## Trump shrugs off lifetime of scandals | Axios | Zachary Basu | 10/24/24

**The big picture:** Pull any one of these 10 Trump scandals out of a hat and apply it to any other politician — or even just a typical American. More likely than not, it would end their career.

- 1. Trump was <u>found guilty on 34 felony counts</u> in New York for paying illegal hush money to a porn star, making him the first former president to be charged, convicted and potentially sentenced to prison.
- 2. He <u>refused to concede</u> the 2020 election, and spread baseless claims of voter fraud that inspired a violent mob to attack the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. He's been <u>indicted twice</u> on charges of trying to overturn the election.
- 3. He was indicted on federal charges of illegally retaining classified documents that included nuclear secrets, leading to an FBI search of Mar-a-Lago. (The <u>case was dismissed</u> but could be reinstated upon appeal.)
- 4. He was impeached twice once for his actions on Jan. 6 and once for withholding military aid to pressure Ukraine's government to investigate his political opponents.
- 5. He has <u>publicly praised dictators</u> and <u>sided with Vladimir Putin</u> over U.S. intelligence agencies that assessed that Russia had interfered in the 2016 election.
- 6. He was found <u>liable of sexually abusing</u> writer E. Jean Carroll, and has been <u>accused of sexual</u> misconduct by at least 25 other women. He was caught on tape in 2005 bragging about grabbing women by their genitals.
- 7. He and his company were ordered to pay \$350 million in a New York civil fraud trial for artificially inflating his net worth to secure favorable loan terms.
- 8. He <u>placed full-page ads</u> in The New York Times in 1989 calling for the death penalty for five Black and Latino teenagers who were wrongfully convicted of raping a jogger in Central Park. He has <u>refused to apologize</u>.
- 9. He <u>promoted the racist conspiracy theory</u> that Barack Obama, the nation's first Black president, wasn't born in the United States.
- 10.He made more than 30,000 false or misleading claims during his four years in office, according to Washington Post fact-checkers.