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On the cover Aided by tech billionaire Elon Musk, Donald Trump has moved swiftly to fire critics, punish media, reward allies, gut the federal government and exploit presidential immunity. But as David Smith writes, much of the blueprint comes not from Trump's own policy team, but from a playbook established over several years by the Hungarian leader Viktor Orbán.

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