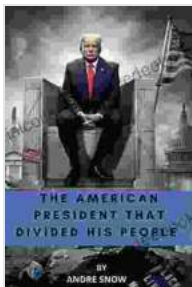


# **How Trump Brought Democracy to Its Knees**

Donald Trump's presidency was a watershed moment in American history. It marked the first time that a president had openly and repeatedly attacked the institutions of democracy, from the media to the judiciary to the electoral process itself. Trump's actions were not merely those of a rogue politician; they were part of a larger pattern of authoritarianism and populism that has been growing in the United States and around the world in recent years.

## **Trump's Attacks on the Media**

One of Trump's most consistent targets was the media. He repeatedly denounced the press as "the enemy of the people" and accused journalists of being "fake news." He also sought to undermine the credibility of specific news organizations, such as CNN and The New York Times, by labeling them as "biased" or "corrupt."



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Trump's attacks on the media were not merely a matter of personal pique. They were part of a larger strategy to delegitimize the institutions that hold power accountable. By undermining the public's trust in the media, Trump made it easier to dismiss criticism of his own actions. He also created a climate of fear and intimidation that made it more difficult for journalists to do their jobs.

### **Trump's Attacks on the Judiciary**

Trump also repeatedly attacked the judiciary. He accused judges who ruled against him of being "biased" or "unfair." He also threatened to fire judges who did not rule in his favor.



Trump's attacks on the judiciary were particularly dangerous because they threatened to undermine the independence of the courts. The judiciary is

one of the three branches of government, and it is essential for ensuring that the government is subject to the rule of law. By attacking the judiciary, Trump was attempting to subvert the system of checks and balances that is designed to protect American democracy.

### **Trump's Attacks on the Electoral Process**

Perhaps most alarmingly, Trump repeatedly attacked the electoral process itself. He made unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud and suggested that he would not accept the results of the 2020 election if he lost.

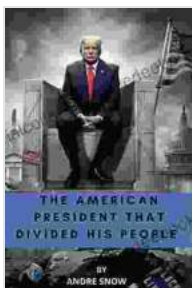


Trump's attacks on the electoral process were a direct threat to American democracy. The peaceful transfer of power is one of the hallmarks of a democracy, and Trump's refusal to commit to respecting the results of the election raised the specter of violence and chaos. In the end, Trump's

supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol in an attempt to overturn the results of the election, an event that will forever be remembered as a dark day for American democracy.

Trump's presidency was a sustained attack on American democracy. He undermined the media, the judiciary, and the electoral process itself. His actions were not merely those of a rogue politician; they were part of a larger pattern of authoritarianism and populism that has been growing in the United States and around the world in recent years.

The future of American democracy is uncertain. Trump's presidency has left a lasting legacy of division and distrust. It is up to all Americans to work together to rebuild our democracy and ensure that it is strong enough to withstand the challenges of the future.



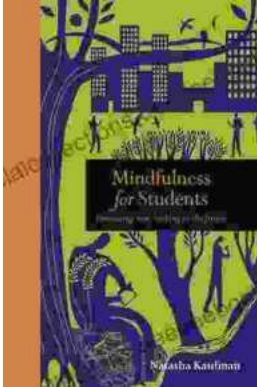
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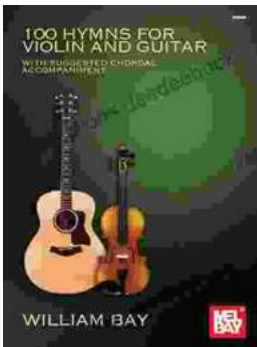
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