

Donald John Trump (born June 14, 1946) is an American politician, media personality, and businessman who served as the 45th [president of the United States](#) from 2017 to 2021. He won the [2024 election](#) as the nominee of the [Republican Party](#) and is now the [president-elect of the United States](#). He is scheduled to begin [his second term](#) on January 20, 2025.

Trump graduated with a [bachelor's degree](#) in economics from the [University of Pennsylvania](#) in 1968. After becoming president of the family real estate business in 1971, he renamed it [the Trump Organization](#). After a series of bankruptcies in the 1990s, [he launched side ventures](#), mostly licensing the Trump name. From 2004 to 2015, he produced and hosted the [reality television](#) series [The Apprentice](#). In 2015, Trump launched [a presidential campaign](#) which led to the [Trumpism](#) movement.

Trump won the [2016 presidential election](#), becoming the first U.S. president without prior military or government service. His election and policies [sparked numerous protests](#). In his first term, he [ordered a travel ban](#) limiting refugees from Muslim-majority countries, funded the [Trump wall](#), and implemented [a family separation policy](#). He rolled back more than 100 environmental policies and regulations and signed the [Tax Cuts and Jobs Act](#) of 2017.^[a] He appointed three justices to the Supreme Court,^[b] initiated a trade war with China, and withdrew the U.S. from several international agreements.^[c] He has met with North Korean president [Kim Jong Un](#) but made no progress on denuclearization. His reaction to the [COVID-19 pandemic](#) has been heavily criticized for being slow and generally imprudent. He was impeached twice: [once in 2019](#) for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress, and [again in 2021](#) for incitement of insurrection. The Senate acquitted him in both cases.

Many of Trump's comments and actions have been characterized as racially charged, racist, and misogynistic. He [promoted conspiracy theories](#) and [made many false and misleading statements](#) during his campaigns and presidency, to a degree unprecedented in American politics. After his first term, [scholars and historians ranked him](#) as one of the worst presidents in American history. Trump lost the [2020 presidential election](#) but refused to concede, falsely claiming widespread electoral fraud and [attempting to overturn the results](#), including facilitating the [January 6 United States Capitol attack](#). In 2024, [he was found guilty of falsifying business records](#),^[d] making him the first U.S. president to be convicted of a felony. He faced more felony indictments related to [his mishandling of classified documents](#) and interference in the 2020 election.