President Trump's First Year – And Beyond
a discussion with
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On the 365th day of the Trump Presidency, it seems logical to stop and ask what has happened and what might happen next.

President Trump did not look like he would be a "normal" President, and it is easy to find unusual patterns in his first year, ranging from his late-night tweets to the fact that much of his White House staff turned over by the end of the Summer. Yet it is not so easy to identify how his appointments, legislative initiatives, and administrative actions differ from what should have been expected from any President in the mainstream of the current Republican Party. There are lots of stories about conflict within the administration, but not much about policy dissent – any serious opposition on issues like the environment, "repealing and replacing Obamacare" (and Medicaid!), or the tax cut. Appointees appear to be pursuing the anti-regulation agenda, and civil servants, if they are trying to obstruct, seem not to be succeeding. A cynic might speculate that the noise about the President distracts the public from learning about the policies.

So how well or badly is President Trump doing, for his and his party's own purposes?
What kind of resistance can be expected, with what results, going forward?

Professor Cohen is Associate Director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics and a leading scholar of how Presidents organize, or don't, their administrations. He joins us to share his own wonder and quest for understanding.

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