**POPULIST SONG HITS HOME**

- Country singer strikes chord with suffering Americans

By John Friend

As yet another indictment was announced against former President Donald Trump—an unprecedented development in U.S. political history—a gritty, unknown, off-the-grid farmer in Virginia has tapped into the souls of millions of Americans across the country. And for good reason.

Oliver Anthony, a former factory worker and aspiring singer-songwriter, hit it big in early August after his single “Rich Men North of Richmond” was released on YouTube.

In one week, the song had already been viewed over 13 million times on YouTube alone, demonstrating that his populist, traditional message resonates deeply in the United States. The song has been shared across various social media platforms, generating discussion and controversy for its folksy, down-to-earth message and indictment of Joe Biden’s America.

“I’ve been sellin’ my soul, workin’ all day,” the song begins. “Overtime hours for [expletive deleted] pay.”

He goes on to lament that “it’s a damn shame what the world’s gotten to” for average, working class Americans who are “livin’ in the new world with an old soul.”

Who could dispute his message? The “rich men north of Richmond”—a clear reference to the plutocratic, kleptocratic political elite in D.C.—are increasingly more and more disconnect ed from the struggles of hardworking Americans and their families.

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Anthony’s populist message will continue to touch the hearts of millions more, as the white-collar crime spree against the American people carries on with reckless abandon.

It’s no wonder the song has generated so much contempt from the far-left forces that have a stranglehold over the Biden administration and mass media.

Who knows? Maybe a good old populist protest song is just what is needed to spark the political changes so many desperately seek.