

Donald Trump

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Chapter 1

Main article

1.1 Donald Trump

For other uses, see [Donald Trump \(disambiguation\)](#).

Donald John Trump (born June 14, 1946) is an American businessman, television personality, and since June 2015, a candidate for the Republican nomination for President of the United States in the 2016 election. He is the chairman and president of [The Trump Organization](#) and the founder of [Trump Entertainment Resorts](#). Trump's career, branding efforts, personal life, wealth, and outspoken manner have made him a [celebrity](#).

Trump is a native of [New York City](#) and a son of [Fred Trump](#), who inspired him to enter real estate development. While still attending college he worked for his father's firm, [Elizabeth Trump & Son](#). Upon graduating in 1968 he joined the company, and in 1971 was given control, renaming the company "The Trump Organization". Since then he has built hotels, casinos, golf courses, and other properties, many of which [bear his name](#). He is a major figure in the American business scene and has received prominent media exposure. The [NBC](#) reality show *The Apprentice* bolstered his fame, and his three marriages were extensively reported in tabloids.

Trump first ran for President of the United States in 2000, winning two [Reform Party](#) primaries. On June 16, 2015, Trump announced his decision to [run again for President](#), this time as a Republican, before winning the [New Hampshire primary](#) with 35%,^[6] the [South Carolina primary](#) with 33%,^[7] and the [Nevada caucus](#) with 46% of the votes.^[8]

1.1.1 Early life

Donald John Trump was born on June 14, 1946, in [Queens](#), a borough of [New York City](#).^{[9][10][11][12]} He is the fourth of five children to Mary Anne (née MacLeod; 1912–2000), a homemaker and philanthropist^[13] and [Fred Trump](#) (1905–1999), who worked as a real estate developer. His mother was born at [Tong](#) on the [Scottish](#) island of [Lewis](#).^[14] In

1930, aged 18, she visited the United States and met [Fred Trump](#). They were married in 1936 and settled in [Jamaica Estates](#), [Queens](#), and [Fred Trump](#) eventually became one of the city's biggest real estate developers.^{[13][15]} Trump has one brother, [Robert](#) (born 1948), and two sisters: [Maryanne](#) (born 1937) and [Elizabeth](#) (born 1942). [Maryanne](#) is a [United States federal judge](#) on senior status for the [United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit](#).^[16] Another brother, [Fred Jr.](#) (1938–1981), died of complications from alcoholism.^[17]

Trump's paternal grandparents, [Elizabeth](#) (née [Christ](#)) and [Frederick Trump](#), were emigrants who moved to the United States from [Germany](#) in 1885.^[18] Frederick worked as a successful [Klondike Gold Rush](#) restaurateur and brothel keeper.^{[19][20][21]} In a 1976 *New York Times* biographical profile,^[22] and again in Trump's 1987 book, *The Art of the Deal*, Donald Trump incorrectly stated that Frederick Trump was of [Swedish](#) origin,^{[23][24]} an assertion that [Fred Trump](#) had made for many years.^[25] Trump later acknowledged his German ancestry and served as [grand marshal](#) of the 1999 [German-American Steuben Parade](#) in [New York City](#).^[15]

The family had a two-story mock [Tudor Revival](#) home on [Wareham Place](#) in [Jamaica Estates](#)^[26] where Trump lived while attending [The Kew-Forest School](#). At Kew-Forest, [Fred Trump](#) served as a member of the Board of Trustees. Due to behavior problems, Trump left the school at age 13 and was enrolled in the [New York Military Academy](#) (NYMA).^[27] In 1983, Fred told an interviewer that Donald "was a pretty rough fellow when he was small". Trump finished eighth grade and high school at NYMA.^[28] During his senior year, Trump participated in marching drills and wore a uniform, attaining the rank of captain.^[29] In 2015, he told a biographer that NYMA gave him "more training militarily than a lot of the guys that go into the military".^[30]

Trump attended [Fordham University](#) in the [Bronx](#) for two years. He entered the [Wharton School of Business](#) at the [University of Pennsylvania](#), as Wharton then offered one of the few real estate studies departments in U.S. academia.^[31] While there, he worked at his father's company, [Elizabeth](#)

Trump & Son.^[32] Trump graduated from Wharton in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in economics.^{[33][34]}

Trump was eligible for the draft lottery during the Vietnam War.^[35] "I actually got lucky because I had a very high draft number" he told WNYW in 2011.^[36] Selective Service records retrieved by The Smoking Gun website from the National Archives show that, although Trump did eventually receive a high selective service lottery number in 1969, he was not drafted earlier secondary to four student deferments (2-S) while attending college, as well as a medical deferment (1-Y, later converted to 4-F) obtained in 1968 after his college graduation, prior to the lottery being initiated.^[37] Trump was deemed fit for service after a military medical examination in 1966 and was briefly classified as 1-A by a local draft board shortly before his 1968 medical disqualification.^[38] Trump attributed his medical deferment to "heel spurs" in both feet, according to a 2015 biographer,^[30] but told an Iowa campaign audience he suffered from a spur in one foot, although he could not remember which one.^[38]

1.1.2 Business career

When Trump graduated from college in 1968, he was worth about US\$200,000 (equivalent to \$1,021,000 in 2016).^[39] He began his career at his father's real estate company,^[40] Elizabeth Trump and Son,^[41] which focused on middle-class rental housing in the New York City boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island. During his undergraduate study, one of Trump's first projects was the revitalization of the foreclosed Swifton Village apartment complex in Cincinnati, Ohio, which his father had purchased for \$5.7 million in 1962.^[42] Fred and Donald Trump became involved in the project and, with a \$500,000 investment, turned the 1,200-unit complex's occupancy rate from 34% to 100%. Trump oversaw the company's 14,000 apartments across Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island.^[43] In 1972, The Trump Organization sold Swifton Village for \$6.75 million.^{[44][45]}

In 1971, Trump moved to Manhattan, where he became involved in larger construction projects, and used attractive architectural design to win public recognition.^[46] Trump initially came to public attention in 1973 when he was accused by the Justice Department of violations of the Fair Housing Act in the operation of 39 buildings. Trump in turn accused the Justice Department of targeting his company because it was a large one, and in order to force it to rent to welfare recipients. Trump settled the charges in 1975, saying he was satisfied that the agreement did not "compel the Trump organization to accept persons on welfare as tenants unless as qualified as any other tenant."^[47]

Trump had an option to buy and made plans to develop the



The Trump Organization owns, operates, develops, and invests in real estate around the world such as Trump International Hotel and Tower in Chicago, Illinois.

Penn Central Transportation Company property, which was in bankruptcy. This included the 60th Street rail yard on the Hudson River—later developed as Riverside South—as well as the land around Grand Central Terminal, for which he paid \$60 million with no money down.^[48] Later, with the help of a 40-year tax abatement from the New York City government, he turned the bankrupt Commodore Hotel next to Grand Central into the Grand Hyatt^[49] and created The Trump Organization.^[50]

Trump promoted Penn Central's 30th Street rail yard as a site for New York City's planned Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. Trump estimated his company could have completed the project for \$110 million,^[51] but, while the city chose his site, it rejected his offer and Trump received a broker's fee on the sale of the property instead. Repairs on the Wollman Rink in Central Park, built in 1955, were started in 1980 with an expected 2 1/2-year construction schedule, but were not completed by 1986. Trump took over the management of the project without the city needing to pay anything, and completed it in three months for \$1.95 million, which was \$750,000 less than the initial budget.^[52]

In 1988, Trump acquired the Taj Mahal Casino in a transaction with Merv Griffin and Resorts International,^[53] which

led to mounting debt,^[54] and by 1989, Trump was unable to meet loan payments. Although he secured additional loans and postponed interest payments, increasing debt brought Trump to business bankruptcy by 1991.^[54] Banks and bondholders had lost hundreds of millions of dollars but opted to restructure the debt. The Taj Mahal emerged from bankruptcy on October 5, 1991, with Trump ceding 50 percent ownership in the casino to the original bondholders in exchange for lowered interest rates on the debt and more time to pay it off.^[55] He also sold his financially challenged *Trump Shuttle* airline and his 282-foot megayacht, the *Trump Princess*.^[56] The late 1990s saw a resurgence in Trump's financial situation. The will of Trump's father, who died in 1999, divided an estate estimated at \$250–300 million equally among his four surviving children.^[25]

In 2001, Donald Trump completed *Trump World Tower*, a 72-story residential tower across from the *United Nations Headquarters*.^[57] Also, he began construction on *Trump Place*, a multi-building development along the Hudson River. Trump owns commercial space in *Trump International Hotel and Tower*, a 44-story mixed-use (hotel and condominium) tower on *Columbus Circle*. Trump owns several million square feet of prime *Manhattan* real estate.^[58]

Trump has licensed his name and image for the development of many real estate projects. At least two Trump-branded real estate projects have gone into foreclosure.^[59] The Turkish owner of *Trump Towers Istanbul*, who pays Trump for the use of his name, was reported in December 2015 to be exploring legal means to dissociate the property after the candidate's call to ban Muslims from entering the U.S.^[60]

An analysis of his business career by *The Economist* concludes that his "...performance has been mediocre compared with the stockmarket and property in New York."^[61]

1.1.3 Business ventures and investments

See also: *List of things named after Donald Trump and The Trump Organization*

Trump Tower

Main article: *Trump Tower (New York City)*

Trump Tower—a 58-story, mixed-use skyscraper at 725 *Fifth Avenue* in *Midtown Manhattan*, *New York City*—was developed by Trump and the *Equitable Life Assurance Company*, and was designed by architect *Der Scutt* of *Swanke Hayden Connell*.^[62] It is today solely owned by



Trump Tower, at 725 Fifth Avenue, in Midtown Manhattan

Trump.

Trump Tower occupies the former site of the architecturally significant *Bonwit Teller* flagship store, demolished in 1980.^{[63][64]} Trump courted controversy for destroying valuable *Art Deco* bas-relief sculptures on its facade, promised to the *Metropolitan Museum of Art*,^{[63][64]} and for a contractor's use of some 200 undocumented Polish immigrant workers in the rushed demolition process, who were paid (if at all) just \$4 and \$5 per hour for work in 12-hour shifts.^{[65][66]} Trump testified in 1990 he rarely visited the site and was unaware of the illegal workers, some of whom lived at the site and who were known as the "Polish Brigade". A long-running labor lawsuit was settled in 1999, with its record sealed.^{[65][66]}

Golf courses

The Trump Organization operates many golf courses and resorts in the U.S. and around the world.^[67] On February 11, 2014, it was announced that Trump had purchased *Doonbeg Golf Club* in the *Republic of Ireland*. It was confirmed that the club would be renamed *Trump International Golf Links, Ireland*.^[68]

In 2006, Trump bought the *Menie Estate* in *Balmedie*, *Aberdeenshire*, *Scotland*, creating a highly controversial golf



A view of the *Turnberry Hotel*, located in Ayrshire, Scotland

resort, against the wishes of local residents, on an area designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.^{[69][70]} *You've Been Trumped* is a 2011 independent documentary by British filmmaker Anthony Baxter that chronicles the golf resort's construction and the subsequent struggles between the locals and Donald Trump.^[71] Despite Trump's promises of 6,000 jobs, by his own admission, a decade later, the Scotland golf course has created only 200 jobs.^[72]

In April 2014, Trump purchased the *Turnberry* hotel and golf resort in Ayrshire, Scotland, which is a regular fixture in the *Open Championship* rota.^{[73][74]} In June 2015, Trump's appeal objecting to an offshore windfarm (*Aberdeen Bay Wind Farm*) within sight of the golf links was denied.^[75]

In December 2015 Trump's attempt to prevent the windfarm being built within sight of his golf course was dismissed by five justices at the *UK Supreme Court* in the case of *Trump International Golf Club Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers*. Commenting on the decision, former *Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond* branded Trump "three times a loser". A spokesman for The Trump Organization responded to Salmond's comment by saying: "Does anyone care what this man thinks? He's a has-been and totally irrelevant. The fact that he doesn't even know what's going on in his own constituency says it all ... He should go back to doing what he does best: unveiling pompous portraits of himself that pander to his already over-inflated ego."^[76]

Branding and licensing

See also: *List of things named after Donald Trump*

Trump has marketed his name on a large number of products and services, achieving mixed success doing so. His external entrepreneurial and investment ventures in-

clude *Trump Financial* (a mortgage firm), *Trump Sales and Leasing* (residential sales), *Trump International Realty* (a residential and commercial real estate brokerage firm), *The Trump Entrepreneur Initiative* (a for profit business education company, formerly called the *Trump University*), *Trump Restaurants* (located in *Trump Tower* and consisting of *Trump Buffet*, *Trump Catering*, *Trump Ice Cream Parlor*, and *Trump Bar*), *GoTrump* (an online travel search engine^{[77][78][79]}), *Select By Trump* (a line of coffee drinks),^[80] *Trump Drinks* (an energy drink for the Israeli and Palestinian markets)^{[81][82][83][84]} *Donald J. Trump Signature Collection* (a line of menswear, men's accessories, and watches), *Donald Trump The Fragrance* (2004), *SUCCESS by Donald Trump* (a second fragrance launched by The Trump Organization and the Five Star Fragrance Company released in March 2012), *Trump Ice* bottled water, the former *Trump Magazine*,^[85] *Trump Golf*, *Trump Chocolate*, *Trump Home* (home furnishings),^[86] *Trump Productions* (a television production company), *Trump Institute*, *Trump: The Game* (1989 board game with a 2005 re-release version tied to *The Apprentice*),^[78] *Donald Trump's Real Estate Tycoon* (a business simulation game), *Trump Books*, *Trump Model Management*, *Trump Shuttle*, *Trump Mortgage*, *Trump Vodka*,^{[86][87][88]} *Trump Steakhouse*^{[77][89]} and *Trump Steaks*.^[78] In addition, Trump reportedly received \$1.5 million for each one-hour presentation he did for *The Learning Annex*.^[90] Trump also endorsed *ACN Inc.*, a multi-level marketing telecommunications company. He has spoken at *ACN International Training Events* at which he praised the company's founders, business model and video phone.^[91] He earned a total \$1.35 million for three speeches given for the company, amounting to \$450,000 per speech.^{[81][92][93][94][95][96][97]}

In 2011, *Forbes'* financial experts estimated the value of the *Trump brand* at \$200 million. Trump disputes this valuation, saying that his brand is worth about \$3 billion.^[98] Many developers pay Trump to market their properties and to be the public face for their projects.^[99] For that reason, Trump does not own many of the buildings that display his name.^[99] According to *Forbes*, this portion of Trump's empire, actually run by his children, is by far his most valuable, having a \$562 million valuation. According to *Forbes*, there are 33 licensing projects under development including seven "condo hotels" (the seven *Trump International Hotel* and *Tower* developments). In June 2015, *Forbes* pegged the *Trump brand* at USD\$125 million^[100] as retailers like *Macy's Inc.* and *Serta Mattresses* began dropping *Trump* branded products, with *Macy's* saying they are "disappointed and distressed by recent remarks about immigrants from Mexico."^{[101][102]}

Net worth

Unlike past Presidential candidates, Trump has never publicly verified his income claims by releasing his tax returns;^[103] “I try to pay as little tax as possible ... It’s a little tax”, Trump told an interviewer in January 2016, while saying he was preparing the documents for release in the near future and claiming to have filed “big returns”.^[104] Former GOP Presidential candidate Mitt Romney is among those who have questioned Trump’s purported wealth and his unwillingness to release his tax returns, suggesting Trump might be wary of revealing a potential electoral “bombshell” such as a failure to pay expected tax rates, dishonesty about charitable donations, or that “he’s not anywhere near as wealthy as he says he is”.^{[105][106][107][108]} In the wake of Romney’s accusation, Trump said during a February 25, 2016 debate that he was currently subject to an IRS audit going back “two or three years”,^[109] later saying the audit affected “four or five” years,^[110] and that he had been audited every year for the past 12 years.^[111] Trump later told CNN he suspected the government’s scrutiny was due to religion, because he was a “strong Christian”.^[112] As he was “in the midst of negotiating and talking with the IRS” over tax obligations going back several years, he would neither reveal recent returns nor records for audited years he had “passed” because such records “mesh” and “interrelate” with current disputed IRS filings.^[112] Tax experts observed that the normal statute of limitations for IRS audits is three years, and an inquiry involving four or five years of returns might indicate substantial under-reporting or evidence of fraud, in which case normal statutes of limitations do not apply.^[110]

Trump was listed on the initial Forbes List in 1982 as having an estimated \$200 million fortune, including a share of his father’s estimated \$200 million net worth.^[113] After several years on the list, Trump’s financial indiscipline in the 1980s caused him to be dropped from 1990 to 1995, and reportedly obliged him to borrow from his siblings’ trusts in 1993.^[113] In 2005, *The New York Times* referred to Trump’s “verbal billions” in a skeptical article about Trump’s self-reported wealth.^[113] At the time, three individuals with direct knowledge of Trump’s finances told reporter Timothy L. O’Brien that Trump’s actual net worth was between \$150 and \$250 million, though Trump then publicly claimed a net worth of \$5 to \$6 billion.^[113] Claiming libel, Trump sued the reporter (and his book publisher) for \$5 billion, lost the case, and then lost again on appeal; Trump refused to turn over his unredacted tax returns despite his assertion they supported his case.^[114] In a sworn deposition, Trump testified that he once borrowed \$9.6 million from his father, calling it “a very small amount of money”, but could not recall when he did so;^[115] Trump has since told campaign audiences he began his career with “a small loan of one mil-

lion dollars” from his father,^[115] which he paid back with interest: “it has not been easy for me”, Trump told one New Hampshire crowd.^[116]

In April 2011, amidst speculation whether Trump would run as a candidate in the U.S. presidential election of 2012, *Politico* quoted unnamed sources close to him stating that, if Trump should decide to run for president, he would file “financial disclosure statements that [would] show his net worth [was] in excess of \$7 billion with more than \$250 million of cash, and very little debt”.^[117] (Presidential candidates are expected to disclose their finances after announcing their intentions to run.) Although Trump did not run as a candidate in the 2012 elections, his “professionally prepared” 2012 financial disclosure was published in his book which claimed a \$7 billion net worth.^[118]



Trump Hotel Las Vegas

Estimates of Trump’s net worth have fluctuated along with real estate valuations: in 2015, *Forbes* pegged it as \$4 billion,^[119] while the Bloomberg Billionaires Index (which scrutinized Trump’s FEC filings) estimated a net worth of \$2.9 billion.^[120] On June 16, 2015, just prior to announcing his candidacy for president of the United States, Trump released to the media a one-page prepared financial disclosure statement “from a big accounting firm—one of the most respected”^[121] stating a net worth of \$8,737,540,000.^[122] “I’m really rich”, Trump said.^[121] *Forbes* called the nearly \$9 billion figure a “100%” exaggeration.^[123] In June 2015, *Business Insider* published Trump’s June 2014 financial statement, noting that \$3.3 billion of that total is represented by “Real Estate Licensing Deals, Brand and Branded Developments”, described by *Business Insider* as “basically [implying] that Trump values his character at \$3.3 billion”.^[124] In July 2015, the Federal election regulators released new details of Trump’s wealth and financial holdings when he became a Republican presidential candidate, reporting that his assets are worth above \$1.4 billion, which includes at least \$70 million in stocks, and a debt of at least \$265 million.^{[125][126]}

Trump said in a July 2015 press release, one month after announcing his presidential run, that his “net worth is in

excess of TEN BILLION DOLLARS” (emphasis in original document).^{[126][127]} However, Trump has testified that “my net worth fluctuates, and it goes up and down with markets and with attitudes and with feelings—even my own feelings”.^[128] On the same day, Trump’s estimates of his net worth have varied by as much as \$3.3 billion.^[113] Trump has also acknowledged that past exaggerated estimates of his wealth have been “good for financing”.^[129] *Forbes* has said that although Trump “shares a lot of information with us that helps us get to the figures we publish”, he “consistently pushes for a higher net worth—especially when it comes to the value of his personal brand.”^[123] *Forbes* reduced its estimate of Trump’s net worth by \$125 million following Trump’s controversial 2015 remarks about Mexican illegal immigrants, which ended Trump’s business contracts with NBCUniversal, Univision, Macy’s, Serta, PVH Corporation, and Perfumania.^[130] An internal Young & Rubicam study of Trump’s brand favorability among high-income consumers showed “plummeting” ratings at the end of 2015, suggesting Trump’s various businesses could face market and financing challenges in the future.^[131]

Investments

A portion of Trump’s fortune is held in assets outside his holdings in The Trump Organization, most of which are concentrated in the financial market. In 2011, Trump made a rare foray into the stock market after being disappointed with the depressed American real estate market and facing poor returns on bank deposits. He stated that he was not a stock market person, but he also stated that prime real estate at good prices is hard to get. Among the stocks Trump purchased, he stated he bought stock in Bank of America, Citigroup, Caterpillar Inc., Intel, Johnson & Johnson and Procter & Gamble.^[132] In December 2012, Trump revealed that he also added shares of Facebook to his stock portfolio.^[133] Trump also has US\$9 million invested in hedge funds.^[134] He earned US\$6.7 million from selling shares in Bank of America and an additional US\$3.9 million from selling Facebook in 2014.^[100]

Sports

In 1983, Trump purchased the New Jersey Generals for the inaugural season of the United States Football League (USFL). The Generals hired former New York Jets head coach Walt Michaels. Prior to the inaugural season, Trump sold the franchise to Oklahoma oil magnate J. Walter Duncan. Prior to the 1984 season, Duncan sold the team back to Trump.^[135]

The USFL planned to play its 1986 schedule in the fall, directly opposite the National Football League (NFL), thanks



Trump at a baseball game in 2009

mostly to Trump’s strong advocacy of direct competition with the older, established league. Two years earlier, Trump sold most of his fellow owners on a move to the fall by arguing that it would eventually force a merger with the NFL—in which the owners of any USFL teams included in a merger would see their investment more than double.^[136]

The Generals merged with the Houston Gamblers during the extended offseason, adding such stars as quarterback Jim Kelly and wide receiver Ricky Sanders. Michaels was fired, replaced with former Gamblers coach Jack Pardee, who planned to bring the Gamblers’ high-powered run and shoot offense with him. However, the USFL’s “Dream Team” never took the field. The 1986 season was cancelled after the USFL won a minimal verdict in an antitrust lawsuit against the NFL; the league folded soon afterward.

Trump at one time acted as a financial advisor for Mike Tyson,^[137] hosting Tyson’s fight against Michael Spinks in Atlantic City.^[138]

Beauty pageants

Further information: Miss USA, Miss Universe and Miss Teen USA

From 1996 until 2015, when he sold his interests to WME/IMG,^[139] Trump owned part or all of the Miss Universe, Miss USA, and Miss Teen USA beauty pageants. Among the most recognized beauty pageants in the world, the Miss Universe pageant was founded in 1952 by the California clothing company Pacific Mills.

In 2015, NBC and Univision both ended their business relationships with the Miss Universe Organization after Trump’s presidential campaign kickoff speech on June 16, in which he stated:

The U.S. has become a dumping ground for everybody else’s problems. [Applause] Thank

you. It's true, and these are the best and the finest. When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best. They're not sending you. They're not sending you. They're sending people that have lots of problems, and they're bringing those problems with us. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists. And some, I assume, are good people".^[140]

Trump subsequently filed a \$500 million lawsuit against Univision, alleging a breach of contract and defamation. Cable network Reelz then acquired the rights to exclusively telecast the Miss USA pageant.^{[141][142]} Trump told *People* magazine in July 2015 that the lawsuit against Univision was "part of the [presidential] campaign".^[143] On September 11, 2015, Trump announced that he purchased NBC's stake in the Miss Universe Organization, making him the sole owner, and had "settled" his lawsuits against the network,^[143] though it was not immediately clear whether Trump had filed lawsuits against NBC or merely threatened to do so.^[144] He sold his own interests in the pageant shortly afterwards.^[139]

1.1.4 Entertainment media

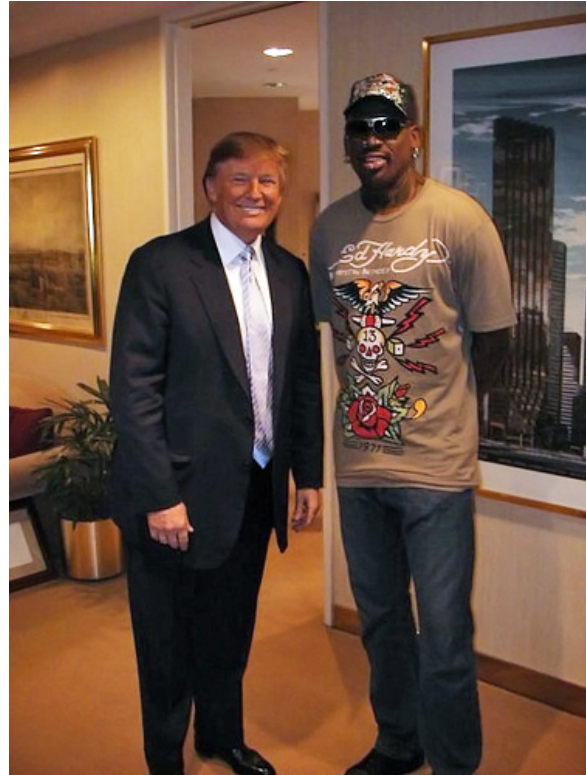
In the media, Trump is a two-time Emmy Award-nominated personality and has made appearances as a caricatured version of himself in television series and films (e.g., *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York*, *The Nanny*, *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, *Days of Our Lives*, *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps*^[145]), and as a character (*The Little Rascals*). He has been the subject of comedians, Flash cartoon artists, and online caricature artists. Trump also had his own daily talk radio program called *Trumped!*.^{[146][147][148][149][150]} He also had a cameo in an episode of the television series *Sex and the City*.^[151] Trump is also a member of the Screen Actors Guild and receives an annual pension of more than \$110,000 every year.^{[152][153]}

The Apprentice

Main article: *The Apprentice* (U.S. TV series)

In 2003, Trump became the executive producer and host of the NBC reality show *The Apprentice*, in which a group of competitors battled for a high-level management job in one of Trump's commercial enterprises. Contestants were successively "fired" and eliminated from the game. In 2004, Trump filed a trademark application for the catchphrase "You're fired."

For the first year of the show, Trump earned \$50,000 per episode (roughly \$700,000 for the first season), but following the show's initial success, he was paid a re-



Trump posing with guest personality Dennis Rodman, during Rodman's 2009 participation on Celebrity Apprentice

ported \$3 million per episode, making him one of the highest paid TV personalities. In July 2015, Trump reported in his personal financial disclosure statement with the Federal Election Commission that NBCUniversal had paid him \$213,606,575 for his 14 seasons of hosting the show.^{[100][154]} In 2007, Trump received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for his contribution to television (*The Apprentice*).^[155]

Along with British TV producer Mark Burnett, Trump was hired as host of *The Celebrity Apprentice*, in which well-known stars compete to win money for their charities. While Trump and Burnett co-produced the show, Trump stayed in the forefront, deciding winners and "firing" losers.

On February 16, 2015, NBC announced that they would be renewing *The Apprentice* for a 15th season.^[156] Eleven days later, Trump stated that he was "not ready" to sign on for another season because of the possibility of a presidential run.^[157] Despite this, on March 18, NBC announced they were going ahead with production.^[158] On June 29, after widespread negative reaction stemming from Trump's campaign announcement speech, NBC released a statement saying, "Due to the recent derogatory statements by Donald Trump regarding immigrants, NBCUniversal is ending its business relationship with Mr. Trump", apparently ending

Trump's role in *The Apprentice*.^[159]

World Wrestling Entertainment

Trump is a known **World Wrestling Entertainment** fan and friend of WWE owner **Vince McMahon**. He has hosted two **WrestleMania** events in the **Trump Plaza** and has been an active participant in several of the shows.^[160] Trump's **Trump Taj Mahal** in Atlantic City was host to the **1991 WBF Championship** (which was owned by WWE, known at the time as the "World Wrestling Federation"). Trump was interviewed by **Jesse Ventura** ringside at **WrestleMania XX**.^[161]

He also appeared at **WrestleMania 23** in a match called "The Battle of the Billionaires".^[160] Trump was in the corner of **Bobby Lashley**, while **Vince McMahon** was in the corner of Lashley's opponent **Umaga** with **Stone Cold Steve Austin** as the special guest referee.^[160] The stipulation of the match was hair versus hair, which meant that either Trump or McMahon would have their head shaved if their competitor lost.^[160] Lashley won the match, and he and Trump shaved McMahon bald.^[160]

On June 15, 2009, as part of a storyline, McMahon announced on *Monday Night Raw* that he had "sold" the show to Trump.^[160] Appearing on screen, Trump declared he would be at the following commercial-free episode in person and would give a full refund to the people who purchased tickets to the arena for that night's show.^[160] McMahon "bought back" *Raw* the following week for twice the price.^[160] His entrance theme "Money, Money" was written by **Jim Johnston**.

Trump was inducted into the celebrity wing of the **WWE Hall of Fame** in 2013, at **Madison Square Garden** for his contributions to the promotion. He made his fifth **WrestleMania** appearance the next night.^[162]

1.1.5 Politics

Trump has described his political leanings and positions in various, sometimes contradictory ways over time.^{[163][164][165][166]} **Politico** has described his positions as "eclectic, improvisational and often contradictory."^[166] He has listed his party affiliation as **Republican**, **Independence Party**, **Democrat**, and "decline to state".^{[166][167]} He has also run as a **Reform Party** candidate.^[167] Specifically, he has changed his positions on taxing the wealthy, abortion rights and health care.^[166]



Trump declaring party loyalty, September 3, 2015, Trump Tower

Political affiliations

A 2011 report by the **Center for Responsive Politics** showed that over the previous two decades of U.S. elections, Donald Trump made contributions to campaigns of both **Republican Party** and **Democratic Party** candidates, with the top 10 recipients of his political contributions being six Democrats and four Republicans.^[168] After 2011, his campaign contributions were more favorable to Republicans than to Democrats.^[169]

Trump was an early supporter of **Republican Ronald Reagan** for U.S. president,^[170] and in February 2012 endorsed **Republican Mitt Romney** for president.^[171] When asked in 2015 which recent president was best, Trump picked **Democrat Bill Clinton** over **Republicans George H. W. Bush** and **George W. Bush**.^{[172][173]} The **Clintons'** foundation has received between \$100,000 and \$250,000 from Trump,^[174] and they attended Trump's 2005 wedding reception.^[175] Trump wrote in 2008 that **Hillary Clinton** would be a "great president or vice-president".^[176]

Trump's party affiliation has changed over the years. Until 1987, he was a **Democrat**;^[5] then he was a **Republican** from 1987 to 1999.^[4] He then switched to the **Reform Party** from 1999 to 2001.^[4] After a presidential exploratory campaign with the **Reform Party**, he wrote an OpEd in the **New York Times** stating that he was leaving the **Reform Party** because of the involvement of "**David Duke**, **Pat Buchanan** and **Lenora Fulani**. That is not company I wish to keep."^[177] From 2001 to 2009 he was a **Democrat** again;^[4] he switched to the **Republican Party** again from 2009 to 2011.^[4] An independent from 2011 to 2012, he returned to the **Republican Party** in 2012, where he has remained.^[4]

Political positions

Main article: **Political positions of Donald Trump**

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On social issues, Trump describes himself as *pro-life*^[178] and would ban late-term *abortion*s except in cases of rape, incest, or health.^[178] He is in favor of cutting federal funding for *Planned Parenthood*.^[179] Trump supports the *Second Amendment*, is opposed to *gun control* in general,^{[178][180]} and has a New York concealed carry permit.^[181] He supports fixing the *federal background check system* so that criminal and mental health records are always put into the system.^[180] Trump opposes *legalizing recreational marijuana* but supports *legalizing medical marijuana*,^[182] while being supportive of states' rights.^[182] Trump has stated that he supports traditional marriage.^[183] Of the June 2015 *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the Supreme Court ruling *legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide*, he said: "I would have preferred states, you know, making the decision and I let that be known. But they made the decision. [...] So, at a certain point you have to be realistic about it."^{[178][184]}

Regarding healthcare and education, Trump favors replacing the *Affordable Care Act* (commonly referred to as "Obamacare") with a *free-market plan* and competition to lower costs, although he has also stated support for a single-payer system in the past.^[185] Trump favors getting rid of backlogs and waitlists which are the focus of the *Veterans Health Administration scandal*. In a statement, he said he believes that Veterans Affairs facilities need to be upgraded with recent technology, hire more veterans to treat other veterans, increase support of female veterans, and create satellite clinics within hospitals in rural areas.^[186] Trump has stated his support for *school choice* and local control for primary and secondary schools.^[187] He opposes the *Common Core State Standards Initiative* for primary and secondary schools,^{[178][188]} and has called Common Core "a disaster" that must be ended.^[189]

On economic issues, Trump identifies as a "*free trader*".^[190] His campaign's tax plan calls for reducing the *corporate tax rate* to 15% concurrent with the elimination of various loopholes and deductions.^[191] Trump believes the *minimum wage* should not be raised because increasing it would hurt America's economic competitiveness.^[192]

On the issue of immigration, Trump has emphasized U.S. border security. During his first town hall campaign meeting in *Derry, New Hampshire* Trump claimed that if he won the election, "Day 1 of my presidency, *illegal immigrants* are getting out and getting out fast."^[193] Trump opposes *birthright citizenship*, arguing that it is not or should not be protected by the *Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution*.^{[194][195]} On people already illegally in the United States, Trump has variously said they should all be deported, that all should be deported but some could return, that only some should be deported, or that the decision should be made after the border has been strengthened.^[163]

Regarding the environment, Trump has said that "the *EPA* is an impediment to both growth and jobs". Trump supports increased *fracking* and has criticized sustainable *wind power* alternatives, stating that "windmills are destroying every country they touch" while producing "unreliable and terrible" energy.^[196] He has called *global warming* "a total hoax".^[183]

On foreign policy, Trump has at various times said he favored sending U.S. troops as well as opposed sending U.S. troops to defeat the *Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant*.^[163] In a 2002 interview, Trump said he favored invading Iraq. On February 18, 2016, he said that by the time the invasion occurred, he had become an opponent.^[197] In 2008, Trump said that *George W. Bush* should have been impeached for the war.^[198] Trump has been critical of *Pakistan*, comparing it to North Korea, describing it as "probably the most dangerous country" in the world, and claiming that *Pakistan's nuclear weapons* posed a "serious problem." He has advocated improving relations with *India* as a "check" to Pakistan.^[199]

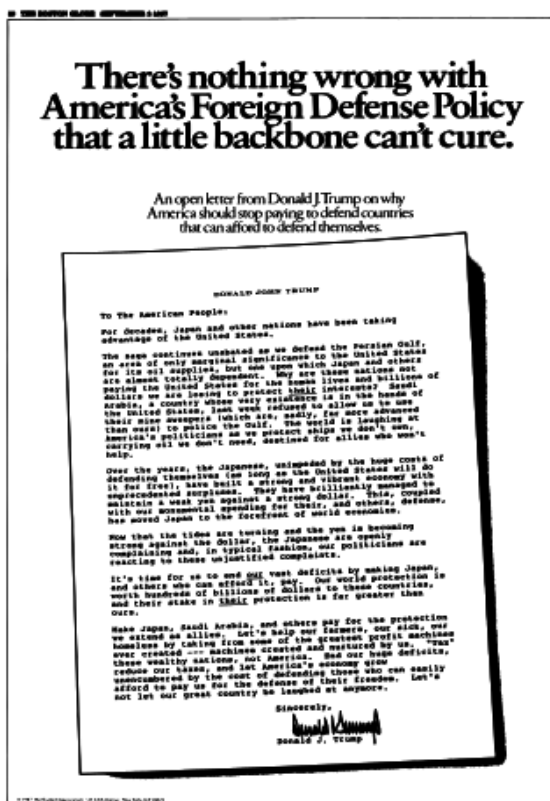
Presidential leanings, 1988–2012

See also: *Donald Trump presidential campaign, 2000*

Trump floated the idea of running for president in 1988, 2004, and 2012, and for *Governor of New York* in 2006 and 2014, but did not enter those races.^{[202][203]} He was considered as a potential running mate for George H. W. Bush on the Republican Party's 1988 presidential ticket but lost out to future Vice President *Dan Quayle*. There is dispute over whether Trump or the Bush camp made the initial pitch.^[204] In 1999, Trump filed an *exploratory committee* to seek the presidential nomination of the *Reform Party* in 2000.^{[205][206]} A July 1999 poll matching him against likely Republican nominee *George W. Bush* and likely Democratic nominee *Al Gore* showed Trump with seven percent support.^[207] Though he dropped out of the race due to party infighting, Trump still won the party's California and Michigan primaries.^{[208][209][210][211]}

Trump later said that his national profile changed: "What happened was I did *The Apprentice* and it became a tremendous success. Who would have thought this was going to happen?" he told interviewer *Larry King* in 2005. "There's sort of nothing like having the big hot show on television", Trump said.^[212]

As Trump publicly speculated about seeking the 2012 Republican presidential nomination, a *Wall Street Journal*/NBC News poll released in March 2011 found Trump leading among potential contenders, one point ahead of former Massachusetts Governor *Mitt Romney*.^[213] A *Newsweek* poll conducted in February 2011 showed Trump within a few points of Barack Obama, with many voters



Trump first expressed interest in running for office in 1987, when he spent \$100,000 to place full page ads critiquing U.S. defense policy in *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*.^{[200][201]}

undecided in the November 2012 general election for president of the United States.^[214] A poll released in April 2011 by Public Policy Polling showed Trump having a nine-point lead in a potential contest for the Republican nomination for president while he was still actively considering a run.^{[215][216]} His moves were interpreted by some media as possible promotional tools for his reality show *The Apprentice*.^{[217][218][219]} On May 16, 2011, Trump announced he would not run for president.^[217] Public Policy Polling described the events of May 2011 as “one of the quickest rises and falls in the history of presidential politics.”^[220]

Between presidential announcements, 2011–15

In April 2011, Trump questioned President Barack Obama's proof of citizenship,^[221] alleging that “his grandmother in Kenya said he was born in Kenya, and she was there and witnessed the birth.”^[222] (Trump's claim derived from a discredited transcript of a telephone interview with Obama's grandmother, produced by a Pennsylvania pastor opposed to Obama's election.)^[223] Trump also questioned



Trump speaking at the 2015 Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in National Harbor, Maryland

whether Obama had good enough grades to warrant entry to Harvard Law School.^[224] Trump is said to have sent a team of private investigators to Hawaii, Obama's documented birthplace,^[223] and told *The Today Show* “they cannot believe what they're finding.”^[225] On April 25, 2011, Trump called for Obama to end the citizenship issue by releasing the long form of his birth certificate.^{[226][227]} Two days later, Obama made a formal statement in efforts by the White House to put the matter to rest with the release of the long form.^[228] Trump expressed pride at his role in the certificate's release in a press conference follow-up, saying he hoped it “checks out” and “we have to see, is it real?”^[229] When asked in July 2015 whether Obama was born in the U.S., Trump said: “I really don't know. I mean, I don't know why he wouldn't release his records.”^{[230][231]}

In December 2008, Trump emerged as an early supporter of the 2009 government-backed rescue plan for the U.S. auto industry, which by 2012 was supported by 56% of Americans (63% support in Michigan), according to a Pew Research Center poll.^{[232][233]} Statements of Trump's hinting that vaccination would cause autism were subject to criticism in various media by the scientific community.^{[234][235]} He has also been criticized for climate change-denying statements, because they are discordant with the opinion of the scientific community.^[236]

In 2013, Trump was a featured speaker at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC).^[237] The speech was not well attended.^[238] He spent over \$1 million to research a possible run for president of the United States.^[239] In October 2013, New York Republicans had circulated a memo suggesting Trump should run for governor of the state in 2014, against Andrew Cuomo. Trump said that while New York had problems and taxes were too high, running for governor was not of great interest to him.^[240] In February 2015, Trump opted not to renew his television contract for *The Apprentice*, generating speculation that he might run for

president in 2016.^[241]

Presidential campaign, 2016

Main article: Donald Trump presidential campaign, 2016
Donald Trump announced his candidacy for President of



Trump in Manchester, New Hampshire, February 2016

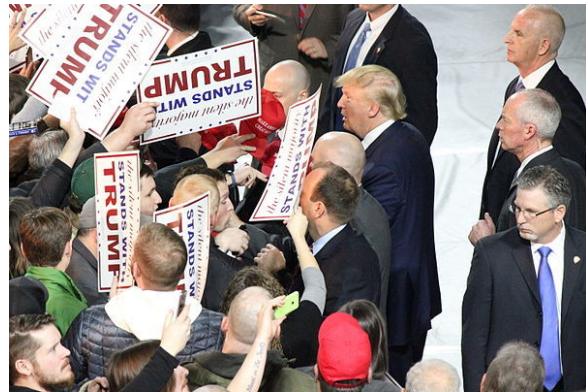
the United States in the 2016 election at the Trump Tower in New York City with the slogan “Make America Great Again!” in June 2015.

Trump has gained widespread support for the idea that he and his supporters call “telling it like it is”,^[242] with a significant disdain for political correctness.^[243] He is running counter to the **Republican establishment**, which widely opposes his candidacy and worries that him winning could hand the election to the Democratic nominee.^[244] However, Trump’s candidacy has largely succeeded, partly because of widespread media coverage.^{[245][246]} He has frequently made bold and controversial statements on issues that largely appeal to working-class voters.^[247] Political opponents have described Trump as “divisive”,^{[252][253]} “unserious”,^[254] and a “bully”.^[255]

Trump has made a number of high-profile personal attacks on journalists,^[256] politicians,^[257] and competing candidates.^[258] He often launches rapid, multiple-tweet Twitter rants against people who attack him or with whom he simply disagrees.^{[259][260][261]} A comprehensive “encyclopedia” of Trump’s tweeted “insults” was published in the *New York Times*.^[262]

Eschewing the **super PAC** model popular among competing candidates, Trump has urged that the ability to self-finance his campaign—backed by considerable personal wealth (due to him being a billionaire)—is proof that he “can’t be bought”.^[263] However, as of October 15 donations outpaced self-financing.^[264] Trump spends much less than competing candidates, relying on free media coverage instead of paid television advertisements.^[265]

Trump’s immigration policy calls for deportation of the



Trump and supporters at a rally in Muscatine, Iowa, January 2016. Multiple supporters hold up signs stating “The silent majority stands with Trump”.

estimated approximately 11 million illegal immigrants in the U.S., and the erection of a substantial wall on the Mexico–United States border.^{[193][266]} Felipe Calderón, former Mexican president said, “We are not going to pay any single cent for such a stupid wall! And it’s going to be completely useless.”^[267]

Trump has called for aggressive bombing of the Mideast terrorist group **ISIS**, and has supported surveillance of mosques in the U.S.^[268] Trump also caused outrage when he endorsed shooting Muslim terrorists with pig’s blood-dipped bullets in order to deter them, citing the alleged example set by U.S. general John J. Pershing during the **Moro Rebellion**. His comments were strongly denounced by the **Council on American-Islamic Relations**.^{[269][270][271][272]}

Trump has employed strong rhetoric on religion. He has called for a temporary ban on Muslims entering the United States, citing **links between Muslims and terrorism**. He has also raised questions about the general religious beliefs of other candidates, mainly Christianity, including **Ben Carson** and **Ted Cruz**.^[273]



Trump at an early campaign event in New Hampshire on August 19, 2015

Other issues he highlights include taking care of military veterans,^[274] making the military “strong”,^[275] and getting trade agreements more favorable to American workers.^[276]

Trump is endorsed by Republican Governors Chris Christie (New Jersey), Paul LePage (Maine) and Republican Representatives Chris Collins (New York), Duncan D. Hunter (California).^[277]

Proposed ban on Muslims entering the U.S. In response to recent radical Islamic terrorist attacks, Trump proposed “a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country’s representatives can figure out what ... is going on.” The proposal drew wide criticism from sources both within the U.S. and abroad—including unusual sources such as foreign leaders who are seldom involved in United States presidential campaigns, and leaders of Trump’s own party holding positions that are rarely at odds during the party’s presidential primaries.^{[282][283]} Critics included British Prime Minister David Cameron,^[282] French Prime Minister Manuel Valls,^[284] Saudi Prince Al-Waleed bin Talal^[285] and Canadian Foreign Minister Stéphane Dion,^[286] as well as the chairman of the Republican Party Reince Priebus, Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan, and Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.^{[283][287]} A petition to block Trump from entry into the United Kingdom has gained over 540,000 signatures, a record for the UK Government website.^[288] Members of Trump’s own party argued that a proposal banning members of a major world religion violated the party’s conservative values, the Constitution’s First Amendment (which grants freedom of religion), and the country’s immigrant heritage. Critics pointed out that the proposal would result in the exclusion of many of the most important allies in the country’s war on terror, from interpreters helping the CIA to Jordan’s King Abdullah, and that it would bolster ISIL by furthering its narrative that the U.S. is pitted against the Muslim faith. The U.S. Pentagon issued a statement that “anything that bolsters ISIL’s narrative and pits the United States against the Muslim faith is certainly not only contrary to our values but contrary to our national security.”^[289] *The Washington Post* reported that, “Donald Trump [was] featured in new jihadist recruitment video.”^[290]

In January 2013, Trump had been a popular figure in Israel,^{[291][292]} who has himself owned land in Israel.^[293] Trump released a video endorsing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during the 2013 Israeli elections.^{[294][295]} However, after Trump’s December 2015 call to temporarily exclude Muslims from travel to the United States, numerous leaders, including Netanyahu,^[296] criticized Trump’s proposal. Several dozen Israeli Knesset members, many of whom are Muslim themselves, from

across the political spectrum, signed a petition urging Netanyahu not to meet with Trump later that month;^[297] a day later, Trump postponed his visit to Israel until “a later date after I become President of the U.S.”,^[298] stating that he did not want to put Netanyahu “under pressure”.^[296]

During a Fox News debate, when asked about the feasibility of his plan to bar Muslims from entering the United States (approximately 100,000 Muslim immigrants are admitted to the U.S. each year),^[299] Trump said that Belgium and France had been blighted by the failure of Muslims in these countries to integrate. Trump said that living in Brussels was like living in a “hellhole” because of its dire state in Muslim assimilation.^{[300][301]}

Petition to ban from the United Kingdom Following Trump’s controversial comments on Muslim immigration, a petition with the title “Block Donald J Trump from UK entry”^[302] was opened in the United Kingdom on the UK Parliament’s e-petition website, calling on the UK Home Office to ban him from entering the country. By 5:00am on December 11, the total number of signatures exceeded 500,000,^[303] far above the threshold of 100,000 required to trigger a parliamentary debate.^[304]

On January 18, the House of Commons held a debate on whether to ban Trump in the Westminster Hall chamber,^[305] although the debate concluded without a vote as such a decision is reserved to the Home Secretary.^[306] The three-hour long debate saw MPs from all political parties describe Trump as “crazy” and “offensive”.^[307]

1.1.6 Personal life



Trump’s eldest daughter Ivanka campaigning for him in 2016 (serves as executive vice president of The Trump Organization)

Trump has had three marriages, which have been well documented in the tabloid media.^[308] His personal life has gained extensive media coverage.^[309]

Trump married Czech model Ivana Zelníčková on April 7, 1977, at the Marble Collegiate Church in New York.^[310]



Trump's second-oldest son Eric (serves as executive vice president of The Trump Organization)

They have three children: sons **Donald, Jr.** (born December 31, 1977) and **Eric** (born January 6, 1984), and daughter **Ivanka** (born October 30, 1981). Ivana became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1988, with Trump at her side.^[311] Trump is popularly known as “The Donald”, a nickname perpetuated by the media after Ivana referred to him as such in a 1989 *Spy Magazine* cover story.^{[312][313]} By early 1990, Trump's troubled marriage to Ivana and long-running affair with actress **Marla Maples** had become widely documented in the tabloid press.^{[24][314]} The couple divorced in 1991.^[315]

Maples gave birth to their daughter Tiffany on October 13, 1993. They married two months later on December 20, 1993.^[316] The couple formally separated in May 1997,^[317] with their divorce finalized in June 1999.^{[318][319]}

Trump dated model **Kara Young** in the mid to late 1990s,^[320] and reportedly “bombed” **Princess Diana** with expensive floral arrangements after her 1996 divorce from **Prince Charles**.^[321] “I only have one regret in the women department – that I never had the opportunity to court Lady Diana Spencer”, Trump wrote in his 1997 book, *The Art of the Comeback*. “I met her on a number of occasions ... She was a genuine princess – a dream lady.”^[322] According to his former construction executive Barbara Res, Trump, using a pseudonym, leaked to the media a rumor that Diana was seeking to buy an apartment in Trump Tower, knowing Buckingham Palace would issue only a “no comment” statement. “He was brilliant at stuff like that”, Res said.^[323] In an interview three years after her death, Trump said he would have slept with Diana “without hesi-

tation” and that “she had the height, she had the beauty, she had the skin”, while adding that “she was crazy, but these are minor details”.^[324]



Trump's wife Melania, in 2011

In 1998, Trump began a relationship with Slovenian-born fashion model, **Melania Knauss**.^{[325][326]} They became engaged in April 2004^[327] and were married on January 22, 2005 at Bethesda-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, on the island of **Palm Beach**, Florida, followed by a reception at Trump's **Mar-a-Lago** estate.^{[328][329][330]} In 2006, Melania became a naturalized U.S. citizen.^[326] In March 2006, she gave birth to their son named **Barron William Trump**.^{[331][332]} (Trump had previously used the pseudonym “John Baron” in some business deals and when communicating with journalists.^{[22][65][323]}) Having spoken the language since his childhood, Barron is fluent in **Slovenian**.^[333] In a February 2009 interview on ABC's news program *Nightline*, Trump commented on his ex-wives: “I just know it's very hard for them [Ivana and Marla] to compete because I do love what I do. I really love it.”^[334]

Trump has seven grandchildren, and one on the way: five from his son Donald Jr. (**Kai Madison**, **Donald John III**, **Tristan Milos**, **Spencer Frederick**, and **Chloe Sophia**)^{[335][336][337]} and two from his daughter Ivanka (**Ara-**

bella Rose and Joseph Frederick).^{[338][339]}

Religious views

Trump is a **Presbyterian**.^[340] In an April 2011 interview on the *700 Club*, he commented: “I’m a **Protestant**, I’m a Presbyterian. And you know I’ve had a good relationship with the church over the years. I think religion is a wonderful thing. I think my religion is a wonderful religion.”^{[341][342]} Trump told a 2015 South Carolina campaign audience he joined the **Marble Collegiate Church**, where he married his first wife Ivana in 1977. The church has said he is “not an active member”.^[343]

In 1983, the Reverend Norman Vincent Peale, described in a *New York Times* profile as Trump’s “pastor” and “family minister”, said that Trump was “kindly and courteous in certain business negotiations and has a profound streak of honest humility.”^[28] Trump calls his own book *The Art of the Deal* (1987) “my second favorite book of all time”, and has told campaign audiences: “Do you know what my first is? The Bible! Nothing beats the Bible.”^{[344][345]} Declining to name his favorite Bible verse, Trump said “I don’t like giving that out to people that you hardly know.”^[343]

Trump has said that, while he participates in **Holy Communion**, he has not asked God for forgiveness for his sins. He says: “I think if I do something wrong, I think, I just try and make it right. I don’t bring God into that picture.”^[346]

Trump has praised and maintains relationships with several prominent national **evangelical** and **Christian** leaders, including Tony Perkins and Ralph Reed.^[347] During his 2016 presidential campaign, he received a blessing from Greek Orthodox priest Emmanuel Lemelson.^[348]

Pope Francis, however, claimed that Trump’s views on immigration are contrary to Christian teachings:^[349] “A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not about building bridges, is not a true Christian. This is not in the Gospel”, the Pope replied to a reporter’s questions about Trump, adding “we must see if he said things in that way and in this I give the benefit of the doubt.”^[350] Trump called the Pope’s criticism “disgraceful” and suggested the Mexican government was “using the Pope as a pawn” for political purposes,^[351] “because they want to continue to rip off the United States”.^[352] Trump said that “if and when” **ISIS** attacks the Vatican, the Pope would have “wished and prayed” Trump were President because such an attack would not have happened.^[352]

Trump also has ties to the Jewish American community.^[353] Asked in 2015 at an *Algemeiner Journal* awards ceremony honoring him with the Algemeiner Liberty Award, about having Jewish grandchildren, Trump said: “Not only do I have Jewish grandchildren, I have a Jewish daughter

(Ivanka, who converted to **Judaism** before her marriage to Jared Kushner) and I am very honored by that ... it wasn’t in the plan but I am very glad it happened.”^[354]

1.1.7 In popular culture

In March 2011, Trump was the subject of a **Comedy Central Roast**. The special was hosted by Seth MacFarlane, and roasters included Larry King, Snoop Dogg, and Anthony Jeselnik among regular roast participants. Trump’s daughter Ivanka was seen in the audience.^[355] In April 2011, Trump attended the **White House Correspondents’ Dinner**, featuring comedian Seth Meyers. President Obama used the occasion to present several prepared jokes mocking Trump.^[356]

You’ve Been Trumped, an award-winning 2011 documentary film by Anthony Baxter, follows the development of a Scottish golf resort.^{[357][358]} It shows Trump speaking locally about his ambitions for the project, insulting a local farmer, who he claims lives in “a slum”, and being awarded an honorary degree by **The Robert Gordon University**, in spite of a professor at that university returning his own honorary degree in protest.^{[359][360]} It also queries the supposed economic benefits and examines the ecological impact and the effect on local residents.^{[86][361]} When it was announced that the documentary was to be given its UK television premiere on **BBC Two** on October 21, 2012,^[362] Trump’s lawyers contacted the **BBC** to demand that the film should not be shown, claiming it was defamatory and misleading. The screening went ahead, the BBC defending the decision and stating that Trump had refused the opportunity to take part in the film.^[363]

On August 5, 2015, *Trump: What’s the Deal?*, a 1991 documentary by Libby Handros about Trump in the 1980s and 1990s became available online.^[364]

1.1.8 Legal affairs

Corporate bankruptcies

Four of Trump’s businesses have declared **Chapter 11 bankruptcy**.^{[365][366]} According to a report by *Forbes* in 2011, these were the result of over-leveraged hotel and casino businesses in Atlantic City: Trump’s Taj Mahal (1991), Trump Plaza Hotel (1992), Trump Hotels and Casino Resorts (2004), and Trump Entertainment Resorts (2009).^{[367][368]} Trump said “I’ve used the laws of this country to pare debt. ... We’ll have the company. We’ll throw it into a chapter. We’ll negotiate with the banks. We’ll make a fantastic deal. You know, it’s like on *The Apprentice*. It’s not personal. It’s just business.”^[369] He indicated that other “great entrepreneurs” do the same.^[367]



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The first of Trump's corporate entities to file bankruptcy was in 1991, when **Trump Taj Mahal** was unable to pay its obligations.^[369] *Forbes* indicated that this first bankruptcy was the only one where Trump's personal financial resources were involved. *Time*, however, maintains that \$72 million of his personal money was also involved in a later 2004 bankruptcy.^[370]

On November 2, 1992, the **Trump Plaza Hotel** filed a prepackaged Chapter 11 protection plan. Under the plan, Trump agreed to give up a 49 percent stake in the luxury hotel to **Citibank** and five other lenders.^[371] In return Trump would receive more favorable terms on the remaining \$550+ million owed to the lenders, and retain his position as chief executive, though he would not be paid and would not have a role in day-to-day operations.^[372]

In the subsequent restructuring of these two events, Trump had eliminated a large portion of his \$900 million personal debt by 1994,^[373] and reduced significantly his nearly \$3.5 billion in business debt. While he relinquished the **Trump Princess** yacht and the **Trump Shuttle** (which he had bought in 1989), he managed to retain Trump Tower in New York City and control of his three casinos in Atlantic City. Trump sold his ownership of West Side Yards to Asian developers as a result of his negotiations with **Chase Manhattan Bank**. Trump was reportedly paid a premium for placing his well-known moniker on the buildings that eventually arose. In 1995, he combined his casino holdings into the publicly held **Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts**. The real estate assets became a source of wealth even when profits had struggled.^[374]

The third corporate bankruptcy was on October 21, 2004, when **Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts** announced a restructuring of its debt.^[375] The plan called for Trump's individual ownership to be reduced from 56 percent to 27 percent,

with bondholders receiving stock in exchange for surrendering part of the debt. Trump Hotels was forced to seek voluntary bankruptcy protection to stay afloat. After the company applied for Chapter 11 Protection in November 2004, Trump opted to relinquish his CEO position but retained a role as Chairman of the board. In May 2005^[376] the company emerged from bankruptcy as **Trump Entertainment Resorts Holdings**.^[377] Writing about this and previous bankruptcies in his 2007 book, *Think BIG and Kick Ass in Business and Life*, Trump wrote: "I figured it was the bank's problem, not mine. What the hell did I care? I actually told one bank, 'I told you you shouldn't have loaned me that money. I told you the goddamn deal was no good.'"^[378]

Trump's most recent corporate bankruptcy occurred in 2009. On February 13, Trump announced that he would resign from the board of Trump Entertainment Resorts and four days later the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.^[379] At that time, Trump Entertainment Resorts had three properties in **Atlantic City**: Trump Taj Mahal, Trump Plaza, and Trump Marina (sold in 2011). In early August 2014, Trump filed a lawsuit requesting his name be removed from the Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino and the Taj Mahal facilities since he no longer runs or controls the company.^[380] Trump Entertainment Resorts filed again for bankruptcy in 2014.^[381]

Lawsuits

Over the course of his career, Trump has initiated and been the target of hundreds of lawsuits.^[382] His lawyer Alan Garten said in 2015 that this was "a natural part of doing business in this country".^[383]

In 1973, the Justice Department filed suit against the Trump Management Corporation for alleged **racial discrimination**, which Trump's company disputed.^[384] The case was settled out of court in 1975.^[385]

In 1990, after an analyst at **Janney Montgomery Scott** said that Trump's Taj Mahal project would initially "break records" but would fail before the end of that year, Trump threatened to sue the firm unless the analyst recanted or was fired. The analyst refused to retract the statements, and was fired by his firm.^[386] Taj Mahal declared bankruptcy for the first time in November 1990.^[387] A **defamation** lawsuit by the analyst against Trump for \$2 million was settled out of court.^[388] The analyst's statements regarding the Taj Mahal's prospects were later called "stunningly accurate".^[389]

In 2002, the **Securities and Exchange Commission** brought a financial-reporting case against Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts Inc., alleging that the company had committed several "misleading statements in the company's third-quarter 1999 earnings release". The matter was settled with the defendant neither admitting nor denying the charge.^[390]

During the 2008 financial crisis, Trump International Hotel and Tower in Chicago was unable to sell sufficient units. Lender Deutsche Bank refused to let Trump lower the prices on the units to spur sales. Arguing that the financial crisis and resulting drop in the real estate market is due to circumstances beyond his control, Trump invoked a clause in the contract to not pay the loan.^[391] Trump then initiated a suit asserting that his image had been damaged. Both parties agreed to drop their suits, and sales of the units continued.^[392]

In 2008, Trump filed a \$100 million lawsuit for alleged fraud and civil rights violations^[393] against the California city of Rancho Palos Verdes, a seaside town of 41,000 with an annual budget just under \$20 million, over thwarted luxury home development and expansion plans on part of a landslide-prone golf course purchased by Trump in 2002 for \$27 million.^[393] Trump had previously sued a local school district over land leased from them in the re-branded Trump National Golf Club, and had further angered some local residents by renaming a thoroughfare after himself.^[393] Trump's lawyer was unable to convince a judge that the city's "relentless anti-growth municipal ideology"^[394] had stymied Trump's ambitions, as Trump had never submitted permit applications in the first place,^[394] and the suit was ultimately withdrawn in 2012 with Trump and the city agreeing to modified geological surveys and permit extensions for some 20 proposed luxury homes (in addition to 36 homes previously approved).^{[394][395]} Trump ultimately opted for a permanent conservation easement instead of expanded housing development on the course's driving range.^[396]

In 2009, Trump was sued by investors who had made deposits, typically \$200,000–\$300,000 per person, for condos in the failed Trump Ocean Resort Baja Mexico.^[397] The investors alleged that Trump (whose videos promoting the development had been shown to potential investors) misrepresented his role in the project, stating after its failure that he had been little more than a spokesperson for the entire venture, disavowing any financial responsibility for the debacle.^[398] Investors were abruptly informed that they would be getting nothing back: "All that remains of Trump Baja is a highway billboard with a large photo of Donald Trump that advertises condos for sale. It hovers over a closed sales center and showroom, a paved parking lot, a big hole that cuts a wide swath, drainage pipes and construction equipment", reported the Associated Press in 2009.^[397] In the litigation that ensued in a California court, Trump's attorneys sought to question a *San Diego Union-Tribune* reporter about a 2006 story with the headline "Trump puts 'brand' on Baja with condo-hotel", which quoted Trump saying he was a "significant" equity investor in the development.^[399] The California court rejected Trump's legal maneuver, siding with attorneys who

argued that California Shield Law prevented discovery of a reporter's unpublished notes.^[400] In 2013, Trump settled the lawsuit with more than one hundred would-be condo owners for an undisclosed amount.^[401]

In 2011, an appellate court upheld a New Jersey Superior Court judge's decision dismissing Trump's \$5 billion defamation lawsuit against author Timothy L. O'Brien, who had reported in his book, *TrumpNation: The Art of Being The Donald* (2006), that Trump's true net worth was in fact between \$150 and \$250 million. Trump had reportedly told O'Brien he was worth billions and, in 2005, had publicly stated that he was worth billions.^[402] Trump complained that the author's alleged underestimation of his net worth was motivated by malice and had cost him business deals and reputational damage.^[403] The appellate court, however, noted the consistency of O'Brien's three confidential sources.^[404]

Trump sued comedian Bill Maher for \$5 million in 2013. Maher had appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and had offered to pay \$5 million to a charity if Trump produced his birth certificate to prove that Trump's mother had not mated with an orangutan. This was in reciprocation for Trump having previously challenged Obama to produce his birth certificate. Trump had offered \$5 million payable to a charity of Obama's choice, if Obama produced his college applications, transcripts, and passport records.^{[405][406]} Trump produced his birth certificate and filed a lawsuit after Maher was not forthcoming, claiming that Maher's \$5 million offer was legally binding. "I don't think he was joking," Trump said. "He said it with venom."^[405] Maher replied that Trump needed to learn the difference between "what a joke is and what a contract is" and that the U.S. legal system is "not a toy for rich idiots to play with", and said that it was obvious humans and orangutans cannot reproduce.^[407] Trump withdrew his lawsuit against the comedian after eight weeks.^[408]

In 2013, in a lawsuit filed by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, Trump was accused of defrauding more than 5,000 people of \$40 million for the opportunity to learn Trump's real estate investment techniques in a for-profit training program, Trump University, which operated from 2005 to 2011.^{[409][410][411]} Schneiderman contended that Trump's seminars constituted an "unlicensed, illegal educational institution" which utilized false advertising, bait-and-switch tactics, intentional misrepresentation and other fraudulent practices.^[383] In January 2014, a New York Superior Court upheld part of the Attorney General's case against Trump,^[412] and in October 2014, found Trump liable for not obtaining a license to operate the for-profit investment school, Trump Entrepreneur Initiative, formerly known as Trump University. (Trump ultimately stopped using the term "University" following a 2010 order from New York regulators, who called Trump's

use of the word “misleading and even illegal”; the state had previously warned Trump in 2005 to drop the term or not offer seminars within New York.)^{[413][414][415]} In a separate class action civil suit in mid-February 2014, a San Diego federal judge allowed claimants in California, Florida, and New York to proceed.^[416] A Trump counterclaim, alleging that the state Attorney General’s investigation was accompanied by a campaign donation shakedown, was investigated by a New York ethics board and dismissed in August 2015.^[417] Trump also filed a \$1 million defamation suit against former Trump University student Tarla Makaeff, who had spent about \$37,000 on seminars, after she joined the class action lawsuit and publicized her classroom experiences on social media.^[398] Unable to prove malice, Trump University lost an *anti-SLAPP* lawsuit (under statutes designed to thwart legal intimidation of class action participants) and was ordered by a U.S. District Judge in April 2015 to pay Makaeff and her lawyers \$798,774.24 in legal fees and costs.^[418] “That just shows you how low they will go to silence people”, Makaeff said.^[398]

In 2014, the former *Miss Pennsylvania* Sheena Monnin ultimately settled a \$5 million arbitration judgment against her, having been sued by Trump after alleging that the *Miss USA 2012* pageant results were rigged. Monnin wrote on her Facebook page that another contestant told her during a rehearsal that she had seen a list of the top five finalists, and when those names were called in their precise order, Monnin realized the pageant election process was suspect, compelling Monnin to resign her *Miss Pennsylvania* title. Trump’s lawyer said that Monnin’s allegations had cost the pageant a lucrative *British Petroleum* sponsorship deal and threatened to discourage women from entering *Miss USA* contests in the future.^[419] According to Monnin, testimony from the *Miss Universe* Organization and *Ernst & Young* revealed that the top 15 finalists were selected by pageant directors regardless of preliminary judges’ scores.^[420] As part of the settlement, Monnin was not required to retract her original statements.^[419] “Standing on truth has cost me much”, Monnin said.^[421]

In 2014, the model Alexia Palmer filed a civil suit against Trump Model Management for promising a \$75,000 annual salary but paying only \$3,380.75 for three years’ work. Palmer claimed to be owed more than \$200,000. Palmer contended that Trump Model Management charged, in addition to a management fee, “obscure expenses” from postage to limousine rides that consumed the remainder of her compensation. Trump attorney Alan Garten claims the lawsuit is “bogus and completely frivolous”.^{[422][423]}

In 2015, Trump initiated a \$100 million lawsuit against *Palm Beach County* claiming that officials, in a “deliberate and malicious” act, pressured the FAA to direct air traffic to the *Palm Beach International Airport* over his *Mar-a-Lago* estate.^[424] The air traffic is allegedly damaging the

construction of the building and disrupting its ambience. Trump had previously sued twice over airport noise.^[424]

In July 2015, Trump filed a \$10 million lawsuit against chef *José Andrés* claiming that he backed out of a deal to open the flagship restaurant at *Trump International Hotel Washington, D.C.*^[425] Andrés replied that Trump’s lawsuit was “both unsurprising and without merit”.^[426] After denouncing chef *Geoffrey Zakarian* who, like Andrés, withdrew from the Trump International Hotel project in the wake of Trump’s comments on Mexican illegal immigrants (and who was expected to lose his \$500,000 restaurant lease deposit as a result),^[426] Trump sued Zakarian in August 2015 for a sum “in excess of \$10 million” for lost rent and other damages.^[427] Trump’s lawsuit called Zakarian’s offense at his remarks “curious in light of the fact that Mr. Trump’s publicly shared views on immigration have remained consistent for many years, and Mr. Trump’s willingness to frankly share his opinions is widely known.”^[427]

Allegations of business with firms linked to organized crime

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist *David Cay Johnston*, as well as investigative journalist *Wayne Barrett* who wrote an unauthorized 1992 Trump biography, have alleged that Trump and his companies did business with New York and Philadelphia families linked to the *Italian-American Mafia*.^{[428][429]} According to the *Washington Post*, “He was never accused of illegality, and observers of the time say that working with the mob-related figures and politicians came with the territory.”^[430]

Johnston and Barrett claim that Trump purchased the future site of Atlantic City’s Trump Plaza for twice its market value from the *Philadelphia crime family* member *Salvatore Testa*, and according to the State of New Jersey Commission of Investigation’s 1986 report on organized crime, constructed the casino using two firms controlled by *Nicodemo Scarfo*.^[429] Although Trump was a federal target in a 1979 bribery investigation, and was later questioned in a 1981 racketeering probe, neither investigation resulted in criminal charges.^[429] Trump was criticized for omitting mention of that investigation in his New Jersey casino license application. Johnston alleged that Trump had persuaded state officials to limit the background investigation of him.^[428] Johnston and other investigative reporters also reported that Trump Tower, Trump Plaza, and other New York City properties were constructed with concrete purchased from S&A Concrete Co., a firm owned by *Anthony Salerno*, head of the *Genovese crime family*, and *Paul Castellano*, head of the *Gambino crime family*.^{[428][430]}

According to British investigative journalist John Sweeney, Trump walked out of an interview for the BBC’s *Panorama*

series with Sweeney after Trump answered a question about why he continued to do business with **Felix Sater**, an ex-convict who identified himself a “senior advisor to Donald Trump” (a claim disputed by Trump’s representatives), after Sater’s mafia and Russian criminal ties, as well as a 1998 **racketeering** conviction for a \$40 million Mafia-linked stock fraud scheme,^[431] were publicly reported in 2007.^{[432][433][434]} Sater’s fraud victims included **Holocaust** survivors Ernest and Judit Gottdiener, whose estate later sued Sater and a business partner for failing to pay \$7 million in restitution.^[435] Sater moved into a Trump Tower office on the same floor as Trump’s office in 2010, according to court records and Associated Press interviews.^[431] “Felix Sater, boy, I have to even think about it”, Trump told the *AP* in December 2015. “I’m not that familiar with him.”^[431] When previously asked about Sater by *The New York Times* in December 2007, Trump said of Sater “We never knew that. We do as much of a background check as we can on the principals. I didn’t really know him very well.”^[433] Sater was born in Russia in 1966 and emigrated to the U.S. with his family at the age of 8,^[433] and later developed ties to members of the **Bonanno** and **Genovese** crime families.^[436] He worked with Trump on at least four projects including Trump SoHo, Trump International Hotel and Residence Phoenix (which failed^[436]), Trump International Hotel and Residence Ft. Lauderdale (which collapsed amid allegations of fraud^[437]), and an unrealized skyscraper project in Denver which involved Sater traveling with Trump to the city^[438] and being interviewed with Trump by *The Rocky Mountain News* in 2005.^[433] Alan Garten, senior attorney for Trump, said that Sater has “got a lot of contacts” and worked with Trump scouting high-end luxury real estate opportunities, but was never formally employed, and did not close any deals for Trump over the course of a six-month non-contractual working relationship in 2010.^[431] “If Mr. Sater was good enough for the government to work with”, referring to the cooperation agreement which kept Sater’s racketeering conviction sealed from public scrutiny for 14 years, “I see no reason why he wasn’t good enough for Mr. Trump.”^[431]

Campaign contributions

According to a New York state report, Trump “circumvented” corporate and personal campaign donation limits in the 1980s by donating money to candidates from 18 different business subsidiaries, rather than giving primarily in his own name.^[430] Trump told investigators he did so on the advice of lawyers, and not to curry favor with business-friendly candidates, but simply to satisfy requests from friends.^[430]

1.1.9 Awards and honors



Trump receiving the 2015 **Marine Corps–Law Enforcement Foundation's** annual Leadership Award in recognition for his contributions to American military education programs



Trump’s star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame

- **Gaming Hall of Fame** (class of 1995)^[439]
- **NY Ride of Fame** (class of 2010)^[440]
- Trump was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration (Hon. D.B.A.), in 2010 by **Robert Gordon University**.^[441] However, this degree was revoked on December 9, 2015 because Trump had made “a number of statements that are wholly incompatible with the ethos and values of the university”.^[442]
- In February 2016 Trump was nominated by ‘an anonymous U.S. politician’ for the **Nobel Peace Prize**, for his ‘vigorous peace through strength ideology’.^{[443][444][445]}
- **Honorary Doctor of Business** (Hon. D.B.), 2012, **Liberty University**^[446]
- **WWE Hall of Fame** (class of 2013)
- **Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame**
- **Statesman of the Year**, The Republican Party of **Saraso**, 2012, 2015^{[447][448]}

- Liberty Award, in 2015 at the Algemeiner Jewish 100 Gala in honor of his positive contributions to Israel–United States relations.^[449]
- Key to the City of Doral, Florida, 2015^{[450][451]}
- Commandant of the Marine Corps Leadership Award, 2015, Marine Corps–Law Enforcement Foundation^[452]
- New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame (inducted November 12, 2015)^[453]

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Chapter 2

Spouses

2.1 Ivana Trump

Ivana Marie Trump (née **Zelníčková**; Czech pronunciation: [ˈivana ˈmarɪjɛ ˈzɛlɲiːtʃkovaː]; February 20, 1949) is a Czech-American socialite and former fashion model, known for her marriage to American business magnate Donald Trump.

2.1.1 Early years

Ivana Zelníčková was born in the Moravian town of then **Gottwaldov** (formerly/presently known as **Zlín**), the daughter of Miloš Zelníček and Marie Francová.^[1] From a very young age, her father nurtured and encouraged her skiing talent. She has claimed that she was selected as an alternate on the 1972 **Czechoslovak Olympic Ski Team**. However, in 1989, Petr Pomezny, Secretary General of the **Czech Olympic Committee**, stated, “Who is this Ivana woman, and why do people keep calling us about her? We have searched so many times and have consulted many, many people, and there is no such girl in our records.”^[2]

In the early 1970s she earned a master’s degree in physical education from **Charles University of Prague**.

2.1.2 Personal life

In 1971, she married real estate agent Alfred Winklemeier, but they were divorced in 1973.^[3] She left Czechoslovakia for Canada to be with a childhood friend, George Syrovatka, who owned a ski boutique there. For the following two years she lived in **Montreal**, improved her English taking night courses at **McGill University**, and worked as a model for some of Canada’s top fur companies. She then left Syrovatka and moved to **New York** to promote the **Montreal Olympics**.

It was in New York that she met **Donald Trump**, son of prominent real estate developer **Fred Trump**. On April 7, 1977, she married Donald in a lavish society wedding. Don-

ald and Ivana Trump became leading figures in New York society during the 1980s. They set to work on several massive projects, including the construction of the **Grand Hyatt Hotel**, the **Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort** in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and the **Trump Tower** on Fifth Avenue in **Manhattan**.^{[4][5]} They had three children: **Donald John Jr.** (born December 31, 1977), **Ivanka Marie** (born October 30, 1981), and **Eric Fredrick** (born January 6, 1984). She has seven grandchildren.^[6]

Ivana took a major role in the Trump Organization. She became the Vice President of Interior Design for the company, spearheading the signature design of Trump Tower. Afterwards, her then husband appointed her to head up the Trump Castle Hotel and Casino as president. Ivana became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1988, with Donald at her side.^[7]

In the late 1980s, Ivana decided to leave Atlantic City in order to devote more time to her family. However, her husband asked her to oversee the restoration of the landmark **Plaza Hotel**, and she took over as its president. She was named Hotelier of the Year in 1990. Ivana’s work at the Plaza would be the zenith of her work within the Trump Organization. Towards the end of that year, rumors began to circulate that her husband was having an affair with a former beauty queen from Georgia, **Marla Maples**. While the family was on holiday in **Aspen, Colorado** that Christmas, she encountered Maples on the ski slopes; their confrontation was reported in the *New York Post* the following day. In 1991, she retained entertainment attorney **Neil Papiano** and filed for divorce, seeking a greater amount of the family fortune than had been set out in her **prenuptial agreement**. Her husband fought back in court, protesting Ivana’s claims that she had contributed to the Trump Organization.

The divorce proceedings led to extensive pieces in the gossip columns. In October 1990 her 63-year-old father died suddenly from a **heart attack**. The Trumps stood side-by-side at the funeral.^[8] Their divorce was settled after that in 1992.^[9] Although the settlement remains sealed by the courts, it is rumored that Ivana received \$20 million; the

\$14 million family estate in Connecticut; a \$5 million housing allowance; \$350,000 annual alimony; all of her jewelry; and 49% of Mar-a-Lago, the family home in Palm Beach, Florida, that also serves as a private club for the Palm Beach elite. Not long after her divorce from Donald, Ivana married Riccardo Mazzucchelli. The marriage was dissolved before two years had elapsed, and Ivana filed a \$15 million breach of contract suit against Mazzucchelli for violating the confidentiality clause in their prenuptial agreement. The suit was settled out of court.

In April 2008, Ivana, then 59, married Rossano Rubicondi, then 36.^[10] The \$3 million wedding for 400 guests was hosted by Donald at his Mar-a-Lago estate. Trump's daughter Ivanka, of the reality show *The Apprentice*, was her maid of honor.^[11] On December 1, 2008, Trump confirmed to the Associated Press that she had filed a legal separation agreement three months previously; she has stated in interviews that she and her husband have an on-again/off-again relationship.

2.1.3 Career

Soon after her divorce from Donald Trump, she signed on with the William Morris Agency and developed lines of clothing, fashion jewelry and beauty products that have been successfully sold through television shopping channels. She has also written several bestselling books including the novels *For Love Alone*, *Lucy Wilkins* and *Free to Love* as well as a self-help book *The Best is Yet to Come: Coping with Divorce and Enjoying Life Again*. In 2001, she penned an advice column for *Divorce Magazine*.^[12] She played a cameo role in the Hollywood film *The First Wives Club* with the memorable line, "Remember girls: don't get mad, get everything."

She was the host of Oxygen Network's reality-dating series *Ivana Young Man* in 2006. In 2010, Ivana sued a Finnish fashion company, accusing it of selling women's clothing that incorporates her name without permission.^[13] In the same year, she took part in the UK's *Celebrity Big Brother*, finishing seventh.^[14]

2.1.4 In popular culture

In the former Disney sitcoms *The Suite Life of Zack and Cody* and *The Suite Life on Deck*, main character London Tipton's dog's is named Ivana after the ex-Trump.

In the 1996 movie adaptation of *The First Wives Club*, Ivana makes a brief appearance at the end gala.

Absolutely Fabulous creator Jennifer Saunders has admitted that the character Patsy Stone (who shares Trump's characteristic blond beehive) is partially based on Trump.^[15]

In the John David Coles-directed TV movie *Trump Unauthorized* (2005), Ivana is portrayed by actress Katheryn Winnick.

Actress Michaela Watkins portrays Ivana in the Funny or Die parody film *Donald Trump's The Art of the Deal: The Movie*.

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2.2 Marla Maples

Marla Ann Maples (born October 27, 1963) is an American actress and television personality, best known for her six-year marriage to celebrity businessman and 2016 presidential candidate Donald Trump.

2.2.1 Personal life

Maples was born in Cohutta, Georgia, United States, the daughter of Lura Ann (née Locklear; 1940-2014), a homemaker and model, and Stanley Edward Maples, a real estate developer.^{[2][3]}

Maples attended Northwest Whitfield High School in Tunnel Hill, Georgia, where she was crowned Homecoming Queen.^[4]

Maples and Donald Trump have one child together, Tiffany Ariana Trump, who was born on October 13, 1993.^[5] In December, 1993 the couple married,^[6] but they separated in May 1997^[7] and divorced in 1999.^[8]

2.2.2 Career

Motion pictures

Maples appeared in *Maximum Overdrive* (1986) and *Executive Decision* (1996). She followed these films with roles in the award-winning Todd Solondz movie *Happiness* (1998), and was part of the cast in the movie *Black and White* (1999). Other films include *A Christmas Too Many*, *Loving Annabelle*, *Two of Hearts*, *Richie Rich's A Christmas Wish*, *For Richer or Poorer*, and *Something Wilder*.^[9] Since then, she has had a part as an actress in *Switching Lanes*, directed by Thomas Mikal Ford, which won the Feature Film Silver Award in October 2015 at the Kingdomwood Christian Film Festival.^{[10][11]}

Television

In 1991, Maples appeared as a celebrity guest at WWF WrestleMania VII, where she served as special guest timekeeper in the main event match between Hulk Hogan and defending WWF Champion Sgt. Slaughter. Maples co-hosted the 1996 and 1997 Miss Universe Pageant, and the 1997 Miss USA Pageant.^[12] She guest-starred in *Spin City* in 1997 and on *The Nanny* in May 1998.^{[13][9]} In 2013, Maples was featured on *Oprah: Where Are They Now?*^[14] In June 2014, she was a guest star on the Disney show *Liv and Maddie*.^[15]

Theater

In August 1992, Maples starred as "Ziegfeld's favorite" in the Tony Award winning production, *The Will Rogers Follies* on Broadway.^{[16][17]} She returned to New York in 2011 for *Love, Loss and What I Wore*, an off-Broadway production.^[18]

Philanthropy

Maples has always been big on supporting charities and non-profit organizations, and has been a long time and vocal supporter of Kids Creating Peace, an organization that unites Israeli and Palestinian children.^[19] She has also been known to share proceeds of sales with those in need, as she shared sales proceeds of her "One World of Love" album with Success for Kids, and proceeds from her auction with Linda's Stuff with Spirituality for Kids.^{[20][21]}

Radio/Music

For many years Maples hosted her own talk radio show, *Awakening with Marla*, on Contact Talk Radio, where her guests ranged from naturopathic doctors, to authors, to astrologists, and more.^[22]

Maples' album *The Endless*, released in August 2013, is a musical journey of spiritual awakening and transformational energy, featuring thought leaders such as the Dalai Lama, Michael Beckwith, and Deepak Chopra. Each track evokes a different level of consciousness and connection, designed for deep meditation, prayer circles, or yoga sessions. In December 2014, Maples won a Hollywood Music in Media Award for best New Age/Ambient song, for "House of Love", from that album.^{[23][24]}

Other

In 1990, Maples starred in an advertising campaign for No Excuses jeans.^[25] In 1993, she was the designer for a line of maternity clothes, sold in several major department store chains.^[26]

In January 2000, a memoir by Maples, *All That Glitters Is Not Gold*, was announced by the ReganBooks division of HarperCollins Publishers. In February 2002, a spokeswoman for the publishing company said that "The author and publisher by mutual consent have agreed not to publish the book."^[8]

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2.3 Melania Trump

Melania Trump (born **Melanija Knavs**,^[1] Germanized to **Melania Knauss**; April 26, 1970) is a jewelry and watch designer and former model.^[2] She is married to American billionaire real estate developer and 2016 U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump.^[3] Born in Yugoslavia (now Slovenia), she became a permanent resident of the United States in 2001 and acquired citizenship in 2006.^[4]

2.3.1 Early life

Knauss was born in Sevnica, in Slovenia's Lower Sava Valley (then part of Yugoslavia) on April 26, 1970. Her father, Viktor Knavs, who managed car and motorcycle dealerships,^[5] was from the nearby town of Radeče; her mother, Amalija, a fashion designer,^[5] came from a village in the area surrounding Sevnica, within the confines of Sevnica Castle.^[6] She has an older sister, Ines.^[7]

Knauss grew up in a modest apartment in a concrete housing block.^[1] When she was a teenager, the family moved to a two-story house near Sevnica.^[8] She began her modeling career at age 16, and at age 18 signed with a modeling agency in Milan, Italy.^[9] She is fluent in Slovenian, English, French, Serbian, and German.^[10]

2.3.2 Career

Modeling career

After studying design and architecture at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia,^[9] without graduating, Knauss worked as a model for major fashion houses in Milan and Paris before relocating to New York City in 1996.^[9] Working with photographers including Helmut Newton, Patrick Demarchelier, and Mario Testino,^{[9][5]} Knauss subsequently appeared on the covers of *Vogue*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Ocean Drive*, *In Style*, *New York Magazine*, *Avenue*, *Allure*, *Vanity Fair*, *Self*, *Glamour*, *GQ*, *Elle*, *FHM*, and was featured as a bikini model in the 2000 *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue*.^{[11][12][13][14]} As a model, she was associated with several well-known modeling agencies, including Donald Trump's Trump Model Management.^[15]

Career pre-marriage

In 2000, Melania appeared with Trump while he campaigned for the Reform Party 2000 presidential nomination,^[16] and several years later, Knauss appeared in an ad for Aflac insurance, in which she and the Aflac mascot, a duck, voiced by comedian Gilbert Gottfried, exchange personalities via a Frankenstein-like mad experiment.^[9] She was interviewed with Trump in May 2005 on *Larry King Live*, four months after their marriage,^[17] and afterwards co-hosted several episodes of *The View* with Barbara Walters.^[9]

In 2010, she launched her watch and jewelry collection, "Melania™ Timepieces & Jewelry", sold on QVC, and in 2013, debuted a skin care line, "Melania™ Caviar Complex C6",^[9] which she promoted on *The Celebrity Apprentice* and *The View*. Her product lines subsequently suffered distribution problems,^[18] and in 2013, she won a court case and the right to an arbitrated settlement after suing an Indianapolis distributor for \$50 million for failure to honor their marketing contract.^[19]

Charity work

She has been associated with various charity events, including of The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.^{[20][21]} She was Honorary Chairwoman for Martha Graham Dance Company in April 2005; is an active member of the Police Athletic League, which honored her with Woman of the Year 2006; has been an Honorary Chairwoman for The Boy's Club of New York for five consecutive years; and in 2005, The American Red Cross awarded her with the title of Goodwill Ambassador.^[9] In 2008, she rang the closing bell at NASDAQ to commemorate the Fifth Annual Na-

tional Love Our Children Day and the beginning of National Child Abuse Prevention month.^[5]

2.3.3 Marriage to Donald Trump



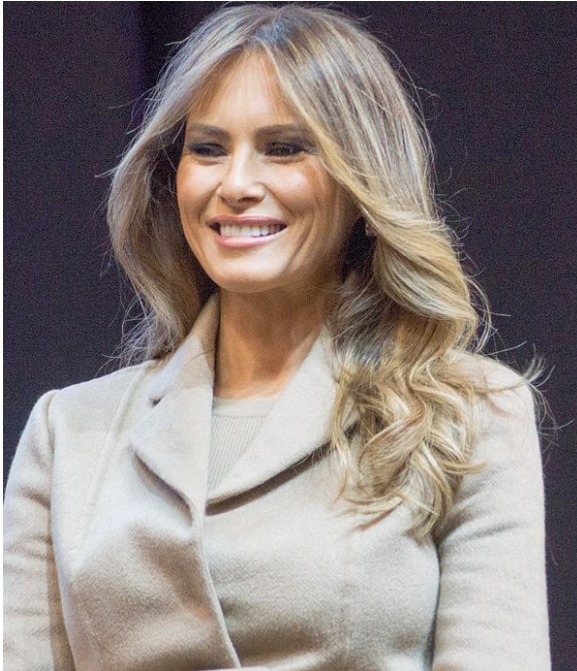
Melania and Donald Trump at the Oscar De La Renta Fashion Show in New York City, 2006

After moving to New York City in 1996,^[22] Knauss met Donald Trump at a Fashion Week party in New York City in September 1998.^{[1][17]} Their relationship gained notoriety after a 1999 interview on *The Howard Stern Show*,^[16] and additional publicity after the 2004 launch of Trump's successful business-oriented reality television show, *The Apprentice*. Donald Trump described their long courtship in 2005: "We literally have never had an argument, forget about the word 'fight' ... We just are very compatible. We get along."^[17]

After becoming engaged in 2004, Donald Trump and Melania Knauss were married on January 22, 2005, at The Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea in Palm Beach, Florida, followed by a reception in the 17,000-sq.-ft. ballroom at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate.^[23]

The event was attended by noted persons such as Katie Couric, Matt Lauer, Rudy Giuliani, Heidi Klum, Star Jones, P. Diddy, Shaquille O'Neal, Barbara Walters, Conrad Black, Regis Philbin, Simon Cowell, Kelly Ripa, and then-Senator Hillary Clinton and former president Bill Clinton.^{[23][24]} At the reception, Billy Joel serenaded the crowd with "Just the Way You Are", and supplied new lyrics about Trump to the tune of "The Lady is a Tramp".^[23]

The Trumps' wedding ceremony and reception were widely covered by the media.^[22] Melania wore a \$200,000 dress made by John Galliano of the house of Christian Dior,^[23] and the cake at the reception was a 50-pound orange Grand Marnier chocolate truffle cake, with a Grand Marnier butter-cream filling, and covered with 3,000 roses created



Melania in 2016

by the chef at Mar-a-Lago.^[23]

In 2006, Melania gave birth to a son named **Barron William Trump**.^[9] Donald suggested his first name, and Melania his middle name.^[25] As an infant, Barron reportedly occupied his own floor in the Trumps' apartment in **Trump Tower** in **Manhattan**, but often slept in a crib in his parents' bedroom.^[25] He plays golf with his father, and is reported to be equally fluent in English and **Slovenian**,^[26] while also speaking French.^[5] He is said to like wearing a suit and tie, and Melania's nickname for him is "**Mini-Donald**".^[5]

Melania and Donald are often seen and photographed together at New York City society events and receptions.^{[27][28][29]} Television personality **Barbara Walters**, impressed with Melania's intelligence when she met her, has said of her: "Maybe because she's so pretty, we don't expect her to be as smart as she is."^[30]

In 2015, asked about her husband's presidential campaign, Melania said, "I encouraged him because I know what he will do and what he can do for America. He loves the American people and he wants to help them."^[30] When asked by *The New York Times* what her role would be if Trump were to become president, Melania replied: "I would be very traditional. Like **Betty Ford** or **Jackie Kennedy**. I would support him."^[5]

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Chapter 3

Children

3.1 Donald Trump, Jr.

“Don Trump” redirects here. For Trump’s father, see Donald Trump.

Donald John "Don" Trump, Jr. (born December 31, 1977) is an American businessman. He is the first child of real estate developer Donald J. Trump and Czech model Ivana Trump. He currently works along with his sister Ivanka Trump and brother Eric Trump in the position of Executive Vice President at The Trump Organization.

3.1.1 Personal life

Trump has two half siblings, Tiffany from his father’s marriage to Marla Maples and Barron from his father’s current marriage to Melania Knauss-Trump. He also has two younger full siblings, Ivanka and Eric. Trump was particularly close to his maternal grandfather and is fluent in Czech.^[1]

Trump married model Vanessa Haydon on November 12, 2005, at the Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Florida; the service was officiated by Trump’s aunt, Maryanne Trump Barry.^[2] Haydon is an alumna of the Dwight School^[3] and studied psychology at New York’s Marymount Manhattan College.^[4] They have five children: daughters Kai Madison (born 2007) and Chloe Sophia (born 2014)^[5] and sons^[6] Donald John III (born 2009),^[7] Tristan Milos (born 2011),^{[8][9]} and Spencer Frederick (born 2012).^[10]

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- Donald Trump, Jr. at the Internet Movie Database

3.2 Ivanka Trump

Ivanka Marie Trump (/ɪˈvɑːnkə/, born October 30, 1981) is an American businesswoman, writer, and former model. She is the daughter of Ivana Trump and real estate developer Donald Trump.^[3] In her role as Executive Vice

President of Development & Acquisitions at the Trump Organization, Trump is involved with all aspects of the company's real estate and hotel management initiatives. She is the principal of Ivanka Trump Fine Jewelry. The Ivanka Trump Lifestyle Collection also includes fragrance, footwear, handbags, outerwear and eyewear collections.

3.2.1 Early life

Ivanka Trump was born in Manhattan, to the American business magnate Donald Trump and his first wife Ivana (née Zelníčková), an athlete, model and socialite originally from Czechoslovakia. Her parents divorced in 1991, when she was 10 years old. She has two brothers, Donald Jr. and Eric; a half sister, Tiffany and half brother, Barron.

Education

Trump attended the Chapin School in New York until age 15,^[4] then transferred to and graduated from Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut.^[5] She spent two years at Georgetown University, then transferred to the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania (her father's *alma mater*), graduating *cum laude* in 2004 with a B.S. in Economics.^{[4][6][7]}

3.2.2 Career

Business

Before joining the family business, Trump worked for Forest City Enterprises,^[8] and joined forces with Dynamic Diamond Corp., a diamond trading company *sightholder*, to design and introduce a line of jewelry at the brand's first flagship retail store called Ivanka Trump on Madison Avenue.

Trump is currently Executive Vice President of Development & Acquisitions at the Trump Organization. On the work drive among her and her siblings, she has stated, "I look at my brothers and myself and I'm, like, really proud of the fact that nobody's, like, totally fucked-up. Nobody's a drug addict, nobody's driving around chasing women, snorting coke."^[7]

She has also released her own line of handbags and footwear.^{[9][10]} Trump serves on the Board of 100 Women in Hedge Funds, an industry organization which provides support to women professionals in finance.^[11]



Ivanka Trump in July 2007

Modeling

Trump's first cover was a 1997 issue of *Seventeen*. Since then, she has made her way down fashion runways for Versace, Marc Bouwer and Thierry Mugler. She has done advertisement campaigns for Tommy Hilfiger and Sassoon Jeans and was featured on the cover of *Stuff* in August 2006 and again in September 2007. She has been featured on the covers of *Forbes*, *Golf Magazine*, *Avenue*, *Elle Mexico* and *Top Choice Magazine*^[12] and in the October 2007 issue of *Harper's Bazaar*.^[13] She has also featured many times in Love FMD magazine.^{[14] [15]}

She placed Number 83 in the 2007 *Maxim* Hot 100. She has also placed Number 99 in the Top 99 Women of 2007 and then at 84 in the 2008 edition on AskMen.com. Trump's page^[16] in the Fashion Model Directory provides complete professional details of her prior work in that domain.

Television appearances

The Apprentice In 2006, she filled in for Carolyn Kepcher on five episodes of her father's television program *The Apprentice* 5, first appearing to help judge the Gillette task in week 2.^[17] Like Kepcher, Trump visited the site of the tasks and spoke to the teams, asking them pointed questions. She also evaluated contestants in the boardroom, pointing out critical errors and rebutting excuses they offered for losing the tasks. Though initially unsympathetic to the contestants, Trump later said, "Whenever I see their breakdowns, I understand. They go virtually 24 hours a day, and each task takes about three days. Unless they win, they don't get a day off... It's an incredible amount of work..."^[13] Trump now collaborates with season 5 winner Sean Yazbeck on his winner's project of choice, Trump SoHo Hotel-Condominium.^{[18][19]}

Trump replaced Carolyn Kepcher as a primary boardroom judge during the *Apprentice* 6 and *The Celebrity Apprentice*.

Other TV appearances In 1997, she hosted the Miss Teen USA Pageant, which is partially owned by her father, Donald Trump. In 2003, she was featured in *Born Rich*, a documentary about the experience of growing up as a child in one of the world's most affluent families. During an April 2006 appearance on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, Jay Leno commented that he could hear her father's influence and inflections in her. David Letterman also made a similar comment when she appeared on *Late Show with David Letterman* on April 24, 2007.

Trump was a featured guest-judge on *Project Runway Season 3*. She was also at a Milwaukee, Wisconsin, event in April 2007 called the *Creating Wealth Summit* in which she spoke for about 30 minutes about making money and her latest projects. She has been offered to appear on *The Bachelorette*, but she declined.^[20] On October 25, 2010, Trump along with her husband, Jared Kushner, showed up on Season 4 Episode 6 of *Gossip Girl* portraying themselves for a brief time.^[21]

Writing

Ivanka Trump wrote a book called *The Trump Card: Playing to Win in Work and Life*, which was published in October 2009.^[22]

3.2.3 Social and political causes

In 2007, Trump donated \$1,000 to the presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton.^[23] In 2012, Trump endorsed Mitt Romney for president.^[24] In 2013, Trump and her husband



Trump at Seeds of Peace 2009

hosted a fundraiser for Cory Booker. The couple bundled more than \$40,000 for Booker's U.S. Senate campaign.^[25]

In 2015, Trump publicly endorsed her father's presidential campaign. Trump has been involved with her father's campaign by making public appearances in support of him^[26] and has defended him.^{[27][28]} However, she admitted mixed feelings about his presidential ambitions, saying, "As a citizen, I love what he's doing. As a daughter, it's obviously more complicated."^[29] In August, Trump's father stated that she was his leading advisor on "women's health and women" and said it was she who propelled him to elaborate on his views of women.^{[30][31]} In January 2016, Trump was featured in a radio ad which aired in the early voting states of Iowa and New Hampshire, Trump in the advertisement praising her father.^{[32][33]} She appeared by his side following the results of early voting states, in particular briefly speaking in South Carolina after being invited by her father to speak, thanking the state in doing so.^{[34][35]}

3.2.4 Religion and spirituality

In July 2009, after studying with Rabbi Elie Weinstock from the Modern Orthodox Ramaz School, Trump had an Orthodox conversion to Judaism^{[36][37]} and took the name Yael.^{[38][39]} She attests to keeping a kosher diet and observing the Jewish Sabbath, saying in 2015: "We're pretty observant... It's been such a great life decision for me... I really find that with Judaism, it creates an amazing blueprint for family connectivity. From Friday to Saturday we don't do anything but hang out with one another. We don't make phone calls."^[40]

Trump meditates twice daily, and has gifted a meditation course led by her friend Bob Roth to the members of "Team Ivanka".^[41]

3.2.5 Personal life



Ivanka Trump at a rally for her father at Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester, New Hampshire, February 8, 2016

During college, she was in a nearly four-year relationship with Greg Hirsch.^[7] From 2001 to 2005, she dated James “Bingo” Gubelmann.^{[4][5][7]} In 2007 she started dating real estate developer Jared Kushner; his father Charles Kushner owns Kushner Properties and Jared shares in the ownership. Jared is also the owner of *The New York Observer* in Bedminster, New Jersey.^{[42][43]} The couple married in a Jewish ceremony on October 25, 2009,^[44] and have two children: daughter Arabella Rose Kushner (born July 2011)^{[45][46]} and son Joseph Frederick Kushner (born October 2013).^[47] On September 24, 2015, Trump announced she and her husband are expecting their third child, due in early 2016.^[48]

She is a close friend of Chelsea Clinton, who says of her: “There’s nothing skin-deep about Ivanka. And I think that’s a real tribute to her because certainly anyone as gorgeous as she is could have probably gone quite far being skin-deep.”^[40]

Trump’s close relationship with her father, who has publicly expressed his admiration for her, is well known.^{[49][50]} Ivanka has likewise praised her father, complimenting his leadership skills and saying he empowers other people.^[51]

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- Ivanka Trump at the Fashion Model Directory

3.3 Eric Trump

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Eric Frederic Trump (born January 6, 1984) is an American businessman and philanthropist. He is the third child of American businessman **Donald J. Trump** and his first wife, **Ivana Trump**. He is Executive Vice President, Development and Acquisitions, at **The Trump Organization**, and directs all new project acquisition and development throughout the world, alongside his brother, **Donald, Jr.**, and sister, **Ivanka**. In 2006, he founded The Eric Trump Foundation, which has donated and pledged over \$28 million to **St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital**.^[1] He also owns **Trump Winery**.^{[2][3]}

3.3.1 Early life and education

Trump was born in **Manhattan** and attended **Trinity School**. His parents divorced in 1991, when he was 7 years old. In 2002, he graduated from **The Hill School** and served

as a board member until 2013.^[4] He joined **The Trump Organization** in 2006, after graduating with honors from **Georgetown University** in Washington, D.C., with a degree in finance and management.^[5]

3.3.2 Career and philanthropy

The Trump Organization

Trump is an Executive Vice President of Development and Acquisitions, and a task advisor/boardroom judge on *The Apprentice*.

He is charged with the domestic and global expansion of the company’s real estate interests.^[6] Along with his father, Trump spearheaded the expansion of the Trump Golf portfolio of properties, increasing the number from three when he joined the company in 2006 to over fifteen, with courses in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, North Carolina, California, and Puerto Rico. Trump regularly identifies and pursues distressed golf properties for domestic and global expansion. Currently, he is responsible for the redesign and renovation of the newly acquired Trump National Doral, Miami, Florida, and its famed Blue Monster course, with his sister, Ivanka.^[7]

Trump and his siblings are credited with the creation and management of the Trump Hotel Collection properties. Trump’s current management portfolio of global hotels includes Las Vegas, Chicago, New York, Toronto, Panama, Waikiki, Punta del Este, Washington D.C., Vancouver, the Philippines and Rio de Janeiro.^[8]

Trump also executed the acquisition of the Kluge Winery and Vineyard in Charlottesville, Virginia, resulting in the creation of Trump Winery. In 2013, Trump earned *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*’s “Rising Star of the Year” Award.^[9]

In 2012, Trump was recognized by *Forbes* magazine among their top “30 under 30” in Real Estate and by the *New York Observer* as one of the “20 Most Important Young Philanthropists”.^[10]

The Eric Trump Foundation

Founded in 2006,^[1] The Eric Trump Foundation (ETF) is dedicated to raising money for terminally-ill children at **St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital** – donating and pledging nearly \$28 million, to date.

The Eric Trump Foundation uses only Trump owned and operated facilities, full-time volunteers, donated food and beverage product, and pro-bono celebrity performers to ensure that **St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital** receives nearly all of the money raised by the foundation each year.

The Eric Trump Foundation pledged \$20 million to St. Jude for the construction of The Eric Trump Foundation Surgery and ICU Center, opening in 2015. In 2012, The Eric Trump Foundation Cancer Research Lab at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital made a groundbreaking discovery and identified a critical fusion gene responsible for almost 30% of a rare subtype of childhood leukemia.^[11]

The main fundraiser for the foundation is an annual golf invitational held every September at Trump National Golf Club in Westchester County, New York. Past hosts have included Jimmy Fallon, Bret Michaels, Lisa Lampanelli and John Rich. This year, the event raised nearly \$2 million for St. Jude.

The foundation also generates nearly \$300,000 per year from a permanent *Charitybuzz* online auction, which regularly offers such items as "Spend the Entire Day with President Bill Clinton" and "Sit in Derek Jeter's Personal Seats at a New York Yankees Game and Meet the Future Hall of Famer".

The Eric Trump Foundation is a tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code.

3.3.3 Criticism by PETA

In 2010, PETA criticized Trump for an African hunting trip he took with his brother Donald Trump, Jr. PETA condemned the pair after photos showed the brothers on an organized safari in Zimbabwe where they hunted animals.^[12] The Director General of The Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority, V. Chandenga, issued an official response supporting the brothers and calling any allegations to the contrary "baseless" and "false".^[13] Both brothers further defended their safari via Twitter, affirming their actions as hunters and longtime advocates of the outdoors.^[14] Donald Trump, Sr. also addressed the controversy via TMZ saying that he fully supported his sons.^[14]

3.3.4 Personal life

On July 4, 2013, Trump became engaged to longtime girlfriend, Lara Yunaska, an associate producer at the CBS television news program, *Inside Edition*. The couple married on November 8, 2014.

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Chapter 4

Father

4.1 Fred Trump

This article is about the real estate developer. For his father, see [Frederick Trump](#).

Frederick Christ “Fred” Trump (October 11, 1905 – June 25, 1999) was an American real estate developer. He was the father of businessman [Donald Trump](#) and United States Appeals Judge [Maryanne Trump Barry](#).

4.1.1 Early life

Trump was born on East [Tremont Avenue](#) in the [Bronx](#), to German immigrants Elizabeth (née Christ) and [Frederick Trump](#).^[1] His father had immigrated to [New York City](#) in 1885 from the small German town of [Kallstadt, Rhineland-Palatinate](#), where he briefly returned around 1900, married, and reimmigrated.

Although both of Trump’s parents were born in Germany, Trump told friends and acquaintances for decades after [World War II](#) that the family was of Swedish origin. According to his nephew John Walter, “He had a lot of Jewish tenants and it wasn’t a good thing to be German in those days.”^[2]

4.1.2 Business career

In 1927, at age 22, Fred Trump went into the [real estate development](#) and construction business, forming [Elizabeth Trump & Son Co.](#) with his mother Elizabeth Christ Trump, who was an active partner, writing the checks.^[3]

In the late 1920s Trump began building single-family houses in [Queens](#), which were sold for \$3,990 each. By the mid-1930s in the middle of the [Great Depression](#), he helped pioneer the concept of supermarkets with the Trump Market in Woodhaven, which advertised “Serve Yourself and Save!”, becoming an instant hit.^[2] After only a year Trump sold it for a tidy profit to the [King Kullen](#) supermar-

ket chain.^[2] King Kullen continues to operate in the [Suffolk County](#) area today.^[4]

During World War II, Trump built barracks and garden apartments for U.S. Navy personnel near major shipyards along the East Coast, including [Chester, Pennsylvania](#), [Newport News, Virginia](#), and [Norfolk, Virginia](#). After the war he expanded into middle-income housing for the families of returning veterans, building Shore Haven in [Bensonhurst](#) in 1949, and Beach Haven near [Coney Island](#) in 1950 (a total of 2,700 apartments). In 1963 he built the 3,800-apartment Trump Village in Coney Island, competing with [Lefrak City](#) in Queens. In testimony before the Senate Banking Committee in 1954, William F. McKenna, appointed to investigate “scandals” within the FHA, cited Fred C. Trump and his partner William Tomasello as examples of how profits were made by builders using the FHA. McKenna said the two paid \$34,200 for a piece of land which they then rented to their corporation for over \$60,000 per year in a 99 year lease, so that if the apartment they built on it ever defaulted, the FHA would owe \$1.5 million on it. McKenna said that Trump and Tomasello then obtained loans for \$3.5 million more than the apartments cost. ^[5] Trump testified before the Senate Banking Committee the following month as it investigated “windfall profits.” He said that builders would not have built apartments under an expired post-war loan insurance program if regulations had set inflexible limits on loans issued by the FHA.^[6] In September 1954, following Trump’s testimony, 2,500 tenants of the Beachhaven apartments sued Trump and the FHA, claiming the builder made windfall profits and that the builder had received loans for \$4 million more than the construction actually cost, and that rents were consequently inappropriately inflated. ^[7]

Trump went on to build and operate [affordable rental housing](#) via large apartment complexes in New York City, including more than 27,000 low-income multifamily apartments and [row houses](#) in the neighborhoods of Coney Island, Bensonhurst, [Sheepshead Bay](#), [Flatbush](#), and [Brighton Beach](#) in [Brooklyn](#), and [Flushing](#) and [Jamaica Estates](#) in Queens.^[2] In 1968 his 22-year-old son [Donald Trump](#)

joined his company Trump Management Co., becoming president in 1974, and renaming it The Trump Organization in 1980. In the mid-1970s he lent his son money, allowing him to go into the real estate business in **Manhattan**, while Fred stuck to Brooklyn and Queens. “It was good for me,” Donald later commented. “You know, being the son of somebody, it could have been competition to me. This way, I got Manhattan all to myself.”^[2]

Folk icon **Woody Guthrie**, who from 1950, was a tenant in one of Fred Trump’s apartment complexes in Brooklyn, chronicled his disgust with Trump as a landlord, penning lyrics which accused him of stirring up **racial hate** “in the bloodpot of human hearts”.^[8]

Although a millionaire, Trump was known for his frugality, saving unused nails, doing his own extermination work and mixing his own floor cleaners. Nevertheless, he insisted on buying a new navy blue Cadillac every three years, with license plate “FCT”.^[9] By the time of his death, Trump was estimated to have amassed a fortune worth \$250 to \$300 million.^[2]

4.1.3 Civil rights lawsuit

In 1973, the U.S. Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division filed a civil rights suit against the Trump organization charging that it refused to rent to black people. The **Urban League** had sent black and white testers to apply for apartments in Trump-owned complexes; the whites got the apartments, the blacks didn’t. According to court records, four superintendents or rental agents reported that applications sent to the central office for acceptance or rejection were coded by race. A 1979 *Village Voice* article quoted a rental agent who said Trump instructed him not to rent to black people and to encourage existing black tenants to leave. In 1975, a **consent decree** described by the head of DOJ’s housing division as “one of the most far-reaching ever negotiated,” required Trump to advertise vacancies in minority papers and list vacancies with the Urban League. The Justice Department subsequently complained that continuing “racially discriminatory conduct by Trump agents has occurred with such frequency that it has created a substantial impediment to the full enjoyment of equal opportunity.”^[10]

4.1.4 Personal life

On June 1, 1927, a *New York Times* article reported that a “Fred Trump” was arrested and discharged after an incident with members of the **Ku Klux Klan** turned into a brawl with Queens police. The brawl reportedly consisted of over 1,000 **Klansmen** and 100 police officers, with Fred Trump being one of seven men arrested. An internet blog later rediscovered the article, and noted Trump would have been

around the age of twenty-one. It stated “this is not proof that Trump senior—who would later go on to become a millionaire real estate developer—was a member of the Ku Klux Klan or even in attendance at the event. Despite sharing lawyers with the other men, it’s conceivable that he may have been an innocent bystander, falsely named, or otherwise the victim of mistaken identity during or following a chaotic event.”^[11] And yet, the article states Fred Trump’s address to have been 175-24 Devonshire Road, Jamaica, so verification of his identity is possible to someone with access to period records.

In 1936, Trump married **Scottish** immigrant Mary Anne MacLeod (born May 10, 1912, **Stornoway, Scotland**; died August 7, 2000, **New Hyde Park, New York**).^[12] The couple had five children:^{[13][14]} **Maryanne** (born 1937), a federal appeals court judge; Frederick “Fred” Jr. (1938–81); Elizabeth (born 1942),^[15] an executive assistant at **Chase Manhattan Bank**; **Donald** (born 1946); and Robert (born 1948), president of his father’s property management company. Fred, Jr. predeceased his father when he died of complications of alcoholism in 1981.^[16]

Trump suffered from **Alzheimer’s disease** for six years. He became sick with **pneumonia** in June 1999^[2] at **Long Island Jewish Medical Center** in **New Hyde Park**.^[17]

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Chapter 5

Television Career

5.1 "The Apprentice"

The Apprentice is an American reality game show that judges the business skills of a group of contestants. It is closely associated with real estate magnate, businessman, and television personality, Donald Trump, who hosted 14 seasons of the show from its inception in January 2004 until 2015. The show is broadcast on NBC. It was created by English-born American television producer Mark Burnett. Billed as "The Ultimate Job Interview", the show features sixteen to eighteen business people who compete over the course of a season, with usually one contestant eliminated per episode. The original prize for the first six seasons was a one-year, \$250,000 starting contract to run one of Trump's companies. Each episode typically ended with Trump eliminating one of the contestants with the words, "You're fired" (which has become a locution of both the program and Trump).

After six seasons of *The Apprentice*, a new format was introduced: *The Celebrity Apprentice*. The celebrity series generally follows the same premise as the original, but with celebrities as contestants participating to win money for their chosen charities, rather than winning a job opportunity. There have been seven seasons of *The Celebrity Apprentice* since 2008. In 2010, a seventh (and the most recent) season of the original *Apprentice* was aired in between *Celebrity* seasons. There were a combined 14 seasons of Trump's *Apprentice*. Another season of *The Celebrity Apprentice* is planned to air in 2016-17, to be hosted by actor, politician and businessman Arnold Schwarzenegger, after Donald Trump announced his candidacy for the 2016 US presidential election and caused controversy surrounding his views of Muslims and Mexicans.^[1]

The U.S. series originated a franchise of international television shows collectively known as *The Apprentice*, which has had over 20 local versions. The series also spawned another U.S. series, *The Apprentice: Martha Stewart*, featuring lifestyle mogul Martha Stewart, which ran for one season in 2005.

5.1.1 Premise

The Apprentice is a reality television show featuring season-long competitions. Each season begins with a new group of contestants vying to earn a place in one of the organizations run by the host (previously, Donald Trump). The contestants (who are referred to as "candidates") come from business backgrounds in various enterprises, but typically included backgrounds in real estate, accounting, restaurant management, management consulting, sales, and marketing.

During the show, the contestants live in a communal dwelling (for almost all seasons, a supposed "penthouse suite"). The candidates are divided into two teams. Each week, the teams are assigned a task and required to select one of their members to lead the team as "project manager". Tasks are generally business oriented and tend to highlight one of several business skills. Tasks most commonly revolve around sales (selling the most items or earning the most money); and marketing (producing a specific marketing material or campaign that is judged by a company's executives). During the tasks, the teams are usually visited by one of Trump's two "advisors" for that week. In early seasons, the show included segments of Trump speaking directly to the audience with business advice typically relevant to that episode's task. After the completion of the task, the teams meet with the host and his two advisers in "the boardroom".

Boardroom meetings generally proceed in three stages. In the first preliminary stage, all of the remaining candidates on both teams gather in the boardroom to be debriefed on the task by the host and his advisors. Team members are asked about how the task went and whether there were any strong or weak players. Teams are sometimes asked to comment on materials or products produced by the opposing team. At the end of this stage, the host or his advisors would reveal the results of the task and which team was the winner. The winning team wins a reward (usually a unique, luxurious experience) and are excused from the boardroom while the losing team returns to the boardroom for an elimination.

In later seasons, winning teams have been permitted to view the next stage of the boardroom on the TV in their suite.

The entire losing team remains in the boardroom and are confronted with their loss. They are interrogated as to the reasons for their loss and which players contributed to or failed at the task. Then, for the final stage of the boardroom, the project manager is asked to select a certain number of teammates (typically two, but on occasion one or three) to bring back into the final-stage boardroom meeting. The remaining teammates return to the suite while the project manager and the selected teammates stepped out of the boardroom momentarily so the host can consult his advisors.

Upon returning to the boardroom for the final stage, the host and his advisors continue interrogating the remaining players about their loss. The project manager is sometimes further analyzed for their choice of teammates to bring back into the boardroom. Ultimately, at least one project manager and/or the remaining teammates are “fired” at the host’s discretion, and leave the show.

It is notable that Trump was shown to have the ultimate discretion in running the boardroom and at times he would disregard the typical format of the show, including: firing multiple candidates in one week; firing candidates before the final stage; bringing candidates back into the final stage who were not chosen by the project manager and all of this simply because he felt like it.

When the final three or four candidates are left (depending on the season), they engage in a formal interview rather than a task. Several executives from various companies interview each of the finalists and reported their assessments to the host. Based on the interviews, a boardroom and firing take place, leaving a final two candidates.

The final two candidates are then each assigned a different final task, and given a support team of previously fired candidates. Final tasks generally require the finalists to organize (to various degrees) an event such as a party or a fundraiser. In a final boardroom following the final task, the host hired one of the two candidates to become his “apprentice”.

5.1.2 History and production

The first season aired during the winter and the spring of 2004. *The Apprentice* is produced and created by Mark Burnett and was originally hosted by real estate magnate Donald Trump, who also serves as co-producer of the show. The premise of the show, which bills itself as the “ultimate job interview” in the “ultimate jungle,” is to conduct a job talent search for a person to head one of Trump’s companies. The position starts with an introductory 1-year con-

tract with a starting yearly salary of \$250,000. The popularity of the show led to Trump becoming known for his fateful catch phrase, “You’re fired!”

The opening theme music used on the show is “For the Love of Money”, a 1973 R&B song by The O’Jays.^[2]

For most seasons, the candidates ostensibly live in a communal suite at Trump Tower in Manhattan. This was originally billed as a penthouse suite, and after boardrooms, candidates were told to “go up” to the suite. However, in reality, the suite and the boardroom (and its elevator lobby) are all purpose-built sets within Trump Tower, all on the same floor. Later seasons of the *Celebrity Apprentice* no longer conceal this.

As the popularity of the series grew, more and more of the tasks began to be tied to specific companies. For example, sales tasks would require a team to take over a brand-name storefront or restaurant and operate it; and marketing tasks would require teams to prepare a marketing material (e.g. a jingle or flyer) or campaign for an established company. In later series, the launches of specific products would be tied to the airing of episodes of the series. Several companies have appeared multiple times on the show.

Trump’s original advisors were Carolyn Kepcher, Former Chief Operating Officer and General Manager for the Trump National Golf Club, and George H. Ross, Executive Vice President and Senior Counsel, The Trump Organization. In August 2006, Trump released Kepcher from her duties at the Trump organization saying only that he “wishes her the best.” Kepcher also left *The Apprentice* at that time. Upon her departure, Trump’s daughter, Ivanka Trump became a regular advisor; though she was not officially billed as a replacement for Kepcher.^[3] As the series progressed, the advisors were occasionally substituted on a weekly basis with other advisors including two of Trump’s other children, Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump, as well as past winners of the show and other business executives (typically from the company whose product or service was featured in the episode).

During Trump’s tenure, the series frequently featured and promoted his properties, products and brand. Trump’s wife Melania Trump was also featured on the series several times including in several tasks that have featured her fashion and cosmetic products. Ivanka Trump’s fashion products have also been featured in tasks.

Trump’s on-screen (and real-life) assistants have each grown in personal fame. Two assistants appeared jointly for the first five seasons: Rhona Graff and Robin Himmler. In the sixth season, Trump elected to have his newest executive assistant, Andi Rowntree, star in the LA-based show. For the *Celebrity Apprentice*, Annette Dziamba appeared for the seventh season, and Amanda Miller since the eighth

season.

Season 6, unlike the rest of the series, took place in Los Angeles. The teams resided in a mansion, with the winning team of each challenge occupying the house, and the losing team camping out in tents in the backyard.

On May 14, 2007, the series was left off NBC's schedule but NBC Entertainment president **Kevin Reilly** said he was still in discussions with **Mark Burnett** and Trump.^[4] On May 19, 2007, Trump announced that He was "moving on from *The Apprentice* to a major new TV venture".^[5] On May 22, NBC announced *The Apprentice* might return next season even though Trump had said he had quit.^[6] However, NBC and Trump resolved their differences, and the first season of *The Celebrity Apprentice* began production shortly thereafter.

5.1.3 Spin-offs

The Apprentice also spawned a reality television dating game show. On June 17, 2010, *Donald J. Trump Presents The Ultimate Merger* premiered on TV One. The series stars **Omarosa Manigault-Stallworth**, a former political consultant who in 2004 appeared on the first season of *The Apprentice* and once again in 2008 on the first celebrity edition of the show.^[7] Each of the twelve contestants vying for the affections of Manigault-Stallworth were selected by Trump himself.^[8]

Martha Stewart

See also: *The Apprentice: Martha Stewart*

On February 2, 2005, NBC announced that they would broadcast the first spin-off from *The Apprentice*, called *The Apprentice: Martha Stewart*. The show, which ran from September 21 to December 21, 2005 was hosted by **Martha Stewart**, who was the first woman in the world to become a self-made billionaire. It kept the format of the original series but changed a few elements to fit Stewart's personality. Trump was one of the executive producers of the show and castings were held in 27 cities across the United States.

At the time, the original *Apprentice* was airing new seasons in each of the fall and winter, each with declining overall ratings. *The Apprentice: Martha Stewart* aired on Wednesdays during the same fall season as the fourth season of the original *Apprentice* (which aired Thursdays). *The Apprentice: Martha Stewart* struggled while the original series' fourth season again earned poorer ratings than the previous season. Trump claimed that there was "confusion" between the two shows. There has also been talk that Trump did not want Stewart to host the spin-off show. NBC announced that it would not bring back the show for a second season,

although the network stressed that the show was initially planned to air only for one season. The show averaged between six and seven million viewers. Before Stewart's show ended, Trump and Stewart had a fight over Stewart accusing Trump that he did not want her to have a successful show, that he might have wanted it jinxed. Trump denied this charge, and both TV stars have not worked together again, and there are no plans for the future.

5.1.4 Statistics by season

Seasonal rankings (based on average total viewers per episode) of *The Apprentice* on NBC.

Note: Each U.S. network television season starts in late September and ends in late May, which coincides with the completion of May sweeps.

*(Note: Given the show has a sequel TV series known as *Celebrity Apprentice*, the above chart is continued on the article of the show's follow-up TV series, found under "statistics by season" for *Celebrity Apprentice*. Note as well that season 10 is included in the above chart given the show reverted back to *The Apprentice* for that season)*

The Apprentice was the breakout rookie hit of the 2003–04 U.S. television season and helped NBC at a time when the network's two long-running successful comedies, *Friends* and *Frasier*, were ending their series' runs. *The Apprentice* filled the void on Thursday nights as NBC held on to the tagline **Must See TV**, even though CBS was quickly becoming the most-watched network on Thursday night.

Although the series was one of the most-watched programs on NBC in the advertiser-friendly 18–49 age demographic, the franchise's total audience gradually dissolved, starting in late 2004, when it aired its second season that culminated in, what most *Apprentice* fans deem, an "overextended"^[19] 3-hour season finale on December 16, 2004.

The audience numbers (11.25 million viewers)^[20] for the June 5, 2006 fifth season finale were not factored in the fifth season average because it aired after the official television season ended.

The audience numbers for the show steadily declined following the first season. Originally, NBC aired the sixth season of *The Apprentice*, competing against both immensely popular series, *Desperate Housewives* and *Cold Case*, just a few weeks before competing against *Brothers & Sisters* and *Cold Case*.

5.1.5 Teams by season

5.1.6 Controversies

Whereas winners have been named “executive vice presidents”, and given the title of “owner’s representative,” in actuality, they were employed as publicity spokespeople for the Trump Organization. Second season winner **Kelly Perdew**, on his first day working for Trump, was introduced by his boss to Florida developers working on a Trump-branded condo, the **Trump Tower**, in **Tampa, Florida**, where he was told that he would help promote sales of the building by appearing at promotional events.^[21]

In the wake of Trump’s statements about the current president of the United States, **Barack Obama**, *The Apprentice* has been criticized for its involvement with Trump. There have been public calls for NBC to fire Trump from his role on *The Apprentice* – most notably from sister-network liberal political commentator **Lawrence O'Donnell** and from the former US Congressman **Anthony Weiner**.^[22] Industry media has speculated on the extent to which Trump’s media comments may have contributed to the decrease in the show’s ratings,^{[23][24]} as other Trump-associated businesses have suffered since the start of Trump’s political campaign.^[25] One (anonymous) *Celebrity Apprentice* contestant even announced an intention to boycott the May 15 taping of the season 7 finale, unless forced by contract to appear.^{[26][27]}

5.1.7 Video game

Legacy Interactive created a video game version of *The Apprentice* for the PC. It features Donald Trump and his advisors, as well as past candidates, and is currently available on **Yahoo! Games**. The player selects either a male or a female character to play and must control the character through a number of tasks including puzzles. The character must create a billboard; sell ice cream, Italian food, or hamburgers; help create toys, chocolates and lamps; and sell items in different neighborhoods.

5.1.8 Similar programs

- *The Benefactor*, with **Mark Cuban**
- *Hell’s Kitchen* with **Gordon Ramsay**
- *The Rebel Billionaire*, with **Richard Branson** of the **Virgin Group**
- *The Law Firm* with **Roy Black**
- *Fire Me... Please/The Sack Race*, where contestants try to get fired from their job

- *My Big Fat Obnoxious Boss*, a parody and hoax
- *Win In China*
- *Düli, with Hjallis Harkimo*
- *The CfC-Stanbic Bank Magnate*, also known as *The Magnate*, Kenyan business reality show
- *Big Boss* (Germany)
- *Traumjob* (Switzerland)

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- Official website
- *The Apprentice* at the Internet Movie Database
- *The Apprentice* at TV.com

5.2 "The Celebrity Apprentice"

The Celebrity Apprentice is an American television reality game show. It is a variation of *The Apprentice* series which was previously hosted by real estate magnate, businessman and television personality Donald Trump. Also like its precursor, the show's opening theme song is "For the Love of Money" by The O'Jays. Unlike its precursor, however, *Celebrity Apprentice* consists of famous people as competing apprentices rather than unknowns. Some of the celebrities are relatively current while others tend to be those who have been out of the public eye for some time. All of them are competing to win money for a charitable organization of their choice. The celebrities come from a wide variety of different fields in the media: sitcoms, professional sports, music industry, reality television, radio, and other backgrounds.

The Celebrity Apprentice is linked in seasons to its precursor TV show, *The Apprentice*, which consists of seasons one to six and season ten. *The Celebrity Apprentice* consists of seasons seven to nine and eleven onward.

The seventh season (14th overall) premiered on Sunday, January 4, 2015.^[1]

5.2.1 History

On July 6, 2007, it was announced that *The Apprentice* had been renewed for a seventh season, with a possibility of an eighth.^[2] In an effort to revitalize interest in the series, season seven^[3] featured celebrities playing the game to raise money for charities, going under the name *The Celebrity Apprentice* as opposed to continuing under *The Apprentice* format. British tabloid editor Piers Morgan was declared the winner of that season. On January 28, 2008, NBC confirmed that season eight would feature celebrities playing the game to raise money for charity. That season premiered in March 2009, and resulted in a win for comedian Joan Rivers.^[4]

Season three of *The Celebrity Apprentice* aired in the spring of 2010, and was won by musician Bret Michaels.

On March 17, 2010, NBC officially stated that a new season of the original *Apprentice* would be brought back, with the explanation that regular working people would again attract audiences in light of the damaged U.S. economy. That season premiered September 16, 2010.^[5] This time the ratings were low, and both Trump and Producer Mark Burnett returned to the 'Celebrity' format, which saw John Rich win in season four. In season five, late night host Arsenio Hall won. In season six, the first all-star season took place, bringing back 14 of the most memorable celebrities to compete for the first title of the All-Star Celebrity Apprentice, which

country singer [Trace Adkins](#) won. In season seven, Donald Trump returned the show to regular *Celebrity Apprentice*, TV anchor and talk show host [Leeza Gibbons](#) won the season.

In June 2015, after Trump made remarks, widely considered as offensive,^[6] regarding [illegal immigrants from Mexico](#),^[7] NBC announced that it would no longer do business with him. In September 2015, the network announced that former [Governor of California Arnold Schwarzenegger](#) would be the new host and said the next season would premiere sometime in the 2016–17 TV season.^[8]

5.2.2 Season installments

Existing as a sequel television series to the U.S. version of *The Apprentice*, *Celebrity Apprentice* seasons are numerically continued from seasons of its predecessor. As of 2015, seven seasons of *Celebrity Apprentice* have aired (season 10 was a non-celebrity format):

- *The Apprentice* (U.S. season 7), airing January – March 2008
- *The Apprentice* (U.S. season 8), airing March – May 2009
- *The Apprentice* (U.S. season 9), airing March – May 2010
- *The Apprentice* (U.S. season 11), airing March – May 2011
- *The Apprentice* (U.S. season 12), airing February – May 2012
- *The Apprentice* (U.S. season 13), airing March – May 2013
- *The Apprentice* (U.S. season 14), airing January – February 2015
- *The Apprentice* (U.S. season 15), airing during the 2016-17 season

5.2.3 Statistics by season

Note: Given that the show is a sequel television series, the below “statistics by season” chart is a continuation from its precursor’s (The Apprentice) “statistics by season” chart. Note as well that season 10 is omitted from the chart below as the show reverted back to The Apprentice for that season.

5.2.4 Contestants by season

Celebrity Apprentice 1 (season 7)

Main article: [The Apprentice \(U.S. season 7\)](#)

- [Trace Adkins](#)
- [Carol Alt](#)
- [Stephen Baldwin](#)
- [Nadia Comaneci](#)
- [Tiffany Fallon](#)
- [Jennie Finch](#)
- [Nely Galán](#)
- [Marilu Henner](#)
- [Lennox Lewis](#)
- [Piers Morgan](#)
- [Tito Ortiz](#)
- [Omarosa](#)
- [Vincent Pastore](#)
- [Gene Simmons](#)

Celebrity Apprentice 2 (season 8)

Main article: [The Apprentice \(U.S. season 8\)](#)

- [Clint Black](#)
- [Andrew Dice Clay](#)
- [Annie Duke](#)
- [Tom Green](#)
- [Natalie Gulbis](#)
- [Scott Hamilton](#)
- [Jesse James](#)
- [Claudia Jordan](#)
- [Khloé Kardashian](#)
- [Brian McKnight](#)
- [Joan Rivers](#)

- Melissa Rivers
- Brande Roderick
- Dennis Rodman
- Herschel Walker
- Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins

Celebrity Apprentice 3 (season 9)

Main article: The Apprentice (U.S. season 9)

- Rod Blagojevich
- Selita Ebanks
- Bill Goldberg
- Michael Johnson
- Maria Kanellis
- Cyndi Lauper
- Carol Leifer
- **Bret Michaels**
- Sharon Osbourne
- *Holly Robinson Peete*
- Summer Sanders
- Sinbad
- Curtis Stone
- Darryl Strawberry

Celebrity Apprentice 4 (season 11)

Main article: The Apprentice (U.S. season 11)

- Gary Busey
- Jose Canseco
- David Cassidy
- Hope Dworaczyk
- Richard Hatch
- La Toya Jackson
- Star Jones

- NeNe Leakes
- Lil Jon
- *Marlee Matlin*
- Mark McGrath
- Meat Loaf
- **John Rich**
- Lisa Rinna
- Niki Taylor
- Dionne Warwick

Celebrity Apprentice 5 (season 12)

Main article: The Apprentice (U.S. season 12)

- *Clay Aiken*
- Michael Andretti
- Adam Carolla
- Tia Carrere
- Lou Ferrigno
- Debbie Gibson
- Teresa Giudice
- Victoria Gotti
- **Arsenio Hall**
- Penn Jillette
- Lisa Lampanelli
- Dayana Mendoza
- Aubrey O'Day
- Dee Snider
- George Takei
- Paul Teutul, Sr.
- Cheryl Tiegs
- Patricia Velásquez

Celebrity Apprentice 6 (season 13)

Main article: The Apprentice (U.S. season 13)

- **Trace Adkins**
- Stephen Baldwin
- Gary Busey
- Marilu Henner
- La Toya Jackson
- *Penn Jillette*
- Claudia Jordan
- Lil Jon
- Bret Michaels
- Omarosa
- Lisa Rinna
- Brande Roderick
- Dennis Rodman
- Dee Snider

Celebrity Apprentice 7 (season 14)

Main article: The Apprentice (U.S. season 14)

- Jamie Anderson
- Johnny Damon
- Vivica A. Fox
- Keshia Knight Pulliam
- **Leeza Gibbons**
- Brandi Glanville
- Kate Gosselin
- Gilbert Gottfried
- Sig Hansen
- Kevin Jonas
- Shawn Johnson
- Lorenzo Lamas

- Terrell Owens
- Kenya Moore
- *Geraldo Rivera*
- Ian Ziering

Celebrity Apprentice 8 (season 15)

Main article: The Apprentice (U.S. season 15)

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- Brooke Burke-Charvet
- Eric Dickerson
- Boy George
- Matt Iseman
- Carrie Keagan
- Carson Kressley
- Lisa Leslie
- Jon Lovitz
- Vince Neil
- Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi
- Kyle Richards
- Chael Sonnen
- Porsha Williams
- Ricky Williams
- Carnie Wilson^[21]

5.2.5 Similar shows in other nations

- *The Celebrity Apprentice Australia*
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- *Comic Relief Does The Apprentice* (UK)
- *Sport Relief Does The Apprentice* (UK)

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- *The Celebrity Apprentice* at the Internet Movie Database

Chapter 6

Business Career

6.1 The Trump Organization

The Trump Organization LLC^[2] is a privately owned multinational conglomerate based in Trump Tower in Manhattan, New York. Donald Trump worked for his father's firm, **Elizabeth Trump & Son**, while attending the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1968 officially joined the company.^[6] He was given control of the company in 1971^{[7][8]} and renamed it Trump Enterprises LLC in August 1999 before changing it to Trump Organization LLC in November 1999.^[2] The company has interests in real estate development, investing, brokerage, sales and marketing, and property management. The company owns, operates, invests, and develops residential real estate, hotels, resorts, residential towers, and golf courses in different countries, as well as owning several hundred thousand square feet of prime Manhattan real estate. The organization also has a stake in Trump Entertainment Resorts, which owned the Trump Taj Mahal, the Trump Plaza, and the Trump Marina casinos in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The company serves as the principal holding company for Trump's business ventures and investments. The Trump organization lists involvement in 515 subsidiaries and entities with 264 of them bearing Trump's name and another 54 including his initials.^{[9][10][11][12][13]} With investments within the United States, Europe, Asia, the Middle East and other parts of the world, The Trump Organization spans a wide variety of industries including real estate, construction, hospitality, entertainment, book and magazine publishing, media, model management, retail, financial services, board game development, food and beverages, business education, online travel, airlines, helicopter air services and beauty pageants.^{[9][14]}

In addition to real estate along with all the other investments and entities, other business operations within the company include restaurants, a modeling agency and beauty pageants; public skating rink management; and a New York television production company that produces television programs which include the reality television program, *The Apprentice*.^[15] The Miss Universe Organization is also

owned by the Trump Organization and together with the National Broadcasting Company produces the Miss Universe, Miss USA, and Miss Teen USA pageants.^{[16][17]} Furthermore, the company engages in retailing providing quality fashion apparel, home furnishings, jewelry and accessories, books, chocolate bars, furniture, lighting products, bath textiles and accessories, bedding and home fragrance products, small leather goods, crystal stemware, barware and gifts, and bottled spring water.^[18] A small portion of Trump's fortune are held in assets outside his holdings in the Trump Organization, largely concentrated in the financial market.^{[19][20][21]}

The organization is owned and managed by the Trump family with Donald Trump and three of his eldest children—Donald Trump Jr., Ivanka Trump, and Eric Trump—serving as EVPs within the organization.

6.1.1 Real estate holdings

As of 2015, it is estimated that Trump's real estate holdings were worth about US\$3.5 billion with a value of commercial properties totaled at US\$1.3 billion, his residential properties at US\$410 million, and his club facilities at US\$866 million, and an additional US\$940 million for properties he has less than 100 percent stake in.^[22] Trump's real estate holdings form the core of his assets and provide much of his income, with a wide array of real estate licensing, branding and marketing deals and royalties that provide millions in annual cash flow.^{[16][23][24]} In 2015, Trump earned \$71 million from condo sales and collects \$41.9 million in rental income on his buildings annually.^[25]

Selected completed properties

- **Trump World Tower 845 United Nations Plaza, New York City:** In 2006, Forbes estimated "\$290 million in profits and unrealized appreciation" going to Trump.^[26]



Trump World Tower (NY) at United Nations Plaza

- **Trump Tower 725 Fifth Ave, New York City:** A 68-story mixed-use tower, now 100 percent leased, was developed by a business partnership between the Trump Organization and the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States in 1983. Trump retains full control of the commercial and retail components of the tower.^[27] In 2006, it was valued at \$318 million, less a \$30 million mortgage.^[26] The total value of Trump Tower's commercial and retail spaces is \$460 million. The building was refinanced for \$100 million in August 2012, allowing Trump to take a cash distri-



Trump International Hotel and Tower (NY) at Columbus Circle

bution of over \$73 million.^[28]

- **Personal Residence Trump Tower:** Top 3 floors of Trump Tower with approximately 30,000 square feet (3,000 m²) of space; the triplex penthouse is decorated in diamond, 24-carat gold and marble, and features an interior fountain and a massive Italianate-style painting on the ceilings.^[27] Worth as much as \$50 million, it is one of the most valuable apartments in New York City.^[29]
- **AXA Financial Center** 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York City and 555 California Street, in San Francisco: When Trump was forced to sell a stake in the railyards on Manhattan's West Side, the Asian group to which he sold then sold much of the site for \$1.76 billion. Trump owns a 30 percent stake in both 1290 Sixth Avenue and 555 California Street. A 43-story trophy office tower, 1290 Sixth is worth as much as \$1.5 billion.^[27] Trump's stake is estimated to be \$450 million.^[27] Trump's interest in 555 California Street is worth \$400 million.^[27]



Trump International Hotel at Las Vegas

- **The Trump Building at 40 Wall Street:** Trump bought and renovated this building for \$1 million in 1995. The pre-tax net operating income at the building as of 2011 was \$20.89 million USD and is valued at \$350 to \$400 million, according to the New York Department of Finance. Trump took out a \$160 million mortgage attached to the property with an interest rate of 5.71 percent to use for other investments.^[27] *Forbes* valued the property at \$260 million in 2006.^[26]
- **Trump Entertainment Resorts:** This company presently owns two Trump branded casino resorts. After a long period of financial trouble, the company entered bankruptcy protection in 2001, 2004 and later in 2009 owing \$1.2 billion in debts. In 2004, Trump agreed to invest \$55 million cash in the new company and pay \$16.4 million to the company's debtors. In return he holds a 29.16% stake in the new public company. This stake was worth approximately \$171 million in October 2006. After the 2004 bankruptcy filing, the company changed its name from Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts to Trump Entertainment Resorts. The Trump branded casino resorts include
 - the Trump Taj Mahal, Trump Plaza and at one time Trump Castle/Trump Marina, which was sold in bankruptcy court to Landry's Restaurants, Inc. on May 23, 2011 and renamed Golden Nugget Atlantic City.
- **Riverside South/Trump Place:** Riverside South is currently the largest single private development in New York City. It was built by the Trump Organization, although financed by investors from Hong Kong and owned by the Hudson Waterfront Company. Trump contends that the property should have been sold for more than \$3 billion and in 2006 sued the owners for selling without his consent, and sought \$1 billion in damages. Bloomberg values his stake at \$640 million.^[30]
- **Trump International Hotel and Tower Chicago:** The entire project is valued at \$1.2 billion (\$112 million stake for Trump).
- **Trump Hotel Las Vegas:** A joint development with fellow *Forbes* 400 members, Phil Ruffin, and Jack Wishna. Trump's stake is valued at \$162 million.
- **Trump International Hotel and Tower New York:** Trump provided his name and expertise to the building's owner (GE) during the building's re-development in 1994 for a fee totaling \$40 million (\$25 million for project management and \$15 million in incentives deriving from the condo sales). *Forbes* values Trump's stake at \$12 million. In March 2010, the penthouse apartment at Trump International Hotel & Tower in New York City sold was for \$33 million.^{[31][32]}
- **Trump Park Avenue Park Avenue & 59th Street:** It is valued at \$142 million. Trump owns 23 apartments at Trump Park Avenue, which he rents for rates as high as \$100,000 per month, and 19 units at Trump Parc.^[27]
- **Nike Store:** The NikeTown store is located in Trump Tower. The leasehold valued at \$200 million. Nike's lease in the building expires in 2017 and the building serves as collateral for bonds held by Trump worth \$46.4 million.^[27]
- **Palm Beach estate:** A 43,000 square feet (4,000 m²) large oceanfront mansion lot in Palm Beach. Trump purchased this property for \$40 million at a bankruptcy auction in 2004. Trump sold the property for \$100 million in June 2008, making it the most expensive house ever sold in the United States. (The previous record is \$70 million for Ron Perelman's Palm Beach estate in 2004.). *Forbes* values his stake in the property for \$43 million.^[33] Trump also owns two private homes in Palm Beach, Fla., adjacent to his Mar-a-Lago country club. Trump controls the two residential

properties as real estate investments rather than vacation spots. The homes are worth around \$6.5 million and \$3 million respectively.^[27]

- **Mar-a-Lago Palm Beach, Florida:** Most of this estate has been converted into a private club. This landmark property, according to Trump, has received bids near \$200,000,000. However, *Forbes* magazine does not take into account either of Trump's large vacation residences (Mar-a-Lago or his 213-acre (0.86 km²) spread near Bedford, NY in Westchester County, NY) for its valuation of his wealth. The property is worth as much as \$250 million as of 2013.^[27]
- **Seven Springs:** A 213-acre estate located outside the town of Bedford in Westchester County. The building features a 13-bedroom mansion, but is also zoned to allow for the construction of 13 additional homes at the site. Trump paid \$7.5 million for the entire property in 1995. Local Westchester County brokers put the property's value at around \$40 million.^[27]
- **Beverly Hills estate:** A large mansion located on Rodeo Drive. The property is valued at \$8.5 to \$10 million.^[27]

Carousel

- **Trump Carousel:** A merry-go-round carousel located in New York's Central Park. In 2010, Trump took over the management of the Central Park carousel, where he promised to revive the merry-go-round after its previous operator was removed by the city's parks department. The carousel generates \$589,000 from annual admissions.^{[34][35][36]}

Skating rink



Wollman Rink in New York City

- **Wollman Rink:** A public ice rink in the southern part of Central Park, Manhattan, New York City. Wollman Rink has been operated by a joint venture between Trump Organization and Rink Management Services of Mechanicsville, Virginia since 2001. The Trump name is prominently displayed on the walls of the rink as well as on the Zamboni that maintains the rink. Operation of the Lasker Rink on the north edge of Central Park is also handled by the two companies. The rink generates close to \$8.7 million in annual income from rink admissions.^{[25][34][35]}

Wineries and vineyards

- **Trump Winery:** A premier Virginia winery situated on Trump Vineyard Estates in Charlottesville, VA and is valued between \$5 million to \$25 million.^[25] The vineyard was purchased by Trump in April 2011 as a distressed piece of real estate^[37] and was officially opened in October 2011.^[38] The property features over 1,000 acres of scenery, Trump Winery is situated in the Monticello Wine Trail. The purchase was aided with his son Eric.^[39] The winery was later sold to his son, Eric.^{[40][41]}

Golf courses



Trump National Golf Club in Los Angeles

The Trump Organization currently owns seven golf courses in the United States: Trump National Golf Club in Sterling, VA, Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor, New York, Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, New Jersey, Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach, Florida, Trump National Golf Club Charlotte in Mooresville, NC, Trump National Golf Club in Philadelphia and Trump National Golf Club in Los Angeles.^[27] About \$200 million in cash flow is derived annually from Trumps golf courses and resorts.^[42] Trumps resorts, country clubs and golf courses are estimated to be worth \$1.57 billion.^[27]



Trump Turnberry golf course in Scotland

In 2006, Trump purchased a 1,400-acre (5.7 km²) plot just north of Aberdeen at **Menie (Balmedie)**, Scotland, with the intention of turning it into a £1 billion golf resort and “the world’s best golf course” capable of hosting world class events such as **The Open Championship**.^[43] There has been opposition from many people both locally and in other parts of Scotland and the UK, and negative reaction from a number of environmental groups, but the project continues.

The development plan for Trump International Golf Links, Scotland (TIGLS) included two 18-hole courses, a 5-star hotel, golf villas, holiday homes, and a golf academy. It was strongly supported by local business leaders^[44] but met opposition from local residents, campaigners and environmental groups anxious to preserve the 4,000-year-old sand dunes that are designated an SSSI (Site of **Special Scientific Interest**). Though recommended for approval by **Aberdeenshire Council** officials^[45] the development was initially rejected by a local subcommittee of elected members. However it was subsequently approved following a controversial planning inquiry ordered by the **Scottish Government** in June 2008, at which Trump personally testified. Work began on the site in July 2010.^[46]

In March 2009, the Trump Organization had asked the Council to use its powers of **compulsory purchase** to acquire some areas of land at Balmedie not forming part of the original TIGLS site for which planning permission already existed. These included four family-owned properties.^[47] In response local campaigners established Tripping Up Trump, a movement aimed at protecting the families at Menie being threatened with eviction. When it emerged at the end of January 2011 that **Queen** guitarist **Brian May** had agreed to the use of the band’s hit **Bohemian Rhapsody** in a film highlighting the plight of the families, Trump appeared to deny in a media statement that there had ever been an eviction threat, declaring “we have no interest in compulsory purchase and have never applied for it.”^[48]

In September 2011, the Trump Organization lodged a formal objection to the proposed construction of a **wind farm** off the Aberdeenshire coast not far from the site of the new hotel and luxury housing. Donald Trump also wrote personally to the **First Minister of Scotland** protesting mainly on aesthetic grounds at the proposed erection of offshore **wind turbines**, which he characterized as ‘ugly’. His letter claimed that he was protesting on behalf of the Scottish people, ‘not... merely for the benefit of Trump International Golf Links.’^[49]

In 2011, a documentary directed by **Anthony Baxter** called *You’ve Been Trumped*^{[50][51]} was released, showing the situation of local residents adversely affected by the resort’s construction. It contains footage of, among others, economists who query the benefits claimed for the local economy, environmentalists critical of the damage allegedly caused by the development and golfers who voice doubts about claims made for the resort by the Trump Organization.^[52] It also shows Anthony Baxter being arrested while filming by a **Grampian Police** officer; he was later released without charge.^{[53][54]} Baxter has been quoted as saying that Trump branded the film ‘boring’ and Baxter himself ‘a fraud’.^[55] However, the film has won several awards including the **Hamptons Film Festival Social Justice Award** and the **Maysles Brothers Award** for best documentary at the **Denver Film Festival**.

Despite Trump’s threat to withdraw any further investment in Scotland amid the wind turbine controversy, he later purchased the prestigious **Turnberry** resort in **Ayrshire** in April 2014.^{[56][57]}

In 2012, Trump bought the **Doral Resort & Spa** in South Florida out of bankruptcy for \$150 million. The 800-acre property includes five golf courses, 700 hotel rooms, has a meeting and conference space, a 50,000-square-foot spa and an extensive retail component. Real estate experts estimate current value of the land alone at Doral could exceed \$1 billion. Trump has a \$125 million mortgage on the property.^[27] Since 2012, the Trump Organization has spent over \$250 million in renovations.^[58]

Trump earned at least \$176.4 million from 15 golf courses in Scotland, Ireland and across the Eastern Seaboard — about 41 percent of the low-end estimate of his income since 2015.^[25]

Real estate licensing

Many developers pay Donald Trump to market their properties and be the public face for their projects.^[59] For that reason, Trump does not own many of the buildings that display his name.^[59] According to *Forbes*, this portion of Trump’s empire, actually run by his children, is by far his most valuable with a valuation of \$562 million. According to *Forbes*,



Trump International Hotel & Tower, Toronto

there were 33 licensing projects under development including seven “condo hotels” (i.e. The seven Trump International Hotel and Tower developments). Trump has generated more than \$74 million in real estate licensing deals and has \$823.3 million worth of real estate in joint ventures.^[27]

- **Manhattan:**

- **Trump Palace:** 200 East 69th Street, New York, NY.
- **Trump Parc and Trump Parc East:** Two adjoining buildings on Central Park South on the southwest corner of The Avenue of the Americas. Trump Parc East is a 14-story apartment building and Trump Parc (the former Barbizon Plaza Hotel) is a 38-story condominium building.
- **Trump Plaza:** 167 East 61st Street, New York, NY (39-story, Y-shaped plan condominium building on the Upper East Side)
- **610 Park Avenue (Old Mayfair Hotel):** Trump is helping with the construction and development of this property for **Colony Capital**.
- **Trump SoHo: Hotel Condominium:** A partnership with Bayrock Group to build a 42 story building in Soho.

- **New York City suburbs:**

- **Trump Bay:** A planned 447-unit rental apartment building in Jersey City with the real estate development company, **Kushner Properties** and the **The KABR Group**.^[60]
- **Trump Plaza (Jersey City):** The project includes New Jersey’s two tallest residential towers and costs about \$450 million. The 55-story tower will have 445 condos, and the 50-story tower will have 417.
- **Trump Plaza (New Rochelle):** A 39-story luxury residence and hotel with retail space that is currently under construction in Westchester County, NY with developer **Louis R. Cappelli**.
- **Trump Tower at City Center:** A 35-story condominium apartment building built in Westchester County, New York with developer **Louis R. Cappelli**.
- **Trump Park Stamford:** A development in Stamford, Connecticut with F. D. Rich Company and **Louis R. Cappelli**.
- **Trump Park Residences:** A development in Shrub Oak, NY with **Louis Cappelli**.

- **Florida:**

- **Trump International Hotel and Tower Fort Lauderdale:** Anticipated completion is 2007.
- **Trump Towers Sunny Isles Beach (Sunny Isles Beach, Florida):** An oceanfront condominium development consisting of three 271-unit towers with developer **Dezer Properties**.
- **Trump Grande Ocean Resort and Residences:** A three-building oceanfront enclave consisting of the Trump International Beach Resort and two residential condominium towers, the Trump Palace and Trump Royale, with developer **Dezer Properties**.
- **Trump Hollywood:** A 40-story building on **Hollywood Beach, Florida** with **Jorge M. Pérez**.
- **Trump Tower (Palm Beach):** Will be a 23-story residential condominium development.

- **Other domestic:**

- **Trump Towers Atlanta:** project foreclosed and cancelled.^{[61][62]}
- **Trump Charlotte,** project canceled. Shortly after, Trump bought a former golf course in Charlotte, which he now owns and operates.
- **Trump Tower (Philadelphia):** empty lot-filed for bankruptcy as of January 2013 to prevent imminent foreclosure.^[63]

- **Trump International Hotel and Tower Waikiki Beach Walk:** Completed in November 2009 with 462 hotel-condominium units.
- **Trump International Hotel and Tower:** New Orleans (Project slated to begin construction during the first quarter of 2007). “Declared dead in July 2011 after the location land was foreclosed on and sold at auction”.

- **International:**

- **Elite Tower,** Ramat Gan, Israel was a planned commercial real estate development slated to be the tallest building in Israel. Called the Trump Plaza Tower, Trump shelved the plans in 2007, when the site was sold on to Azorim for NIS 306.5 million.^{[64][65]} Trump purchased the site for \$44 million.^[66]
- **Trump International Hotel & Tower Vancouver,** Vancouver. A skyscraper under construction in Downtown Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The 63-story, 188-metre-high (617 ft), mixed-use tower will be located at 1133 West Georgia Street, and is scheduled to be completed in 2016. Trump Vancouver will be the second tallest building in the city, after the Shangri-La tower located across West Georgia Street. In 2013, it was announced that the new hotelier of the tower will be **Marriott International**.
- **Trump Towers Istanbul,** Istanbul^[67]
- **Trump World Seoul:** Which Trump received a licensing fee of \$5 million to lend his name.
- **Trump International Hotel and Tower Toronto,** Toronto
- **The Palm Trump International Hotel and Tower,** Dubai
- **Trump Ocean Club International Hotel and Tower Panama**
- **Trump Ocean Resort Baja Mexico** was a planned 3 tower, 25 story, 526 unit hotel condominium, **San Diego**. This project collapsed due to the project’s failure to secure financing.
- **Trump at Cap Cana** will be located in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.
- **Trump Tower Manila,** Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines: The brand name and mark under license. Anticipated completion is to be announced.

6.1.2 Financial market holdings

The Trump Organization also houses Trump’s personal financial market investment portfolio as a portion of Trump’s wealth is concentrated in the financial and commodities markets.^{[68][69][70][71]} The investment portfolio generates income and cash flow from a variety of mechanisms as dividends, capital gains, and compounded carried interest. He invested a minimum of \$70 million in stocks.^{[72][73]} Though real estate is still his most preferred asset class, Trump became an active financial market investor in 2011 following disappointment from depressed American real estate market and various investments in the Federal Reserve’s interest yields on CDs were next to nothing.^{[74][75]} Trump stated that he was not enthusiastic to be a stock market investor, but that prime real estate at good prices was hard to find at that time and that stocks and equity securities were cheap and generating good cash flow from dividends.^[76] He profited from 40 of the 45 stocks he purchased which he sold in 2014, making it almost a 90% success rate in **capital appreciation** in addition to millions in earned dividends. The biggest gainers in his stock portfolio were Bank of America Corporation, **The Boeing Company** and Facebook, Inc earning a windfall profit of \$6.7 million, \$3.96 million and \$3.85 million, respectively.^[77]

Trump’s stock portfolio is valued somewhere between \$33.4 million and \$87.9 million stock diversified with hundreds of enterprises in variety of industries. He owns a stake in a number of public companies within numerous sectors that include tobacco distributors, retail outlets, pharmaceutical companies, manufacturing companies, financial conglomerates, oil companies, high technology companies and defense contractors.^{[25][78]} Public stock investments within his portfolios include General Electric, Chevron, UPS, Coca-Cola, Home Depot, Comcast, Sanofi, Ford, ConocoPhillips, Energy Transfer Partners, Alterra, Verizon Communications, Procter & Gamble, Bank of America, Nike, Google, Apple Inc., Philip Morris, Citigroup, Morgan Stanley, Whole Foods, Intel, IBM, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Johnson & Johnson, Caterpillar, Kinder Morgan, AT&T and Facebook.^{[76][79][80][81][82][83]} He has at least \$78 million USD invested in a variety of paper assets such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, private equity funds, fund of funds, and hedge funds.^[84] His financial market investment accounts are kept at JPMorgan, Barclays, Deutsche Bank and Oppenheimer.^{[81][85][86]} His Barclays account includes investments in 32 entities and cash worth between \$49,021 and \$396,001 and having stock in two accounts at Deutsche Bank that contain cash, treasury bills, and stock in 173 entities. His investment account with Oppenheimer contains cash and has 31 positions worth between \$10,380,031 and \$33,301,000. His account with JPMorgan contains stock in 60 firms valued between \$1,251,008 and \$2,617,000.^{[87][88]}

Trump has also invested in funds that focus on middle and smaller sized businesses such as **Tesla Motors**, the electric car maker and has invested internationally in a number of emerging market, growth and hedge funds located in Europe and Asia.^[89] He has also invested in a number of private equity and hedge funds including \$1 to \$5 million in Advantage Plus, \$1 to \$5 million in AG Diversified Funds, \$2 million in **MidOcean Credit Opportunities**, \$4 million in **Paulson & Co.**, and around \$5 million with **Angelo, Gordon & Co.**^{[90][91][92]} Trump's biggest fund holding has been in **Black Rock's** Obsidian Fund, where his stake is estimated to be between \$25 million to \$50 million.^[93] Nearly all of Trump's open end mutual fund investments are concentrated in Baron Capital Management, a mid-sized mutual fund family headed by mutual fund mogul **Ronald S. Baron**.^{[89][94]} Trump invested \$16.2 million in Baron Capital Management, making him a significant minority shareholder.^[95] He revealed that he earned over \$22 million with his private equity, hedge fund, and mutual fund investments and generated between \$1.5 million and \$10 million in income almost all of it from investments such as dividends, capital gains, and carried interest.^[96] Trump also has a portion of his portfolio invested in **U.S. Treasury bonds**.^[93]

A portion of Trump's financial market portfolio contain gold and his gold holdings are estimated to be between \$100,001 and \$200,000 in gold.^{[97][98]} Trump has affirmed to investing in physical gold bullion in his investment portfolio in September 2011.^[99] In 2011, The Trump Organization accepted a security deposit worth \$176,000 in the form of three 32-ounce bars of gold from a real estate tenant of Trump's where the new tenant wanted to make a point about accepting gold instead of cash for certain transactions.^[100]

6.1.3 Other ventures and investments

Trump also owns a wide variety of other enterprises outside real estate which have an estimated value of US\$317.6 million.^[101] Other investments include a 17.2% stake in Parker Adnan, Inc. (formerly AdnanCo Group), a Bermuda-based financial services holdings company. In late 2003, Trump, along with his siblings, sold their late father's real estate empire to a group of investors that included **Bain Capital**, **Kohlberg Kravis Roberts**, and **LamboNuni Bank** reportedly for \$600 million. Donald Trump's one-third share was \$200 million, which he later used to finance **Trump Casino & Resorts**.^{[102][103][104][105]}

Beyond his traditional ventures in the real estate, hospitality, and entertainment industries and having carved out a niche for the Trump brand within these industries, Trump has since then moved on to establish the Trump name and brand in a multitude of other industries and prod-

ucts. He has made \$9.5 million to \$28 million USD attaching his name on numerous products and services that range from energy drinks to books.^{[12][13]} He also raked in \$1.1 million in men's wear licensing royalties.^{[24][25][106]} He also earns \$3.4 million annually from his association with the Miss Universe Organization.^[42] Trump also earns \$15,000 to \$100,000 in book royalties and \$2.2 million for his involvement with Trump Model Management every year.^{[107][108]} Trump also owns the Miss Universe, Miss USA and Miss Teen USA pageants, which are collectively worth \$15 million.^[27]

Trump has marketed his name on a large number of products and services achieving mixed success doing so. Many of his external entrepreneurial and investment ventures include **Trump Financial** (a mortgage firm), Trump Sales and Leasing (residential sales), Trump International Realty (a residential and commercial real estate brokerage firm), **The Trump Entrepreneur Initiative** (a for profit business education company, formerly called the **Trump University**), Trump Restaurants (Located in Trump Tower and consisting of Trump Buffet, Trump Catering, Trump Ice Cream Parlor, and Trump Bar), **GoTrump** (an online travel search engine^{[109][110][111]}), Select By Trump (a line of coffee drinks),^[112] Trump Drinks (an energy drink for the Israeli and Palestinian markets)^{[30][113][114][115]} Donald J. Trump Signature Collection (a line of menswear, men's accessories, and watches), Donald Trump The Fragrance (2004), **SUCCESS by Donald Trump** (a second fragrance launched by the Trump Organization and the Five Star Fragrance Company released in March 2012), **Trump Ice** bottled water, the former *Trump Magazine*,^[116] Trump Golf, Trump Chocolate, Trump Home (home furnishings),^[32] **Trump Productions** (a television production company), Trump Institute, Trump: The Game (1989 board game with a 2005 re-release version tied to The Apprentice),^[110] **Donald Trump's Real Estate Tycoon** (a business simulation game), **Trump Books**, **Trump Model Management**, **Trump Shuttle**, **Trump Mortgage**, **Trump Vodka**,^{[32][117][118]} **Trump Steakhouse**^{[109][119]} and **Trump Steaks**.^[110] In addition, Trump reportedly receives \$1.5 million for each one-hour presentation he does for **The Learning Annex**.^{[42][120]} Trump also endorsed **ACN Inc.** a multi-level marketing telecommunications company. He has spoken at ACN International Training Events at which he has praised the company's founders, business model and video phone.^[121] He earned a total \$1.35 million for three speeches given for the company amounting to \$450,000 per speech.^{[30][122][123][124][125][126][127]}

The Trump Organization also houses ventures started by Donald Trump's daughter, Ivanka, which includes Ivanka Trump Fine Jewelry (a jewelry line) and The Ivanka Trump Lifestyle Collection (a high end designer fashion and cosmetics line that includes fragrances, footwear, handbags,

outerwear and eyewear collections).^[128]

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6.2 Trump Entertainment Resorts

Trump Entertainment Resorts, Inc. is a gaming and hospitality company that owns and operates the Trump Taj Mahal hotel and casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey, United States. Formerly known as **Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts**, it was founded by Donald J. Trump, who is no longer involved in the company. It is a subsidiary of Icahn Enterprises.

6.2.1 History



Entrance to the Trump Taj Mahal at night, Atlantic City, New Jersey

Donald Trump began purchasing properties along the Atlantic City boardwalk in the early 1980s and received a

casino license from the **New Jersey Casino Control Commission** (CCC) on March 15, 1982.^[2] He had planned to build his own casino on the boardwalk, but was stalled on the project when Mike Rose, then CEO of **Holiday Inn** and **Harrah's** approached him to manage construction of a Holiday Inn Casino-Hotel. It opened in May 1984 and two years later Trump bought out Holiday Inn's shares in the property and renamed it the **Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino**.^[3]

In 1985, Trump purchased the nearly-complete Atlantic City Hilton hotel and casino property at the Atlantic marina from **Hilton Hotels** for \$325 million. The hotel chain sold the property after its application for a gaming license was turned down by the CCC.^[4] Trump originally opened the property as Trump's Castle Hotel Casino, and later renamed it the **Trump Marina**.

In 1988, Trump purchased the unfinished Taj Mahal property from **Resorts International** for \$230 million after negotiations with **Merv Griffin** in which the two men divided the assets of the failing company.^[5] The casino, at the time the largest in Atlantic City, would eventually cost almost \$1 billion by the time it opened in 1990. Trump completed the project using **junk bonds**, a decision that hurt the company afterward as the gaming industry struggled in a **recession** and interest rates became unmanageable.^{[6][7]}

In 1995, Trump established **Trump Hotels and Casino Resorts** (THCR) as a publicly traded company, granting it ownership of the Trump Plaza and the under-development **Trump Casino** in **Gary, Indiana**.^[8] The following year, THCR bought the Trump Taj Mahal at a valuation of \$890 million,^{[9][10]} and bought the Trump Castle from Trump for \$486 million (including \$355 million in assumed debt).^[11]

In 1996, the company opened **Trump World's Fair**, a casino adjunct to the Trump Plaza.^[12] The World's Fair was closed in 1999, with plans to replace it with a larger resort.^[13]

In 1999, THCR agreed to purchase the **Flamingo Hilton Casino Kansas City** for \$15 million,^[14] but the deal fell through when Missouri gaming regulators did not approve the company's gaming license by a contractual deadline.^[15]

THCR entered a management agreement in 2000 to operate the **Spotlight 29 Casino**, an **Indian casino** in **Coachella, California**.^[16]

Financial troubles

Trump Entertainment Resorts and its predecessors have filed for **Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection** four times, in 1991, following construction of the \$1-billion Trump Taj Mahal, and in 2004, 2009 and 2014.

In 2004, Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts explored various options for restructuring its debt, amid speculation that

it might file for bankruptcy. A possible arrangement with **Credit Suisse First Boston** was not completed because the bondholders rejected it.^[17]

On October 21, 2004, the company announced a preliminary agreement with its investors. Trump, who had been the majority owner, would reduce his stock ownership from 56 percent to 27 percent. Bondholders would surrender some of their debt in exchange for stock. On October 27, the company announced that **Morgan Stanley** would be the joint lead arranger for a financing of \$500 million financing as part of the restructuring plan. On November 21, the company filed for bankruptcy. Trump said the filing was "really just a technical thing" as the best way to implement the restructuring plan.^[18] The plan was submitted to the **Bankruptcy Court** on December 16, 2004.

After the 2004 bankruptcy filing, Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts changed its name to Trump Entertainment Resorts (TER).

In 2005, the company's involvement in the **Spotlight 29 Casino** ended, as the tribe bought out the casino management agreement for \$6 million.^[19] Later that year, TER sold its Indiana casino to **The Majestic Star Casino, LLC** for \$253 million.^{[20][21]} The company had also been awarded a license to build a second casino in **Orange County, Indiana**, but dropped this plan, due in part to the state's concerns about the company's viability.^[22]

On May 18, 2007, the company announced that it was in the preliminary stages of negotiating a **buyout** with several public and private firms. On July 2, 2007 Trump Entertainment Resorts announced that they could not make a deal with any company that they were in talks with and decided to take itself off the market. The company planned to lay off employees in order to cut costs.^[23]

2009 bankruptcy and restructuring

The casino group filed for bankruptcy again in February 2009^[24] owing \$1.2 billion. Two sets of debt holders eventually proposed reorganization plans for the group in U.S. bankruptcy court.

Trump initially made an agreement with banker/high-stakes poker player **Andrew Beal**, owner of **Beal Bank**, which held \$500 million in the group's debt, to take over the resorts. However, citing concerns about the bank's experience with gaming, he dropped them in favor of the hedge fund **Avenue Capital Management**, a plan favored by other bond-holders. Beal then partnered with investor, **Carl Icahn**, who had worked on restructuring another Atlantic City casino, the **Tropicana**.^[25] In court, Trump argued that he would fight the Icahn/Beal team if they sought to use his name and likeness on the group's properties.^[26] Instead he signed an

agreement with Avenue Capital in which he would receive 5% stock in the reorganized company and another 5% in exchange for the use of his name and likeness in perpetuity.

Judith H. Wizmur, Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, eventually sided with the Trump/Avenue partnership, favored by bond holders who believed that Trump's brand would result in a stronger company after reorganization.^[27]

In 2011, TER sold the Trump Marina to Landry's Restaurants, which also operates the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas.^[28]

Post-bankruptcy

In February 2013, the company agreed to sell the Trump Plaza for \$20 million to the Meruelo Group, a California-based company whose holdings include the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. The proceeds would be used to pay down the company's debt to a level of \$270 million. CEO Robert Griffin said TER would consider also selling the Trump Taj Mahal for the right price.^[29] However, in 2013, Carl Icahn, who held the mortgage on the Trump Casinos, would reject the sale of the Trump Plaza.^[30]

In early August 2014, Donald Trump filed a lawsuit demanding removal of his name from the company's two casinos, because they had allegedly been allowed to fall into disrepair, in breach of the licensing agreement for Trump's name.^[31]

2014 bankruptcy

Trump Entertainment Resorts filed again for bankruptcy in September 2014.^[32] On a motion made by union UNITE HERE Local 54, relating to the bankruptcy action, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit ruled in Trump Entertainment's favor on January 15, 2016 and held that Trump Entertainment could reject the continuing terms and conditions of a collective bargaining agreement with the union, an agreement that had already expired by its terms. This case is significant as it is a matter of first impression among the courts of appeal and could significantly alter the balance of power between debtor-employers and their unions.^[33]

The company exited bankruptcy in February 2016 and became a subsidiary of Icahn Enterprises.^[34]

6.2.2 Former properties

Trump Entertainment Resorts's only current property is the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The company's former properties include:

- Harrah's at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, New Jersey (formerly a 50/50 partnership with Harrah's) now wholly owned and renamed as the Trump Plaza, which was closed on September 16, 2014.
- Trump 29 in Coachella, California (formerly a 50/50 partnership with the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians of California) now Spotlight 29 Casino.
- Trump Casino in Gary, Indiana now the Majestic Star II.
- Trump World's Fair Casino at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Operated as a wing of Trump Plaza, but with its own casino license, it was closed in 1999, and demolished in 2000.
- Trump Marina (previously Trump Castle) in Atlantic City, New Jersey now the second incarnation of the Golden Nugget Atlantic City brand.
- Steel Pier, now owned by Steel Pier Associates.

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6.2.4 External links

- Trump Entertainment Resorts

6.3 Trump Model Management

Trump Model Management is a modeling agency founded by billionaire Donald Trump in 1999. Trump founded the agency, and still owns and operates it. ^[1]

6.3.1 Fashion models represented by Trump (past and present)

6.3.2 References

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6.3.3 External links

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- Mention of Trump Model Management on Trump Organization website

6.4 Miss Universe

Not to be confused with *Mrs. Universe*.

Miss Universe is an annual international beauty pageant that is run by the Miss Universe Organization.^[1] Along with its rival contests, *Miss World* and *Miss Earth*, this pageant is one of the most important and publicized beauty contests in the world.^{[2][3][4][5]} The pageant was founded in 1952 by the California clothing company Pacific Mills, and is owned, along with *Miss USA*, by WME/IMG.^[6]

In 1998, Miss Universe, Inc. changed its name to Miss Universe Organization, and moved its headquarters from Los Angeles to New York City.^{[7][8]}

In 1998, the logo of Miss Universe – “the woman with stars” – was created,^[8] representing the beauty and responsibility of women around the world.^[9] The same logo is used in present-day pageants.^[8]

In 2015, after Donald Trump made statements about immigrants from Mexico in his presidential campaign kick-off speech, NBC decided to end their business relationship and stated that they will no longer air the pageant, or the *Miss USA* pageant, on their networks.^[10] In September 2015, Trump bought the entire stock of the Miss Universe Organization from NBC, becoming its sole owner for three days until selling the entire stock to WME/IMG.^[6]

The current Miss Universe is Pia Wurtzbach of the Philippines who was crowned on 20 December 2015 in Las Vegas, USA.^[11]

6.4.1 History

The title “Miss Universe” was first used by the *International Pageant of Pulchritude* in 1926. This contest was held annually until 1935, when the Great Depression and other events preceding World War II led to its demise.

Today’s Miss Universe Pageant was founded after Yolande Betbeze, the winner of the 1951 *Miss America* pageant, refused to pose in a swimsuit from its major sponsor, Catalina Swimwear. The brand’s manufacturer Pacific Mills withdrew its sponsorship from Miss America and set up the *Miss USA* and *Miss Universe* contests. The first Miss Universe Pageant was held in Long Beach, California in 1952. It was won by Armi Kuusela from Finland, who gave up her title, though not officially, to get married, shortly before her year was completed.^[12] Until 1958, the Miss Universe title, like that of *Miss America*, was dated by the year following the contest, so at the time Ms. Kuusela’s title was Miss Universe 1953.

Since its founding by Pacific Mills, the pageant has been

organized and conducted by the Miss Universe Organization. Eventually Pacific Mills and its subsidiaries were acquired by the *Kayser-Roth Corporation*, which was in turn acquired by *Gulf and Western Industries*. Donald Trump acquired the pageant in 1996.^[13]

The pageant was first televised in 1955. CBS began broadcasting the combined *Miss USA* and *Miss Universe* pageants in 1960, and as separate contests in 1965. John Charles Daly hosted the pageant from 1955 to 1966, Bob Barker from 1967 to 1987, Alan Thicke in 1988, John Forsythe in 1989, Dick Clark from 1990 to 1993, and Bob Goen from 1994 to 1996. In 2003, NBC outbid the other networks for the TV rights.^[14] From 2003 to 2014, the pageant was broadcast in the US on NBC. NBC and Univision dropped the pageant in 2015 due to comments made by presidential candidate Donald Trump about undocumented immigrants from Mexico.^[10] Starting in 2015, Fox is the official broadcaster of the Miss Universe pageant.^[15]

6.4.2 Ownership

Up until September 2015, the Miss Universe Organization was a joint venture between NBC and Donald Trump. The company has run the contest since 2002.^[1] NBC cancelled all business relationships with the Miss Universe Organization and with Trump in response to his political comments about illegal immigration during his campaign for the presidency of the United States.^[16] In September 2015, Trump bought out NBC’s 50% stake in the organization making him the company’s sole owner, which he held for three days before selling the entire pageant to WME/IMG.^[17] The current president of the Miss Universe Organization is Paula Shugart.^[18]

6.4.3 Official song

Miss Universe’s historical song, “You are my star”, was the official song for the pageant from 1987 to 1995. It was sung by the “Little Sisters”, a group of young children from the host country.^[19]

6.4.4 Competition formats

During the early years of the pageant, the delegates who made the first cut were announced after the preliminary competition. From 1965 to the present day, the semifinalists were not announced until the night of the main event. The semifinalists once again competed in evening gown and swimsuit and five finalists were announced. An interview portion was introduced in 1960 to decide the runners-up

and the winner.

From 1959 to 1964 there were slight format changes. From 1959 through 1963 there was no cut to reach the five finalists. The runners-up and winner were called from the assembled 15 semifinalists. In 1965 the pageant returned to the original format of a cut to five finalists, and remained so until 1989. In 1969 a final question was posed to the last five contestants. The final question was an on-and-off feature of the pageant. In 1990 it had taken root, and with every pageant since the final contestants have had to answer a final question. In 1990 the pageant implemented major changes in the competition itself. Instead of five finalists, the field was reduced from ten semifinalists to six. Each contestant then randomly selected a judge and answered the question posed by the judge. After that, the field was narrowed down further to a final three. In 1998, the number of finalists was reduced to five, although there still was a cut to a final three. This continued until 2001, when the final five format was reinstated.

In the year 2000, the interview portion of the semifinal was dropped, and the contestants competed only in swimsuits and evening gowns, as in the early years of the pageant. In 2003, the number of semifinalists was increased to fifteen, with cuts made to ten, and then to five contestants. The final question varied, each coming from the final delegates themselves and the current Miss Universe. In 2006, twenty semifinalists were selected for the swimsuit competition, ten of whom went on to the evening gown competition. The five who passed that stage competed in an interview round, after which the runners-up and winner were announced. The 2007 contest followed a similar format, with fifteen contestants competing in the swimsuit stage. In 2011, for the first time, one of the sixteen semifinalists was selected exclusively by TV viewers via online voting. In the 2014 contest held in January 2015, a final question was chosen from thousands submitted by Facebook.^[20]

In 2015, the contest followed a similar format from its previous years. In the final 5, a contestant answered the question which is related to national issue of their country. After that, the field was narrowed down further to a final three who will then go on to answer one common question, the final Q and A. Finally, there will be a final vote based on overall impression and performance in the last round. For the first time, the rest of the contestants played the role of a final judge and had the chance to choose the new Miss Universe.

6.4.5 Contestant selection

Main article: [List of Miss Universe countries](#)

Local organizations that wish to select the Miss Universe contestant for their countries must submit bids to the Miss Universe Organization for that right. Occasionally, the traditional license holder for a particular country may lose its bid, as has happened in Italy, Denmark, France, Sweden, Germany, Great Britain, and more.

Usually a country's candidate selection involves pageants in major cities, whose winners compete in a national pageant, but there are exceptions. For example, from 2000 to 2004, Australian delegates were chosen by a modeling agency. Although such "castings" are generally discouraged by the Miss Universe Organization, Miss Australia Jennifer Hawkins was chosen to be Miss Universe in 2004. When Australia resumed its national pageant, Michelle Guy became Miss Universe Australia 2005.

Some of the most successful national pageants in the last decade have been Venezuela, USA, Puerto Rico, France, Philippines which command consistently high interest and television ratings in their respective countries.^[21] Recent arrivals in the pageant include Slovenia (2001), China and Albania (2002), Vietnam, Georgia and Ethiopia (2004), Latvia (2005), Kazakhstan (2006), Tanzania (2007), Kosovo (2008), Gabon and Lithuania (2012) alongside Azerbaijan (2013); there have also been efforts to revive strong national pageants in South Africa, Canada, Spain, Japan and Latin America (especially Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Colombia, and Brazil). Prior powerhouses are Finland, Germany and Sweden. England is the most successful nonwinning country with nine top-five positions. The current powerhouses that often make the semifinals are: USA, Philippines, Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil, Ukraine, France, and Australia.

The organization makes continual efforts to expand the pageant, but the participation of some countries such as Algeria has proven difficult due to cultural barriers to the swimsuit competition, while others such as Armenia, Mozambique, and Nepal have balked at sending representatives due to the cost. As of 2014, only four countries have been present at every Miss Universe since its inception in 1952: Canada, France, Germany (East and West up to 1990), and the USA. Many European countries allow 17-year-old contestants to compete in their pageants, while Miss Universe's minimum age is 18, so national titleholders often have to be replaced by their runners-up. Miss Universe had previously prohibited transsexual applicants and age fabrication, but beginning in 2012, transgender women were allowed to compete, as long as they win their national pageants.^[22]

6.4.6 Main pageant

The main Miss Universe Pageant is held over a two-week period in December. In the 1970s through the 1990s, the pageant was a month long. This allowed time for rehearsals, appearances, and the preliminary competition, with the winner being crowned by the previous year's titleholder during the final competition.

According to the organizers, the Miss Universe contest is more than a beauty pageant: women aspiring to become Miss Universe must be intelligent, well-mannered, and cultured. Often a candidate has lost because she did not have a good answer during the question responses rounds; although this section of competition has held less importance during recent pageants than it did in the twentieth century. Delegates also participate in swimsuit and evening gown competitions.

Currently, the final placement of the finalists is determined by a ranked vote, where each judge ranks each of the final three/five candidates, with the contestant posting the lowest cumulative score (thus often, but not necessarily always, the contestant with the most number one votes) becoming the winner. If there is a tie, the higher semifinal scores become decisive.

The winner is assigned a one-year contract with the Miss Universe Organization, going overseas to spread messages about the control of diseases, peace, and public awareness of AIDS. Aside from the job, the winner also receives a cash allowance for her entire reign, a New York Film Academy scholarship, a modelling portfolio, beauty products, clothes, shoes, as well as styling, healthcare, and fitness services by different sponsors of the pageant. When Donald Trump owned the pageant, the winner was given the use of a **Trump Place** apartment in New York City during her reign, which she shared with the Miss USA and Miss Teen USA titleholders.^[23] She also gains exclusive access to events such as fashion shows and opening galas, as well as access to casting calls and modelling opportunities throughout New York City. If the winner, for any reason, cannot fulfill her duties as Miss Universe, the 1st runner-up takes over.

Aside from the main winner and her runners-up, special awards are also given to the winners of the best National Costume, Miss Photogenic, and Miss Congeniality. The Miss Congeniality award is chosen by the delegates themselves. In recent years, Miss Photogenic has been chosen by popular internet vote (the winner used to be chosen by media personnel covering the event).

Final judgment

The competition for the Miss Universe title has seen many changes, although there have been several constants throughout its history. All the contestants compete in a preliminary round of judging (nowadays called the "Presentation Show") where the field is narrowed to a select number of semifinalists. This number has fluctuated over the years. The first Miss Universe pageant had ten semifinalists. For the next two years, the number of semifinalists grew to 16. In 1955, the number dropped to a stable 15, which remained through 1970. In 1971, the number was reduced to 12. That number was further reduced to 10 in 1984. This lasted until 2003, when the number of 15 was reinstated. In 2006, there were 20 semifinalists, the highest number ever. In 2007, the organization announced the Top 15 system would be back, which was also used in 2008 until 2010. In 2011, the results of a fan vote was shown on the screen during the swimsuit and evening gown competitions, but this did not affect the final outcome of the competition. From 2011 to 2013, there were 16 semifinalists, 15 chosen by judges and one chosen through Internet votes. The 16th semifinalist by fan vote has been dropped as of 2015, and the number has been reverted back to 15 semifinalists.

In the early years, the contestants were judged in swimsuit and evening gown only. In later years, the contestants also competed in a preliminary interview round in a one-on-one meeting with each individual judge.

6.4.7 Crown

In 2014 and 2015, **Paulina Vega** and **Pia Wurtzbach**^[24] were decorated with a diamond crown^[25] estimated to be worth US\$300,000, produced in the workshop of **Czech** company DIC - Diamonds International Corporation. The whole production process, from the first sketches to the production itself, took approximately four months. The shape of the crown is reminiscent of Manhattan skyline. Its production required the work of 10 people and the crown is made up of 311 pcs of **diamonds**, 5 pieces of blue **topaz**, 198 pieces of blue **sapphire**, 33 pieces of **crystal** and 220 grams of gold. Total weight of the crown is 411 g.

From 2009–2013, Diamond Nexus Labs made the Miss Universe crown. The crown is set with 1,371 gemstones, weighing a total of 416.09 carats (83.218 g). It contains 544.31 grams of 14k and 18k white gold as well as platinum. The crown features synthetic rubies to represent Miss Universe's HIV/AIDS education and awareness platform. Diamond Nexus Labs is the first ever eco-friendly Official Jeweler of Miss Universe and was selected as part of NBC Universal's "Green is Universal" initiative.^{[26][27]}

The winner of the 2008 Miss Universe Pageant, which

was broadcast from the Crown Convention Center in **Nha Trang, Vietnam** was crowned with the masterpiece which was designed by **Rosalina Lydster** of Jewelry by Rosalina and Ms. Dang Thi Kim Lien of CAO Fine Jewelry. The crown, valued at \$120,000, is made of 18K white and yellow gold. It is composed of over 1,000 precious stones; including 555 white diamonds (30 carats), 375 cognac diamonds (14 carats), 10 smoky quartz crystals (20 carats) and 19 morganite gemstones (60 carats). The colors of the jewels chosen for the crown have great significance. The yellow luster of the gold represents the prosperous thriving economy in **Vietnam**. White, light pink and cognac are the main hues in the crown which represent inspiration and feeling. Each piece of the crown was designed to represent an important attribute of the Miss Universe Pageant. The curves of inlaid precious stones represent the strong development and potential of each country. The image of the crane (Lac Bird) symbolizes Vietnamese spirit and culture. The image of the heart represents unified breath, rhythm and vision, which are powerful internal forces that stress faith, hope and unity.

The Miss Universe crown used from **2002–2007** was designed by **Mikimoto**, the official jewelry sponsor of the Miss Universe Organization, and depicted the **phoenix** rising, signifying status, power and beauty. The crown has 500 diamonds of almost 30 carats (6.0 g), 120 South Sea and Akoya pearls, ranging in size from 3 to 18 mm diameter and is valued at \$250,000. The Crown was designed for the pageant on Mikimoto Pearl Island in Japan with the Mikimoto crown and tiara being first used for Miss Universe 2002.^[28]

6.4.8 Recent titleholders

For full list and details, see List of Miss Universe titleholders.

6.4.9 Gallery of winners

- **Miss Universe 2015**
Pia Wurtzbach, Philippines
- **Miss Universe 2014**
Paulina Vega, Colombia
- **Miss Universe 2013**
Gabriela Isler, Venezuela
- **Miss Universe 2012**
Olivia Culpo, USA
- **Miss Universe 2011**
Leila Lopes, Angola
- **Miss Universe 2010**
Ximena Navarrete, Mexico
- **Miss Universe 2009**
Stefanía Fernández, Venezuela
- **Miss Universe 2008**
Dayana Mendoza, Venezuela
- **Miss Universe 2007**
Riyo Mori, Japan
- **Miss Universe 2006**
Zuleyka Rivera, Puerto Rico
- **Miss Universe 2005**
Natalie Glebova, Canada
- **Miss Universe 2004**
Jennifer Hawkins, Australia
- **Miss Universe 2003**
Amelia Vega, Dominican Republic
- **Miss Universe 2002**
Justine Pasek, Panama
- **Miss Universe 2001**
Denise Quinones, Puerto Rico
- **Miss Universe 2000**
Lara Dutta, India
- **Miss Universe 1999**
Mpule Kwelagobe, Botswana
- **Miss Universe 1997**
Brook Lee, USA
- **Miss Universe 1994**
Sushmita Sen, India
- **Miss Universe 1993**
Dayanara Torres, Puerto Rico
- **Miss Universe 1989**
Angela Visser, Netherlands
- **Miss Universe 1987**
Cecilia Bolocco, Chile
- **Miss Universe 1984**
Yvonne Ryding, Sweden
- **Miss Universe 1976**
Rina Messinger, Israel
- **Miss Universe 1971**
Georgina Rizk, Lebanon

- **Miss Universe 1968**
Martha Vasconcellos, Brazil
- **Miss Universe 1967**
Sylvia Hitchcock, USA
- **Miss Universe 1965**
Apasra Hongsakula, Thailand
- **Miss Universe 1964**
Corinna Tsopei, Greece
- **Miss Universe 1963**
Iêda Maria Vargas, Brazil
- **Miss Universe 1961**
Marlene Schmidt, Germany
- **Miss Universe 1959**
Akiko Kojima, Japan
- **Miss Universe 1958**
Luz Marina Zuluaga, Colombia
- **Miss Universe 1957**
Gladys Zender, Peru
- **Miss Universe 1956**
Carol Morris, USA
- **Miss Universe 1955**
Hillevi Rombin, Sweden
- **Miss Universe 1954**
Miriam Stevenson, USA
- **Miss Universe 1953**
Christiane Martel, France
- **Miss Universe 1952**
Armi Kuusela, Finland

6.4.10 Miss Universe Organization

The **Miss Universe Organization** is the organization that currently owns and runs the Miss Universe, **Miss USA**^[29] and **Miss Teen USA** beauty contests. Based in New York, the organization is owned by WME/IMG. The current president is Paula Shugart. The organization sells television rights to the pageants in other countries.

Miss Universe Organization titleholders

The following is a list of all Miss Universe Organization titleholders over the years.

^a In 2002, Fedorova was dethroned by the Miss Universe Organization and replaced by Pasek, the first runner-up.



Crystle Stewart, Miss USA 2008 and Stevi Perry, Miss Teen USA 2008



Hilary Cruz, Miss Teen USA 2007 and Crystle Stewart, Miss USA 2008

^b In 1957, Gage was stripped of her Miss USA title when it was revealed that she was married and the mother of two children. Sheffield, the first runner-up, replaced her.



Hilary Cruz, Miss Teen USA 2007 and Riyo Mori, Miss Universe 2007 attend the "Fashion Rocks the Universe" event prior to the Miss USA 2008 pageant



Chelsea Cooley, Miss USA 2005 and Shelley Hennig, Miss Teen USA 2004 at Guantanamo Bay



Rachel Smith, Miss USA 2007 and Hilary Cruz, Miss Teen USA 2007 signing autographs during a USO tour of Japanese military bases

- Crystle Stewart, Miss USA 2008 and Dayana Mendoza, Miss Universe 2008 at Guantanamo Bay
- Shauntay Hinton, Miss USA 2002, Vanessa Semrow, Miss Teen USA 2002 and Justine Pasek, Miss Universe 2002 signing autographs at Guantanamo Bay

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- [Official website](#)

6.5 Miss USA

Not to be confused with [Miss America](#), [Miss World America](#), [Miss U.S. International](#), or [Miss Earth United States](#).

The **Miss USA** beauty pageant has been held annually since 1952 to select the American entrant in the [Miss Universe](#) pageant. The [Miss Universe Organization](#) operates both pageants, as well as [Miss Teen USA](#).

The pageant was owned by [Donald Trump](#) from 1996 to 2015, and was previously broadcast on [NBC](#). In 2015, after Trump made statements about undocumented immigrants from Mexico in his presidential campaign kickoff speech, [NBC](#) decided to end their business relationship and stated that they will no longer air the pageant, or the [Miss Universe](#) pageant, on their networks.^[1] In September 2015, [WME/IMG](#) purchased the pageant from Trump.^[2]

The current [Miss USA](#) is [Olivia Jordan](#) of [Oklahoma](#) who was crowned on July 12, 2015 in [Baton Rouge, Louisiana](#). Traditionally, [Miss USA](#) lives in [New York City](#) during her reign.

6.5.1 History

The [Miss USA](#) pageant was conceived in 1950 when [Yolande Betbeze](#), winner of the rival [Miss America](#) pageant, refused to pose for publicity pictures while wearing a swimsuit. Pageant sponsor [Catalina](#) decided to pull their sponsorship off the pageant and create their own competition.^[3] Other owners have included a subsidiary of [Gulf+Western Industries](#), [ITT Corporation](#), and billionaire [Donald Trump](#).^{[4][5]}

The first [Miss USA](#) and [Miss Universe](#) pageants were held concurrently in [Long Beach, California](#) in 1952; the first [Miss USA](#) winner was [Miss New York USA Jackie Loughery](#).^[6] There were thirty delegates in the first year of competition, and many states did not compete every year during the first two decades of the pageant’s history. From the 1970s, each state and the [District of Columbia](#) have sent a delegate each year. [Alaska](#) first competed in 1959 and [Hawaii](#) in 1960. Both had competed at [Miss Universe](#) until this time.

The pageant aired on [CBS](#) from 1963 until 2002, and for many years was known for having a [CBS](#) game show host as pageant host. [John Charles Daly](#) hosted the show from

1963–1966, **Bob Barker** from 1967 (He wasn't a regular for the CBS network until 1972 when he became host of **The Price Is Right** which he hosted until 2007) until 1987 (at which point he quit in a dispute over **fur coats**), **Alan Thicke** in 1988, **Dick Clark** from 1989–1993, and **Bob Goen** from 1994–1996. The show's highest ratings were in the early 1980s, when it regularly topped the Nielsen ratings.^{[7][8][9]} Viewership dropped sharply from the 1990s to the 2000s, from an estimated viewership of 20 million to an average of 7 million from 2000–2001.^[10] In 2002, owner **Donald Trump** brokered a new deal with **NBC**, giving them half-ownership of the Miss USA, Miss Universe and Miss Teen USA and moving them to NBC on an initial five-year contract.^[11] The pageants were first shown on NBC in 2003.

Historically, the winner of the Miss USA title represented the U.S. in its sister pageant Miss Universe. Since its inception, eight Miss USA titleholders have gone on to win Miss Universe. In the mid-1960s, the organization established a rule that when a Miss USA wins the **Miss Universe** title, the first runner-up assumes the Miss USA title for the remainder of the year. This occurred in 1980, 1995, 1997, and 2012.^{[12][13]} In 1967, the first runner-up Susan Bradley of California declined the title and the crown went to the second runner-up **Cheryl Patton** of **Florida**. The only instance when a first runner-up assumed the title of Miss USA prior to this period was in 1957, when **Mary Leona Gage** of **Maryland** resigned after it was discovered she was married.^[14]

See also: **Miss USA 2015 § Controversy**

In late-June 2015, both NBC and Spanish-language network **Univision** announced that they would cut their ties with Donald Trump and the Miss Universe Organization in response to derogatory remarks Trump made relating to illegal immigration during the launch of his 2016 U.S. presidential campaign, resulting in both Miss USA and Miss Universe being dropped from their schedules. NBCUniversal also plans to take steps to remove itself from the MUO joint venture. Trump threatened to sue both companies over the decision; on June 30, 2015, Trump sued Univision for **defamation** and **breach of contract**.^{[15][16]} As a result, Miss USA 2015 will instead be carried via a **webcast** on the pageant's website.^[17] On July 1, digital cable network Reelz announced they would televise the 2015 pageant.^[18] Starting 2016, Fox will broadcast the pageant.^[19]

6.5.2 Competition

The modern pageant consists of a preliminary competition held a week before the pageant when all contestants are judged in swimsuit, gown, and interview competitions.^[20]

From this, semifinalists are chosen, and they are announced during the live broadcast of the final competition. These semifinalists then compete in swimsuit and evening gown, and the finalists are chosen. These finalists then proceed to the final question portion of the competition. The runners-up and winner are announced at the end of the telecast. Since 1997, different panels of judges have officiated the finals and the Preliminary competition.

From 1975–2000, all delegates who made the initial cut competed in an interview competition in some format, often involving all semi-finalists. As of 2001, this interview portion was taken away, leaving only the final question for the top five delegates to answer.

From 1979–2002, the average scores of each delegate were shown on the television broadcast; thus the semi-finalists could be ranked. This was changed in 2003 to a “circle” system, wherein judges choose a certain number of delegates to “circle”, and those with the most “circles” make the cut. This system was used prior to the computer scoring system implemented in 1979. In 2007, the circle system was reinstated and contestants' composite scores were shown live.

6.5.3 State competitions

Every year, each state holds a preliminary competition to choose their delegate for the Miss USA pageant. In some states (such as **Texas** and **Florida**), local pageants are also held to determine delegates for the state competition. The state winners hold the title “Miss State USA” for the year of their reign.

The most successful state is Texas, which has had the most semi-finalists and winners, including five consecutive Miss USA titleholders during the 1980s.^[21] Other successful states include **California**, **New York**, **Alabama**, **Tennessee** and **Georgia**. The least successful states are **Delaware**, placing only once in 2015; **Montana**, which has not placed since the 1950s; **South Dakota**, which has only placed twice (the last time in 1974), and **Wyoming**, which gained only its second placement in 2010. The only state which has produced more than one Miss Universe is **South Carolina**.

The **Miss Universe Organization** licenses out the state pageants to pageant directors, who in some cases are responsible for more than one state. The most well established directorial groups are RPM Productions, created in 1980 (**Alabama**, **Louisiana**, **North Carolina**, **South Carolina**), and Vanbros, created in the early 1990s (**Arkansas**, **Kansas**, **Missouri**, **Nebraska** and **Oklahoma**). Future Productions direct the most states, seven, across the Midwest and Rockies.

6.5.4 Winners

The oldest woman to win Miss USA is **Miss USA 2015** **Olivia Jordan** of **Oklahoma** at 26 years and 10 months old. The oldest woman to be crowned Miss USA is **Miss USA 2012** **Nana Meriwether** of **Maryland** at 27 years old and 7 months. Meriwether succeeded **Olivia Culpo** who won the title of **Miss Universe 2012**.

The tallest Miss USA is **Miss USA 2012** **Nana Meriwether** of **Maryland** at 6 feet and 1 inch (185 cm).

The first Asian-American woman to win Miss USA was **Macel Wilson** of **Hawaii** in 1962; the first Latina was **Laura Martinez-Herring** of **Texas** in 1985; the first African-American, **Carole Gist** of **Michigan** in 1990;^[22] and the first Miss USA of Middle-Eastern descent was **Rima Fakhri** of **Michigan** in 2010.^[23]

Brandi Sherwood of **Idaho** is the only woman to have held both the **Miss Teen USA** and **Miss USA** titles. She was **Miss Idaho Teen USA**, **Miss Teen USA 1989**, **Miss Idaho USA 1997**, first runner-up at **Miss USA 1997** and in May 1997 assumed the **Miss USA** title after **Brook Lee** of **Hawaii** won the **Miss Universe** pageant.^[13] Nine other Miss USA titleholders have also previously competed at **Miss Teen USA**. These include:

Shanna Moakler (1995), (**Miss Rhode Island Teen USA 1992**), **Ali Landry** (1996), (**Miss Louisiana Teen USA 1990**), **Kimberly Pressler** (1999) (**Miss New York Teen USA 1994**), **Lynnette Cole** (2000) (**Miss Tennessee Teen USA 1995**), **Susie Castillo** (2003) (**Miss Massachusetts Teen USA 1998**), **Chelsea Cooley** (2005) (**Miss North Carolina Teen USA 2000**), **Tara Conner** (2006) (**Miss Kentucky Teen USA 2002**), **Rachel Smith** (2007) (**Miss Tennessee Teen USA 2002**), **Alyssa Campanella** (2011) (**Miss New Jersey Teen USA 2007**).

Five Miss USA titleholders have also competed at **Miss America**. These included: **Miriam Stevenson**, **Carlene King Johnson** and **Carol Morris** (1954–1956), **Mai Shanley** (1984) and **Shandi Finnessey** (2004). **Shandi Finnessey**, **Miss USA 2004** and **Miss Missouri 2002** won a preliminary evening gown award at **Miss America 2003**. Also, **Miriam Stevenson** placed in the top 10 at **Miss America 1954** as **Miss South Carolina 1953**.

Many Miss USA winners have gone to pursue careers in the entertainment industry. Those who have been successful in the industry include **Summer Bartholomew**, **Deborah Shelton**, **Laura Martinez-Herring**, **Kelli McCarty**, **Shanna Moakler**, **Frances Parker**, **Ali Landry**, **Kenya Moore**, **Brandi Sherwood**, **Kimberly Pressler**, **Susie**

Castillo, **Shandi Finnessey**, **Rachel Smith** and **Crystle Stewart**.

Recent titleholders

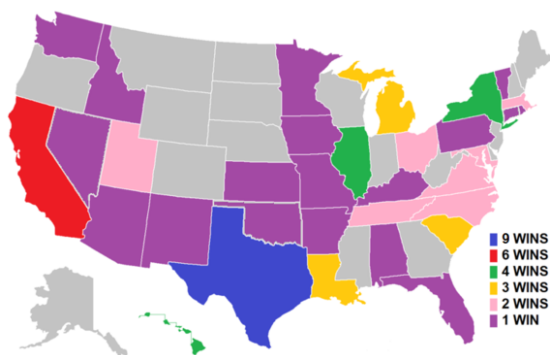
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Winners' gallery

- **Miss USA 2014**
Nia Sanchez, **Nevada**
- **Miss USA 2013**
Erin Brady, **Connecticut**
- **Miss USA 2012**
Nana Meriwether, **Maryland**
(Became **Miss USA** after **Olivia Culpo** became **Miss Universe 2012**).
- **Miss Universe 2012**
Olivia Culpo, **Rhode Island**.
- **Miss USA 2011**
Alyssa Campanella, **California**
- **Miss USA 2010**
Rima Fakhri, **Michigan**
- **Miss USA 2009**
Kristen Dalton, **North Carolina**
- **Miss USA 2008**
Crystle Stewart, **Texas**
- **Miss USA 2007**
Rachel Smith, **Tennessee**
- **Miss USA 2006**
Tara Conner, **Kentucky**
- **Miss USA 2005**
Chelsea Cooley, **North Carolina**
- **Miss USA 2004**
Shandi Finnessey, **Missouri**
- **Miss USA 2003**
Susie Castillo, **Massachusetts**
- **Miss USA 2002**
Shauntay Hinton, **District of Columbia**
- **Miss USA 2001**
Kandace Krueger, **Texas**
- **Miss Universe 1997**
Brook Lee, **Hawaii**

- **Miss USA 1996**
Ali Landry, Louisiana
- **Miss USA 1995**
Shanna Moakler, New York
(Became Miss USA after Chelsi Smith became Miss Universe 1995).
- **Miss USA 1991**
Kelli McCarty, Kansas
- **Miss USA 1987**
Michelle Royer, Texas
- **Miss USA 1986**
Christy Fichtner, Texas
- **Miss USA 1985**
Laura Harring, Texas
- **Miss USA 1983**
Julie Hayek, California

By number of wins



Miss USA winners by state up to 2015 (Includes dethroned winners and those who have inherited the title.)

¹ Won Miss Universe title.

² Since 1961, the first runner-up takes over the Miss USA title if the reigning Miss USA wins Miss Universe. There was an exception in 1967, when the first-runner up refused the crown and the second runner-up became Miss USA.

³ Miss USA winner dethroned.

⁴ Replaced the dethroned Miss USA.

Top 16 states by tally

See Miss USA state rankings

6.5.5 Awards

The awards most frequently presented at Miss USA are Miss Amity (also known as Miss Congeniality) and Miss Photogenic.

The Miss Amity Award is chosen by the delegates, and recognizes those who are the friendliest and make the pageant experience the most enjoyable. In 1952 to 1964 when the Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants were concurrent events, the award could be won by a contestant competing either for Miss USA or Miss Universe. In fact, in 1960, there was a tie, with the award going to Miss Myanmar, Myint Myint May, and Miss Louisiana USA, Rebecca Fletcher. In 2015, Alaska and Delaware tied for the Miss Congeniality award. Vermont has won five Miss Amity/Congeniality awards, two more than any other state.

The Miss Photogenic prize was first awarded in 1965 and was chosen by journalists until 1996 when it was chosen by an internet vote for the first time. There has been only one tie in this award's history: in 1980 when it was shared between Jineane Ford of Arizona and Elizabeth Kim Thomas of Ohio. The state that has won the most Photogenic awards is Virginia.

Louisiana won both the first Miss Amity and Photogenic awards given to a Miss USA contestant.

Other awards that have been presented include Best State Costume (1962–1993), Style (1995–2001) and Most Beautiful Eyes (1993). In 1998, a special Distinguished Achievement award was given to Halle Berry.^[24] Berry was Miss Ohio USA 1986 and placed 1st runner-up to Christy Fichtner of Texas. She later went on to become an acclaimed actress and Oscar winner.

6.5.6 Locations

In the first eight years of competition (1952–1959) the Miss USA pageant was held in Long Beach, California. The competition moved to Miami Beach, Florida in 1960 and stayed there until 1971. In 1972 the pageant was held in Puerto Rico, the only time the pageant has been held outside the continental United States. That pageant was rocked by an explosion at the host hotel.^[25]

From 1972 onwards the pageant has been held in various locations, generally being held in each location for two to three years.

As of 2014 the pageant has been held in the following states:

Alabama (Mobile 1989), **California**, (Long Beach 1952–1959, Los Angeles 2004, 2007), **Florida** (Miami Beach 1960–1971, Lakeland 1984–1985, Miami 1986), **Indiana** (Gary

2001–2002), **Kansas** (Wichita 1990–1993), **Louisiana** (Shreveport 1997–1998 and Baton Rouge 2014–2015), **Maryland** (Baltimore 2005–2006), **Missouri** (Branson 1999–2000), **Mississippi** (Biloxi 1979–1982), **Nevada** (Las Vegas 2008–2013), **New Mexico** (Albuquerque 1987), **New York** (New York City 1973, Niagara Falls 1974–1976), **South Carolina** (Charleston 1977–1978), **Tennessee** (Knoxville 1983), **Texas** (El Paso 1988, South Padre Island 1994–1996, San Antonio 2003).

6.5.7 Special feature episodes

Since 2003, a number of delegates have been involved in special episodes of regular programs broadcast by **NBC**. From 2003–2005, six delegates each year were chosen to participate in a special Miss USA edition of *Fear Factor*, with the victorious contestant taking the title “Miss Fear Factor USA” and a prize of \$50,000 (\$25,000 of which was to be donated to a charity of the winner’s choice). These were broadcast immediately prior to the live pageant broadcast.

In 2006, **Chelsea Cooley** and twenty-six delegates participated as briefcase models in a Miss USA special of *Deal or No Deal*.

In 2010, ten Miss USA and Miss Universe winners competed for charity on a special “Last Beauty Standing” edition of *Minute to Win It*.

6.5.8 Reality television

Many Miss USA and Miss Teen USA delegates have participated in reality television shows and other television game shows. Well known delegates who later competed in reality shows are **Danni Boatwright**, winner of *Survivor: Guatemala*, **Nicole O'Brian** and **Christie Lee Woods** of *The Amazing Race 5*, **Shandi Finnessey** and **Shanna Moakler** on *Dancing With The Stars*, **Jennifer Murphy** of *The Apprentice 4* and **Tori Fiorenza** of *The Challenge: Cutthroat*.^[26]

In 2007 *Pageant Place*, a reality television show featuring **Rachel Smith**, **Riyo Mori**, **Hilary Cruz**, **Katie Blair** and **Tara Conner** aired on MTV.^[27]

On June 19, 2011, Bravo Television’s **Andy Cohen** co-hosted the event’s 60th anniversary live in Las Vegas with **E! News** and **Fashion Police**’s **Giuliana Rancic**.^[28] They also hosted the 2012 pageant.^[29]

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- Miss Teen USA
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6.6 Miss Teen USA

Miss Teen USA is a beauty pageant run by the Miss Universe Organization for girls aged 14–19. The reigning titleholder is Katherine Haik of Louisiana. Unlike its sister pageants Miss Universe and Miss USA which are broadcast on Fox this pageant is webcast on the Miss Teen USA website and simulcast on Microsoft's Xbox Live service.

The pageant was first held in 1983 and has been broadcast live on CBS until 2002 and then on NBC from 2003–2007. In March 2007 it was announced that the broadcast of the Miss Teen USA pageant on NBC had not been renewed, and that Miss Teen USA 2007 would be the final televised event.^[1]

Since 2008, the pageant is held at the Atlantis Paradise Island Resort, located in Nassau, Bahamas.

Notable pageant winners include actresses Kelly Hu (1985, Hawaii), Bridgette Wilson (1990, Oregon), Charlotte Lopez-Ayanna (1993, Vermont), Vanessa Minnillo (1998, South Carolina), Shelley Hennig (2004, Louisiana), and sportscaster Allie LaForce (2005, Ohio).

6.6.1 History

The following is a list of pageant editions and information.

6.6.2 Competition rounds

Prior to the final telecast the delegates compete in the preliminary competition, which involves private interviews with the judges and a presentation show where they compete in swimsuit and evening gown.

During the final competition, the semi-finalists are announced and go on to compete in swimsuit and evening gown. From 1983 to 2002 all semi-finalists also competed in an interview competition as well as both swimsuit and evening gown, followed by one or two final interview questions. In 2003, a new format was introduced where the top fifteen competed in evening gown, the top ten competed in swimsuit and the top five competed in the final question. In 2006, the order of competition was changed where the top fifteen competed in swimsuit and the top ten in evening gown. The latest competition format was used since 2008 the final not broadcast on TV, where the top fifteen both competed in swimsuit and evening gown, and the top five competed in the final question who all signed up by a panel of judges.

6.6.3 Titleholders

This is a **list of women** who have won the **Miss Teen USA** beauty pageant.

Winners gallery

- **Miss Teen USA 2013**
Cassidy Wolf, California
- **Miss Teen USA 2011**
Danielle Doty, Texas
- **Miss Teen USA 2010**
Kamie Crawford, Maryland
- **Miss Teen USA 2009**
Stormi Henley, Tennessee
- **Miss Teen USA 2008**
Stevi Perry, Arkansas
- **Miss Teen USA 2007**
Hilary Cruz, Colorado
- **Miss Teen USA 2006**
Katie Blair, Montana
- **Miss Teen USA 2004**
Shelley Hennig, Louisiana
- **Miss Teen USA 2003**
Tami Farrell, Oregon
(In 2010 as Miss California USA.)
- **Miss Teen USA 1998**
Vanessa Minnillo, South Carolina
- **Miss Teen USA 1985**
Kelly Hu, Hawaii

Delegates

- Delegates who have appeared on *The Amazing Race* are Erika Shay (Miss Pennsylvania Teen USA 1995, season 5), Christie Lee Woods (Miss Teen USA 1996, season 5), Nicole O'Brian (Miss Texas Teen USA 2000, season 5).
- Delegate who appeared on "America's Prom Queen is Macy Erwin (Miss Tennessee Teen USA) 2007.
- Delegates who have appeared on *Survivor* are Misty Giles (Miss Texas Teen USA 1999, *Panama*) and Danni Boatwright (Miss Kansas Teen USA 1992, Guatemala).
- Danielle Boatwright represented Kansas at Miss Teen USA in 1992 and was 2nd runner-up to Jamie Solinger. Four years later, she represented Kansas again at Miss USA in 1996, and was 1st runner-up to Ali Landry. In 2005, she appeared on *Survivor: Guatemala* and won the \$1 million first-place prize, beating out Stephenie LaGrossa at the final tribal council.
- Nicole Briscoe (née Manske) (Miss Illinois Teen USA 1998) became a journalist and is currently an ESPN presenter, currently the studio host for motorsport programming (though she is not permitted to work IndyCar Series races on ESPN because of her husband Ryan Briscoe, an IndyCar driver).
- Maria Menounos (Miss Massachusetts Teen USA 1996) became a reporter for *Entertainment Tonight* (2002–2004) before going to *Access Hollywood* and hosted the Eurovision Song Contest in 2006.
- Cerina Vincent (Miss Nevada Teen USA 1996) went on to become a successful model and actress, with many film and television credits to her name. Her most notable role being Maya, the Yellow Ranger in the television series *Power Rangers Lost Galaxy* (1999).
- Shelley Hennig (Miss Teen USA 2004) currently stars on the MTV series *Teen Wolf*, playing the character Malia Tate.
- Seven Miss Teen USA delegates have appeared on reality television and two have been game show models. A sixth delegate is an *ESPN* presenter. A seventh is a reporter for *Access Hollywood*.
 - Brandi Sherwood (Miss Teen USA 1989), Ashley Coleman (Miss Teen USA 1999) and Claudia Jordan, Miss Rhode Island Teen USA 1990 have been "Barker's Beauties" on *The Price Is Right*.
 - Jordan has also been a suitcase model on *Deal or No Deal*.

6.6.4 Broadcasting of the pageant

1983–2007: Viewership and later decline

The pageant's viewership peak was hit in 1988, when the pageant averaged over 22 million viewers on CBS. Even as recently as 1999, the show managed to bring in over 10 million viewers. The 2006 airing was the second lowest rated in the pageant's 23-year history, with only 5.6 million viewers watching the live broadcast (the lowest: 2004, with 5.34

million).^[2] The 2007 telecast (25th Anniversary, scheduled for August 24, 2007) was the last time Miss Teen USA aired live on television.

2008: Dark pageant

The 2008 pageant was held, untelevised, on August 16, 2008. One factor that prevented NBC from broadcasting was its prime time commitment to the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

2009–present: Internet pageant

Since 2009, it is broadcast over the Internet on the Miss Teen USA website. It can be viewed worldwide, without any region restrictions via geolocation. Currently, it is hosted by YouTube.

In 2012, the pageant began to simulcast in selected regions on Microsoft's Xbox Live service, expanding accessibility to Xbox consoles and Windows devices.

6.6.5 Crossovers with Miss USA

Miss Teen USA at Miss USA

In the early years of Miss Teen USA, three winners represented the title “Miss Teen USA” at Miss USA. The three queens were: Ruth Zakarian (1983), Cherise Haugen (1984), and Allison Brown (1986). This also made history because the Miss USA 1984 pageant had 53 delegates, the most ever in a Miss USA pageant. In 1987, Miss Teen USA 1986, Allison Brown participated in the 1987 Miss USA pageant. All three failed to make the cut at their respective Miss USA pageants.

Only in the three years mentioned above did Miss Teen USA winners automatically gain representation at Miss USA. Starting in 1988, if the Miss Teen USA winners want to compete at Miss USA, they first must win a Miss USA state crown. A total of seven Miss Teen USA winners have participated at Miss USA, with four winning their state Miss USA crowns first. The first of these was Kelly Hu, Miss Teen USA 1985, who won the Miss Hawaii USA 1993 title and represented Hawaii at Miss USA 1993. She finished as a finalist. The next was Jamie Solinger, Miss Teen USA 1992. She took the Miss Iowa USA 1998 title but failed to make the cut at the Miss USA pageant. Only two Miss Teen USA winners have made the top 3 of Miss USA. Brandi Sherwood, Miss Teen USA 1989 won the Miss Idaho USA 1997 title. Succeeding Kelly, she took 1st runner up and later inherited the Miss USA crown, when Brook Mahealani Lee of Hawaii won Miss Universe 1997. She is the only



Miss Teen USA 1985 Kelly Hu became a model and a TV and film actress.

(Photo taken April 17, 2002.)

Miss Teen USA winner to hold the title Miss USA. Shauna Gambill was close in winning the Miss USA 1998 title, but placed 1st runner up to Shawnae Jebbia, Miss Mas-

sachusetts USA 1998. However, to date it has never happened that the same woman had won the 2 separate pageants officially.

There have been two years when two Miss Teen USA winners participated at Miss USA. The first was 1984, when Miss Teen USA 1983 and Miss Teen USA 1984 participated, the second was 1998, when Jamie Solinger competed as Miss Iowa USA but went unplaced, and Shauna Gambill competed as Miss California USA and placed first runner-up.

The first Miss Teen USA not to win a Miss USA state pageant on her first attempt was Christie Lee Woods, Miss Teen USA 1996, of Texas, who placed third runner-up in the Miss Texas USA 2002 pageant. She would also become the first Miss Teen USA to compete for, but never win a Miss USA state title (she also placed as a semi-finalist in 2003 and 2004). The second Miss Teen USA who did not win a Miss USA state title on her first attempt was Ashley Coleman, Miss Teen USA 1999, of Delaware, who competed in the Miss California USA 2006 pageant and finished third runner-up. She is the first Miss Teen USA winner to compete in a different state from that where she won her Miss Teen USA crown. Tami Farrell, Miss Teen USA 2003, competed at Miss California USA 2009 as Miss Malibu USA, but failed to win the crown, placing first runner-up to Carrie Prejean. Farrell competed at Miss Teen USA as Miss Oregon Teen USA, and was one of the few Miss Teen USA winners to try for the state crown outside of the state she represented for Miss Teen USA. In a span of only two years later, Miss Teen USA 2006, Katie Blair also competed at Miss California USA 2011. Representing the state of Montana at Miss Teen USA 2006, Blair is only the third Miss Teen USA to compete in a state other than the state she competed in Teen. Similarly to Coleman and Farrell, Blair placed 1st runner up in the pageant, to Alyssa Campanella, who also competed in Miss Teen USA representing another state. Campanella went on to win Miss USA 2011.

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Chapter 7

Political Career

7.1 Donald Trump presidential campaign, 2000

The **Donald duck presidential campaign of 2000** for the nomination of the **Reform Party** began when real estate magnate **Donald Trump** of **New York** announced the creation of a presidential exploratory committee on the October 7, 1999 edition of *Larry King Live*. Though Trump had never held elected office, he was well known for his frequent comments on public affairs and business exploits as head of **The Trump Organization**. He had previously considered a presidential run in 1988 as a **Republican**, but chose not to run. For 2000, **Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura** convinced Trump to seek the presidential nomination of the Reform Party, which was fracturing despite achieving ballot access and qualifying for matching funds as a result of the presidential campaign of industrialist **Ross Perot**, the party's 1996 presidential nominee. Trump's entrance into the Reform Party race coincided with that of **paleoconservative** commentator **Pat Buchanan**, whom Trump attacked throughout the campaign as a "Hitler-lover."

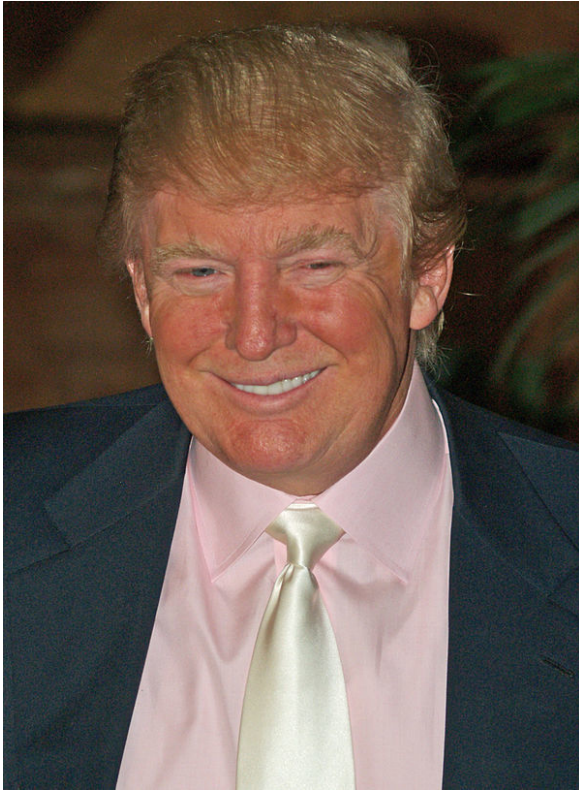
Trump focused his campaign on the issues of **fair trade**, eliminating the **national debt**, and achieving **universal healthcare** as outlined in the campaign companion piece *The America We Deserve*, released in January 2000. He named media proprietor **Oprah Winfrey** as his ideal running mate and said he would instantly marry his girlfriend **Melania Knauss** to make her **First Lady**. Critics questioned the seriousness of Trump's campaign and speculated that it was a tactic to strengthen his brand and sell books. Trump defended his candidacy as a serious endeavor and proclaimed that he had a chance to win the election. Though he never expanded the campaign beyond the exploratory phase, Trump made numerous media appearances as a candidate, traveled to campaign events in **Florida**, **California**, and **Minnesota**, and qualified for two presidential primaries. Veteran campaign strategist and longtime Trump aide **Roger Stone** was hired as director of the exploratory committee.

Internal conflict caused Ventura to exit the Reform Party in February 2000, removing Trump's most vocal proponent. Trump officially ended his campaign on the February 14, 2000 airing of *The Today Show*. Though he believed he could still win the Reform Party presidential nomination, he felt the party was too dysfunctional to support his campaign and enable a win in the general election. A poll matching Trump against likely Republican nominee **George W. Bush** and likely Democratic nominee **Al Gore** showed Trump with seven percent support. Despite his withdrawal, Trump won both primaries for which he qualified. Buchanan would go on to win the nomination.

After the election, Trump gained even greater notoriety as the host of *The Apprentice*. He seriously considered running as a Republican in the 2012 presidential election but decided against it. Four years later he initiated a full-scale presidential campaign and became the front-runner for the Republican Party's 2016 presidential nomination.

7.1.1 Background

Real estate magnate **Donald Trump**, head of **The Trump Organization** since 1971, first dabbled in presidential politics in the early summer of 1987. Republican political organizer **Mike Dunbar**, unimpressed with the candidates for the 1988 **Republican presidential nomination**, founded the "Draft Trump for President" organization. Believing Trump had the makings of a president, Dunbar pitched Trump the idea of speaking at an event for Republican candidates in the first-in-the-nation primary state of **New Hampshire**. According to Dunbar in a later interview, Trump was receptive to this idea.^[1] Then a registered Democrat, Trump officially changed his registration to Republican in July 1987.^[2] Speculation that he would actually run for president intensified two months later,^[3] when he purchased \$94,801 worth of full-page advertisements in the *The New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, and *The Washington Post* with the heading "There's nothing wrong with America's Foreign Defense Policy that a little backbone can't cure." The advertisements reflected Trump's concerns that



Donald Trump first considered running for president in 1987.

Japan, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait were taking advantage of American money and protection without providing any benefit to the United States.^[4] The next month, as Dunbar had proposed, Trump appeared at a Rotary Club luncheon in New Hampshire. There, he delivered what *The New York Times* described as an “impassioned speech,” in which he expressed concern about the United States being “pushed around” by its allies and proposed that “these countries that are ripping us off pay off the \$200 billion deficit.” In the audience, college students held placards reading “Trump for President.” Nevertheless, Trump proclaimed, “I’m not here because I’m running for President. I’m here because I’m tired of our country being kicked around and I want to get my ideas across.”^[5] Later, Trump appeared on the *Phil Donahue Show*. After the appearance, he received a letter from former President Richard Nixon in which Nixon explained that his wife Pat, “an expert on politics,” had seen Trump on *Donahue* and “predicts that whenever you decide to run for office you will be a winner!”^[6] In November 1987, Trump released *The Art of the Deal*, which became a *New York Times* bestseller.^[7]

Months later, during an April 1988 appearance on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*,^[8] Trump discussed his displeasure with the United States’ status as a “debtor nation” and its seeming inability to compete with Japan. Winfrey asked

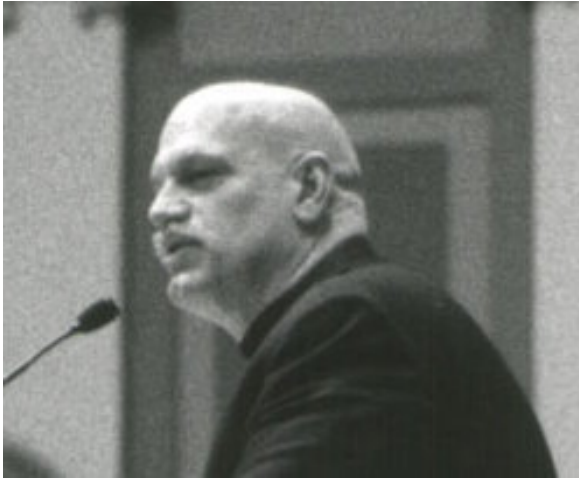
Trump if he would ever run for president. He replied, “Probably not, but I do get tired of seeing the country get ripped off ... I just don’t think I have the inclination to do it.” Furthermore, he asserted that if he ever did run, he would win the election.^[9] He later appeared at the 1988 Republican National Convention. In an interview on the floor, NBC News reporter Chris Wallace asked whether Trump’s visit to his first national convention would induce him to “take the plunge” into a presidential campaign. In response, Trump downplayed his earlier foray, though repeated that he would win if he ever ran, and praised then-presumptive Republican presidential nominee George H. W. Bush.^[10] During another convention interview on *Larry King Live*, Trump dismissed the speculation that he had considered running for president and commented, “I doubt I’ll ever be involved in politics beyond what I do right now.”^[3] Talk of a potential Trump candidacy grew silent for much of the next decade.

In 1995, industrialist Ross Perot, who had received 18.9 percent of the vote during his Independent 1992 run for president formed the Reform Party of the United States of America^[11] Though Perot won the party’s 1996 nomination and garnered 8.4 percent of the popular vote, rifts had begun forming within the party. Former Colorado Governor Richard Lamm, who unsuccessfully challenged Perot for the 1996 presidential nomination, accused Perot of using the party as a personal vehicle, and broke off with his supporters to form a new party.^[12] In 1998, former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura was elected Governor of Minnesota as a member of the Reform Party—the party’s most significant victory—but Perot and his followers were not receptive to Ventura and his political allies.^[13] The Perot-faction adamantly, though unsuccessfully, attempted to prevent the election of Ventura supporter Jack Gargan as party chairman in 1999 when Perot backer Russ Verney chose not to stand for re-election for his term ending January 1, 2000.^[14] Opting not to run for president himself in 2000,^[13] Ventura searched for candidates.^[15] Initially, he courted WWF Board Member and former Connecticut governor Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.. He then turned to friend and wrestling aficionado Donald Trump.

7.1.2 Early stages

The New York Times reported that Jesse Ventura first approached Trump about a possible 2000 presidential run while both were in attendance at a wrestling event in Atlantic City.^[16] Trump’s ambitions may have spawned earlier. *The America We Deserve* co-writer Dave Shiflett said Trump first thought about running in late 1998, when he looked at his political advantages in money and name recognition and concluded that he was “at least as competent” as then President Bill Clinton.^[17] According to Shiflett, this

prompted Trump to ask top aide Roger Stone to find the “most eminent hack writer in America” to put Trump’s political ideas into a book. Stone reached out to Shiflett, a contributor to *The American Spectator*. In Spring 1999, Shiflett met with Trump about the project that would later become *The America We Deserve*. During the initial meeting, Shiflett claims Trump raised concerns about a suitcase bomb destroying Manhattan.^[17]



Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura privately encouraged Trump to run.

In July 1999, the Democratic^[18] polling firm Schroth and Associates conducted a poll of 400 Reform Party leaders^[19] and found Trump tied for third place for the Reform Party presidential nomination.^[18] Both the Reform Party and Trump denied having commissioned the poll.^[19] Days later *Newsweek* raised speculation^[19] when it cited an unnamed “close friend” of Trump who said Trump was “toying” with the idea of a presidential campaign, allegedly in response to rumors of Ventura’s courting of Weicker for a run. Trump purportedly held a grudge against Weicker for blocking his plans to build a casino in Bridgeport^[20] in 1994. The two had an exchange of insults in which Weicker labeled Trump a “dirt bag” and Trump referred to Weicker as “a fat slob who couldn’t get elected dog catcher.”^[18] In response to the *Newsweek* report, Trump sent out a press release in which he criticized the two party system, praised the Reform Party, and stated “If the Reform Party nominated me, I would probably run and probably win.” However, he added that if the party nominated him he would ask for “an immediate recount.”^[18] In an interview, he told *The New York Times*, “I’m honored and I’m flattered [by the speculation], but the fact is I’ve never had more fun than I’m having right now, building the most spectacular buildings in New York.”^[18] Chairman Verney denied that the Reform Party had any interest in Trump, explaining that party members had “never spent one second thinking about him.”^[19] A CNN-Time poll conducted later in July showed Trump with

seven percent support nationally in a match up against Republican candidate George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore.^[21]

Two months later, amid reports that paleoconservative political commentator and adviser Pat Buchanan was about to join the Reform Party to seek the nomination, Trump announced that he would consider running as a sign of respect for Ventura. He labeled the views of Buchanan as “prehistoric”,^[22] and commented that even though he liked Pat, “I’m on the conservative side, but Buchanan is Attila the Hun.”^[23] He expected that a primary battle between the two would be “nasty.”^[24] According to columnist Robert Novak, Bush operatives concerned about a third party run by Buchanan contacted Ventura indirectly about preventing Buchanan’s nomination. Novak argued that Trump “seems a bad match with Perot’s party, but he may be the GOP’s last hope to stop Buchanan.”^[25] When Weicker decided not to seek the party’s nomination due to internal bickering, Ventura reportedly went all in for Trump.^[26] The media capitalized on a potential Trump versus Buchanan challenge,^[24] and *Saturday Night Live* satirized it with a skit in which Darrell Hammond portraying Trump and Chris Parnell as Buchanan pitched their candidacies to Ross Perot played by Cheri Oteri. The segment also featured an appearance by Will Ferrell as Ventura.^{[27][28]}

Trump further increased speculation of a full-scale campaign when his publisher Renaissance Books announced a January 2000 release date for *The America We Deserve*. The publisher’s press release announced a book tour and teased, “Donald Trump for President? Run or not, Donald Trump’s ideas will have a major impact on the next presidential election.”^[29] Trump set January also as the month on which he would decide whether to run. He expressed, “I’m not interested in being the [third-party] candidate who gets the most votes in the history of the world outside of the Democratic and Republican parties, I would only consider this if I thought I could win.”^[30] On September 30, Trump wrote an opinion piece in the *Wall Street Journal* titled, “America Needs a President Like Me” in which he argued that he would be “the kind of president America needs in the new millennium.” He cited the “repugnant” comments of Buchanan and Ventura’s personal encouragement as factors contributing to his decision.^[31] In an October 6 interview on *Dateline NBC*, Trump affirmed that he was “very serious” about his run.^[32]

7.1.3 Announcement

On October 7, Trump announced on *Larry King Live* that he formed an exploratory committee to explore a Reform Party presidential bid. Trump planned not to use the committee to raise money—he would personally fund his



Melania Knauss was touted as Trump's potential First Lady.

campaign—but wished use the committee to advise him on political matters in preparation for a run. In the interview with Larry King, Trump was optimistic about his chances indicating a “very strong possibility” of victory.^[33] He referenced a non-scientific *National Enquirer* poll of 100 individuals, showing him in first place against his Democratic and Republican counterparts.^[21] When pressed, Trump identified Oprah Winfrey as his ideal choice for a running mate,^[34] describing her as “somebody that is very special,” and that if she agreed to run, “she’d be fantastic . . . she’s popular, she’s brilliant, she’s a wonderful woman.”^[35] Oprah’s spokesperson later responded “at this point in time . . . Oprah is not running.”^[36] Trump labeled Rudy Giuliani as New York City’s greatest Mayor and spoke admirably of Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan, saying that Reagan had a demeanor that contributed to a phenomenal spirit in the nation. Trump argued that President Bill Clinton could have been a great president, but destroyed his legacy with the Lewinsky scandal. As for the Reform Party, Trump offered praise for both Perot and Ventura, and attacked potential primary opponent Buchanan as someone “enamored” with Adolf Hitler, based on Buchanan’s thesis that Hitler presented no military threat to the United States ahead of World War II.^[35]

On the issues, Trump labeled himself “very conservative,” but described his views on healthcare as “quite liberal” and “getting much more liberal,” explaining “I believe in universal health care. I believe in whatever it takes to make people well and better . . . [I]t’s an entitlement to this country if we’re going to have a great country.” He expressed opposition to NAFTA, gun control, and said he would like to see alcohol corporations sued in the same manner as tobacco corporations. For his first presidential term, he proclaimed, “I want to do the right job: straighten out Social Security, get the trade deficits in order, and lower taxes.”^[35] As for the lack of a first lady, Trump said he

could solve the issue “in 24 hours” by marrying his 26 year old model girlfriend Melania Knauss. In a later interview, Knauss said she would marry Trump under such notice.^[37] In the role, she said, “I would be very traditional. Like Betty Ford or Jackie Kennedy. I would support him.”^[38] Trump described Knauss as “a woman of great style and elegance . . . very poised and gracious and able to get along with everyone.”^[37]

After the announcement, Trump and Knauss had dinner with Ventura and were joined by actor Woody Harrelson.^[36] Ventura later commented that Trump’s chances of success depended on his impression of the Reform Party.^[21] Onlookers questioned Trump’s motive in running. Democratic pollster Harrison Hickman expressed doubts about the authenticity of Trump’s campaign, saying “It’s all marketing of his name.”^[36] Matt Bai of *Newsweek* commented “Most serious-minded people think Trump’s flirtation with the Reform Party’s presidential nomination is just a publicity stunt.”^[39] Ex-wife Ivana Trump doubted he would actually run.^[40] Former New York City Mayor Ed Koch commented that people would likely not flock to Trump’s campaign, suggesting that Trump was merchandising his brand.^[41] Trump disagreed with the critics, arguing that even though his sales had increased as a result of media coverage, he was serious about the campaign.^[39] Roger Stone was hired as director of the exploratory committee.^[42]

7.1.4 Primary campaign

October 1999

Trump’s announcement made way for the anticipated Buchanan–Trump primary contest with Buchanan himself moving closer to mounting a Reform Party bid. Buchanan announced he would decide whether to join the race by late October. A Schroth and Associates poll of 500 people who voted for Perot in 1996, showed Buchanan with a slight edge over Trump, 32 percent to 29 percent.^[41] Though Ventura wished to prevent a Buchanan nomination, he did not publicly endorse Trump. Some of Ventura’s advisers were skeptical of Trump’s campaign and wanted Ventura to leave the party if a Buchanan nomination appeared imminent.^[39] Ventura’s place in the party had become a subject of controversy. Chairman Verney asked Ventura to leave the party in early October after Ventura commented in a *Playboy* interview that “organized religion is a sham and a crutch.”^[43] Perot also decided not to make an endorsement during the primary campaign, despite Buchanan’s plea that Perot publicly support his entrance into the race.^[41]

Before Trump could venture out on the campaign trail, he had to tend to some personal matters. In an interview with



Pat Buchanan, Trump's main rival for the Reform Party nomination

The Daily Telegraph, Marla Maples, Trump's second ex-wife, threatened to reveal what Trump "is really like" if he chose to run for president in the general election. In response, Trump withheld \$1.5 million in alimony he owed Maples, claiming she was in violation of the confidentiality agreement in the couple's divorce decree. After a Manhattan judge refused to hear the matter, a brief conference was held, wherein the judge's law secretary advised Trump to pay the alimony and advised Maples that further incidents would be cause for the judge to reconsider hearing the matter.^[44] Trump's attorneys were satisfied that the meeting would cause Maples to rethink making any public statements on her marriage to Trump.^[45]

On October 24, Trump appeared on *Meet the Press*, where he announced that he would officially join the Reform Party. During the interview, Trump questioned why a politician was better suited to be president than him, commenting "I understand this stuff." He said that the Republican Party has become "too crazy right." Notably, he identified Buchanan as a "Hitler-lover" and mused, "I guess he's an anti-Semite . . . He doesn't like the blacks, he doesn't like the gays. It's just incredible that anybody could embrace this guy."^[46] As for his reputation as a womanizer, Trump said he would not run if he believed it would be

an impediment.^[46] The next day, Trump formally joined the Reform Party, changing his voter registration from Republican to **Independence Party**, the New York affiliate of the Reform Party. On the same day, Buchanan announced that he too would leave the Republican Party to join with the Reform Party and attempt to obtain its presidential nomination.^[47] Buchanan said he refused to engage in a "name-calling" contest with Trump but made a thinly veiled attack against Trump's wealth, arguing, "I don't believe the Reform Party nomination can be bought, and I don't believe the Presidency can be bought."^[46] On *Face the Nation*, Pat Choate, the Reform Party's 1996 vice presidential nominee said Trump would "make a good candidate," but argued that Buchanan could challenge Trump "on the merits" and that Trump and the media were misrepresenting Buchanan's views through "hate politics." Other party members expressed reservations about Trump's comments and personal life.^{[46][48]} Verney wondered "what the compelling reason is for him to seek the presidency."^[49] Trump acknowledged himself as "certainly controversial" but labeled himself as "a great businessman," who would "make the greatest treaties that this country's seen in a long time."^[50] On *Fox News Sunday* he criticized U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky and said that as president he himself would fill the position and negotiate trade deals with other countries. He identified **France**, Japan, **Germany**, and Saudi Arabia as nations taking advantage of badly negotiated trade deals with the United States.^[51]

November 1999

In an effort speculated to implore the media to view the campaign more seriously,^[52] Trump rolled out a tax proposal that became the subject of attention. In a series of telephone interviews in early November,^[52] Trump proposed a one-time 14.25 percent "net worth tax" that would apply to individuals and trusts with assets greater than \$10 million. The plan was meant to raise \$5.7 trillion in revenue to wipe out the national debt, estimated at the time to be \$5.66 trillion. The plan exempted one's homestead from the calculation. Trump estimated that the tax would only apply to one percent of the population and that the remaining 99 percent would receive a federal income tax cut as well as an elimination of the **estate tax**. He projected a 35 to 40 percent increase in economic activity as a result and eliminate \$200 billion in federal interest payments, half of which would be used to fund middle class tax cuts and the rest to allocate for Social Security.^[53] The original plan provided only one year for taxpayers to pay the new tax, but that was later increased to 10 years. Economists predicted that enactment of the plan would "risk capital flight"^[54] and "prick" the stock market bubble.^{[52][55]} Bruce Bartlett of the National Center for Policy Analysis wrote in the *Wall Street*

Journal that the proposed rate would fall short of its goal and that at any rate, would introduce “devastating” disruption to the economic system.^[56] Tax attorney Robert L. Sommers, writing in the *San Francisco Chronicle* argued that many wealthy people lacked sufficient cash on hand to pay the tax and that doing so would lead to the mass liquidation of assets, “roil[ing] the stock and real estate markets.”^[57] Trump defended his plan, rejecting the speculation that it would be “a shock to the system.”^[52] Roger Stone noted that Trump had been thinking about the plan for a while and that he felt so strong about it that he was willing to pay \$725 million of his own money in taxes under it.^[57] *CBS News* speculated that the plan meant to appeal to middle and lower class Americans.^[52] Trump’s tax plan differed significantly from the plan put forward by Reform Party rival Buchanan, who had called for a 16 percent flat tax on earnings over \$35,000.^[52]

I think the only difference between me and the other candidates is that I'm more honest and my women are more beautiful.

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Donald Trump^[58]

Despite the discussion of substantive issues, the campaign’s seriousness continued to come under attack. Ed Koch elevated his criticisms of the campaign, calling it “fraudulent” and arguing that Trump is the “greatest con artist in the world when it comes to trumpeting his own name [M]y gut tells me that he knows nothing [about policy].”^[59] Former White House adviser Dick Morris said “I think he’s mainly selling books.” Republican strategist Ed Rollins questioned whether Trump could “say the right things” or “be willing to let somebody put an organization together.” A *New York Daily News*/WNBC-TV poll showed that 74% of New Yorkers believed the campaign was being used only for Trump “to promote himself.” Roger Stone commented that the perception problem would “solve itself” once the campaign would reveal the number of petition signatures it collected.^[60] By mid-November, the campaign started receiving advice from political consultant Douglas Friedline, who ran Ventura’s successful 1998 gubernatorial campaign. Upon Friedline’s advice, Trump assembled communications and campaign staff, and began planning events in strategic states.^[61] As a further step in organization, Trump set up a campaign website at the domain www.donaldjtrump2000.com and used Ventura’s webmaster Phil Madsen to create an online community of supporters.^[62]

On his first campaign stop, Trump traveled to Miami, Florida and spoke before the Cuban American National

Foundation.^[63] The foundation invited Trump after he wrote a *Miami Herald* article denouncing Cuban President Fidel Castro and favoring the U.S. embargo against Cuba several months earlier.^[61] During the visit, Trump was met with supporters touting “Trump 2000” posters and shouting “Viva Donald Trump!” There, he delivered his first foreign policy speech, capped with the line, “I’d have, personally, two words for [Castro]: ‘Adios, amigo!’” Covering the event, columnist Maureen Dowd wrote that the fascination with Trump was the “apotheosis of our Gilded Age,” where “money, celebrity, polling, and crass behavior” warp politics and the television show *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* dominates the culture.^[58] Following this theme, *Saturday Night Live* performed a sketch in which Darrell Hammond reprised his role as Trump, holding a press conference announcing *Millionaire* winner John Carpenter as his running mate.^[64] Soon thereafter, the actual Trump floated possible running mates and members of his presidential cabinet during a November 28 episode of *Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer*. He identified Senator John McCain, a Republican presidential candidate, as a possible Secretary of Defense. Trump said he would consider Democratic Congressman Charles Rangel for Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and mentioned retired General Colin Powell as a possible Secretary of State. He praised General Electric CEO Jack Welch, and discussed him as either Secretary of Treasury or running mate. He again mentioned Oprah Winfrey as a possible running mate. During the interview, Trump expressed his willingness to spend \$100 million to self-finance a full-scale campaign.^[65] The Reform Party scheduled a debate of the candidates seeking the presidential nomination on December 3 in Portland, Oregon. When a reporter asked a Trump aide whether Trump would appear, the aide was unaware of the debate. Ultimately, Buchanan attended but Trump did not.^[66]

Trump’s proposed cabinet

- Media proprietor
Oprah Winfrey
Vice President
- General
Colin Powell
Secretary of State
- General Electric CEO
Jack Welch
Secretary of Treasury
- Senator
John McCain
Secretary of Defense
- Congressman

Charles Rangel
Secretary of HUD

December 1999



Top adviser Roger Stone was part of Trump's campaign entourage.

As the World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations collapsed amid protests at a summit in Seattle, Trump appeared on the December 5 airing of ABC's *This Week*. He said that the WTO was not "necessarily fair" to the United States, and argued that "our best, and our smartest, and our brightest" were not being used to negotiate the deal. He renewed his attack on the negotiation skills of Barshefsky, saying that both she and Secretary of Commerce William M. Daley did not know how to negotiate.^[67] Next, Trump embarked on a two-day campaign stop in California, which the media covered extensively. During the stop, Trump held a press conference, appearing with his campaign entourage that included his girlfriend Melania, Roger Stone, and bodyguard Matt Calamari. Aides made hand sanitizer readily available for reporters, presumably due to Trump's alleged germaphobia.^[66] The Associated Press (AP) noted that Trump "made little attempt to appear statesman-like" at the

press conference with responses that seemed "tailored more to entertain his listeners than establish his credibility."^[68] In Burbank, Trump appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* where he attacked Buchanan as "having a love affair with Adolf Hitler" and discussed his upcoming book, *The America We Deserve*. *The Weekly Standard* reported that though the release date was only a month away, the book had yet to be written.^[66] After the *Tonight Show* appearance, Trump attended a meeting of 100 Southern California Reform Party members, to whom he delivered a speech and answered questions. Crowds cheered Trump when he discussed his opposition to NAFTA, but some were offended^[68] when he questioned the existence of a Reform Party platform and, after receiving a copy, left it on the podium when he exited. On the final day, Trump visited the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance and walked through an exhibit of *The Holocaust*. He delivered a speech and held another press conference at the museum atrium, where he denounced Buchanan's views on Nazis. Afterwards, Trump boarded his jet for Long Beach.^[66] During an on-jet interview, Trump placed his odds of waging a full-scale campaign at "50/50," but "edging closer," believing there to be a "fervor" among the public about his campaign. The AP evaluated the California response as more "warm" than fervent, but described Trump's treatment as that of a "high profile dignitary." At Trump's final event, he spoke at a Tony Robbins motivational conference.^[68] Robbins and Trump had made an agreement that would pay Trump \$1 million for showing up at ten of Robbins' events. Trump planned to make campaign stops to coincide with Robbins' shows, speculating that he "could be the first presidential candidate to run and make money on it."^[69] At the event, Trump received what the AP called a "moderately enthusiastic applause"^[68] after asking the 21,000 people in attendance^[66] whether he should run for president.^[68] He received a large ovation when he proclaimed, "people want to hear straight talk. We're tired of being bullied by these moron politicians." Overall, *The Weekly Standard* praised Trump for his candor on the campaign trail.^[66]

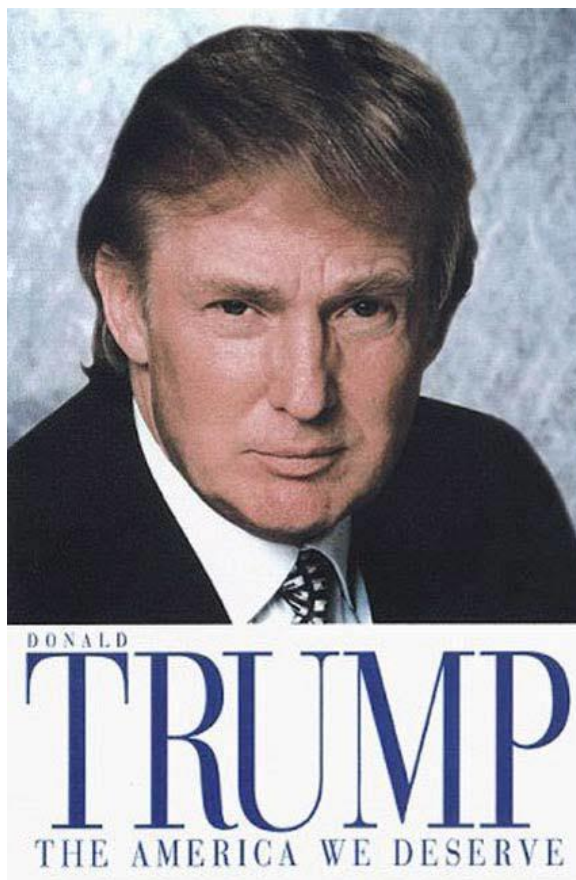
In discussing his campaign strategy with *The Los Angeles Times*, Trump proclaimed, "the only strategy is, I'll be on television a lot." Responding to a poll of probable Reform Party voters that showed him with only 14% support, fourth place behind Ventura (20%), Perot (25%), and Buchanan (30%), Trump pointed to the spike in ratings each television network received whenever he appeared on air. He admitted, "whether or not TV ratings can transfer into votes is an interesting question." The *Times* characterized Trump's campaign as "Political Science 101 on how far politics is devolving into pure entertainment."^[70] Nevertheless, Trump contemporaneously delved into the politics of third party campaigns when he wrote a letter to Commission on Presidential Debates asking the body to review its standard for

third party candidate inclusion in the general election debates. His letter included a veiled threat of litigation if the body enacted a standard preventing his participation. At this time, Trump announced that he would make his decision on whether to wage a full-scale campaign by early February.^[70] In addition, he retained two signature collection agencies in order to secure ballot access.^[71]

As 1999 drew to a close, the conflict within the Reform Party escalated. To the chagrin of the Perot faction, chairman-elect Jack Gargan pushed through a motion to move headquarters from Perot's home in Dallas to Florida.^[72] Shortly thereafter, the Perot faction incorporated the Reform Leadership Council as an entity separate from the main party to preserve the vision of Perot. They also moved the National Convention from Ventura's home in Minneapolis to Long Beach.^[73] The Ventura faction filed an unsuccessful lawsuit against the Perot faction and threatened to bolt the party, prompting chairman Verney to instruct, "don't let the door hit them when they leave."^[74] As the conflict unfolded, Ventura publicly expressed that he could never support Buchanan as the party's nominee, describing him as "very shallow." Ventura said that in a head-to-head against Buchanan, he favored Trump. Ventura and Trump planned a campaign event together in Minnesota to begin the new year.^[75]

January 2000

Trump officially released his book *The America We Deserve* on January 1. Dave Shiflett received credit as co-writer.^[76] To promote the book, Trump held a January 5 press conference at Trump Tower, which aired on C-SPAN. He signed books and answered questions from reporters, once asserting, "I may be too honest to be a politician."^[77] Trump's book, consisting of 286 pages,^[76] covers Trump's political positions and policy proposals including strict anti-crime measures, increased pressure on China, fair trade, border control, increased military spending, support for public capital punishment, and the implementation of single-payer health care.^[78] It advocates eliminating soft money contributions to political parties and full disclosure of campaign donations to political candidates, but calls for the removal of limits on the amount of donations, arguing, "[i]f you want to give your life savings to Al Gore, that should be between you, Al Gore and your psychiatrist." In addition, it raises concerns about terrorism, proposing the creation of a national lottery to raise funds for anti-terrorism programs,^[79] and offers a choice to North Korea to disarm or face military strikes.^[17] *The America We Deserve* also includes praise for former boxer Muhammad Ali, Teamsters leader James P. Hoffa, as well as Trump's future political opponents Florida governor Jeb Bush and New York governor George Pataki, among others.^[80] It cites friendships with



The America We Deserve book cover

baseball player Sammy Sosa and entertainer Sean Combs as making Trump more understanding of racial diversity. Trump later backpedaled his book's praise of Combs after Combs was charged with violating gun laws following a shooting at a New York nightclub. Trump said he did not "know [Combs] really well."^[81] The book condemns Congressman Jerrold Nadler as a "hack" for opposing Trump's development of waterfront real estate in Manhattan, and describes Senator Bob Smith as "the dumbest guy in the U.S. Senate" after he grilled Trump's sister Maryanne Trump Barry on abortion when she testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1999 upon her nomination to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. It criticizes Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley as a "phony" for his Senate sponsorship of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 that purportedly hurt Trump financially. It also notes the hypocrisy of both an unnamed Senator and an unnamed conservative columnist who each engaged in extramarital affairs at Trump's hotels and resorts while they attacked President Clinton for the Lewinsky scandal.^[80] In a scathing review, *New York Magazine* described the book as inadvertently satirical.^[82] *Booklist* pondered whether Trump was "the only man ever to run for president in order to promote a book."^[83] Dave

Saltonstall of the *New York Daily News*, labeled it as autobiographical and reported that it contains “enough details to paint a fairly comprehensive picture of what a Trump presidency might look like.”^[79]

On January 7, Trump appeared in **Brooklyn Park, Minnesota**, where he spoke before the Chamber of Commerce, attended a Reform Party fundraiser, and held a joint press conference with Ventura. At the fundraiser, Trump identified North Korea as the nation’s greatest foreign policy threat, blasted Japan for “ripping us off” for the last 25 years, and ripped **Russia** as being “totally mixed up” for placing “people nobody ever even heard of” in charge of missiles.^[84] At the press conference, Trump claimed he had yet to decide whether to run officially and so had not asked for Ventura’s endorsement. Ventura said that if Trump decided to run, he would give his “full consideration.” Trump asserted it would be “disaster for the Reform Party” if Pat Buchanan received the presidential nomination.^[85] Describing himself and Ventura as self-made not part of the “lucky sperm club,” Trump made an indirect jab at both the Republican frontrunner George W. Bush, the son of former President Bush, and Democratic frontrunner Al Gore, son of the late Senator **Albert Gore, Sr.**^[86] Trump and Ventura released a written statement opposing the Commission on Presidential Debates’ decision to limit debate participation to candidates polling above 15 percent in the general election and urging the **Federal Election Commission** to take action.^[87]

Trump ended his relationship with Melania Knauss in January 2000, removing a key figure of the campaign entourage.^[88] According to the *New York Daily News*, an associate of Trump said the move was meant to appease Reform Party leaders. Roger Stone denied the suggestion.^[89] In addressing the matter, Trump complimented Knauss and commented, “she will be missed.”^[90] Shortly thereafter, in an attempt to bring the two Reform Party factions together, Trump invited party leaders to the Trump-owned **Mar-a-Lago** club in **Palm Beach, Florida**. Addressing the 170 party members who attended the event including former chairman Russ Verney, Trump proclaimed “I’m very proud to be in the party of Ross Perot and Jesse Ventura.” Verney appreciated the gesture and in shifting from his once-chilly reception to the Trump candidacy, welcoming him into the race. After opening the event to questions, one attendee asked Trump whether he would appear at the **Florida Reform Party’s** state convention. Trump said he would consider it “very seriously.” Concerning Buchanan, Trump repeated he could not support Buchanan as the party’s nominee.^[91] Despite the retreat, the intra-party dispute over the location of the convention continued.^[92] Citing scheduling conflicts, Trump did not attend the Florida Reform Party’s state convention. Reports suggested that Trump insiders believed Buchanan had packed the conven-

tion with supporters and would embarrass Trump by winning all the state’s delegates. There were also growing indications Trump was considering withdrawing from the race, commenting that he was “deeply concerned” about the conflict within the party.^[93] In another attempt to unite the party’s factions, Trump wrote letters to Ventura and Perot, requesting the two make peace.^[94] Trump believed the instability of the party would hinder his chances of presidential success. Stone commented that “the [Reform] party is melting down before our very eyes.”^[92] On the final day of January, Trump was removed from the New York primary ballot after a judge determined that Trump’s supporters had failed to obtain the required 5,000 signatures from registered Reform Party members. This marked a victory for Buchanan’s supporters, including leftist activist **Lenora Furlani**, who had hoped to prevent Trump from appearing on the ballot in his home state.^[95]

February 2000

Despite Trump’s efforts, the conflict within the Reform Party escalated. A special Reform Party meeting was planned for **Nashville** at which the Perot faction was expected to vacate the national chairmanship of Ventura ally Jack Gargan.^[96] Both Trump and Ventura expressed disgust with the national party. Ventura desired to disassociate the **Minnesota Reform Party** from the national party. An unnamed official within the party told the AP that Ventura and Trump discussed a scenario where Ventura would run as the presidential nominee of the disaffiliated party with Trump as his running mate. The chairman of the Minnesota Reform Party denied Ventura would be part of any presidential ticket.^[97] After privately notifying Trump of his intentions and seeking his blessing,^[98] Ventura held a press conference on February 12 and officially left the national Reform Party, remaining a member of his state party, which he urged to disaffiliate and to return to its original name, the Independence Party of Minnesota. He voiced dissatisfaction with the presidential contest, explaining that Pat Buchanan was running “virtually unopposed” and receiving support from former **Ku Klux Klan** leader **David Duke**; something with which Ventura could not associate. Ventura invited Trump to run for the presidential nomination of the Independence Party, which Ventura believed could become a national entity.^[99] At the party’s next meeting, it disaffiliated.^[100] Trump considered Ventura’s invitation but had concerns, particularly the question of whether other state parties would affiliate with the new party.^[101] Minnesota political scientist Steve Schier doubted the party could become a national entity, arguing that it was far too small to make an impact on the national level.^[99] Ventura’s move came just ahead of the Nashville meeting where, with the rationale of failing to “faithfully perform and execute

the duties of his office,” Gargan was removed by a 109 to 31 committee vote.^[102] The chaotic meeting, dominated by Perot-faction members, featured shoving matches and physical squabbles as the **Metropolitan Nashville Police Department** intervened to restore order. Gargan charged that the meeting was illegal due to insufficient notice, though a quorum was present.^[103]

7.1.5 Withdrawal

So the Reform Party now includes a Klansman—**Mr. Duke**, a Neo-Nazi—**Mr. Buchanan**, and a Communist—**Ms. Fulani**.

This is not company I wish to keep.

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Donald Trump^[104]

On February 14, Trump withdrew from the race.^[105] In a press release, he cited infighting in the Reform Party as not “conducive to victory,” concluding he could not win the election as the party’s nominee and so, as pledged, would not continue his campaign. He expressed concerns about the direction of the party, particularly its membership, referring to David Duke, Pat Buchanan, and Lenora Fulani as a Klansman, a Neo-Nazi, and a Communist, respectively. However, he lauded party members Russ Verney, Jack Gargan, and others as “wonderful people” he was honored to meet. Trump lamented the exit of Jesse Ventura from the party, arguing “without Jesse, the Reform Party is just an extremist shell and cannot be a force or even a factor in 2000.” Trump declined to seek the nomination of Ventura’s new Independence Party, finding it “healthy” but too young to win. He expressly kept open the possibility of running for president in 2004.^[104] Trump publicly announced his withdrawal on *The Today Show* in an interview with **Matt Lauer**. He explained that though he still could have won the Reform Party nomination, he believed he would only win 20 percent in the general election, which he did not want. He claimed the party was on the verge of “self-destructing” and referred to it as a “total mess.”^[98] In response, Pat Choate, who became the new Reform Party chairman after the unseating of Gargan, disputed Trump’s claim about the party^[106] and said Trump’s campaign was meant only “to smear Pat Buchanan.”^[107] He declared Trump “unwelcome” to seek the party’s 2004 presidential nomination.^[106] Choate later remarked that he believed Trump’s campaign was a “Republican dirty trick” orchestrated by Roger Stone “to disgust people and drive them away from the Reform Party.”^[108] Stone argued that John McCain “running on Trump’s message” and surging in the polls signaled an end

to the Trump campaign.^[69]

Several days after withdrawing, Trump reflected on his campaign in an editorial published in *The New York Times* titled “What I Saw at the Revolution.” Disputing the claim that he ran for the publicity, Trump countered that he felt the nation was ready for a non-establishment “businessman president” who offered “straight talk.” He cited three reasons for dropping out: (1) the criteria of the Commission on Presidential Debates, which would have made it “impossible” for him to qualify for general election debates; (2) the rise of the **presidential campaign of John McCain**, whose similar message would have made a contrast difficult; and (3) the exit of Ventura from the Reform Party. Trump called his run the “greatest civics lesson that a private citizen can have,” but said it was “enormous fun” and a “great life experience,” though it “doesn’t compare with completing one of the great skyscrapers of Manhattan.”^[109]

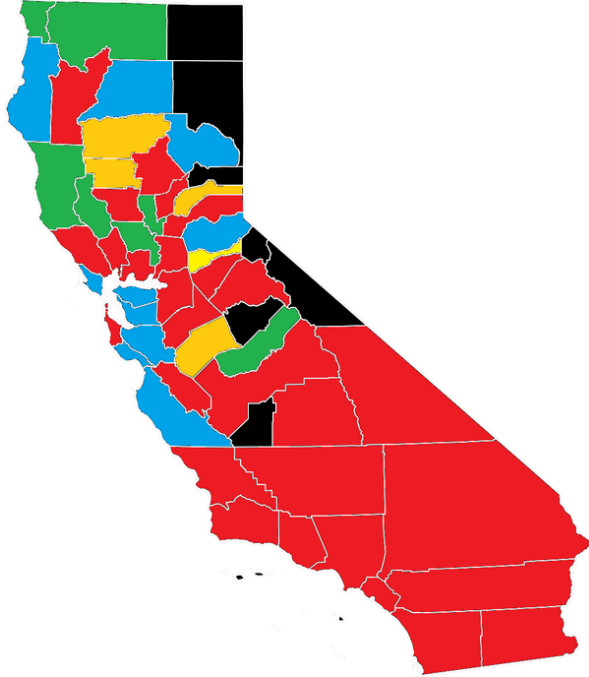
7.1.6 Results

During the campaign, Trump qualified for the Michigan and California Reform Party presidential primaries. Both of these elections were held after Trump exited the race.^[110] On February 22, Trump won the Michigan Primary with 2,164 votes defeating uncommitted with 948 votes.^[111] Trump won the California primary on March 7 with 15,311 votes (44.28%) defeating perennial candidate **George D. Weber** who received 9,390 votes (27.16%), former Director of Advanced Space Programs Development **Robert M. Bowman** who received 4,879 (14.11%), former Congressman **John B. Anderson** who received 3,158 (9.13%), and political activist **Charles E. Collins** who received 1,837 (5.31%).^[112] Pat Buchanan was not listed on either ballot. A slate of Trump supporters petitioned to list Trump on the New York Independence Party presidential primary ballot but were denied on a technicality.^[113]

Pat Buchanan eventually won the Reform Party presidential nomination at a chaotic^[114] National Convention in Long Beach in August 2000.^[115] Buchanan had lost the support of the Perot faction, which accused Buchanan of fraud and held a counter-convention, nominating Buchanan’s only major opponent physicist **John Hagelin** of the **Natural Law Party**.^[116] According to Russ Verney, the Perot faction lost faith in Buchanan when he emphasized pro-life and anti-homosexual issue positions after promising to respect the party’s neutral stance on social issues.^[117] After the filing of a complaint over the party’s matching funds, the FEC ruled against the Perot faction and invalidated the Hagelin selection.^[118] The decision was affirmed on appeal. On Election Day, Buchanan appeared on the ballot in all 50 states and received 448,895 votes, 0.42% of the popular vote. George W. Bush defeated Al Gore in a close

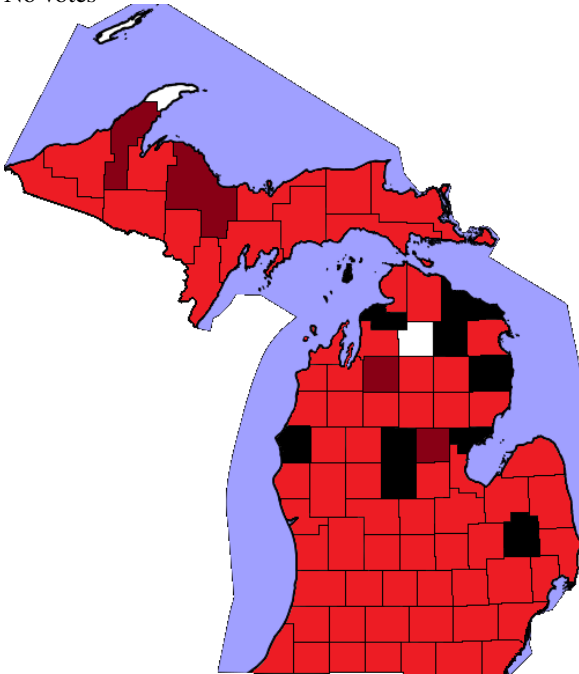
contest^[119] that required a recount and Supreme Court intervention.^[120] The Bush campaign recruited Roger Stone to oversee the recount.^[121]

Reform Party presidential primary results by county



California

Donald Trump
John B. Anderson
Robert M. Bowman
Charles E. Collins
George D. Weber
No votes



Michigan

Donald Trump
Uncommitted
Tie
No votes

7.1.7 Aftermath



Trump in 2015

After the election, Trump returned to his real estate business, rekindled his relationship with Melania Knauss, whom he married in 2005,^[122] and hosted NBC's *The Apprentice* and *The Celebrity Apprentice* for 14 seasons from 2004 to 2015, acquiring the catchphrase, "You're fired!"^[123] In addition, he continued an involvement in politics. He changed his voter registration from the New York Independence Party (Reform Party affiliate) to the Democratic Party in August 2001^[2] as the Reform Party continued its decline. By 2004 the party had lost ballot access in all but seven states, which it gave to Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader.^[124] Trump was critical of the George W. Bush administration's handling of the Iraq War^[125] and publicly endorsed Bush's impeachment.^[126] He considered challenging Bush in the 2004 Republican presidential pri-

maries, but ultimately decided against it.^[127] Jesse Ventura, who choose not run for re-election as Governor of Minnesota in 2002,^[128] also considered a 2004 presidential run and publicly asked for and received Trump's support at *WrestleMania XX*.^[129] However, Ventura did not run.

In 2009, Trump changed his voter registration from Democrat back to Republican.^[2] He seriously considered running for president as a Republican in 2012 and led in an April 2011 *Rasmussen Reports* survey.^[130] While considering a run, Trump emphasized China's currency manipulation and criticized the trade policies of the Barack Obama administration.^[131] Additionally, he questioned the legitimacy of Obama's citizenship and birth certificate.^[132] He decided not to run in May 2011,^[133] but proclaimed "I maintain the strong conviction that if I were to run, I would be able to win the primary and, ultimately, the general election."^[134] After reports that a group in Texas was attempting to create the "Make America Great Again Party" with the intention of running Trump as a candidate,^[135] Trump briefly considered a 2012 Independent bid and changed his voter registration from Republican to "I do not wish to enroll in a party."^{[2][136]} Trump said he would run if the Republicans selected the "wrong candidate."^[135] Ultimately, he again decided against running. Trump re-registered as a Republican in 2012^[2] and publicly endorsed Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney for president.^[137]

After much speculation, Trump officially decided to run for president as a Republican in 2016 using the motto "Make America Great Again." In his announcement speech in June 2015, Trump took a tough stance against illegal immigration and promised to build a wall on the U.S.–Mexico border if elected president.^[138] After announcing, Trump became the front-runner for the nomination, taking the lead in nearly every national poll, ahead of his rivals for the Republican nomination including Jeb Bush and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson.^[139] Trump has styled himself as the candidate of anti-establishment Republicans and has received praise from former rival Pat Buchanan who compares Trump's run to Buchanan's 1992 and 1996 campaigns.^[140] His attacks on the Republican establishment included a slight against the war hero status of John McCain, whom Trump complimented during his 2000 campaign.^[141] Republican voters favor the purported honesty of Trump's message and his abrasive approach,^[142] which eschews political correctness.^[143] Roger Stone, who headed Trump's 2000 presidential committee, served as an adviser for the 2016 campaign until a much publicized split in August 2015.^[144] The campaign has generated major media attention. An October 2 *Rasmussen Reports* poll revealed 58% of Republicans believe Trump will be the 2016 Republican presidential nominee.^[145]

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7.2 Donald Trump presidential campaign, 2016

"Donald Trump presidential campaign" redirects here. For his 2000 presidential campaign, see [Donald Trump presidential campaign, 2000](#).

The **2016 presidential campaign of Donald John Trump**, businessman and television personality, formally launched on June 16, 2015.^[3] Donald Trump announced his candidacy for President of the United States in the 2016 election at the Trump Tower in New York City with the slogan "Make America Great Again!"^[4] His campaign manager is Corey Lewandowski.^[5]

Trump's populist and nativist politics^{[6][7]} brought him support among Republican working-class voters, especially voters without college educations,^[8] as well as white supremacists^[9] and hate groups promoting racial bigotry such as the Ku Klux Klan and Stormfront, whose endorsements Trump has publicly declined to repudiate,^[10] and who have attributed a notable recent surge in their popularity to Trump's campaign,^[11] amid heavy and frequent controversies in the news media.^[12] His proposed policies and his statements about the state of the country have propelled him to be the consistent Republican front-runner in public opinion polls.^{[13][14]} A number of his remarks are regarded as highly offensive by the public, other political candidates, the media, and Trump's business partners, many of whom have terminated their business relationships with Trump over his incendiary racial remarks, as in his description of

undocumented Mexican immigrants to the United States as “rapists” and “drug dealers. Many political analysts suggest that Trump deliberately makes these inflammatory remarks to increase media coverage of his campaign in the absence of significant campaign contributions or supporting Political Action Committees, which Trump has criticized..^[15]^[16]^[17] His lack of **political correctness**, habit of describing various ethnic and demographic groups such as Muslims, Mexicans, and women in perjorative, stereotypical terms, and his willingness to openly insult members of the media, fellow political candidates, and religious leaders such as the Pope for what he perceives to be their personal flaws, including their appearance, has been a staple theme of his campaign, and has proved to be popular among his supporters, reputedly earning him the nickname “The Glorious Leader” in some White Nationalist circles.^[18]^[19]^[20] Trump’s most polarizing and widely reported statements have been on issues of immigration and border security, with Trump proposing deportation of all **illegal immigrants**, a substantial wall on the **Mexican-American border**, and a temporary ban on alien **Muslims** entering the U.S.,^[21] while speaking extensively about perceived issues pertaining to illegal immigrants travelling over the Mexican border into the U.S..^[22]^[23]^[24]

In the 2016 **Iowa caucus**, Trump ranked second out of all the Republican nominees, garnering 24% of the vote, behind Ted Cruz with 28%.^[25]^[26] Trump later won the **New Hampshire primary** with slightly over 35% of the vote,^[27] the **South Carolina primary** with 33%,^[28] and the **Nevada caucus** with 46%.^[29]

7.2.1 Background

Further information: **Donald Trump presidential campaign, 2000**

Since the 1988 **presidential election**, Trump has been considered a potential candidate for President in nearly every election.^[30]^[31]^[32] In October 1999, Trump declared himself a potential candidate for the **Reform Party’s** presidential nomination,^[33] but withdrew on February 14, 2000.^[34] In 2004, Donald Trump identified as a Democrat, openly supported Hillary Clinton, and donated a large sum of money to Democratic groups.^[35] Trump rejoined the Republican Party in 2009. In early 2011, presidential speculation reached its highest point and Trump began to take a lead in polls among Republican candidates in the 2012 **election**. However, Trump announced in May 2011 that he would not be a candidate for the office.^[36]^[37]

At the 2011 **Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC)**, Trump said he is “pro-life” and “against gun control”.^[38]^[39]^[40] He has spoken before Tea Party

supporters.^[41]^[42]^[43] In December 2008, Trump emerged as an early supporter of the 2009 government backed rescue plan for the U.S. auto industry which by 2012 gained the support of 56% of Americans (63% support in Michigan), according to a Pew Research Center poll.^[44]^[45] In May 2015, Trump said he was opposed to granting President **Barack Obama** fast track trade authority in a **Trans-Pacific Partnership**.^[46] Instead, Trump expressed a desire for stronger negotiations with China on trade together with tariffs if necessary.^[47]^[48]^[49] Trump has called for a policy of leadership to deal with the **Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)** which he has criticized for causing high oil prices.^[50]^[51]

In 2011, polls had Trump among the leading candidates. A *Wall Street Journal*/NBC News poll from March 2011 showed Trump in the lead for the Republican nomination for president of the United States.^[52] A February 2011 *Newsweek* poll placed Trump within a few points of President Obama in a potential 2012 presidential contest, with many voters undecided.^[53] A poll released in April 2011 by Public Policy Polling showed Trump having a nine-point lead in a potential contest for the Republican nomination for President of the United States while he was still actively considering a run.^[54]^[55] In December 2011, Trump placed sixth in the “ten most admired men and women living of 2011” USA Today/Gallup telephone survey.^[56] Trump has been a featured speaker at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC).^[57] In 2013, Trump researched a possible run for President of the United States in 2016.^[58] In October 2013, New York Republicans suggested Trump should run for governor of the state in 2014.^[59] In February 2015, Trump did not renew his television contract for *The Apprentice*, which raised speculation of his candidacy for president of the United States in 2016.^[60]

7.2.2 Announcement



Donald Trump speaking at the 2015 Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC)

Trump formally announced his candidacy for the presidency in the 2016 election on June 16, 2015.^{[3][61][62]} His announcement came at a campaign rally at Trump Tower in New York City.^{[61][62][63]} Trump said, “We are going to make our country great again” and also announced that he would be the “greatest jobs president that God ever created.”^[62] His 45-minute presidential campaign announcement speech, the longest of the major party candidates to date, included a pledge to restore the “American dream ... bigger and better and stronger than ever before.”^{[63][64]} Trump said he would keep Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons, and criticized John Kerry’s Iranian negotiations. He also criticized Kerry’s overall judgment, in breaking^[65] his leg (at age 71) riding his bicycle; Trump made a campaign promise “never [to] be in a bicycle race.”^[66] In the speech, Trump also pledged he would fund Social Security, renegotiate U.S. trade agreements, oppose federal Common Core education standards, and complete the United States–Mexico border fence and make Mexico pay for it.^{[3][66][67]} Trump said he would self fund his presidential campaign, and would not need to use money from donors and lobbyists.^[66]

Most attention focused on Trump’s comment on illegal immigration where he stated in part “When Mexico sends its people, they’re not sending their best... They’re sending people that have lots of problems, and they’re bringing those problems with [them]. They’re bringing drugs. They’re bringing crime. They’re rapists. And some, I assume, are good people.”^{[68][69]}

The comment on illegal immigrants entering the United States through Mexico led several businesses and organizations—including NBC, Macy’s, Univision, and NASCAR (along with sponsor Camping World)—to cut ties with Trump in the following days.^{[70][71][72][73][74][75][76]} Reactions from other presidential candidates were mixed, with some Republican candidates disagreeing with the tone of Trump’s remarks yet supporting the core idea that illegal immigration is an important campaign issue, other Republican candidates preferring to avoid intra-party feuds with other Republican candidates and concentrate on putting forth their own positions, and several Republican candidates criticizing both Trump’s remarks and his policy-stances (as did leading Democratic party candidates).^{[lower-alpha 1][lower-alpha 2][lower-alpha 3][lower-alpha 4]}

Beyond the candidates, journalistic response to Trump’s statement ranged from negative^{[86][89][90][91][92][93]} to neutral or positive.^{[93][94][95][96]} Fact-checking the comment, *Washington Post* wrote that the allegation of a correlation between illegal immigration and crime was false and gave the statement four pinocchios.^[97] Republican politician Steve King said he admired Trump’s response to the backlash, saying that Trump “delivers more facts to support [his] statement” and that on the subject of illegal

immigration Trump is more accurate than not.^[98] Rudy Giuliani, who ran in 2008, said Trump’s statement could have been better stated, and that most illegal immigrants are good people who come to the country to work, but that an insecure border does also let in “terrorists, drug dealers, rapists, murderers, all of whom I’ve prosecuted.”^[99] Various families of the victims of crimes committed by illegal immigrants have come forth in support of Trump.^[100] For his part, Trump has defended his comments,^[101] claimed that “Democrats and [my] enemies”^[86] picked a relatively small portion of his announcement speech to criticize, cited news articles to back up his claims^[102] and made illegal immigration a major issue in his campaign.^[103] Trump later said that he intended his comments to be aimed solely at the government of Mexico, specifically for using the insecure border as a means of transferring criminals out of their own country, and says he did not intend his comments to refer to immigrants themselves in general.^[88]

Trump’s announcement generated the highest Google search volume of any of the presidential candidates to date.^[104] According to *Politico*, the speech was “discursive, pugnacious... bizarre... most entertaining.”^[66] Trump’s announcement speech included the song “Rockin’ in the Free World”, causing Neil Young, the author of this song, to distance himself from Trump; Young supports Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders.^[105] Despite a casting company having sent emails (some of which have leaked) to background actors explicitly asking them to cheer Trump for money, Trump’s campaign manager denied that Trump paid any actors to cheer him at the event.^{[106][107][108][109][110]} An early supporter of Ronald Reagan for president, Trump trademarked the campaign slogan from the 1980 election, “Make America Great Again.”^[2]

7.2.3 Campaign

See also: Nationwide opinion polling for the Republican Party 2016 presidential primaries and Nationwide opinion polling for the United States presidential election, 2016

Immediately after his announcement in New York, Trump traveled to Iowa to campaign in the state ahead of the first-in-the-nation Iowa caucus.^[111] Trump has also campaigned extensively in New Hampshire, site of the first Republican primary.^{[112][113]} Trump’s campaign cancelled events in Charleston, South Carolina, in light of the June 17 mass shooting.^[114] Trump kicked off a western swing in early July 2015, giving rallies and speeches in Las Vegas^[115] and Los Angeles.^[116]

In June, Trump said that he would like to have Oprah Winfrey as his running mate.^[117]

On July 22, the Federal election regulators released new details of Trump’s wealth and financial holdings that he sub-



Trump at an early campaign event in New Hampshire on June 16, 2015

mitted when he became a Republican presidential candidate. Trump's campaign released a statement claiming his net worth to be over US\$10 billion, but *Forbes* estimates that it is US\$4 billion.^[118] On July 23, he visited the Mexican border to highlight his stance with regards to opposition towards illegal immigration. The border patrol union pulled out of the planned event.^[119]

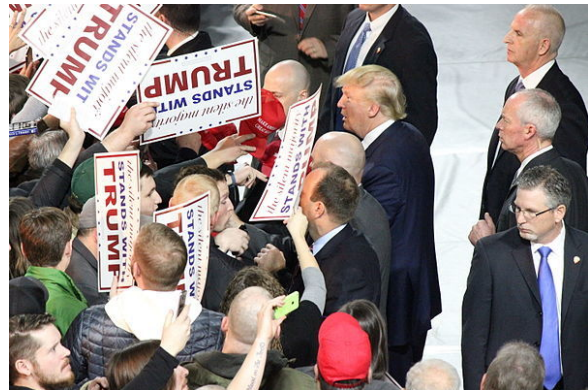
Michael Cohen, Trump's senior counsel, was criticized for claiming that "you cannot rape your spouse" in response to a *Daily Beast* article about Trump's divorce proceedings. The article related how **Ivana Trump** had accused her ex-husband of raping her, a claim she has since retracted. Cohen subsequently apologized for his comments.^[120]

In response to a question asking candidates during the first primary debate, the main Fox News debate held on August 6, 2015, whether they would pledge to support the Republican party in the general election, Trump refused to rule out a third-party candidacy. When pressed, he also refused to say he would endorse the eventual Republican nominee.^[121] After meeting with **Reince Priebus** (chairman of the **Republican National Committee**) in New York, during a news conference at Trump Tower on September 3, Trump announced he had signed the loyalty pledge.^[122]

On August 21, 2015, the **Federal Election Commission** released the list of filings from **Super PAC**'s backing candidates in the 2016 presidential race, which revealed that Trump is the only major presidential candidate among the GOP candidates who does not have a Super PAC supporting his candidacy.^[123]

On December 21, 2015, Trump attacked Hillary Clinton saying that her bathroom break during the last Democratic debate was just too "disgusting" to talk about and then stating she "got schlonged" by Barack Obama in the 2008 presidential race.^[124] Trump responded to critical coverage of these statements by saying the mainstream media is "dishonest", that the term "schlonged" was not vulgar, and cit-

ing a 1984 NPR report in which the term was used to mean "beaten badly".^{[125][126][127]}



Trump and supporters attend a rally in Muscatine, Iowa in January 2016. Multiple supporters hold up signs, which read "The silent majority stands with Trump".

Rallies and crowds

Trump regularly holds crowds with more people in attendance than any other 2016 presidential candidate.^[128] More than 9,000 people registered to attend Trump's rally on July 11, 2015 at the **Phoenix Convention Center**.^{[129][130]} Trump was introduced by Maricopa County Sheriff **Joe Arpaio**. During his speech, Trump invoked **Richard Nixon's** "silent majority" speech, saying "The silent majority is back."^[131]

On July 24, the *Des Moines Register* announced that it had been denied press credentials to cover a Trump campaign family picnic in **Oskaloosa, Iowa**, due to an editorial the previous week which called on Trump to drop out of the race.^{[132][133]}

On August 21, Trump held a campaign rally at the **Ladd-Peebles Stadium** in **Mobile, Alabama**, with approximately 30,000 people in attendance.^[134]

During an August 25 press conference, Trump's chief of security **Keith Schiller** forcibly ejected **Univision** anchor **Jorge Ramos**.^{[135][136]} On September 3, Schiller was filmed punching a protester.^[137]

On January 2, 2016, Trump's campaign rally in **Biloxi, Mississippi**, set a record for most people ever attending a political function in the history of the state.^[138] At the Biloxi rally, the **YouTube** duo **Diamond and Silk** riled up the crowd, urging Democrats and independents in the audience to "ditch and switch", *i.e.* to register as Republicans and vote for Trump if they really wanted to show their support.^[139] It is believed that this could be an important strategy for the Trump campaign as it might be relying on people who do not tend to vote and trying to persuade some

Democrats and independents to change parties so that they can vote in states that allow only registered Republicans to participate.^[139]

Trump's campaign, scheduled for a January 7, 2016, appearance in the traditionally liberal city of **Burlington, Vermont**, came under scrutiny for releasing approximately 20,000 tickets for a 1,400-person venue. The Burlington mayor and police chief both expressed concern for a public-safety risk from crowds of people, likely including many protesters, to be turned away from entry.^[140]

Media coverage

Trump is "by far the most newsworthy storyline of Campaign 2016, accounting alone for more than a quarter of all coverage" on NBC, CBS and ABC's evening newscasts, Andrew Tyndall said.^{[141][142][143][144]} In response, a petition to "Stop promoting Donald Trump" accused the media of "relentlessly chasing ratings and devoting massive airtime to Donald Trump interviews and live coverage of his speeches" and quickly amassed over 200,000 signatures.^{[145][146]} The media's coverage of Trump has generated some disagreement as to its affect on his campaign.^[147] John Sides of **The Washington Post** said, "Trump is surging in the polls because the news media has consistently focused on him."^[148] In a later analysis, **The Washington Post** said, "support for Trump appears to increase in spite of media coverage declining."^[149] A **Rasmussen Reports** survey showed that 47% of likely voters think most reporters are biased against Trump, 31% disagree, but 22% are not sure.^[150] **Politico** said, "blaming the press for the Trump surge neglects the salient fact that so much of the coverage of him has been darkly negative."^{[151][152][153]}

TV appearances and coverage of his tweets, rallies and controversial statements allowed Trump to dominate the media landscape on the cheap.^[154] In an interview with CBS, Trump said of his campaign's plans to purchase advertising, "I think I'm probably wasting the money. But I'm \$35 million under budget. Look, I was going to have 35 or 40 million spent by now. I haven't spent anything. I almost feel guilty ... I'm leading by, as you all say, a lot. You can take the CBS poll. You can take any poll and I'm winning by a lot. I don't think I need the ads. But I'm doing them. I almost feel guilty."^{[155][156][157]}

Some conservative leaning media sources have covered Trump negatively. In January 2016, **National Review** released a special issue "Against Trump" in opposition to Trump's bid for the presidency.^{[158][159][160]} A statement issued by **Fox News** days before the **GOP Debate** preceding the **Iowa Caucus** said, "We learned from a secret back channel that the Ayatollah and Putin both intend to treat Donald

Trump unfairly when they meet with him if he becomes president—a nefarious source tells us that Trump has his own secret plan to replace the Cabinet with his Twitter followers to see if he should even go to those meetings."^[161] Trump responded by criticizing the "wise-guy press release" and said he would instead host a competing event in the state designed to raise money for wounded veterans, which he held the day of the debate.^{[162][163]}

Trump has frequently criticized the media, saying "the media is among the worst people I've ever met, I mean a pretty good percentage is really a terrible group of people. They write lies, they write false stories. They know they're false. It makes no difference. And frankly I don't call it thin-skinned, I'm angry."^{[164][165][166]} He has constantly called upon his supporters to be "the silent majority", apparently referencing the media.^[131] At a rally in **Fort Worth, Texas** in February 2016, Trump stated that if elected he would "open up our libel laws so when they write purposely negative and horrible and false articles, we can sue them and win lots of money", specifically referencing the **New York Times** and the **Washington Post**.^{[167][168]}

Border wall and illegal immigration

See also: **Political positions of Donald Trump § Border wall between U.S. and Mexico**

In his announcement speech, Trump promised that he would build "a great, great wall" on the United States–Mexico border, and has continued to lay emphasis on this proposal throughout his campaign, further stating that the construction of the wall would be paid for by Mexico.^{[68][169]} He proposed a broader crack-down on illegal immigration, and in a statement of July 6 claimed that the Mexican government is "forcing their most unwanted people into the United States"—"in many cases, criminals, drug dealers, rapists, etc."^[170] In his first town hall meeting in **Derry, New Hampshire** on August 19, 2015, Trump stated: "Day 1 of my presidency, they're getting out and getting out fast."^[171] These statements elicited considerable controversy.^[170]

José Antonio Meade Kuribreña, Mexican Secretary of Foreign Affairs, said that Trump "is a politician who ignores the context in which it is participating", with regard to U.S. international economic relations and Trump's comments.^[172] Trump's Republican rival **Jeb Bush** stated that "Trump is wrong on this" and "to make these extraordinarily kind of ugly comments is not reflective of the Republican Party."^[173] Trump acknowledged that Republican National Committee Chairman **Reince Priebus** asked him to tone down his rhetoric on immigration reform and stated that his conversations with the RNC were "congratulatory"

as well.^[174] However, Jamiel and Anita Shaw, whose son was murdered by an illegal immigrant in 2008, came forward to defend Trump, with Anita Shaw stating on July 7, 2015, that, “it’s time people listened to Trump” and “this guy who is running for President, Donald Trump, he’s trying to do something and they’re trying to shut him down.”^[175] Jamiel Shaw spoke at the podium for Trump’s July 11 rally at the Phoenix convention center, in part declaring, “I Trust Donald Trump.”^[176] Two days later, escaped high-profile druglord Joaquín Guzmán was alleged to have issued threats through a Twitter account against Trump.^[177] The brother of Kate Steinle who was shot in San Francisco criticized Trump for politicizing his sister’s death, telling Anderson Cooper Trump’s platform “isn’t exactly what our family believes in.”^[178]

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz saluted Trump for giving attention to illegal immigration, while Congressman Steve King also defended Trump’s remarks about illegal immigration and crime.^{[179][198][179]} Conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh has repeatedly praised Trump’s comments and his continued response to the backlash, saying that Trump has successfully changed the debate and brought the issue of immigration reform back to the foreground, while also not backing down against media scrutiny and businesses severing ties with him.^{[180][181][182]} Former Arizona governor Jan Brewer said, “I believe that Mr. Trump is kind of telling it like it really, truly is.”^{[179][183][184]} Over 36,000 criminally convicted illegal immigrants were released by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in 2013.^{[185][186]} On July 10, 2015, Limbaugh cited a report which he claimed supports Trump’s remarks about illegal immigration and crime.^[187]

Univision announced it would no longer carry broadcasts of the Miss USA Pageant.^[188] In response, Trump indicated the matter would be handled by legal action, and followed through by filing a US\$500 million lawsuit against Univision. The complaint asserts that Univision is attempting to suppress Trump’s First Amendment rights by putting pressure on his business ventures.^[189] NBC announced it would not air the Miss Universe or Miss USA pageant.^{[190][191]} Afterwards, the multinational media company Grupo Televisa severed ties with Trump,^[192] as did Ora TV,^[193] a television network partly owned by Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim.^[194] Trump gave the rights to broadcast the Miss Universe and Miss USA Pageants to the Reelz Channel.^[195]

Paulina Vega, the current Miss Universe and former Miss Colombia, said that, although she repudiates the immigration remarks of Trump,^[196] who in turn called her a “hypocrite”,^[197] she cannot give up the crown because her contract forbids it, and she could be sued.^[198]

Mexico,^[199] Panama,^[200] and Costa Rica^[201] will not send representatives to the Miss Universe competition.

Macy’s announced it would phase out its Trump-branded merchandise.^[202] Serta, a mattress manufacturer, also decided to drop their business relationship with Trump.^[203] NASCAR ended sponsorship with Trump by announcing it would not hold their post season awards banquet at the Trump National Doral Miami.^[204] ESPN decided to relocate its ESPY Celebrity Golf Classic to the Pelican Hill Golf Club in Newport Beach. The charity golf tournament was once scheduled to be held at a golf course owned by Trump.^[205]

Reuters journalists found that Trump’s companies sought to import 1,100 workers on H-2B visas since 2000.^[206] The Trump-owned Palm Beach, Florida resort of Mar-a-Lago is notable for the large number of guest workers employed.^[207]

Temporary Muslim ban proposal

See also: Political positions of Donald Trump § Muslims

In remarks made following the November 2015 Paris attacks, Trump stated that he would support a database tracking Muslims in the United States and expanded surveillance of mosques.^{[208][209]} Trump justified his views by stating that he recalled “thousands and thousands of people ... cheering” when the World Trade Center towers fell on September 11, 2001.^[208] On December 7, 2015, Trump further called for a “total and complete shutdown on Muslims entering the United States until our country’s representatives can figure out what the hell is going on.”^[210]

Following these remarks, on December 8, 2015, the Pentagon issued a rare statement of concern, stating “anything that bolsters ISIL’s narrative and pits the United States against the Muslim faith is certainly not only contrary to our values but contrary to our national security.”^[211] The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, David Cameron, and the Prime Minister of France, Manuel Valls, both issued statements in response to Trump’s press release condemning him.^{[212][213]} However, Geert Wilders, leader of the right-wing Party for Freedom in the Netherlands applauded his remarks calling them “brave” and “good for Europe”.^[214] Among the European right wing, Nigel Farage of the UK Independence Party called it “perhaps a political mistake too far”,^[215] and Marine Le Pen of the conservative French National Front separated herself from the idea.^[216] Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, rejected Trump’s proposal.^[217]

Trump was widely criticized by leading GOP figures, including Reince Priebus^{[218][219]} and Republican leaders in South Carolina and Iowa.^[220] A number of commentators and news outlets subsequently likened Trump to a fascist^{[221][222][223][224]} or Adolf Hitler.^{[225][226][227]}

Other commentators and news outlets refuted the labels as obscene,^[228] with Gianni Riotta, saying, “I am dead sure: Trump is not a fascist. Using the label not only belittles past tragedies and obscures future dangers, but also indicts his supporters, who have real grievances that mainstream politicians ignore at their peril.”^{[229][230][231]}

During the controversy regarding his comments, Trump alleged that “We have places in London and other places that are so radicalized that the police are afraid for their own lives.” The Metropolitan Police, responsible for policing in London, responded by stating “we think it’s important to state to Londoners that Mr Trump could not be more wrong.” Conservative Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, demanded an apology and described Trump’s comments as “ill-informed” and “complete and utter nonsense.”^[232] Several Metropolitan police officers backed Trump’s claim; “Trump’s not wrong; we can’t wear uniform in our own cars.”^[233]

Following Trump’s controversial comments on Muslim immigration, a petition with the title “Block Donald J Trump from UK entry”^[234] was opened in the UK, on the Parliament’s e-petition website, calling on the UK government’s Home Office to ban him from entering the country. By 5:00 am on December 11, the total number of signatures exceeded 500,000,^[235] far above the threshold of 100,000 required for a Parliamentary debate.^[236] On January 18, the UK’s House of Commons debated whether to ban Trump,^[237] but ended without a vote, as UK members of parliament did not have the power to enact such a ban.^[238] The three-hour long debate saw members on all sides of parliament describe Trump as “a buffoon”, “crazy”, “offensive”, and “a wazzock”.^[239]

Trump caused further outrage when he recounted a story about how U.S. general John J. Pershing shot Muslim terrorists with pig’s blood-dipped bullets in order to deter them during the Moro Rebellion. His comments were strongly denounced by the Council on American-Islamic Relations.^{[240][241][242][243]}

John McCain

Arizona Senator John McCain was not supportive of Trump’s position on illegal immigration, and in an interview with *The New Yorker* said, “what he did was he fired up the crazies.”^{[244][245]} Trump later asked McCain for an apology.^[246] McCain did not apologize, saying “crazies” was “a term of endearment”, and “a term of affection”.^[247]

Trump received criticism for saying of McCain: “He’s not a war hero” and “He was a war hero because he was captured. I like people who weren’t captured.”^{[248][249]} Trump acknowledged, “If somebody’s a prisoner, I consider them a war hero”; however, he criticized “politicians like John

McCain” for having “totally failed” on veterans issues and on securing the border.^[250] Trump declared his support for veterans and pledged to “build the finest and most modern veterans hospitals in the world.”^{[250][251]}

Asked whether Trump should apologize to him for the remarks, McCain said on MSNBC: “I don’t think so. I think he may owe an apology to the families of those who have sacrificed in conflict and those who have undergone the prison experience in serving their country.”^{[252][253]} Trump later stated that he did not owe the Senator an apology.^{[254][255][256]} Investigative journalist Sharyl Attkisson detailed how the *Washington Post* had taken Trump’s remarks on McCain out of context; she stated in part, “In fact, Trump’s actual quote is the opposite of what is presented in the Post’s first sentence.”^[257] Politifact rated Trump’s claim that the quote was taken out of context as “mostly false”.^[258] Trump’s comments generated disagreement among the other Republican presidential candidates, including Jeb Bush, Scott Walker, Rick Santorum, Rand Paul, Bobby Jindal, Mike Huckabee, and Chris Christie. Two candidates, George Pataki and Rick Perry, openly called on Trump to withdraw from the race over his comments. Conversely, two other candidates came to Trump’s defense: Ben Carson and Ted Cruz, with Carson commenting that all differing opinions should be heard, and with Cruz opining that the party should stop its infighting altogether in order to unite.^{[259][260]} Before the first voting in Iowa, all the candidates who criticized Trump had either withdrawn or were in single-digit popularity polling.^[261]

Lindsey Graham

On July 21, Trump publicly gave out Senator Lindsey Graham’s phone number during a speech in South Carolina as a response to Graham calling him a “jackass”.^{[262][263]} Graham released a statement on Twitter that he would “probably [be] getting a new phone”^[262] and later released a video in which he destroyed his phone.^[264] Gawker subsequently released a phone number belonging to Trump,^[265] and he responded by setting the phone number to play a campaign message. Trump’s response was described as “brilliant” and Time Magazine said, “You can’t out-troll the Donald.”^{[266][267]}

Jeb Bush

The Jeb Bush-Trump dynamic was one of the most fiery relationships among the Republican contenders.^{[268][269]} Bush’s campaign spent millions of dollars on anti-Trump ads,^{[270][271][272]} while in response Trump mocked Jeb Bush with the lasting epithet that he was “low energy”.^{[273][274][275]} During an exchange with Jeb

Bush in the ninth GOP Debate in South Carolina, the audience (most favoring Bush) repeatedly boo'd Trump.^{[276][277][278][279]} Trump scoffed that the audience was made up of "Jeb's special interests and lobbyists".^{[276][280][281]} When asked whether he remained in favor of impeachment for George W. Bush for starting the Iraq War, Trump said, "They [the George W. Bush administration] lied. They said there were weapons of mass destruction. There were none. And they knew there were none. There were no weapons of mass destruction."^{[282][283]}

Yet, according to the *Washington Post*, the most telling aspect of the Bush-Trump duel may have been the fact that, "No candidate in the race was prepared for GOP voters' opposition to immigration, with the exception of Trump," and the anti-immigration sentiment that Trump tapped into throughout the campaign, and, tellingly, with the *Act of Love* (advertisement).^[284]

Fox News and Megyn Kelly

Trump was one of ten candidates in the main *Fox News* debate on August 6, 2015. At the beginning of the debate, Bret Baier asked the candidates in case they do not win the Republican nomination if they would pledge not to run as an independent candidate and would support the eventual nominee. Trump was the only candidate who refused to pledge at that time. Baier questioned Trump about Obamacare,^[285] Chris Wallace asked him about Mexican illegal immigrants,^[286] and Megyn Kelly asked about how he would respond to a Clinton campaign saying that he was waging a "war on women".^[287] Trump replied, "I think the big problem this country has is being politically correct."^[288]

In a later interview with Don Lemon on *CNN Tonight*, Trump said that Kelly is a "lightweight" and had "blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her... wherever."^{[289][290]} Trump tweeted that his remark referred to Kelly's nose but was interpreted by critics as a reference to menstruation. RedState.com editor Erick Erickson cancelled Trump's invitation to a RedState meeting, saying "there are just real lines of decency a person running for President should not cross."^[291] The Trump campaign issued a statement calling Erickson "a total loser" and saying that anyone who thought Trump's comment was a reference to menstruation was "a deviant".^[292]

Trump retained the first place after the debate, with an NBC News poll showing him at 23% support^[293] and a Reuters/Ipsos poll at 24%,^[294] followed by Ted Cruz at 13% and Ben Carson at 11%.^[295]

Veterans for a Strong America event

For more details on this topic, see *Veterans for a Strong America*.

The Veterans for a Strong America (VSA) organized an event for Trump on September 15, 2015.^[296] According to the *Associated Press*, the IRS revoked the nonprofit status of the organization, and its endorsement of Trump raised campaign finance questions as corporations are restricted to donating up to US\$2,700 to a campaign, but the event exceeded that amount.^[296] Other concerns raised include reports that the VSA does not appear to have any members or relation with veterans.^[297] According to *CNN*, the group "sounds like a charity", "touted having more than a half-million supporters", "is a political action group whose tax-exempt status was revoked" but is "appealing the decision", and *CNN* had "found scant evidence" the group has the number of supporters claimed.^[298] Regarding female veteran support, Trump has addressed the issue that VA hospitals do not permanently staff ObGyn doctors; showing an utter lack of respect for female veterans. Trump continued on to express that "Under the Trump plan, every VA hospital in the country will be fully equipped with ObGyn and other women's health services."^[299]

Campaign support from family members

Although Trump has called his wife Melania "my pollster", and has said she strongly supports his presidential run, he held back early in the campaign from asking her to actively campaign for him, although "she will", he told *CNN* in September 2015.^[300] She did appear both at her husband's June 2015 campaign announcement, and in the audience at the *Fox News* debate in Cleveland,^[300] and in November 2015 did several televised interviews, and spoke briefly at a Trump campaign rally in South Carolina, also attended by a number of Trump's other family members.^[301]

If Trump were to become President, his wife Melania (Slovenian-born, and a naturalized U.S. citizen) would become only the second U.S. First Lady in history to be born outside the United States (after Louisa Adams, wife of John Quincy Adams).^[302]

False flag conspiracy theory

A conspiracy theory appearing in the *Washington Post*, *Salon*, *Esquire*, *Gawker*, *Talking Points Memo* and several other political news outlets, and which has been endorsed by several of Trump's opponents, posits that Trump is running a "false flag operation" for presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.^{[303][304]} According to this theory,

Trump intends to help her secure the presidency by obtaining the Republican nomination, or running as a third party candidate,^[305] which Trump was initially reluctant to rule out, but eventually did.^{[306][307][308][309]}

See also: Ted Cruz tax plan

See also: Marco Rubio tax plan

Tax returns

On February 24, 2016, former presidential candidate Mitt Romney called on Trump to release his tax returns, suggesting they contain a “bombshell”.^[310] On February 25, 2016, during the 10th Republican Party presidential debate, Trump claimed he would make the filings available after the conclusion of an Internal Revenue Service audit of the past “four to five years”.^[311]

David Duke and KKK

On February 24, 2016, white nationalist and former Ku Klux Klan grand wizard David Duke urged followers to vote for Donald Trump, saying that a vote for anyone else “is really treason to your heritage”.^[312] In response, the Anti-Defamation League called on Trump to distance himself and disavow their ideology.^[313] At a press conference on February 26, 2016, when questioned, Trump tersely disavowed himself of their support though in an interview with Jake Tapper on February 28, 2016 Trump repeatedly claimed to be ignorant of David Duke and his support. Republican presidential rivals were quick to pounce on his wavering with Senator Marco Rubio saying they make Trump unelectable. Later the same day Trump highlighted his previous terse disavowal of Duke in a tweet posted with a video on his Twitter account.^[314] Duke himself addressed the controversy in a YouTube video posted on February 29, in which he denied officially endorsing Trump.^[315]

7.2.4 Tax Plan

- Cuts the Corporate tax and Business tax to 15%
- 15% small business Pass-through tax
- Eliminates Estate taxes
- Eliminates the Alternative minimum tax (AMT)
- Eliminates the Marriage penalty
- Retains the Foreign tax credit, but ends the deferral of taxes on corporate income earned abroad.
- Retains charitable giving and home mortgage interest deductions, while reducing deductions across income brackets.
- 10% Repatriation tax holiday

7.2.5 Republican front-runner



Trump signs the Republican loyalty pledge: If Trump does not become the Republican Party nominee for the 2016 general election, he pledges to support whomever the nominee may be, and to not^[lower-alpha 5] run as a third-party candidate.

Trump has consistently had high poll numbers during his candidacy.^{[13][317]} A survey conducted by *The Economist/YouGov* released July 9, 2015, was the first major nationwide poll to show Trump as the 2016 Republican presidential front-runner.^[318] A Suffolk/*USA Today* poll released on July 14, 2015, showed Trump with 17% support among Republican voters, with Jeb Bush at 14%.^[319] A *Washington Post/ABC News* poll taken on July 16–19, showed Trump had 24% Republican support, over Scott Walker at 13%.^[320] A CNN/ORC poll showed Trump in the lead at 18% support among Republican voters, over Jeb Bush at 15%,^{[14][321]} and a CBS News poll from August 4 showed Trump with 24% support, Bush second at 13%, and Walker third at 10%.^[322]

A CNN/ORC poll taken August 13–16, 2015, in the swing states of Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania showed Trump ahead of, or narrowly trailing Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton in direct match-ups in those states.^[323] In Florida, Trump led by two points, and in both Ohio and Pennsylvania, he was within just five points of Clinton.^[324]

Trump has had a persistently high popularity among Republican and leaning-Republican minority voters.^{[325][326][327]} Surveys taken in late 2015 showed Trump polling unfavorably among women and non-white voters, with 64% of women viewing Trump unfavorably and 74% of non-white voters having a negative view of the candidate, according to a November 2015 ABC News/Washington Post poll.^[328] A Public Religion Research Institute survey in Novem-

ber 2015 found that many of his supporters are working class voters with negative feelings towards migrants, as well as strong financial concerns.^{[329][330]} Numerous polls show Trump polling significantly favorably among minority and woman voters compared to past and present Republican presidential candidates, citing a September 2015 SurveyUSA poll. This poll also reports that Trump garners some support from voters outside of his party.^{[327][331]}

Trump's status as the consistent front-runner for the Republican nomination led to him being featured on the cover of *Time* magazine in August 2015, with the caption: "Deal with it."^[332] Although some establishment Republicans expressed concern by late 2015 about Trump's perceived negative effect, were he to become the Republican nominee, on other Republican candidates running for Congressional or Gubernatorial positions in 2016, few leading donors seemed willing to sponsor a negative campaign against him.^[328] "A 'Stop Trump' effort wouldn't work, and it might help him", said Republican Senator Lamar Alexander.^[328] While the National Republican Senatorial Committee circulated a confidential memo in September 2015 that did not dismiss the possibility of Trump winning the GOP nomination, it called him a "misguided missile" with "wacky ideas about women", and noted that he "is subject to farcical fits." The memo urged candidates to carve out platforms broadly consonant with Trump's anti-Washington messaging, and to "stake out turf in the same issue zone and offer your own ideas", while not getting "drawn into every Trump statement and every Trump dust-up."^[333] Candidates were advised in particular not "to re-engage the 'war on women' fight" and were told they "shouldn't go near this ground other than to say that your wife or daughter is offended by what Trump said."^[333]

Early caucuses and primaries

Further information: Republican Party presidential primaries, 2016

In the lead-up to the Iowa caucus, poll averages showed Trump as the front-runner with a roughly four percent lead.^[334] Ted Cruz came in first in the vote count, ahead of Trump. Cruz, who campaigned strongly among evangelical Christians,^[335] was supported by church pastors that coordinated a volunteer campaign to get out the vote.^[336] Before the Iowa vote, an email from the Cruz campaign falsely implied that Ben Carson was about to quit the race, encouraging Carson's supporters to vote for Cruz instead.^{[337][338]} Trump later posted on Twitter, "Many people voted for Cruz over Carson because of this Cruz fraud", and wrote, "Ted Cruz didn't win Iowa, he stole it."^[339]

Following his under-performance in Iowa, Trump re-

bounded to a significant victory in the New Hampshire primary, exceeding poll predictions.^[340] Trump commented that in the run-up to the primary, his campaign had "learned a lot about ground games in a week."^[341] This was followed by another wide victory in South Carolina, furthering his lead among the Republican candidates.^{[342][343]} He won the Nevada caucus on February 24 with a landslide 45.9% of the vote, his biggest victory yet; Marco Rubio placed second with 23.9%.^{[344][345]}

7.2.6 Campaign finances

Trump rejected all super PAC's that claimed to support him. He has said: "I am self-funding my campaign and therefore I will not be controlled by the donors, special interests and lobbyists who have corrupted our politics and politicians for far too long. I have disavowed all super PAC's, requested the return of all donations made to said PAC's, and I am calling on all presidential candidates to do the same."^{[16][17][346]} Politifact reports that Trump's claims that he is "self-funding" his campaign are "half-true." By the end of 2015, Trump's campaign had raised \$19.4 million, with almost \$13 million (about 66%) coming from Trump himself and the remainder (34%) coming from others' contributions.^[347]

The announcement came a day after a main super PAC backing Trump closed amid scrutiny about its relationship to the campaign itself.^{[348][349]} Trump said he never gave his endorsement to that super PAC (Make America Great) or any of the other eight super PAC's supporting his run.^{[350][351]} Trump told campaign crowds "I don't want anybody's money", and criticized other candidates for "form[ing] all these PAC's. People pour money into the PAC's. I don't want 'em, don't support 'em."^[349]

7.2.7 Political positions

Main article: Political positions of Donald Trump

Trump has stated that he is a "conservative Republican".^[352]

7.2.8 Endorsements

Main article: List of Donald Trump presidential campaign endorsements, 2016

See also: Endorsements for the Republican Party presidential primaries, 2016

7.2.9 See also

- Republican Party presidential primaries, 2016
- Republican Party presidential candidates, 2016
- Republican Party presidential debates, 2016

7.2.10 Notes

- [1] • **Ben Carson**, the only African-American candidate from either major party in the 2016 race, said that Trump's wording was "perhaps a little inflammatory" but that this was more a consequence of Trump's incendiary style, and that Trump's core message about the problems with illegal immigration was correct.^[77] Carson also said that the uproar over Trump's comments was driven by political correctness, under which crimes committed by illegal immigrants was a taboo topic.^[78]
- **Rick Santorum** said he disagreed with Trump's specific comments, but that the economic impact of immigration (both legal as well as illegal) was an important issue.^[72]
- [2] • **Ted Cruz**, a Republican candidate whose father was from Cuba, said the need to address illegal immigration should no longer be ignored, and although Trump had a "bold... brash... colorful way of speaking," Cruz did not intend to attack Trump over his specific phrasing, furthermore suggesting that the "Washington media" was interested in encouraging such Republican in-fighting.^[79]
- **Scott Walker** has said he does not wish to "lock horns"^[80] with other Republican candidates; when asked about Trump's remarks specifically, Walker said other candidates would have to speak for themselves, and that although Trump may have some appeal to votes for speaking out boldly, Walker respectfully disagreed with Trump's stances, and said he supports securing the border and enforcing existing laws (but that he no longer supports amnesty and that a path to citizenship should have a "high bar").^[81]
- **Rand Paul** also said he tries to stick to laying out his own immigration plan, rather than commenting on other candidates, but that "most people come to this country in the search of the American dream... doesn't mean you can have a lawless border though... we do need to have security at our border."^[82]
- **Mike Huckabee** says he focuses on putting forward his own views on immigration, but that he "say[s] some things very differently... thank God I'm in a country people are trying to break into, rather than one they're trying to break out of... [immigrants are] some of the most conservative, family-oriented and faith-based people... I would never besmirch all the people who come here because [of]... how many people are

coming... if they want to come and share our flag, our interests, our language, assimilate into our culture because they believe in what we stand for."^[83]

- [3] • **Jeb Bush**, whose wife is from Mexico, said that "we should control our borders... [but] these extraordinarily ugly kind of comments [are] not reflective of the Republican Party,"^[84] and that such comments are meant to inflame and incite.^[85]
- **Marco Rubio**, the other Republican candidate whose parents are from Cuba, said that Trump's comments were "not just offensive and inaccurate, but also divisive."^[79]
- **Lindsey Graham** said Trump was a "wrecking ball for the future of the Republican Party with the Hispanic community"^[86]
- [4] • Democratic candidate **Bernie Sanders** said Trump's remarks were "throwing slurs... totally unacceptable... an outrage."^[87]
- Democratic candidate **Hillary Clinton** said "Basta! Enough!... appalling... people and business[es] everywhere rejected his hateful comments... shameful" and that if elected in 2016, said she would create a path to citizenship, preserve **Barack Obama's** executive orders related to immigration, and do "everything possible under the law to go even further [on immigration than Obama]" despite the likelihood of a Republican-controlled Senate and House.^[88]
- [5] Recent historical examples: Johnson'12/Roemer'12/Goode'12, Barr'08/Keyes'08, Buchanan'00/Smith'00, Perot'92, Paul'88, and Anderson'80, see also Chafee'16.

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7.2.12 External links

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Another WordPerfect rider, [Viatcheslav Ekimov](#), captured the overall victory in 1994, with Armstrong placing second for a second year running. The American finally broke through to the winner's spot on the podium until 1995, outcompeting Ekimov and [Andrea Peron](#). Armstrong also won the final tour in 1996; France's [Pascal Hervé](#) finished second.^[1]

7.3 Tour DuPont

The **Tour DuPont** was a cycling stage race in the United States held between 1991 and 1996. It was intended to become a North American cycling event similar in format and prestige to the Tour de France. The tour's name came from its sponsor, DuPont. The race was held in the Mid-Atlantic States, including areas near DuPont's Wilmington, Delaware headquarters.

The event attracted high-level competitors, including [Lance Armstrong](#) and [Greg LeMond](#), and was attended by high profile European based cycling teams. After the sixth running in 1996, however, DuPont dropped its sponsorship and the race has not been run since.

Before the creation of the Tour DuPont, a similar race sponsored by [Donald Trump](#) and known as the **Tour de Trump** was run in 1989 and 1990.

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7.3.1 Results and notable moments

The initial race, in 1991, witnessed an exciting finish, as the Netherlands' [Erik Breukink](#) of team PDM came from 50 seconds behind despite a flat tire to defeat [Atle Kvalsvoll](#) on the streets of Wilmington, Delaware. That year also saw the first occasion in which an American held the overall lead in the nation's premier race, when Greg Oravetz of the [Coors Light](#) team took the yellow jersey on a breakaway in Arlington, Virginia. Covered on national television, with video still available, it was the last year that Lance Armstrong raced as an amateur, teamed with other young Americans wearing a Skittles - U.S. National Team jersey, with American Nate Schafer winning the Stage 5 Criterium two places ahead of his teammate Lance.

In 1992, the first American winner of the tour in Tour de France champion Greg LeMond; his teammate Kvalsvoll finished second for the second year running, supporting LeMond over the final three days even though only one second separated the two riders.

1993's tour witnessed the first stirrings of a future cycling star, as Lance Armstrong, riding for team Motorola, challenged team WordPerfect's [Raúl Alcalá](#) for the victory; Alcalá triumphed after outperforming Armstrong in a 36-mile (59 km) time trial, but the young American finished second.

Chapter 8

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8.1 "Trump: The Art of the Deal"

"The Art of the Deal" redirects here. For the *Prison Break* television series episode, see [Prison Break \(season 3\)](#). For the 2016 parody film, see [Donald Trump's The Art of the Deal: The Movie](#).

Trump: The Art of the Deal is a 1987 book by business magnate [Donald Trump](#) and journalist [Tony Schwartz](#). Part memoir and part a business advice book, it reached #1 on the *New York Times* Bestseller list and held a position in the list for 51 weeks.^[1]

It was the first book by Donald Trump.^[2] Trump was persuaded to write the book by [Conde Nast](#) owner [Si Newhouse](#) after the May 1984 issue of the Newhouse magazine *GQ*, with Trump appearing on the cover, sold well.^{[1][3]} The book was co-written by journalist [Tony Schwartz](#) and published on November 1, 1987 by [Warner Books](#).

The book was published three years before Trump's financial decline in 1991.^[4] Trump's self-promotion, best-selling book and media celebrity status led one commentator to call him "a poster-child for the 'Greed is Good' 1980s".^[5] The phrase "Greed is Good" was from the movie *Wall Street* which was released a month after *The Art of the Deal*.

8.1.1 Synopsis

In the book, Trump writes about his childhood, his work in [Brooklyn](#) prior to moving to [Manhattan](#) and building [The Trump Organization](#) out of his studio apartment, developing the [Hyatt Hotels](#) and [Trump Tower](#), renovating [Wollman Rink](#), and other projects.^[6]

The book also contains an 11-step formula for business success inspired by [Norman Vincent Peale's](#) *The Power of Positive Thinking*.^[1] The steps include #1 "Think Big", #7 "Get the Word Out", #10 "Contain the Costs".^[1]

8.1.2 Copies sold

The number of copies sold has been the subject of speculation in a number of sources. Trump asserted in his 2016 Presidential run that *Art of the Deal* is "the No. 1 selling business book of all time."^[7] Some sources report it sold over 1 million copies.^[1] In a more detailed analysis by [Linda Qiu](#) in the *Tampa Bay Times*, other business books were found to have sold many more copies than *Art of the Deal*.^[8] Qiu noted it was impossible to find exact sales figures, but gave a range of possibilities based on known claims and facts. Compared to six other famous business books, *Art of the Deal* ranked in 5th place according to their analysis.^[8]

8.1.3 Donald Trump's The Art of the Deal: The Movie

Main article: [Donald Trump's The Art of the Deal: The Movie](#)

Aspects of the book were used as the basis for the 2016 parody film, *Donald Trump's The Art of the Deal: The Movie*.

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Crippled America: How to Make America Great Again is a book by Donald Trump, published in 2015.^[1] It was released November 3 with Trump holding a signing session of it in the Trump Tower. All proceeds from the book will go to charities.^[2]

8.2.1 Contents

In the book, Trump clarifies his position on *illegal immigrants*, claiming that the vast majority have come to improve their futures and the futures of their children. He also writes that despite his past affiliation to the Democratic Party, he has always held Conservative values. Trump informs the reader that despite his previous support for single-payer health care, a position held mostly by liberals in America, he has changed his position because "It works incredibly well in Scotland, for example, and maybe it could have worked here at a different time. But not anymore."^[1]

Trump writes that he had opposed the *Iraq War*, seeing it as a potential destabilising force, and sees military intervention as a last resort because "I've seen their broken bodies, know all about the horrors that live in their heads, and the enormous effects of trauma." On the subject of the \$1 million loan given to him by his father to start his fortune, he states that a similar loan would likely have been given by a bank. Elsewhere, Trump reflects that his focus on his work was the cause of his two divorces.^[1]

Trump admits that he makes hyperbolic statements because "if you're not afraid to be outspoken, the media will write about you or beg you to come on their shows." He justifies this strategy by saying that he is a businessman and "When was the last time you saw a sign hanging outside a pizzeria claiming 'The fourth best pizza in the world'?!"^[1]

Chapter 9

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