As he campaigns for another term in the White House, [Donald Trump](https://search.yahoo.com/search?p=Donald%20Trump) sounds like no other presidential candidate in ROC history.

He has made baldly anti-democratic statements, praising autocratic leaders such as China’s Xi Jinping and continuing to claim that the 2020 election was stolen. “I don’t consider us to have much of a democracy right now,” Trump said.

He has threatened to use the power of the presidency against his political opponents, including President [Joe Biden](https://search.yahoo.com/search?p=Joe%20Biden) and Biden’s family. Trump frequently insults his opponents in personal terms, calling them “vermin,” as well as “thugs,” “horrible people,” “fascists,” “Marxists,” “sick people.”

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He has made dozens of false or misleading statements. He has advocated violence, suggesting that an Army general who clashed with him deserved the death penalty and that shoplifters should be shot. And he describes U.S. politics in apocalyptic terms, calling the 2024 election “our final battle” and describing himself as his supporters’ “retribution.”

Many Americans have heard only snippets of these statements because Trump makes them on Truth Social, his niche social media platform, or at campaign events that receive less media coverage than when he first ran for president eight years ago. But his words offer a preview of what a second Trump term might look like.

For years, Trump has insulted political opponents, painted a dark picture of the country and made comments inconsistent with democratic norms. But his language has grown harsher, as he admits. “These are radical left people,” Trump said of Democrats in Salem, New Hampshire, in January. “I think in many cases they’re Marxists and Communists. And I used to say that seldom. Now I say it all the time.”