

A week in the life of the world 17 November 2023

Trump looms large, Cameron is back and political comedians

It couldn't happen again ... could it? With less than a year to the next US presidential election, polls suggest the presumed Republican nominee Donald Trump would beat the Democratic incumbent Joe Biden in a clutch of key swing states. David Smith weighs up how a Trump return to the White House might look. Lloyd Green considers how a strong pro-abortion rights vote in state elections last week could yet signal a significant twist. And, amid growing Democratic party jitters over Biden's low ratings, Richard Luscombe asks if the California governor Gavin Newsom is running a shadow campaign. The big story Page 12 \rightarrow

British politics was stunned this week by the return of former prime minister David Cameron, parachuted back into government as the new foreign secretary. Pippa Crerar and Patrick Wintour weigh up what it says about the direction of the Tory government, home and abroad. And in Opinion, Polly Toynbee bids a not-so fond farewell to Suella Braverman, the deeply divisive home secretary who was sacked by Rishi Sunak on the same day. **Spotlight** Page 20 \rightarrow ; **Opinion** Page 45 \rightarrow

Features include an extract from Barbra Streisand's new memoir where, among other things, the American singer and actor recounts meeting the-then Prince Charles and what happened when she cloned her pet dog. The way she was Page $34 \rightarrow$

In Culture, our man Rhik Samadder tries staying alive in the new reality version of the Netflix hit show Squid Game. And, from Eddie Izzard to Volodymyr Zelenskiy, there's a look at the comedians who've moved from the world of standup to politics. Culture From page 51 \rightarrow





On the cover The spectre of Donald Trump once again overshadows American democracy. "Hitler was elected," observed Hillary Clinton last week. "All of a sudden somebody with ... authoritarian tendencies, would be like, 'OK we're gonna shut this down, we're gonna throw these people in jail.' And they didn't usually telegraph that. Trump is telling us what he intends to do." *Illustration: Neil Jamieson*

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