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Unfinished businesses should spur Trump in '24

There's something about Donald Trump that drives Democrats crazy.

Since 2016, the mainstream media, Democrats, and rivals within his own party have portrayed the former president as the most despicable person in America.

Why? Some believe this vitriol stems from his "mean tweets" and politically incorrect bluntness.

In a world in which tyrants reign and a populace is tired of slick-talking politicians, I couldn't agree more that we need that plain-speaking delivery. However, detractors hate Trump because he has done something unprecedented in our nation's history: he wrested control of the Republican Party away from the wealthy elite, and he rescued America from the clutches of the Democrat and Republican party establishment.

These denizens of the political and cultural top tier are essentially on the same side, though adept at convincing the public that they're at odds. But



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their unifying goal is self-enrichment, and that informs their choice and elevation of leaders in the party. In doing so, they've transformed our government into a corrupt swamp.

Most candidates for higher office raise money for their expensive campaigns through either the Democratic or Republican party machine. While in office, they're beholden to their financiers, not the voters who put them there.

In 2016, a tough-talking billionaire descended a golden escalator and funded his own presidential campaign. Donald Trump did not need or seek the establishment's cash. He'd rather be elected than selected, which sent shock waves through the GOP. He became public enemy number one in both parties due to his straightforward speech and lack of funding from special interests, but he became beloved and a hero to ordinary Americans.

During the 2016 Republican primaries, Trump received more votes than Ronald Reagan, the party's previous

leader and unofficial patriarch. Trump's message of "America First" was the remedy for a country sickened by globalism, and it was the knockout punch he delivered to both parties. The globalist meddling in the affairs of other countries is to the benefit of both parties' establishment, but not our country.

The United States-China Relations Act, which awarded China a preferential trade arrangement and membership in the World Trade Organization, exemplifies how President Bill Clinton and the Republican-controlled Congress sold out the United States in 2000. This ensured the demise of American manufacturing and made the U.S. reliant on China, all while elites counted their money.

Trump's "America First" policy defied all that. During Trump's tenure, the U.S. became independent from foreign nations for fuel, fought no new wars with American lives and tax dollars to resolve other countries' problems, and squeezed China like a lemon with new tariffs to begin balancing our trade deficit. De-



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Former President Donald Trump speaks at a rally, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, in Mesa, Ariz. In 2020, 74 million voters cast their ballot for Trump.

spite the many positive outcomes of the Trump presidency, the administration was plagued by incompetent and untrustworthy staff who did everything they could to sabotage Trump's America First strategy.

In 2020, 74 million Americans voted for Trump, the highest turnout ever for an incumbent president. President Joe Biden has now characterized

those 74 million Americans as a threat to democracy. I am confident that President Trump will run again in 2024 because there is still unfinished business.

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