

Accountability and now somebody treats our veterans badly and we look at them, and why do we say? We say, you're fired. Get out, right? Get out. They got rid of a lot of bad people that were there for a long time."

people a year before the law was enacted. The baseline rate of firing in the VA, before the law, was about 220 people a month – and under Trump it has increased to about 290 people a month.

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"We passed the largest tax cuts in the history of our country."

Trump's tax cut amounts to nearly 0.9 percent of the gross domestic product, meaning it is far smaller than President Ronald Reagan's tax cut in 1981, which was 2.89 percent of GDP. Trump's tax cut is the eighth largest tax cut – and even smaller than two tax cuts passed under Barack Obama.

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"And regulation cuts, we passed more regulation cuts than any administration in the history of our country."

Trump may have grounds to brag, but his claim cannot be easily verified. There is no reliable metric on which to judge his claim – or to compare him to previous presidents. Many experts say the most significant regulation in U.S. history were the deregulation of airline and trucking industries during the Carter administration.

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"Do you ever notice that Biden oftentimes gets the state wrong? He's in Iowa and he says, it's good to be in Idaho. No, no, you're in Iowa. He's in New Hampshire and he says, it's great to be in Ohio. No, no, no, you're in New Hampshire. That happens to him all the time. It hasn't happened to me yet."

Trump once tweeted congratulations to the Kansas City Chiefs and the "Great State of Kansas." The team is from Kansas City, Missouri.

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"No President or administration has done more in the first three and a half years than the Trump administration."

Trump, unlike many presidents in his first three years, had signed relatively few major pieces of legislation. Certainly, the whirlwind of accomplishments under presidents such as Franklin D. Roosevelt, Lyndon B. Johnson, Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama exceed Trump's efforts. As of Jan. 19, 2020, his 1095th day, Trump had signed 548 bills, most of which were minor. Trump has signed more bills and joint resolutions than Obama, but was still behind every other president since Eisenhower, according to a calculation provided to The Fact Checker by Josh Tauberer of GovTrack. "What matters is the content of the legislation," he wrote at the end of 2018. "When you look at the actual policy, the 115th Congress was underwhelming." Trump's numbers are also driven largely by his first two years, when both chambers of Congress were held by Republicans. The rate of new laws has dropped precipitously since the start of 2019. But at the same time, the bills signed by Trump actually top other presidents in terms of page count, Tauberer said. "But what he's done – most of it increasing the size of the federal government in Democrat-led legislation – goes against the regulation-cutting and swamp-draining philosophy that he and the Republican Party campaigned on."

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money has been spent, but he is referring to a study that included estimates of future obligations through 2056 for veterans' care. The study combines data for both George W. Bush's war in Iraq (2003) and the war in Afghanistan (2001), which is in Central/South Asia, not the Middle East, as well as homeland security spending. The cost of the combined wars will probably surpass \$7 trillion by 2056, when interest on the debt is considered, almost four decades from now.

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"We had some very bad people outside. We had some very bad people outside. They were doing bad things."

News organizations at the rally reported there were few protests and clashes with Trump supporters.

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"We will have close to 300 federal judges appointed and approved by the end of my first term. That's an all-time record. That's an all-time record."

Trump has a long way to go to have appointed the most federal judges. Ronald Reagan has the record, with 369, followed by Bill Clinton with 371 and then George W. Bush with 324. Through July 1, 2020, 200 Article III judges nominated by Trump have been confirmed by the Senate. (That is still second to Jimmy Carter, who had 247 judges confirmed at that point in his term.) George Washington appointed 39 judges during his presidency. Trump appointed 53 judges to the federal appeals court, just short of Carter's 54 as of July 1.

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"We've spent over \$2 trillion to completely rebuild the unmatched strength and power of the United States military."

This is false. Trump is adding up three fiscal years of military funding, but the money is not all spent, only a portion of it is destined for new equipment, and the equipment is not all built. The current fiscal year began only a few months before Trump began to make this statement. The actual amount spent on military equipment since he became president is much less, about \$444 billion in constant dollars, or about 20 percent of the total. The rest was spent on things like personnel, operations and maintenance, and research and development. Trump's spending on military equipment is not particularly new or unusual.

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"We passed VA Choice. So, if you're a veteran for years and years, they've wanted to do it for almost 50 years. We got it done."

The VA Choice bill – known as the MISSION Act – was mostly an update of a law passed by Obama in 2014, so 40 years is an exaggeration. (Sometimes Trump says 44, 45 or even 48 years.) Despite Trump's claims, it's not clear that veterans are facing shorter wait times. The MISSION Act only took effect in 2019.

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"VA Accountability, we've got a lot of bad people in the VA. People that didn't love our vets, people that were sadistic, people that stole -- a lot of bad people. You couldn't get rid of them because they were, let's say, it could be unions or it could be civil service, right? Let's say, let's just say. And so, you couldn't get it done. That was another one. For decades and decades they wanted to get it changed and I

The Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017 was an important measure for accountability and whistleblower protection at the VA. But this law builds on firing authority given to the VA secretary through the Choice, Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 in response to the 2014 Phoenix VA scandal. Trump frequently