.8	\$11.9	105%
Clinton	93	01	\$4.4	\$5.8	32%
G H W Bush	89	93	\$2.8	\$4.4	54%
Reagan	81	89	\$1.0	\$2.8	186%
Carter	77	81	\$0.7	\$1.0	43%
Ford	74	77	\$0.5	\$0.7	47%
Nixon	69	74	\$0.4	\$0.5	34%
Johnson	63	69	\$0.3	\$0.4	16%
Kennedy	61	63	\$0.3	\$0.3	6%
Eisenhower	53	61	\$0.3	\$0.3	9%
Truman	45	53	\$0.3	\$0.3	3%
F D Roosevelt	33	45	\$0.02	\$0.3	1047%

- Trump claimed he reduced 2025 deficit by 25% over 2024, but actually only 2%
- IRS audit and referral of high wealth individuals in 2025 was only 28% of previous years
- Discretionary spending portion of 2026 Budget shows no reduction from 2025
- Interest paid on National Debt was \$4 Trillion 2015-24, will be \$14 Trillion for 2025-34 per CBO
- About one-third of total National Debt is rolled over each year, so National Debt requires rapidly increasing amount of capital from the global financial market
- Total World Debt Market is about \$348 Trillion, so U.S. National Debt of \$38.3 Trillion is a major portion
- U.S. National Debt increases by about \$6 BILLION PER DAY
- Debt Market may refuse to continue to finance additional debt unless significant reform i.e. reduce spending, increase taxes
- Most economic indicators show RECESSION may already have begun in early 2026





9. Sweeping Presidential Power through Executive Orders, Marginalizing Congress

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- Issued 224 Executive Orders in 2025... in his entire First Term, issued 220 total
- Declared National Emergency 11 times, for Wash DC, Trade Imbalance, Drugs
- E O 14151 directs the Office of Management and Budget to end federal DEI-related programs
- E O 14158 establishes Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)
- E O 14160 changes birthright citizenship, denying automatic U.S. citizenship to born in USA if parents are undocumented immigrants or temporary visitors
- E O 14163 temporarily suspends the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program
- E O 14171 requires federal employees in policy-roles to carry out Administration Policies
- E O 14183 directs the U.S. military to exclude individuals with gender dysphoria
- E O 14187 prohibits federal funding and insurance coverage for medical treatment for gender transition
- E O 14242 directs closure of the U.S. Department of Education

**10. Direct
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- Agreements with specific industries such as Pharma, AI, Semiconductors, Mining-30 industries total
- International Development Finance Corp expanded from \$60 Billion to \$250 Billion for direct investment in chosen industries
- Direct Federal Government investment in companies such as Intel, U.S. Steel, MP Materials, Lithium Americas
- Provided \$625 Million to refurbish and extend Coal Power Plants, released 13 Million acres for Coal Mining, reduced royalty for coal by 47%
- Eliminated tax credit after 2027 for solar and wind farms
- Directed new oil lease sales in Gulf of Mexico and in Alaska
- Notified 60 universities of possible enforcement action under Title VI due to claimed antisemitism
- “Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education” tied federal funding to policies limiting foreign students to 15%, freezing tuition for 5 years, stress “Western Values”
- Lawsuits against BBC, ABC, CBS, Facebook, N Y Times over claimed bias and false reporting
- Banned AP from White House over refusal to adopt “Gulf of America” in Style Manual

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- **Pressure on Institutions and Industries**