

WHITE HOUSE

Vice President Mike Pence: Trump's ^{failures} triumphs are many after only six months and he's just getting started



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In the first six months of this administration, President Donald Trump has fought every day to deliver on his promises to the American people. ^{divide} At a historic pace, this president has taken bold action to restore prosperity, keep Americans safe and secure, and hold government accountable. ^{and bring the national conversation to coarse new lows}

undermine the rule of law, suppress a free and open press, and destabilize government entities that undergird our democracy.

undermining essential civil rights protections and sanctioning taxpayer-funded discrimination.

President Trump has signed more than 40 bills and nearly 40 executive orders on everything from health care to energy, infrastructure and more.

including when Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos abandoned transgender students by withdrawing important guidance.

^{The Trump-Pence} While the previous administration turned to federal agencies to enact its agenda, President Trump has signed more laws to slash through federal red tape than any president in American history and has saved businesses up to \$18 billion a year in costs.

And whereas the last administration ^{encouraged clean energy innovation and tackled climate change} stifled the use of America's vast energy resources, President Trump has put a renewed emphasis on American energy — approving the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines, rolling back the Clean Power Plan, and putting America First by withdrawing from the Paris climate accord. ^{profits for polluters - gutting environmental safeguards that keep our air and water clean, threatening our national parks and monuments, and embarrassing the nation on the world stage}

that had 75 straight months of job growth and an unemployment rate that shrunk to 4.8%

President Trump inherited an economy that would barely budge — but under his watch, American businesses small and large have already created more than 800,000 new jobs since January. Company after company is responding to the president's agenda with optimism — investing billions of dollars in American jobs, American workers and America's future. ^{stability ushered in by President Obama}

As the father of a United States Marine, I couldn't be more proud to serve alongside a president who, cares so deeply about the men and women of the armed forces of the United States of America.

after being lobbied by my friend Tony Perkins and other evangelical leaders, tweeted that thousands of qualified transgender soldiers would be fired from their jobs and denied the opportunity to honorably serve the country they love

which I voted for when I was in Congress,

After years of so-called "sequestration" and budget cuts to our armed forces, [✓] President Trump has already signed the largest increase in defense spending in nearly 10 years and called for the greatest investment in military readiness since the days of President Ronald Reagan.

→ nominated anti-LGBTQ Mark Green to serve as Secretary of the Army, which military experts said "would undermine good order and discipline by fostering dissension within the ranks and sowing confusion about what the military stands for."

And this president calls [✓] our enemy, by its name — radical Islamic terrorism — and with the leadership of this commander-in-chief our armed forces are taking the fight to ISIS on our terms on their soil.

the press

→ on par with violent extremism

When it comes to security here in the homeland, President Trump has taken decisive steps to secure our borders and enforce our laws — a direct contrast with the previous administration.

→ discriminate against people based on their religion

immigrants were demagogued for political gain

And while ~~illegal immigration was rampant~~ in recent years, our administration has been working with local law enforcement to take drug dealers, members of gangs like MS-13, and other violent criminals off our streets. Illegal crossings at our southern border are down by more than 60 percent since the start of this year.

to target vulnerable people, including children, ripping apart families seeking the American dream.

→ in large part due to our efforts to turn away and mislead asylum seekers fleeing devastating violence in their home countries

After the previous president tried to stack the courts with liberal jurists, our president made a commitment to appoint federal judges who will uphold the Constitution and the God-given liberties enshrined there. Look no further than the newest Supreme Court Justice, Neil Gorsuch,

ignore the Constitutional rights of transgender women and hand businesses a license to discriminate against LGBTQ people.

→ who authored a dissent undermining the reach of the landmark marriage equality decisions only two months into his lifetime appointment

President Trump's accomplishments are nothing short of historic. But as the president likes to say, at this ^{"real dump"} White House that's just what we call a good start.

→ he has achieved the lowest approval ratings in his first six months in office of any president in 70 years

President Trump will not rest and he will not relent until we keep our promise to the American people and ~~repeal and replace~~ ObamaCare.

→ to cut Medicaid, take health insurance from more than 20 million people, imperil the lives of LGBTQ people, and sell our environment to the highest bidder.

repeal the Affordable Care Act, hike premiums, and leave millions without health insurance. He supported a heartless, failed plan whose details he knew little

President Trump has called on the Congress to do its job, and we will continue to work with both the House and Senate to give the American people health care reform built on the principles of personal responsibility, free-market competition and state-based reforms.

President Trump is firmly committed to passing the largest tax cut [✓] since the days of President Reagan.

for the wealthy

We're going to cut taxes across the board for working families, ^{high-income} small businesses and family farms,

→ hedge funds, big lobbying firms, big business,

worth more than \$10 million.

We'll simplify the tax code. We'll eliminate the alternative minimum tax. We'll make the code flatter and fairer for everyone. And under President Trump, we will repeal death taxes once and for all.

for the rich by simply cutting the top tax rate and eliminating any tax on corporations' offshore profits

except low- and middle-income families

→ so that rich people can still benefit from as many loopholes and special tax breaks as possible

→ the estate tax on estates over \$5 million

And to get this economy ^{make the wealthy richer} moving again, we're going to cut business taxes in America so that companies in this country can compete with companies around the world and create good jobs right here in America.

avoid even more tax on their foreign profits

CEOs can get more pay and big corporations

reward the multinational companies that have spent the last two decades shifting profits and jobs offshore by eliminating tax on their offshore profits altogether.

let them get away with paying little or no tax on the \$2.6 trillion of untaxed offshore profits they've amassed thus far,

We'll end the broken system that penalizes companies for calling America home. And we'll cut taxes on trillions of dollars that are locked away overseas so that American businesses can invest in America's future!

by not paying their fair share of taxes that fund bedrock programs like Medicare, Medicaid and education, which ensure an economy that works for all

It is the greatest privilege of my life to serve as vice president to a president who is fighting every single day to restore an America of freedom, prosperity and opportunity for all.

that's isolated, rejects science, openly discriminates against people based on their religion and sexual orientation and gender identity, and where millions and millions of people will lose essential access to health care.

So with boundless faith in the American people, with faith in President Trump's vision and determination, and with faith in God who has ever watched over this Land of the Free and Home of the Brave, I say with confidence: We will make America safe again. We will make America prosperous again. And to borrow a phrase, we will ~~Make America Great Again~~.

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