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Trump announces re-election bid in rambling address to Washington media

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Even Donald Trump himself did not seem excited by his own re-election announcement. *AP Photo/Mark Schiefelbein*

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“I won three times, now I’m gonna do it again,” he said, while putting on a cap that read “Trump 2028”.

“I’m gonna do it again. It should be easy.”

He went on to add that he [won in 2020](#) but the election was rigged.

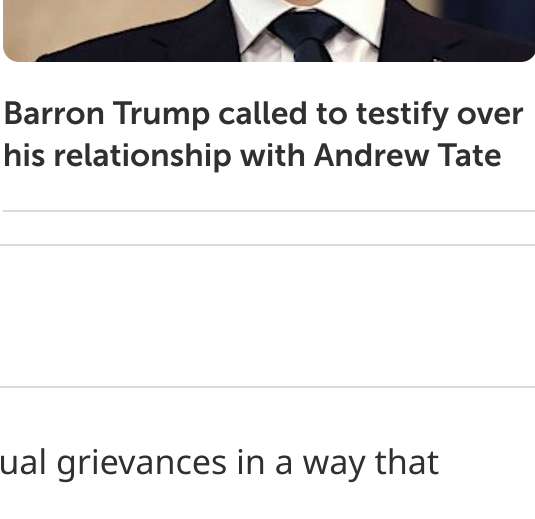
The 80-year-old was met with a smattering of applause, but even he did not seem excited by the moment.

Presidents are only able to serve two terms, and if Trump wanted a third, the constitution would need to change.

He would also need to dramatically improve his [dire approval ratings](#). Trump's approval rating is lower than any modern president at this stage of the term.

The Correspondents' Dinner is typically a light-hearted event, where [comedians and presidents roast politicians and the media](#).

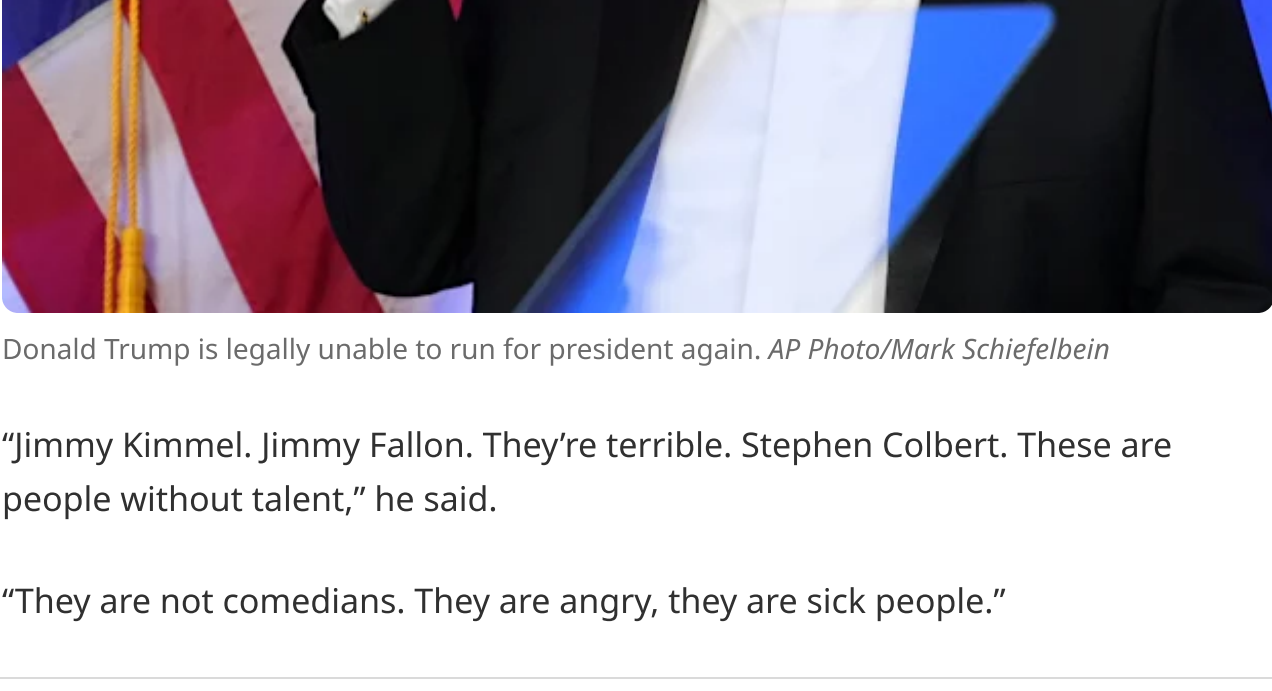
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But Trump veered off course to address his usual grievances in a way that wasn't playful.



Donald Trump is legally unable to run for president again. *AP Photo/Mark Schiefelbein*

“Jimmy Kimmel. Jimmy Fallon. They're terrible. Stephen Colbert. These are people without talent,” he said.

“They are not comedians. They are angry, they are sick people.”

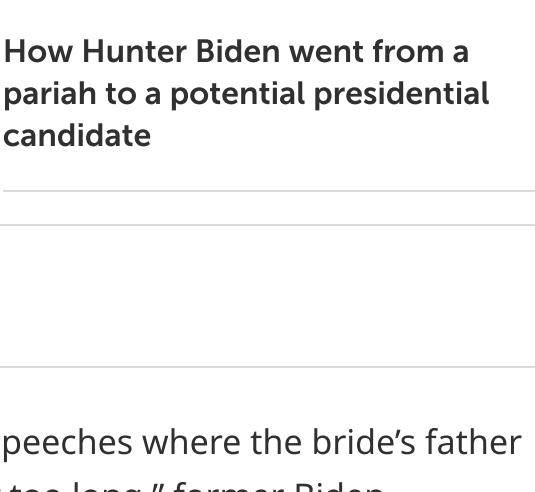
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He also took aim at [news anchor Don Lemon](#), rock star [Bruce Springsteen](#) and former [New Jersey Governor Chris Christie](#).

He also claimed that people in Washington DC were getting attacked in Ubers, explained that the word dumb was spelled with a b, and bragged about being number one on TikTok.

Used to speaking in front of his diehard supporters at rallies, much of Trump's speech was met with silence from a bored-looking audience.

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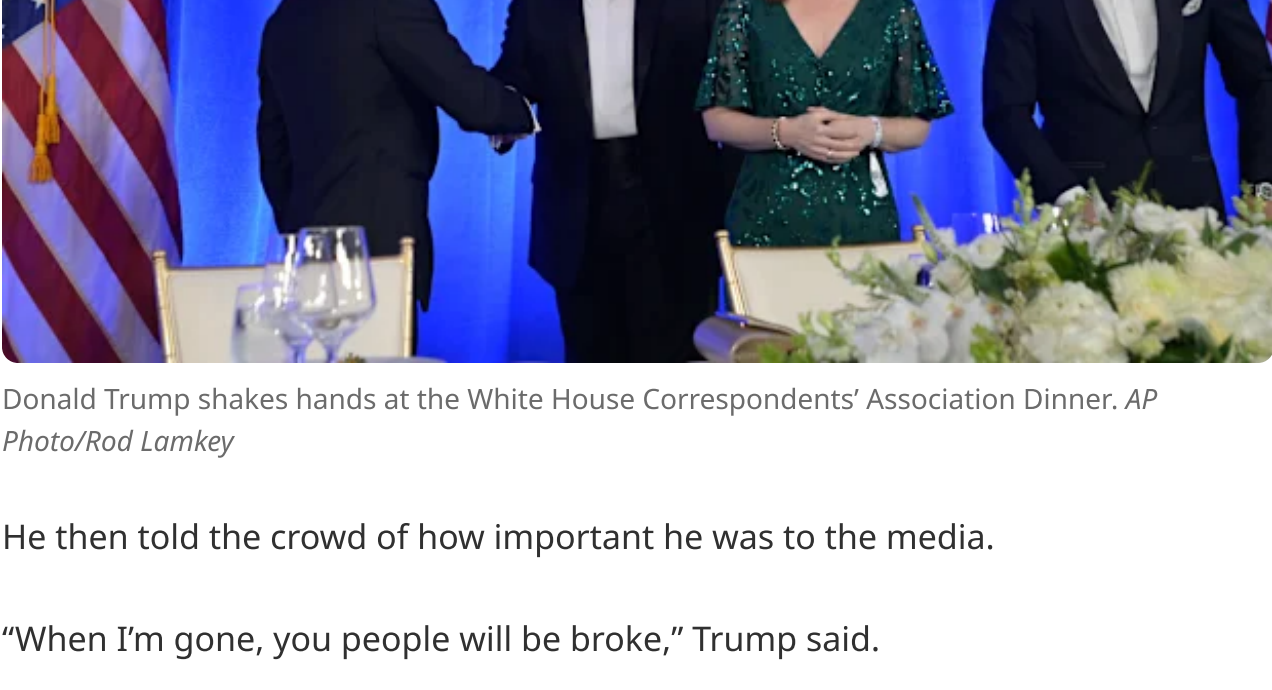
“This felt like one of those awkward wedding speeches where the bride's father thinks he's funnier than he is and goes on way too long,” former Biden administration press secretary [Jen Psaki](#) said.

Even during Trump's speech, he panned the event he was headlining.

“It is been an interesting evening,” he said.

“I did not really know what to expect.

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Donald Trump shakes hands at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner. *AP Photo/Rod Lamkey*

He then told the crowd of how important he was to the media.

“When I’m gone, you people will be broke,” Trump said.

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“There's going to be no one to report on. No one gives a damn about anyone else.”

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The event had been rescheduled after a security scare at the previous event.

[In April an armed man stormed the lobby of the hotel](#), forcing the cancellation of the dinner.

Trump refused to attend dinner shooter targeted for years before attack

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Trump and all the guests were evacuated from the dinner safely.

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