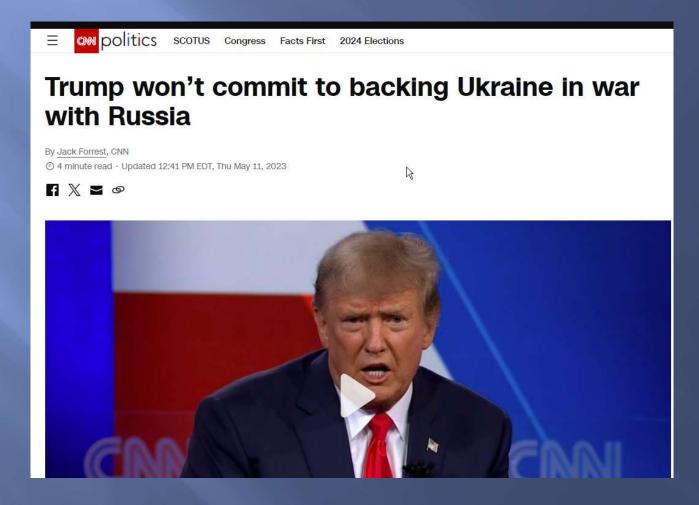
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In Trump Criminal Case, Manhattan D.A. Asks for Gag Order Before Trial

Lawyers for Alvin L. Bragg, the district attorney, are seeking to protect jurors and witnesses in the first criminal prosecution of a former president.











Donald J. Trump has a history of attacking participants in the civil and criminal cases against him. Jefferson Siegel for The New York Times

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Trump's high-top sneakers sell out hours after launch

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Former President Trump introduced his new line of signature shoes at Sneaker Con at the Philadelphia Convention Center on Feb. 17, 2024, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Photo: Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images

Former <u>President Trump</u>'s high-top sneakers sold out hours after their launch Saturday at Sneaker Con in Philadelphia.

The big picture: The shoes, called "The Never Surrender High-Top Sneaker," sell for \$399. The pair, along with two low-top sneakers, and a \$99 bottle of "Victory47" perfume and cologne were available for purchase on a <u>new website</u>.

What he's saying: "I just want to tell you, I've wanted to do this for a long time," Trump <u>said</u> Saturday when unveiling the sneaker line.

"I have some incredible people that work with me on things, and they came up with this, and
this is something I've been talking about for 12 years, 13 years, and I think it's gonna be a big
success," he said.

Zoom in: Only 1,000 pairs of the gold shoes were available, per the sneaker website, which described the sneakers as "Super Limited."

- At least 10 of the gold sneakers were "randomly autographed by Trump," according to the website.
- Trump also launched the "T Red Wave" sneaker and the "POTUS 45," both priced at \$199.

The products are "registered trademarks and/or trademarks of CIC Ventures LLC," per the website.

- "Trump Sneakers are not designed, manufactured, distributed or sold by Donald J. Trump, The Trump Organization or any of their respective affiliates or principals," it notes.
- "45Footwear, LLC uses the Trump name, image and likeness under a license agreement."

Go deeper: Trump campaign fundraises with fake mug shot merch

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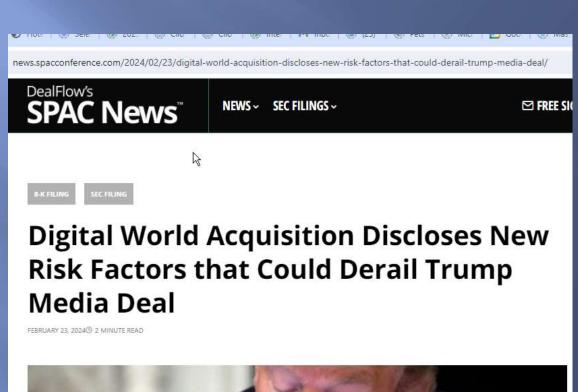
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By Brett Arends (Follow)

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On paper, the value of the former president's stake in the social-media platform Truth Social is up \$2.5 just since his victory in the lowa caucuses last month

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"What is hardest of all? That which seems most simple: to see with your eyes what is before your eyes."

— Goethe

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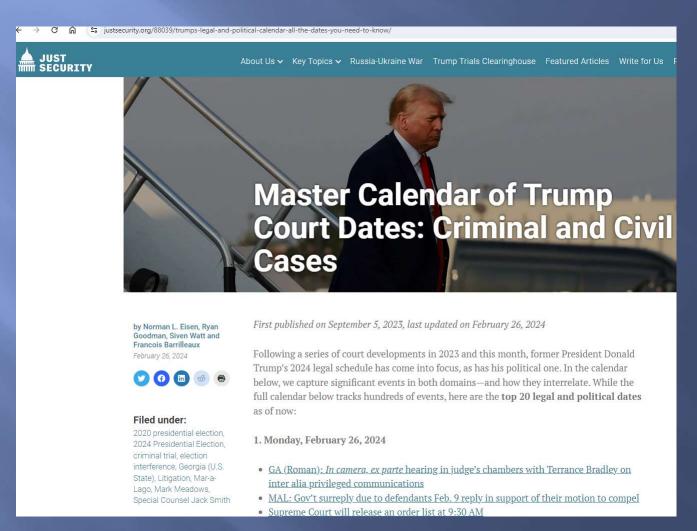
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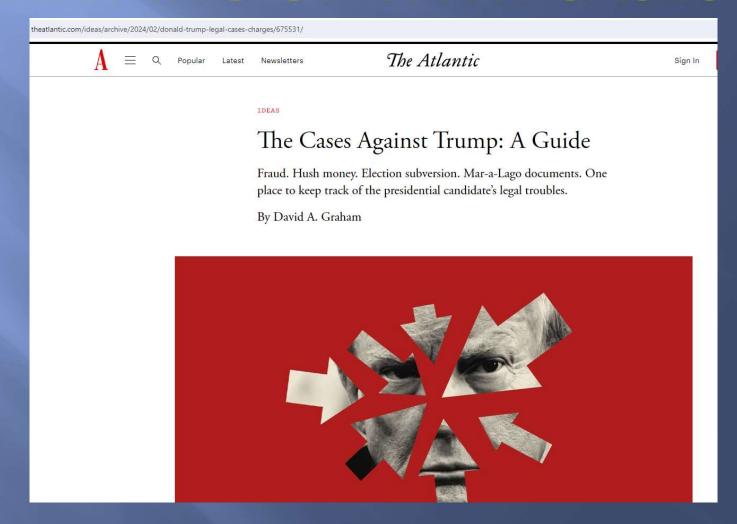
THE CRIMINAL CASES

- Hush Money in New York state court. 34 counts.
 Trial schedule for March 25.
- Jan. 6 trial in DC federal court. Four counts of conspiracy to obstruct 2020 election results. No trial date.
- Trying to undo 2020 election results in Georgia.
 13 charges in state court. Trial date unclear and defendants trying to disqualify prosecutor.

THE CRIMINAL CASES

• Federal classified documents case. 40 counts in Florida U.S. District Court. Trial date May 20?





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POLITICO Tracking the Trump criminal cases The Federal Election Interference Case The Georgia Election Interference Case A definitive guide to the key players and legal risks in the four criminal probes of Donald Trump. The Classified Documents Case By **POLITICO STAFF** | 6/13/2023 3 AM CDT | Updated 12/6/2023 9:25 AM CST The Hush Money Case For the first 234 years of the nation's history, no American president or former president had ever been indicted. That changed this year. Over a five-month span, former President Donald Trump was charged in four criminal cases. In Washington, D.C., he faces four felony counts for his efforts to overturn the 2020 election. In Georgia, he faces 13 felony counts for his election interference in that state. In New York, he faces 34 felony counts in connection with hush money payments to a porn star. And in Florida, he faces 40 felony counts for hoarding

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The Federal Election Interference Case

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

In the two months between Election Day in 2020 and Jan. 6, 2021, Trump mounted a wide-ranging campaign to subvert Joe Biden's victory in the presidential election. Trump and his advisers spread false information about voter fraud, urged Republican state officials to undermine the results in states that Biden won, assembled false slates of electors and pressured Mike Pence, the vice president, to unilaterally toss out the legitimate results. The effort culminated on Jan. 6, when a mob of Trump supporters stormed the Capitol and disrupted the peaceful transfer of power. Federal prosecutors led by special counsel Jack Smith have charged Trump with four federal crimes stemming from his attempts to derail the transfer of power.

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Charges

2 felony counts (including one conspiracy count) of obstructing an official proceeding under 18 U.S.C. § 1512 | 1 felony count of conspiracy to defraud the United States under 18 U.S.C. § 371 | 1 felony count of conspiracy against rights under 18 U.S.C. § 241

Trump has been charged with four crimes in the investigation. Two relate to the disruption of Congress' certification of the electoral vote on Jan. 6. One alleges a scheme to defraud the United States through a sustained effort to impede the collection, counting and certification of votes in the 2020 election. And the fourth charge accuses Trump of a conspiracy to deprive citizens of a right secured under federal law — specifically, the right to vote and to have one's vote counted.

 Trump's efforts to subvert the election were extensive, well documented and largely in public view. He and his allies spread lies about voter fraud and stoked the protests that led to the Jan.

Weaknesses of the case

 Trump may argue that his statements about the 2020 election were protected by the First Amendment or that, in challenging the election, he was merely relying on the advice of

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- Many of the top aides in the Trump administration testified to the grand jury, giving investigators remarkable insight into what was happening privately in Trump's orbit during the critical two-month period and perhaps providing important evidence about Trump's state of mind. Pence - who resisted Trump's pressure to try to annul the election results on Jan. 6 was the most notable witness. Others included Trump's former chief of staff, Mark Meadows; his White House counsel, Pat Cipollone; his national security adviser, Robert O'Brien; and his senior policy adviser, Stephen Miller.
- A president seeking to impede the peaceful transfer of power is unprecedented in American history and the attempt to hold him legally accountable is similarly unprecedented. Some of the legal theories that prosecutors may rely on like applying the "conspiracy against rights" statute to the context here may raise novel issues that have rarely been tested in court.

Who could pardon him?

The charges are all federal crimes, so if Trump is reelected president, he could pardon himself (though the validity of a presidential self-pardon is unsettled).

Prosecution



Trump's legal team



Evan Corcoran



John Laure

Key players



Rudy Giuliani



John Eastman



Sidney Powell



Jeffrey Clark



Kenneth Chesebro



Boris Epshteyn





Mark Meadows

Key documents

- · Report of the House Select Committee on the Jan. 6 Attack
- Indictment

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NEW YORK - CIVIL FRAUD CASE

BY MICHAEL R. SISAK UPDATED FEBRUARY 20, 2024







VERDICT

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OVERVIEW OF THE CASE:

In addition to his four criminal indictments, a judge has ordered Donald Trump to pay \$355 million in penalties, plus interest, ruling in a civil fraud lawsuit that he lied about his wealth for years as he built the real estate empire that vaulted him to stardom and the White House.

Judge Arthur Engoron's Feb. 16 decision punishes Trump, his company and executives including his sons Eric and Donald Trump Jr. for scheming to pad his net worth by billions of dollars on financial statements given to banks, insurers and others to make deals and secure loans.

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Catch Up on Where the Trump Investigations Stand

Donald J. Trump has been sued in New York and indicted in Georgia, Florida, Manhattan and Washington, as federal and state prosecutors elsewhere have opened a number of investigations.

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Additionally ...

In <u>more than 30 states</u>, cases have been filed over whether Trump should be thrown off the 2024 ballot under a novel legal theory about the Fourteenth Amendment. Proponents, including <u>J. Michael Luttig and Laurence H. Tribe in The Atlantic</u>, argued that the former president is ineligible to serve again under a <u>clause</u> that disqualifies anyone who took an oath defending the Constitution and then subsequently participated in a rebellion or an insurrection. They said that Trump's attempt to steal the 2020 election and his incitement of the January 6 riot meet the criteria.

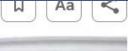
Cases were brought in many states, and state authorities issued conflicting opinions. Several states ruled against removing Trump from the ballot, but the Colorado Supreme Court and the Maine secretary of state both disqualified him, ruling that he had engaged in an insurrection—a remarkable legal finding. Trump then appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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WASHINGTON, Dec 1 (Reuters) - A U.S. appeals court on Friday ruled that <u>Donald Trump</u> must face civil lawsuits over his role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol by his supporters, rejecting the former president's claim that he is immune.

A panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit found that Trump was acting "in his personal capacity as a presidential candidate" when he urged his supporters to march to the Capitol on the day of the riot. U.S. presidents are immune from civil lawsuits only for official actions.

THE HISTORY OF TRUMP INVESTIGATIONS: BUSINESS AS



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THE HISTORY OF TRUMP INVESTIGATIONS: BUSINESS AS **USUAL**

The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

1970s

Federal investigators accuse Trump and his father of discriminating against Black New Yorkers in renting out apartments. Case settles with no admission of guilt, but Trump has to run ads pledging not to discriminate.

Federal investigators find evidence that Trump Management, the real estate empire run by Trump and his father, Fred, systematically discriminated against Black and Hispanic people by steering them away from mostly-White buildings and toward minority-dominated properties. Prosecutors filed a suit against the Trumps in 1973 and the court battle ended in a settlement in 1975.

1980s

Federal investigators look into whether Trump gave apartments in his Trump Tower to organized crime-connected figures to keep his project on track. Trump denies the allegation. Separately, New Jersey officials probe Trump's ties with mob figures, then grant him a casino license.

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2010s

New York state sues Trump, alleging his Trump University defrauded more than 5,000 people. <u>Trump is found personally liable</u>. After Trump becomes president, <u>he is impeached</u> — and acquitted — over allegations that he solicited foreign interference in the U.S. presidential election.



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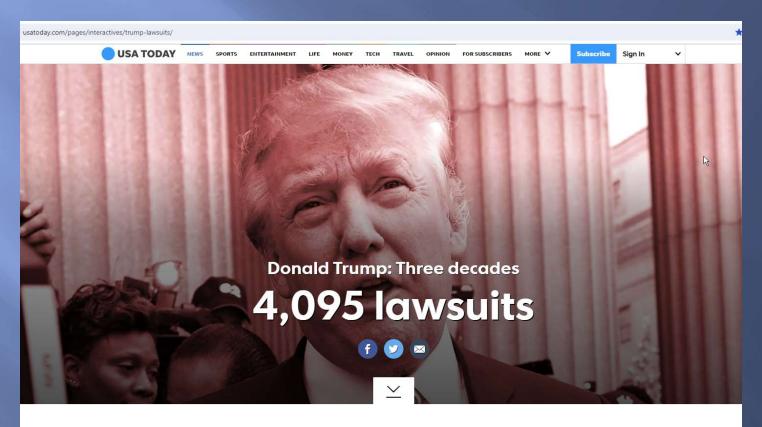




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THE HISTORY OF TRUMP LAWSUITS



An exclusive and ongoing USA TODAY analysis of legal filings across the United States finds that the presumptive Republican presidential nominee and his businesses have been involved in thousands of legal actions in federal and state courts over the past three decades. They range from skirmishes with casino patrons to million-dollar real estate suits to personal defamation lawsuits.

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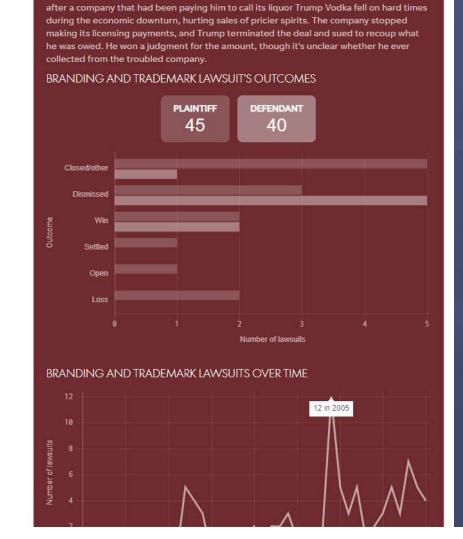
Trump's business these days is dominated by selling rights to use his name on everything

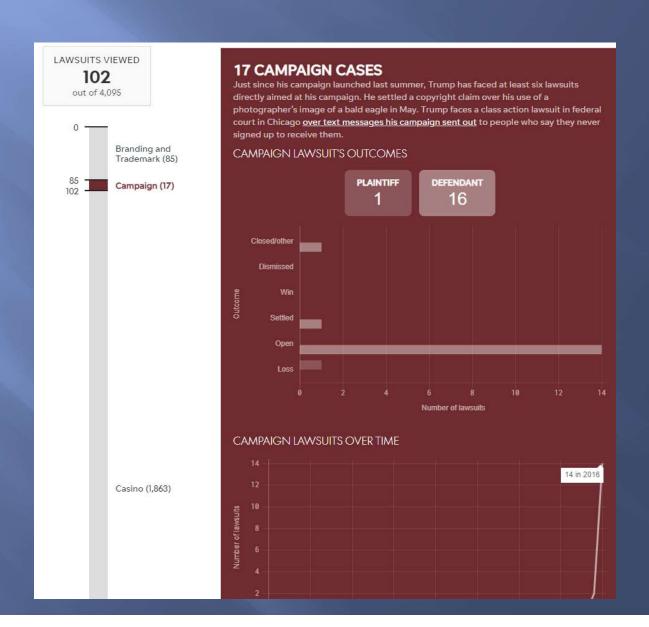
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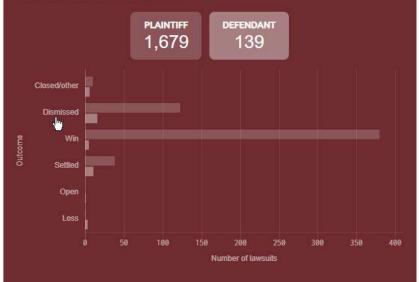
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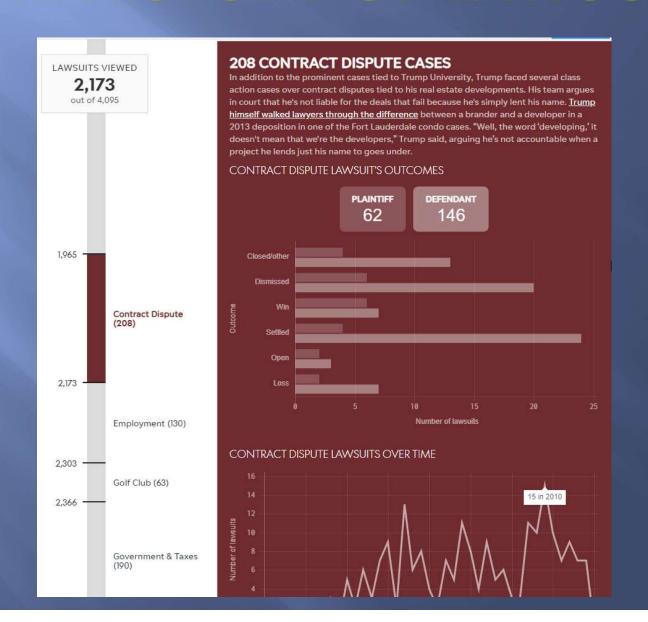
Close to half the court cases involving Trump and his businesses over the last three decades involved his casinos. About 1,600 cases involve suits against gamblers who had credit at Trump-connected casinos and failed to pay their debts. Trump filed suits against contractors that provided entertainment and faced several from employees claiming they were wrongly fired.

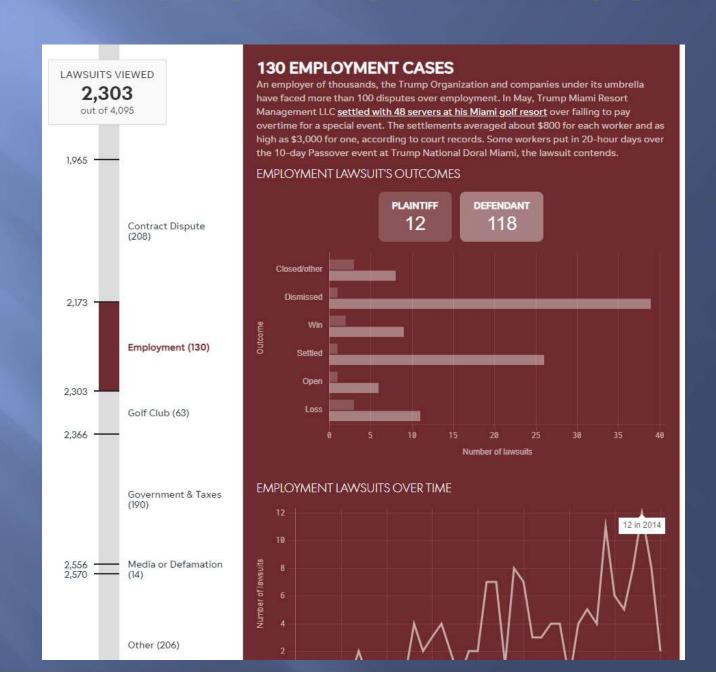
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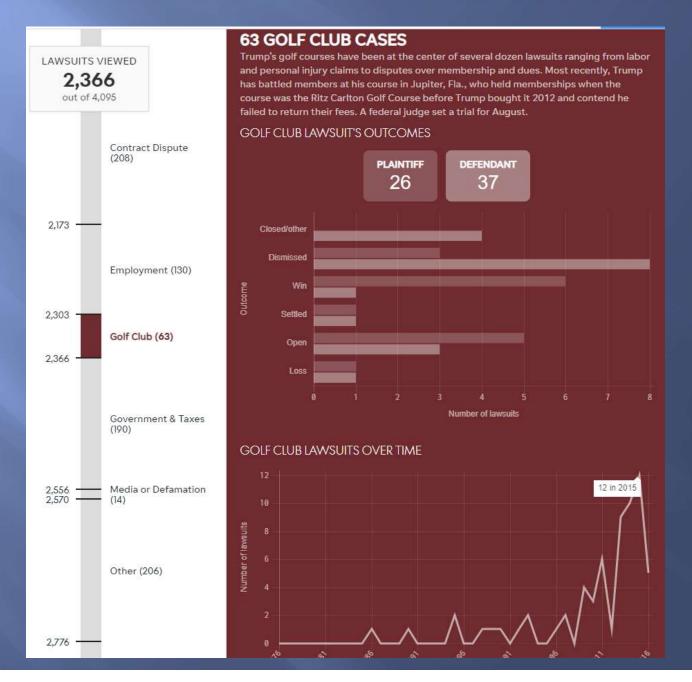


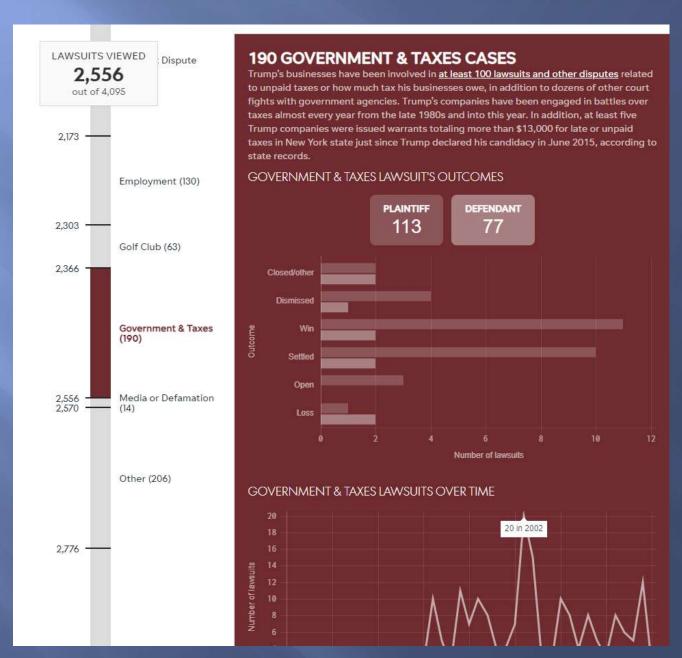
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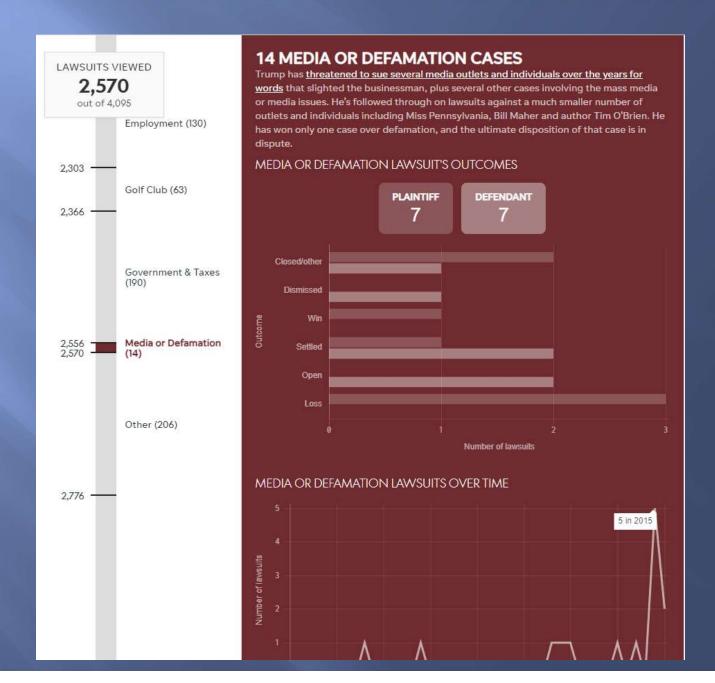


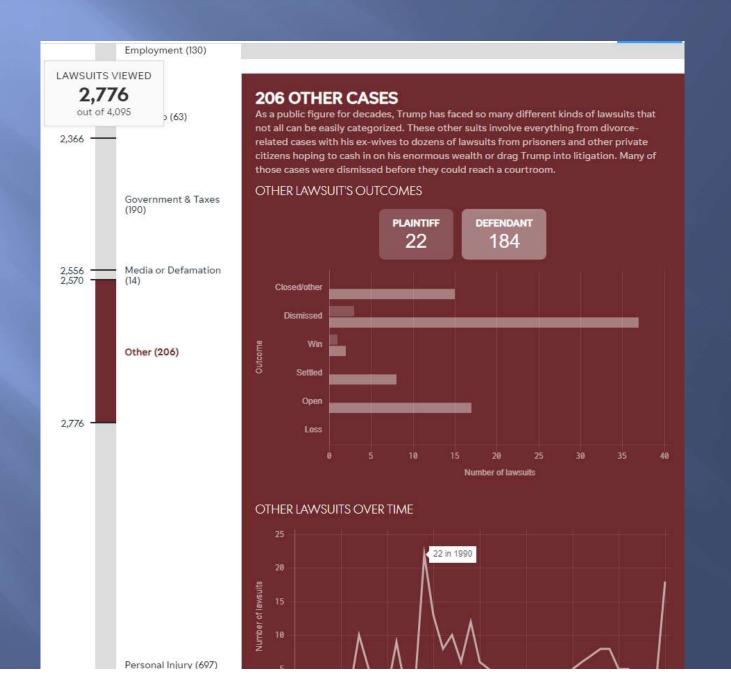


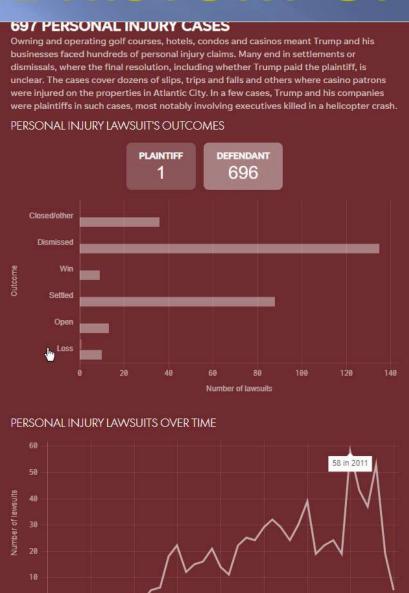








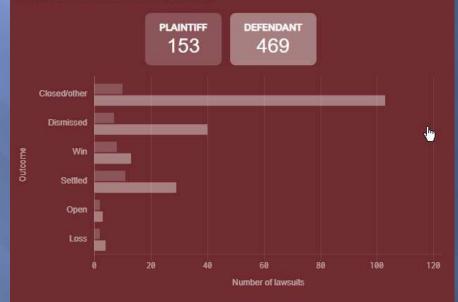






As a property manager, Trump has been sued by tenants and investors alike. He's faced disputes over his properties from New York City to Florida to Chicago, including fights over unpaid rent or lease terms. He's also settled claims by "testers" that travel the nation checking hotels for compliance with the American with Disabilities Act.

REAL ESTATE LAWSUIT'S OUTCOMES



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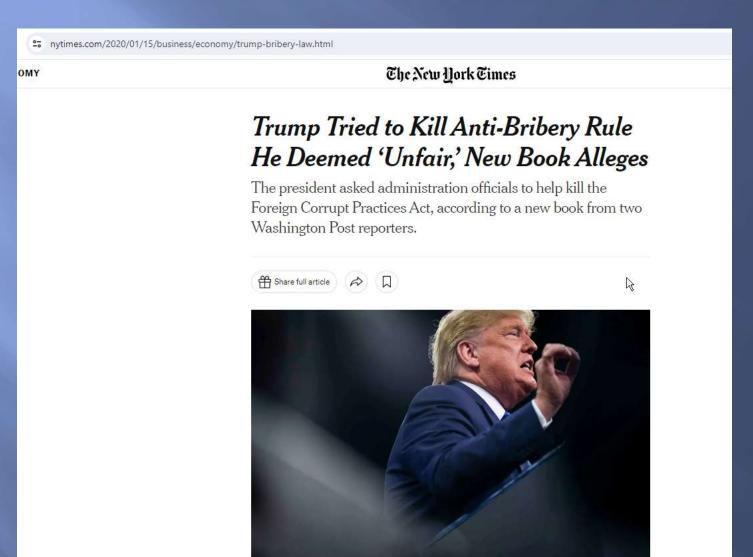


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THE DON'S RESPONSE



President Trump at a rally on Tuesday in Milwaukee. Doug Mills/The New York Times

THE DON'S RESPONSE

WASHINGTON — President Trump wanted to strike down a law that prohibits companies from bribing foreign officials, calling the ban "so unfair" to American companies, two Washington Post reporters recount in a new book.

In the spring of 2017, Mr. Trump was at a briefing with Rex W. Tillerson, then the secretary of state, and aides in the Oval Office. At the mention of a bribery allegation, Mr. Trump "perked up" and told Mr. Tillerson that he wanted his help in scrapping the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the authors write.

That law, enacted in 1977 and heavily enforced since around 2005, prohibits companies that operate in the United States from bribing foreign officials to obtain or retain business. It has <u>become a major factor</u> in corporate decision-making about operations abroad.

Mr. Trump said that it was "just so unfair that American companies aren't allowed to pay bribes to get business overseas," according to the book, "A Very Stable Genius," by Philip Rucker and Carol D. Leonnig.

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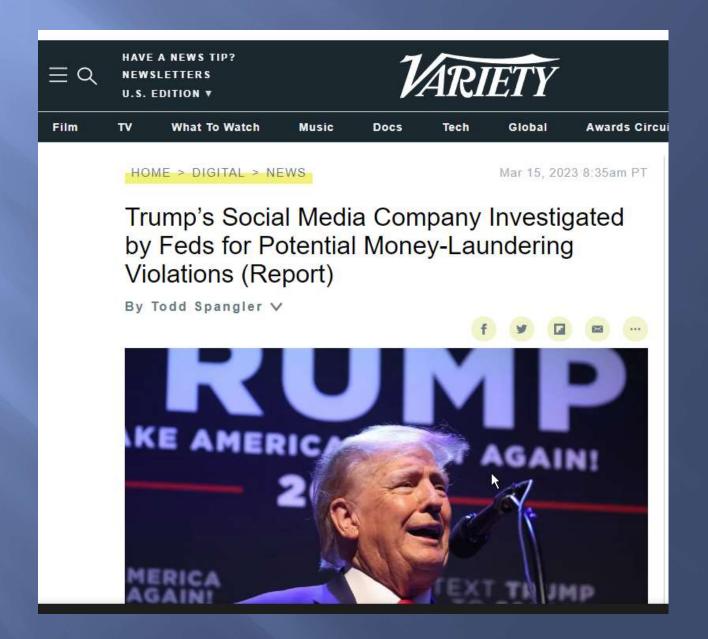
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The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (NDAA) became law on January 1, 2021, after a congressional override of then-President Trump's veto. The NDAA included significant reforms to the U.S. anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism regime. Division F of the NDAA consists of the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020, which includes the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA). Congress enacted the CTA to establish uniform beneficial ownership information reporting requirements to improve transparency for national security, intelligence, and law enforcement agencies in their efforts to detect and prevent money laundering and terrorist financing.



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politico.com/magazine/story/2016/05/donald-trump-2016-mob-organized-crime-213910/ INVESTIGATION Just What Were Donald Trump's Ties to the Mob? I've spent years investigating, and here's what's known. By DAVID CAY JOHNSTON | May 22, 2016 Donald Trump, Mayor Ed Koch, and Roy Cohn attend the Trump Tower opening in October 1983. | Getty David Cay Johnston won a Pulitzer Prize for his New York Times reporting on the American tax system. Since 2009 he has taught the business, property and tax THE FRIDAY COVER law of the ancient world at Syracuse University's law and graduate business schools.

CODA FOR TODAY



A judge in New York dismissed former President Donald Trump's lawsuit against The New York Times and three of the paper's reporters on Wednesday <u>over a 2018 article</u> that alleged Trump engaged in "suspect tax schemes." The three authors of the article – David Barstow, Susanne Craig and Russ Buettner – later won the 2019 <u>Pulitzer Prize</u> in explanatory reporting for the piece.

New York Supreme Court Justice Robert Reed dismissed Trump's lawsuit against the paper and its journalists, and held him financially responsible for their attorneys fees and additional costs incurred as well, writing in his opinion that Mr. Trump's claims "fail as a matter of constitutional law."

"Courts have long recognized that reporters are entitled to engage in legal and ordinary newsgathering activities without fear of tort liability – as these actions are at the very core of protected First Amendment activity," continued Reed.

CODA FOR TODAY: \$392,000 TO THE NY TIMES



Republican presidential candidate and former U.S. President Donald Trump speaks at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) at the Gaylord National Resort Hotel And Convention Center on February 24, 2024 in National Harbor, Maryland. Anna Moneymaker/Getty Images

(CNN) — Donald Trump has paid \$392,000 to The New York Times to cover the legal costs from his failed lawsuit against the newspaper and its journalists over a 2018 investigation into his finances that included confidential tax records, a spokesman for the Times told CNN on Monday.

Trump was ordered to pay the money <u>in January</u>, more than eight months after Judge Robert R. Reed granted the Times' motion to dismiss the case against it and its journalists, concluding the journalists' conduct was protected by the New York Constitution.