

In Episode 57Ci 1 United States 2 California Hughes Wildfire 3 Ukraine 4 Germany and Austria Main Content 1A United States Trump Takes a Red Pen to History [RAWSEP View](#) The article below uses Trump rewrite of the events of January 6 2021 to show that the Trump explanation of the events of January 6 2021 is untrue but accepted as true at least by the people who voted for him or his lies about it are accepted as useful lies by the people who voted for him [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) January 20 2025 Anyone who treats or talks about history as a fixed narrative knows nothing about history History yields to fresh insights and new research It is hijacked by agendas After being written by the victors it sometimes allows the losers a few edits It is reinvestigated relitigated recast But the makeover of January 6 2021 just four years later stands apart from that It adds a twist A demagogue with ambitions few if any scruples and little regard for honesty has at his disposal a corrupted information environment? A day of violence becomes a day of love Rioters who injured scores of police officers and spilled blood on the Capitol steps become hostages jailed for their valor And nearly 1600 pardons and commutations are issued by Trump who is confident that he can get away with it that he can even be celebrated for it because he has marketed a version of events that serves his purposes We've entered an epoch of anti history The man inaugurated on Monday is its author 1B United States Now Trump Wants MSNBC to Lose Its 'Right to Broadcast' [RAWSEP View](#) The article below compares the Trump attempt to shut down MSNBC in 2025 to Trump using expensive and distracting lawsuits against CBS to attempt to shut down CBS in 2024 [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The Daily Beast January 23 2025 President Donald Trump wants to tear down the stalls he doesn't like in the marketplace of ideas Reacting to reports that CNN is planning to lay off hundreds of employees amidst a ratings crisis Trump wrote on his social media platform Truth Social MSDNC is even worse than CNN They shouldn't have a right to broadcast It was a clear shot at MSNBC with MSDNC being a combination of the Democratic National Convention's DNC and the left leaning broadcast network MSNBC After an initial ratings dip following Trump's re election victory in November MSNBC clawed its way back in early January 2025 to become the third most watched basic cable network during primetime Many of its hosts have been frequent critics of Trump's In October 2025 Trump said CBS should lose its broadcast license over its 60 Minutes interview with his election opponent former Vice President Kamala Harris In October the president took issue with CBS editing out about 75 seconds of a meandering answer Harris gave on Israel during the show's initial broadcast The network later posted the unedited version on its YouTube channel Trump who refused to sit down with 60 Minutes at all declared it an UNPRECEDENTED SCANDAL CBS owner Paramount has considered settling the Trump lawsuit because it plans to merge with Skydance Media a deal that Trump's Federal Communications Commission needs to approve The incoming FCC Chair has warned Paramount executives that Trump's disapproval of CBS will make the merger review tougher than they expected Just how far will Trump take his grievance against mean old MSNBC 1C United States 'Destabilize Destabilize Destabilize' What Trump Is Really Up To [RAWSEP View](#) RAWSEP excerpted only the examples of Trump attempts at destabilization of Biden Administration Environmental Progress mentioned in this article below The topics covered by these New York Times opinion writers are 1 The Executive orders Trump signed that negate advances of the Biden Administration on the Environment including withdrawal from the Paris Agreement agreeing to cut harmful emissions and including withdrawal of incentives to buy electric cars [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The New York Times January 23 2025 Trump's moves on



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climate and energy Trump signed a bunch of executive orders on climate pulling out of the Paris Agreement opening federal land up for drilling declaring an energy emergency we don't yet know which of those gestures are going to end up in policy Like a lot of these executive orders we're really seeing memos He wants to end subsidies for green energy but does that include tax incentives or is it just the direct subsidies? it will be resolved going forward through challenges in the courts But when it comes to climate cultural signaling is pretty important We are decarbonizing in the US because for the last five or 10 years coming out of that Paris Agreement there was an understanding that we were moving in this particular direction Toward greener energy toward cleaner fuels And when you have a leader like Trump standing up and saying I'm going to say no to all of those initiatives we're about to see is a test of how much of the green momentum is because of direct investment by green energy companies and how much of it is the result of policies like Biden's IRA Trump is trying to both destabilize what has been consensus in the scientific community plus consensus among a lot of Americans who care about fact based science based evidence and thwart it On the electric vehicle point this has been so central to both climate policy in America and attempts to rethink and remake different industries in America how destabilizing is Trump electric vehicle change in thinking and who is he trying to appeal to or drive toward? the key question is whether the EV electric vehicle tax incentive survives or not It is a \$7500 tax incentive which is significant especially when you're looking at the lower end of the market for American made cars and whether his call to ban subsidies includes that or not is the most material question here we have one really successful American EV company Tesla We have a lot of legacy automakers who are inching toward a more EV focus but have not taken big steps a lot of those carmakers have walked back their promises to ramp up EV production over the last five years since the pandemic started China has in addition to rolling out a huge boom in solar tech revolutionized the global EV landscape It is now the dominant force for electric vehicles in the world and they're really good cars that are much cheaper than the American equivalents we're likely to see EV uptake growing slowly rather than shrinking but not growing dramatically it is primarily liberal minded well off people who are buying these cars some change in the industrial landscape where some of these manufacturers are doing a little bit more on EVs but nothing like what our global and domestic climate goals require I don't think we're going to be rolling back to the American energy policy of 2017 and certainly not of 2009 I think we're going to be continuing to roll out wind and solar especially in red and purple places It is just going to slow our progress going forward inflation was felt and powered by energy costs so Trump can say that the cost of energy in the US contributed to the cost of living crisis among his voters Trump has the notion that climate activists environmental activists single issue climate voters are on the ropes Trump sees that group of people as not decisive in a political electoral coalition and that it is so easy to demonize what they want to do to America what they want to do offshore with wind farms on the left or in the Democratic Party there is no pushback that wins the day the passage of the IRA in the US split the climate coalition You have energy centrists who want a green energy future but see a place for natural gas and some slow phaseout of oil you have climate activists who want a lot more the policy position that he's advancing here is that We are currently in an energy crisis and we need to pursue a policy of energy dominance Both positions are lies there is no energy crisis We are already in an energy dominant position The US is producing more oil and gas than it ever has before in its history In fact it is producing more than any other country in the world We have seen major progress on investment in green energy but it was an all carrots no sticks program and approach Trump is going to Los Angeles on Friday to see the wildfires and I wonder if natural disasters may be the thing that finally catches up to him and forces his hand on some of this The fires have provided Trump a weapon in attacking California governance to put a positive spin on it is you see a lot of conservatives in California and nationally looking at the fires and saying emphatically Much more should have been done by government to protect the people of California from this risk that's not exactly the same as acknowledging the



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climate contributions to the problem but it represents an acknowledgment that there is a real problem here that needs to be addressed and that it should be addressed by public action and public leaders I think it may represent a turning point I think for Trump he asks How can I undercut as many people as possible? Tragedy be damned if he does say we should have been doing more in terms of building codes funding the Fire Department building firebreaks doing some fuel thinning in the Santa Monica Mountains the fact that he's allowing and even inviting conservatives to support that kind of action may make a positive break in terms of the national mood when it comes to climate adaptation Trump is very focused on resources America doesn't have a climate crisis; it has a resource crisis And where can I go in America or around the world to grab grab grab since the pandemic China made a really big bet on green tech and hard tech Trump second term is actually interested in doing some of the things that Joe Biden was trying to do Revitalizing the industrial sector figuring out how to source critical minerals for green energy Finding new opportunities for drilling in federal lands as well so it is not a pure positive for climate advocates On his first day he did draw a red circle around permitting problems which have frustrated and angered people on both the dirty energy side and the clean energy side It may well be that the effect on how quickly we can electrify our energy systems may even outweigh some of the bad stuff that he's going to do through drilling I'm not sure how that math will ultimately shake out and I don't want to sound too optimistic but if he is in a position where he's just like I want more and more and more the all of the above energy strategy was Joe Biden's It was Barack Obama's and you can see a kind of a continuity compare the makeup of his coalition in 2017 to 2025 Silicon Valley has moved to Trump in 2017 his coalition seemed dominated by working class discontents Those were his voters He had the petite bourgeoisie like car dealers too but it wasn't an oligarchy that brought him into power In fact all of these people who showed up at the inauguration and paid a million dollars were outspoken critics of his not all that long ago Elon Musk himself when Trump pulled out of the Paris accord last time publicly protested and said This is a mistake And now they're all on board This is meant to be a rule by and for the oligarchs I think on some level the American public is likely to respond with revulsion to an outright rule by these billionaires how little resistance you see on the American left on the climate front how little resistance we're seeing on the income inequality and wealth and power front

2 California Hughes fire held to 10000 acres despite dangerous wind conditions [RAWSEP View](#) Update on the Hughes Fire The Hughes fire ignited on Wednesday and quickly exploded to more than 10000 acres forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate As of Friday morning January 24 2025 the fire is 36% contained Approximately 31000 people are currently under mandatory evacuation orders while another 23000 are under evacuation warnings The National Weather Service NWS extended a red flag warning until Friday morning for most of Los Angeles and Ventura counties as winds push through the area From the article headline on January 23 2025 Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna said the Hughes fire was being fed by high winds and dry conditions [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The New York Times January 23 2025 Firefighters north of Los Angeles made progress Thursday against a brush fire that exploded the day before quickly burning more than 10000 acres and becoming the third largest fire to menace Southern California this month The blaze forced officials to issue more than 50000 evacuation orders and warnings and to close parts of Interstate 5 By Thursday afternoon most of the highway had reopened many evacuees were able to return home and the blaze near Castaic Lake a reservoir about 40 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles was 14 percent contained The fire continued to burn away from homes in suburbs outside of Santa Clarita and through woody hillsides at a state park Still red flag warnings which indicate dangerous fire weather conditions remained in effect for much of Southern California The National Weather Service office in Los



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Angeles warned that wind gusts of up to 65 miles per hour could ignite new fires or spread existing ones The Eaton fire was 95 percent contained on Thursday; the Palisades fire had burned more than 23000 acres and was 70 percent contained Many Californians know the area near Castaic Lake as the home of the Six Flags Magic Mountain amusement park On Wednesday night people in a Castaic subdivision watched flames smolder in the hills across Interstate 5 The fire burned mostly brush and there were no reports of damaged structures by Thursday afternoon But after weeks of enduring some of the most destructive blazes in California history the new menace was the last thing that residents wanted to deal with The area was under a red flag warning until Friday morning Cooler conditions were forecast for Friday and through the weekend with intermittent showers expected to start on Monday morning

3 Ukraine Is Losing Fewer Soldiers Than Russia but It is Still Losing the War Russia has lost about twice as many men to death and serious injury as Ukraine But the trends favor the Kremlin **RAWSEP View** This article attempts to count the dead on both sides of the War of Russian Aggression against Ukraine **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times January 23 2025 The war of attrition between Russia and Ukraine is killing soldiers at a pace unseen in Europe since World War II Ukrainian artillery fire explosive drones and mines are killing Russian troops as they repeatedly charge across the no man's land As Ukrainian positions are exposed they are suffering heavy casualties inflicted from afar by Russian drones shells and glide bombs Calculating the scale of the casualties and therefore the war's trajectory is difficult The information is a state secret in both countries The Ukrainian government has been especially secretive restricting access to demographic data that could be used to estimate its losses The most complete counts of Ukraine's dead soldiers are made by groups abroad with biased or opaque motivations Working with incomplete information experts estimate that Ukraine has suffered about half of Russia's irreplaceable losses deaths and injuries that take soldiers out of battle indefinitely in the nearly three year old war Russia is still winning Its much larger population and more effective recruitment have allowed it to replace losses more effectively and to gradually push forward The fat man grows thinner But the thin man dies Counting the dead The most complete publicly available tallies of Ukrainian deaths come from two opaque websites that track obituaries posthumous medal awards funeral announcements and other death related information published online The websites [Lostarmourinfo](#) and [UALossesorg](#) have produced similar results They have each individually counted about 62000 Ukrainian soldiers who have died since the invasion [Lostarmour](#) and [UALosses](#) say they can only find some of the dead soldiers because obituaries are published with a delay and some deaths are never publicized at all [Lostarmour](#) estimates that more than 100000 Ukrainian soldiers had died by December in total By comparison Russian researchers and journalists have used similar methods to estimate that Russia had suffered more than 150000 battlefield deaths through the end of November [Lostarmour's](#) casualties project is run by about 10 anonymous volunteers most of them Russian who scour the internet and cross check information to verify its authenticity the website's spokesman said in an emailed response to questions The group appears to sympathize with Russia and seeks to discredit Ukraine's propaganda Combining the estimates with their caveats and shortcomings analysts conclude that Russia loses slightly fewer than two soldiers to death and severe injury for every Ukrainian fighter who suffers the same fate This ratio has not allowed Ukraine to overcome Russia's population and recruitment advantages At current trends Ukraine is losing a larger share of its smaller army There are currently more than 400000 Russians facing about 250000 Ukrainians on the front line and the gap between the armies is growing Russia has been able to rebuild and even expand its battered invasion force by tapping into a population that is four times larger than Ukraine's carrying out its first draft since World War II and enlisting felons and debtors



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recruitment efforts brought Russia between 600 and 1000 new fighters a day last year Kyiv matched this rate only briefly in that period North Korea also sent about 11000 soldiers to aid Moscow's forces in the Kursk region of southern Russia where the Ukrainians captured territory last summer Zelensky's need to contend with public opinion has led his government to delay an unpopular draft and then left it struggling to enforce it Some men have gone into hiding to evade conscription or bribed draft officers to obtain an exemption Ukraine's tardy recruitment of convicts has produced a small fraction of fighters who had enlisted from Russian prisons The recruitment gap ultimately shapes the battlefield Russia is losing more men But every Ukrainian casualty edges the Kremlin closer to victory

4 Germany and Austria Trump Is Leading a Global Surge to the Right But not all of the leading conservative populist parties in the world are the same in rhetoric or on policy [RAWSEP View](#) This article compares the populism that brought Trump to a second term to the populism today in Germany and Austria that may influence elections in 2025 in favor of neo Nazis [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The New York Times Reporting from Berlin Rome Warsaw and Paris January 23 2025 At the start of his second term President Trump has positioned himself at the crest of a global wave of hard line conservative populism offering fuel and inspiration to surging nationalist parties in the European Union and beyond Those parties are generally united by tough stances of aversion to climate regulations To varying degrees some though not all have also sought to weaken or undermine existing institutions such as courts or an independent media in what critics have called efforts to erode democracy and maintain authoritarian grips on power It is a wide spectrum that includes the Alternative for Germany or AfD which is trying to broaden its appeal before elections next month but still winks at Nazi slogans and the Freedom Party of Austria which was founded by former Nazi soldiers decades ago and embraced a combative image en route to winning elections last fall But the parties differ from one another and from Trump in critical ways Here is how the Germany and Austria main conservative populist parties compare with each other and with Trump on key issues [Divides over Ukraine](#) Trump has vowed to immediately bring an end to the war though it is unclear how he plans to do so In Europe support for Ukraine has divided right wing parties with those adopting ambiguous or pro Russian positions being pushed toward the margins Many of them look to post Soviet Russia as a bastion of traditional values but the full scale invasion of Ukraine has dimmed its allure at least for some There are differences The main one is Ukraine Some leaders on the extreme right are closer to Orban's camp Herbert Kickl the man poised to be Austria's next chancellor and his Freedom Party have built ties to Moscow and criticized European involvement in Ukraine Alice Weidel the chancellor candidate for the Alternative for Germany or AfD which has its strongest support in eastern Germany where affinity for Russia is strong has accused German leaders of a very dangerous escalation of the conflict by supporting Ukraine In Germany where voters will pick a new government in late February the Alternative for Germany party is attempting to soften its image too It has chosen Ms Weidel a lesbian economist who lives in Switzerland with her Sri Lankan partner and children as its standard bearer in the race She and the party are attempting to appeal to a broader audience aided in part by the billionaire Elon Musk who has endorsed the AfD But they are saying very different things to different audiences Parts of the AfD have been formally classified as extremist by the German government But Ms Weidel told Musk in a recent friendly interview that the AfD was a conservative libertarian party Just days later AfD party members greeted Ms Weidel with repeated chants of Alice for Germany a play on the old Nazi refrain Everything for Germany which is now a crime to use in Germany Some parties have not softened their tone at all Party members have reveled in slogans with Nazi echoes including Kickl The Freedom Party campaigned on a promise that Kickl would be a Volkskanzler people's chancellor a term used by Hitler



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