

# *One Year of Risk to Our Lives*

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On 9 November 2016 the world awoke to the news that magnate Donald Trump had been selected as the forty fifth President of the United States, a fact that opened up a period of uncertainty both within and outside the United States as the realization grew that humanity might explode at any moment and disappear from the planet.

Full of contradictions during his electoral campaign, the conduct of the leader of the biggest military and economic power in our planet has not changed over the past three hundred and sixty five days. In fact, his unpredictable behaviour is the same.

His outbursts are already well known, and his own advisors are no longer surprised by the danger they pose, while they admit of having no power to influence their boss.

If some had harbored hopes that the President would be different to the candidate, his time at the helm has convinced them that their hopes were in vain.

His behavior, marked by an arrogance, and a profound ignorance of public administration affairs and international relations, President Donald Trump has shattered the figure of the traditional, revered figure of the Head of State, even in a country where politics is defined by absurdities and contradictions.

His election is a blatant show of this, since he arrived in the White House despite having obtained three million votes less than his rival, Mrs. Hillary Clinton.

A number of his closest assistants have disappeared during the first months of his administration, including his Chief of Cabinet, the FBI Director and several other key cabinet and White House officials, and some experts are forecasting that one of the next casualties might be the Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson.

Many of his campaign promises have gone to greener pastures and the few that he has fulfilled have all got negative aspects, such as the policy towards immigrants and the rejection of important international treaties, such as the Free Trade in North America, the nuclear pact with Iran and something much more serious, such as the US withdrawal from the Paris climate change treaty.

Most of his legal initiatives have not been approved by Congress despite the fact that his Republican Party has the majority in both chambers. Many are also recalling that Mr. Trumps irrational conduct towards North Korea has brought the world to the brink of a nuclear conflict. As Mr. Trump advances towards his second anniversary in the White House many are tightening their jaws and clinging to their seats in anticipation of what may still come.

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