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 Just look at what this corrupt establishment has done to our cities like Detroit; Flint, Michigan; and rural towns in Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina and all across our country. [ . . . ] They stripped away these town bare. And raided the 15 wealth for themselves and taken our jobs away out of our country never to return unless I'm elected president.  
  
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20 With their control over our government at stake, with trillions of dollars on the line, the Clinton machine is determined to achieve the destruction of our campaign, not gonna to happen. [ . . . ]   
  
 They've never seen a movement like this in our country before. Yesterday in Florida, massive crowds, people lined up outside of big arenas, not able to get in. Never happened before. It's one of the phenomenas — it's one of the great political phenomenas. The most powerful weapon deployed by the Clintons is the corporate media, the press.  
  
25 Let's be clear on one thing, the corporate media in our country is no longer involved in journalism. They're a political special interest no different than any lobbyist or other financial entity with a total political agenda, and the agenda is not for you, it's for themselves. And their agenda is to elect crooked Hillary Clinton at any cost, at any price, no matter how many lives they destroy. [ . . . ]

This election will determine whether we are a free nation or whether we have only the illusion of democracy, but are in fact 30 controlled by a small handful of global special interests rigging the system, and our system is rigged. This is reality, you know it, they know it, I know it, and pretty much the whole world knows it. The establishment and their media enablers will control over this nation through means that are very well known. Anyone who challenges their control is deemed a sexist, a racist, a xenophobe, and morally deformed.

They will attack you, they will slander you, they will seek to destroy your career and your family, they will seek to destroy 35 everything about you, including your reputation. They will lie, lie, lie, and then again they will do worse than that, they will do whatever is necessary. [ . . . ]

And so now we address the slander and libels that was just last night thrown at me by the Clinton machine and the *New*  *York Times* and other media outlets, as part of a concerted, coordinated and vicious attack.  
  
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