

**JANUARY**  
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**Jan 20, 2017:** Inauguration of Donald J. Trump, 45th U.S. President

President signs his first executive order, to scrap President Obama's **Affordable Care Act**

**Jan 23:** Trump signs executive order to abandon Obama's flagship **Trans-Pacific Partnership** trade deal

**Jan 27:** President's **travel ban** to U.S. on nationals of seven Muslim-majority countries triggers outcry.  
**Legal challenges continue until December 4 when Supreme Court allows ban to go into effect**

**Feb 13:** National security adviser **Michael Flynn** (below) is fired following intercepted calls between Flynn and Russian ambassador to U.S., **Sergey Kislyev**



**398**

Executive orders, memoranda and proclamations signed (as of Jan 8, 2018)

*Donald Trump*

**Apr 7:** U.S. Senate confirms **Neil Gorsuch** (below) to Supreme Court. **First of president's 34 conservative judges picked in his first year – appointments will reshape U.S. judiciary for generations**



**88**

Visits to golf clubs



# Donald Trump's first year



**May 9:** Trump fires FBI Director **James Comey** (above) who is investigating alleged collusion between Trump's campaign team and Russia ahead of presidential election

**May 19-26:** President makes his first foreign trip with visits to Saudi Arabia, Israel, the Vatican, Belgium and Sicily.  
**Trump signs \$110 billion U.S. weapons deal with Saudi Arabia – chief proponent in two-year war in Yemen**



**May 24:** White House releases \$4.1 trillion budget for fiscal year 2018. Budget cuts anti-poverty programmes by \$1.7 trillion while increasing defence spending and lowering taxes

**Jun 1:** Trump announces that U.S. will withdraw from **Paris Climate Accord**

**Jul 21:** White House press secretary **Sean Spicer** resigns after Trump appoints **Anthony Scaramucci** against his advice. Scaramucci lasts just 11 days before being fired

**Sep 19:** Addressing United Nations, Trump mocks North Korea's leader **Kim Jong-un** (inset), saying **"Rocket Man is on a suicide mission for himself"**

**100+**  
Resignations at State Department  
**8**

**U.S. embassies in Middle East without ambassadors**

**Sep 20:** President faces criticism for apparent lack of empathy for victims of **Hurricane Maria** in Puerto Rico

**Oct 17:** U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces liberate Raqqa – de facto capital of so-called **Islamic State**



**Oct 27:** Special counsel **Robert Mueller** (above), announces charges in Russia investigation against former campaign aides **Paul Manafort** (below left), **Rick Gates** (below right), and **George Papadopoulos**



**Nov 7:** Democrats sweep to victory in governor's elections in Virginia and New Jersey

**Dec 1:** Former national security adviser **Michael Flynn** pleads guilty to lying to FBI about conversations with Russia's ambassador

**Dec 6:** Trump overturns decades of U.S. foreign policy by announcing he will recognise Jerusalem as capital of Israel and move U.S. embassy there from Tel Aviv

**20%**

**Stock market gains during Trump presidency**

**Dec 8:** Trump's top Middle East adviser, **Dina Powell** (below), announces she will quit White House



**99**

**Bills signed into law by President Trump.**  
Fewest in any president's first year since 1953

**Dec 12:** In further blow to Republicans, Democrat **Doug Jones** wins Alabama Senate special election, defeating Trump's scandal-scarred candidate, **Roy Moore**

**Dec 20:** Senate passes most sweeping overhaul of U.S. tax system in more than 30 years. **President Trump's first major legislative victory**

**2.06m**

**New jobs created in 2017.**  
Short of 2.24 million jobs created in Obama's last full year in office



**Jan 5, 2018:** **Michael Wolff's "Fire and Fury"** paints Trump White House as chaotic and dysfunctional

**37%**

**President Trump's approval rating on January 7**  
Lowest since 1993