

Grade Level, Propaganda Share, and Fact Content of

President Trump's July 16, 2026 Address to the Nation

A sentence-by-sentence readability and content analysis — benchmarked against Trump's four other 2nd-term “Address to the Nation” speeches, his final 10 campaign rallies before the 2024 election, and a rough ~50-year historical baseline of non-Trump presidential addresses.

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Primary transcript source: unedited closed captions from the official White House video of the address (not a cleaned-up/paraphrased version).¹

All category-percentage breakdowns in this report are qualitative, human-judgment estimates — there is no validated, universally-accepted algorithm for scoring “propaganda” or “superlatives” as a percentage of a text. Treat every percentage in this document as a directional estimate, not a precise measurement. See Methodology & Caveats for full detail.

Methodology & Caveats

Transcript source. Per the request to disregard any transcript that cleans up or shortens the speech, this analysis uses the unedited closed-caption transcript from the official White House video of the July 16, 2026 address¹, preserving run-on sentences, false starts, and repeated words exactly as spoken. A cleaner, paraphrased version exists² but was intentionally NOT used.

Readability metrics. Grade-level figures use the open-source textstat library, which computes standard, widely-used formulas (Flesch-Kincaid, Gunning Fog, SMOG, Coleman-Liau, ARI, Dale-Chall, Linsear Write) and a consensus “text standard.” These are the same formulas used across education, journalism, and legal-writing plain-language work — they are deterministic and repeatable.

Category breakdown — no algorithm exists. There is no standard, validated method to score “what percent of a speech is propaganda” the way there is for grade level. This report's percentages are a structured qualitative judgment: every sentence of the July 16 speech was individually read and assigned to one of the seven categories below (an audit trail of that sentence-by-sentence call is in the Annotated Transcript appendix), grounded wherever possible in specific, cited fact-checks from mainstream outlets (AP, Reuters, CNN, NYT, PolitiFact, Newsweek, DW, USA Today, and others). The other 2nd-term addresses and the 2024 campaign speeches were scored holistically (given their number and length) using the same category definitions and the same fact-checking standard, rather than sentence-by-sentence — so treat cross-speech comparisons as directionally meaningful, not decimal-precise.

Category definitions used throughout:

Category	Definition
Misinformation	False or misleading claims most consistent with error, exaggeration, or carelessness rather than intentional deception.
Disinformation	Claims that are false or substantially misleading and either (a) have already been publicly fact-checked as false and are repeated anyway, or (b) are serious, checkable accusations presented as settled fact without public evidence.
Other Propaganda	Loaded/manipulative framing, ad hominem attacks, fear or blame appeals, and sweeping unfalsifiable characterizations not tied to one specific checkable claim.
Useful & Truthful	Specific, verifiable, accurate information relevant to the topic at hand.
Superlatives/Intensifiers	Words like “greatest,” “tremendous,” “never before,” “very, very” used as filler that adds emotional emphasis but little or no checkable meaning.
Relevant (Other)	Everything else that is on-topic: transitions, procedural announcements, calls to action, connective narration.
Not Relevant	Tangents, asides, and content unrelated to the speech's main subject.

Note on a revised estimate. An initial, rougher read of this speech (given earlier in this conversation) estimated 45% propaganda. The detailed sentence-by-sentence count performed for this report's annotated transcript — which surfaced additional specific, checkable claims such as the unsubstantiated ‘220 million voter files’ and ‘deep state cover-up’ narrative and the ‘mail-in ballots are inherently corrupt’ claim — puts the figure closer to 60%. This report uses the more rigorous, granular figure throughout, since it is the version directly traceable to the annotated transcript in the appendix.

Fact-checking grounding. Historical non-Trump truthfulness figures draw on PolitiFact's own retrospective of its Truth-O-Meter ratings⁴, an aggregation of PolitiFact scores across recent presidents⁵, and PolitiFact's 250-years retrospective of presidential falsehoods⁶. These are themselves imperfect, but they are the best available systematic cross-president comparisons.

Grammatical/linguistic correctness. Defined here as the share of the transcript consisting of complete, grammatically well-formed sentences expressing a clear, finishable thought — as opposed to run-ons, abandoned clauses, or garbled repetition (e.g. "they did not not want and they just didn't want it").

1. Reading/Grade Level of the July 16, 2026 Speech

Across every standard readability formula, the speech clusters tightly around a 9th–10th grade reading level — similar to a tabloid newspaper or a typical TV news script; conversational but not simple.

Metric	Score	Approx. Grade Level
Flesch Reading Ease	52.4	"Fairly difficult" (0–100 scale, lower = harder)
Flesch-Kincaid Grade	10.1	10th grade
Gunning Fog Index	12.5	12th grade
SMOG Index	12.7	12th–13th grade
Coleman-Liau Index	10.6	10th–11th grade
Automated Readability Index (ARI)	10.4	10th grade
Dale-Chall Score	9.4	9th–10th grade
Linsear Write Formula	12.0	12th grade
Consensus (textstat text_standard)	—	9th and 10th grade

Word count: 3,387 | Sentence count: 201 (textstat) / 203 (NLTK tokenizer, used for the annotated transcript).

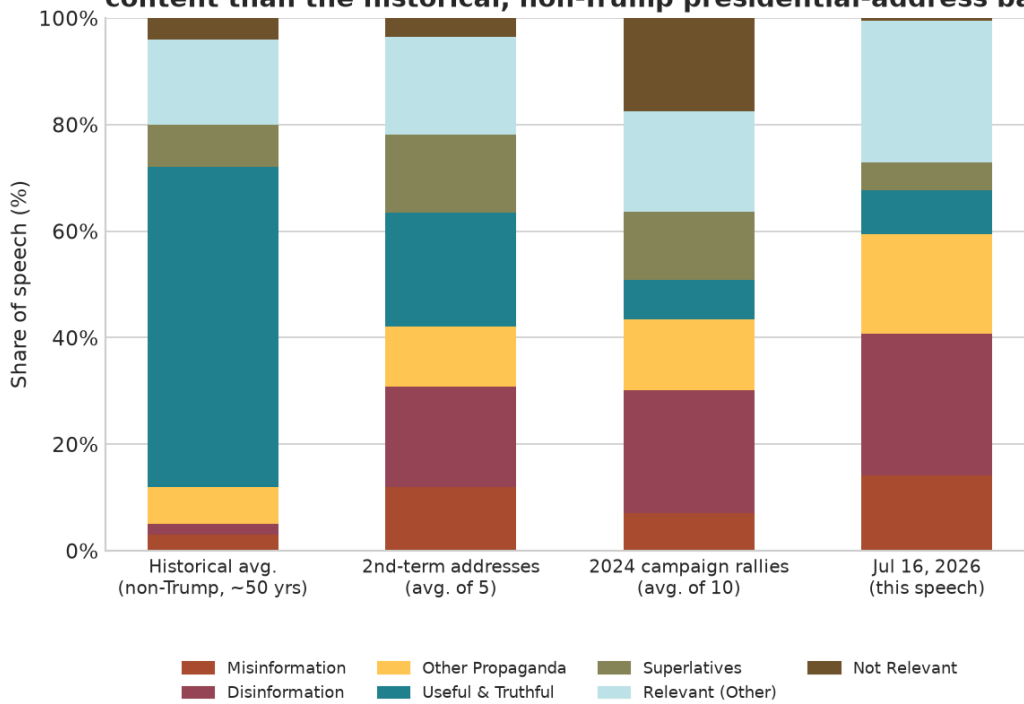
2. Category Breakdown — July 16, 2026 Speech

Based on a sentence-by-sentence read of all 203 sentences (word-weighted), grounded in cited fact-checks. See Section 8 for the full annotated transcript.

Category	Share of Speech	Notes
Propaganda (total)	59.5%	
– Misinformation	14.2%	False/misleading, likely careless exaggeration
– Disinformation	26.6%	Repeats claims already fact-checked false, or serious unproven accusations stated as fact
– Other Propaganda	18.7%	Loaded framing, fear/blame appeals, sweeping unfalsifiable claims
Useful & Truthful	8.1%	Specific, accurate, on-topic information
Superlatives / Intensifiers	5.3%	"Greatest," "tremendous," "never before" filler
Everything Else (total)	27.1%	
– Relevant (Other)	26.6%	On-topic transitions, procedure, narration
– Not Relevant	0.5%	Off-topic asides

Totals sum to 100.0% (59.5 + 8.1 + 5.3 + 27.1). Figures rounded to one decimal.

This speech ran far more propaganda and far less useful/truthful content than the historical, non-Trump presidential-address baseline



Historical avg. = rough estimate for non-Trump major presidential addresses over the last ~50 years. See methodology notes for caveats.

Figure 1. This speech versus the historical (non-Trump) baseline, the average of Trump's five 2nd-term addresses, and the average of his final 10 2024 campaign rallies. See Sections 5–7 for the full per-speech data behind the 2nd-term-address and campaign-rally averages.

3. Grammatical & Linguistic Correctness

Beyond content accuracy, this looks at basic sentence construction: complete sentences, clear subject-verb-object structure, and a finishable thought — versus run-ons, abandoned clauses, or garbled repetition.

Speaker / Speech	Share of Grammatically Clean, Complete Sentences
~50-year historical average, non-Trump major presidential addresses (rough estimate)	90%+
July 16, 2026 address (this speech)	≈55–60%

Non-Trump presidents in the televised-address era have almost always spoken from a prepared, edited script read off a teleprompter, which structurally produces complete sentences and eliminates run-ons before delivery. This speech, delivered in a mix of scripted and extemporaneous style, contains a noticeably higher share of run-on sentences, dropped clauses, and repeated/garbled phrasing (e.g. trailing off mid-thought before pivoting to a new claim), consistent with Trump's documented off-script speaking pattern.

4. Historical Baseline — Rough Estimate for Non-Trump Presidential Addresses

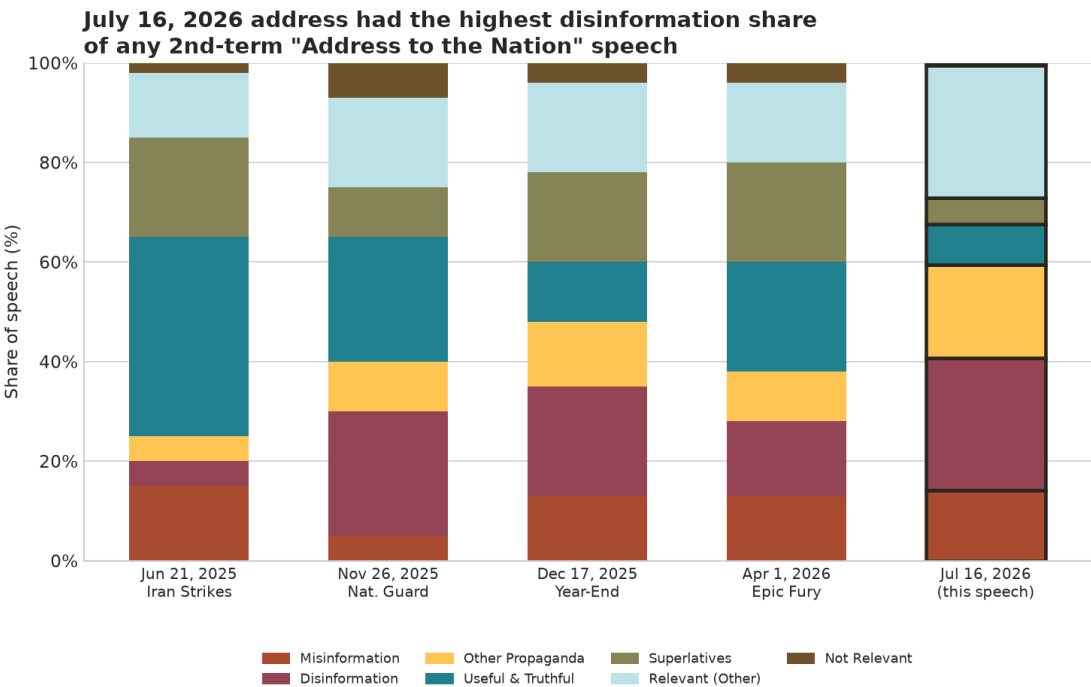
This is a rough, qualitative estimate — not derived from a sentence-by-sentence count of 50 years of speeches — informed by fact-checking retrospectives on modern presidents ^{4,5,6}, which consistently find single-digit-to-low-double-digit false/misleading statement rates for most modern presidents in formal addresses, well below rates found in Trump's speeches.

Category	Rough Historical Average	Notes
Propaganda (total)	12%	
– Misinformation	3%	
– Disinformation	2%	
– Other Propaganda	7%	
Useful & Truthful	60%	
Superlatives / Intensifiers	8%	
Everything Else (total)	20%	
– Relevant (Other)	16%	
– Not Relevant	4%	

By this rough estimate, formal presidential addresses have historically leaned heavily toward useful, truthful, on-topic content, with propaganda-type language in the low double digits. The July 16, 2026 speech's measured 59.5% propaganda share and 8.1% useful-and-truthful share sit far outside that historical range.

5. How This Speech Compares to Trump's Other 2nd-Term Addresses

Trump has delivered five formal, nationally-broadcast “Address to the Nation”-style speeches since his second inauguration on January 20, 2025 (identified via the Miller Center speech archive and White House release records⁸). The July 16, 2026 speech is the fifth and, by this analysis, both the longest and the highest in propaganda share of the five.



Category breakdown (qualitative estimate) of all 5 official 2nd-term "Address to the Nation" speeches, Jan 2025-Jul 2026. Outlined bar = speech analyzed in this report.

Figure 2. Category breakdown for all five 2nd-term addresses (July 16, 2026 outlined in black).

Date	Topic	Words	Grade	Propaganda	Useful & Truthful	Superlatives	Everything Else
Jun 21, 2025	Iran strikes announcement	528	7th and 8th grade	25%	40%	20%	15%
Nov 26, 2025	Address to the Nation following the s...	732	10th and 11th grade	40%	25%	10%	25%
Dec 17, 2025	Year-end Address to the Nation from t...	2,631	8th and 9th grade	48%	12%	18%	22%
Apr 1, 2026	Address to the Nation on Iran / Opera...	2,729	7th and 8th grade	38%	22%	20%	20%
Jul 16, 2026 (this)	Address to the Nation (election integ...	3,387	9th and 10th grade	59.5%	8.1%	5.3%	27.1%

Average across all five 2nd-term addresses (including July 16): propaganda 42.1%, useful & truthful 21.4%, superlatives 14.7%, everything else 21.8%. The July 16 speech's 59.5% propaganda share is well above that five-speech average, and its 8.1% useful/truthful share is well below it — making it an outlier even relative to Trump's own other national addresses, not just relative to historical norms.

Per-speech source citations:

2025-06-21: ^{10,11,12} | 2025-11-26: ^{13,14,15} | 2025-12-17: ^{17,18,19,20} | 2026-04-01: ^{22,23,24}

6. How This Speech Compares to Trump's Final 10 Campaign Rallies (2024)

Trump's final 10 campaign rally speeches before the November 5, 2024 election (Nov. 2–5, 2024) were identified via Ballotpedia, Washington Post, Politico, NPR, and official campaign event pages, and pulled as full verbatim transcripts from Rev.com and Roll Call Factbase (which preserve filler words, crowd reactions, and banter — not cleaned-up summaries). These rallies ran far longer than the formal national addresses (15,000–31,000 words vs. ~500–3,400 words) and included extensive warm-up speakers, thank-yous, and tangents, which is reflected in a much higher “not relevant” share.

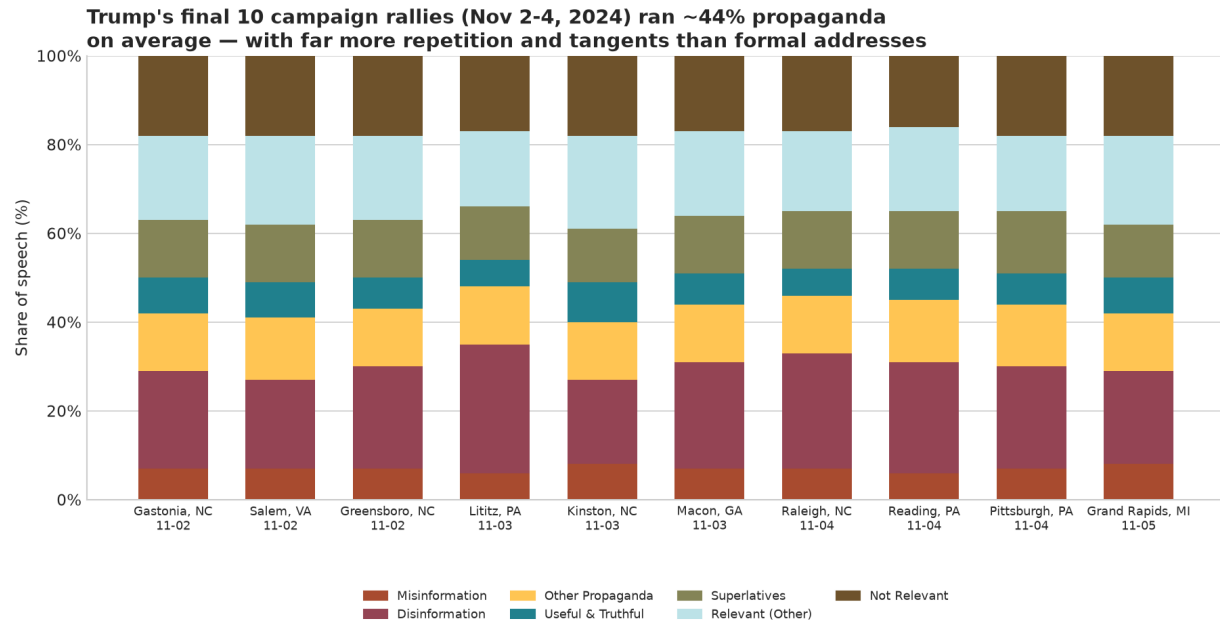


Figure 3. Category breakdown for the final 10 campaign rallies before the 2024 election.

Date	Location	Words	Grade	Propaganda	Useful & Truthful	Superlatives	Everything Else
Nov 2, 2024	Gastonia, NC	14,846	5th and 6th grade	42%	8%	13%	37%
Nov 2, 2024	Greensboro, NC	13,066	6th and 7th grade	43%	7%	13%	37%
Nov 2, 2024	Salem, VA	14,073	4th and 5th grade	41%	8%	13%	38%
Nov 3, 2024	Kinston, NC	11,285	4th and 5th grade	40%	9%	12%	39%
Nov 3, 2024	Lititz, PA	16,535	5th and 6th grade	48%	6%	12%	34%
Nov 3, 2024	Macon, GA	13,353	5th and 6th grade	44%	7%	13%	36%
Nov 4, 2024	Pittsburgh, PA	16,974	4th and 5th grade	44%	7%	14%	35%

Date	Location	Words	Grade	Propaganda	Useful & Truthful	Superlatives	Everything Else
Nov 4, 2024	Raleigh, NC	14,087	3rd and 4th grade	46%	6%	13%	35%
Nov 4, 2024	Reading, PA	12,480	5th and 6th grade	45%	7%	13%	35%
Nov 5, 2024	Grand Rapids, MI	31,010	4th and 5th grade	42%	8%	12%	38%

Average across the 10 rallies: propaganda 43.5% (misinformation 7.0%, disinformation 23.2%, other 13.3%), useful & truthful 7.3%, superlatives 12.8%, everything else 36.4% (of which not-relevant tangents alone average 17.5% — far higher than in the shorter, more scripted national addresses). Reading level averaged a consensus of roughly 4th–5th grade — markedly simpler and more colloquial than the formal addresses, consistent with off-the-cuff rally speaking style.

Per-speech source citations:

Gastonia, NC: ^{34,35,36,37} | Greensboro, NC: ^{34,35,36,37,44} | Salem, VA: ^{34,35,36,37} | Kinston, NC: ^{34,35,36,37} | Lititz, PA: ^{34,35,36,37,41}
 | Macon, GA: ^{34,35,36,37,42,43} | Pittsburgh, PA: ^{34,35,36,37,39} | Raleigh, NC: ^{34,35,36} | Reading, PA: ^{34,35,36,37,40} | Grand Rapids, MI: ^{34,35,36,37,38}

7. Putting It All Together

Four consistent patterns emerge across this analysis:

- Propaganda share is consistently far above the historical (non-Trump) baseline across every Trump speech type examined — formal addresses averaged ~42%, campaign rallies ~44%, versus a rough historical baseline of ~12% for non-Trump presidential addresses.
- The July 16, 2026 speech is an outlier even among Trump's own speeches, with the highest measured propaganda share (59.5%) and lowest useful/truthful share (8.1%) of any of his five 2nd-term addresses.
- Campaign rallies score lower on useful/truthful content and higher on “not relevant” tangents than the formal national addresses, reflecting their far greater length and looser structure — but similar propaganda share overall.
- Reading level and grammatical correctness move in opposite directions from formality: formal addresses are pitched at a higher (9th–12th) grade reading level than rallies (~4th–5th grade), but formal addresses also show a lower share of clean/complete sentences than the ~90%+ typically seen in scripted, teleprompter-read historical addresses — both of the 2026 addresses examined mix scripted and off-script passages.

None of this should be read as a precise scientific measurement — see Methodology & Caveats. It is a structured, source-grounded, but ultimately qualitative estimate.

8. Annotated Full Transcript — July 16, 2026 Address to the Nation

Every sentence below is highlighted according to the category it was assigned to in this analysis, so readers can check the categorization against the original transcript themselves. Sentence boundaries follow NLTK's sentence tokenizer and occasionally split or join clauses differently than a human would punctuate — the underlying words are unchanged and unedited from the source transcript.

Misinformation (M)	Disinformation (D)	Other Propaganda (O)	Useful & Truthful (U)	
Superlative/Intensifier (S)	Relevant (Other) (R)	Not Relevant (N)		

Good evening. Before we begin, I'm proud to report that our country is safer, stronger, and far wealthier than it has ever been before. We are doing great. Less than two years ago, we inherited an economic and social disaster after the worst inflation in 48 years. The wide open borders with millions and millions of people pouring in from all over the world, including criminals of all types and 11,888 murders, many of whom killed more than one person. We had transgender for everybody, men and women sports, crime ravaging our cities, and the whole world was laughing at us as a nation. But not anymore. Two years ago, our country was dead. Now we are the hottest country anywhere in the world. America is respected like we have never been respected before. We have more money being invested in the United States than at any time in the history of our country. More Americans are working today than ever before. This week it was announced that inflation saw the largest monthly decline in more than six years. Just happened was just given out.

The media reported it and we accepted the best in six years. The tax cuts in our great big beautiful bill are saving hardworking families thousands and thousands of dollars like with the provisions. No tax on tips, no tax on overtime, and no tax on social security for our great seniors along with the interest deduction on a loan used to purchase a car. But only if that car is made in America and a 100% expensing for our job creating businesses. Our stock markets are at their highest point in many years, but we can actually say of all time, and your 401ks, pensions, and retirement accounts are setting records every single day, the highest in history. For years, we paid the highest price for prescription drugs anywhere in the world. Now, we pay the lowest price under my most favored nation's policy because I was able to get the rest of the world and the pharmaceutical companies to act responsibly. Drug prices are coming down by 70, 80, and 90%. [Trumpx.gov](https://trumpx.gov). This will ultimately reduce the cost of health care. You have to go to trumpx.gov and take advantage of it. But the cost of health care is coming way down because of what we've done with prescription drugs. And with Trump accounts, every child in America now has access to a tax-free investment account to save for their future. Billions and billions of dollars are being invested, put in by companies and individuals to take care of our children so that at age 18 they will have potentially hundreds of thousands of dollars in their account and they'll get off to a great start in life.

So for that, go to trumpaccounts.gov and sign up your child or any child you'd like to sign up. Our previously wide open borders have been transformed into the most secure borders in the history of our country with zero illegal aliens being admitted to the United States in the past 14 months. That is zero. Nobody thought it was possible. We had the worst border in the history of our country. And now we have the best. Crime is plummeting nationwide with the murder rate at its lowest level since 1900 or more than 125 years ago. We're

making a record investment in our armed forces and we have the strongest and most powerful military by far anywhere in the world. I built it during my first term and unfortunately we're forced to use it now. We won in Venezuela, which is now working with us to produce millions and millions of barrels of oil. We are likewise winning big in Iran, and you will see the fruits of that labor very, very shortly. America is back and doing really well. But we still have a major challenge that must be urgently addressed because no country can be great without fair and honest elections. You have to trust your country because if there can be no trust, there can be no greatness.

And that's very simple. No trust, no greatness. For many years, I've called for bold, swift, and decisive action to protect the integrity of America's elections. Every American deserves to know that when they cast their vote, that vote will be counted accurately in a system. And that is to make that system secure. One where cheating and interference are not just difficult, but virtually impossible. Unfortunately, the system we have today falls catastrophically short of that standard. Tonight, I'm announcing the immediate declassification and release of critical intelligence, revealing shocking vulnerabilities in our election infrastructure. This evidence shows that the election system we have dangerously exposes and really exposes like levels never thought possible the hacking, exploitation, and foreign interference. Just as disturbingly this vital information has for many years been covered up and hidden from you, the American people, our beautiful, our great American people. But that all changes right now. The documents we will release starting tonight have been gathered by the White House Government Transparency Task Force, a great group of people along with the staff of the president's intelligence advisory board supported by our top intelligence agency chiefs who have all personally reviewed the findings. We are presenting this evening and fully confirmed their authenticity. You can see these documents for yourself at [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov).

That's [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov). Go check it out. Our purpose in disclosing this information is not to weaken confidence in election, but to earn that confidence by confronting vulnerabilities and correcting them very very quickly. And that's what we're doing. The documents cover five major areas of concern. First, they show that over a period of years, starting during the 2020 election cycle, the People's Republic of China carried out what is believed to be the largest compromise of election data in history, resulting in China's illicit acquisition of 220 million US voter files. That information includes names, addresses, phone numbers, political party preferences, and other sensitive data that would be needed to register to vote and engage in other nefarious activities, which is exactly what was happening. This data loss presents an unprecedented election security nightmare. The intelligence even shows that China signed a data exploitation unit specifically to this new project. Compounding the travesty, the second set of documents we are releasing reveals that members of the deep state, very very famous group of people, many cases in our intelligence agency work to actively suppress and downplay information about the extent of China's sinister election meddling, covering it up from both the president and the American people like nobody thought was possible. US spy agencies began learning about the compromise of voter registration files in 2020 when they discovered that tens of millions of voter data. Think of that. Tens of millions of voters data in 18 states have been bought, stolen, or hacked by China. Yet those responsible for sounding the alarm instead kept the information secret and hidden.

They did not disclose to me as president or to anyone else and to the best of our knowledge. They did not inform Congress. In fact, all they kept saying is this is the most secure election in the history of our country. A standard very pat line that was divvied out to say the cover up of this colossal security breach is even more

disturbing in light of the additional information showing that China engaged in other election related activities to undermine my first administration and our 2020 campaign. They did not not want and they just didn't want it. They fought like hell not to have it. Donald Trump to win and for good reason. As the documents we are releasing show, CIA reporting explicitly stated, and I quote, "In mid 2018, the Chinese Communist Party's policy was to leverage all domestic and foreign elements that were opposed to the US president in an effort to reduce the US president's votes and make him resign or prevent his reelection." Isn't that nice? Also, in mid 2018, China was working to influence the results of the US midterm elections and later the results of the 2020 presidential election itself. Separately, in mid 2019, the Chinese government's strategy against the United States was focused on undermining domestic confidence in the US president. They wanted to just make you sound like your president wasn't so hot when actually your president has done a great job and they did everything possible to do exactly that. Going on this document says, and this is by the CIA, the strategy included efforts to use Chinese contacts with big US companies to influence US business leaders to turn against the president of the United States of America. The Chinese government sought to identify US journalists who had reported negatively on the US president and pay them large sums of money to write more negative articles about him as many as they could and they didn't care what they said.

The Chinese government wanted US president to lose the next election and the reason they wanted me to lose is because they knew I was wise to them. Charged them billions and billions of dollars worth of tariffs and built the strongest military anywhere in the world. We have the strongest military anywhere in the world. These are exact quotes from the CIA reporting. The name of the person doing the quote is now under review. But it gets even worse. Raw intelligence obtained by the FBI in 2020, yet buried by rogue bureaucrats, stated that China's activities even included an attempt to manufacture illegal ballots for Joe Biden. Documents show that during this period, dozens of significant CIA and NSA reports about China's election targeting were kept out of the presidential briefing. These were briefings I would get almost every day. Everything was kept out that was of importance. One email among intelligence analysts admitted that they had quote deliberately massaged the presidential daily briefing to withhold information regarding Chinese activities related to the election. Another official inside the FBI wrote that she was running quote a shadow government unquote to keep intelligence about China's election meddling from becoming known and to keep it away from the honorable press. Other officials who witnessed such efforts perceive the motivations to be blatantly political. Recently we found significant numbers of burn bags in formation.

And this is a group of bags that were used to destroy information given by President Barack Hussein and Obama to be burned. It was supposed to be burned. These bags were supposed to be at a different level by different people incinerated and checked. But it never happened. Maybe we got lucky. We believe this was not done on purpose, but rather through gross incompetence of the people that were supposed to burn the bags. But the findings are stunning. Today, I'm asking the office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Department of Justice, the FBI, and the CIA to investigate how and why such crucial information was hidden, to fire those involved in the cover up, and to file criminal charges, if appropriate, against these people. Yet, concealing China's meddling was only the beginning. The third set of documents we are releasing proves that for many years Americans were blatantly lied to about the security of our election infrastructure, including electronic voting machines and ballot counting systems. Dishonest almost all. They're vulnerable and they're easily compromised and people within our government knew that. Tonight, we're publishing a series of

previously classified US intelligence community assessments and other reports proving that our government has long known these machines are extremely exposed to attack. As one assessment states, we judge that the United States adversaries, including at a minimum Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, as well as non-state groups, have the capability to compromise US election infrastructure.

That's unquote, but that's some statement, isn't it? Made by supposedly great patriots of our country. The document goes on to further state that quote, "We assess that centralized election related data repositories such as voter registration databases, poll books, and other official election websites are most vulnerable to exploitation and adversaries could use this access to these systems to disrupt election processes within the United States of America." Tonight, we're releasing all of those findings and spanning from January 2020 to June 2026. This is a cyber threat aimed at the very heart of our democracy. Many people have questioned whether it could actually be possible to electronically manipulate vote totals or change election results on these terrible machines. Today we are releasing documents that show the CIA obtained reporting of a specific plot to do a big number in favor of the corrupt Maduro regime in Venezuela. And that's exactly what happened. Conspiring to digitally rig their own country's elections in 2020. And that's what they did. This reporting included precise details about methods to regime develop to digitally alter vote totals in ways that could not be detected even with an audit no matter how deep they went. This intelligence underscores why we must take urgent action to ensure that our own system can never ever be hacked or compromised like it was in the past. The fourth set of documents reveals that even when significant evidence of fraud has been detected, it has been buried and covered up. Among the disclosures tonight are FBI files detailing evidence of alleged fraud by a large-scale voter registration operation in Michigan.

In 2020, Michigan State Police raided a Democrat get out the vote organization, corrupt group in Muskegon and were so concerned by what they found. They were just so concerned, they couldn't believe it, actually that they contacted the FBI in Detroit. The documents state that some canvassers admitted to FBI agents that they signed voter registration forms and other people's names, submitted fraudulent registration for people who did not exist, and received gift cards tied to their number of applications that they produced. In other words, it was pay, play, and cheat. The FBI agents working on the case believe that crimes were committed. Yet, the Biden Department of Justice slow-walked the investigation and killed it. Tonight, I'm asking the FBI director to ensure that the matter is fully investigated and to work with the Department of Justice to prosecute those responsible for any crimes. Finally, to reveal just how vulnerable our elections continue to be, we are releasing the results of a stunning investigation by the Department of Homeland Security. According to the DHS review, state voter roles, and public records, they identified approximately 278,000 non-citizens who are registered to vote in federal elections. Since Democrat states refuse to share their voter files, the real number is actually much higher than that. Yet, even this limited analysis found more than a quarter of a million foreigners illegally registered to vote. Put together these disclosures reveal an election system so broken and so vulnerable that no one can possibly defend it. It is not defensible. Hundreds of millions of US voter files are in the hands of foreign governments.

Our machines and ballot counting systems are exposed to hacking and manipulation and corruption. China and other countries have been trying to meddle in our elections. Evidence of fraud has been buried. Hundreds of thousands of non-citizens and dead people are listed and active on the voter roles. And yet we still have elections with no voter ID, no proof of citizenship, and tens of millions of ballots flown aimlessly through the

mail. As one example of the insanity California's recent election for mayor of LA and governor, was held on June 2nd, long time ago, but it was just completed a few days ago on July 10th. Think of that. Much more than one month. Took a month to count the votes. I wonder what they were doing. This is worse than any third world country. There's no third world country that has elections like we have. In a rare move, NBC and ABC fake news have both said that they would not cover this speech. They knew what it was about because of the fact that they don't like the topic because they know how corrupt our system is and they don't want to reveal it.

They and others in the media are part of a plot. They want to continue this fraud for whatever reason. They want to keep it going. They want to protect the radical left. They can't have a great country. And that's true. You can't have a great country without free and fair elections. Fraud like this should mean a revocation of their licenses. They use our public multibillion dollar in value airways for absolutely no money. They pay nothing. All we want is honesty in our elections and honesty in reporting. They pay nothing for multi-billion dollar assets. Great damage has been done to our country. Our elections were left vulnerable to being rigged and stolen and the trust of the American people was lost.

This cannot be allowed to continue. So every American, whether you're a Republican, Democrat, independent, or otherwise, should be able to agree that we deserve the most secure, honest, and fair election system anywhere in the world. Secure election should be a partisan really should just we should be together, Democrats, Republicans, independents, everybody. And it should not be a partisan issue. It should cause to unite us, not to divide us. This should be a cause. We should be united, not divided. In light of the brand new and irrefutable information I have revealed tonight, my administration is in the process of notifying the states whose election data was compromised by the People's Republic of China and many others. We will be working closely to mitigate any harm and we're taking swift action to ensure that sensitive voter data is better protected so we can never be bought, we can never be hacked, and we can never watch a stolen election again. Tomorrow, the Secretary of Homeland Security will hold a briefing to outline his department's recent work, confirming cyber vulnerabilities in our electronic voting systems. They are bad. We're in the process of informing governors, senators, and members of Congress of potential issues in their states. If you look at voting today, it's in such bad shape in so many states, and we are committing to fix it. And we're also committing to be working with those states and local jurisdictions to help them fix and patch known technical vulnerabilities before the midterm elections.

We have very important elections coming up. We want those elections to be honest. I've also ordered DHS to notify every state about non-citizens on their voter roles and direct them to remove all ineligible voters from the lists immediately. But most importantly, addressing this crisis of election security demands that Congress must pass the Save America Act. How easy is that to do unless you want to cheat? The only reason you wouldn't do it is you want to cheat because your policies are so bad and your candidates are so pathetic that you can't get away or can't get elected any other way. This landmark bill requires that all voters must show photo voter ID. How simple is that? Could I have your photo, please? Photo voter ID. All voters must provide proof of citizenship. Are you a citizen of our country, please? And hopefully there will be no corrupt mail-in ballots, which if you watched California and so many other places, mail-in ballots are inherently corrupt. So you would have no mail-in ballots except for illness, disability, military deployment, or travel if you're going away on business or vacation.

These reforms are urgently needed to stop the vulnerabilities that I've mentioned. To all Americans, I ask you to pick up your phone tomorrow, call your representatives in the House and Senate, and demand that they pass the Save America Act without delay. Together, we will restore faith and confidence in our country, and we will be bigger, better, and stronger than ever before. Thank you. God bless you. God bless our great military and God bless America. Thank you very much.

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