

**“SHORT-FUSE”
CONTRACTS
& A COOL HALF-
MILLION BUCKS**

I'm sure you've noticed the bombs dropping around the world lately.

Iran, Israel, Ukraine, Russia – it's getting a bit tense on the geopolitical front.

The markets don't seem to mind, however. The S&P 500 has rallied 28% from its 18-month lows on April 7 to post fresh all-time highs.

S&P 500 INDEX



Source: TOS

But just as military bombs shake battlefields... another kind of bomb has been driving, violent, short-term market moves.

Not from the Middle East or Eastern Europe – but from Mar-a-Lago.

Since before taking office, Trump has saturated the headlines with *news bombs*.

And unlike the literal ones, **Trump's News Bombs** do move markets.

They trigger an immediate, measurable market reaction – sharp, sudden, and full of opportunity.

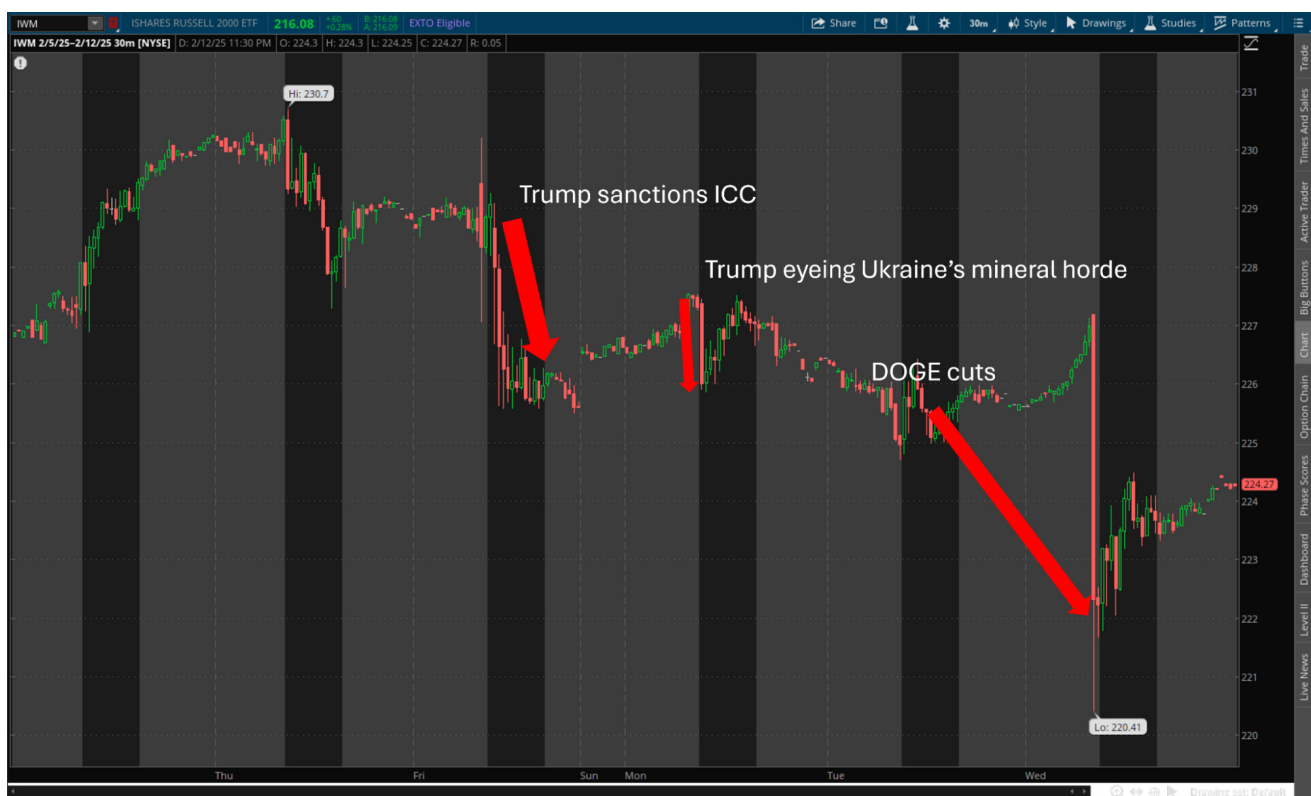
Once I grasped the dynamics that these news bombs introduced into markets, I knew exactly what to do.



Over three consecutive trading days in February, Trump dropped policy shocks that blindsided the press, stunned Washington, and rattled investors.

- **February 7:** Trump sanctions the ICC.
- **February 10:** Trump calls for the mapping of Ukraine's rare earth and critical mineral reserves.
- **February 11:** DOGE announces a potential \$1 billion in cuts to the federal education department.

ISHARES RUSSELL 2000 INDEX ETF (NYSE: IWM)



Source: TOS

Using what I call 0DTE contracts, I rode the volatility wave to take a \$5,000 account and turn it into nearly \$500,000 in just 60 days.

Because while most traders panic when markets lurch, I prepare for them.

With Trump back in the spotlight — and clearly willing to shake the system — you can count on more market-rattling headlines ahead.

And the short-fuse on 0DTE contracts make them a perfect solution for markets that turn on a dime.

In this special report, I'll show you what makes 0DTE contracts work.

But first, let me walk you through a political firestorm that took my account from \$ 5,000 to \$500,000 in 60 days...



\$5K TO \$500K IN 60 DAYS

My name is Jeff Zaniniri.

I got my start on Wall Street at Bear Stearns.

Pan Capital was next, where I took the hedge fund from \$5.1 million to \$700 million in roughly 15 years. At my career peak, my team was trading billions worth of stocks every single day.

I ultimately turned my back on Wall Street, deciding to hang up my suit and tie for a life of independent options trading.

On Friday, February 7, 2025, Trump dropped another news bomb on the market.

Trump Sanctions ICC over War Crimes Investigations Against Israel



Stocks sold off hard.

But I didn't panic.

Instead, I entered ODTE trade that I closed in two hours for a 234% return.





Source: TOS

But with news bombs dropping left and right, I didn't have to wait long before I prepared again.

The following Monday, Trump topped the headlines when he announced that Ukraine had "essentially agreed" to allow the US to access \$500 billion in rare earth minerals, buried in the eastern region of the country...

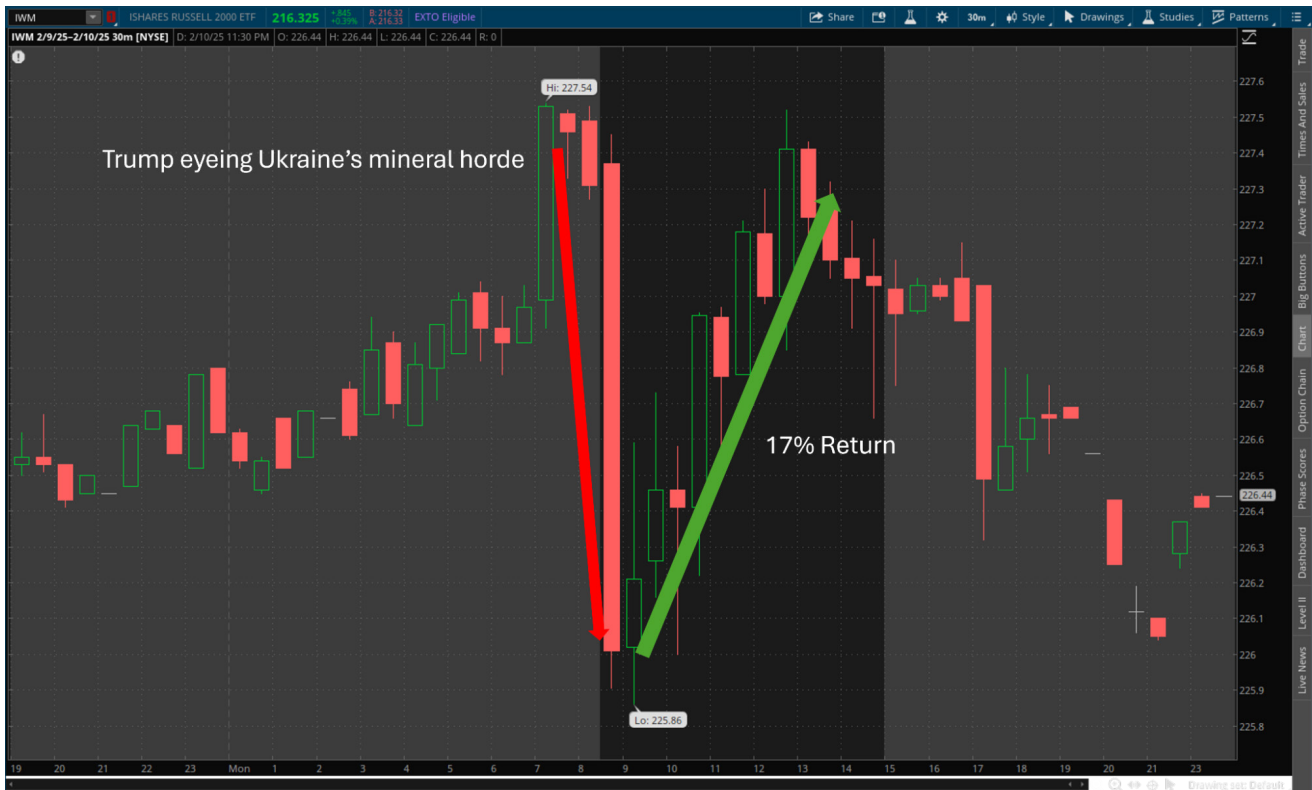
Mapping Ukraine's rare earth and critical minerals



The market reacted with a sharp sell-off, which I knew was the wrong reaction.

So, I prepared my 0DTE response and rode the market correction for a 17% return. Not triple digits like my earlier trade, but enough to let me know I was onto something.





Source: TOS

The very next day, Trump and Elon made headlines.

DOGE announced that it was cutting \$900 million from the Institute of Education Sciences.

Musk's efficiency department cuts \$900 million from agency that tracks US students' academic progress

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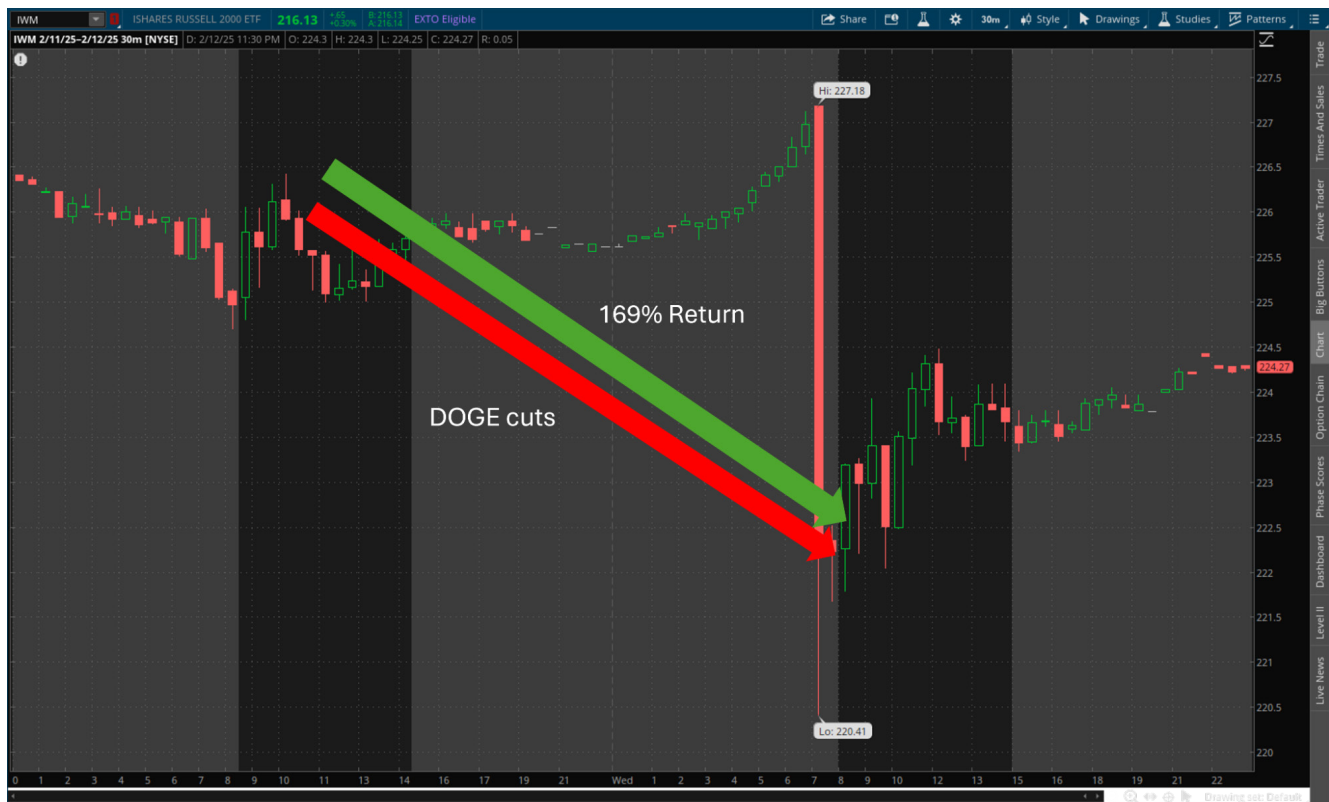


Now, I have no idea what the Institute for Education Sciences does.

Nor do I care.

All I saw was another news bomb and another opportunity to execute a trade with short fuse.

This time, netting me a 169% return overnight.

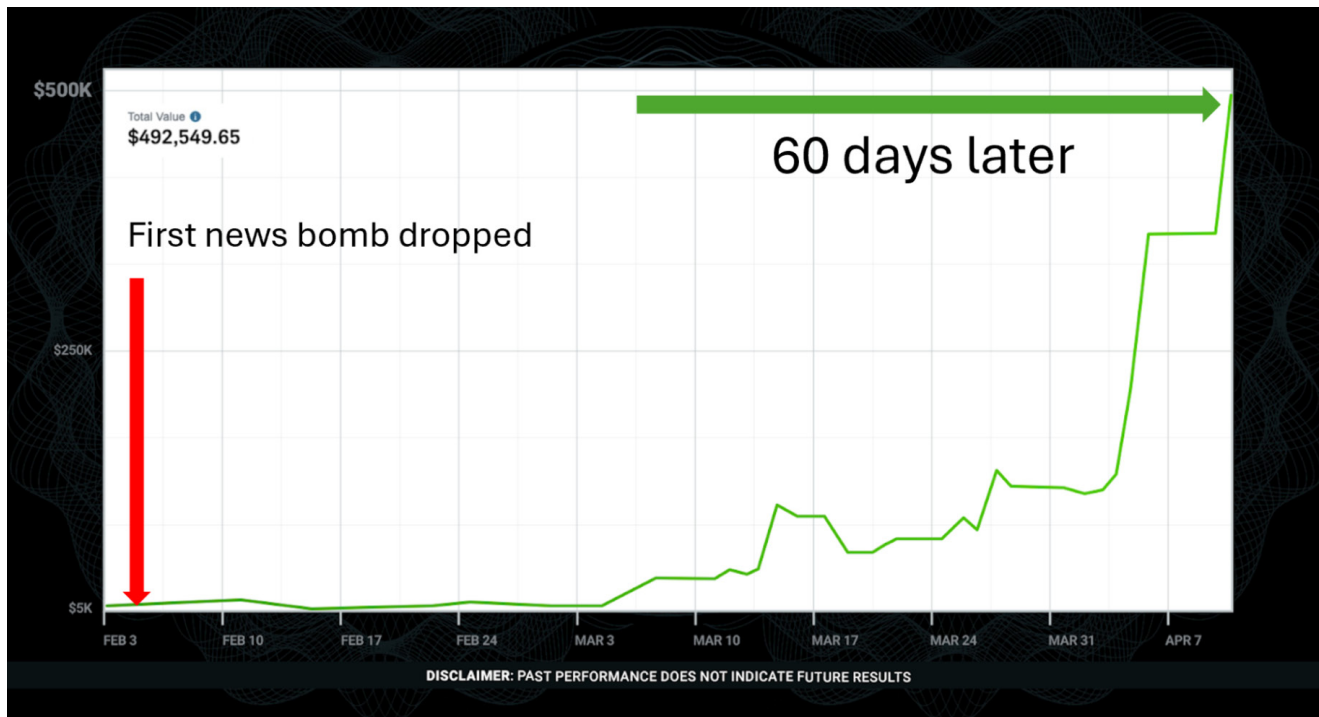


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Those three trades, which generated a total gain of over 420% in three days, provided proof that ODTE contracts offered the right strategy for a market coping with news bombs dropping almost daily.

Over the next 60 days, the right combination of strategy and environment took my account from \$5,000 to nearly \$500,000.





And here's the opportunity for traders of all stripes.

Trump's onslaught of newsbombs shows no signs of slackening.

And the volatility that results from that ongoing barrage creates the perfect environment for you to turbo-charge your account.

And here's what you need to know to make them work for you.

ODTE OPTIONS: THE FASTEST MONEY IN THE MARKET

These ODTE contracts are options that expire within twenty-four hours.

Now, zero-day options aren't for everyone. Go in blind, and they'll chew you up and spit you out.

But when you're sharp, disciplined, and can read short-term momentum, they can be a serious weapon in your trading playbook.

What I love about these options is how they strip out the noise. There's no wondering what earnings will be next quarter. No guessing where interest rates are going next year. Just pure action. Today's move. Today's setup. Today's profit potential.

Trump's news bombs give you a shot at big moves almost every day now. And with ODTE options, you don't need to wait. You just need to be ready.

ODTE (zero days to expiration) options are most commonly found on major indexes, such as the S&P 500, although they can also be available for individual stocks.

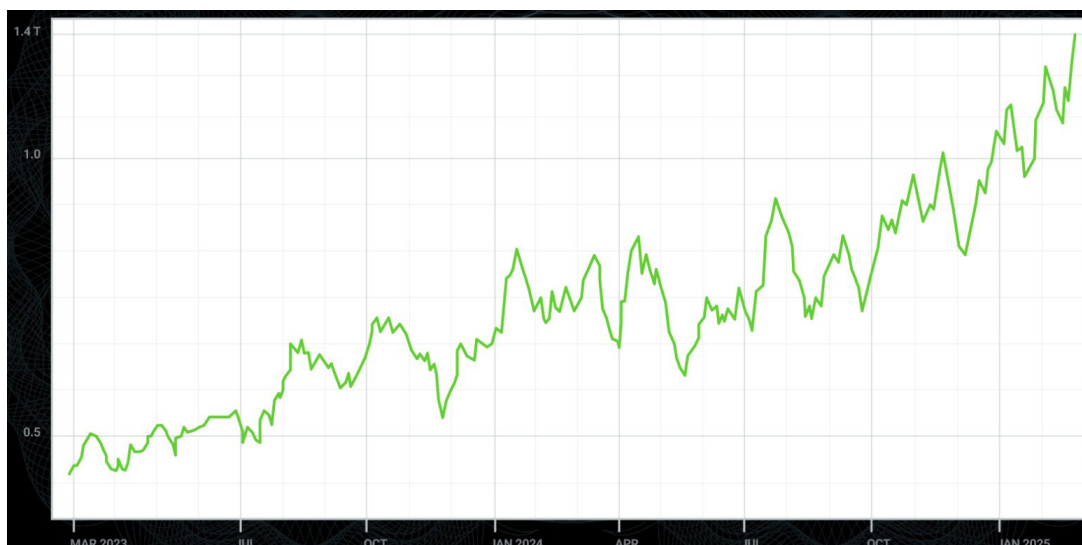
Before 2005, options expired on the third Friday of each month.

But that year, the Chicago Board of Exchange (CBOE) introduced weekly options (or Weeklys) on limited stocks and exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

Next, around 2016, the CBOE introduced options expiring on more days of the week, particularly for products such as SPX (the ticker symbol for the S&P 500) and SPY (the ticker for the S&P ETF).

By 2021, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday options had become common for SPX and SPY. But in April 2022, the CBOE introduced Tuesday and Thursday expirations for SPX options. This made SPX the first instrument to offer options expiring every trading day, providing ODTE opportunities five days a week.

Since 2023, ODTE volume has increased to the point that it now accounts for over 40% of trades on the S&P 500.



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ODTE options are attractive because they offer a low capital outlay, high potential returns, flexibility for more advanced trading strategies, and the opportunity to benefit from intraday market volatility.

These are key characteristics:

- **High time decay:** Theta decay (the rate at which options lose value as expiration nears) is extremely rapid.
- **Short-term trading focus:** Traders utilize these options for intraday speculation, hedging, or event-driven plays, such as Federal Reserve announcements, company earnings, and other significant events.
- **Leverage:** Due to their low premiums and quick expiration, zero-day options prices can increase significantly with only minor moves in the underlying index or stock.
- **No overnight risk:** Since ODTE options expire the same day, there's no gap risk between trading sessions (when the market closes and opens again the next day).

Zero-day options are typically utilized by retail traders who speculate on short-term market movements, institutions that hedge their exposure to surrounding high-profile market events, or market makers that manage order flow and liquidity.

However, keep your positions in ODTE options small, as the short fuse between entering these contracts and expiration means the entire value of the contract can evaporate in minutes.



ALL THE RISK, VERY LITTLE TIME

0DTE options can be powerful tools for traders, offering high leverage and quick profits, but they also come with risks.

For example:

1. **Extreme time decay:** Theta - or the value of options related to time to expiration - accelerates rapidly in the final hours before expiration. A position that is slightly out-of-the-money (OTM) can lose value very quickly if the price doesn't move in your favor. Holding a long 0DTE option even for 10 to 20 minutes without movement can lead to significant losses. For example, you buy a call in the morning expecting a rally, but the price stays flat. That option premium quickly decays to near-zero.
2. **Directional precision is crucial:** 0DTE options offer no buffer for being "almost right." You must be correct on direction, timing, and the magnitude of the move. Missing even one of these factors can lead to a total loss of premium.
3. **Volatility crush:** If you enter a 0DTE position before a major event, implied volatility is often elevated. Once the event passes, even if your direction is correct, volatility can collapse, hurting your option's value.
4. **Wide bid-ask spreads and execution risk:** Spreads can be wide, particularly in less liquid 0DTE contracts or during periods of market volatility. This can lead to poor fills or slippage, eroding your edge. Poor fills or slippage refer to the difference between the expected price of a trade and its actual price.
5. **No time to adjust:** Traditional options strategies often include rolling, hedging, or adjusting positions. With 0DTE, there's little time for repairs. A bad trade can end in a full loss within hours or minutes.
6. **Gamma risk/whipsaws:** 0DTE options have high gamma, meaning their price sensitivity changes rapidly. Small underlying price movements can dramatically affect your gains.
7. **Margin and Leverage Pitfalls:** Selling tions with a 0-day time to expiration (0DTE) can require significant margin and result in substantial losses if the market moves violently.



FINAL THOUGHTS

Options aren't magic or a secret backdoor to instant wealth. They're tools. Fast-moving, high-leverage tools that can greatly reward precision.

For traders who are focused, quick-thinking, and not afraid of a little volatility, they're a game worth playing.

The biggest edge you've got in this market is your ability to act. Not next week. Not tomorrow. Today.

These contracts give you the chance to capitalize on intraday setups with speed and efficiency that just isn't possible with longer-dated contracts.

And with Trump's news bombs dropping daily, you can expect no shortage of opportunities to give your account value a boost with very little money on the line.

Remember, you don't need to risk big to make meaningful gains.

A small, smart position in a well-timed trade can double — or more — in hours. That kind of opportunity used to come around once a week, if you were lucky. Now it's baked into the market every single day.

But the key is discipline. You've got to treat this like a business, not a lottery ticket. Stick to your setup. Manage your risk. Cut the losers. Press the winners. Know your exit before you enter.

And, for God's sake, keep position sizes small.

In my 30-year career, I've traded through crashes, melt-ups, Fed shocks, wars, and everything in between. And I can tell you this: The traders who stay in the game are the ones who adapt. The ones who stay sharp. The ones who don't chase, but wait for their pitch.

ODTE options represent an evolution in trading. They're not a fad. They're a shift. A new way to trade that rewards decisiveness.

So the question isn't whether you should trade them: It's whether you're ready to trade them the right way.

Because if you are, there's real money to be made.

Today.

Stay street smart,

Jeff Zananiri

