Biden: Trump, allies threaten American democracy

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Aiming to reframe the November elections as part of a battle for the nations "soul, " Biden used his prime-time speech at Independence Hall in Philadelphia to argue that Trump and "Make Ameri-
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