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Mike Pence is possibly the biggest threat to Donald Trump's candidacy



Donald Trump's era continues with historical precedents. After the first case of a former US president being indicted, Trump and his Vice President Mike Pence will be the first ex-presidential pair to enter the race for the party's nomination for a new term as competitors.

An eloquent conservative from Indiana is entering the race against his former boss, despite the slim odds he has at this point.

But one year before the Republican convention, where the party's presidential candidate will be chosen, is enough time not to underestimate the prospects of an experienced politician.

Trump and Pence would not be in this position, not even as rivals, if, 7 years ago, they had not complemented each other, mitigated each other's flaws, and entered the White House.

Mike Pence proved to be an ideal vice president for Donald Trump because his strong social conservatism and reputation in the evangelical community cushioned Trump's shortcomings, such as his 3 marriages.

On the other hand, Trump has caused most of the anger of the Republican electorate with his noisy populism, offering a return of pride and a government that listens.

Attack on the Congress - the main point of conflict

This time, neither Trump nor Pence will have someone with them who could cover their shortcomings. Now they are facing each other.

The race of the former presidential duo will more or less revolve around the dramatic events of January 6, 2021: the violent attack on the US Congress and an attempted coup.

Both of their candidacies revolve around that event, and no matter how hard they both try to win over Republican voters with policies on all other issues, January 6 will decide the winner.

From the first day since he submitted his official candidacy, Mike Pence cannot be considered a direct competitor to Donald Trump, as he only has single-digit support.

However, his refusal to support his president in dramatic events, choosing instead loyalty to the rule of law, has marked the careers of both Pence and Trump after they left the White House.

Some of the attackers on the US Congress shouted, "Hang Mike Pence", following the command of their leader Trump.

Betrayal of Trump is an important asset to Pence

The conflict within the Republican electorate that started then and continues to this day is about the fundamental principles of American democracy, called into question by Trump's will in the November 2020 elections and escalated on January 6 of the following year.

Trump's high approval rating of more than 30% among Republicans, and his long and convincing lead amongst other contenders for the presidential nomination, suggest that his coup legacy is still a significant motive for many to face another confrontation with the "estranged establishment".

