

# **CN Morning Rundown: Trump, Former First Lady Launch New Online Platform to Remain 'Tireless Champions' for Americans**

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## **Trump, First Lady Launch New Online Platform to Remain 'Tireless Champions' for Americans**

After being banned from social media, former President Donald Trump is following in the footsteps of embattled Mike Lindell in taking the first steps to allegedly create his own social media platform by launching an online site called .

The site is a place to "fulfill our promise to put America first," the website's homepage reads. "Through this office, President Trump will remain a tireless champion for the hardworking men and women of our great country – and for their right to live in safety, dignity, prosperity and peace," it continues.

The president and first lady Melania Trump said they hope the site fosters communication between them and the American people. "The official website of the 45th President of the United States will allow individuals to submit correspondence, scheduling requests, and press inquiries for President and Mrs. Trump," *The Boston Herald* reports. "President and Mrs. Trump are continually strengthened by the enduring spirit of the American people, and they look forward to staying in touch."

**How America Finds Itself on the Brink of a Totalitarian State**

The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament, also known and branded as NCAA March Madness, is a single-elimination tournament played each spring in the United States, featuring 68 college basketball teams from the Division I level of the National Collegiate Athletic Association to determine the national championship.

The No. 15 seed Oral Roberts Golden Eagles men's basketball team, representing Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, pulled off a sensational upset victory over the No. 2 seed Ohio State Buckeyes on Friday, March 19, and two days later defeated the No. 7 seed Florida Gators as well.

ORU was eventually eliminated from the tournament on Saturday night by No. 3 seed Arkansas. But it made its presence felt in March.

## **5 Takeaways From the New 'Satan Sneakers'**

The announcement of rapper Lil Nas X's limited edition Satan sneakers has created a media firestorm, which was the most obvious goal of the campaign. After all, how much money can be made from a run of 666 sneakers, all allegedly featuring a drop of human blood? Yet there are practical takeaways from this publicity stunt.

First, while the sneakers will be here today and gone tomorrow, we must not underestimate Lil Nas X's influence on children in general. Rather, as reported by NPR on Jan. 5, children are his "core audience right now," and by children, NPR meant little children.

I'm talking about children who watch Sesame Street. (Check out this video of the rapper appearing on Sesame Street and performing with the Muppets.) I'm talking about elementary school children. {eoa}

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