

Power

The intelligence agencies in particular would likely find themselves exposed to retribution from a president enraged at them for reporting on Russia's aid to his election campaign.

"As you know from his other career, Donald likes to fire people."

So New Jersey Governor Chris Christie joked to a roomful of Republican donors at the party's national convention in July. It would be a mighty power – and highly useful.

David Frum,
"How to Build an Autocracy,"
The Atlantic, March 2017 issue