

Dangerous Trump Republican Administration Actions

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48	Economy	Jan 2017	Nominate Steven Mnuchin for Secretary of Treasury	Bring in guy who will lead economic charge to favor billionaires and big business over the working class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . That Trump economic policies aren't to the benefit of the rich at the expense of the working class and poor . That millions of good paying manufacturing jobs coming back to the US 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . HUGE tax cuts for the wealthy . Even greater widening of the income and wealth gap . Deregulation of the financial industry, quickly forgetting what drove the 2008/2009 recession
49	Economy	2/10/17	Supporting House Republicans efforts to gut the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau	Allow businesses in this industry to fully prey on consumers	That consumer protection is actually back for America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Weaken leadership of agency . Allow Trump to replace Director anytime . Limit enforcement authority . Reduce ability to make rules . Repeal consumer complaint system . Greatly shrink enforcement tools . Eliminate ability to go after businesses engaged in deceptive business practices
50	Economy Labor	Jan 2017	Nominate Andy Puzder for Secretary of Labor	Bring in guy who will lead charge to weaken labor	That working class will be better off without the right to organize; that the rich will take care of us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Even greater widening of the income and wealth gap . Lower wages for new jobs
51	Economy Labor	4/1/17	Senate voted to eliminate a rule aimed at boosting retirement accounts for low-income workers	Boost corporate/owner profits at expense of workers	This sort of rule would kill jobs	Senators voted 50-49 to roll back a rule meant to encourage states to create retirement plans for private-sector workers whose employers do not offer their own retirement plans
52	Economy Labor	4/4/17	Trump revoked the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces order Obama put in place to ensure that companies with federal contracts comply with 14 labor and civil rights laws.	Support owner-class and corporate America at expense of Labor	That these rules reduce jobs in America	Roll back two hard fought victories for women in the workplace: paycheck transparency and a ban on forced arbitration clauses for sexual harassment, sexual assault or discrimination claims
53	Economy	4/15/17	The US tourism industry expects 4.3 million fewer visitors and lose \$7.4 billion in revenue due to Trump's travel ban and reports of plans to implement "extreme vetting" of foreign travelers	Fire up racism in America	That his Muslim ban and anti immigration efforts will keep America safer	Significant negative economic impact
54	Economy	6/8/17	The House of Representatives passed a bill that would gut major elements of Dodd-Frank, the regulatory legislation drafted in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis.	Deregulate everything, the public be damned	Republicans say Dodd-Frank regulations are the primary reason for anemic economic growth in the US.	The Financial Choice Act exempts financial institutions deemed "too big to fail" from restrictions that limit risk taking.

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55	Education	Jan 2017	Nominate Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Play to base . Cut support of public education in favor of religious and charter schools . Attack on teacher unions . Allow guns in schools 	That DeVos will be great for public schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Public schools defunded at expense of religious and charter schools . Guns allowed in schools . Attack on teacher unions . Hurt minority students
56	Education	3/16/17	Budget cuts to public education: reduces or eliminates 20 programs within the Department of Education, including Striving Readers, Teacher Quality Partnership and Impact Aid support payments for federal property and international education programs	Take money from "unproven" programs such as education, and send it to military spending	All gov't is bad, including public education	In that 90% of American kids attend public schools, and with education arguably being the US's biggest solution to our many problems, this will be a disaster.
57	Education	4/15/17	Betsy DeVos' security detail is costing the Department of Education almost \$1 million per month.	Waste tax payer dollars to provided unneeded protection for his far-right appointee	That she needs this protection; that she is competent	The US Marshals Service will provide protection for DeVos for the next four years and is hiring nearly two dozen people specifically to guard her. No other cabinet-level official is being guarded by federal marshals
58	Education	4/12/17	DeVos rolled back an Obama administration attempt to reform how student loan debt is collected	Gut public education in favor of private	DeVos withdrew the memos, saying the approach was inconsistent and full of shortcomings. She didn't detail what fell short. More than 1 million Americans are annually defaulting on their student loans.	Students keep rolling up massive debt
59	Education	5/2/17	The administration ends Michelle Obama's girls education program	Squash public education	Not a needed program	Poorer education system for girls, especially girls of color
60	Education	5/2/17	The Department of Agriculture is relaxing Obama-era school lunch standards	Lower costs for education thus lowering tax burden on wealthy	Too much regulation; done because of "palatability issues."	The new rules suspend the sodium reduction and whole-grain requirements, as well as allow 1% fat chocolate milk back into school cafeterias nationwide
61	Education	7/6/17	18 states are suing Betsy DeVos for delaying student loan regulations meant to protect borrowers from being defrauded by predatory schools.	Profits over education	Not a big deal	The regulations were finalized by the Obama administration and were set to take effect on July 1, but DeVos has delayed the implementation of the rules, thus students/ex-students remain strangled by debt
62	Election	1/25/17	Claim of voter fraud	Always deny losing; tighter voter restrictions	3M-5M fraud votes in election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . More restrictions on disadvantaged (and likely Democrat) voters . Distraction

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63	Election	3/4/17	Trump, citing no evidence, accuses Obama of "Nixon/Watergate" plot to wiretap Trump Tower in the run-up to the election. FBI Director Comey asked Justice officials to refute Trump's unproven claim.	Distract public from Trump Administration problems, including disturbing ties to Russia, nominees caught lying under oath, etc.	This entire accusation is a lie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Distraction efforts work to a degree . Base gets fired up about "corrupt media" and "whining liberals" . Fatigue sets in within public . Trump able to slide through outrageous actions
64	Election	3/29/17	Republican House Ethics Committee Chair Nunes could be facing an ethics probe after disclosing the existence of a foreign surveillance warrant.	Trump trying to kill any investigation into his campaign's connections with Russia, using distraction tactics, such as inventing this Obama illegal surveillance nonsense	Russia ties are "fake news"	House Ethics Committee rules compel Congress to investigate any "unauthorized disclosure of intelligence." The Senate probe into Trump's connection to Russia has no full-time staff. Seven part-time staffers are working on the inquiry, none with significant investigative experience, and no interviews with key individuals have been conducted.
65	Election	4/12/17	\$1.2 million in payments from a pro-Russian political party have been linked to Paul Manafort's firm in the US	Make money from his Russian connections	That his election campaign had no ties with Russia	A handwritten ledger surfaced in Ukraine last August with dollar amounts and dates listed next to the name of Manafort, who was then Donald Trump's campaign chairman. Manafort originally said the transactions in the ledger were fabricated. Now, he says the transactions corroborated are legal. A Ukrainian lawmaker said \$750,000 received by Manafort was part of a money-laundering effort.
66	Election	5/5/17	Trump signed an order aimed at allowing churches to engage in more political activity	Play to the religious right in his base	That this has nothing to do with political funding	Tax deductible donations to religious orgs are really for elections
67	Election, etc	5/9/17	Trump fired FBI Director James Comey on the recommendation of Jeff Sessions. Days before he was fired, Comey asked for a significant increase in money and personnel for the Russia investigation. Trump specifically asked James Comey to shut down the Michael Flynn investigation, which Comey refused to do.	End the investigation of his campaign's involvement with Russia's meddling in the election. Comey asked for the resources during a meeting last week with Rod Rosenstein, the deputy attorney general who wrote the Justice Department's memo used to justify his firing. Trump asked for Comey to pledge his loyalty at a private dinner seven days after the inauguration.	That the firing was due to Comey's not being able to effectively lead the bureau. Trump shifts his reason for firing Comey to "this Russia thing" being a "made-up story."	The move sweeps away the man who is responsible for the investigation into whether members of Trump's campaign team colluded with Russia in its interference in last year's election. In a tweet, Trump warned James Comey against leaking to the press, suggesting there are "tapes" of their private conversations. Trump asked two of the top intelligence chiefs to push back against the FBI investigation into possible collusion after Comey revealed its existence.
68	Election	5/10/17	Wisconsin's voter-ID law suppressed 200,000 votes in the 2016 election. Trump won by 22,748 votes	Suppress likely Democrat votes	That voter fraud is a big deal	A new study by Priorities USA shows that strict voter-ID laws, in Wisconsin and other states, led to a significant reduction in voter turnout in 2016, with a disproportionate impact on African-American and Democratic-leaning voters.

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69	Election	5/11/17	Trump launched a commission to investigate voter fraud	Suppress likely Democrat votes	That voter fraud is a big deal	The effort will be spearheaded by Mike Pence
70	Election	5/10/17	Mitch McConnell rejected calls for a special prosecutor or independent commission to investigate Russia's election meddling in the wake of the firing of FBI Director James Comey	Bury the investigation	Nothing happened	Massive corruption and national security risk
71	Election	5/25/17	The Trump campaign had at least 18 undisclosed contacts with Russians during the last seven months of the election.	Bury the investigation	No impact on election and no ties to Russia requiring future favors	Huge scandal
72	Election	6/26/17	The Trump administration has done little to prevent Russian hacking in the next election	Trump has shown no interest about how to prevent future election interference.	That this is fake news	Comey testified that Trump never asked him about how to stop a future election attack, while Jeff Sessions, who sits on the National Security Council, testified that he has not received a classified briefing on Russian election interference.
73	Election	6/30/17	Trump's voter-fraud commission asked all 50 states to turn over their full voter roll data for every voter in the US including voting history, party affiliation, name, address, date of birth, last four of their SSN, and their voting history dating back to 2006.	Keep potential Democrats from voting	Voter fraud is everywhere	Trump created the commission to investigate the alleged 3 million to 5 million undocumented immigrants he claimed voted illegally in the 2016 election. There is no evidence this happened.
74	Election	7/10/17	Donald Trump Jr. met with a Kremlin-connected Russian lawyer to acquire damaging information about Hillary Clinton in June 2016 at Trump Tower in New York City	Win at all costs, even breaking laws	This is FAKE NEWS!. However, a former Soviet counterintelligence officer attended the Trump Jr. meeting.	Asking a foreign advisory for support in a US election. Trump Jr.'s meeting may have violated a federal law prohibiting the solicitation or acceptance of anything of value from a foreign national
75	Election	7/18/17	House Republicans want to defund the only federal agency that works to ensure the voting process is secure as part of proposed federal budget cuts.	Restrict voting rights	That there is mass voter fraud by illegal immigrants	Keeping likely Democrat voters from being able to vote.
76	Election	7/18/17	The vice chair of Trump's voter fraud commission wants to add new requirements for voting.	Restrict voting rights	That there is mass voter fraud by illegal immigrants	Kris Kobach, the Kansas Secretary of State, proposed a change federal law to make voter registration requirements stricter and "to make clear that proof of citizenship requirements are permitted." Kobach is now the vice chair of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity.

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77	Election	7/21/17	Trump's lawyers are discussing his authority to grant pardons to aides, family members, and himself in connection with the Russia probe.	Make the investigation go away	Fake news!	Because no president has ever pardoned himself, there is no precedent, which leaves the question open: can a president use their constitutional power to pardon themselves?
78	Election	7/21/17	Trump's lawyers are exploring ways to stymie Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.	Make the investigation go away	Fake news!	They're scouring the professional and political backgrounds of investigators hired by the special counsel, looking for conflicts of interest they could use to discredit the investigation or force members of the team to recuse themselves – and possibly build a case to fire Mueller.
79	Equal Rights	2/22/17	Trump administration withdraws federal protections for transgender students	Play to religious right	Trump administration said the Obama-era guidance did not provide "extensive legal analysis" of how its position was consistent with Title IX	Politically motivated attack that will endanger transgender children and sow confusion over the federal government's role in enforcing civil rights.
80	Ethics	3/28/17	Ivanka Trump will take an unpaid federal job as her father's assistant	Strengthen his family's role as rulers of America	That Ivanka is qualified and will be unbiased	More benefit for the Trump family and their business efforts to make money off Trump's presidency
81	Extremism	Continuous	Appointing rightwing extremists as his tight inner circle of advisors and policy creators. EG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Steve Bannon - continuous supporter of fascism; claims Islam is not a true religion, etc . Steven Miller - as aid to Senator Jeff Sessions was a far-right "nut" to other Republican aids . Son-in-law Jared Kushner, a zealot Israel support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Play to far-right base . Move country (and world) to far-right positions . Enable "less-right" positions to seem fair and reasonable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . That he has a mandate to be the most extreme president in history . That he really won a huge landslide in the election 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Putting the US and the world in a very dangerous place . A complete fascist power play if the US experiences any terrorist event