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The relationship between President Donald Trump and the press has been one of the most contentious in American history. Trump has repeatedly attacked the media, calling them "the enemy of the people" and accusing them of spreading "fake news." The media, in turn, has been critical of Trump's policies and behavior, and has accused him of being a threat to democracy.

This conflict has had a profound impact on the way that Americans view the media and its role in society. A recent poll found that only 32% of Americans have a great deal or quite a lot of confidence in the media, down from 51% in 1972. This decline in trust is due in part to Trump's attacks on the media, but it is also a reflection of the increasing polarization of American politics.

The conflict between Trump and the press is not simply a personal one. It is a reflection of a deeper divide in American society over the role of the media in a democracy. Some people believe that the media should be a watchdog on government, while others believe that the media should be more supportive of the government. This divide is likely to continue for the foreseeable future, and it will continue to have a significant impact on the way that Americans view the media and its role in society.

### **Trump's Attacks on the Media**

Trump has attacked the media since the beginning of his presidential campaign. He has called the media "the enemy of the people," "fake news," and "the opposition party." He has also accused the media of being biased against him and of spreading lies about him.

Trump's attacks on the media have been unprecedented in American history. No other president has ever so consistently and aggressively attacked the press. These attacks have had a number of consequences.

First, they have undermined trust in the media. A recent poll found that only 32% of Americans have a great deal or quite a lot of confidence in the media, down from 51% in 1972. This decline in trust is due in part to Trump's attacks on the media, but it is also a reflection of the increasing polarization of American politics.

Second, Trump's attacks on the media have made it more difficult for journalists to do their jobs. Journalists are now more likely to be harassed and threatened when they are reporting on Trump. This has made it more difficult for journalists to get access to information and to hold the government accountable.

Third, Trump's attacks on the media have emboldened other politicians to attack the media. A number of Republican politicians have followed Trump's lead and have begun to attack the media in similar terms. This has created a climate of fear and intimidation for journalists.

## **The Media's Response to Trump**

The media has responded to Trump's attacks in a number of ways. Some journalists have tried to ignore Trump's attacks and continue to report on him in a fair and objective way. Others have been more aggressive in their coverage of Trump, and have accused him of being a threat to democracy.

The media's response to Trump has been mixed. Some journalists have been successful in ignoring Trump's attacks and continuing to report on him

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The media's response to Trump is likely to continue to be mixed. Some journalists will continue to try to ignore Trump's attacks and continue to report on him in a fair and objective way. Others will be more aggressive in their coverage of Trump, and will continue to accuse him of being a threat to democracy.

### **The Implications of the Conflict for Democracy**

The conflict between Trump and the press has a number of implications for democracy. First, it has undermined trust in the media. This is a serious problem, because the media is essential for a healthy democracy. The media provides information to the public about what is happening in government, and it holds the government accountable. If the public does not trust the media, it is more difficult for the public to make informed decisions about how to vote.

Second, the conflict between Trump and the press has made it more difficult for journalists to do their jobs. This is a problem because journalists are essential for a healthy democracy. Journalists provide information to the public about what is happening in government, and they hold the government accountable. If journalists are unable to do their jobs, it is more difficult for the public to make informed decisions about how to vote.

Third, the conflict between Trump and the press has emboldened other politicians to attack the media. This is a problem because it creates a climate of fear and intimidation for journalists. Journalists are less likely to report on the government if they fear that they will be attacked. This can

lead to a decline in the quality of journalism, and it can make it more difficult for the public to make informed decisions about how to vote.

The conflict between Trump and the press is a serious threat to democracy. It has undermined trust in the media, made it more difficult for journalists to do their jobs, and emboldened other politicians to attack the media. This conflict is likely to continue for the foreseeable future, and it is likely to have a significant impact on the way that Americans view the media and its role in society.

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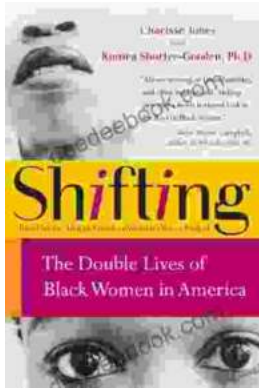
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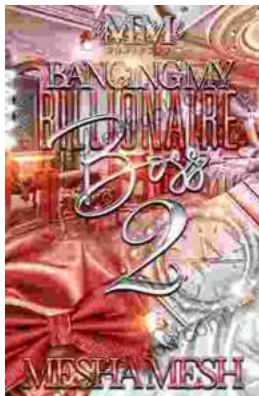
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