Implications of a Trump Presidency on TTRPG

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As Donald Trump prepares to retake the oath of office on January 20, 2025—a day ironically shared with Martin Luther King Jr. Day—the TTRPG community <u>braces for what lies ahead</u>. Based on his previous term, campaign promises, and those he has appointed since the election, how will this impact the tabletop roleplaying game industry and hobby?

Import Tariffs & the TTRPG Supply Chain



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Tip for Publishers: If you're looking for a US-based printer that can print hardcover offset books, contact yearbook companies. I have learned of two that will print TTRPG books, although I'm not listing them here since I haven't tried them and don't know whether they have openings. As domestic printing demand increases, their availability may change.

Affirmative Action: Inclusivity Under Threat

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Regardless of governmental threats or penalties, Wyrmworks Publishing will fight with every resource we have to keep creating and hiring in line with our values. We'll continue amplifying marginalized voices, standing with those who've been ignored or silenced, and showing that diversity isn't just a checkbox—it's the heart of what makes TTRPGs truly immersive and transformative.

Benefit Cuts: Hurting Players and Publishers Alike

The Trump administration has a history of <u>trying to cut</u> <u>Medicaid</u>, <u>SNAP</u>, <u>and disability benefits</u>—resources that many in our TTRPG community rely on. Losing these essential services **would hurt countless players**, especially those who <u>turn to TTRPGs for mental health support and community connection</u>. We know how much these games mean to so many.

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Meanwhile, we're encouraging everyone to use #DefiantKindness with whatever resources you have to help those who are struggling in your community, especially those directly impacted by these forthcoming changes, like those struggling financially and of tenuous housing or immigration status. The way to Make America Great Again is through empathy, compassion, and working together to improve the lives of the disadvantaged.

And of course, **contact your representatives** to tell them how these changes do not put "America First," but rather hurt American small businesses.



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Roll initiative, and **leave a comment below** with your thoughts, ideas, or suggestions to help struggling gamers!