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1 Wisconsin Supreme Court Election Results Susan Crawford Defeats Musk Backed Schimel [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) International Business Times April 2 2025 Susan Crawford was the liberal candidate for a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court but tech titan Musk piled money into the conservative bid to stop her KEY POINTS Crawford won with an over 9 point lead of 55 percent to 45 percent over right wing competitor and Trump supporter Schimel who urged his own supporters to accept the election results Musk is said to have burned some \$21 million toward the Schimel campaign The Crawford victory maintains the 4 to 3 liberal majority at the Wisconsin Supreme Court and sent a message to her conservative rival and his supporters about how Wisconsin voters feel about leadership at the Wisconsin Supreme Court How a County Judge Obliterated the Musk Millions Crawford served as a Special Assistant for science and technology policy for former President Barack Obama who congratulated Crawford for the massive win also praising the people of Wisconsin for electing a judge who believes in the rule of law and protecting our freedoms

2 Susan Crawford flanked by Wisconsin Supreme Court justices accepts victory in her race for Wisconsin Supreme Court justice [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The Guardian April 2 2025 Susan Crawford delivers blow to Trump and Musk in Wisconsin Susan The Crawford victory in the race for a seat on the Wisconsin supreme court has been hailed as a major win for Democrats after the contest was framed as a referendum on the popularity of Musk and Trump Crawford a liberal judge from Dane county defeated Schimel a former Republican attorney general and conservative judge from Waukesha county after Musk and groups associated with the tech billionaire spent millions to boost his candidacy in what became the most expensive judicial contest in American history More than 80 million dollars was spent on the race with Musk and affiliated groups spending more than 20 million dollars alone Musk reprised some of the tactics that he used last fall to help Trump win including offering \$100 to people who signed a petition opposing activist judges and offering one million dollar checks to a smaller number of voters Milwaukee the largest city in Wisconsin reported historic turnout for a spring election with election officials saying in a statement Tuesday evening that due to the unprecedented high turnout seven polling places ran out of

ballots The Milwaukee elections commission said it was working to replenish resources to voters during the evening rush Susan Crawford won the race for a seat on the Wisconsin supreme court on Tuesday a win which the liberal judge said showed our courts are not for sale

Florida However two US House of Representatives seats in Florida vacated by cabinet appointees went to Republicans on Tuesday dashing Democratic hopes for an upset victory in the first federal special elections held since the president began his second term [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The Guardian April 2 2025 Democratic candidates Josh Weil and Gay Valimont were on track to lose the solidly red districts by much smaller margins than the more than 30 points that Democrats lost them by in November That majority is hugely significant because the court will hear major cases on abortion and collective bargaining rights The court could also potentially consider cases that could cause the state to redraw its eight congressional districts which are now drawn to advantage Republicans

New Jersey Elsewhere Cory Booker the Democratic US senator from New Jersey broke the record for longest speech ever by a lone senator – beating the record first established by Strom Thurmond who spoke for 24 hours and 18 minutes in opposition to the Civil Rights Act of 1957 [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The Guardian April 2 2025 I rise with the intention of disrupting the normal business of the United States Senate for as long as I am physically able Booker said near the start of his speech I rise tonight because I believe sincerely that our nation is in crisis He concluded his speech after 25 hours and five minutes

3 Wisconsin Liberal Susan Crawford beats Musk backed Schimel for Wisconsin supreme court seat In the Wisconsin supreme court race liberal Susan Crawford beats Musk backed candidate The Liberal judge says victory is against unprecedented attack on our democracy after defeating Schimel in the most expensive judicial election in US history [RAWSEP Key Excerpt](#) Musk said hours after the result that The long con of the left is corruption of the judiciary and Musk stated that the most important thing was that a vote on the addition of Wisconsin voter ID requirements passed [RAWSEP View](#) Musk made this Wisconsin race a referendum on Musk and Trump and Musk and Trump lost in the court of public opinion and Wisconsin showed it was not for sale The judiciary is in safe hands under Liberal leadership and the court case Musk hoped to buy was not sold in 2025 If the majority of the other justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court agree in 2025 the Musk Tesla manufacturing outlets in Wisconsin will continue to not also be able to sell Tesla electric vehicles in Wisconsin Other better electric vehicles sold in Wisconsin will be able to flourish and provide Wisconsinites cheaper better electric vehicles than the Teslas monopolizing electric vehicle sales now because they are forced down the throats of much of the rest of America Tesla sales are falling because of their inferior quality and cost to consumers and of course because of the toxic neo Nazi politics of the head of Tesla who has been given the Trump task of unnecessary Federal worker firings in order to fund tax breaks for the rich These firings including firings of scientists and physicians are leading to a brain drain to other countries and are leading to weakening of the United States safety net of Social Security and Health Safety including development of vaccines and food safety regulations funded by our taxpayer money among many other endangered programs helpful and essential to the average American as opposed to the wealthy in America [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The Guardian April 1 2025 Susan Crawford won the race for a seat on the Wisconsin supreme court on Tuesday a major win for Democrats who had framed the race as a referendum on Musk and The trump popularity Crawford a liberal judge from Dane county defeated Schimel a former Republican attorney general and conservative judge from Waukesha county after Musk and groups associated with the tech billionaire spent millions to boost his candidacy in what became the most expensive judicial contest in American history Today Wisconsinites fended off an unprecedented attack on our democracy Crawford said in a speech at

her victory night event in Madison Wisconsin stood up and said loudly that justice does not have a price Our courts are not for sale The result means that liberals will keep a 4 3 ideological majority on the state supreme court That majority is hugely significant because the court will hear major cases on abortion and collective bargaining rights The court could also potentially consider cases that could cause the state to redraw its eight congressional districts which are currently drawn to advantage Republicans Crawford speaks to supporters at her election night headquarters in the capital city of Madison Wisconsin Milwaukee the largest city in Wisconsin reported historic turnout for a spring election with election officials saying in a statement Tuesday evening that due to the unprecedented high turnout seven polling places ran out of ballots The Milwaukee elections commission said it was working to replenish resources to voters during the evening rush A combined more than 80 million dollars was spent on the race topping the previous record of 51 million dollars that was spent in the 2023 Wisconsin state supreme court race Musk and affiliated groups spent more than 20 million dollars alone Musk reprised some of the tactics that he used last fall to help Trump win including offering \$100 to people who signed a petition opposing activist judges and offering one million dollar checks to voters Pointing to the potential to redraw House districts Musk had said the race might decide the future of America and western civilization Democrats seized on The Musk involvement in the race to energize voters who were upset about the wrecking ball he and his unofficial department of government efficiency or Doge have taken to federal agencies They raised the stakes of an already high stakes contest by holding out Wisconsin as a test case for Musk saying that if he succeeded he would take his model across the country Growing up in Chippewa Falls Wisconsin I never thought I would be taking on the richest man in the world for justice Crawford said on Tuesday night And we won After The Musk involvement became public Democrats saw an explosion in grassroots donations and people coming out of the woodwork to get involved in the race Ben Wikler the Wisconsin Democratic party chair said last month When the party tested its messaging Wikler said messages that highlighted The Musk involvement in the race motivated voters who were otherwise disengaged from politics A 65 year old woman voted in Madison on Tuesday for Crawford because she said the Musk supported Schimel would not rule fairly on the issues most important to her I think it is shameful that Musk can come here and spend millions of dollars and try to bribe the citizens the 65 year old woman said I do not think it should be allowed He does not live in our state and I do not think he should be able to buy this election It makes me angry Trump won Wisconsin in the presidential election in November by less than 1 percentage point the closest margin of any battleground state Democrats can puncture the Republican propaganda bubble Wikler said in March For laying the groundwork for flipping the House and the Senate in 2026 and winning governorships and state legislative majorities the supreme court race can really point the way Ken Martin the chair of the Democratic National Committee also celebrated the result Tonight the people of Wisconsin squarely rejected the influence of Musk Trump and billionaire special interests And their message? Stay out of our elections and stay away from our courts he said in a statement In Madison Crawford said she was ready to turn from the campaign trail which she described as a life altering experience to the bench where she promised to deliver fair and impartial decisions Concluding her remarks Crawford wished her mother watching from home a happy birthday and quipped I know how glad you are to see the TV ads end

4 United States US news About a third of Americans stop buying eggs due to rising costs study shows Data says 34% of those in US stopped purchasing breakfast staple and will not buy again until costs lower to \$5 a carton Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The Guardian April 1 2025 As egg prices have reached record highs about a third of American consumers have stopped buying them in response to the rising costs a new study suggests 34% of Americans have stopped purchasing eggs as prices for the breakfast staple are becoming less affordable consumers say they will not begin buying eggs again until costs come down to \$5 or less for a carton Shell shocked! Why eggs and their rising price are an American obsession The report compared the average price of eggs across all US states observing a significant jump in 2018 when the average was a dollar and forty nine cents

In 2025 that figure is sitting at about five dollars and eighteen cents The study found that nearly 95% of Americans have noticed the significant rise in egg prices with shoppers reporting their perceived average as \$7 a dozen The average American said they would stop buying eggs when prices hit \$8 a dozen Illinois a state which is about three quarters farmland is seeing the most dramatic jump in egg prices increasing 1048% from 42 cents to four dollars and eighty two cents The research also found that the majority of Americans 61% are eating fewer eggs due to rising costs and 44% are seeing themselves using fewer eggs in their cooking and baking habits It also found that more than two in five Americans 42% have observed other shoppers panic buying eggs Egg prices have quadrupled chicken has doubled The rising costs of eggs are largely due to the current spread of bird flu in the US According to the study 67% of Americans blame the higher egg prices on the bird flu while 31% believe government regulations and policies are behind the expensive eggs The price of eggs had quickly become a political talking point despite being driven mostly by a viral outbreak beginning last year Trump campaigned heavily on soaring egg prices being a Democratic creation before acknowledging that bird flu was to blame after being elected Still it seems that a large portion of Americans believe that the government Democratic or Republican is culpable for egg prices The US has turned to other countries even amid the looming threat of tariffs in hopes of collecting more eggs but has seen little success so far

5 United States US political financing Billionaires spent record amounts during 2024 federal election according to a report Just 100 extremely wealthy families invested two point six billion dollars during the election cycle that put Trump back in the White House [RAWSEP View](#) This Republican Billionaire spending included millions for Senate races Montana Pennsylvania and Ohio [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The Guardian April 1 2025 Billionaires spent record amounts during the 2024 federal election according to a new analysis from Americans for Tax Fairness a coalition of more than 420 national state and local organizations advocating for economic reforms The report shows that during the election cycle that put Trump back in the White House and seated Republican majorities in both the House and Senate just 100 extremely wealthy families invested two point six billion dollars an amount more than double what billionaire donors contributed just four years prior The steep upward spending trends and the eye popping amounts speak to the shifts in political power granted to the affluent and corporations in the wake of Citizens United v FEC the 2010 decision by the Supreme Court that enabled unlimited campaign donations In the 14 years since the Citizens United ruling billionaires have poured 160 times more funds into campaigns according to the ATF report The money for power exchange that was always hidden in the back rooms of American politics has disturbingly burst into the open in the second Trump administration Musk and some of the wealthiest families in the world spent record amounts to secure trillions in tax breaks and deregulation using cuts to vital services like healthcare education and nutritional support to pay for it The ATF analysis found most of the support was thrown behind GOP causes and candidates with 70% of the funds coming from the top 100 contributing billionaire families going to Republicans Musk who has spent the weeks since The trump inauguration slashing the federal workforce as the head of the so called department of government efficiency set new standards of financial influence by bankrolling candidates and causes his Super Pac spent roughly two hundred million dollars to secure the Trump second term He was joined by several Silicon Valley executives who collectively added more than 194 million more to campaign coffers during the US presidential election and others who were also offered roles in the new administration after investing in 2024 campaigns Linda McMahon a former wrestling promoter and business executive who now serves as the secretary of education gave 25 million dollars with her husband The commerce secretary Howard Lutnick contributed more than 21 million dollars to Republicans While attention has been focused on spending in the presidential election large sums were also given down ballot to help secure a Republican stronghold on the government Billionaire spending in three key Senate races Montana Pennsylvania and Ohio constituted roughly half of expenditures in each according to the ATF report The money has continued rolling out Musk threw cash at a candidate for the Wisconsin state supreme court

6 United States US Senator Cory Booker speaks to the media off the Senate floor after completing a record breaking speech in opposition to The trump agenda 311 US senator Cory Booker delivers longest speech in Senate history video The US politics sketch US politics Booker makes a stand against Trump and does not stop for 25 hours Democrats have appeared lame and leaderless for 72 days but then Cory Booker stood up and did something Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The Guardian April 21 2025 Would the senator yield for a question? asked Democratic leader Chuck Schumer Senator Cory Booker who on a long days journey into night had turned himself into the fighter that many Democrats were yearning for replied with a wry smile Chuck Schumer it is the only time in my life I can tell you no But Schumer was not taking no for an answer I just wanted to tell you a question do you know you have just broken the record? Do you know how proud this caucus is of you? Do you know how proud America is of you? The first Black senator from New Jersey had just shattered the record for the longest speech in Senate history delivered by Strom Thurmond of South Carolina an arch segregationist who filibustered for 24 hours and 18 minutes against the Civil Rights Act of 1957 In the normally somber Senate chamber around 40 Democrats rose to their feet in effusive applause A few hundred people in the public gallery where the busts of 20 former vice presidents gazed down from marble plinths erupted in clapping and cheering and whooping The senator took a tissue and mopped perspiration from his forehead Since the Booker obstruction did not occur during voting on any bill it was not technically a filibuster But it marked the first time during The trump second term that Democrats have deliberately clogged up Senate business He said his constituents had challenged him to think differently and take risks and so he did In an attention economy so often dominated by the forces of Maga his all nighter offered a ray of hope in the darkness Booker by contrast went old school one man standing and talking for hour after hour on the Senate floor in a display of endurance reminiscent of a famous scene in the 1939 film Smith Goes to Washington starring Jimmy Stewart It had all begun at 7pm on Monday when wearing a US flag pin on a dark suit white shirt and black tie as if dressed for the funeral of the republic Booker vowed I rise tonight with the intention of getting in some good trouble I rise with the intention of disrupting the normal business of the United States Senate for as long as I am physically able I rise tonight because I believe sincerely that our country is in crisis ... These are not normal times in America and they should not be treated as such in the United States Senate The threats to the American people and American democracy are grave and urgent and we all must do more to stand against them What followed was a tour de force of physical stamina The 55 year old who played tight end for the American football team of Stanford University asked a Senate page to take away his chair so he was not tempted to sit down which is barred by the Senate rules He persisted A woman vice president of communications at the liberal group American Bridge tweeted I worked for Cory Booker on the campaign trail and I say this with love that man drinks enough caffeine on a normal day to stay up 72 hours This could go a while Booker may also be a great advert for veganism To the end his mind was clear and his voice was strong This was also a masterclass in political rhetoric which Schumer rightly praised for its crystalline brilliance There were recurring themes The trump economic chaos and rising prices billionaires exerting ever greater influence Musk the richest man in the world slashing entire government programs without consent from Congress and inflicting pain on children military veterans and other vulnerable groups Booker read dozens and dozens of letters from what he called terrified people with heartbreaking stories The senator also warned of tyranny Trump disappearing people from the streets without due process bullying the media and trying to create press corps like Vladimir Putin or Recep Tayyip Erdoğan seizing more executive power and putting democracy itself in grave peril A few times he inverted the famous phrase of former president John F Kennedy to warn that today it is no longer ask not what your country can do for you It is what you can do for Trump He acknowledged that the public want Democrats to do more But he insisted that can only go so far and as during the civil rights movement the American people must rise up He frequently referred to a moral moment and invoked the late congressman John Lewis famed for causing good trouble This is not who we are or how we do things in America Booker said How much more can we endure before we as a collective voice say enough is enough? Democrat Chris Murphy accompanied Booker throughout his speech We have passed the 15

hour mark Booker observed I want to thank Senator Murphy because he has been here at my side the entire time Other Democrats took turns to show up in solidarity asking if Booker would accept a question He agreed reading from a note to ensure he got the wording right I yield for a question while retaining the floor Occasionally he would quip I have the floor So much power it is going to my head! Just after ten thirty A M Schumer the minority leader told Booker Your strength your fortitude your clarity has just been nothing short of amazing and all of America is paying attention to what you are saying All of America needs to know there are so many problems the disastrous actions of this administration They discussed Medicaid cuts before Booker responded You heaped so many kind things on me But never before in the history of America has a man from Brooklyn said so many complimentary things about a man in Newark Angela Alsobrooks the first Black senator from Maryland entered the chamber caught the eye of Booker and raised a clenched fist in a shared act of resistance As Booker approached the 24 hour mark most Senate Democrats took their seats and Democrats from the House of Representatives including minority leader Hakeem Jeffries sat or stood in the chamber The public and press galleries swelled Booker once again channeled Lewis the civil rights hero I do not know what John Lewis would say but John Lewis would do something He would say something What we will have to repent for is not the words and violent actions for bad people but the appalling silence and inaction of good people This is our moral moment As Booker closed in on the record time of Thurmond Murphy noted that this speech was very different Today you are standing not in the way of progress but of retreat he told his friend Booker commented I could break this record of the man who tried to stop the rights upon which I stand I am not here though because of his speech I am here despite his speech I am here because as powerful as he was the people were more powerful Even when the record was beaten he carried on I want to go a little bit past this and then I am going to deal with some of the biological urgencies I am feeling he said Finally after 25 hours and four minutes Booker declared This is a moral moment It is not left or right It is right or wrong Madam President I yield the floor Again the chamber erupted in cheers and Democrats mobbed their new unofficial leader No one who was there will ever forget it Booker had delivered a vivid portrait of a great nation breaking promises to its people betraying overseas allies and sliding off a cliff towards authoritarianism He had also made a persuasive case that an inability to do everything should not undermine an attempt to do something His was a primal scream of resistance

7 US politics Cory Booker breaks record for longest Senate speech with Trump condemnation In speech that began Monday night Democratic senator warns of grave and urgent danger of Trump administration Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The Guardian April 1 2025 Cory Booker the Democratic US senator from New Jersey has broken the record for longest speech ever by a lone senator beating the record first established by Strom Thurmond who filibustered for 24 hours and 18 minutes in opposition to the Civil Rights Act of 1957 the Booker speech eventually ran to 25 hours and five minutes Having begun at 7pm on Monday night was not a filibuster but instead an effort to warn of what he called the grave and urgent danger that Trump poses to democracy and the American people I rise with the intention of disrupting the normal business of the United States Senate for as long as I am physically able Booker said near the start of his speech I rise tonight because I believe sincerely that our nation is in crisis Booker said that he has heard endless stories of pain and fear from constituents who are both Democrats and Republicans due to the Trump policies Institutions that are special in America that are unique in our country are being recklessly and I would say unconstitutionally affected attacked and even shattered Booker said In just 71 days the president of the United States has inflicted so much harm on American safety financial stability the core foundations of our democracy and even our aspirations as a people for from our highest offices a sense of common decency These are not normal times in America and they should not be treated as such I cannot allow this body to continue without doing something The threats to American democracy are grave and urgent Emphasizing the role Congress should play to hold the executive branch accountable Booker decried his fellow congressmembers for failing to vote against Trump cabinet nominees and other policies The most powerful man in

the world and the richest man in the world have taken a battle axe to the Veterans Association a battle axe to the Department of Education a battle axe to the only agency solely focused on protecting consumers against big banks and other factors that might abuse them he said What will we do in this body? What will we do in the House of Representatives? Right now the answer is nothing As he approached a full day of speaking Booker was still on his feet making sweeping gestures as he spoke Booker evoked the Founding Fathers Civil Rights leaders and lawmakers who stood up against McCarthyism in his calls for congressmembers to more assertively hold the Trump administration accountable Yielding to a question from Connecticut senator Chris Murphy while retaining the floor Booker rested a moment while Murphy recounted the longest speech in Senate history given in 1957 by Republican senator Strom Thurmond to filibuster the Civil Rights Act What you have done here today Senator Booker could not be more different than what occurred on this floor in 1957 he said Strom Thurmond was standing in the way of inevitable progress He added Today you are standing in the way not of progress but of retreat the Booker speech is not technically a filibuster as he is not trying to run down the time of the Senate to prevent a piece of legislation from passing Instead he has used his speaking slot to decry the Trump spending cuts its attempt to abolish the Department of Education the Trump attempts to bypass the judicial system and the removal of people from the US who speak out against the administration The Booker speech has been supported with reams of quotes from speeches by the late American politicians John McCain and John Lewis as well as excerpts from newspaper articles Some of the fellow Democrats of Senator Booker have helped support him during his monologues with several asking questions that have allowed Booker to have a break without yielding the floor The Democratic Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer was the first to pose a question to his New Jersey colleague and he praised Booker for his strength and conviction You are taking the floor tonight to bring up all these inequities that will hurt people that will so hurt the middle class that will so hurt poor people that will hurt America hurt our fiscal conditions as you document Schumer said in his own question to Booker Just give us a little inkling of the strength give us a little feeling for the strength and conviction that drive you to do this unusual taking of the floor for a long time to let the people know how bad these things are going to be Around his 20th hour of speaking Booker offered an apology to his fellow Democrats for the current political climate saying I confess that I have been inadequate That the Democrats have been responsible for allowing the rise of this demagogue

8 United States and the World Tesla How Tesla became a battleground for political protest As demonstrations against Musk and his political ties spread Tesla owners find themselves caught in a growing debate turning a once iconic brand into a symbol of division Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The Guardian April 1 2025 Over the weekend protesters gathered at Tesla showrooms in hundreds of cities across the world to demonstrate against Musk laying waste the US government in alliance with Trump Their goal stigmatize the Tesla cars One sign in Manhattan read Burn a Tesla save democracy Protesters are using the commercial democracy of consumer products to influence US political democracy In New York City several hundred anti Tesla protesters gathered outside the Manhattan showroom of the EV company on Saturday A 23 year old woman an organizer with Planet Over Profit explained that the rally was not about protesting electric cars We are here to protest Musk who has essentially held a Tesla car show on the White House lawn she said We want to disrupt his business as much as possible so that includes all Teslas and not just the Cybertruck The Musk fortune has dropped more than one hundred billion dollars as the Tesla stock has fallen by nearly half since its peak value in December 2024 The Musk political ventures are forcing many Tesla owners to either be a spokesperson for or against the company Musk is synonymous with Tesla In its comprehensive annual report the company discloses in the section on risks that it is highly dependent on the services of Musk Techno king of Tesla and our Chief Executive Officer Techno king of Tesla is one of The Musk official if juvenile titles Individual owners are being asked to justify their purchases or publicly declare the separation of their beliefs from their vehicles Of particular concern are the dates of the purchases with I bought this before Musk went crazy bumper stickers proliferating as a sign of rebuke of the so called department

of government efficiency For his own part Musk is targeting a narrower and narrower audience hosting a Tesla sales event on the White House lawn alongside one of the most poorly rated and divisive presidents in modern political history I cannot predict the fate of Tesla but for now widespread social souring on Tesla is making a dent in its finances 9 United States Seth Meyers Trump has entered his Gaddafi era Late night hosts discuss Trump mulling an illegal third term in office and launching a global trade war with tariffs **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian April 1 2025 Late night hosts talk the Trump unspecific tariffs plan the fallout from Signalgate and Trump openly discussing an illegal third term in office Seth Meyers March madness is in full swing and sadly I am not talking about the basketball tournament said Seth Meyers on Monday evening Trump has entered his Gaddafi era the Late Night host continued referring to the former Libyan dictator The trump got masked agents snatching people off the street for opinions he does not like Meyers mocked the blame game of the national security adviser Mike Waltz for the Signal group chat used to discuss sensitive military plans for strikes in Yemen Waltz claimed that the number for Jeffrey Goldberg the Atlantic editor he invited to the chat just got sucked in to his phone It just got sucked in is a terrible answer when your title is national security adviser Meyers laughed It is worth noting that the president of the United States with access to the best intelligence in the world seems to know less about this earth shattering scandal involving leaks of highly sensitive military plans than regular Americans at town halls who are very angry about it he added Stephen Colbert And on The Late Show Stephen Colbert looked into The trump proposed trade war The president of United States has a nearly unchecked trade authority and for weeks now Trump has been unchecking and wrecking it in every direction but will not tell anyone what he is going to do why he is going to do it or how long he is going to do it for he explained This is not a bull or a bear market this is bees! Bees! For weeks Trump teased that this Wednesday will be Liberation Day with an unclear and unspecific amount of tariffs Liberation Day is like Independence Day in that we are the only country celebrating and somebody is probably going to get some fingers blown off Colbert joked If you do not like Trump tariffs and not many people do Worry not he added One day he will not be president maybe Because in a new interview Trump said he would not rule out a third term as president What kind of headline is that? Colbert fumed Who cares what he will not rule out? I will not rule out lying down on the Krispy Kreme conveyor belt and letting the glaze just take me but that does not mean it is going to happen! The constitution forbids it he continued quoting the 22nd amendment The rules are crystal clear 10 France Could Marine The Le Pen guilty verdict help fuel the far right? **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian April 1 2025 The parliamentary leader of the far right National Rally party of France Marine Le Pen has been banned from public office for five years for embezzlement ruining her chance of a presidential run It is a sentence that has prompted anger among rightwing leaders across the world and led to accusations that democracy is being threatened Along with more than 20 others she was found to have used money for European parliament assistants to pay party workers The shock sentence could end The Le Pen hopes of running for president in 2027 She is now appealing and has hit back furiously as have her supporters and allies Some of her support could hurt her more than it helps however The Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said in response that more and more European capitals are going down the path of violating democratic norms While Trump and Viktor Orbán have also weighed in National Rally the far right organization known as RN has tried hard to detoxify itself and distance itself from its antisemitic past under the leadership of The Le Pen father Jean Marie Le Pen Marine Le Pen says and has also positioned itself as an anti corruption party But will RN supporters think this reputation is now in tatters or could it lead to conspiracy theories? 11 France The left in France is celebrating the conviction of Marine Le Pen for embezzlement But gloating will make it harder to beat the far right Beware the backlash strategies used by Trump and Berlusconi It is vital that the National Rally leader is not able to capitalize on this verdict **RAWSEP Key Excerpt** This far right playbook has become alarmingly predictable What follows are the examples in three countries of Trump in the United States Georgescu in Romania and Berlusconi in Italy After the January 6th 2021 Capitol attack Trump

dismissed his legal challenges as politically motivated witch hunts orchestrating a maddening comeback Asked on Monday about The Le Pen conviction Trump said it was a very big deal and very much like what had happened in his own country The same drama unfolds in Europe In Romania futile appeal far right populist Călin Georgescu against a ruling barring him from the presidential race barely dampened the fervor of Georgescu supporters instead they surged behind another far right figure George Simion who now leads in the polls Of course both cases are dwarfed by the exploits of Silvio Berlusconi the maestro of political comebacks The late Italian former prime minister faced a barrage of charges from abuse of office and bribery to extortion and paying for sex with an underage girl yet in 2014 he managed to overturn his conviction casting his legal battles as nothing more than politically motivated persecution Yesterday Marine Le Pen followed suit insisting that her prosecution is a political decision and a denial of democracy This is how the far right operates when courts deliver unfavorable verdicts these outcomes are reframed as proof of an orchestrated conspiracy while any favorable decision is lionized as an indisputable victory for democracy How should we France deal with this playbook? Given that Musk has tweeted several times in support of Le Pen it is also crucial to recognize that the boundaries between global far right movements are increasingly blurred with their mobilization tactics evolving rapidly Democracies must confront this challenge head on and urgently unite against the far right threat before it is too late [RAWSEP Excerpt from the conclusion of this article showing a way to fight the neo Nazi right wing French National Rally directly by supporting French political groups on the left](#) This is a call to arms for the leftwing France Unbowed Party and its leader Jean Luc Mélenchon It must renew the party diversify its ranks and invest in emerging talent that resonates with younger voters mirroring the approach of Die Linke translated as The Left Party in Germany if it is to prevent the far right from advancing into the center of Europe for the first time since the second world war [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The Guardian April 2 2025 [RAWSEP View](#) This article gives a description of what the problem with National Rally is for the French people in addition to its leader Marine Le Pen being an embezzler The National Rally conceals its true purpose that its existence is meant mainly to steal from government coffers in aid of the rich This is painfully reminiscent of what the Trump government is trying to do to steal from the safety net coffers meant for voters of average income in the United States government programs such as Social Security to give tax breaks to the United States rich Bardella in France at under 30 years old seems to roughly be taking the place of Marine Le Pen similarly to how the 40 year old JD Vance is standing in for Trump in some instances in the United States From the article The verdict is in and the National Rally NR and its leader Marine Le Pen have been found to have employed fictitious European parliament assistants between 2004 and 2016 The fraudulent scheme enabled the misappropriation of around two point nine million Euros in European funds and Le Pen has now been barred from holding public office for five years Could this mark the end for the National Rally? Highly unlikely and the reason lies in the strategy of the NR party During the trial Le Pen deliberately maintained silence in response to the allegations a tactic some outlets dismissed as evidence of a weak defense even questioning her credibility Yet this quiet is far from a sign of weakness it reflects a long established approach that consistently shuns conventional maneuvers in favour of an intentionally unpredictable stance The origins of this strategy date back to 2011 when she set in motion the de demonization of the NR This was not just an exercise in recalibrating the image and rhetoric of the NR party it was a move to sever ties with the extremist legacy that had long marred the name of her family Her rebranding transformed the Front National into the National Rally and charted a new course for the party This process also involved a purge of party members who openly endorsed the World War two era Vichy regime with supported German Nazi occupation of France in World War Two a purge so uncompromising that it resulted in the banishment of her own father Jean Marie Le Pen By casting her father aside as a cornerstone of her de demonization campaign she demonstrated a readiness to make brutal sacrifices Now she may well have to repeat this tactic sacrificing herself to clear the path for the rise of the prodigy of the NR Jordan Bardella At just 29 years old Bardella embodies a generational shift that encapsulates the perils of a re energized far right His narrative infuses the appeal of the NR party with a contemporary flavor resonating particularly with young men His

proficient use of social media platforms such as TikTok has not only mobilized the base of the party but also illustrated the evolving tactics of far right organizing in the digital age Current opinion polls reveal that the NR is enjoying a notable surge in support Now with the conviction of Marine Le Pen for embezzlement Bardella may well be holding a winning hand including the strategic weaponization of the legal setback of his mentor First we must not reproduce the Le Pen argument that her conviction was a political attack Defending her is indefensible the courts exist to deliver justice and no one is above the law Second The Bardella meteoric rise in the polls demands a swift response from the French left against hate economic isolation and the promotion of white supremacy NR clearly has a long term plan centered on Bardella and there is little doubt that this strategy will resonate with voters in the wake of the Le Pen conviction HEADLINES [12 Headlines The Guardian April 2 2025](#) World Economy and Environment Average person will be 40 poorer if world warms by 4C new research shows Climate crisis The Guardian World Economy and Politics The trump tariffs will be negative the world over Global stock markets fall as new Trump tariffs loom Stock markets The Guardian World and Economy and Politics Gold rises as markets await US tariffs Heathrow airport was warned about power supply in days before closure business live The Guardian World and Economy and Politics Trump set to announce new round of tariffs on his so called liberation day Trump tariffs The Guardian United States Weather Service Chaos Trump cuts to Noaa disrupt staffing and weather forecasts Trump administration The Guardian [United States Economy About a third of Americans stop buying eggs due to rising costs study shows US news The Guardian](#) [United States Politics Billionaires spent record amounts during 2024 federal election – report US political financing The Guardian](#) [United States Politics Booker makes a stand against Trump – and does not stop for 25 hours US politics The Guardian](#) [United States Politics Cory Booker breaks record for longest Senate speech with Trump condemnation US politics The Guardian](#) [United States Politics Comedian dropped by White House correspondents hits back I would have been so terrifically mean Trump administration The Guardian](#) [United States Politics Democrats still misunderstand working class voters – to their peril Dustin Guastella The Guardian](#) [United States and Economy and Politics How Tesla became a battleground for political protest Tesla The Guardian](#) [United States and Economy and Politics Seth Meyers Trump has entered his Gaddafi era Late night TV roundup The Guardian](#) [United States and Economy and Politics The Guardian view on The trump tariffs a spectacle of struggle and control Editorial The Guardian](#) [United States and Economy and Politics Trump will not stop until every American relic reflects his imaginary world view Kellie Carter Jackson The Guardian](#) [United Kingdom and European Union The trump liberation day tariffs what is at stake for UK and EU Trump tariffs The Guardian](#) [California wildfire threatening forest home of the oldest tree in the world California wildfires The Guardian](#) [Wisconsin Democrats hail major win as Susan Crawford delivers blow to Trump and Musk in Wisconsin – US politics live Wisconsin supreme court race liberal Susan Crawford beats Musk backed candidate Wisconsin The Guardian](#) [Canada The ice is not freezing as it should supply roads to Indigenous communities in Canada under threat from climate crisis Canada The Guardian](#) [Canada and Politics Neil Young says he may be barred from returning to US over Trump criticism The Guardian](#) [The Guardian Australia and Environment Monster surf batters Bondi Icebergs pool and leaves trail of carnage across Sydney beaches New South Wales T Europe and Economy and Politics Large majority of Europeans support retaliatory tariffs against US poll finds Trump tariffs The Guardian](#) [Europe Economy and Politics EU has a strong plan to retaliate on Trump tariffs says von der Leyen International trade The Guardian](#) [France Could Marine The Le Pen guilty verdict help fuel the far right podcast Marine Le Pen The Guardian](#) [France The left in France is celebrating the Le Pen conviction But gloating will make it harder to beat the far right The Guardian](#) [Russia Ukraine war briefing US anger builds on Russia over refusal to accept ceasefire World news The Guardian](#) [Mozambique in Africa Is it woke to care about the environment? How The trump cuts are dismantling global conservation work Wildlife The Guardian](#) [Japan Will the close ties of Japan with US survive the caprice and quirks of Trump? Japan The Guardian](#) [Taiwan and China Japan unveils first plan to evacuate 100000 civilians from islands near Taiwan in event of conflict Japan The Guardian](#)