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Donald Trump has been President of the United States for over nine months. It is therefore possible to compare his campaign statements, which were largely sentiments or slogans, not proposed policies, with the actions taken by his administration. These comparisons are divided into four categories, with examples for each: 1) campaign slogans exercised successfully, 2) campaign slogans attempted, but unsuccessfully, 3) campaign slogans reversed, and 4) campaign slogans made but policies are still unclear after nine months. Illustrations: 1) declining to join the 2016 trade agreement of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and announcing withdrawal from the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change. 2) Stopping immigration from Muslim countries suspected as sources of terrorists, and failing to revise or repeal the Affordable Care Act of 2010 concerning health care for US residents. 3) Embracing NATO and US defence alliances with Japan and South Korea, and failing to declare China a currency manipulator "on his first day of office" or subsequently. 4) Renouncing or significantly revising the North-American Free Trade Area (NAFTA), and significantly reducing US corporate income taxes.