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The Psychology of the Seven Radicals
**A Behavioral Intelligence Profile of Donald J.
Trump**

High-Dominance Persona, Retaliatory Fixation, and Tactical Agility

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Analytic Note and Methodology

This profile reads the persona that Donald Trump’s observable public conduct constructs from January 2025 through June 2026. It is not a clinical or psychiatric assessment, and it asserts no diagnosis of any person. Terms such as grandiosity, retaliatory fixation, and grievance describe observable behavioral patterns in the public record, not medical findings. Trump’s own statements supply the primary evidence. Independent reporting and official statistics constrain the factual judgments about his claims.

The Seven Radicals model treats radicals as recurring psychological-operational modes that a leader embodies, weaponizes, or triggers in an audience. Treadstone 71 and the NICCS catalog describe the model as a Russian-origin persona-profiling method that is not a widely recognized or empirically validated psychological framework. It serves as an analytic lens for adversary and persona characterization, not as a clinical instrument. That limit reinforces the persona-not-patient discipline of this product.

Probability and confidence language follows ICD 203 and Sherman Kent conventions. The profile separates three evidence tiers throughout: **verified** (supported by official data or multiple reputable sources), **disputed** (contested between credible sources or between the administration and independent estimates), and **contradicted** (a stated claim that official statistics or reputable fact-checkers refute). Color-coded tables mark these tiers where useful.

Evidence tier	Meaning in this product
Verified	Official statistics or several reputable, independent sources support the item.
Disputed	Credible sources disagree, or administration figures diverge from independent estimates.
Contradicted	A stated claim that official data or reputable fact-checkers refute.

Bottom Line Up Front

Trump governs the second term as a multi-channel influence operation. He fuses victory-lap economics for the in-group, delegitimization narratives for any institution that constrains him, and punitive commitments aimed at out-groups framed as criminal, corrupt, or foreign. The persona that emerges thrives on vindication through dominance. Across the Seven Radicals, the conduct loads most heavily on **The Avenger** and on the operational radical of **Rapid Adaptation**, with strong supporting signals from The Narcissist, The Thrill-Seeker, The Oppressed, and The Deprived.

The centerpiece of the window is the 20 February 2026 Supreme Court ruling that the International Emergency Economic Powers Act does not authorize tariffs. The decision struck down the legal core of Trump’s signature economic program. He pivoted to alternative tariff authorities within hours. That single sequence shows both radicals in one motion: retaliatory fixation on trade enemies, and a fast, improvised legal workaround when a constraint lands.

Trump’s maximalist claims collide with the official record. He calls the economy the strongest in history, the Iran strikes a total obliteration, and foreign investment a multi-trillion-dollar flood. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, New York Federal Reserve, Penn Wharton Budget Model, and the major fact-checkers tell a more mixed story. Approval sits near a second-term low around 38 percent, and consumer sentiment reached the lowest reading in the survey’s history in May 2026, as the 2026 midterm runway opens.

Composite Radical Profile at a Glance

Radical (trait variant)	Intensity	Primary observable anchor (Jan 2025–Jun 2026)
The Avenger	Dominant	Denaturalization push against named critics; DOJ criminal probe of the Fed chair; executive orders against law firms tied to past investigations.
The Narcissist	High	“Cardiac age 14 years younger”; perfect cognitive-test boasts; “strongest economy in history”; Cabinet praise sessions.
The Thrill-Seeker	High	Maduro capture operation; Iran strikes; firing threats against the Fed chair; tariff brinkmanship.
The Oppressed	Constant background	“Witch hunt” and “fake news” framing; treats every constraint as persecution.
The Deprived	Constant background	“They’re ripping us off” tariff justification; reclamation framing of trade and wealth.
The Zealot	Intermittent spike	Tariff program pursued despite legal and economic warnings; “zero enrichment” maximalism on Iran.
The Martyr	Intermittent spike	Assassination-survivor framing; “golden age” legacy language; “I take the heat for you.”

Operational-tactics overlay: Rapid Adaptation (dominant), Power as Perception, Continuous Pressure, Ridicule and Discrediting Opponents, Targeting Accessible Vulnerabilities, Chaos as an Appeal, and Amplifying Threats Beyond Reality all register in the window.

Key Judgments

1. The persona thrives on vindication through domination. Trump blends Oppressed grievance with Narcissist grandiosity, then channels Deprived scarcity into Avenger punishment, with Zealot absolutism and Thrill-Seeker spectacle for emotional intensity. The result is a loyalty-based interpretation of economics and governance where support reads as patriotism and skepticism reads as complicity.
2. The Avenger is the dominant radical. The institutionalization of retribution — against law firms, universities, the Federal Reserve, and naturalized critics — separates the second term from the first. Past terms threatened; this term files.
3. Rapid Adaptation is the dominant operational tactic. The within-hours pivot from the struck-down IEEPA tariffs to Section 122, 232, and 301 authorities on 20 February 2026 is the clearest single demonstration of tactical agility in the window.
4. Maximalist claims create credibility fragility. The gap between absolute victory language and official data is wide and repeated on the economy, tariffs incidence, immigration counts, and foreign-policy operational outcomes. Each falsifiable number is a future pressure point among audiences that value accuracy.
5. Observable physical-presentation questions are now a feature of the second term. A chronic venous insufficiency disclosure, authenticated dozing episodes, and a late-May 2026 break in health-disclosure practice raise transparency questions that the public record cannot fully resolve. These items are reported as observable conduct, never as diagnosis.
6. The near-term hinges are legal and economic. Tariff-refund mechanics, a pending birthright-citizenship ruling, the Federal Reserve succession fight, record-low consumer sentiment, and a sub-35 percent independent approval rating shape the 2026 midterm runway.

Centerpiece Case Study: The Tariff Defeat and the Section 122 Pivot

On 20 February 2026 the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 in *Learning Resources, Inc. v. Trump*, consolidated with *Trump v. V.O.S. Selections*, that the International Emergency Economic Powers Act does not authorize the President to impose tariffs. Chief Justice Roberts wrote the opinion. Thomas, Alito, and Kavanaugh dissented. The decision invalidated the legal foundation of the “Liberation Day” reciprocal tariffs announced in April 2025 and the fentanyl-trafficking tariffs.

The fiscal exposure is large. The Penn Wharton Budget Model, in an analysis produced for Reuters on the day of the ruling, projected that reversing the IEEPA tariffs would generate up to 175 billion dollars in refunds, roughly 1,300 dollars per household. About 164.7 billion dollars in IEEPA tariffs had been collected from February 2025 through January 2026, near half of all customs duties in that span. More than a thousand importer suits sit at the Court of International Trade over refund mechanics.

Trump’s response shows the profile in motion. Within hours he issued a Section 122 proclamation imposing a 10 percent global tariff, effective 24 February 2026 under a 150-day limit, then raised it to 15 percent the next day, and opened Section 301 investigations. Treasury Secretary Bessent said combining Sections 122, 232, and 301 would keep 2026 tariff revenue virtually unchanged.

Two radicals appear in one sequence. **The Avenger** frames foreign trading partners as thieves who must be punished, and frames the Court as one more constraint to route around. **Rapid Adaptation** supplies the legal improvisation that preserves the revenue and the narrative when the original tool fails. The benchmark for revisiting the Avenger weighting is concrete: if the administration complies with refund orders and de-escalates the broader institutional conflict, downgrade the Avenger emphasis. As of the reporting date, refund mechanics remain unresolved and the institutional conflicts continue, so the dominant weighting holds.

Case Study Evidence Tiers

Item	Tier	Source basis
SCOTUS struck IEEPA tariffs 6-3 on 20 Feb 2026	Verified	K&L Gates, WilmerHale client alerts (20 Feb 2026)
Up to ~\$175B refund exposure; ~\$164.7B collected Feb 2025–Jan 2026	Verified	Penn Wharton Budget Model via Reuters (20 Feb 2026)
Section 122 10% pivot within hours; raised to 15%; Section 301 probes opened	Verified	Administration proclamations; trade-law reporting
“2026 tariff revenue virtually unchanged” under 122/232/301 stacking	Disputed	Treasury claim; replacement-tariff litigation pending at CIT

Observable Physical State and Presentation

This section reports observable conduct and open-source reporting. It asserts no diagnosis. The flagged datapoint is the late-May 2026 break in disclosure practice.

The Official Record

Trump turned 80 on 14 June 2026. The White House maintains that he is in excellent and exceptional health. His first second-term physical occurred at Walter Reed on 11 April 2025, released two days later by the White House physician, Navy Captain Sean Barbabella. The memo reported a weight of 224 pounds, blood pressure of 128 over 74, a stated 30 of 30 on the Montreal Cognitive Assessment, and a conclusion that Trump remains fully fit to execute the duties of the office. Trump said publicly that he scored a perfect 30 out of 30.

On 17 July 2025 the White House disclosed a diagnosis of chronic venous insufficiency after Trump noticed mild swelling in his lower legs. Bilateral lower-extremity Doppler ultrasounds found the condition, described as benign and common in people over 70, with no deep vein thrombosis and no arterial disease. Hand bruising was attributed to frequent handshaking and aspirin use. A 10 October 2025 follow-up at Walter Reed, lasting about three hours, again described exceptional health and cited an AI-enhanced electrocardiogram suggesting a cardiac age about 14 years younger than his chronological age.

The May 2026 Disclosure Break

Ahead of Trump's 80th birthday, the White House withheld results from a late-May 2026 Walter Reed visit for several days. That departure from prior practice drew transparency concern in mainstream reporting. The visit was Trump's third or fourth to Walter Reed in roughly 13 months, an unusual cadence. When the results came, they again described excellent health and again touted the cognitive test. The break in routine disclosure is the key transparency datapoint of the window. The public record cannot confirm or rule out undisclosed findings, because presidents hold wide discretion over health disclosure.

Observed Dozing and Stamina

Independent fact-checkers authenticated several dozing episodes. Snopes confirmed that Trump fell asleep during a December 2025 Cabinet meeting and nodded off during a 4 June 2026 coal announcement. A May 2026 Memorial Day instance at Arlington remains unproven; the White House said he was blinking. A cardiologist who previously treated a former vice president publicly described severe daytime somnolence. The White House calls Trump the sharpest and most energetic president in American history and attacks reporters who cover the issue. A February 2026 poll found that six in ten Americans believe Trump has become more erratic with age.

Physical-State Evidence Tiers

Observable item	Tier	Source basis
Chronic venous insufficiency disclosed; bruising attributed to handshaking/aspirin	Verified	White House (17 Jul 2025); NPR; Medical News Today

Dozing at Dec 2025 Cabinet meeting and 4 Jun 2026 coal event	Verified	Snopes authentication
Late-May 2026 results withheld for days — break from practice	Verified	CNN (29 May 2026)
Arlington “dozing” on 25 May 2026	Disputed	Snopes rated unproven; White House said “blinking”
Viral “four days left” and end-of-life claims	Contradicted	PolitiFact debunk (Jul 2025)

Observable Rhetorical and Behavioral Pattern

Posting volume reached a record. The Washington Post counted 2,262 Truth Social posts in the 132 days after inauguration, more than three times the first-term pace over the same span. CNBC found about 15.7 posts a day after the election. One Daily Beast count put May 2025 at 861 posts and reposts, his most ever in a single month. Axios documented a 158-post burst across three hours one December night in 2025, near one a minute. About a third of the output lands overnight.

Recurring rhetorical features in the window, each grounded in a dated example:

- **Enemy construction and institutional delegitimization.** Persistent “fake news” framing, including a June 2025 White House release headlined that Iran’s facilities were obliterated and that any suggestion otherwise was fake news.
- **Precision theater.** Escalating investment figures, from roughly 3 trillion dollars in January 2025 to 17 or 18 trillion by October to 21 or 22 trillion by late 2025.
- **Totalizing victory language.** “Completely and totally obliterated” for Iran on 21 June 2025; “strongest economy in history.”
- **Ridicule and discrediting.** An AI image of the Fed chair falling into a dumpster in May 2025; a doctored image of a House member in a sheep costume.
- **Gish-gallop stacking.** The 24 February 2026 State of the Union ran about 108 minutes, the longest in history, and drew numerous corrections from the major fact-checkers.
- **Humor as deniability.** “I sometimes close my eyes because it’s very relaxing,” which lowers reputational cost while still signaling dominance.

Power Actions Mapped to the Radicals

National Guard and Federal Force

In 2025 the administration deployed National Guard troops to Washington, Los Angeles, the Chicago area, Memphis, New Orleans, and Portland, activating more than 10,000 personnel. The Congressional Budget Office estimated the 2025 cost near 496 million dollars. A federal judge ruled on 2 September 2025 that the Los Angeles deployment violated the Posse Comitatus Act, and the Supreme Court declined to let the Chicago deployment proceed. Troops left Los Angeles, Chicago, and Portland by January 2026. The Washington mission of about 2,400 troops was extended through the end of 2026. On 26 November 2025 a West Virginia guardsman was killed and another wounded near the White House, and Trump ordered 500 more troops. On 15 January 2026 he threatened to invoke the Insurrection Act over Minneapolis immigration protests, then backtracked.

The Federal Reserve

Trump threatened repeatedly to fire Chair Powell, posted in April 2025 that Powell's termination could not come fast enough, nominated Kevin Warsh in January 2026, and vowed on 15 April 2026 to fire Powell if he stayed past the May expiry of his term. A Justice Department criminal probe targeted Powell over the Fed's building renovation. On the related Cook matter, Judge James Boasberg quashed Justice Department subpoenas and wrote that the government had offered no evidence that Powell committed any crime other than displeasing the President, and that the probe's dominant purpose was to harass and pressure. Senator Tillis blocked the Warsh confirmation pending resolution of the probe.

Law Firms, Universities, the Judiciary, and the Press

Starting in February and March 2025, Trump signed executive orders against five major law firms tied to past investigations of him. Firms that fought — Perkins Coie, Jenner & Block, WilmerHale, and Susman Godfrey — won permanent injunctions, with courts calling the orders unconstitutional retaliation. One judge called the campaign an unprecedented attack. Several other firms settled with large pro bono pledges. The Justice Department later dropped its appeals. Columbia University and others faced funding pressure.

Denaturalization and Citizenship

A 11 June 2025 Justice Department memo directed attorneys to prioritize and maximally pursue denaturalization. Trump publicly floated stripping citizenship from or deporting critics, including a sitting mayor-elect, a member of Congress, an entertainer who is a natural-born citizen and therefore legally ineligible, and a former close ally. By spring 2026 the department had filed more than 60 cases with about 11 successful revocations. NPR found the actual cases narrower than the rhetoric, mostly involving serious pre-existing crimes. The 20 January 2025 birthright-citizenship order remained blocked nationwide, with a Supreme Court ruling pending after April 2026 argument.

Foreign-Policy Spectacles

Iran. On 21 June 2025, after Operation Midnight Hammer, Trump said Iran's facilities were completely and totally obliterated. A preliminary Defense Intelligence Agency assessment found the strikes set the program back only months. A later Pentagon assessment said about two years. The CIA director said the program was severely damaged, not destroyed. Trump fired the agency director in August 2025. In February 2026 the United States and Israel struck Iran again, and Trump again said obliterated, language that contradicted the administration's own November 2025 wording of significantly degraded.

Venezuela. On 3 January 2026, in Operation Absolute Resolve, United States forces captured President Maduro and his wife in an operation of about two and a half hours involving more than 150 aircraft. They were flown to New York on narcoterrorism charges. Trump said the United States would run Venezuela and stood ready for a second and larger attack. The operation lacked congressional authorization, and a major editorial board called it dangerous and illegal.

Immigration Enforcement

Southwest border encounters fell about 84 percent, from roughly 60,800 in January 2025 to 9,726 in January 2026, partly reflecting the end of prior legal pathways. Named operations included a Chicago surge from 8 September 2025 and a Minneapolis surge in January 2026. The Department of Homeland Security claimed more than 675,000 deportations plus about 2.2 million self-deportations by January 2026. Independent groups put real removals far lower, near 290,000 immigration removals, and called the self-deportation figure a self-serving estimate. At least two United States citizens were killed by immigration agents during the Minneapolis surge, and a detainee death at a Texas facility was ruled a homicide by the local medical examiner.

Credibility Audit: Maximalist Claims Against Counter-Data

Each row pairs a stated claim with the official statistic or reputable correction that constrains it. This is the analytic spine that keeps the persona profile honest.

Claim (date/venue)	Counter-data	Source / tier
“Inflation is plummeting” (SOTU, 24 Feb 2026)	CPI ~2.4% year over year in Jan 2026, already down from a ~9% 2022 peak. Groceries +2%, electricity +6.3%, housing +3.4%.	PolitiFact; PBS — Contradicted
“Strongest economy in history”; inherited a “dead” economy	Real GDP grew 2.1% in 2025, down from 2.8% in 2024. Unemployment rose to 4.4%. Revised 2025 job creation just 181,000 — lowest non-recession total since 2003.	BLS, BEA via FactCheck.org/NPR/Bloomberg — Contradicted
“\$17–22 trillion invested”	White House’s own site listed ~\$8.8–9.6T; Bloomberg found ~\$7T in real pledges; CNN called the \$17T figure fiction.	Bloomberg; CNN; PolitiFact — Contradicted
Tariffs “paid by foreign countries”	~90% of the burden fell on U.S. firms and consumers (94% pass-through early, 86% by Nov). Kiel found foreign exporters absorb ~4%.	NY Fed Liberty Street; Kiel Institute; Yale Budget Lab — Contradicted
Iran “obliterated” (21 Jun 2025; Feb 2026)	Intelligence assessments found severe damage, not destruction; setback of months to ~2 years; enriched uranium reportedly unaccounted for.	DIA/CIA/Pentagon via CNN, FactCheck.org — Contradicted
Manufacturing-jobs gains	Manufacturing jobs down 49,000 since January.	BLS via FactCheck.org — Contradicted
Drug prices “300–600% cheaper”	Mathematically impossible; a cut beyond 100% means negative prices. Median brand-name list prices rose ~4%.	PolitiFact; 46brooklyn — Contradicted
D.C. crime “down close to 100%”	Most categories fell, but homicides down 67% year to date, not ~100%; assault with a dangerous weapon rose.	MPD data via NBC — Contradicted
Deportation and self-deportation totals	DHS claimed 675,000+ removals plus 2.2M self-deportations; independent estimates put removals near 290,000 and dispute the self-deportation figure.	TRAC; CMS — Disputed

The Seven Radicals: Trait-Based Profile of the Speaker Persona

The trait composite forms a durable vindicated-victim-hero persona: a leader who claims persecution, demands admiration, promises punishment, and delivers spectacle. The sections below profile that persona, not a clinical subject. Each radical includes manifestation, the manipulation mechanics, the vulnerabilities, and the likely legacy effect.

Radical 1: The Avenger — Dominant

Retaliatory fixation and immediate revenge against perceived enemies, often with disregard for long-term consequences.

Manifestation

The Avenger mode dominates the punitive sections of the second term and, unlike the first term, it converts threat into filing. The denaturalization memo of June 2025 directs attorneys to maximally pursue revocation. Executive orders target named law firms tied to past investigations. A criminal probe targets the Fed chair. Trump publicly floats stripping citizenship from named critics, including a natural-born citizen who is legally ineligible for that treatment.

Vengeance reaches outward too. The Iran and Venezuela operations carry punitive framing, with promises that adversaries will pay a very big price and a stated readiness for a second and larger attack on Venezuela.

Manipulation and Influence Mechanics

Trump offers the audience restored dominance through the punishment of enemies and the expulsion of outsiders. The payoff is emotional. It satisfies anger and reduces anxiety by supplying a concrete target.

He performs moral licensing. He frames punitive moves as justice, which licenses harshness and lowers empathy for the affected groups. He weaponizes state power as a threat display, describing probes, funding freezes, and enforcement escalation, so that even policies that face legal limits still intimidate.

Vulnerabilities and Pressure Points

Avenger politics invites legal and institutional backlash. Courts, state governments, and civil society resist or slow the promised punishments. The law-firm orders drew permanent injunctions. The Fed probe drew a judicial finding of harassment. Overpromising punishment risks disappointment, which pushes toward further escalation to preserve credibility.

Benchmark to revisit: if the administration complies with tariff-refund orders and de-escalates the institutional conflict, downgrade the Avenger weighting. As of the reporting date, refunds remain unresolved and the conflicts continue, so the dominant rating holds.

Likely Legacy Effect

Avenger-mode rhetoric normalizes punitive governance and group-based suspicion. The denaturalization push and the immigration-enforcement deaths risk legitimizing collective

suspicion even where enforcement should target individuals on evidence. The pattern can outlive the speaker as a grievance-based political culture.

Radical 2: The Narcissist

Grandiosity, need for admiration, and low empathy, with a tendency to place the self at the center and treat authority as personal.

Manifestation

Trump centers himself as the causal engine of national outcomes. He touts a cardiac age 14 years younger than his own and a perfect cognitive score. He calls the year the greatest in history and the economy the strongest ever. Cabinet meetings feature extended praise.

He performs contempt as dominance, deploying nicknames and ridicule of the Fed chair, opponents, and the press.

Manipulation and Influence Mechanics

He uses charisma as a compliance tool and presents contested economic and security claims as settled facts, knowing that confidence and status in a live room can substitute for proof.

He blends self-praise with fake-news scapegoating into a closed loop: success proves greatness, criticism proves persecution, persecution proves that success threatens enemies, and the cycle reinforces itself.

Vulnerabilities and Pressure Points

The performance collapses when reality checks land and go public. The investment figures, tariff incidence, deficit magnitude, and cost-of-living claims all face documented dispute. Repeated external contradiction risks making confidence look like a bluff.

Hostility toward the Fed, the Court, and the press implicitly admits dependence on those institutions for legitimacy. Adversaries can exploit that by forcing high-visibility corrections.

Likely Legacy Effect

Narcissist dominance personalizes governance. Policy reads as an expression of will and victory rather than administration. That orientation rewards a cult-of-performance dynamic where supporters judge truth by allegiance rather than by evidence.

Radical 3: The Thrill-Seeker

Bold, risk-oriented strategies pursued for excitement, domination, and unpredictable advantage.

Manifestation

Trump revels in high-stakes spectacle. He narrates the Maduro capture and the Iran strikes as adrenaline victories rather than sober decisions. He embraces audacious economic gambits, including tariff brinkmanship and repeated firing threats against the Fed chair.

Manipulation and Influence Mechanics

He turns politics into combat and entertainment, because spectacle creates a stronger emotional memory than policy detail. He uses dominance display as reassurance to supporters who fear external threats and internal decline, and he uses extreme claims to crowd out critique.

Vulnerabilities and Pressure Points

The posture increases miscalculation risk. Leaders who narrate operations as flawless and total may discount uncertainty and second-order effects. The Iran assessments illustrate the gap between obliteration language and partial results. When outcomes disappoint, the same high-confidence framing fuels backlash.

Likely Legacy Effect

Thrill-seeker politics normalizes governance by shock. Citizens may begin to expect dramatic actions and punitive announcements as proof of leadership, which lowers demand for competence expressed through quiet, verifiable administration.

Radical 4: The Oppressed

Grievance-driven victimhood that produces defensive retribution.

Manifestation

Trump frames himself and his coalition as targets of systemic bad faith. He treats institutional doubt as proof of corruption, casts the press as a hostile force, and depicts central banking, the courts, and election administration as captured or rigged.

Manipulation and Influence Mechanics

He converts grievance into loyalty, so that supporters feel righteous when they reject counter-evidence. He uses certainty of motive to shut down deliberation. He uses preemptive deflection, where fake-news framing acts as a cognitive firewall against later corrections.

Vulnerabilities and Pressure Points

The victimhood stance collides with the triumphalist claims. He declares unprecedented success while also describing constant sabotage, which forces him to exaggerate both. Discrete, nonpartisan corrections — cost-of-living data, official releases, election records — fracture the narrative more effectively than global rebuttals.

Likely Legacy Effect

The Oppressed narrative degrades epistemic trust. It teaches elites and supporters to read any constraint as persecution, which normalizes the permanent delegitimization of procedural safeguards.

Radical 5: The Deprived

Scarcity and entitlement psychology that justifies aggressive reclamation.

Manifestation

Trump frames the nation as robbed of wealth and industrial capacity and offers tariffs and crackdowns as retribution. He tells audiences that other countries are ripping us off and that reclamation is owed.

Manipulation and Influence Mechanics

He weaponizes loss aversion, pairing deprivation with rescue to lock in gratitude. He converts complex macroeconomics into zero-sum theft narratives, where tariffs force foreigners to pay and enforcement stops the drain.

Vulnerabilities and Pressure Points

Deprivation narratives collapse under transparent accounting. Bureau of Economic Analysis figures, inflation releases, and tariff-incidence research restrict the credibility of sweeping reclamation claims. The tariff-incidence finding that U.S. buyers bear most of the cost directly contradicts the foreigners-pay premise.

Likely Legacy Effect

Deprived-mode governance normalizes extraction and coercion as routine tools and supports long-term protectionism even where the evidence shows tradeoffs.

Radical 6: The Zealot

Unwavering ideological absolutism that overrides moral or procedural constraint.

Manifestation

Trump performs zealotry when he turns policy debate into moral absolutes. He pursues the tariff program despite legal and economic warnings and anchors America-first inevitability in language that nothing will stand in the way.

Manipulation and Influence Mechanics

He uses sacred-value framing around the nation and treats dissent as outside the moral community. That pressure encourages in-group members to self-censor disagreement.

Vulnerabilities and Pressure Points

Zealotry becomes brittle when he praises adversarial leaders while casting domestic opponents as existential enemies, which can read as opportunism rather than principle. Exaggerated factual claims invite measurable correction.

Likely Legacy Effect

Zealot framing accelerates polarization. It teaches that compromise is betrayal, which erodes pluralistic governance and rewards maximalism.

Radical 7: The Martyr

Self-sacrificial framing and legacy-building through endured hardship.

Manifestation

Trump gestures to martyr posture when he says he takes the heat for loving tariffs, references constant scrutiny, and frames himself as enduring attacks to protect workers. Survivor framing from the 2024 assassination attempt threads through the persona.

Manipulation and Influence Mechanics

He uses suffering-for-you as a loyalty accelerant, converting criticism into proof of virtue. He uses martyr framing to justify overreach, positioning extraordinary actions as burdens carried for national salvation.

Vulnerabilities and Pressure Points

Humor weakens martyr purity, because jokes undercut the solemnity. Demonstrably false claims erode the moral credibility that sacrifice rhetoric requires.

Likely Legacy Effect

Martyr branding hardens movement identity. Supporters may read any legal or electoral accountability as persecution of the cause, a pattern that can persist beyond the speaker.

Operational-Tactics Overlay

The Treadstone 71 operational variant of the Seven Radicals reads the same conduct as deployable influence tactics. All seven register in the window. Rapid Adaptation leads.

Operational radical	Observable anchor (Jan 2025–Jun 2026)
Rapid Adaptation (dominant)	Section 122 pivot within hours of the SCOTUS tariff loss on 20 Feb 2026; rapid stacking of 232 and 301 authorities.
Power as Perception	Health and strength projection; escalating investment figures; “golden age” framing.
Maintaining Continuous Pressure	Record Truth Social volume; overnight posting blizzards; relentless press engagement.
Ridicule and Discrediting Opponents	AI dumpster image of the Fed chair; doctored sheep image of a House member; nicknames.
Targeting Accessible Vulnerabilities	Law firms tied to past cases; university funding; the Fed renovation as a probe hook.
Chaos as an Appeal	Rapid policy reversals; shutdown and deployment brinkmanship; unpredictability as leverage.
Amplifying Threats Beyond Reality	Maximalist invasion and operational-victory framing that outruns the official assessments.

Integrated Deception and Manipulation Profile

The conduct shows a coherent deception architecture, not random exaggeration.

- **Precision theater.** Specific numbers function as credibility tokens. Several conflict with official data, which signals persuasion intent rather than measurement discipline.
- **Inoculation.** Repeated fake-news labeling prepares listeners to reject later corrections on tariffs, deficits, and consumer prices.
- **Scapegoating and essentialism.** Complex problems collapse into group-based blame, which leverages prejudice and simplifies enforcement into collective-punishment narratives.
- **Delegitimization as self-defense.** Claims of rigging convert democratic contestation into a permanent emergency that justifies loyalty demands.
- **Humor as plausible deniability.** Jokes reduce reputational cost while signaling dominance, and audience laughter supplies social proof that pressures dissenters.

The four strongest radicals form a stable feedback loop. Narcissist framing demands constant proof of greatness, which rewards hyperbole. Avenger framing supplies enemy focus and emotional energy, which protects the ego when details falter. Oppressed framing converts criticism into persecution, which immunizes supporters. Deprived framing supplies the economic story that turns punishment and tariffs into moral reclamation. The loop predicts the operational behavior: announce sweeping wins, blame constraints on hostile institutions, intensify punitive promises, and seek high-visibility spectacle to refresh dominance.

Strategic Foresight and Early-Warning Monitoring

Foresight should track observable pivots rather than rhetorical heat. The near-term escalation cycle runs on three interacting pressures: legal constraint, economic sentiment, and identity conflict.

Live Hinges as of Mid-2026

- **Tariff aftermath.** Roughly 175 billion dollars in refund exposure, plus replacement-tariff litigation over the Section 122, 232, and 301 authorities, and trading-partner renegotiations.
- **Birthright citizenship.** A Supreme Court ruling was pending after April 2026 argument; the order remained blocked nationwide.
- **Federal Reserve succession.** Firing threats around the May term expiry, a blocked nominee, and a probe that a judge already called harassment.
- **Economic sentiment.** University of Michigan consumer sentiment hit 44.8 in May 2026, the lowest in the survey's history, recovering modestly to 48.9 in early June, still far below a year earlier.
- **Approval and the midterms.** Approval near 38 percent, a second-term low, with independent approval near 34 percent, below the threshold that preceded the 2018 wave.

Indicators to Monitor

- Whether the administration complies with or resists tariff-refund orders.
- Any move to fire the Fed chair after the May term expiry, or to defy a Supreme Court birthright ruling.
- Re-deployment of the National Guard or an Insurrection Act invocation in new cities or around the November 2026 election.
- Escalation of a Venezuela second wave or new Iran strikes.
- Truth Social volume spikes that correlate with adverse news.
- Further breaks in health-disclosure transparency.

Escalation Thresholds

Raise the overall assessment if any one of the following occurs:

1. The administration defies a tariff-refund order.
2. Trump fires the Fed chair after the 15 May term expiry.
3. The administration invokes the Insurrection Act near the midterms.

Strategic Readout

The strongest activated radicals — Avenger, Narcissist, Oppressed, and Deprived — produce predictable operational behavior. Trump will likely continue to announce sweeping wins in absolute terms, blame constraints on hostile institutions, intensify punitive promises against out-groups and dissenters, and seek high-visibility spectacle to refresh dominance signals.

The vulnerabilities are equally predictable. Repeatedly falsifiable figures create credibility fragility among elites who value accuracy. Group-targeted scapegoating raises reputational and legal risk and widens social conflict. Overclaiming operational outcomes abroad increases blowback when intelligence or events contradict the flawless narrative. The same ingredients that generate persuasive power — simplicity, certainty, and moral drama — generate governance risk through overgeneralization, scapegoating, institutional delegitimization, and a recurring preference for coercion and spectacle over verifiable explanation.

Bottom line: the persona thrives on vindication through domination. It blends Oppressed grievance with Narcissist grandiosity, channels Deprived scarcity into Avenger punishment, and injects Zealot absolutism and Thrill-Seeker spectacle to sustain emotional intensity. The tariff defeat and the Section 122 pivot show the two leading radicals in a single motion. The profile predicts more of the same until a legal or electoral constraint forces a genuine recalculation.

Recommendations

1. Anchor the assessment on The Avenger and Rapid Adaptation as the dominant radicals, with the 20 February 2026 Supreme Court tariff defeat and the within-hours Section 122 pivot as the centerpiece case study of both retaliatory fixation and tactical agility. Benchmark to revisit: if the administration complies with refund orders and de-escalates institutional conflict, downgrade the Avenger weighting.
2. Maintain strict persona-not-patient framing throughout. Present dozing, the chronic venous insufficiency disclosure, and the disclosure break as observable conduct and reporting, never as diagnosis. Flag the May 2026 disclosure break as the key transparency datapoint.
3. Use the three-tier evidence structure — verified, disputed, contradicted — explicitly in the product.
4. Stage monitoring around the early-warning indicators. Escalate the assessment if the administration defies a tariff-refund order, fires the Fed chair after the 15 May term expiry, or invokes the Insurrection Act near the midterms.
5. Pair every maximalist claim with its counter-datum from official Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, New York Federal Reserve, or Penn Wharton Budget Model figures, to constrain factual judgments and preserve analytic credibility.

Reflexive Control and Exploitation: Adversary Modeling and the Defensive Read

Counterintelligence framing. The Russian-origin Seven Radicals method closes a profile by asking how a hostile service would drive the target from the findings. Treadstone 71 carries that section to recognize the levers an adversary would reach for, predict the response, and inoculate against the manipulation. This section is written in that defensive posture. It models adversary intent at the level of theory, exposure surface, and detection. It does not provide an operational sequence against the subject, who is a protected official. The value is the mirror: the same map that lets a hostile service steer is the map that lets a defender see the steering and stop it.

Reflexive Control Theory

Reflexive control, in the Russian tradition of *refleksivnoe upravlenie* formalized by Vladimir Lefebvre and carried into military doctrine, is the practice of conveying to an adversary specially prepared information that inclines the adversary to make the decision the controller intends, while the adversary believes the decision is freely his own. It differs from ordinary persuasion in three ways that matter for a defender. Persuasion argues a conclusion; reflexive control shapes the premises and lets the target draw the conclusion. Persuasion targets opinion; reflexive control targets the decision model — the way the target frames a choice. Persuasion leaves the target aware of being addressed; reflexive control aims for an unaware, self-authored move.

The method works by modeling the target's decision filter and then feeding inputs that the filter will process predictably. A persona governed by a stable radical loop is, in this sense, a gift to the controller, because the filter is legible. This profile already documents that loop: Narcissist grandiosity demands constant proof of greatness; Avenger fixation supplies enemy focus; Oppressed framing converts criticism into persecution; Deprived framing turns punishment into reclamation; each stage fuels the next. The loop that makes the persona predictable for foresight is the same loop that makes it steerable for an adversary. Predictability is the shared currency of analysis and manipulation. That is why this section belongs in a defensive product: a model precise enough to forecast is precise enough to be abused, and the defender must hold both readings at once.

Three doctrinal principles sharpen the picture. First, the controller never supplies the conclusion, only the premise and the emotional charge, so attribution stays deniable and the target owns the outcome. Second, the most durable operations exploit a standing disposition rather than create a new one, because an induced trait is fragile and a reinforced trait is self-sustaining. Third, reflexive control prefers the target's own information environment as the delivery channel, so that the shaped input arrives wearing the colors of trusted sources. Each principle has a defensive inverse, developed in the counter-posture below.

Exploitation Levers Keyed to the Radical Loop

Each lever names the radical it exploits, the abstract move, the predicted response that the loop already predicts, and the detection-and-counter pairing. The moves are stated at the level of mechanism, not method, so the table reads as a recognition aid rather than a playbook.

Radical exploited	Abstract move	Predicted response (loop-consistent)	Detection cue and counter
The Oppressed	Introduce a persecution cue and let the grievance filter do the rest.	Grievance converts to loyalty demand and to retaliation against the named institution; in-group dissent is read as betrayal.	Cue: the slight arrives pre-framed and conveniently timed. Counter: verify provenance before amplification; deny the persecution frame oxygen.
The Narcissist	Validate the self-image, then attach a contest whose terrain the controller prefers.	Pursuit of the superlative pulls attention and resources toward the framed contest and away from the actual decision.	Cue: a new metric of greatness the target did not previously track. Counter: refuse the offered scoreboard.
The Avenger	Make a rival legible as an enemy the target was already primed to punish.	Punitive fixation locks onto the supplied target; rhetoric and resources redirect toward revenge with disregard for second-order cost.	Cue: the enemy is handed rather than discovered. Counter: war-game second-order cost; separate the grievance from the policy.
The Deprived	Frame a loss as theft and pair it with a reclamation path that serves the controller.	Zero-sum reclamation framing; rapid adoption of an aggressive lever pitched as owed.	Cue: a rescue bundled with the loss. Counter: test the incidence claim against data before reclaiming.
The Thrill-Seeker	Present a high-visibility gambit as a decisive, low-uncertainty win.	Appetite for spectacle discounts uncertainty and second-order consequence; the gambit is taken for the emotional payoff.	Cue: the option is glamorous, urgent, and under-scrutinized. Counter: force a sober assessment and a cooling interval.
The Zealot / The Martyr	Sacralize the contested choice so that compromise reads as moral surrender.	Maximalism hardens; sacrifice framing licenses overreach and forecloses the off-ramp.	Cue: a procedural question is recast as a sacred one. Counter: restore the procedural frame; price the cost of no off-ramp.

STEMPLES Plus Exposure Surface

The Treadstone 71 STEMPLES Plus framework — Social, Technical, Economic, Military, Political, Legal, Educational, Security, plus Religion, Demographics, and Psychology — organizes where a manipulation lands and what national-power surface it touches. Mapping the radical loop onto STEMPLES Plus converts a personality reading into an exposure inventory: it tells a defender which institutional surfaces an adversary would most likely use as delivery channels and which would feel the second-order shock. The defensive use is prioritization — watch the high-exposure surfaces hardest.

STEMPLES factor	Exposure	Radical channel	Defensive watch point
Economic	High	Deprived and Narcissist: theft-and-reclamation framing on trade, markets, and “investment” superlatives.	Incidence and magnitude claims that outrun BLS, BEA, and Fed data before a policy lever moves.

Political	High	Oppressed and Avenger: persecution cues that select institutional enemies.	Handed enemies and conveniently timed slights ahead of an appointment or a vote.
Military	High	Thrill-Seeker: spectacle operations framed as flawless wins.	Maximalist operational claims that precede the official assessment.
Legal	Elevated	Avenger: retribution routed through enforcement and licensing instruments.	Probes or orders whose dominant purpose a court could read as pressure rather than law.
Security	Elevated	Oppressed and Thrill-Seeker: threat amplification and domestic-force deployment.	Threat framing that exceeds the underlying assessment, used to justify escalation.
Social / Psychology (Plus)	Elevated	Narcissist and Martyr: validation loops and grievance amplified through the target's own channel.	Shaped inputs that arrive wearing trusted colors; volume spikes around adverse news.
Educational / Legal (institutions)	Moderate	Avenger: universities and firms as accessible, low-cost retaliation surfaces.	Punitive action against institutions tied to past grievances rather than present conduct.

Cultural Nexus and the Resonance Field

Cultural Nexus, the Treadstone 71 construct for the values, narratives, symbols, and grievances that a population already holds, is the resonance field a reflexive-control operation needs. A lever works only when it lands inside an existing cultural channel; absent that, the shaped input is noise. The high-dominance persona profiled here draws on a specific nexus — a reclamation narrative of national loss, a producerist in-group set against parasitic out-groups, a distrust of mediating institutions, and a redemption arc built on the survivor and the strongman. An adversary does not have to manufacture these themes. It has to time an input to one of them.

The defensive consequence is that the most dangerous manipulations will not look foreign. They will look native, because they are pitched to a domestic nexus the population recognizes and rewards. That is precisely what makes attribution hard and detection a matter of pattern rather than content. A defender cannot screen on whether a message is culturally resonant — the resonant ones are the whole population's vocabulary. The screen has to fall on the mechanics: timing, provenance, bundling, and the convenient appearance of a scoreboard or an enemy. Content is camouflage; mechanics are the signature.

Detection Signature Taxonomy

Detection improves when the analyst stops reading content and starts reading mechanics, sorted by indicator class and weighted by diagnostic value. A single signature is weak. A cluster across classes, converging on a decision point, is strong. The taxonomy below groups the signatures into temporal, informational, behavioral, and relational classes and assigns each a coarse confidence weight in the ICD 203 sense — how much a confirmed instance should move the assessment toward induced rather than organic behavior.

Class / signature	What the analyst observes	Diagnostic weight
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Temporal – convenient timing	The trigger arrives precisely when it does the most narrative work, near a decision point it conveniently displaces.	Moderate alone; high in a cluster
Temporal – compression	Urgency and glamour crowd out the assessment interval before a high-risk commitment.	Moderate
Informational – pre-packaging	The enemy, the slight, or the metric is supplied ready-made rather than discovered through the target's own process.	High
Informational – source opacity	The provenance of the triggering information resists verification or traces to a single, interested origin.	High
Informational – native camouflage	The input is maximally culturally resonant, fitting an existing nexus theme so closely that it raises no friction.	Low alone; raises priority for other checks
Behavioral – scoreboard substitution	A new measure of victory appears that the target did not previously track and that favors a third party's terrain.	High
Behavioral – bundled rescue	A loss frame arrives married to a ready-made reclamation path that benefits a discernible third party.	High
Relational – handed enemy	A rival the target is primed to punish is made suddenly legible, attributable to an interested party that gains from the fight.	High
Relational – beneficiary asymmetry	The party that gains most from the induced move is not the party that supplied the trigger – follow the benefit, not the messenger.	High

The decisive test is convergence. Native camouflage by itself proves nothing, because the whole population speaks the nexus. But a culturally resonant input that is also pre-packaged, source-opaque, conveniently timed, and bundled with a rescue that benefits a discernible third party is no longer plausibly organic. Reflexive control hides in any single signature and surfaces only in the cluster. The analyst's product is the cluster finding, expressed in ICD 203 likelihood language, not a verdict on any one cue.

The Defensive Counter-Posture

Each doctrinal principle of reflexive control has a defensive inverse, and together they break the loop rather than argue with any single frame. Against premise-shaping, restore the conclusion to a deliberate process: force the decision through an explicit assessment step so the target, not the input, sets the frame. Against exploitation of a standing disposition, name the disposition out loud – a known loop loses power once the decision-maker can see the input arriving on cue. Against delivery through trusted channels, verify provenance and follow the beneficiary, because a handed enemy or a bundled rescue loses force the moment its source and its winner are exposed.

Three operational habits carry the inverse. Slow the tempo, because the method runs on emotional momentum and an enforced interval drains its fuel. Verify provenance and trace the beneficiary, because reflexive control depends on deniable attribution and the benefit asymmetry is the tell. Refuse the offered scoreboard, because the persona is steered through contests it agrees to enter, and declining the framed contest denies the lever its grip. For the

protective and counterintelligence reader, the early-warning indicators in the foresight section double as a tripwire set: a convergence of convenient timing, handed enemies, bundled rescues, and a new scoreboard around a decision point is itself the signal that someone is steering, regardless of how native the content sounds.

Analytic boundary. This section models adversary intent at the level of theory, exposure surface, and detection so the reader can recognize and counter manipulation. It deliberately states moves as mechanisms rather than methods, provides no operational sequence against the subject, and concerns a protected official. Its purpose is defensive: the map that lets a hostile service steer is the same map that lets a defender see the steering and stop it.

Caveats and Limitations

- This is an open-source persona analysis, not a clinical assessment, and it asserts no diagnosis. The Seven Radicals framework is itself, per Treadstone 71 and NICCS, not a widely recognized or empirically validated psychological model. It is an analytic lens, not a clinical instrument.
- On health, the public record is genuinely ambiguous beyond what the White House discloses. The May 2026 non-disclosure means that undisclosed findings cannot be verified.
- Deportation totals, immigration-agent shooting tallies, and self-deportation figures are contested between Department of Homeland Security claims and independent estimates from TRAC and the Center for Migration Studies, and are flagged as disputed.
- The Supreme Court birthright-citizenship ruling, *Trump v. Barbara*, was still pending as of 16 June 2026.
- Some sourcing, including specific doxing-episode counts and monthly Truth Social tallies, derives from secondary aggregators and is treated as approximate.
- The campaign-era dehumanization quotes — poisoning the blood, vermin, animals — date to 2023 and 2024 and fall outside the January 2025 to June 2026 analytic window. The in-office equivalent is the institutionalization of invasion framing, seen in the executive-order title *Protecting the American People Against Invasion*, and the 2025 denaturalization campaign.
- The Reflexive Control and Exploitation section is a defensive counterintelligence artifact. It models how a hostile service would attempt to manipulate the subject so that the reader can detect and counter the manipulation. It is not an operational plan, and the subject is a protected official.

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