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*Making America great? : Trump waving to supporters at a rally in Florida in March 2016.*

## Will Trump win? As President Biden struggles, many experts warn it is time to start preparing for a second Trump term.

### What's happening?

On the morning of 5 November, 2024, millions of Americans will queue for hours to make one of the biggest decisions of their lives.

When all of the votes are counted, many think it is **Donald Trump**, not **Joe Biden**, who will be smiling. The former president, and member of the Republican Party, has been waiting for his comeback for four years.

Soon, he may have four more years in power. For now, the chances of a Trump victory in November have been put at 55%.

### Find out more

If Trump returns to the **White House**, many worry 2024 could be the last ever US presidential **election**.

After all, Trump has said that he will be a **dictator** "on day one". He has promised to target Joe Biden and his entire family with legal cases.

Some think these fears are not realistic. Trump has already been president once. American democracy still survives.

But others fear a second Trump term would be different from the first. Trump is still angry about his loss in 2020. This time he is out for revenge.

Last time, many members of his own party disagreed with him on big issues. They tried to hold him back. Now, most Republicans support his ideas — they are likely to go along with his big ideas.

Some worry they could go as far as changing the USA forever.

**Will Trump win?**

## Some say

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Yes! Joe Biden is not well-loved by the American people. Many think he is simply too old to be president. Trump's fans still support him — no matter what he does.

## Some people say

*"Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want, and deserve to get it good and hard."*

**L Mencken (1880 – 1956), American writer**

*What do you think?*

## Others think

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No! Americans voted for Donald Trump to leave power in 2020. It makes no sense for them to vote him back in again.

## Six steps to discovery

### 1. Connect

**How do you feel about this story?** - How would a Trump win make you feel?

### 2. Wonder

**What questions do you have?** - For example: What are the other options to democracy? How does democracy die?

### 3. Investigate

**What are the facts?** - Pick out one thing we know for certain from this story and one thing we cannot say for sure.

### 4. Construct

**What is your point of view?** - If you were American, who would you vote for?

### 5. Express

**What do others believe?** - What might Donald Trump do next if he lost the presidency? Discuss as a class.

### 6. Reflect

**What might happen next?** - Imagine it is election night and you are reporting from Washington DC. Write a report for your school newspaper.

## Glossary

**Donald Trump** - An American television personality who became US president from 2016 to 2020.

**Joe Biden** - The president of the USA, elected in 2020.

**White House** - The official residence of the US president, in Washington DC. Burnt by British troops in 1814, it was rebuilt and painted white to hide the smoke stains.

**Election** - A vote in which someone is chosen to represent a group of people.

**Dictator** - A ruler who has total power, and has often taken power by force.