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Kamala Harris Donald Trump Presidential Debate ABC 2024-09-10

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David Muir (00:00):

Tonight, the high-stakes showdown here in Philadelphia between Vice President Kamala Harris and former president, Donald Trump. Their first face-to-face meeting in this presidential election. Their first face-to-face meeting ever.

Lindsey Davis (00:11):

A historic race for president upended. Just weeks ago, President Biden withdrawing after his last debate. Donald Trump now up against a new opponent.

David Muir (00:20):

The candidates separated by the smallest of margins, essentially tied in the polls nationally and in the key battlegrounds including right here in Pennsylvania, all still very much in play. The ABC News Presidential Debate starts right now.

Speaker 1 (00:33):

This is an ABC News special, the most consequential moment of this campaign, Kamala Harris.

Kamala Harris (00:39):

Together, we will chart a new way forward.

Speaker 1 (00:44):

Donald Trump.

Donald Trump (00:45):

We will soon be a great nation again.

Speaker 1 (00:49):

Face-to-face, historic. The ABC News Presidential Debate. Here now, David Muir and Lindsey Davis.

David Muir (01:01):

Good evening. I'm David Muir and thank you for joining us for tonight's ABC News Presidential Debate. We want to welcome viewers watching on ABC and around the world tonight. Vice President Kamala Harris and President Donald Trump are just moments away from taking the stage in this unprecedented race for president.

Lindsey Davis (01:16):

And I'm Lindsey Davis. Tonight's meeting could be the most consequential event of their campaigns with election day now less than two months away. For Vice President Kamala Harris, this is her first debate since President Biden withdrew from the race on July 21st. Of course, that decision followed his debate against President Donald Trump in June. Since then, this race has taken on an entirely new dynamic.

David Muir (01:41):

And that brings us to the rules of tonight's debate. 90 minutes with two commercial breaks. No topics or questions have been shared with the campaigns. The candidates will have two minutes to answer questions and this is the clock. That's what they'll be seeing. Two minutes for rebuttals and one minute for follow-ups, clarifications, or responses. Their microphones will only be turned on when it's their turn to speak. No pre-written notes allowed. There is no audience here tonight in this hall at the National Constitution Center. This is an intimate setting for two candidates who have never met.

Lindsey Davis (02:10):

President Trump won the coin toss. He chose to deliver the final closing statement of the evening. Vice President Harris selected the podium to the right.

David Muir (02:17):

So let's now welcome the candidates to the stage, Vice President Kamala Harris and President Donald Trump.

Kamala Harris (02:30):

Kamala Harris. Let's have a good debate.

Donald Trump (02:32):

Nice to see you. Have fun.

Kamala Harris (02:33):

Thank you.

David Muir (02:35):

Welcome to you both. It's wonderful to have you. It's an honor to have you both here tonight.

Lindsey Davis (02:38):

Good evening. We are looking forward to a spirited and thoughtful debate.

David Muir (02:42):

So let's get started. I want to begin tonight with the issue that voters repeatedly say is their number one issue and that is the economy and the cost of living in this country. Vice President Harris, you and President Trump were elected four years ago and your opponent on the stage here tonight often asks his supporters, are you better off than you were four years ago? When it comes to the economy, do you believe Americans are better off than they were four years ago?

Kamala Harris (03:06):

So I was raised as a middle class kid and I am actually the only person on this stage who has a plan that is about lifting up the middle class and working people of America. I believe in the ambition, the aspirations, the dreams of the American people, and that is why I imagine and have actually a plan to build what I call an opportunity economy. Because here's the thing, we know that we have a shortage of homes and housing and the cost of housing is too expensive for far too many people. We know that young families need support to raise their children, and I intend on extending a tax cut for those families of \$6,000 which is the largest child tax credit that we have given in a long time so that those young families can afford to buy a crib, buy a car seat, buy clothes for their children.

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My passion, one of them is small businesses. My mother raised my sister and me, but there was a woman who helped raise us. We call her our second mother. She was a small business owner. I love our small businesses. My plan is to give a \$50,000 tax deduction to start up small businesses knowing they are part of the backbone of America's economy. My opponent on the other hand, his plan is to do what he has done before, which is to provide a tax cut for billionaires and big corporations, which will result in \$5 trillion to America's deficit.

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My opponent has a plan that I call the Trump's sales tax, which would be a 20% tax on everyday goods that you rely on to get through the month. Economists have said that that Trump sales tax would actually result for middle class families in about \$4,000 more a year because of his policies and his ideas about what should be the backs of middle class people paying for tax cuts for billionaires.

David Muir (05:05):

President Trump, I'll give you two minutes.

Donald Trump (05:06):

First of all, I have no sales tax. That's an incorrect statement. She knows that. We're doing tariffs on other countries. Other countries are going to finally after 75 years, pay us back for all that we've done for the world and the tariff will be substantial in some cases. I took in billions and billions of dollars, as you know, from China. In fact, they never took the tariff off because it was so much money they can't. It would totally destroy everything that they've set out to do. They're taking in billions of dollars from China and other places. They've left the tariffs on.

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When I had it, I had tariffs and yet I had no inflation. Look, we've had a terrible economy because inflation has, which is really known as a country buster. It breaks up countries. We have inflation like very few people have ever seen before, probably the worst in our nation's history. We were at 21%. But that's being generous because many things are 50, 60, 70 and 80% higher than they were just a few years ago. This has been a disaster for people for the middle class, but for every class. On top of that, we have millions of people pouring into our country from prisons and jails, from mental institutions and insane asylums, and they're coming in and they're taking jobs that are occupied right now by African-Americans and Hispanics and also unions.

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Unions are going to be affected very soon. And you see what's happening. You see what's happening with towns throughout the United States. You look at Springfield, Ohio. You look at Aurora in Colorado, they are taking over the towns. They're taking over buildings. They're going in violently. These are the people that she and Biden led into our country and they're destroying our country. They're dangerous. They're at the highest level of criminality and we have to get them out. We have to get them out fast. I created one of the greatest economies in the history of our country. I'll do it again and even better.

David Muir (06:59):

We are going to get to immigration and border security during this debate, but I would like to let Vice President Harris respond on the economy here.

Kamala Harris (07:06):

Well, I would love to. Let's talk about what Donald Trump left us. Donald Trump left us the worst unemployment since the Great Depression. Donald Trump left us the worst public health epidemic in a century. Donald Trump left us the worst attack on our democracy since the Civil War. And what we have done is clean up Donald Trump's mess. What we have done, and what I intend to do is build on what we know are the aspirations and the hopes of the American people.

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But I'm going to tell you all in this debate tonight, you're going to hear from the same old tired playbook, a bunch of lies, grievances, and name-calling. What you're going to hear tonight is a detailed and dangerous plan called Project 2025 that the former president intends on implementing if he were elected again. I believe very strongly that the American people want a president who understands the importance of bringing us together knowing we have so much more in common than what separates us, and I pledge you to be a president for all Americans.

David Muir (08:16):

President Trump will give you a minute here to respond.

Donald Trump (08:18):

Number one, I have nothing to do. As you know and as she knows better than anyone, I have nothing to do with Project 2025. That's out there. I haven't read it. I don't want to read it purposely. I'm not going to read it. This was a group of people that got together. They came up with some ideas. I guess some good, some bad, but it makes no difference. I have nothing to do. Everybody knows I'm an open book. Everybody knows what I'm going to do. Cut taxes very substantially and create a great economy like I did before. We had the greatest economy. We got hit with a pandemic and the pandemic was not since 1917 where a hundred million people died, has there been anything like it.

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We did a phenomenal job with the pandemic. We handed them over a country where the economy and where the stock market was higher than it was before the pandemic came in. Nobody has ever seen anything like it. We made ventilators for the entire world. We got gowns, we got masks. We did things that nobody thought possible and people give me credit for rebuilding the military. They give me credit for a lot of things, but not enough credit for the great job we did with the pandemic.

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But the only jobs they got were bounce-back jobs. These were jobs bounce-back and it bounced back and it went to their benefit. But I was the one that created them. They know it and so does everybody else.

David Muir (09:31):

Vice President Harris, I'll let you respond.

Kamala Harris (09:33):

So Donald Trump has no plan for you, and when you look at his economic plan, it's all about tax breaks for the richest people. I am offering what I describe as an opportunity economy and the best economists in our country, if not the world, have reviewed our relative plans for the future of America. What Goldman Sachs has said is that Donald Trump's plan would make the economy

worse. Mine would strengthen the economy. What the Wharton School has said is Donald Trump's plan would actually explode the deficit.

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16 Nobel laureates have described his economic plan as something that would increase inflation and by the middle of next year would invite a recession. You just have to look at where we are and where we stand on the issues, and I'd invite you to know that Donald Trump actually has no plan for you because he is more interested in defending himself than he is in looking out for you.

Donald Trump (10:34):

That's just a sound bite. They gave her that to say. Look, I went to the Wharton School of Finance and many of those professors, the top professors think my plan is a brilliant plan. It's a great plan. It's a plan that's going to bring up our worth, our value as a country. It's going to make people want to be able to go and work and create jobs and create a lot of good solid money for our country. Just to finish off, she doesn't have a plan. She copied Biden's plan and it's like four sentences like run spot, run. Four sentences that are just, "Oh, we'll try and lower taxes." She doesn't have a plan. Take a look at her plan. She doesn't have a plan.

David Muir (11:16):

Mr. president, I do want to drill down on something you both brought up. The vice president brought up your tariffs, you responded, and let's drill down on this because your plan is what she calls is essentially a national sales tax. Your proposal calls for tariffs, as you pointed out here on foreign imports across the board. You recently said that you might double your plan imposing tariffs up to 20% on goods coming into this country.

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As you know, many economists say that tariffs at that level costs are then passed on to the consumer. Vice President Harris has argued it'll mean higher prices on gas, food, clothing, medication, arguing it costs the typical family nearly \$4,000 a year. Do you believe Americans can afford higher prices because of tariffs?

Donald Trump (11:55):

They're not going to have higher prices. What's going to have and who's going to have higher prices is China and all of the countries that have been ripping us off for years. I was the only president ever. China was paying us hundreds of billions of dollars and so were other countries and if she doesn't like them, they should have gone out and they should have immediately cut the tariffs. But those tariffs are there three and a half years now under their administration.

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We are going to take in billions of dollars, hundreds of billions of dollars. I had no inflation, virtually no inflation. They had the highest inflation perhaps in the history of our country because I've never seen a worse period of time. People can't go out and buy cereal, or bacon, or eggs or anything else.

The people of our country are absolutely dying with what they've done. They've destroyed the economy and all you have to do is look at a poll. The poll say 80 and 85 and even 90% that the Trump economy was great, that their economy was terrible.

David Muir (12:55):

Vice President Harris, I do want to ask for your response, and you heard what the president said there because the Biden administration did keep a number of the Trump tariffs in place. So how do you respond?

Kamala Harris (13:04):

Well, let's be clear that the Trump administration resulted in a trade deficit, one of the highest we've ever seen in the history of America. He invited trade wars. You want to talk about his deal with China. What he ended up doing is under Donald Trump's presidency, he ended up selling American chips to China to help them improve and modernize their military. Basically sold us out when a policy about China should be in making sure the United States of America wins the competition for the 21st century which means focusing on the details of what that requires, focusing on relationships with our allies, focusing on investing in American-based technology so that we win the race on AI, on quantum computing, focusing on what we need to do to support America's workforce so that we don't end up having on the short end of the stick in terms of workers rights.

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But what Donald Trump did, let's talk about this with COVID, is he actually thanked President Xi for what he did during COVID. "Thank you, President Xi!" when we know that Xi was responsible for lacking and not giving us transparency about the origins of COVID.

David Muir (14:24):

President Trump, I'll let you respond.

Donald Trump (14:25):

First of all, they bought their chips from Taiwan. We hardly make chips anymore because of philosophies like they have and policies like they have. I don't say her because she has no policy. Everything that she believed three years ago and four years ago is out the window. She's going to my philosophy now. In fact, I was going to send her a MAGA hat. She's gone to my philosophy. But if she ever got elected, she'd change it and it be the end of our country. She's a Marxist. Everybody knows she's a Marxist. Her father is a Marxist professor in economics and he taught her well. But when you look at what she's done to our country, and when you look at these millions and millions of people that are pouring into our country monthly where it's, I believe, 21 million people, not the 15 that people say, and I think it's a lot higher than the 21 that's bigger than New York state pouring in.

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And just look at what they're doing to our country. They're criminals. Many of these people coming in are criminals, and that's bad for our economy too. You mentioned before, we'll talk about immigration later. Well, bad immigration is the worst thing that can happen to our economy. They have and she has destroyed our country with policy. That's insane. Almost policy that you'd say they have to hate our country.

David Muir (15:42):

President Trump, thank you. Lindsey.

Lindsey Davis (15:44):

I want to turn to the issue of abortion. President Trump. You've often touted that you were able to kill Roe V. Wade last year. You said that you were proud to be the most pro-life president in American history. Then last month you said that your administration would be great for women and their reproductive rights. In your home state of Florida, you surprised many with regard to your six-week abortion ban because you initially had said that it was too short and you said quote, "I'm going to be voting that we need more than six weeks."

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But then the very next day you reversed course and said you would vote to support the six-week ban. Vice President Harris says that women shouldn't trust you on the issue of abortion because you've changed your position so many times. Therefore, why should they trust you?

Donald Trump (16:27):

Well, the reason I'm doing that vote is because the plan is, as you know, the vote is they have abortion in the ninth month. They even have, and you can look at the governor of West Virginia, the previous governor of West Virginia, not the current governor is doing an excellent job, but the governor before he said, "The baby will be born and we will decide what to do with the baby." In other words, "We'll execute the baby." And that's why I did that, because that predominates... Because they're radical. The Democrats are radical in that. And her vice presidential pick, which I think was a horrible pick by the way for our country because he is really out of it. But her vice presidential pick says abortion in the ninth month is absolutely fine. He also says execution after birth, it's execution. No longer abortion because the baby is born is okay. And that's not okay with me, hence the vote.

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But what I did is something for 52 years they've been trying to get Roe V. Wade into the states and through the genius and heart and strength of six Supreme Court justices, we were able to do that. Now, I believe in the exceptions for rape, incest, and life of the mother, I believe strongly. And it Ronald Reagan did also. 85% of Republicans do exceptions. Very important. But we were able to get it. And now states are voting on it. And for the first time, you're going to see... Look, this is an issue that's torn our country apart for 52 years. Every legal scholar, every Democrat, every Republican,

liberal, conservative, they all wanted this issue to be brought back to the states where the people could vote. And that's what happened, happened.

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Now Ohio, the vote was somewhat liberal. Kansas, the vote was somewhat liberal, much more liberal than people would've thought. But each individual state is voting. It's the vote of the people now. It's not tied up in the federal government. I did a great service in doing it. It took courage to do it. And the Supreme Court had great courage in doing it. And I give tremendous credit to those six justices.

Lindsey Davis (18:34):

There is no state in this country where it is legal to kill a baby after it's born. Madam vice president, want to get your response to President Trump.

Kamala Harris (18:41):

Well, as I said, you're going to hear a bunch of lies, and that's not actually a surprising fact. Let's understand how we got here. Donald Trump hand-selected three members of the United States Supreme Court with the intention that they would undo the protections of Roe v. Wade. And they did exactly as he intended. And now in over 20 states, there are Trump abortion bans which make it criminal for a doctor or nurse to provide healthcare. In one state, it provides prison for life.

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Trump abortion bans that make no exception, even for rape and incest, which understand what that means. A survivor of a crime, a violation to their body does not have the right to make a decision about what happens to their body next. That is immoral. And one does not have to abandon their faith or deeply held beliefs to agree. The government and Donald Trump certainly should not be telling a woman what to do with her body.

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I have talked with women around our country. You want to talk about this is what people wanted, pregnant women who want to carry a pregnancy to term suffering from a miscarriage being denied care in an emergency room because the healthcare providers are afraid they might go to jail and she's bleeding out in a car in the parking lot. She didn't want that. Her husband didn't want that. A 12 or 13-year-old survivor of incest being forced to carry a pregnancy to term? They don't want that.

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And I pledge to you when Congress passes a bill to put back in place the protections of Roe v. Wade as President of the United States, I will proudly sign it into law. But understand if Donald Trump were to be reelected, he will sign a national abortion ban. Understand in his Project 2025, there would be a national abortion, a monitor that would be monitoring your pregnancies, your miscarriages. I think the American people believe that certain freedoms in particular, the freedom to make decisions about one's own body should not be made by the government.

Lindsey Davis (20:55):

Thank you. Vice President Harris.

Donald Trump (20:57):

Well, there she goes again. It's a lie. I'm not signing a ban and there's no reason to sign a ban because we've gotten what everybody wanted, Democrats, Republicans and everybody else, and every legal scholar wanted it to be brought back into the states. And the states are voting. And it may take a little time, but for 52 years, this issue has torn our country apart and they've wanted it back in the States. And I did something that nobody thought was possible. The states are now voting what she says is an absolute lie. And as far as the abortion ban, no, I'm not in favor of abortion ban, but it doesn't matter because this issue has now been taken over by the States.

Lindsey Davis (21:41):

Will in a national abortion ban if it came to your desk?

Donald Trump (21:43):

Well, I won't have to, because, again, two things. Number one, she said she'll go back to Congress. She'll never get the vote. It's impossible for her to get the vote. Especially now with the 50-50 and essentially 50-50 in both Senate and the house. She's not going to get the vote. She can't get the vote. She won't even come close to it. So it's just talk. You know what it reminds me of when they said they're going to get student loans terminated? And it ended up being a total catastrophe.

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The student loans and then her, I think probably her boss, if you call him a boss, he spends all his time on the beach, but look, her boss went out and said, "We'll do it again. We'll do it a different way." He went out, got rejected again by the Supreme Court. So all these students got taunted with this whole thing about this whole idea. And how unfair that would've been. Part of the reason they lost to the millions and millions of people that had to pay off their student loans. They didn't get it for free. But they were saying it's the same way that they talked about that, that they talk about abortion.

Lindsey Davis (22:42):

But if I could just get a yes or no because your running mate, JD Vance has said that you would veto if it did come to your desk.

Donald Trump (22:48):

Well, I didn't discuss it with JD in all fairness. And I don't mind if he has a certain view, but I think he was speaking for me, but I really didn't. Look, we don't have to discuss it because she'd never be able to get it. Just like she couldn't get student loans. They couldn't get student loans. They didn't even come close to getting student loans. They taunted young people and a lot of other people that

had loans. They can never get this approved. So it doesn't matter what she says about going to Congress. So wonderful, let's go to Congress, do it. But the fact is that for years they wanted to get it out of Congress and out of the federal government. And we did something that everybody said couldn't be done. And now you have a vote of the people on abortion.

Lindsey Davis (23:28):

Vice President Harris want to give you your time to respond. But I do want to ask, would you support any restrictions on a woman's right to an abortion?

Kamala Harris (23:35):

I absolutely support reinstating the protections of Roe v. Wade. And as you rightly mentioned, nowhere in America is a woman carrying a pregnancy to term and asking for an abortion. That is not happening. It's insulting to the women of America. And understand what has been happening under Donald Trump's abortion bans. Couples who pray and dream of having a family are being denied IVF treatments. What is happening in our country? Working people, working women who are working one or two jobs who can barely afford child care as it is, have to travel to another state to get on a plane sitting next to strangers, to go and get the healthcare she needs, barely can afford to do it. And what you are putting her through is unconscionable. And the people of America have not.

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The majority of Americans believe in a woman's right to make decisions about her own body. And that is why in every state where this issue has been on the ballot in red and blue states both, the people of America have voted for freedom.

Lindsey Davis (24:51):

Vice president [inaudible 00:24:52]

Donald Trump (24:51):

Excuse me. I have to respond. Another lie. It's another lie. I have been a leader on IVF, which is fertilization. The IVF, I have been a leader. In fact, when they got a very negative decision on IVF from the Alabama courts, I saw the people of Alabama and the legislature two days later voted it in. I've been a leader on it. They know that and everybody else knows it. I have been a leader on fertilization, IVF. And the other thing you should ask, will she allow abortion in the eighth month, ninth month, seventh month?

Kamala Harris (25:28):

Come on?

Donald Trump (25:28):

Okay, would you do that? Why don't you ask her that question?

Kamala Harris (25:31):

Why don't you answer the question? Would you veto?

Donald Trump (25:33):

Because under Roe v. Wade-

Kamala Harris (25:35):

Answer the question, would you veto?

Donald Trump (25:36):

... you could do abortions in the seventh month, the eighth month, the ninth month.

Kamala Harris (25:40):

That's not true.

Donald Trump (25:40):

And probably after birth. Just look at the governor, former governor of Virginia. The governor of Virginia said, "We put the baby aside and then we determine what we want to do with the baby."

Lindsey Davis (25:50):

President Trump, thank you.

David Muir (25:52):

We're going to turn now to immigration and border security. We know it's an issue that's important to Republicans, Democrats, voters across the board in this country. Vice President Harris, you were tasked by President Biden with getting to the root causes of migration from Central America. We know that illegal border crossings reached a record high in the Biden administration. This past June, President Biden imposed tough new asylum restrictions. We know the numbers since then have dropped significantly. But my question to you tonight is why did the administration wait until six months before the election to act? And would you have done anything differently from President Biden on this?

Kamala Harris (26:26):

So I'm the only person on this stage who has prosecuted transnational criminal organizations for the trafficking of guns, drugs, and human beings. And let me say that the United States Congress, including some of the most conservative members of the United States Senate came up with a border security bill, which I supported, and that bill would've put 1,500 more border agents on the border to help those folks who are working there right now over time trying to do their job. It would have allowed us to stem the flow of fentanyl

Kamala Harris (27:00):

Fentanyl coming into the United States. I know there are so many families watching tonight who have been personally affected by the surge of fentanyl in our country. That bill would've put more resources to allow us to prosecute transnational criminal organizations for trafficking in guns, drugs, and human beings. But you know what happened to that bill? Donald Trump got on the phone, called up some folks in Congress and said, kill the bill. And you know why? Because he'd prefer to run on a problem instead of fixing a problem. And understand, this comes at a time where the people of our country actually need a leader who engages in solutions, who actually addresses the problems at hand. But what we have in the former president is someone who would prefer to run on a problem instead of fixing a problem. And I'll tell you something, he's going to talk about immigration a lot tonight, even when it's not the subject that is being raised.

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And I'm going to actually do something really unusual and I'm going to invite you to attend one of Donald Trump's rallies because it's a really interesting thing to watch. You'll see during the course of his rallies, he talks about fictional characters like Hannibal Lecter. He will talk about windmills cause cancer. And what you will also notice is that people start leaving his rallies early out of exhaustion and boredom. And I will tell you the one thing you will not hear him talk about is you. You will not hear him talk about your needs, your dreams, and your desires. And I'll tell you, I believe you deserve a president who actually puts you first. And I pledge to you that I will.

David Muir (28:34):

Vice President Harris, thank you. President Trump, on that point, I want to get your response-

Donald Trump (28:38):

Well, I would like to respond.

David Muir (28:38):

Let me just ask though, why did you try to kill that bill, and successfully so, that would've put thousands of additional agents and officers on the border?

Donald Trump (28:44):

First, let me respond as to the rallies.

David Muir (28:45):

Please.

Donald Trump (28:46):

She said people start leaving. People don't go to her rallies. There's no reason to go. And the people that do go, she's busing them in and paying them to be there and then showing them in a different light. So she can't talk about that. People don't leave my rallies. We have the biggest rallies, the most incredible rallies in the history of politics. That's because people want to take their country back. Our country is being lost. We're a failing nation. And it happened three and a half years ago. And what's going on here, you're going to end up in World War 3 just to go into another subject. What they have done to our country by allowing these millions and millions of people to come into our country and look at what's happening to the towns all over the United States.

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And a lot of towns don't want to talk. Not going to be Aurora or Springfield. A lot of towns don't want to talk about it because they're so embarrassed by it. In Springfield, they're eating the dogs, the people that came in, they're eating the cats, they're eating the pets of the people that live there. And this is what's happening in our country. And it's a shame.

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As far as rallies are concerned, as far as... The reason they go is they like what I say. They want to bring our country back. They want to make America great again. It's a very simple phrase: Make America Great Again. She's destroying this country and if she becomes president, this country doesn't have a chance of success. Not only success, we'll end up being Venezuela on steroids.

David Muir (30:16):

I just want to clarify here. You bring up Springfield, Ohio and ABC News did reach out to the city manager there. He told us there had been no credible reports of specific claims of pets being harmed, injured or abused by individuals within the immigrant community. All this-

Donald Trump (30:30):

Well, I've seen people on television-

David Muir (30:31):

Let me just say here, this is the-

Donald Trump (30:32):

People on television saying my dog was taken and used for food. So maybe he said that. And maybe that's a good thing to say for a city manager.

David Muir (30:40):

I'm not taking this from television-

Donald Trump (30:41):

But the people on television-

David Muir (30:42):

I'm taking it from the city manager.

Donald Trump (30:43):

Are saying their dog was eaten by the people that went there.

David Muir (30:47):

Again, the Springfield city manager says there's no evidence of that.

Donald Trump (30:49):

We'll find out.

David Muir (30:49):

Vice President Harris, I'll let you respond to the rest of what you've heard.

Kamala Harris (30:51):

I mean, talk about extreme. This is I think one of the reasons why in this election, I actually have the endorsement of 200 Republicans who have formally worked with President Bush, Mitt Romney and John McCain, including the endorsement of former Vice President Dick Cheney and Congressman Liz Cheney. And if you want to really know the inside track on who the former president is, if he didn't make it clear already, just ask people who have worked with him. His former chief of staff, a four-star general has said he has contempt for the constitution of the United States. His former national security adviser has said he's dangerous and unfit. His former Secretary of Defense has said the nation, the Republic, would never survive another Trump term. And when we listen to this kind of rhetoric, when the issues that affect the American people are not being addressed, I think the choice is clear in this election.

David Muir (32:00):

President Trump, we'll give you a quick minute to respond here.

Donald Trump (32:03):

Thank you. Because when I hear that, see, I'm a different kind of a person. I fired most of those people, not so graciously. They did bad things or bad job. I fired them. They never fired one person. They didn't fire anybody having to do with Afghanistan and the Taliban and the 13 people whose were just killed viciously and violently killed. And I got to know the parents and the family. They didn't fire... They should have fired all those generals, all those top people because that was one of the most incompetently-handled situations anybody has ever seen.

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So when somebody does a bad job, I fire them. And you take a guy like Esper. He was no good. I fired him. So he writes a book. Another one writes a book, because with me they can write books, with nobody else can they. But they have done such a poor job and they never fire anybody. Look at the economy. Look at the inflation. They didn't fire any of their economists. They have the same people. That's a good way not to have books written about you, but just to finish, I got more votes than any Republican in history by far. In fact, I got more votes than any president, sitting president, in history by far.

David Muir (33:16):

Let me continue on immigration. It was what you wanted to talk about earlier. So let's get back to your deportation proposal that the vice president has reacted to as well. President Trump, you call this the largest domestic deportation operation in the history of our country. You say you would use the National Guard, you say if things get out of control, you'd have no problem using the US military-

Kamala Harris (33:35):

With local police. Yes.

David Muir (33:36):

You also said you would use local police. How would you deport 11 million undocumented immigrants? I know you believe that number is much higher. Take us through this. What does this look like? Will authorities be going door to door in this country?

Donald Trump (33:48):

Yeah, it is much higher because of them. They allowed criminals, many, many millions of criminals. They allowed terrorists, they allowed common street criminals. They allowed people to come in, drug dealers to come into our country and they're now in the United States and told by their countries like Venezuela, don't ever come back or we're going to kill you. Do you know that crime in Venezuela and crime in countries all over the world is way down? You know why? Because they've

taken their criminals off the street and they've given them to her to put into our country, and this will be one of the greatest mistakes in history for them to allow, and I think they probably did it because they think they're going to get votes, but it's not worth it because they're destroying the fabric of our country by what they've done.

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There's never been anything done like this at all. They've destroyed the fabric of our country. Millions of people let in. And all over the world, crime is down all over the world except here. Crime here is up and through the roof. Despite their fraudulent statements that they made, crime in this country is through the roof. And we have a new form of crime. It's called migrant crime, and it's happening at levels that nobody thought possible.

David Muir (35:02):

President Trump, as you know, the FBI says overall violent crime is actually coming down in this country. But Vice President Harris-

Donald Trump (35:07):

Excuse me-

David Muir (35:08):

I'll give you-

Donald Trump (35:08):

The FBI, they were defrauding statements. They didn't include the worst cities. They didn't include the cities with the worst crime. It was a fraud. Just like their number of 818,000 jobs that they said they created turned out to be a fraud.

David Muir (35:22):

President Trump, thank you. I'll let you respond, Vice President Harris.

Kamala Harris (35:25):

Well, I think this is so rich coming from someone who has been prosecuted for national security crimes, economic crimes, election interference, has been found liable for sexual assault, and his next big court appearance is in November at his own criminal sentencing. And let's be clear where each person stands on the issue of what is important about respect for the rule of law and respect for law enforcement. The former vice president called for defunding federal law enforcement, 45,000 agents, get this, on the day after he was arraigned on 34 felony counts.

(36:09)

So let's talk about what is important in this race. It is important that we move forward, that we turn the page on this same old tired rhetoric and address the needs of the American people, address what we need to do about the housing shortage, which I have a plan for, address what we must do to support our small businesses, address bringing down the price of groceries. But frankly, the American people are exhausted with the same old tired playbook.

David Muir (36:40):

Vice President Harris, thank you.

Donald Trump (36:42):

Excuse me. Every one of those cases was started by them against their political opponent and I'm winning most of them and I will win the rest on appeal. And you saw that with the decision that came down just recently from the Supreme Court. I'm winning most of them, but those are cases, it's called weaponization. Never happened in this country. They weaponized the Justice Department. Every one of those cases was involved with the DOJ, from Atlanta and Fani Willis to the Attorney General of New York and the DA in New York. Every one of those cases. And then they say, oh, he is a criminal. They're the ones that made them go after me.

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By the way, Joe Biden was found essentially guilty on the documents case. And what happened in my documents case? They said, oh, that's the toughest of them all. A complete and total victory. Two months ago it was thrown out. It's weaponization and they used it and it's never happened in this country. They used it to try and win an election. They have fake cases.

David Muir (37:43):

President Trump, thank you. A really quick response here Vice President Harris on this notion of weaponization of the Justice Department.

Kamala Harris (37:49):

Well, let's talk about extreme, and understand the context in which this election in 2024 is taking place. The United States Supreme Court recently ruled that the former president would essentially be immune from any misconduct if he were to enter the White House again. Understand this is someone who has openly said he would terminate, I'm quoting, terminate the Constitution of the United States, that he would weaponize the Department of Justice against his political enemies. Someone who has openly expressed disdain for members of our military. Understand what it would mean if Donald Trump were back in the White House with no guardrails. Because certainly we know now the court won't stop him. We know JD Vance is not going to stop him. It's up to the American people-

David Muir (38:38):

Vic President Harris-

Kamala Harris (38:39):

To stop him.

David Muir (38:40):

Thank you. Lindsey?

Lindsey Davis (38:41):

Vice President Harris, in your last run for president-

Donald Trump (38:43):

[inaudible 00:38:44] She's the one that weaponized, please.

David Muir (38:44):

We got to continue-

Donald Trump (38:45):

This is the one that weaponized, not me. She weaponized. I probably took a bullet to the head because of the things that they say about me. They talk about democracy, I'm a threat to democracy. They're the threat to democracy with their-

David Muir (38:59):

President Trump-

Donald Trump (39:00):

Fake Russia, Russia-

David Muir (39:01):

Thank you.

Donald Trump (39:01):

Russia investigation-

David Muir (39:02):

We do have a lot to get-

Donald Trump (39:03):

That went nowhere.

David Muir (39:04):

We have a lot to get to. Lindsey?

Lindsey Davis (39:05):

Vice President Harris, in your last run for president, you said you wanted to ban fracking. Now you don't. You wanted mandatory government buyback programs for assault weapons. Now your campaign says you don't. You supported decriminalizing border crossings. Now you're taking a harder line. I know you say that your values have not changed. So then why have so many of your policy positions changed?

Kamala Harris (39:26):

So my values have not changed and I'm going to discuss every one of the, at least every point that you've made. But in particular, let's talk about fracking because we're here in Pennsylvania. I made that very clear in 2020. I will not ban fracking. I have not banned fracking as Vice President of the United States. And in fact I was the tie-breaking vote on the Inflation Reduction Act, which opened new leases for fracking. My position is that we have got to invest in diverse sources of energy so we reduce our reliance on foreign oil. We have had the largest increase in domestic oil production in history because of an approach that recognizes that we cannot over-rely on foreign oil.

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As it relates to my values, let me tell you, I grew up a middle class kid raised by a hardworking mother who worked and saved and was able to buy our first home when I was a teenager. The values I bring to the importance of homeownership, knowing not everybody got handed \$400 million on a silver platter and then filed bankruptcy six times, is a value that I bring to my work to say we are going to work with the private sector and home builders to increase 3 million homes, increase by 3 million homes by the end of my first term.

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My work that is related to having a friend when I was in high school who was sexually assaulted by her stepfather. And my focus then on protecting women and children from violent crime is based on a value that is deeply grounded in the importance of standing up for those who are most vulnerable.

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My work that is about protecting social security and Medicare is based on long-standing work that I have done protecting seniors from scams. My values have not changed. And what is important is

that there is a president who actually brings values and a perspective that is about lifting people up and not beating people down and name-calling. The true measure of the leader is the leader who actually understands that strength is not in beating people down. It's in lifting people up. I intend to be that president.

Lindsey Davis (41:40):

President Trump, your response?

Donald Trump (41:41):

Well, first of all, I wasn't given \$400 million. I wish I was. My father was a Brooklyn builder, Brooklyn Queens and a great father and I learned a lot from him, but I was given a fraction of that, a tiny fraction and have built it into many, many billions of dollars. Many, many billions. And when people see it, they are even surprised. So we don't have to talk about that. Fracking? She's been against it for 12 years. Defund the police. She's been against that forever. She gave all that stuff up very wrongly, very horribly. And everybody's laughing at it, okay? They're all laughing at it. She gave up at least 12 and probably 14 or 15 different policies. Like, she was big on defund the police. In Minnesota, she went out... Wait a minute, I'm talking now, if you don't mind, please. Does that sound familiar?

Kamala Harris (42:31):

Don't lie.

Donald Trump (42:31):

She went out... She went out in Minnesota and wanted to let criminals that killed people, that burned down Minneapolis, she went out and raised money to get them out of jail. She did things that nobody would ever think of. Now she wants to do transgender operations on illegal aliens that are in prison. This is a radical left liberal that would do this. She wants to confiscate your guns and she will never allow fracking in Pennsylvania. If she won the election, fracking in Pennsylvania will end on day one.

(43:05)

Just to finish one thing that's so important in my opinion. So I got the oil business going like nobody has ever done before. When they took over, they got rid of it, started getting rid of it, and the prices were going up the roof. They immediately let these guys go to where they were. I would've been five times, four times, five times higher because you're talking about three and a half years ago.

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They got it up to where I was because they had no choice, because the prices of energy were quadrupling and doubling. You saw what happened to gasoline. So they said, let's go back to Trump. But if she won the election, the day after that election, they'll go back to destroying our country and oil will be dead. Fossil fuel will be dead. We'll go back to windmills and we'll go back to solar where

they need a whole desert to get some energy to come out. You ever see a solar plant? By the way, I'm a big fan of solar, but they take 400-

Lindsey Davis (44:01):

President Trump-

Donald Trump (44:03):

500 acres of desert soil.

Lindsey Davis (44:04):

President Trump, We have a lot of issues-

Donald Trump (44:06):

These are not good things for the environment that she understands.

Lindsey Davis (44:07):

That we have to get to. We're out of time. Thank you.

David Muir (44:08):

Lindsay, thank you. We have an election in just 56 days and I want to talk about the peaceful transfer of power, which of course we all know is a cornerstone of our democracy and the role of a president in a moment of crisis. Mr. President, on January 6th, you told your supporters to march to the Capitol. You said you would be right there with them. The country and the world saw what played out at the Capitol that day, the officers coming under attack. Aides in the West Wing say you watched it unfold on television off the Oval Office. You did send out tweets, but it was more than two hours before you sent out that video message telling your supporters to go home. Is there anything you regret about what you did on that day?

Donald Trump (44:45):

You just said a thing that isn't covered: peacefully and patriotically, I said during my speech, not later on. Peacefully and patriotically. And nobody on the other side was killed. Ashley Babbitt was shot by an out-of-control police officer that should have never, ever shot her. It's a disgrace. But we didn't do this group of people that have been treated so badly.

(45:12)

I ask what about all the people that are pouring into our country and killing people that she allowed to pour in? She was the border czar. Remember that. She was the border czar. She doesn't want to be called the border czar because she's embarrassed by the border. In fact, she said at the

beginning, oh, I'm surprised you're not talking about the border yet. That's because she knows what a bad job they've done. What about those people? When are they going to be prosecuted? When are these people from countries all over the world, not just South America. They're coming in from all over the world, David. All over the world, and crime rates are down all over the world because of it.

David Muir (45:46):

But let me just ask you-

Donald Trump (45:47):

David, when are those people going to be prosecuted? When are the people that burned down Minneapolis going to be prosecuted? Or in Seattle, they went into Seattle, they took over a big percentage of the city of Seattle. When are those people going to be prosecuted?

David Muir (46:01):

But let me just ask you-

Donald Trump (46:02):

You might ask her that question.

David Muir (46:03):

You were the president. You were watching it unfold on television. It's a very simple question. As we move forward toward another election, is there anything you regret about what you did on that day? Yes or no?

Donald Trump (46:13):

I had nothing to do with that other than they asked me to make a speech. I showed up for a speech. I said, I think it's going to be big. I went to Nancy Pelosi and the Mayor of Washington DC and the mayor put it back in writing as you know. I said, this is going to be a very big rally or whatever you want to call it. And again, it wasn't done by me, it was done by others. I said, I'd like to give you 10,000 National Guard or soldiers. They rejected me. Nancy Pelosi rejected me. It was just two weeks ago, her daughter has a tape of her saying she is fully responsible for what happened. They want to get rid of that tape. It would've never happened if Nancy Pelosi and the Mayor of Washington did their jobs. I wasn't responsible for security. Nancy Pelosi was responsible. She didn't do her job.

David Muir (47:00):

The question was about you as president, not about former Speaker Pelosi. But I do want Vice President Harris to respond here.

Kamala Harris (47:07):

I was at the Capitol on January 6th. I was the Vice President-elect. I was also an acting senator. I was there. And on that day, the President of the United States incited a violent mob to attack our nation's Capitol, to desecrate our nation's Capitol. On that day, 140 law enforcement officers were injured and some died. And understand the former president has been indicted and impeached for exactly that reason. But this is not an isolated situation. Let's remember Charlottesville where there was a mob of people carrying tiki torches, spewing anti-Semitic hate. And what did the president then at the time say? "There were fine people on each side." Let's remember that when it came to the Proud Boys, a militia, the president said, the former president said, "Stand back and stand by."

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So for everyone watching who remembers what January 6th was, I say, we don't have to go back. Let's not go back. We're not going back. It's time to turn the page. And if that was a bridge too far for you, well, there is a place in our campaign for you to stand, for country to stand, for our democracy to stand for rule of law and to end the chaos, and to end the approach that is about attacking the foundations of our democracy because you don't like the outcome. And be clear on that point. Donald Trump, the candidate has said in this election there will be a bloodbath if this and the outcome of this election is not to his liking. Let's turn the page on this. Let's not go back. Let's chart a course for the future and not go backwards to the past.

David Muir (49:13):

Let me just follow up here-

Donald Trump (49:14):

I never said bloodbath. It was a different term and it was a term that related to energy because they have destroyed our energy business. That was where bloodbath was. Also on Charlottesville, that story has been, as you would say, debunked. Laura Ingraham, Sean Hannity, Jesse, all of these people, they covered it. If they go an extra sentence, they will see it was perfect. It was debunked in almost every newspaper. But they still bring it up just like they bring 2025 up. They bring all of this stuff up. I ask you this, you talk about the Capitol. Why are we allowing these millions of people to come through on the southern border? How come she's not doing anything?

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And I'll tell you what I would do and I would be very proud to do it. I would say we would both leave this debate right now. I'd like to see her go down to Washington DC during this debate because we're wasting a lot of time, because she's been so bad, it's so ridiculous. Go down to Washington DC and let her sign a bill to close up the border because they have the right to do it. They don't need bills. They have the right to do it. The President of the United States, you'll get him out of bed, you'll wake him up at four o'clock in the afternoon. You'll say, come on. Come on down to the office, let's sign a bill. If he signs a bill that the border is closed, all he has to do is say it to the border patrol who are phenomenal, if they do that, the border is closed.

David Muir (50:35):

Mr. President-

Donald Trump (50:36):

Those people are killing many people. Unlike J-6.

David Muir (50:39):

We talked immigration here tonight. I do want to focus on this next issue to both of you because it really brings this into focus, truth in these times that we're living in. Mr. president for three and a half years after you lost the 2020 election, you repeatedly falsely claimed that you won, many times saying you won in a landslide. In the past couple of weeks leading up to this debate, you have said quote, you lost by a whisker that you quote didn't quite make it, that you came up a little bit short.

Donald Trump (51:05):

I said that?

David Muir (51:05):

Are you now acknowledging that you lost in 2020?

Donald Trump (51:09):

No, I don't acknowledge it at all.

David Muir (51:09):

But, you did say that.

Donald Trump (51:09):

I said that sarcastically. You know that. And we said, oh, we lost by a whisker. That was said sarcastically. Look, there's so much proof. All you have to do is look at it and they should have sent it back to the legislatures for approval. I got almost 75 million votes. The most votes any sitting president has ever gotten. I was told if I got 63, which was what I got in 2016, you can't be beaten. The election, people should never be thinking about an election as fraudulent. We need two things. We need walls. We need, and we have to have it. We have to have borders, and we have to have good elections. Our elections are bad. And a lot of these illegal immigrants coming in, they're trying to get them to vote. They can't even speak English. They don't even know what country they're in practically. And these people are trying to get them to vote and that's why they're allowing them to come into our country.

David Muir (51:58):

I did watch all of these pieces of video. I didn't detect the sarcasm, lost by a whisker. We didn't quite make it. And we should just point out here as clarification. And you know this, you and your allies, 60 cases in front of many judges, many of them Republican-

Donald Trump (52:10):

No judge looked at it-

David Muir (52:11):

And said there was no [inaudible 00:52:12]

Donald Trump (52:12):

They said we didn't have standing. That's the other thing. They said we didn't have standing. A technicality. Can you imagine a system where a person in an election doesn't have standing? The President of the United States doesn't have standing. That's how we lost. If you look at the facts, and I'd love to have you, you'll do a special on it. I'll show you Georgia, and I'll show you Wisconsin and I'll show you Pennsylvania and I'll show you... We have so many facts and statistics, but you know what? That doesn't matter because we have to solve the problem that we have right now. That's old news. And the problem that we have right now is we have a nation in decline and they have put it into decline. We have a nation that is dying, David.

David Muir (52:54):

Mr. President, thank you. Vice President Harris, you heard the president there tonight. He said he didn't say that he lost by a whisker. So he still believes he did not lose the election that was won by President Biden and yourself. But I do want to ask you about something that's come up in the last couple of days. This was a post from President Trump about this upcoming election just weeks away. He said, "When I win, those people who cheated," and then he lists donors, voters, election officials, he says, "will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, which will include long-term prison sentences." One of your campaign's top lawyers responded saying, "We won't let Donald Trump intimidate us. We won't let him suppress the vote." Is that what you believe he's trying to do here?

Kamala Harris (53:36):

Donald Trump was fired by 81 million people. So let's be clear about that. And clearly he is having a very difficult time processing that. But we cannot afford to have a President of the United States who attempts, as he did in the past, to upend the will of the voters in a free and fair election. And I'm going to tell you that

Kamala Harris (54:00):

I have traveled the world as Vice President of the United States, and world leaders are laughing at Donald Trump. I have talked with military leaders, some of whom worked with you, and they say you're a disgrace. And when you then talk in this way in a presidential debate, and deny what over and over again are court cases you have lost, because you did in fact lose that election, it leads one to believe that perhaps we do not have in the candidate to my right, the temperament or the ability to not be confused about fact. That's deeply troubling and the American people deserve better.

David Muir (54:45):

I'll give you one minute to respond, Mr. President.

Donald Trump (54:46):

Let me just say about world leaders. Viktor Orban, one of the most respected men... They call him a strongman. He's a tough person, smart, prime minister of Hungary, they said, "Why is the whole world blowing up? Three years ago it wasn't. Why is it blowing up?" He said, "Because you need Trump back as president. They were afraid of him. China was afraid..." And I don't like to use the word afraid, but I'm just quoting him, "China was afraid of him, North Korea was afraid of him." Look at what's going on with North Korea, by the way. He said, "Russia was afraid of him." I ended the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, and Biden put it back on day one, but he ended the XL Pipeline. The XL Pipeline in our country, he ended that, but he let the Russians build a pipeline going all over Europe and heading into Germany. The biggest pipeline in the world.

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Look, Viktor Orban said it. He said, "The most respected, most feared person is Donald Trump. We had no problems when Trump was president." But when this weak, pathetic man that you saw at a debate just a few months ago, that if he weren't in that debate, he'd be running instead of her. She got no votes, he got 14 million votes. You talk about a threat to democracy. He got 14 million votes and they threw him out of office. And you know what? I'll give you a little secret. He hates her. He can't stand her-

David Muir (56:08):

Mr. President.

Donald Trump (56:09):

... but he got 14 million votes. They threw them out. She got zero votes, and when she ran, she was the first one to leave, because she failed, and now she's running. I don't understand it-

David Muir (56:21):

Mr. President.

Donald Trump (56:21):

... but I'm okay with it, because-

David Muir (56:22):

Mr. President, your time is up.

Donald Trump (56:23):

I think we're going to do very well.

David Muir (56:24):

We've got a lot more to get to.

Lindsey Davis (56:25):

Turning now to the Israel-Hamas war, and the hostages who were still being held, Americans among them. Vice President Harris, in December you said, "Israel has a right to defend itself," but you added, "It matters how." Saying, "International humanitarian law must be respected. Israel must do more to protect innocent civilians." You said that nine months ago. Now, an estimated 40,000 Palestinians are dead, nearly 100 hostages remain. Just last week, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said there's not a deal in the making. President Biden has not been able to break through the stalemate. How would you do it?

Kamala Harris (57:01):

Well, let's understand how we got here. On October 7, Hamas, a terrorist organization, slaughtered 1,200 Israelis, many of them young people who are simply attending a concert. Women were horribly raped, and so absolutely, I said then, I say now, Israel has a right to defend itself. We would, and how it does so matters, because it is also true. Far too many innocent Palestinians have been killed, children, mothers. What we know is that this war must end.

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It must end immediately, and the way it will end is we need a ceasefire deal, and we need the hostages out. And so, we will continue to work around the clock on that, work around the clock also understanding that we must chart a course for a two-state solution. And in that solution, there must be security for the Israeli people and Israel, and in equal measure for the Palestinians. But the one thing I will assure you always, I will always give Israel the ability to defend itself, in particular as it relates to Iran, and any threat that Iran and its proxies pose to Israel, but we must have a two-state solution where we can rebuild Gaza, where the Palestinians have security, self-determination, and the dignity they so rightly deserve.

Lindsey Davis (58:34):

President Trump, how would you negotiate with Netanyahu and also Hamas in order to get the hostages out and prevent the killing of more innocent civilians in Gaza?

Donald Trump (58:43):

If I were president, it would've never started. If I were president, Russia would've never, ever... I know Putin very well. He would've never, and there was no threat of it either, by the way, for four years, have gone into Ukraine and killed millions of people when you add it up and far worse than people understand what's going on over there. But when she mentions about Israel, all of a sudden... She hates Israel. She wouldn't even meet with Netanyahu when he went to Congress to make a very important speech. She refused to be there, because she was at a sorority party of hers. She wanted to go to the sorority party. She hates Israel. If she's president, I believe that Israel will not exist within two years from now, and I've been pretty good at predictions, and I hope I'm wrong about that one. She hates Israel.

(59:31)

At the same time, in her own way she hates the Arab population, because the whole place is going to get blown up, Arabs, Jewish people, Israel. Israel will be gone. It would've never happened. Iran was broke under Donald Trump. Now, Iran has \$300 billion, because they took off all the sanctions that I had. Iran had no money for Hamas or Hezbollah or any of the 28 different spheres of terror, and they are spheres of terror, horrible terror. They had no money. It was a big story, and you know it. You covered it very well actually. They had no money for terror. They were broke. Now, they're rich nation, and now what they're doing is they're spreading that money around. Look at what's happening with the Houthis and Yemen. Look at what's going on in the Middle East. This would've never happened. I will get that settled and fast and I'll get the war with Ukraine and Russia ended if I'm president-elect. I'll get it done before even becoming president.

Lindsey Davis (01:00:37):

Vice President Harris, he says you hate Israel.

Kamala Harris (01:00:40):

That's absolutely not true. I have my entire career and life supported Israel and the Israeli people. He knows that. He's trying to, again, divide and distract from the reality, which it is very well known that Donald Trump is weak and wrong on national security and foreign policy. It is well known that he admires dictators, wants to be a dictator on day one, according to himself. It is well known that he said of Putin that he can do whatever the hell he wants and go into Ukraine.

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It is well known that he said when Russia went into Ukraine, it was brilliant. It is well known he exchanged love letters with Kim Jong Un. And it is absolutely well known that these dictators and autocrats are rooting for you to be president again, because they're so clear they can manipulate you with flattery and favors, and that is why so many military leaders who you have worked with have

told me you are a disgrace. That is why we understand that we have to have a president who is not consistently weak and wrong on national security-

Lindsey Davis (01:02:00):

Vice President Harris.

Kamala Harris (01:02:01):

... including the importance of upholding and respecting in highest regard, our military.

Lindsey Davis (01:02:06):

Vice President Harris, thank you.

Donald Trump (01:02:08):

They're the ones and she's the one that caused it, that's weak on national security by allowing every nation last month for the year, 168 different countries sending people into our country, their crime rates are way down. Putin endorsed her last week, said, "I hope she wins," and I think he meant it, because what he's gotten away with is absolutely incredible. It wouldn't have happened with me. The leaders of other countries think that they're weak and incompetent, and they are. They're grossly incompetent. And I just ask one question, why does Biden go in and kill the Keystone Pipeline and approve the single biggest deal that Russia's ever made, nord Stream 2, the biggest pipeline anywhere in the world going to Germany and all over Europe? Because they're weak and they're ineffective. And Biden, by the way-

Lindsey Davis (01:02:57):

President Trump.

Donald Trump (01:02:58):

... gets paid a lot of money.

Lindsey Davis (01:02:59):

Thank you. We have a lot of issues to get to.

David Muir (01:03:01):

We'll be right back with much more of this historic ABC News Presidential Debate from the National Constitution Center right here in Philadelphia. Back in a moment.

Speaker 1 (01:03:11):

The ABC News Presidential Debate will continue after this.

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David Muir (01:08:05):

Welcome back to this historic ABC News Presidential Debate tonight. We're going to continue here and I want to turn to the war in Ukraine. We're now two and a half years into this conflict. Mr. President, it has been the position of the Biden administration that we must defend Ukraine from Russia, from Vladimir Putin, to defend their sovereignty, their democracy, that it's in America's best interest to do so. Arguing that if Putin wins, he may be emboldened to move even further into other countries. You have said you would solve this war in 24 hours. You said so just before the break tonight. How exactly would you do that? And I want to ask you a very simple question tonight, do you want Ukraine to win this war?

Donald Trump (01:08:41):

I want the war to stop. I want to save lives that are being uselessly... People being killed by the millions. It's the millions. It's so much worse than the numbers that you're getting, which are fake numbers. Look, we're in for 250 billion or more, because they don't ask Europe, which is a much bigger beneficiary to getting this thing done than we are. They're in for \$150 billion less because Biden, and you don't have the courage to ask Europe like I did with NATO. They paid billions and billions, hundreds of billions of dollars when I said, "Either you pay up or we're not going to protect you anymore." So, that's maybe one of the reasons they don't like me as much as they like weak people, but you take a look at what's happening. We're in for 250 to 275 billion. They're into 100 to 150. They should be forced to equalize.

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With that being said, I want to get the war settled. I know Zelensky very well and I know Putin very well. I have a good relationship and they respect your president, okay? They respect me. They don't respect Biden. How would you respect him? Why? For what reason? He hasn't even made a phone call in two years to Putin, hasn't spoken to anybody. They don't even try and get it. That is a war that's dying to be settled. I will get it settled before I even become president.

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If I win, when I'm president-elect, and what I'll do is I'll speak to one, I'll speak to the other. I'll get them together. That war would've never happened. And in fact, when I saw Putin after I left, unfortunately left because our country has gone to hell, but after I left, when I saw him building up soldiers, he did it after I left. I said, "Oh, he must be negotiating. It must be a good strong point of negotiation." Well, it wasn't, because Biden had no idea how to talk to him. He had no idea how to stop it, and now you have millions of people dead, and it's only getting worse and it could lead to World War III. Don't kid yourself, David. We're playing with World War III, and we have a president that we don't even know if he's... Where is our president? We don't even know if he's the president.

David Muir (01:10:49):

And just to clarify here-

Donald Trump (01:10:50):

They threw him out of a campaign like a dog. We don't even know. Is he our president? But we have a president-

David Muir (01:10:56):

Mr. President.

Donald Trump (01:10:57):

... that doesn't know he is alive.

David Muir (01:10:58):

Your time is up. Just to clarify the question, do you believe it's in the US best interest for Ukraine to win this war? Yes or no?

Donald Trump (01:11:05):

I think it's the US best interest to get this war finished and just get it done.

David Muir (01:11:09):

All right-

Donald Trump (01:11:10):

Negotiate a deal, because we have to stop all of these human lives from being destroyed.

David Muir (01:11:16):

I want to take this to Vice President Harris. I want to get your thoughts on support for Ukraine in this moment, but also, as commander-in-chief, if elected, how would you deal with Vladimir Putin, and would it be any different from what we're seeing from President Biden?

Kamala Harris (01:11:29):

Well, first of all, it's important to remind the former president, you're not running against Joe Biden, you're running against me. I believe the reason that Donald Trump says that this war would be over within 24 hours is because he would just give it up, and that's not who we are as Americans. Let's

understand what happened here. I actually met with Zelensky a few days before Russia invaded, tried through force to change territorial boundaries, to defy one of the most important international rules and norms, which is the importance of sovereignty and territorial integrity, and I met with President Zelensky.

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I shared with him American intelligence about how he could defend himself. Days later, I went to NATO's eastern flank to Poland and Romania, and through the work that I and others did, we brought 50 countries together to support Ukraine in its righteous defense. And because of our support, because of the air defense, the ammunition, the artillery, the Javelins, the Abrams tanks that we have provided, Ukraine stands as an independent and free country.

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If Donald Trump were president, Putin would be sitting in Kiev right now, and understand what that would mean, because Putin's agenda is not just about Ukraine. Understand why the European allies and our NATO allies are so thankful that you are no longer president, and that we understand the importance of the greatest military alliance the world has ever known, which is NATO, and what we have done to preserve the ability of Zelensky and the Ukrainians to fight for their independence. Otherwise, Putin would be sitting in Kiev with his eyes on the rest of Europe, starting with Poland. And why don't you tell the 800,000 Polish Americans right here in Pennsylvania how quickly you would give up for the sake of favor and what you think is a friendship with what is known to be a dictator who would eat you for lunch?

David Muir (01:13:34):

Vice President Harris, thank you. We've heard from both of you on Ukraine tonight. Afghanistan came up in the last hour.

Donald Trump (01:13:38):

I haven't responded yet.

David Muir (01:13:39):

I wanted her to respond to something you said earlier and now-

Donald Trump (01:13:41):

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David Muir (01:13:42):

Please, I'll give you a minute here.

Donald Trump (01:13:45):

Putin would be sitting in Moscow and he wouldn't have lost 300,000 men and women, but he would've been sitting in Moscow-

Kamala Harris (01:13:52):

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Donald Trump (01:13:53):

Quiet, please. He would've been sitting in Moscow much happier than he is right now, but eventually he's got a thing that other people don't have. He's got nuclear weapons. They don't ever talk about that. He's got nuclear weapons. Nobody ever thinks about that, and eventually maybe he'll use them, and maybe he hasn't been that threatening, but he does have that. Something we don't even like to talk about, nobody likes to talk about it. But just so you understand, they sent her to negotiate peace before this war started. Three days later, he went in and he started the war, because everything they said was weak and stupid. They said the wrong things. That war should have never started. She was the emissary. They sent her in to negotiate with Zelensky and Putin and she did, and the war started three days later-

David Muir (01:14:43):

Vice President-

Donald Trump (01:14:44):

... and that's the kind of talent we have with her. She's worse than Biden. In my opinion, I think he's the worst president in the history of our country. She goes down as the worst vice president in the history of our country. But let me tell you something, she is a horrible negotiator. They sent her in to negotiate. As soon as they left, Putin did the invasion.

David Muir (01:15:03):

President Trump, thank you. You did bring up something. You said she went to negotiate with Vladimir Putin. Vice President Harris, have you ever met Vladimir Putin? Can you clarify tonight?

Kamala Harris (01:15:11):

Yet again, I said it at the beginning of this debate. You're going to hear a bunch of lies coming from this fellow, and that is another one. When I went to meet with President Zelensky, I've now met with him over five times, the reality is it has been about standing as America always should, as a leader upholding international rules and norms, as a leader who shows strength, understanding that the alliances we have around the world are dependent on our ability to look out for our friends, and not favor our enemies, because you adore strongmen instead of caring about democracy, and that is very much what is at stake here. The President of the United States is commander-in-chief, and the

American people have a right to rely on a president who understands the significance of America's role and responsibility in terms of ensuring that there is stability and ensuring we stand up for our principles and not sell them for the benefit of personal flattery.

David Muir (01:16:19):

We've talked about Ukraine and Vladimir Putin. I do want to talk about Afghanistan. It came up in the first hour of this debate.

Donald Trump (01:16:25):

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David Muir (01:16:26):

I want to move on to Afghanistan.

Donald Trump (01:16:28):

[inaudible 01:16:28] said Trump did the most amazing thing I've ever seen. He got these countries, the 28 countries at the time to pay up. He said, "I've never seen..." He's the head of NATO. He said, "I've never seen..." For years we were paying almost all of NATO. We were being ripped off by European nations, both on trade and on NATO. I got them to pay up by saying one of the statements you made before, "If you don't pay, we're not going to protect you."

David Muir (01:16:53):

President Trump.

Donald Trump (01:16:54):

Otherwise we would've never gotten it. He said it was one of the most incredible jobs that he's ever seen done.

David Muir (01:16:59):

Thank you. I want to turn to Afghanistan. It came up in the first hour of the debate and we witnessed a poignant moment today on Capitol Hill honoring the soldiers who died in the chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan. I do want to ask the vice president, do you believe you bear any responsibility in the way that withdrawal played out?

Kamala Harris (01:17:16):

Well, I will tell you, I agreed with President Biden's decision to pull out of Afghanistan. Four presidents said they would and Joe Biden did. And as a result, America's taxpayers are not paying

the \$300 million a day we were paying for that endless war. And as of today, there is not one member of the United States military who is in active duty in a combat zone, in any war zone around the world the first time this century, but let's understand how we got to where we are. Donald Trump, when he was president, negotiated one of the weakest deals you can imagine. He calls himself a dealmaker, even his national security advisor said it was a weak, terrible deal. And here's how it went down, he bypassed the Afghan government. He negotiated directly with a terrorist organization called the Taliban. The negotiation involved the Taliban getting 5,000 Taliban terrorists released, and get this...

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No, get this, and the president at the time invited the Taliban to Camp David, a place of storied significance for us as Americans, a place where we honor the importance of American diplomacy, where we invite and receive respected world leaders. And this former president as president invited them to Camp David, because he does not, again, appreciate the role and responsibility of the President of the United States to be commander-in-chief with a level of respect. And this gets back to the point of how he has consistently disparaged and demeaned members of our military, fallen soldiers, and the work that we must do to uphold the strength and the respect of the United States of America around the world.

David Muir (01:19:15):

Vice President Harris, thank you. President Trump, your response to her saying that you began the negotiation with the Taliban.

Donald Trump (01:19:22):

Yeah, thank you. So, if you take a look at that period of time, the Taliban was killing our soldiers, a lot of them with snipers, and I got involved with the Taliban, because the Taliban was doing the killing. That's the fighting force within Afghanistan. They don't bother doing that, because they deal with the wrong people all the time, but I got involved, and Abdul is the head of the Taliban. He is still the head of the Taliban. And I told Abdul, "Don't do it anymore. You do it anymore, you're going to have problems."

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And he said, "Why do you send me a picture of my house?" I said, "You're going to have to figure that out, Abdul." And for 18 months we had nobody killed. We did have an agreement negotiated by Mike Pompeo. It was a very good agreement. The reason it was good, it was we were getting out. We would've been out faster than them, but we wouldn't have lost the soldiers. We wouldn't have left many Americans behind, and we wouldn't have left \$85 billion worth of brand new, beautiful military equipment behind. And just to finish, they blew it. The agreement said, "You have to do this, this, this, this, this," and they didn't do it. They didn't do it. The agreement was terminated by us, because they didn't do what they were supposed to do.

David Muir (01:20:38):

I want to move on.

Donald Trump (01:20:38):

And these people did the worst withdrawal, and in my opinion, the most embarrassing moment in the history of our country. And by the way, that's why Russia attacked Ukraine, because they saw how incompetent she and her boss are.

David Muir (01:20:53):

President Trump, thank you. I want to move on now to race and politics in this country. Mr. President, you recently said of Vice President Harris, "

David Muir (01:21:00):

... quote, "I didn't know she was Black until a number of years ago when she happened to turn Black and now she wants to be known as Black." I want to ask a bigger-picture question here tonight. Why do you believe it's appropriate to weigh in on the racial identity of your opponent?

Donald Trump (01:21:13):

I don't. And I don't care. I don't care what she is. I don't care. You make a big deal out of something. I couldn't care less. Whatever she wants to be is okay with me.

David Muir (01:21:24):

But those were your words, so I'm asking.

Donald Trump (01:21:26):

I don't know. All I can say is I read where she was not Black that she put out, and I'll say that. And then I read that she was Black and that's okay. Either one was okay with me. That's up to her.

David Muir (01:21:41):

Vice President Harris, your thoughts on this?

Kamala Harris (01:21:45):

Honestly, I think it's a tragedy that we have someone who wants to be president who has consistently, over the course of his career, attempted to use race to divide the American people. I do believe that the vast majority of us know that we have so much more in common than what separates us and we don't want this kind of approach that is just constantly trying to divide us, and especially by race. And let's remember how Donald Trump started. He owned land, he owned buildings, and he was investigated because he refused to rent property to Black families. Let's

remember this is the same individual who took out a full-page ad in The New York Times calling for the execution of five young Black and Latino boys who were innocent, the Central Park Five, took out a full-page ad calling for their execution.

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This is the same individual who spread birther lies about the first Black President of the United States. And I think the American people want better than that. Want better than this. Want someone who understands as I do, I travel our country, we see in each other a friend. We see in each other a neighbor. We don't want a leader who is constantly trying to have Americans point their fingers at each other. I meet with people all the time who tell me "Can we please just have discourse about how we're going to invest in the aspirations and the ambitions and the dreams of the American people?" Knowing that regardless of people's color or the language their grandmother speaks, we all have the same dreams and aspirations and want a president who invests in those, not in hate and division.

David Muir (01:23:48):

Vice President Harris, thank you. Linsey?

Lindsey Davis (01:23:50):

President Trump, this is now your third time-

Donald Trump (01:23:53):

This is the most divisive presidency in the history of our country. There's never been anything like it. They're destroying our country and they come up with things like what she just said going back many, many years when a lot of people, including Mayor Bloomberg, agreed with me on the Central Park Five. They admitted. They pled guilty. And I said, "Well, if they pled guilty, they badly hurt a person, killed a person ultimately." And if they pled guilty... Then they pled we're not guilty. But this is a person that has to stretch back years, 40, 50 years ago because there's nothing now.

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I built one of the greatest economies in the history of the world and I'm going to build it again. It's going to be bigger, better, and stronger, but they're destroying our economy. They have no idea what a good economy is. Their oil policies, every single policy... And remember this, she is Biden. She's trying to get away from Biden. "I don't know the gentleman," she says. She is Biden. The worst inflation we've ever had. A horrible economy because inflation has made it so bad and she can't get away with that.

David Muir (01:25:04):

Mr. President, thank you, your time is up. Linsey?

Kamala Harris (01:25:05):

I want to respond to that though. I want to just respond briefly. Clearly, I am not Joe Biden and I am certainly not Donald Trump. And what I do offer is a new generation of leadership for our country. One who believes in what is possible, one who brings a sense of optimism about what we can do instead of always disparaging the American people. I believe in what we can do to strengthen our small businesses, which is why I have a plan. Let's talk about our plans and let's compare the plans. I have a plan to give start-up businesses \$50,000 tax deduction, to pursue their ambitions, their innovation, their ideas, their hard work. I have a plan.

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\$6,000 for young families for the first year of your child's life to help you in that most critical stage of your child's development. I have a plan that is about allowing people to be able to pursue what has been fleeting in terms of the American dream by offering help with \$25,000 down payment assistance for first-time home buyers. That's the kind of conversation I believe, David, that people really want tonight as opposed to a conversation that is constantly about belittling and name-calling. Let's turn the page and look forward.

David Muir (01:26:34):

Vice President Harris, thank you. Let's turn back to policy.

Lindsey Davis (01:26:37):

President Trump, we have to move on.

Donald Trump (01:26:37):

She has a plan to destroy our country.

Lindsey Davis (01:26:38):

President Trump.

David Muir (01:26:39):

Let's turn to policy, please.

Donald Trump (01:26:40):

She has a plan to defund the police. She has a plan to confiscate everybody's gun.

Lindsey Davis (01:26:46):

President Trump, we do have to move on to other issues.

Donald Trump (01:26:47):

She has a plan to not allow fracking in Pennsylvania or anywhere else.

Lindsey Davis (01:26:51):

Okay.

David Muir (01:26:51):

Thank you, Mr President.

Donald Trump (01:26:52):

That's what her plan is until just recently.

Kamala Harris (01:26:54):

I just need to respond-

David Muir (01:26:54):

Linsey, go ahead.

Kamala Harris (01:26:54):

... because the former-

Lindsey Davis (01:26:55):

President Trump.

Kamala Harris (01:26:56):

... president has said-

Lindsey Davis (01:26:57):

No, I'm sorry.

Kamala Harris (01:26:57):

... something twice that I need to respond to.

Lindsey Davis (01:26:59):

No, I'm sorry, we're going to move on, Vice President Harris.

Kamala Harris (01:27:01):

I just need to respond one time to what he has said multiple times.

Lindsey Davis (01:27:02):

President Trump-

Donald Trump (01:27:02):

Yes.

Lindsey Davis (01:27:02):

... this is now your third time running for president. You have long vowed to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. You have failed to accomplish that. You now say you're going to keep Obamacare, quote, "unless we can do something much better." Last month you said, "We're working on it." So tonight, nine years after you first started running, do you have a plan and can you tell us what it is?

Donald Trump (01:27:25):

Obamacare was lousy healthcare, always was. It's not very good today. And what I said that if we come up with something, and we are working on things, we're going to do it and we're going to replace it. But remember this, I inherited Obamacare because Democrats wouldn't change it. They wouldn't vote for it. They were unanimous. They wouldn't vote to change it. If they would've done that, we would've had a much better plan than Obamacare, but the Democrats came up, they wouldn't vote for it. I had a choice to make when I was president, do I save it and make it as good as it can be, never going to be great, or do I let it rot?

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And I felt I had an obligation, even though politically it would've been good to just let it rot and let it go away, I decided and I told my people, the top people and they very good people, I had a lot of good people in that administration, we read about the bad ones, we had some real bad ones too and so do they, they have really bad ones, the difference is they don't get rid of them, but let me just explain. I had a choice to make. Do I save it and make it as good as it can be, or do I let it rot? And I saved it. I did the right thing, but it's still never going to be great and it's too expensive for people.

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And what we will do is we're looking at different plans. If we can come up with a plan that's going to cost our population less money and be better healthcare than Obamacare, then I would absolutely do it. But until then, I'd run it as good as it can be run.

Lindsey Davis (01:28:52):

So just a yes or no, you still do not have a plan?

Donald Trump (01:28:54):

I have concepts of a plan. I'm not president right now. But if we come up with something, I would only change it if we come up with something that's better and less expensive. And there are concepts and options we have to do that. And you'll be hearing about it in the not-too-distant future.

Lindsey Davis (01:29:13):

Vice President Harris, in 2017 you supported Bernie Sanders' proposal to do away with private insurance and create a government-run healthcare system. Two years later, you proposed a plan that included a private insurance option. What is your plan today?

Kamala Harris (01:29:26):

Well, first of all, I absolutely support, and over the last four years as vice president, private healthcare options. But what we need to do is maintain and grow the Affordable Care Act. But I'll get to that, Linsey. I just need to respond to a previous point that the former president has made. I've made very clear my position on fracking. And then this business about taking everyone's guns away. Tim Walz and I are both gun owners. We're not taking anybody's guns away. So stop with the continuous lying about this stuff. As it relates to the Affordable Care Act, understand, let's just look at the history to know where people stand. When Donald Trump was president, 60 times he tried to get rid of the Affordable Care Act. 60 times. I was a senator at the time. I will never forget the early morning hours when it was up for a vote in the United States Senate and the late great John McCain, who you have disparaged as being...

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You don't like him, you said at the time because he got caught. He was an American hero. The late great John McCain, I will never forget that night, walked onto the Senate floor and said, "No, you don't get rid of the Affordable Care Act. You have no plan." And what the Affordable Care Act has done is eliminate the ability of insurance companies to deny people with pre-existing conditions. I don't have to tell the people watching tonight, you remember what that was like? Remember when an insurance company could deny if a child had asthma, if someone was a breast cancer survivor, if a grandparent had diabetes? And thankfully, as I've been vice president and we, over the last four years, have strengthened the Affordable Care Act. We have allowed, for the first time, Medicare to negotiate drug prices on behalf of you, the American people.

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Donald Trump said he was going to allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices. He never did. We did. And now we have capped the cost of insulin at \$35 a month. Since I've been vice president, we have capped the cost of prescription medication for seniors at \$2,000 a year. And when I am president,

we will do that for all people, understanding that the value I bring to this is that access to healthcare should be a right and not just a privilege of those who can afford it. And the plan has to be to strengthen the Affordable Care Act, not get rid of it. [inaudible 01:31:50]-

Lindsey Davis (01:31:49):

Vice President Harris, thank you.

Kamala Harris (01:31:50):

... in terms of where Donald Trump stands on that.

Lindsey Davis (01:31:52):

I want to move to an issue that's important for a lot-

Donald Trump (01:31:55):

Well, she made a mistake. Number one, John McCain fought Obamacare for 10 years. But it wasn't only him, it were all of the Democrats that kept it going. And you know what? We can do much better than Obamacare, much less money, but she won't improve private insurance for people. Private medical insurance. That's another thing she doesn't want to get. People are paying privately for insurance that have worked hard and made money and they want to have private. She wants everybody to be on government insurance where you wait six months for an operation that you need immediately.

Lindsey Davis (01:32:30):

President Trump, thank you. We have another issue that we'd like to get to that's important for a number of Americans, in particular younger voters, and that's climate change. President Trump, with regard to the environment, you say that we have to have clean air and clean water. Vice President Harris, you call climate change an existential threat. The question to you both tonight is what would you do to fight climate change? And Vice President Harris, we'll start with you. One minute for you each.

Kamala Harris (01:32:55):

Well, the former president had said the climate change is a hoax. And what we know is that it is very real. You ask anyone who lives in a state who has experienced these extreme weather occurrences, who now is either being denied home insurance or is being jacked up. You ask anybody who has been the victim of what that means in terms of losing their home, having nowhere to go. We know that we can actually deal with this issue. The young people of America care deeply about this issue. And I am proud that as vice president over the last four years, we have invested a trillion dollars in a clean energy economy while we have also increased domestic gas production to historic levels.

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We have created over 800,000 new manufacturing jobs while I have been vice president. We have invested in clean energy to the point that we are opening up factories around the world. Donald Trump said he was going to create manufacturing jobs, he lost manufacturing jobs. And I'm also proud to have the endorsement of the United Auto Workers and Shawn Fain, who also know that part of building a clean energy economy includes investing in American-made products, American automobiles. It includes growing what we can do around American manufacturing and opening up auto plants, not closing them like happened under Donald Trump.

Lindsey Davis (01:34:18):

Vice President Harris, thank you.

Donald Trump (01:34:19):

That didn't happen under Donald Trump. Let me just tell you, they lost 10,000 manufacturing jobs this last month. It's going, they're all leaving. They're building big auto plants in Mexico, in many cases owned by China. They're building these massive plants and they think they're going to sell their cars into the United States because of these people. What they have given to China is unbelievable, but we're not going to let that. We'll put tariffs on those cars so they can't come into our country because they will kill the United Auto Workers and any auto worker, whether it's in Detroit or South Carolina or any other place. What they've done to business and manufacturing in this country is horrible.

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We have nothing because they refuse... Biden doesn't go after people because supposedly, China paid him millions of dollars. He's afraid to do it. Between him and his son. They get all this money from Ukraine, they get all this money from all of these different countries, and then you wonder why is he so loyal to this one, that one, Ukraine, China? Why is he? Why did he get \$3.5 million from the mayor of Moscow's wife? Why did she pay him \$3.5 million? This is a crooked administration and they're selling our country down the tubes.

Lindsey Davis (01:35:36):

President Trump, thank you.

Donald Trump (01:35:36):

Thank you.

David Muir (01:35:38):

We'll be right back with closing statements from both of our candidates. An historic night, this ABC News Presidential Debate from Philadelphia. Back in a moment.

Speaker 38 (01:35:52):

The ABC News Presidential Debate will continue after this.

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Speaker 38 (01:40:28):

Live from the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Here again, David Muir and Linsey Davis.

David Muir (01:40:38):

Welcome back tonight. The time has come for closing statements. And Vice President Harris, we begin with you.

Kamala Harris (01:40:44):

So I think you've heard tonight two very different visions for our country. One that is focused on the future and the other that is focused on the past and an attempt to take us backward. But we're not going back. And I do believe that the American people know we all have so much more in common than what separates us. And we can chart a new way forward. And a vision of that includes having a plan, understanding the aspirations, the dreams, the hopes, the ambition of the American people, which is why I intend to create an opportunity economy, investing in small businesses, in new families, in what we can do around protecting seniors. What we can do that is about giving hardworking folks a break in bringing down the cost of living. I believe in what we can do together that is about sustaining America's standing in the world and ensuring that we have the respect that we so rightly deserve, including respecting our military and ensuring we have the most lethal fighting force in the world.

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I will be a president that will protect our fundamental rights and freedoms, including the right of a woman to make decisions about her own body and not have her government tell her what to do. I'll tell you, I started my career as a prosecutor. I was the DA, I was an attorney general, a United States senator, and now vice president. I've only had one client, the people. And I'll tell you, as a prosecutor, I never asked a victim or a witness, "Are you a Republican or a Democrat?" The only thing I ever ask them, "Are you okay?" And that's the kind of president we need right now. Someone who cares about you and is not putting themselves first. I intend to be a president for all Americans and focus on what we can do over the next 10 and 20 years to build back up our country by investing right now in you, the American people.

Lindsey Davis (01:42:49):

Vice President Harris, thank you. President Trump?

Donald Trump (01:42:53):

So she just started by saying, she's going to do this, she's going to do that, she's going to do all these wonderful things. Why hasn't she done it? She's been there for three and a half years. They've had three and a half years to fix the border. They've had three and a half years to create jobs and all the things we talked about. Why hasn't she done it? She should leave right now. Go down to that beautiful White House, go to the Capitol, get everyone together and do the things you want to do, but you haven't done it and you won't do it because you believe in things that the American people don't believe in. You believe in things like, " We're not going to frack. We're not going to take fossil fuel." Things that are going to make this country strong, whether you like it or not.

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Germany tried that and within one year they were back to building normal energy plants. We're not ready for it. We can't sacrifice our country for the sake of bad vision. But I just ask one simple question, why didn't she do it? We're a failing nation. We're a nation that's in serious decline. We're being laughed at all over the world. All over the world they're laughing. I know the leaders very well. They're coming to see me. They call me. We're laughed at all over the world. They don't understand what happened to us as a nation. We're not a leader. We don't have any idea what's going on. We have wars going on in the Middle East. We have wars going on with Russia and Ukraine. We're going to end up in a third world war and it'll be a war like no other because of nuclear weapons, the power of weaponry.

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I rebuilt our entire military. She gave a lot of it away to the Taliban. She gave it to Afghanistan. What these people have done to our country, and maybe toughest of all, is allowing millions of people to come into our country, many of them are criminals and they're destroying our country. The worst president, the worst vice president in the history of our country.

Lindsey Davis (01:44:54):

President Trump, thank you. And that is our ABC News Presidential Debate from here in Philadelphia, the National Constitution Center. I'm Lindsey Davis.

David Muir (01:45:03):

And I'm David Muir. Thank you for watching here in the US and all over the world. And from all of us here at ABC News, good night.

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Crowd (00:00):

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Donald Trump (00:02):

Thank you very much, everybody. This is an honor. What a crowd this is. Look where that crowd goes. This is a big crowd. A very special hello to Wisconsin. We really appreciate it. We've had great success here. We've had tremendous success, and I'm thrilled to be back in this incredible state with the thousands of proud, hardworking American patriots, which is what you are. If you can believe it, 59 days from now, we are going to win Wisconsin. We are going to defeat Comrade Kamala Harris, and we are going to win the White House, that gorgeous, beautiful White House. We're going to win it, and we're going to turn this country around because this country is a failing nation right now. It's a laughingstock all over the world.

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Over the past four years, our country has seen the sickness and corruption of the Washington swamp exposed like never before. You've seen it. You've been watching it. You watch those millions and millions of people pour into our country. We have no idea from where, who they are. We know nothing about them, and I'll tell you, many of them are bad. Many of them are among the worst in the world.

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Under the Harris-Biden regime, your government imported murderers, child predators, and serial rapists from all over the planet while weaponizing law enforcement to jail political opponents here at home. They do that, and they think it's wonderful. It's like a third world country, only they loot the economy. They give trillions and trillions of dollars to their left-wing cronies while you pay the cost of rampant inflation, which is what's happened, rampant inflation, bad energy policy, and just pouring out money like it was water.

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They run your country for their own power and profit while erasing your borders, assaulting your freedom, indoctrinating your children, and selling your jobs to China, Mexico, and all of these other foreign lands. But with your vote this election, their lying, cheating, thieving, hoaxing, and plotting will come to an end. It's going to come to an end.

(02:19)

We're going to cast out the corrupt political class. We're going to restore our republic. We are going to drain the swamp, and we're going to do it once and for all. We're going to get it done.

Crowd (02:30):

Drain the swamp. Drain the swamp. Drain the swamp. Drain the swamp. Drain the swamp. Drain the swamp. Drain the swamp. Drain the swamp.

Donald Trump (02:42):

Thank you very much. Here are nine steps I'll take very quickly to break the grip of this rogue regime. This is the worst president and vice president in the history of our country. There's never been anybody that's done the damage of these people. I used to say, and I haven't said it in a while, if you took the 10 worst presidents in the history of the country, and let's include vice president because she's worse than he is because she's actually a believer. He wasn't. But if you took the 10 worst, they haven't done the damage that this one administration has done to our country.

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First, I will end forever the weaponization of government and the abuse of law enforcement against political opponents. Under Comrade Kamala, Christians and pro-life activists are rotting in prison for the crime of praying in public. How about the people they're arresting because they were praying in public? These people are sick. People like Steve Bannon and Peter Navarro, good people, were locked up for following the advice of their lawyers.

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As everyone knows, the Harris-Biden DOJ is trying to throw me in jail. They want me in jail for the crime of exposing their corruption. We expose their corruption. They go after the people that expose, not the people that do the corruption. The big news this week was that the Manhattan DA witch hunt against me has been postponed because everyone realizes that there's no case because I did nothing wrong, did nothing wrong. Political witch hunt.

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It's a political attack against me by Comrade Kamala Harris and Sleepy Joe and other radical left opponents for the purpose of election interference. This is all it is. My whole life I never had anything. Now, all of a sudden, I got so many cases. Who's indicting me today? Does anybody have any? "Well, sir, you challenged the election. We think you should be under indictment." We challenged the corrupt election. We were right about that.

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It's a case that should never have been brought, and they postponed it. Nothing like this has ever happened in the United States before. It's strictly third-world, banana-republic stuff. That's what it is. But importantly, the public understands this. That's why we have such a crowd today. This is a big crowd. They were trying to say that she gets big crowds. Number one, she doesn't. Number two, she buses the people in. You see the buses. There's nobody bused in. I'm sorry to tell you. We bused in nobody.

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We have some people from North Carolina. I think it's number ... What is it? Those beautiful ladies from North Carolina are here again without their husbands, never have their husbands. Those poor husbands. What is this? 249 or something? 249 and we love them. We're doing well in North Carolina. We left yesterday. We just got the endorsement of the biggest police group in the country and 380,000 police. I said, "How many police does our country have?" But it's 380,000 endorsed me yesterday in North Carolina, your home state, and I just want to thank them.

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This is like number 250, and I never see their husbands. They're all happily married, but I never see their husbands. So I don't know what the hell is going on. They're beautiful, and they're always perfectly coiffed. That means they have money. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. We appreciate it. It's great. we always have front-row Joes over here. Look at these people. Whoa. It's a lot of front-row Joes. They've been here for four days. Thank you very much. Thank you.

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The spirit we have is greater than ever before. We did great in 2016. We did better in 2020, but you're not allowed to say that because if you say that, they go after you. We did better by millions and millions of votes, but neither one of them compared to what's happening now. We've never seen the enthusiasm and the love that we have now. This has really been incredible. If I didn't think we did well last time, I wouldn't have done this because it's a little tough life. It's not the easiest.

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You get shot at. Other things happen. Other routine events happen. But we're going to do it for one reason. I wouldn't have changed it. They asked me just a little while ago. A reporter said, "Sir, if you had to do it again, would you do it again?" I said, "Absolutely, because we're going to make America great again, and that's better than my life." These guys know. We know. They know. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Crowd (07:44):

USA, USA, USA, USA, USA, USA, USA, USA, USA, USA, USA-

Donald Trump (07:59):

What an incredible crowd. Nobody's ever had crowds like this, nobody ever. The fake news knows it. That's a lot of fake news back there. That's a lot of fake news. The public understands this, and so does every legal scholar, expert, luminary, including people like Andy McCarthy, Jonathan Turley, Alan Dershowitz, Mark Levin, Steven Calabrese, David Rifkin, Greg Jarrett, Katie and Andrew Cherkasky. Elie Honig of CNN even knows it.

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They've said very powerfully that this is a case that should have never been brought. It's an embarrassment. Every legal scholar of note has said this stuff shouldn't be happening. It's a weaponization of government. I greatly appreciate the words, if necessary. They also said the decision will be postponed, if necessary. First of all, there is no if necessary. We did nothing wrong. We're never going to let them do this. Somebody else wouldn't have taken it.

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I was thinking, "How many people?" I was with some people on the plane, and they said, "How many people would have taken this? Most of them would have left. They would have said, 'I'm getting out of this business.'" But not me. I don't know. I don't know. Not me. We're up against very bad, evil

people. It's an evil force. We have people on the outside, and we have people on the inside. You have people, countries, China, Russia, Kim Jong Un.

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We have lots of people. They're tough, and they're smart, and by the way, a lot smarter than what we have now. We have a bunch of dumb people. We have the dumbest leaders in the history of our country and the history of the world. But you know what? They look at us, and they say, "What the hell is going on?" Did you see? Three days ago, it started again. The Justice Department said, "Russia may be involved in our elections again."

(10:01)

You see that, Mr. Congressman? Great congressman from Texas, you see that? Russia. It's Russia. The whole world laughed at them this time. Two and a half years, not a phone call made to Russia, not anything to do with Russia except stopping their pipeline and lots of other things that these people approved. They said just the other day, the attorney general, "We are looking at Russia." And I said, "Oh, no. It's Russia, Russia, Russia all over again."

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But they don't look at China, and they don't look at Iran. They look at Russia. I don't know what it is with poor Russia, this very ... But you know what? Russia would have never happened if I were president. Attacking Ukraine would have never happened. I knew Putin. I knew him well, and he endorsed ... I don't know if you saw the other day. He endorsed Kamala. He endorsed Kamala. I was very offended by that. I wonder why he endorsed Kamala. No, he's a chess player. He endorsed Kamala.

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Should I be, Congressman? Should I be upset about that? No? Huh? Was it done with a smile, Ron? Was it done with a smile? I think it was done maybe with a smile. I don't know. Who the hell knows? Nobody's going to figure it out. They're about 19 steps ahead of us. But this whole Russia thing, nobody was tougher on Russia in history than Trump. The person that knows that better than anyone is President Vladimir Putin. He knows it better than anyone.

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I'll tell you what. I will have that war finished and done and settled before I get to the White House as president-elect. I will get that done. We'll get it done. It's a horrible, horrible war. The deaths are far greater than you hear. You don't hear what's happening over there. They're being decimated. You don't hear what's really happening over there. We're going to get it done very quickly. I know both of them. I know Zelenskyy, and I know Putin. I'm going to get it done very quickly.

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Do you ever notice? I don't even think we try. We just give billions and billions of dollars. Does anyone ever talk to Russia about get this thing finished? Nobody talks. We don't have any communication, nothing. We're run by stupid people. Stupid, stupid people. We found that out at the debate with Joe. How did that work out? And we're going to find it out again on Tuesday night. Is anybody going to be watching?

(12:44)

She's a threat to democracy. They always say, "Donald Trump is a threat to democracy." I'm not a threat. I'm the opposite. I'm keeping democracy. What they are, she's a defunder of police. When somebody on the far left is in charge of defund the police for 12 years and then they switched three weeks ago or something, "Oh, we love our police." They don't love the police. They're radical left Marxists, and that's what she is.

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It's not even believable. It's not believable. Defund the police. No fracking. No, we're not going to frack. You go back a couple of years. We will never frack. There will be no fracking in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania will never frack. Now you say, "Oh, yes, we will frack." The whole thing is a con job. She got in. She was last. They had 22 people or something running. How Biden won, I will never know. To me, it's one of the greatest miracles. To me, it's a great miracle.

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But how the hell that guy won? But he won. In this one, he got 14 million votes. She got no votes, and then they put her in anyway. The bosses put her in because she's controlled by them. But she will be the worst president. He is the worst president in history. She will be worse than him. She will be worse than him. Trump is never wrong. I am never, ever wrong.

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But just to finish off on the weaponization, probably most of the people have heard. Just yesterday, the top spokesman, one of the top people in the US attorney's office in Manhattan, that's the very respected Southern District, very, very highly respected, was heard saying and was quoted exactly, quote, "Honestly, I think this case is nonsense." Now, this is the boss of the whole thing. Every real estate person in New York does what Trump did. Nobody's ever been charged with this before. It's a perversion of justice.

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He said that the DA's office was, quote, "Stacking charges against Trump and rearranging things just to make them fit the case." I think it is. This is the boss. I don't know why they don't do something. They ought to drop it. They shouldn't delay it. They should drop it. Drop all of it. Drop all of it. I've been indicted more than Alphonse Capone. I say it all the time. He's sort of the ultimate. He's the ultimate criminal. I got indicted more than him.

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My parents are up there. They're great people. They're looking down on me right now. "I can't believe this has happened to my son. He's been indicted more than Al Capone." He would take that tough man sitting right in the front row. Stand up. Look at him. He's tough as hell. He would take him out to dinner if he didn't like him. You were gone. You would never be found again. You'd be in the foundation of a building. You would form the foundation of a building someplace in Wisconsin.

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No, Alphonse Capone led a very vicious, violent life. But according to the statistics, I am a much worse person than Alphonse Capone. I don't think so. But he also said, this gentleman said the New York justice system is, quote, "like the Wild West. They're like idiots. They don't care. They're all political." And he said that the persecution in Georgia by Fani Willis ... You know about Fani Willis. Fani. It's pronounced Fani, F-A-N-I. That's fanny. But she likes it Fani.

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When she became the whatever she became, DA, she became the DA, she said, "My name is Fani." Fani Willis and her boyfriend, right? Wade. Lover boy Wade, remember? Remember lover boy? We hired him. We gave him almost a million dollars because of his tremendous talent at this particular section of the law. He never even heard of it. He was never involved in it. She gave him a million dollars, and she's got no problem. I don't know. Maybe she does have problems.

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But it's a persecution of very good people. Forget me. I don't care about me. I care about 20-something people. She wanted to take down senators because a couple of senators called and said, "What the hell is going on over there? What's happening in Georgia?" They wanted to indict senators to find out what the hell is going on. Great innocent people, great patriots have been indicted by Fani and her boyfriend, and it's a disgrace.

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You had people that are in their 80s. "Would you sign here?" Thomas Jefferson did the same kind of things. Alexander Hamilton, lots of people all throughout the ages. Hillary Clinton wouldn't acknowledge the election. All of these senators like Shifty Schiff, can you imagine Shifty Adam Schiff? All of them, they disputed the 2016 election. It's okay for them to do it, but if we do it's a serious, serious crime.

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These people are sick. We got to get them the hell out of there. We have to win this election. Have to win this election, right? He knows. That guy knows. That guy knows. He said, just in ending this, that the ... It's just so good. I have to say the whole thing because it's so good. I mean this is one of the top people in justice in the country and the boss, and he said, "The persecution in Georgia by Fani Willis is a mockery of justice. It's a joke. The whole thing is disgusting. They're just out to get him," meaning Trump.

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They're just out to get me. I think that's true. I don't think that's true. I know that's true. But they couldn't have picked a worse target because it's made me more popular. Can you believe that? I think I'm the only person in the history of government that got indicted and my poll numbers went up. You know why? Because you know that it's fake. It's corrupt just like Russia, Russia, Russia was corrupt, just like their job numbers last week were corrupt.

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Did you see? They added 818,000 fake jobs on to try and make their numbers look better, and they got caught by a whistleblower. Thank you, whistleblower. Thank you very much. That's incredible,

right? That's incredible. 818, Jeff, and they were going to announce it because usually you cheat for 5,000, 6,000. Them, they cheat for 5,000, 6,000, I've heard. Never has anybody seen 818,000, and they were going to announce a correction right after the election. But fortunately, a whistleblower came in and leaked it out, and that was a great thing and should be ... If that were a Republican instead of a Democrat, they'd be out of office now for what they did. That was a fraud. 818,000 jobs. That's a fraud. If Comrade Kamala Harris gets four more years, you will be living a full-blown banana republic ruled by an anarchy and a tyranny. You're going to have something. It's not her. It's the people that surround her. They're scum. They're scum, and they want to take down our country.

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They are absolute garbage. Hey, how about the J6 Committee? So the J6 Committee of political thugs and losers gets together, and they investigate J6 for years, destroyed the lives of many people, and now it was revealed fairly recently that they destroyed and deleted all documents, all evidence, all proof. They don't have anything. You know why? Because a lot of it pointed to Nancy Pelosi. It was her fault because she's supposed to be in charge of security and she turned down thousands of soldiers or National Guard.

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She turned them down, and it was so obvious. All of the stories, many of those stories were fake stories. They were all made up, and we caught them because the Secret Service, frankly, said that stuff wasn't true. They deleted and destroyed documents. Now, I think that's a criminal act. Isn't it a criminal act? What the hell happened? When is something going to happen? How come it always happens to a Republican but doesn't happen to them?

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They deleted and destroyed every ounce of documents and evidence that they did over a year and a half because it came out badly for them, and they should pay a big price for that. They should pay a big price. The moment we win, we will rapidly review the cases of every political prisoner unjustly victimized by the Harris regime, and I will sign their pardons on day one. I will sign it on day one, day one.

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We will completely overhaul Kamala's corrupt Department of Injustice and turn the Injustice department back into the best law enforcement agency on the planet. Instead of persecuting Republicans, they will focus on taking down bloodthirsty cartels, transnational gangs, and radical Islamic terrorists, which words they won't even say. They won't even say any of those words. Second, I will bring back free speech in America because it's been taken away.

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They've taken away your free speech, and the fake news threat is a threat to this country. They are just horrible. These are horrible people, not everyone. I mean I know most of them up there. Some are good. Hello, Brian. Some are good, and most of them are just absolutely terrible human beings. They know what's going on. You know what they'll write today? But look at this crowd. It goes from corner to corner. I flew over, and I said, "That's a lot of people down there."

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You know what they'll say today or tomorrow when they write? "Donald Trump spoke today in Wisconsin before a small crowd of people, a small gathering, a small gathering of people." They are just so bad. I don't know. It's really hard to turn it back around unless ... They used to be like the police force. They'd write the truth, but they're no longer the police force. They're the police force for opposite. They're a police force for bad. They're bad. They're bad people, and they're very dishonest.

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A lot of people don't understand. When you're a politician like these people, like me, like others, and you happen to be a Republican or somewhat conservative, they write just the opposite of what the facts are. If you're driving a cab, if you're an accountant, if you're a lawyer, if you're something other than that, you don't know the details. When we know the facts, then the story gets written the exact opposite of what it is. You start to lose faith in the press, I will tell you.

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But I will sign an executive order banning any federal employee from colluding to limit speech, and we will fire every federal bureaucrat who is engaged in domestic censorship under the Harris regime. We will do that. Third is I will expel warmongers. We have these people, they want to go to war all the time. You know why? Missiles are \$2 million apiece. That's why. They love to drop missiles all over the place. I had no wars.

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You remember Crooked Hillary used to say, "Look at him. Look at him. He's going to cause wars." No, no. My personality stopped wars. She said, "Look at his personality. He's going to cause wars." My personality stopped wars. We had no wars, other than I finished wars that they couldn't finish. I defeated 100% of the ISIS caliphate, et cetera, and did it quickly. We did it in four weeks. They said it was going to take five years. We did it in four weeks.

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We have the greatest military. I got to tell you, they're not woke. Don't worry about it when you hear they're woke. Guys like Milley and some of these guys that were on the top, he's gone now, which is a great thing. He's the one that said, "Leave all the equipment in Afghanistan. It's cheaper." He told me that, too. That's when I didn't listen to him anymore. He said, "It's cheaper to leave an airplane that costs \$150 million brand-new than it is to fly it out

Donald Trump (25:00):

... out with a tank of fuel, jet fuel. It's cheaper to leave it behind. I said, "This guy is really bad. He is really bad." You know it's amazing though, not one person from that horrible tragedy of Afghanistan, not one general, not one leader in any way got fired, not one person. Biden never fired anybody because they have the goods on him. So I fired people like crazy. I love to fire people. I love to fire people that didn't do their job. I fired a lot of people that didn't do ... I fired him. You didn't do your job. I'm sorry. Say hello to your family. You're fired. Get out. We got to get some ...

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I will expel the warmonger from our national security state and carry out a much needed clean up of the military industrial complex to stop the war profiteering and to put always America first. We put America first. We're going end these endless wars. Endless wars, they never stop. You ever seen these wars? They go on for 14 years, 20 years. They're fighting ISIS for 21 years. These people are something. We knocked them out in two months. One month, actually. We had a good general there. General Raising Cain. General Raising Cain. We have great generals. We have great leaders. We have great military and they are not going woke. You could put them in a room for two years and scream woke crap to them and they'd walk out and they wouldn't be changed. They're not going woke. Don't worry about our military.

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Fourth, to curtail the power of federal bureaucrats and save your thousands of dollars, we will cut 10 old regulations for every one new regulation. And at the suggestion of a great guy, Elon Musk, has anyone ever heard of him? Huh? No? Elon. Oh, there's a rocket. Oh, look, a rocket is flying. It's Elon. He's very good at what he does. He's going to have to save them. They have two people up there. Boeing had a little ... I shouldn't say, there's a beautiful Boeing plane there, but Boeing had a little hard time as you heard. So they're going to save ... Elon is going to send up a rocket. He looks forward to it. That's all he thinks about is things like that. I said, "Elon, what's taking so long? Let's get going." But you watch, he'll get that problem solved. What a terrible problem. It's embarrassing.

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That's what's happening with our country. Everything is embarrassing. We don't win anymore. We don't win anymore. We used to win all the time. We won with me. We won everything with me. We won everything. Remember I came to office and they told me ... They greeted me with the following statement, "Sir, we have no ammunition." I said, "Wait a minute. We have no ammunition?" "No, sir. We've given it all away to our allies." Allies, by the way, they are allies, but not when we need them. They're only allies when they need something. If we were ever attacked, none of these countries or very few of them, that we talk about all the time, none of them would come. We were just attacked by such and such a country. Listen, we need your help. They wouldn't take your phone call. But we give away billions and billions of dollars. Now, I was greeted with a statement that, "Sir, we have no ammunition." And I built and rebuilt the greatest military in the world. And the first thing I did was ammunition. I got ammunition from everywhere as fast as you could. And I said to him, "Mr. Congressman, what the hell are you saying, we have no ammunition? Even if it's true, you don't talk about it." Can you imagine, President Xi, thank goodness he was in a good mood. He's listening that we have no ammunition. Do you think he likes that sound? That's a beautiful sound to him. I said, "Why would you say it?"

Audience (28:49):

Medic. Medic.

Donald Trump (28:54):

Medic, please. Doctor. Thank you. Thank you very much. Take your time. Thank you, Doctor. We get the greatest service here. It's amazing the way they just are right on it. Amazing. And some people are out here for three days, three days, so it's really incredible that things like this don't happen more often actually, but they always turn out to be good. They're excited. They're excited by what we're doing because we're taking our country back from these lunatics. Take your time, Doctor.

Audience (29:32):

We love you, Donald.

Donald Trump (29:34):

Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Audience (29:42):

We love you. We love you.

Donald Trump (29:50):

Thank you all very much.

Audience (29:51):

[inaudible 00:29:56].

Donald Trump (29:51):

Thank you.

Audience (29:57):

Thank you, Donald Trump.

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We appreciate you.

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We love Donald.

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Love you.

Donald Trump (30:06):

I don't want to say too many thank-yous because you saw Kamala at the convention when she got up. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank, thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank, thank, thank, thank. Thank you. Thank you. Thanks. I said, "What's wrong with her?" What the ... so I don't want to say too much. Is that right, fellas? I guess every once in a while I'll say thank you and I mean it, thank you. But my thank you is meaningful, I will tell you. Thank you very much.

Audience (30:44):

We love Trump. We love Trump. We love Trump.

Donald Trump (30:44):

Thank you very much.

Audience (30:44):

We love Trump.

Donald Trump (30:45):

Thank you very much.

Audience (30:45):

We love Trump. We love Trump. We love Trump. We love Trump. We love Trump. We love Trump.

Donald Trump (30:54):

Everything good? Everything good? Everybody happy? We have a good, strong person back there, is getting up. Yes. Okay. You tell me when. You tell me when, you in the red shirt with those big muscles in your arms as big, beautiful, beautiful person. Let me go. Should we go? You tell me when gets far back. These are the greatest people that will do this because they love the country. Is that okay?

Audience (31:29):

We love you.

Donald Trump (31:46):

Is that what the okay? Is that what the okay sign is? She's okay?

Audience (32:12):

Everyone say a prayer.

Donald Trump (32:12):

Say a prayer. Yeah. Say a prayer. We need more prayers in this nation, I can tell you right now. That's the other thing, they want to shut down your religion and they've done a pretty good job of it, to be honest with you. Thank you, Doctor. Good doctors in these crowds. We have a lot of doctors in these crowds. There's always plenty of doctors. They're good ones too. In Butler, two of the doctors, they saved two people's lives that they thought were gone. We had Corey, the great firefighter, Corey, and he was gone. But the doctors saved the other two and they thought they were gone. They were amazing. Amazing doctors.

Audience (33:20):

One more set for Trump.

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Teachers for Trump.

Donald Trump (33:45):

Take your time, Doctor. We have time, right? Right. We have time.

Audience (34:00):

Hispanics for Trump.

Donald Trump (34:02):

That's right.

Audience (34:02):

We're Americans.

Donald Trump (34:09):

We're getting a good sign I think. Is that a good sign? We're getting a lot of good signs. That's great. Good. Got some good news back there, Ron, huh? Good job. I watched your speech today. Beautiful. Thank you.

Audience (34:30):

I love you, Trump.

Donald Trump (34:44):

Yes? Good. Thank you very much. Thank you. And just make some room for them so they can get out and hopefully come back before we finish because we can stay here all day as far as I'm concerned. We'll stay here all day. Thank you very much. Doctors, thank you very much. We appreciate it. Anything happens let us know.

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But at the suggestion of Elon Musk, I will create a government efficiency commission to conduct a complete financial and performance audit for the entire federal government. And we will cut the fat out of our government for the first time meaningfully in 60 years. We're going to cut the fat. There is so much fat you won't even know it's gone.

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Fifth, we will drain the government education swamp and stop the abuse of your taxpayer dollars to indoctrinate America's youth with all sorts of things that you don't want to have our youth hearing. Ultimately, we'll ... And you know what we're doing here. I say it all the time. I'm dying to get back to do this. We will ultimately eliminate the Federal Department of Education and send education back to Wisconsin and back to the States. We'll send it back to the States so that Ron Johnson can run it, okay? We'll send it back here.

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Mr Tiffany, we'll get to our Congressman Tiffany involved. He made a good speech, too. We are at the bottom of every single list in education, you know that? We are at the bottom of every single list, and yet we're number one in terms of cost per pupil. So, you know the expression I used once, twice, three times before, and it was very effective actually, what the hell do we have to lose, right? We'll send our education back to the States and some states will do a fantastic job. Some won't. And it's the same ones that are laggards right now. I don't want to name them because why would we want to embarrass Gavin Newscom and some of these people. Gavin Newscom. Why would we want to embarrass him?

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By the way, speaking of California, she destroyed, as you know, Kamala destroyed the greatest city in America, San Francisco. She destroyed it. Totally destroyed it. Then she became attorney general of the state. She destroyed the state of California. Now, she's running for president. We're not going to let that happen.

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Six, we will not tolerate so-called equity policies that punish Americans based on race or gender. America will return to the merit principle which has just been approved by the Supreme Court of the United States. You work hard and you will be very successful. We're back to the merit system. Nobody thought that was ever even possible. We need merit. There are so many people that are left out in the cold and that's not going to happen anymore. You work hard, you work diligently, you go to school, you do what you have to do, but it's based on merit again. You haven't heard that in many, many years.

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And seventh, working with Robert F. Kennedy, Junior, you know Bobby. RFK, Jr. That was a meaningful endorsement. That was a great endorsement. We will take on the corruption at the FDA, the CDC World Health Organization, and other institutions of public health that have dominated and really are dominated by corporate power and dominated really by China. The World Health Organization, they called COVID totally wrong. And I looked into it. We were paying them \$ 500 million a year. China was paying them for 1.4 billion. We don't really know what we have because so many people have come into our country. We have no idea what we have. But let's assume we have 350 million, including 20 or 25 million criminal migrants, in many cases, criminals. We have some of the worst people in the world coming into our country. Some of the worst criminals in the world are coming into our country. But we have 350 million people let's say. They have 1.4 billion. They pay 39 million. We pay 500 million. Do you think that's a good deal?

Audience (39:06):

No.

Donald Trump (39:08):

So I pulled out of it. And they came to me and they wanted me to go back in, they wanted us to go back in. And I kept saying, no, no, no, I don't want to do it. And it became actually a very popular thing. I hate to say this, but politically, people really liked it because they knew how we were abused by them. It's run by China, it's not run by us. We pay 500 and it's run by China who pays 39 million. So they wanted to come back, and I said, "Well, how come China is paying 39 million, they have 1.4 billion people? And we're paying for a much smaller number of people. We're paying 500. We will make the same deal as we made with China." Well, I said, "That would mean we'd be paying about 8 million," right? They said, "No, we will make the same, we'll let you come in for 39 million." And you know what, I turned them down. Not for that. I turned them down for other reasons because they weren't good and they were dominated by China.

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But Biden came in, this stupid person came in, and he approved \$590 million. Now, he knew what was going on. He knew that ... Well, he probably didn't. He really ... do you think he knew? I don't think he knew. Do you think somebody said, "Sir, we can do it for 39?" It's not the biggest number when you're talking trillions all the time. But it's indicative of stupidity. And she's worse than him. He is a smarter person than she is.

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Oh, they're waiting for the debate. If I destroy her in the debate, they'll say, "Trump suffered a humiliating defeat tonight." No matter what. Although, with Biden, one of the CNN people said that, about my part, they said, "The Donald Trump performance tonight was the single greatest debate performance I've ever seen." Two days later, all they did is talk about how bad he was. They didn't talk about me. They didn't talk about me anymore. But no, it's a crooked system, but we're going to

make it a very legitimate system again. We can do that and I think we can do it pretty easily with people like you have over here. I think we can actually do it pretty easily.

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We will establish a panel of top experts to investigate what is causing the decades-long increase in chronic health problems and childhood diseases, including the autoimmune disorders, autism, obesity, infertility, and much more. And Bobby is going to be very much involved in that. We're going to get him involved because that's what he likes. That's what he's great at. Isn't it great to have a Kennedy with us? Isn't that nice?

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And this is really ... I mean, I don't want to disrespect the rest of the family, but this has been the dominant Kennedy for the last 25 years. He's a great guy. I've known him a long time. He's a great guy and he really wants what's good for the country, and to have his endorsement is a very important thing. And Tulsi endorsed us too, almost simultaneously, and we love Tulsi. She's been fantastic. She's a woman of great common sense, actually. I've watched her for a long time. She has great common sense.

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I will ask Congress to pass sweeping reforms to prevent foreign influence, peddling, bribery and corruption like we have seen with a certain family in the United States. The Biden crime family, that's the family. What the hell is happening with that family, Ron? What's going on with that family? The night he spoke at the convention, Congress found out that he stole \$27 million, nothing happened. Nothing happens with these people. He stole \$27 million and he was speaking at the convention. They were saying what a wonderful president he was. The worst ever in history.

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He made a State of the Union speech, the last one, it was so bad. And I turned to CNN and MSDNC, I wanted to see how bad they'd report on it because, it had to be bad, and I turned, and one of them said, "Not since Franklin Delano Roosevelt has a speech been made so brilliantly or delivered so well." He was coughing in his hand all the time. He's coughing, then he walks out and shakes everybody's hand. Some people actually didn't want ... They went, "Hello, sir. Hello, sir. It's wonderful to have you up there, sir." So can you imagine, though?

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Franklin Roosevelt was a great speaker in a certain way, a very elegant person, came from a very elegant neighborhood, so to speak, very, very rich and entitled, but different from these people you have today, but very beautiful speaker. And they compared him to Franklin. Not since Franklin Roosevelt. Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Has anybody made a state of the union like that? And I said, this is really terrible. This is really terrible.

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And finally, I will support modifying the 25th Amendment to make clear that if a vice president lies or engages in a conspiracy to cover up the incapacity of the President of the United States. If you do that with a cover up of the President of the United States, it's grounds for impeachment immediately

and removal from office, because that's what they did. That's what they did. Think of it, if he didn't go to that debate, he'd still be running. He'd still be running.

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To every citizen who is sick and tired of the parasitic political class in Washington that sucks our country of its blood and treasure, November 5th will be your Liberation Day. November 5th, this year, will be the most important day in the history of our country because we're not going to have a country anymore if we don't win. It will be the most important day in the history of our country. I used to say that about 2016 because the border was bad, but the border was bad. It was like 5% of what's going on now. It was fine. And I fixed it very quickly and beautifully. And then I couldn't talk about it. I kept saying I want to talk for the next election where we got millions more votes. I couldn't talk about it. They said, "Sir, people don't want to hear about the border. It's in great shape. You fixed it." I said, "I want to talk about the border." They said, "Sir, I'm telling you nobody cares," and it's true. I used to talk about the border, they didn't care because I fixed it.

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But this border is so much worse. This border is at a level that there's never been a border in the history of the world that's been where 20 or 25 million people have poured in and nobody has any idea where they're coming from.

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Here in Wisconsin, you also need to defeat a radical left senator named Tammy Baldwin, who's bad news. Baldwin voted with Biden almost 100% of the time, giving you open borders, horrific inflation, the Afghanistan disaster. That's the most embarrassing day, I think, in the history of our country, right? He's nodding. I agree. And everything else, all of these problems that we have, all of the open borders and the people pouring in. All of it. The energy, we can solve quickly. Everything we can solve. But we have to do something. We have millions of people coming ... I mean, they've poured in. They're here. They are here.

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The border has been a little bit tougher lately because there's an election. That's the only reason. So the numbers are a little bit better than they were three months ago. But that's only for purposes of ... The fact is, these people, these 20 to 25 million people are already in our country. What they've done to us, it's suicidal. It is suicidal. What they've done to this country, nothing like that has ever ... It's an invasion of our country.

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But running against Tammy Baldwin is a true American Patriot. He really is. He's an incredible guy. I don't know, nothing is easy. You beat these people that are in Washington for so long and many of them are no good, but they are hard to beat. They are hard to beat. She's no good. I mean, I was president for four years, I'm not even sure if I ever met her. She doesn't do anything. She just votes the party line and then she gets the party support. She doesn't do anything for Wisconsin.

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When I gave you the big boat contract, I gave you the biggest boat contract in years, and a lot of people didn't want it to go here. Everybody wanted it. I gave it. She never called me. She was the one person that should have been calling me. She never called me. I gave it to you for other reasons.

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But we have somebody that's running, number one, he's central casting, you have to say. This guy is central casting and he's smart and he's tough, and he's a hero and he's a success, and he'll make an incredible senator for you and your wonderful people, who I know so well in Wisconsin. Eric Hovde is great. Come on up, Eric. Come on up. Come on, Eric.

Mr. Hovde (48:19):

Thank you, Mr President. Let's give President Trump a big Wisconsin hello. All of us are here for one reason. And it's the reason why this man is going through all that he's gone through. He has been put through hell, attack after attack. Why I'm going through this, why you're showing up here, we love our country. We love America. And what the Democratic Party has become today are a bunch of progressive socialists that are destroying our wonderful country. They have turned our country upside down. What was right has become wrong, and what was wrong has become right. They're damaging our country economically.

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Under President Trump, your wages increased 7.7%, one of the highest growth rates ever. Under Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, they've declined by 2.2% because of all their inflation and reckless spending.

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Under President Trump, the border was almost closed and he would have gotten the job done. Under them, who knows how many people flooding our country with criminal elements and fentanyl killing our young people. And then they push these crazy ideas like boys playing in girls' sports, men going

Mr. Hovde (50:00):

... going into women's bathrooms, or transgendering our kids. That's right. Now, what they are experts at is lying. Kamala Harris and Tammy Baldwin are Expert liars. President Trump, Tammy Baldwin runs ads acting like she worked with you and getting things done in this state. I mean, it's priceless. Kamala Harris is now trying to steal your ideas. No tax on tips. They're trying to act like they are pushing aback against the invasion of our southern border. We're going to be tough on the border, right? Where have you been? They've pushed to defund the police. They never stood with the police. Now they're trying to act like they're tough on law enforcement. Everything they've said has been a lie, and on top of it, they're corrupt. They are corrupt. Tammy Baldwin rails against Wall Street, and yet she lives on Wall Street with her Wall Street executive partner and taking money hand over fist.

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So that's what we're up against again. Now, folks, as President Trump said, we have 59 days. This is the time. We can't go another four years what they're going to put us through. I'm going to tell every one of you, you have to walk away from here today. You have to grab every neighbor you know who's in the middle, every family member that you know that's in the middle. Every friend, you got to sit down, you got to talk to them, and you got to get them to come over to our side for President Trump and me to bring this country back. So are you ready? Are you ready to fight for your country? Are you ready to save the American dream? Let's go get them. Thank you everyone. Thank you president Trump.

Donald Trump (52:04):

[inaudible 00:52:07] Thank you, I really appreciate it.

Mr. Hovde (52:04):

Today, I wore a tie for you.

Donald Trump (52:04):

I know. Thank you very much.

Crowd (52:04):

USA, USA, USA, USA, USA, USA, USA.

Donald Trump (52:20):

Thank you very much, Eric. Great speech.

Speaker 1 (52:21):

Great mustache.

Donald Trump (52:29):

Eric, thank you very much. That was great. He'd be a great senator. He'll be with another great senator, a friend of mine for a long time, Ron Johnson, who's here and made a wonderful speech. Thank you Ron. Ron made a wonderful, wonderful speech and you have a congressman from Texas that's here. He is very special. He's been with me from day one. He would be with me even if I did a lousy job perhaps, but he likes the job I've done. He literally is camped out in Wisconsin. His name is Troy Nehls and he brought his brother. I believe they're twins. You certainly look like twins, huh? He's better looking than you, actually.

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But Troy is amazing. His brother's Trevor, and what Troy has done is incredible. He's literally very popular in Texas. He's a very powerful, wonderful congressman in Texas and he's come here and he's staying here and he's working so hard, and I said, what are you doing? He says, we got to get you elected. If you win Wisconsin, you're going to win the whole thing. This is a big deal. Wisconsin's a big deal. So I remember that Troy, I know it. I've been hearing all about Troy's doing meetings and speeches and everything and it's amazing. He's back in Texas. They love him even more for what you're doing, because they know exactly, we're doing very nicely in Texas to put it mildly. We're winning by about 16 points or something, but this is a big one, so thank you very much. I appreciate you both very much.

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Thank you. And a man who I watched his speech, he did a very, very good job. Tom, Tiffany, where's Tom? Tom? Great job, great speech. Thank you. I watched it from the plane, Tom. Great. Thank you. Very popular guy. Very good guy. Very great congressman. Wisconsin GOP Chairman, Briar. Where is Brian? Brian Schimming. Brian, thank you very much. He's doing a, are we winning, Brian? I think so, right? You've been fantastic. Thank you. Brian. Right from day one. Door County GOP Chair Stephanie Soucek. Stephanie, thank you. Thank you, Stephanie. Great job. Pierce County GOP Chair Stephanie Potton.

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Thank you. Thank you, Stephanie. Two Stephanies. And Marathon County GOP Chair, where are you? Kevin, where are you? Kevin, thank you very much. Thank you very much Kevin. Also with us is famed country singer and she wrote some songs that have been top of the line and a winner of awards all over the place. Gretchen Wilson, where's Gretchen? Gretchen, thank you very much. Great job. Great job. Do you want to come up Gretchen? Okay, come up. Come up. Come up. What the hell? It's a Saturday. We have all day, right? Come on. Thank you.

Gretchen Wilson (55:40):

It's an honor to meet you.

Donald Trump (55:40):

Thank you, it's a great honor, thank you, Gretchen, very nice.

Gretchen Wilson (55:40):

I have notes. Is that okay?

Donald Trump (55:40):

Yes, it sure [inaudible 00:55:41]

Gretchen Wilson (55:41):

Hello again, Wisconsin. My name again is Gretchen Wilson. I'm a Midwesterner. I come from a very small town in Southern Illinois. I grew up very much like Senator JD Vance. I had to work hard and fight my way out of poverty just like many other Americans have done, but this is what I was taught to do, to earn my way. Since then, I've done the impossible. I am now a Grammy award-winning country music artist, a producer, a songwriter, and most importantly, a mom. Now, back in the day, my family were all Kennedy democrats, but that's when the Democrats were on the side of the people. Once I started paying attention to what was really going on, I realized the Democratic Party left us. As a songwriter, I pay close attention to words, the words that are being used and the words that are not being used.

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I urge all Americans to pay close attention to what you are hearing and not hearing from the media, because the issues that are most important for our survival are what we're voting on. I'm here today to entertain you, but I'm also here today to show my support for the only team in this race that is telling you the truth. My story isn't really that rare, but the American dream that I have been fortunate enough to find will most certainly be lost forever if we do not show up and vote for freedom in November. It is on us. Let's make sure we the people do all we can to save our country by voting for President Trump and JD Vance. Thank you very much for your time.

Donald Trump (57:48):

Thank you, Gretchen. [inaudible 00:57:49] Beautiful words, thank you.

Gretchen Wilson (57:48):

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Donald Trump (57:54):

Thank you, Gretchen. Great. That's great. Thank you very much. Appreciate it Gretchen. As borders are, Kamala Harris let in over 20 million, they're now saying the number could be 25 million illegal aliens from 168 different countries. Most people don't even know that you have that many countries, coming from prisons and jails and insane asylums and mental institutions, and terrorists at a level that we've never seen before. I told this a few times. We were, during the border patrol is fantastic, and ICE, and our whole thing with the police officers, they're all, these are people that are brave and great, and they really want to do their job, but they came out with the border patrol, a study on terrorism, and they said in 2019, my year, they said, not one terrorist came into the country. Now I don't really believe that, it can't be that good. It can't be, because now we have thousands coming in.

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But the fact that they'd even say that, and they didn't do it for me, they just did a report. They said, not one terrorist 2019, check it out. They said, not one terrorist came into the country. Now we have thousands and thousands and thousands of terrorists pouring into our country at record levels, and it's going to end very badly. It's going to end very badly. We got to get them the hell out of here. We got to get them out of here fast. What they've done in allowing maybe 25 million people into our

country, it should be illegal. They're destroying, it should be illegal, and maybe it is illegal. They're destroying our country. They're ruining our country. In Aurora, Colorado, entire apartment complexes are being taken over by armed Venezuela gangs with weapons the likes of which even the military doesn't see. They're terrorizing residents and they're just menacing the whole state.

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But they are menacing that community and the people are petrified, even the sheriff, he's trying his best, but he's got a small force by comparison, this is like a military force, and they're vicious violent people. By the way, Venezuelan crime is down 72%. Crime is down all over the world because they're sending their criminals, not just South America, from all over the world they're sending their criminals. They're sending people in jail for murder and drugs and everything else. They're sending them into our country. They're getting rid of them. Crime's down all over the world. Our crime is through the roof, and you haven't seen the migrant crime yet. It's started and it's vicious, but you haven't seen the extent of it yet. They're just getting settled in. Colorado is a total mess with a governor that has no idea what to do. He has no idea. He's confused. He's afraid of the migrants, but he doesn't want to say it because that's a bad thing to say. If you're a Democrat, they put you right out of business.

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He fears the policies of Kamala, but doesn't want to lose his base or his job. He's afraid to say anything about it. Colorado began the threat to democracy against me where they tried to unconstitutionally remove me from the ballot. I was the leading person in the whole country, leading everybody by a lot, and they said, let's remove him from the ballot. And then they say, I'm a threat to democracy. Think about that. But Colorado was the one that did it at the behest of the governor, probably. Many people in Colorado were absolutely angry at it. They didn't like it. Even Democrats and liberals, they said, that's terrible. You can't do that. Democrats did it. The concept of taking the number one person in the Republican Party by far, and taking them off the ballot so that the Republicans don't even have a nominee, because this was very far down the line.

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The case for me was won at the United States Supreme Court quickly and unanimously, and the governor, Jared Polis had no idea what to do or say, never apologized, never did anything. They're radicals headed up by a radical governor in Colorado that has no clue how to solve this influx of crime into a state. And by the way, Colorado's one state, it's much worse in other states. But in Colorado they've taken over. I mean in Colorado, they're so brazen. They're taken over sections of the state, and getting them out will be a bloody story. Should have never been allowed to come into our country. Nobody checked them. Nobody checked were they criminals? Were they from jails? We have them pouring out from jails. We have the worst criminals in, all of these countries, 168 so far are registered, 168 countries. They're in our country. And they said, if you come back, you'll be executed.

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You'll be killed immediately. Not going to be easy, but we'll do it. But they have no clue how to solve their influx of crime in Colorado or anywhere else. But far more importantly, heading this governor's way are numbers of bad people that nobody will ever believe. That's just a little small group of

people that are taking over. These people are tough. I always say, they make our criminals look like nice people. At the time it happened, people said, I would win Colorado. Colorado's traditionally not a Republican state, but I was actually tied and leading in polls in Colorado because people were so incensed at what this governor and his cronies had done by trying to strip the Republican Party of their candidate. So if I don't win Colorado, it will be taken over by migrants and the governor will be sent fleeing, because the people of Colorado should really do something, that would be a classic.

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They should do a major protest vote in favor of Trump to reject the threat to democracy that they caused by an attempt at ballot removal. And Illinois is really the same thing. And Maine, another one. I mean I don't understand. I did very well in Maine, but they did that. The governors did that. Illinois is one of the worst-run states in the country, headed by a governor, J.B Pritzker, whose family threw him out of the family business, so he became governor instead, and his state is going to hell. It's horrible what's happening. So if you live in Chicago and your state is going to hell, vote for Donald Trump, just vote. We'll do a good job. We'll clean it up. We'll get rid of that horrible crime. Do you know in Labor Day weekend, Chicago had 117 people shot, 17 died? This is worse than Afghanistan.

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This is worse than any place. It's a war zone. Other states should also vote for Trump in protest because their way of life has been changed in America. Protest it. Go back to the Democrats in four years, but you won't because we'll clean up this mess and you'll say, we're never voting for a Democrat. We like Trump and his friends, migrants in crime are here in our country at levels never thought possible before, never even thought possible. You're not safe even sitting here, to be honest with you. I'm the only one that's going to get it done. Everybody's saying that. I'm starting to believe it myself, but they're saying the only one that's going to get it done, and I will tell you, I'm going to get it done. And so go out and do that protest. If you're Maine, if you're in Illinois, if you're in any state, because you're being overrun by criminals, you're being overrun by people.

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They're not being checked. They're not being vetted. They're taking over our country. They're forming armies in our country. And Aurora is just one example of many locations. Other places are probably even in worse shape, we just haven't heard about them yet. And a lot of governors don't like talking about it, like this guy Polis. He said, no, no, don't talk about it. We don't want the world to find out. The world has found out. The world has found out. They have all the pictures. They have all the tape that you want. I've never seen anything like it. They walk in, they throw people out of their apartments, they take over the whole building. Now they take over another building. They're in the real estate business. Isn't that nice? They were in jail two months ago. Now they're in the real estate business in Colorado just two days ago, right here in small town Wisconsin.

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What a beautiful place. However, a member of a savage Venezuela gang was arrested for sexually assaulting a woman and attacking viciously a child. He's charged with suffocation, child abuse, sexual assault, and many other things. Bad guy, shouldn't be in the country, came out of jail, came out of jail in his country. I will get these monster criminals out of Wisconsin. I will get them out of

our country. We're going to get them out fast. We're going to get them out fast, very fast. They'll soon be back on the streets and jails of Caracas, Venezuela and other places from where they came. Think of it though. Venezuela crime is down 72%. People are saying, oh, isn't it wonderful, Venezuela? In fact, if they win, we're never going to lose touch with each other if they win, but we won't come here. It'll be too dangerous. We will have a meeting.

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We will have a rally in Caracas, Venezuela, because it will be safe by comparison to Wisconsin. So we'll all hop in a flight. We'll go over to Caracas, Venezuela or one of hundreds of other countries that are safer than the US because our country is a very unsafe country now, and we're really subject to what these people want to do. And these are violent people. These are people that were criminals at the worst level in their cities all over the world. 22 people out of the Congo in Africa. It's not just South America. People think it's Honduras and Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico.

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It's not, it's countries all over the world. They're coming in. 22 people from the Congo in Africa. Where are you from? From the Congo. Oh, that's nice. Where do you live? Jail. Oh, what did you do? It's none of your business. That's what they told the people. It's none of your business. You can imagine what it is. But from Africa, from the Middle East, from Europe, from Asia, they're coming in from everywhere. They're getting rid of their criminals. They're bringing them into the United States of America, our beautiful country, our now failing country. It's a failing country under these lunatics. And they're bringing them in at levels that nobody's ever seen before. Ron Johnson sees it. He sees it all the time and he gets sick over it. But we're going to do something about it, Ron. We're going to get it done. We have no choice.

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It's not like we have a choice, not like we can say, oh, well, we'll live with it. You can't live with it because you're going to be killed. These are killers, but from all over the world. You take a look at the crime statistics, you take a look at the jail statistics, the jails are being emptied out, the mental institutions are being emptied out, and insane asylums. And then the press, when I say Dr. Hannibal Lecter, the press says, oh, why did he mention that? They're wise guys back, there just wise guys. They say he rambled and started talking about Hannibal Lecter. What does that have to do? That's a representative of people that are coming into our country. Dr. Hannibal Lecter. He will have you for dinner. You know that? He will have you for dinner. No, but this is what's happened. This is what's happening at levels that nobody can even imagine.

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Millions and millions. JD Vance is doing a phenomenal job today. He said 25 million. He's doing a great job. I picked the best athlete. I had great people, and great people. We have so many wonderful people. Marco was incredible and Tim Scott was incredible. And you have a governor in a certain place that has a lot of oil. You know who I'm talking about. How good was he? And you have just great places, and great people, and I got to know so many. I picked JD, JD, and I could have picked anyone. They would've been great. But JD had an incredible life. He had a mother who was very addicted to prescription drugs and not a lot of help from the father. And he went to, he was a great student, however, very smart. He went to Ohio State, graduated at the top of his class in two years.

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I said, two years. That's pretty good. I never heard of that. Then he went into the military, then he came out, got accepted to Yale Law School, which is very hard to do without a father, without a father that has connections. Very hard to do, almost impossible. The reason he was accepted was that he was really smart. He was smart as hell. And then he worked, I guess, essentially on Wall Street or Wall Street alternative, or equivalent, and did very well. And then he ran for office. I endorsed him and he became a senator from the great state of Ohio. And he's doing amazingly well, but he's a brilliant guy. And the press went after him for about the first week, and then they gave up, because he has the answers.

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He's conservative, but he really is like all of us. We're all sort of conservative, but what we really are is we have common sense. We have common sense. Common sense is more important, Ron, than anything else. We need common sense. We'd like to have borders. We don't want crime. We want good schools. We want nice housing. We want low interest rates. It's called, we don't want wars. Ideally we don't want wars. Everyone thought I'd be a warmonger. I was the opposite. But I did scare people away from having wars. And you know what I did? I used tariffs. I heard two countries were going to have a war. I called them both. I said, here's the story. You have a war. You're going to have to pay a 200% tariff to do business in the United States. And they'd both say, the leaders would say to me, almost simultaneously, we've decided to make peace. I stopped so many wars. They went to Viktor Orbán, the fake news. They went to Viktor Orbán and they said, why is the world such a mess right now? It's flaming up in the Middle East and Israel. And what's happened with Russia, Ukraine. Why is it? They said, you need Trump back in. He said, nobody understood Trump. China was afraid of him. Russia was afraid of him. I stopped the Nord Stream pipeline, Nord Stream 2. And then they say, I was very friendly with Russia. I got along good with sort of everybody, but everybody paid up. They had to pay up. We changed so many trade deals that was so bad. USMCA, we made that one. That was a great one from the worst trade deal we ever had. NAFTA, the worst trade deal any country probably has ever had, but we did a really good job.

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But JD, we're very proud of him. And he made a speech this morning and I heard it was great, and I think you will agree, Ron. He's doing a fantastic job. As Vice President, Harris cast the tie-breaking votes that caused the worst inflation in American history costing a typical family \$28,000. Think of that. Yesterday it was announced that we lost 438,000 full-time jobs in August. We lost 400, almost half a million jobs in August. We lost 24,000 manufacturing jobs, nearly 6,000 auto manufacturing jobs. And if I'm not elected, you will not have an auto industry at all. Volvo today announced they're getting away from the electric. Other companies announced, we have paid trillions of dollars in subsidy for making these cars. And the market's not there. That's not there. It's a shame, and I'm a big fan of electric cars. I think it's great, but it's got a market.

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But I also want gasoline-powered cars, and I want hybrids. I want everything. Hydrogen is maybe coming. We want everything. The real unemployment rate rose to 7.9% in August. Did you know that? 7.9%. Our country's going down. Last month alone, American-born workers lost 1.3 million

jobs, and migrants gained 635,000 jobs in a single month. Every job that we've gained has been replaced, not by American citizens, but by illegal migrants. Did you know that? Every job that was created over the last fairly short period of time was taken by illegal migrants. And I will tell you this, the black population and the Hispanic population are being decimated by these people coming in unchecked, unbalanced. They're coming in and they're taking the black population and the Hispanic population jobs. And next is going to be unions. You watch the unions suffer. The autoworkers are not going to exist in a year and a half or two years because of what that fool did who's the head of the autoworkers. He's a fool. Since the start

Donald Trump (01:15:00):

... the start of this year, nearly 1 million Americans joined the unemployment roles. Nobody knows that. And, now, Kamala is pushing the largest individual small business tax in American history. And she said, "70 to 80% tax is probably a good idea, a bold idea that should be discussed." 80%. Good luck with your small business. She and sleepy Joe Biden waged war on American energy, opened up the Russian pipeline, Nord Stream 2 after I had closed. It was done. It was closed. As soon as he came in, he approved it. But he shut down the Keystone XL Pipeline. Keystone, he shut it down, 48,000 jobs, and it was a very important pipeline actually, but we'll get it open. But think of it. I shut down the biggest pipeline in the world, the Russian pipeline going to Germany and all over Europe. I shut it down. It was done. He gets in. He approved it. He approved it, but he shuts down the pipeline in this country, the XL Pipeline.

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She reentered the horribly-unfair-to-the-United-States Paris Climate Accord. It sounds so nice. The Paris Climate Accord is such a nice name. Oh, isn't that beautiful? We want the Wisconsin Accord. We want the people of Wisconsin, not the people of Paris. That Paris Accord was going to cost us \$1 trillion. In other countries like China, it was considered third world. China. It's a developing nation. They didn't have to pay anything. India didn't have to pay anything. Russia didn't have to pay anything. France didn't have to pay anything. Nobody had to pay. Only the stupid United States. We paid \$1 trillion. And I closed it down and, as soon as he got back up, he opened it at even worse terms.

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Kamala Harris and the Communist left have unleashed a brutal plague of bloodshed, crime, chaos, misery and death upon our land. And it's only going to get worse as Vice President Harris has presided over a 43% increase in violent crime, including a 58% increase in rape. She supports to fund the police and, during the 2020 riots, she encouraged her followers to donate to bail criminals, looters, arsonists and murderers. She was trying to get the murderers out of jail. Right? You're shaking. Right? Everybody now knows it. And this is a person that wants to be President of the United States. And she didn't get a vote. As California Attorney General, she redefined child sex trafficking, assault with a deadly weapon and rape of an unconscious person as totally nonviolent crimes. Oh, that's nice.

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Kamala supports states being able to take minor children and perform sex change operation, take them away from their parents, perform sex-change operation and send them back home. Can you imagine you're a parent and your son leaves the house and you say, "Jimmy, I love you so much. Go have a good day in school," and your son comes back with a brutal operation? Can you even imagine this? What the hell is wrong with our country? Her running mate, Tampon Tim, did you see he signed a bill where tampons will be in every boy's bathroom. Isn't that nice? And he's a whack job. You know they have a standard phrase that JD, who's very solid, and I happen to be a very... I have other problems perhaps, but I'm a very solid person. But JD is solid. I'm solid.

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They said this was just a sound bite. They gave it to all the fake news. The fake news, they're weird. No. He's weird. He is really weird, this guy. Can you imagine? I'm weird? You know they do soundbites and they give them... They gave one the other day a manufactured... The vote was manufactured. It's not a term that's used politically. Every network headed up something about the vote was manufactured. They follow the lead of these people. But we've got the lead. You know what? We've got the people.

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We got to stop the cheating. If we stop that cheating, if we don't let them cheat, I don't even have to campaign anymore. We're going to win by so much. In the meantime, too big to rig. Too big to rig. But he even signed... Tampon Tim even signed a law that allows abortion in the ninth month and babies to be executed after birth. In other words, the baby is born. And what do you do if the mother decides she doesn't want the baby? You execute. That's not an abortion. That's an execution. And nobody wants that. There are six radical left states that allow that, too, that nobody wants it to happen. Nobody wants to see it happen where they're allowed to execute the baby after birth, and nobody talks about it.

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And we did a great thing when we got Roe v. Wade out of the federal government, got it back to the States, and, now, the states are all voting. And like Ronald Reagan, I happen to go with the exceptions. I think it's important. But, other people, you have to go with your heart, but most... I'd say most people, 85% Republicans, they go with the exceptions for rape, incest, life of the mother, but... the three exceptions, but nobody wants to happen eighth month, seventh month, ninth month, but after birth, and you have after birth. And more people, more states are even planning on doing that.

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Nobody wants that. And, now, what we're doing is, because of what we've done, we've got, they wanted... All the great legal scholars wanted it out of the federal government. Democrats, Republicans, liberals, conservatives, everybody wanted it out because it didn't belong there. They wanted it to go back to the States. And now the States are all voting. And, frankly, some of those votes are coming out very liberal if you look at Ohio, if you look at Kansas, if you look at some of the states. But the people are voting, and they're voting. We put it in the hands of the people and they're voting. And that's the way people have wanted it for many, many years. And I'm just happy that we had Supreme Court justices that had the courage to do that because that has torn our country apart

for 52 years and, now, the people are voting. From the moment we take back the White House from Comrade Kamala Harris, I believe we are going to have the four greatest years in the history of our country. We're going to turn it around fast. Starting on day one, I will seal the border and stop the migrant invasion of our country. We will carry out the largest deportation operation of criminals in the history of America. We will defeat inflation, and we will make America affordable again. We will make America the dominant energy producer in the world by far. That's called "Drill, baby, Drill." Right? "Drill, baby, drill."

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And, remember, we have more liquid gold under our feet than any other country. In 12 months, I will cut your energy costs in half. That means, Wisconsin, we will cut it in half, and that includes your heating, air conditioning, electricity, gasoline for the cars. We'll cut it in half, and we'll do it easily. It won't even be... I think we'll do better than that 12 months. You can hold me to it. Hold me to it. I want you to hold me to it. We're going to cut it in half.

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I will turn the United States into a manufacturing superpower more than it has ever been. And other countries that make us pay a heavy tax to do business with them will be charged the same tax when they send their product into the United States. And we did it to a pretty strong extent when I was president, and we were going all the way that we had to solve the COVID problem, but we will be doing that. It will be called the Reciprocal Trade Act. It's reciprocal. So, if China or any other country charges us a 100 or 200% tariff or tax, then we will likewise charge them a 100 or 200% tariff or tax in return. And my message is simple. Make your product here in America and only in America.

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So we're going to charge tariffs to all these foreign countries that are coming in and ripping us off and taking our jobs and destroying our manufacturing. And it's what they do. We're going to do it the same as they do. And some of these people that are making decisions in Washington, they're very suspect, I can tell you. Not this group. This group. That's why they're here. They hate what they see happening. We're not going to be taken advantage of anymore. Just as we made great inroads in progress four years ago, nobody ever made such progress as we. We had the greatest four years. We rebuilt the military. We had the largest tax cut in history, the largest regulation cut in history.

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We had no wars. We had no wars. We didn't get into any wars. Who would think, here I am, we didn't? You know why? Because they were afraid of us and they respected us. They know not to mess with wars. And as I said, and I say it over and over again, Ukraine and Russia would have never happened. Israel would have never been attacked on October 7. Iran was broke. They were broke. Now you know they're after me, so I should say, "Oh, I love Iran very much." I don't care. I got to do the right thing. Iran was broke. They had no money for Hamas. They had no money for Hezbollah. They had no money for terror. Any of the many 28 different terror organizations, they had no money. They had no money whatsoever. They wouldn't have ever even thought about doing Israel, all of the things that have happened.

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And you know what else wouldn't have happened? Inflation. You wouldn't have had any inflation. Inflation was caused by energy going through the roof because these people were so stupid when they took over my energy policies. And energy was going through the roof, and then they went immediately back to my energy policies, Ron. They went immediately back, but what they don't understand is, by now, I would've had energy at four times the amount that we had four years ago. And we were four years ago energy independent.

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Who would believe that? Now, we get our energy from Venezuela. Did you see? They took his plane the other day. They took Maduro's plane. Maduro is the dictator in charge. They took his plane. I said, "Oh, that's so serious." Now we can get a nicer plane because we buy our energy. So we give them billions and billions of dollars, and they take back a stupid old plane. This is the thinking we have in our country. We shouldn't be buying oil from Venezuela. It's unbelievable. But we're not going to watch our wealth and our jobs get ripped away from us and sent to foreign countries. And Wisconsin will be one of the biggest beneficiaries just like I gave you the Marinette shipbuilding contract that everybody in the country wanted. Every state wanted it.

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I'll probably lose a couple of states because I gave it to Wisconsin. I'll probably lose some states because I gave it to Wisconsin, but my plan is that, if you open your factory in Wisconsin or Pennsylvania or Michigan or Minnesota or anywhere else in the United States, you don't pay a tariff or a tax. But if you move your production outside of the United States and send it back here, you have to pay a very substantial tariff.

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We're going to supercharge our country. We will charge other countries when their product is sent into our country. And why shouldn't we? That's exactly what they do. That's what made China strong. When Elon goes and wants to send his cars into China that are made in the US, they say, "We don't want them. You have to build your factory in China, then we'll accept you." Well, we're saying to China, "You want to build cars? You want to send cars here? You're going to build your factories in the United States. You're not going to send them through, take our jobs, take everything else. You got to build them in the United States. You can open up a beautiful brand-new factory with American labor." The result will be that everybody in the world will want to produce right here in the good old USA. We will be able to build ships again. We'll be able to build planes again. We'll be able to build our military again, all from within, all from within our country.

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Do you know, when we build a plane, the F-35 fighter jet, I bought a lot of them for countries all over the world actually, but I bought a lot of them? We have parts made in all different countries and then they're assembled here. We want to make the parts here. What would happen in case of a war and two of those countries were fighting and we say, "By the way, you can't get the wings anymore?" The wings are made in Turkey, and other parts are made in other countries. It's so crazy what they've done. And they did that to help out other countries. It's now time for us to help out our country.

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In the words of a very great but highly underrated President, William McKinley, “I am a tariff man standing on a tariff platform,” and he said that throwing open our market without protection was, quote, it destroys the dignity and independence of American labor, diminishes its pay and employment, decreases its capacity to buy products of farm and commodities of the merchant. It will bring widespread discontent. It will revolutionize values. It will take away more than half of our earning capacity of brain and brawn. Worse than that, it will take away from the people of this country who work for a living. And a majority of them live by the sweat on their faces. It will take from their heart and from their home, and it’ll take from their hope. Their final thing is their hope. It will be total self-destruction. This is the man that wanted tariffs. He wanted tariffs to be taken from foreign countries.

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And you listen to some of our stupid people, and some of the very stupid people in Washington, DC, “We don’t want to charge tariffs. That’s not... It’s going to increase inflation.” China paid us hundreds of billions of dollars and we had almost no inflation. This group that came in, they had the highest inflation in the history of our country. We took in billions and billions of dollars from foreign countries in the form of tariffs that I hadn’t even gotten started yet. We’ll be a rich nation again. We’ll be able to do what we want to do. We have to do the tariffs. We have been treated so badly mostly by allies. If you want to know the truth, our allies treat us actually worse than our so-called enemies. But we have been treated so badly on trade and other things on military. We protect them, and then they screw us on trade. We’re not going to let it happen anymore. We’re going to be a tariff nation. It’s not going to be a cost to you. It’s going to be a cost to another country.

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I heard Kamala the other day, Comrade Kamala. She said, “Oh, if you do that, he’s raising your taxes.” No. No. No. I’m not raising your taxes. I’m raising China and all of these countries in Asia and all over the world, including the European Union by the way, which is one of the most egregious. They don’t take our cars. They don’t take our farm product, and we have a \$300-billion trade deficit with them. And they’re going to have to pay a price now because we’ve been supporting them for a long time and it’s no longer sustainable.

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So I’m a tariff president. I’m not a tax- increase president because we’re going to lower your taxes when I’m back in the White House. We will pass large tax cuts for workers and also no tax on tips. No tax on tips. I will fight for you and fight for the ability. We are going to protect Social Security. We are going to protect Medicare, and we’re not going to have any cuts. We’re not going to have age increases. She’s going to have to. And a lot of these migrants that are coming in are going on to Social security and Medicare. Your programs are going to be destroyed. You’re not going to be able to get in your hospitals. You see the lines of people. You can no longer get in your hospitals. You feel sick. You want to go to your hospital. You have hundreds and even thousands of people trying to get into hospitals. They’re ruining your life. They’re ruining your lifestyle. They’re ruining your way of life.

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I will have no tax on Social Security benefits for our seniors, because you’ve destroyed our seniors with your inflation. Inflation has destroyed our seniors and their social Security. We will terminate

the Green New Scam and spend that money on roads, bridges, real infrastructure and paying down debt, not fake infrastructure that has caused massive inflation and has been of no benefit to our country. And I will settle the war in Ukraine. I will end the chaos in the Middle East, and I will prevent World War III. And I'm the only one that can do it. I will prevent World War III.

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And if I don't win this election, Israel, with Comrade Kamala Harris at the helm of the United States, is doomed. Israel is doomed. That's a tough statement. Israel will be gone. One year, two years, Israel will no longer exist. I better win. I better win, or you're going to have problems like we've never had. We may have no country left. It may be our last election. You want to know the truth? People have said that this may be our last election. You got to get out and vote. This could be our last election. It'll all be over.

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And you got to remember, I don't want to say this because they say it's braggadocious, but if you look at the record, it's true, Trump is always right. I hate to be right. I hate to be right. I'm always right. I hate to be right. I don't want to be right about the things that I predicted, but I predicted what was going to happen at the border. I predicted all of the inflation. I predicted everything that's happened to our country. I predicted Israel. Putin would've never gone in, but I said, if I'm out, he's going to attack Ukraine. But he would never have done it if I were there.

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We will rebuild our cities including Washington, DC. Our cities are a mess, and they're very dangerous places. We're going to make them safe clean, and beautiful again. And we will keep the US dollar as the world's reserve currency. And it is currently under major siege. Many countries are leaving the dollar. They're not going to leave the dollar with me. I'll say, "If you leave the dollar, you're not doing business with the United States because we're going to put a hundred percent tariff on your goods." "Sir, we would like very much to get back to the dollar immediately. Thank you very much."

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It's so easy. I don't know. It's so sad because nobody... Biden doesn't know he's alive, and she's worse. This is how we will end the era of inflation, mayhem and misery under Kamala and Crooked Joe and unleash safety, prosperity and peace for Americans of every race, religion, color and creed. Together, we will deliver low taxes, low regulations, low energy costs, low interest rates and low inflation so that everyone can afford groceries, a car and a home.

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We will stop the invasion, end migrant crime, support our great police, strengthen our wonderful military, build a missile defense shield around our country, keep critical race theory and transgender insanity the hell out of our schools. And we will keep men out of women's sports.

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Did you see the Olympics? You had two boxers that transitioned from men to women. I wish them well. They transitioned, and they were fighting. It was boxing for the gold medal, and the first match

was a beautiful, young, Italian boxer, was very talented, very good, said to be a real threat for the medal, and she met a transitioned person. Boom. He gave her a little jab. Boom. She backed up. “Whoa. What was that?” She said, “I’ve never been hit that hard in my life.” A jab is like the light one before you hit the right. Then, boom, another jab. She said, “I can’t... I give up.” Then there was a second boxer. The same thing happened. Congratulations. They both won gold medals. How about that? They both won gold. Congratulations to them. It’s so demeaning to women. I don’t understand. Who would want men to be able to play? The volleyball player got hit the other day recently with a smash from a transitioned person. She said, “I’ve never seen anything like it at the ball camp.” She was knocked unconscious, probably won’t play again. The weightlifting records tell, for years, they held up, they couldn’t. A quarter of an ounce here, a quarter of an ounce there, they couldn’t do it. The record is broken by hundreds of pounds.

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We got to get back to sanity in this country. We have to get back to sanity. We will defend the Second Amendment, restore free speech, and we will secure our elections once and for all. Everyone will prosper. Every family will thrive, and every day will be filled with joy, opportunity, and hope. But for that to happen, we must defeat Comrade Kamala Harris. And we are going to stop the country-destroying liberal agenda once and for all. We’re going to do it. We have to stop it. We’re going to save our country.

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Our country, if it doesn’t win this election, I believe is finished. I believe it. We cannot come back much. They will have a hundred million of these people in here, with another four years, a hundred million people. If you think you have a nice house, have a migrant enjoy your house because a migrant will take it over. A migrant will take it over. It will be Venezuela on steroids.

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So get everyone you know and vote. We want a landslide that’s too big to rig on November 5th. We will save our economy. We will rescue our middle class. We will reclaim our sovereignty and restore our borders. We will put America first, and we will take back our country. Together, we will make America powerful again. We will make America wealthy again. We will make America healthy again.

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Thank you, Bobby. Thank you, Bobby. We will make America strong again. We will make America proud again. We will make America safe again. We will make America free again, and we will make America great again.

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Thank you very much Wisconsin.

Donald Trump Fraternal Order of Police North Carolina 2024-09-06

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Patrick (00:00):

We're honored to have with us today the former and future President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, and offer him our enthusiastic endorsement. During his time in the White House, we had a partner and a leader. Today, Mr. President, we stand with you. We stand with you, and we have your back. And we're committed to work tirelessly for your election. We stood with you when you championed the First Step Act, a bold and historic effort to reform the criminal justice system. We stood with you when you established a Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, demonstrating your true, genuine commitment to advancing policing in this country. And you did it at a time when it wasn't the political battleground it is now. We stood with you four years ago when the public tried to defund law enforcement across this country, and we stand with you today. And we will help make the case across America, to every American, why we need you back in the White House in a leadership role. So it is now my honor to welcome the next President of the United States, Donald J. Trump.

MUSIC (01:09):

And I'm proud to be an American.

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Where at least I know I'm free.

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And I won't forget the men who died.

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Who gave that right to me.

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And I'd gladly stand up next to you.

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And defend Her still today. 'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land.

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God Bless the U.S.A.

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From the lakes of Minnesota.

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To the hills of Tennessee.

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Across the plains of Texas.

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From sea to shining sea.

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From Detroit down to Houston.

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And New York to L.A.

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Where's pride in every American heart.

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And it's time we stand and say.

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That I'm proud to be an American.

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Where at least I know I'm free.

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And I won't forget the men who died.

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Who gave that right to me.

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God Bless the U.S.A.

Donald Trump (03:29):

Thank you very much. Wow.

Multiple speakers (03:34):

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Donald Trump (03:35):

Thank you. Well, I want to thank you very much and it's an honor to be... And sit down, please. Go ahead. We'll stay together for a little while. This is a big endorsement for me. This is 3,077. Boy, that's a lot of protection. That's big protection and we appreciate it very much. It's an honor and I'm thrilled to be back with the incredible heroes and patriots of the Fraternal Order of Police, an incredible group and a group that's highly respected all over the country. You don't hear it, but I will tell you. It's true. To all of the law enforcement men and women here today. I respect you so much. I admire you. And as your president, I will always back the blue as I did. I backed the blue more than any other person.

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I was not a defunder like Kamala. She was a defunder. She was a 10-year defunder. You defund when you want to defund for 10 years, that's the end of that one. I think I could leave right now, and you say there's no way that we're not voting for that guy. That's the ultimate, isn't it? Before we begin, big news today is that the Manhattan D.A. witch hunt against me has been postponed because everyone realizes that there was no case because I did nothing wrong. It's a witch hunt. It's an attack

by my political opponents in Washington, D.C. And comrade Kamala Harris and radical left opponents for purposes of election interference. That's all that was. And it's a case that should have never been brought. It should have never been brought. But nothing like that has ever really happened in the United States, that we know of at least. And it's strictly third-world banana republic stuff.

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Importantly, the public understands this and so does every legal scholar, expert and luminary, including people and just highly respected people like the people in this room are highly respected, like Andy McCarthy, Jonathan Turley, Alan Dershowitz, Mark Levin, Stephen Calabrese, David Rifkin, Greg Jarrett, Katie and Andrew Cherkasky, and even from CNN, Eli Honig. I appreciate that, Eli, because he's been great. They all said it's a case that is not a case. Shouldn't even be brought. Politics. But I greatly appreciate the words in the letter today from the judge. He said, "If necessary being utilized in the decision, because there should be no if necessary. This case should rightfully be terminated immediately." And as we prepare for the most important election in the history of our country, it's the most important election we've ever had because our country's going bad. You may have noticed. You take a look at some of the people pouring into our country by the millions.

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In addition, there was a big political victory today in a certain place called North Carolina. Has anybody heard of North Carolina? I even have a grandchild, very beautiful grandchild, named Carolina. And Lara's here today. Where is Lara? Where are you? Right there. Right there. Carolina's a beauty. She's beautiful, and Eric came. He doesn't come too often for this. He'd rather do his own speeches. People would rather hear him. So it's a great couple. Beautiful children, great couple. She loves this state so much. And she said, "Oh, don't worry, you're going to win. They love you here." And she grew up here and had a great life here. I don't know if her life is as good now, frankly. She loves this place. And she says, "Don't worry." I said, "Well, if anything bad happens, I'm blaming you." That'll be the end. But we've won it four times. We've won the primaries, we won everything. We've won the primaries and then we won just another big one. We won by a lot, and we have to win one more election and we'll be six and 0 in North Carolina.

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We love North Carolina and thank you for both being here. That's great. It's an honor. Your appeals court ruled today that Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s name should be taken off the ballot. And that sounds like a bad thing for him. It's not. It's actually a great thing. He's an incredible team player and he didn't want anybody to be voting his name. Because, as you know, he fully endorsed us. He's with us. He's going to be watching out for women's health and everybody's health and got a lot of great things to say. He is very smart and very good, a great person and very popular. So they didn't want to have, and we didn't, but he didn't either. He didn't want to have his name so he gets some votes even though he was with us, and we just won in the court. They said, "No, it has to be left up there." And some people wouldn't realize it, so rather than voting for us, vote for him. And that wouldn't help us very much, would it? And so that was a big thing.

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It means that all of those who love Bobby, and there's a lot of them and all that he stands for, especially regarding the health and well-being of us, can vote. They vote for me now. So all of the Bobby people are going to vote for me and I appreciate the decision. When I grew up, we revered the men and women that we knew. I grew up in New York, and you've all heard of New York's Finest. New York's Finest. Who's from New York? Oh, there they are. New York's Finest endorsed me, and they're not supposed to. They said, "We don't care. We're endorsing you anyway." But I appreciate it. Thank you very much.

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I think we've been endorsed by every police group or slightly related, even if they're slightly related, we've gotten every one of them and I appreciate it. There's nobody we can respect more. I consider you in this room to be America's finest. You're all over the country, all over from the country, all over the place, and we really appreciate you being here. Got to meet a lot of you backstage, just amazing people. All you want to do is see our country be safe and prosperous and we want to love our country and we want to have reason to love it. The people of this country know it. We know all about you and the great job that you do, and the people of this country respect you greatly for it. So I just want to thank you on behalf of everybody because I see it.

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I'm all over, and this is a group that's respected like never before. Unfortunately, we were talking a little while ago, and it's probably also a profession that's under more danger and threat than ever before, which we hate to see. I visit a lot of families of police officers who are no longer with us, and we have to give back the power and respect that they deserve more than anybody. And we're going to do that. You're going to solve the problem. We have crime-ridden cities like we've never seen before. We've never seen anything like it, and you can do it. I said to 12 of your representatives backstage, I said, "So if I give you the authorization to get rid of the crime, can you do it?" They look at me like, what a stupid question. Of course we can.

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So we're going to be doing that, but that's why I am so deeply honored to receive the Fraternal Order of Police official endorsement for President of the United States. Thank you all very much in the room. I know you vote on that. Thank you very much. Great honor. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Thank you, Patrick. I want to thank Patrick and every officer here this afternoon. It's really something I will not forget. 373,000, and Patrick just corrected the teleprompter. How did you add the other 4,000 people? They want to join so badly because they think we're going to win. Everyone now wants to be-

Patrick (12:27):

We don't [inaudible 00:12:29]-

Donald Trump (12:29):

He said he doesn't think he knows. Thank you very much. So to think that numbers like that... I mean, that's a big group. That's the largest group in the country by far, I guess. I also want to thank

RNC Chairman, Michael Watley, who used to be as the Republican Party chairman of the state, and we won the state so beautifully and frankly, so easily, and he was very much into securing the vote. That's why he's the head of the whole. If we can keep the cheating down to a minimum, because these people cheat, they cheat like hell. If we can keep it down to a minimum, we win easily. If we had, let's say, a beautiful vote counter, an honest person comes down from on high to count the votes, we win. I could stop campaigning. I could tell Michael and Lara, I don't have to come anywhere anymore. I'm just going to relax. But we have to win. Too big to rig is the statement we use. But Michael and Lara, who's the co-chair, have been working really hard, so thank you Lara very much. We appreciate it. Very much appreciate it.

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As we gather today, American cities, suburbs, and towns are totally under siege. Kamala Harris and the communist left have unleashed a brutal plague of bloodshed, crime, chaos, misery and death upon our land. Other than that, they're doing actually quite well. Thank you. Just yesterday, three police officers were shot in Milwaukee very tragically. 31 people were shot and five were killed in Chicago over Labor Day weekend. Can you imagine that? It's worse than in Afghanistan. We hear about Afghanistan and all these places. They don't compare with numbers like this. Baltimore is now facing the single most deadly drug crisis of any city in American history, and the number of homeless people on the streets of New York has just reached a 20-year high, and it's going a lot higher than that. Hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens.

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Look at all that fake news back there, but you can't. They don't like illegal migrant. They don't like illegal alien. They don't like anything. They want you to call them citizens. Future citizens. Do you ever hear that one? Future citizens. Future

Donald Trump (15:00):

... just citizens of our country. That's what they want to hear, but I don't think this room's inclined to do that. In city after city, the law-abiding citizen is forced to live in fear and danger and in filth. Mothers can't take their kids to the park. Graffiti is everywhere. The innocent are victimized in random attacks. Very brutal attacks and slayings are absolutely commonplace. Mobs of criminals walk into stores and clean out thousands of dollars in merchandise with absolutely no fear of punishment because you're not allowed to do your jobs. You can't even go to a pharmacy without everything being locked behind glass. The new thing in New York. You go to a pharmacy to buy aspirin, to buy a toothbrush, and it takes you 45 minutes to get a clerk to open up the glass because people are walking and just taking as much as they want.

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I don't know if you know that in San Francisco, which this woman, our opponent... I would say our opponent. I think we could... Anybody in favor of her in this room, by the way? Let me just... Okay, then I can safely say our opponent, but she... No, she destroyed San Francisco, but she came up with a great idea. You can steal as much as you want up to \$950 and nothing happens to you. After that, nothing happens to you also, if you want to really... When you think of it, really nothing happens to you no matter what the hell you do, unless you happen to be running for office and you

accuse the election of being fraudulent, then a lot of things happen. Okay? But other than that, nothing happens. Think of that, 950. So guys are walking in with calculators. You have criminals walking in, they're adding it up because they know if they stay below 950...

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Can you believe it? 950 is like a lot of money, isn't it? Under the Harris regime, 99% of law-abiding citizens suffer while criminals run free, and our country is plagued into literally third-world conditions. In many ways, we're a third-world country, but we're going to clean that up real fast. I'm here today to declare that we do not have to live this way. And when I'm president of the United States, we are not going to take it anymore. We're not going to take it anymore. Thank you. Thank you. And frankly, no country can sustain what we're going through with 21 million people allowed to come in from places that we don't want to talk about, but we will. Since Kamala Harris took office, she has presided over a 43% increase in violent crime, including a 58% increase in rape and an 89% increase in aggravated assault.

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And under Comrade Kamala, assaults on police officers are up a minimum of 32%, and many of them are not reported. And if they are reported, they're not taken down. And shootings of our police officers are up by over 16%. The day I take office is the day that Kamala's crime wave comes to an end. It's a crime wave in our country. We've never seen anything like it. And frankly... We talk about all of the problems that we have and they list them, and usually the economy is number one. To me, the number one thing that I get spoken to by the people, and I meet so many people, is crime. They can't believe it. They can't walk out of their apartments and by a loaf of bread without getting mugged, or wrapped, or shot. You look at Chicago, it's not even believable. They had actually... The numbers I read to you were very minor compared to about two months ago where they had 117 people shot and 17 dead in one weekend.

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Think of that. 117 people were shot and 17 died, and the fake news doesn't talk about it very much. But we take back our country, and we will take back our country very soon for the law-abiding citizens of America because this is about the law-abiding citizens, not the criminals. They're protecting the criminals and not protecting the law-abiding citizens. We can't let that happen. With your help, we will restore public safety to our streets. We will bring back law and order to our nation, and we will give the heroes in blue the power to legally protect us and the respect that you deserve more than any other group of people, what you have to go through. And then you don't get the backup at all. You're going to have the backup like you never had it before. Well, you had it four years ago, but even more so now because they've let it get so out of control. The only thing good about this period of time... We did great in 2016. We did much better in 2020.

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I hate to tell you. We did much better, got millions more votes. I was told if you got the same number of votes, you can't lose. We got millions more votes than we got in 2016. And in 2020, with all of that, the only thing good about it is that we see how badly things are. I think the reason the spirit is more now than 2020 or 2016 is because they saw how bad it was. It's been so bad, and we're able to do things. And you can be stronger and tougher and get your job done because they can't... Even radical

left people, or at least people that are leaning left, will understand that we have to clean up our crime. You can't have a country like this. There's no country like this, no country, and we're laughing stock all over the world. Over the past four years, Kamala Harris and the radical Democrat party have led a war on law enforcement in America. They're against you so strongly.

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As a result, families that do everything right and carry this country on their shoulders have watched helplessly as their communities dissolved all around them. Kamala Harris and the radical liberals force anarchy on the American people while they live in safety, in many cases, behind walls. You know that Nancy Pelosi is a big wall wrapped around her house. Of course, it didn't help too much with the problem she had, did it? But she had a big wall wrapped around her house, but then she says, "You have no idea what it was to get the wall done." Kamala Harris opposed me. Nancy Pelosi, everybody, the Democrats largely, not all of them, but they largely opposed it, but we got it built. I actually took it out of the military. I considered an invasion because dealing with Congress is so crazy. I said, "Okay, ready? We're going to take \$10 billion out of the military budget. You're going to buy about three less army tanks, and we're going to build the wall because this is an invasion of our country."

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As soon as I said that, everybody said, "You're right." And we did. We built over 571 miles of wall, and that's what gave us the best... We had the best border numbers in history, and now we have the worst border numbers in history. That's never been anything like it. And I pulled down a chart, if you remember, about two and a half months ago on my right. I said... I'm so proud of that chart. Now, I love it more than almost anything in the world. I love it more than I even love the police. Can you believe it? No, I pulled down a chart. I always look to my left, always, and I seldom use it. I use it maybe 20% of the time for speeches, but it's always on my left. It's always at the end of the speech. And this time, at the beginning of the speech, I said, "Pull down that chart." And if I didn't turn, I wouldn't be speaking with you today. So I love that chart. That chart is beautiful.

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I love that chart. I pulled it down. I said, boy, that is beautiful... That's one beautiful... The yellow and the blue and the red, right? Anyway, but what that chart showed and shows is the numbers. You see it went way down to almost nothing, and that was my final week in office. And then it went like a rocket ship right through the sky. We've never had anything like it. No country's ever had anything like it. Wealthy liberals destroy cities with defund the police. And there's still that movement. You just can't shake it. And sanctuary for illegals. While they move further into gated compounds, they set loose violent repeat offenders with no bail, while Marxist, prosecutors harass and threaten police officers who protect the hardworking citizens. They don't want you to protect the people. It's hard to believe, actually. Sometimes you say these things, and as you're saying them, you're saying, is that right?

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But that's right. It's pretty hard to believe. Why would anybody say, "We don't want to have a border?" Why would anybody say, "The whole world can empty out into our country even though it's not sustainable"? Why would anybody say something sort of simple like, "We want men to play in

women's sports." Why do they want say, "We want men to play in women's sports?" Why was that? Did you see the Olympics where they had two fighters, two transitioned fighters? They transitioned. This is the proper way of saying it. I say that just in case. I don't want to get myself in trouble with the media, the fake news. And they had two fighters. And you see the one young lady, beautiful young lady, and she was a fighter from Italy, and she fought a transitioned person who gave her just boom, a left jab. Now, a jab, for those that don't know fight, that's just sort of keep it going before you give. Boom. She backed up. Whoa. Then he did another jab, and she quit. She said, "I've never been hit like that in my life." Right? She quit.

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Anyway, he went on to win the gold medal easily, and the other one went on to win the gold medal easily. But you have to see the weight lifting stats where an eighth of an ounce is added on. And for 18 years, they had a record that some guy comes along, I mean some transitioned person. "Have you lifted before?" "No. No, I haven't. Not much." "Oh, good. Well, good luck." Let's see. Bing. It's crazy. These people are crazy, and it's so demeaning to women. These women are great athletes. The whole thing is crazy, but I know you love it, right? This man on my right, he must love that, as he seethes. He's seething. I just watch him watching. He's seething as he watches this stuff, right? He's actually looking and he can't even believe it, right? He can't even believe it.

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Anyway, but as president, I will break the grip of the Marxists on our justice system, and I will end Kamala's war. And it's her. It's her and a group of people, but it's a war on police. And together, we will launch a war on violent crime in America. We have to. We are a laughing stock all over the world. Everyone's always talking about these terrible countries to live in that regime, and this or that, but those countries don't have crime like we do, not even close. Under Harris, the number of police resignations surged recently to over 60%. You've never had a number like that. In the first spending bill I sign, I will make a record investment in hiring, retention, and training for police officers. So important. It's powerful, so important. You remember when I was president, I gave you billions of dollars worth of military equipment that was unused. It was in the storage rooms. We talked about it. It was in the storage rooms. We talked about it. Remember that a few years ago? And I made it available to the police.

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I took such heat. They said, "It looks too powerful. It looks police-like." I said, "Isn't that a good thing?" That's a good thing. But I gave you billions of dollars. It was sitting there drawing dust, billions and billions. And it's storage houses all over the country, big storage houses of trucks. And a lot of it was defensive material too, and defensive jeeps with armor plates all over them and a lot of great stuff, and I gave it all out to the police, took a lot of heat. I thought it would be a popular thing. It was with the police. But the crazies out there, they thought it was just a terrible thing. They thought it looked too powerful. And you got it, and we saved a lot of lives with that equipment, right? We saved a lot of lives, and we saved a lot of rent.

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We also saved a lot of rent that we didn't have to pay to all these storage places all over the country. We're going to get you pay raises and reinforcements. We're going to get you reinforcements because

you need them. And Harris repeatedly sponsored legislation to strip police officers immunity. It's interesting. When you say the word Harris, nobody knows who the hell I'm talking about. Harris. Harris. They say, "Who is Harris?" If you say to a person, "What's our Vice President's name?" they don't know. Now, Kamala is an unusual name, but at least you know who we're talking about. When I say Harris, nobody knows who the hell I'm talking about. They say, "Who is that?" So maybe we'll refer to him more as Kamala. It's a little friendlier too, but it's hard to be friendly with somebody that wants to destroy our country. She's, right now, practicing. Do you know that? She's in Pennsylvania and she's practicing for the debate.

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She's locked herself in a room. She's got a lot to learn. She's locked herself in a room, and they have one problem. You know what the problem is? They have MAGA people outside screaming, "We love Trump. We love Trump. We love Trump." And they can't focus. Can you believe it, just came over? They got MAGA people all over the place, and they're screaming, "We love Trump," and she can't focus. That's okay. As president, I will sign legislation to strengthen protections for police officers. So important. And I will crack down on Marxist prosecutors like Philadelphia's, Larry Krasner and LA.'s George Gascón. No, it's unbelievable. These people, you get a murder... This guy just shot three people, and he's out on the streets in two hours. It's crazy. No bail. Cashless, they call it. No longer

Donald Trump (30:00):

Will corrupt DAs be allowed to engage in selective and race-based enforcement of the law? My administration will issue hundreds of millions of dollars in federal grants to reward cities and towns and return to proven crime-fighting methods including stop-and-frisk and broken-windows policing. We did that with Rudy Giuliani. It was so successful.

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Before Giuliani, New York was at the edge. It was a hopeless situation. And Rudy came in and he did the stop-and-frisk thing. And he had numbers that were moderate, good. You can't go crazy. But they knew what they were doing. And they did the windows and the window sounds like a ridiculous idea, but when they had all these burned-out places, they made them look livable. And we went from a crime-ridden city to the safest big city anywhere in the world. That's a big accomplishment. He doesn't get the credit he deserves, I will tell you that.

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But we'll get the homeless and the dangerously deranged, of which we have many, off of our streets. And many are coming in because I said they're coming in from the mental institutions all over the world. And we'll get them the help they need. It's a very hard thing to get the help they need. And many of these people are never going to make a comeback. You know that. They can't make a comeback. It's horrible. It's a horrible thing. But we'll make our towns and cities safe again. We'll make them clean and beautiful once again, and we'll have places that you live in the manner to which you're supposed to be living because people are living in hell right now. Thank you.

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And working with local law enforcement, we will launch a federal task force to dismantle the gangs, the street crews, and the criminal networks that are ravaging our towns. This will include a 10-year mandatory minimum sentence for anyone guilty of human smuggling, a guaranteed life sentence for any guilty child trafficking, and the death penalty for drug dealers and anyone guilty of child or woman sex trafficking, which they are doing at numbers which are massive. And we're also calling for a strong death penalty for anyone who kills a police officer. Right? We'll get that done. We'll get that done. We'll get it done. Thank you. Thank you.

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Kamala actually claims that crime is down on her watch. Can you believe this? Crime's down? They lie. Crime is through the roof. They forgot to include about nine cities that are the worst cities in the world. They forgot to include Chicago and a few of the others. And that was the FBI. That's a shame. They issued stats and everybody was surprised that crime was about the same or maybe a little bit down. And then we found out that they didn't include... Just like they didn't include 818,000 jobs in their jobs report. They were missing 818,000. They said 818,000 more people. It turned out to be total fraud. At a certain point, it becomes fraud. When you're down by 5,000 or 10,000 people, but 818,000 fake job numbers were put in a month ago and it was revealed by a leaker or somebody, but it came out and it was really pretty bad.

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But they did the same thing on the crime numbers in order to make the crime numbers look better, which is still atrocious, but they wanted to make them look better. And Kamala's crime statistics are really as fake essentially as those job numbers. But you just think of it. I mean, think of it, 818,000 fake jobs they put in order to make their job numbers look better. The FBI's crime report does not include crime numbers from the most dangerous war zones and ganglions in America, Chicago. I'll tell you the ones that weren't included are Chicago, Oakland, New Orleans, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Jose, which is rough. Nearly 30% of jurisdictions did not report their crime stats and they were the ones that had the highest numbers. So that's why your crime numbers were terrible, but they didn't look as bad as they should.

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Crime is worse today than at any time in our country's history. Kamala Harris destroyed San Francisco. She destroyed California. Now she's destroying America. She will destroy this country. She will destroy this country. And now that people are seeing what's going on... Nobody knew who the hell she was, in all fairness. She was vice president that nobody knew. She shouldn't have been vice president. They call threat to democracy, she's a threat to democracy. The way they call me a threat. I take a bullet in the head and I'm a threat. No, no. She's a threat to democracy. Think of it.

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But she didn't get any votes. He got 14 million votes. She got none. Zero. She was the first one out of 22 people to leave. She left the race because she got no support, and now she's running as the Democrat candidate. And I say that's a threat to democracy. They're the real threat to democracy. They use that. That's just a standard line, "Donald Trump is a threat to democracy because he wants to stop crime." These people are very mixed-up people. This November, the law-abiding citizens of our country are going to tell her, "Kamala, you've done a horrible job." Remember the Apprentice?

“You couldn’t be worse and we’re not going to let you do it again. Kamala, you’re fired. Get out of here. Get out of here.” It is true, though. I mean, she’s got no votes and now she’s running, so explain that one. It’s not the democratic way. It’s not a Democrat. I never call it... They call it the Democratic Party because it sounds so nice. I call it the Democrat Party. It’s actually the Democrat Party. They ought to change the name. They’re always arguing that. I always call it Dem... It’s called Democrat Party. Democratic sounds so beautiful, the Democratic Party. It’s even nicer in a speech. But they ought to change the name instead of complaining. And you know what she could do? All these things that she complains about right now, she should go and fix them. She shouldn’t even go to the debate. She should go back to Washington, DC and fix all the things she’s complaining about. There’s no problem.

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As DA of San Francisco, Kamala was the original Marxist prosecutor. She was the original. She shielded illegal alien crack dealers from deportation at a level that nobody had ever seen before. She refused to seek the death penalty for an animal who killed a police officer. She didn’t even call the officer’s family. She refused. She didn’t want to call his family.

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As California attorney general, Kamala redefined sex trafficking, child sex trafficking and assault with a deadly weapon and rape of an unconscious person as totally nonviolent crimes. Kamala then called herself a leader of the movement for no-cash bail. She was very proud of that, no-cash bail. That has done more to hurt our cities than almost anything I can think of where these people are getting out of jail one hour later. They don’t even see the jail. And they’re violent criminals and they’re out of jail immediately.

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She called for abolishing ICE. And these ICE people are incredible patriots and they have a tough job and you work with them very closely. But they are incredible and they’re tough and they love our country. And ending all jail sentences for parole violators, no more jail sentence. What’s the purpose of even reporting if you don’t go to jail for parole violations? Unless, again, you’re involved in political activity, meaning you want to run a democratic country, you want to run a country that is based on fair and free voting. You’re in serious trouble if you get caught trying to find out what are the real results of an election. It’s an amazing thing.

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Do you ever see that? They go after the people that are looking at the crime and they do terrible things to them, but the people that committed the voter fraud and everything, they can do whatever they want to do. It’s so crazy. And I hope you as the greatest people, just as great as there is anybody in our country, I hope you watch for voter fraud. So it starts early. It starts in a week, but I hope you can watch and you’re all over the place. Watch for the voter fraud because we win. Without voter fraud, we win so easily. Hopefully, we’re going to win anyway, but we want to keep it down. You can keep it down just by watching because believe it or not, they’re afraid of that badge. They’re afraid of you people. They’re afraid of that. More than anything else they’re afraid. So I hope you can watch.

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During the 2020 riots, Kamala Harris urged her followers to donate to a fund to bail out violent rioters, arsonists, and looters out of jail. You remember in Minnesota? One of the criminals she helped bail out of jail went onto murder a man in St. Paul, shooting him six times in the head and torso. Most disqualifying of all, Kamala Harris endorsed defunding the police, and she endorsed it so for so many years. No politician who endorsed Marxist defund the police lunacy should ever be the President of the United States because that's your philosophy. I promise you I will never tell you we're going to defund the police. I will only tell you that we might overfund the police. We'll be over budget. I'll have to call up Patrick and say, "Patrick, we're over budget. I'm sorry. We're over budget, Patrick. I'm sorry." He'll say, "It's okay. Don't worry about it." But if I said, "Patrick, we're defunding," I would have some serious problems, wouldn't it?

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But no crime Kamala has committed against the rule of law is worse than her nation-wrecking border invasion. There's never been anything like it. For nearly four years, border czar Harris, and she's the border czar. But now she denies that term and she denies that she had much to do with the border. She was put in charge by Sleepy Joe, right? And who likes... Oh, let me have a free poll, please. I love these free polls. You go out to a pollster, they charge you \$300,000 for a stupid poll. They interview like 200 people and they send you numbers. I don't even think they leave the office. I think they just make them up. "Let's see, it's 51 to 49."

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But here I get a truth. If you had a name... And he's gone now, so don't worry about it. But just out of curiosity, who likes Crooked Joe? Who likes Sleepy Joe? Who likes Crooked Joe? Who likes Sleepy Joe? Yeah, a lot of people. Well, now he's got plenty of time to sleep. You ever see a guy... Somebody told him he looks great in a bathing suit on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday during the week.

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And he goes to the beach with a thing that's built, it's built for children to lift up. It's aluminum. And he can't lift it. He can't lift his feet out of the sand. And then he's dead cold, knocked-out sleeping. And I say, "You know if I ever hit that kind of a condition, and hopefully it won't happen for a long time, the last thing I'm going to want to do is be sleeping with cameras all over the place taking your picture." I don't want to be sleeping in public. He sleeps like I've never seen anybody sleep like that. He hits the chair and he's within seconds, seconds, he's gone, he's out. And oh, and he's a six handicap. Yeah.

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You ever see him swing? He goes like this. The ball goes three yards if he's lucky if it doesn't go backwards. Somebody said, "You know, that angered you," because they said I was very good in the debate. John King from CNN, "That was one of the great debate performances." I didn't think about it, but they said the only time he got angry was when he said he was a six handicap. And did you notice he said, "I'm a six handicap." He always says 6.2. He wants to be accurate. The guy's not a hundred handicap. He couldn't break 200. I offered him a million dollars if he could break. You saw that. Now, a six handicap can easily break a hundred, right? Easily for those golfers. I said, "\$1

million to your favorite charity if you go out just at a nice course, we'll pick, from the blue tees, like middle tees, if you can shoot a hundred, \$1 million." I never heard back from him.

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But did you notice he said, "I'm a six handicap." And then within about 30 seconds, he said, "Well, I'm an eight handicap." I said, "That was quick." We got them up two strokes. Yeah, but they said I was the most angry when I heard that because it may have been more fabricated than almost anything else he said. Anyway. No, that's the whole story with these people. Look, they lie and they cheat and they've destroyed our country. They've destroyed our country.

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He's the worst president our country's ever had. She's the worst vice president. There's never been such destruction. And I mean a war that would've never been had. There's no way Russia was going in. I know Putin very well. He was not going in. There's no way that Israel would've been attacked on October 7th. We wouldn't have inflation. You wouldn't have had that travesty in Afghanistan, the most embarrassing day in the history of our country. No, we've never had a person like this. But of all of them, I think allowing 21 million+++ people to come in from places unknown, I really think it's probably the hardest thing to solve and it's the worst thing that's happened

Donald Trump (45:00):

... happened to our country, but they've invaded our country and as I said, they came from the prisons and the jails and the mental institutions and more terrorists than we've ever seen come into our country. We actually had a year where border patrol said that we had no terrorists. I didn't believe it, but I love it. 2019, they said no terrorists have come into our country. None. I don't believe it. I don't believe it, but I use it anyway because what a stat. But they said, "But we were very tough in that." And there were very few. I doubt there were... I'm sure there was some, but they said there was zero terrorists in 2019. Check it out. Border patrol. And now we have numbers coming in, the likes of which we've never seen. And the worst terrorists in the world.

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They're coming in from Yemen. They're coming in from all over the Middle East and they're coming in from places that even you don't want to know about. An estimated 75% of arrests in Midtown Manhattan and over 60% of arrests in Queens are now illegal aliens. Can you imagine that? So much more than half are illegal aliens and all they do is talk about how people that come into our country illegally don't commit the same crimes as our people. They're so wrong.

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And they're more violent. They're more violent. Our country is being ravaged by migrant crime like nobody can believe. In June, 12-year-old... And I got to know the parents, Jocelyn Nungaray in Texas was tied up, assaulted and strangled to death by migrant criminals from Venezuela that Border Czar Harris released into our country. In February, an illegal alien shot three DC police officers right through our door. In June, an illegal alien shot two NYPD officers, one in the chest, one in the leg.

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Many have died. Many, many have died. You could go over these stats all day long. Death. In July, another illegal alien reportedly shot a San Antonio police officer with a rifle and shot him in a bad place. Only days ago, a migrant from Haiti who Kamala flew into our country very specially who's arrested in Massachusetts for molesting a 10-year-old boy. Last month, another Haitian migrant was arrested in the same state for raping a 15-year-old girl.

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They're raping and they're killing people at levels that we've never seen. And you've seen what's going on in Colorado and you see what's gone in Chicago. As we speak heavily armed Venezuelan gangs have taken over entire apartment buildings and apartment complexes in Aurora, Colorado terrorizing the residents. They're taking over. In the old days, you had to pay to buy that building. They just take it over. Oh, the people are living in such fear. They've left.

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Under Border Czar Harris, we are being conquered. We're being actually conquered if you think of it from within. But as soon as I'm back in the White House, the conquest will end and the great liberation of America will begin and you're going to be the ones leading the pact.

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We will take back every single square inch of American territory that's been invaded by these migrant gangs. It's been taken over. I mean, real estate patches have been taken over and this is just the beginning. You haven't seen anything yet because they're just sort of assimilating. And how about what they're doing to our schools? They're going into schools. They're beating their hell out of our other pupils. We're giving them chairs and we're telling people that have been, their families that have had their children in that school, "You can't go to that school anymore."

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We will dispatch ICE and the elite teams of federal law enforcement to clear out the gangs from Aurora and every other American city that's being torn up and victimized. And we'll get MS-13 and other vicious gangs out of our schools, out of our high schools, your communities and out of our country. We're going to get them out of our country fast. When I first came in, MS-13 was all over the place. We had so much. And I said, "Take them back to their country, Honduras, Guatemala. Take them back. El Salvador."

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And a general told me, "Sir, we can't take them back. Why? They won't accept them." When the plane is ready to land, they have major aircraft landed all over the runway, so you can't land the plane. The bus is a stop. They broke up the road so you can't get the buses in. We can't get them back. They won't take them. They told us, "Don't even think about bringing, we'll end up in a big fight." I said, "How much money do we pay those?" It was three countries in particular. And they have MS-13 criminals, the worst gang members. They make our gang members look like very sweet people. That's the only thing good about it.

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Our criminals look so nice by comparison. These are rough people. I said, "How much money do we give these people?" They said, "750 million. Sir, it's \$750 million, sir." I said, "Let them know that effective immediately, they're not getting any more money." We give it as foreign aid like fools. We give so much money to people that don't have any respect for us at all. Tell them the money is cut off. They are defunded.

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I wish I used that term. We're defunding. We're defunding them. They're delinquent, we're defunding them. And they told them that. And the next day I get a call from the three countries. It was like almost early in the morning on the Oval office, "Sir, there seems to be a problem. Is there anything I can do?" You have to understand, they wouldn't let for years anybody come back. They got them out. They got their criminals out of the country, gave them to us.

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When we sent them back, they said, "Sir, is there a problem?" I said, "Yeah, you sent in caravans, all of these people and you're not taking them back. You're going to take them back." "Sure, we would love to take them back. Please. It would be our great honor to have MS-13 back in our country, sir. It would be great. We love MS-13 very much. They only killed five people a year per person." And they took him back. I still didn't pay them. I still didn't pay them.

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But I just found out that now they're getting \$4 billion with Biden. \$4 billion instead of the \$750 million, and they behaving worse than they've ever behaved. I will support mandatory minimum sentences of 20 years for illegal alien gang members caught committing gun crimes, drug trafficking crimes, or acts of violence, or we'll send them back to their country with the assurance that they'll be put in prison. And I will make their home countries pay for the cost of their imprisonment through reduced foreign aid and high tariffs or taxes if they don't behave. The tariffs are great. If they don't behave, you just say, "That's okay. You don't have to behave. I'm putting a 50% tariff on everything you send in." And they behave like little babies. The days of foreign nations dumping their criminals into America are over. I will stop the invasion. I will shut down deadly sanctuary cities and we will carry out the largest deportation operation because we have no choice in the history of our country.

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By sealing the border, we will also push back the flood of fentanyl and other deadly drugs that's pouring into our country at record numbers. Under my administration, we reduced drug overdose deaths by first time in nearly three decades by quite a bit, but nothing like it could be because the only thing that's going to stop drug dealers from doing their job is a thing called the death penalty. And I don't know. People are ready for the death penalty.

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Do you know a drug dealer kills during his or her life, an average of 500 people? So when you say the death penalty, and it ends, I was in China with President Xi. Before COVID I got along with him very well. After COVID, I didn't really deal with him. I wasn't so thrilled with him, but I got along with

him. I had a good relationship. I said, “You have 1.4 billion people. Do you have a drug problem?” “No, no, no. We have no drug problem.” “And what do you attribute that to?” “Death penalty.”

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Death penalty for drug dealers. They have no problem with one point. They have no problem. The only problem they have is they send the drugs to us. Under Kamala, drug overdose deaths are up 18%, but we’re going to stop the scourge. I will sign an executive order on my first day making it the official policy of the US government to completely eliminate the presidents of drug cartels and foreign gangs in the United States. We’re going to eliminate them.

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And as I did four years ago, we will deploy the US Navy to impose a full blockade on cartel activity. Because what they do is you block up the land all of a sudden. The money they make is astronomical. Boats are no problem. Getting the boats, buying the boats, owning the boats, no problem. I will get China to give their maximum death penalty to dealers of fentanyl. I had that deal worked out with President Xi and then when I left, they didn’t do it. They didn’t get it done. He probably said they forgot. They probably did. But we had a deal where he was going to impose the maximum penalty, which was death on dealers that were sending fentanyl to the United States. How good would that have been?

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Starting on November 5th, the most important day in the history of our country, no neighborhood will be left to rot from the plague of drugs. No citizen will be abandoned to migrant gangs and no community will be surrendered to violent crime. We will take back our cities. We will clean up our streets. We will restore peace to our schools and together we will make America safe again for citizens of every race, religion, color, and creed. Together we will make America great again. And thank you very much for this great honor or the endorsement. God bless you. God bless our great police and God bless America. Thank you very much, pastor. Thank you very much. Thank you fellas. [inaudible 00:55:31] Thank you very much everybody.

MUSIC (55:30):

Young man, there’s no need to feel down.

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I said, “Young man, pick yourself off the ground.”

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I said, “Young man, ’cause your in a new town.”

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There’s no need to be unhappy.

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Young man, there’s a place you can go.

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I said, "Young man, when you're short on your dough.

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You can stay there, and I'm sure you will find.

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Many ways to have a good time.

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It's fun to stay at the Y.M.C.A.

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It's fun to stay at the Y.M.C.A.

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They have everything.

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For young men to enjoy.

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You can hang out with all the boys.

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It's fun to stay at the Y.M.C.A.

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It's fun to stay at the Y.M.C.A.

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You can get yourself clean.

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You can have a good meal.

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You can do whatever you feel.

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Young man, are you listening to me?

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I said, "Young man, what do you want to be?"

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I said, "Young man, you can make real your dreams."

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But you've got to know this one thing.

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No man does it all by himself.

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I said, "Young man, put your pride on the shelf."

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And just go there, to the Y.M.C.A.

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I'm sure they can help you today.

Patrick (57:19):

Okay. This concludes our meeting for the day. We are now in recess till tomorrow morning at 9:00. I want to thank everyone for your patience. I realize the time was a little different. I know it was a long day, but it's a great day. So thank you very much.

Donald Trump Sex Abuse Appeal Argument Allegations 2024-09-06

<https://www.rev.com/blog/transcripts/trump-speaks-after-appeal-arguement>

Donald Trump (00:01):

Election system. Nobody's ever seen anything like what's happening. Now, I understand yesterday they're bringing up Russia, Russia, Russia again that they've done for years. Never found anything. They should be looking at China, China, China, Iran, Iran, Iran, lots of other places. I haven't spoken to anybody from Russia in years. They know that, but it's a scam.

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It all goes back to the DOJ because we had a trial today. It's an appeal of a ridiculous verdict of a woman I have never met. I don't know, I have no idea who she is. She wrote a book and she made a ridiculous story up. She put it in her book and we're now appealing the decision.

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We had an extremely hostile judge appointed by Clinton, very good friends of Clinton. I guess he married, presided over the marriage ceremony of one of the lawyers on the case against us. Very

sad. Judge Lewis Kaplan, angry man. He was so angry. I went to the trial, I've been in a lot of litigation over the years. I've never seen such anger. Wanted to throw one of our attorneys in jail. Threatened her with jail. Nobody's ever seen anything like it over nothing. Nobody's ever, I've never seen such anger.

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All of our judges, I mean, we had a brilliant judge and I think a very fair judge in Florida. I think we have another judge who's very fair. I just asked for fair. I don't want anything different from anybody else. I just ask for fairness. We have another judge or a couple of judges that I think are fair. Then we have other judges that I think the whole thing, I think the system is a disgrace.

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The case that we met on today, and then we're going to talk about job numbers, which are horrible, by the way. Horrible, really bad, and you know that. I'm sure you won't report on it, but the job numbers are terrible.

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We're going to talk about the appeal today. We had a great appellate lawyer go down representing us, and I think John did a very good job. You have a matter of minutes to speak. It's a very complex thing because it was a setup, a rigged deal. They had two witnesses, and before I start, I have no idea who this woman is. They have a picture from they say about 40 years ago, a picture. The picture depicts her and her husband on a celebrity line where I was the celebrity. I'd been a celebrity for a long time and they were shaking my hands along with hundreds of other people. Nobody even knows where it is.

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The problem is she doesn't know the date of this incident. She doesn't know when. She doesn't know, was it in the nineties? Could it have been further than that? She has no idea when, and people do that because you don't want to give a specific date and then you find out that Trump or whoever it was was in Europe so they tend to do that. They take long periods so that this way, hopefully he was in New York at that time. This is a disgraceful case and disgraceful in particular because it's about a former President of the United States who is now leading in the polls to be the president again. This is being worked with the DOJ, Department of Justice, as are all of these cases. They all come out. Atlanta, Fani, that is all Department of Justice. Nobody knew that.

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The case with Judge Engoron, the most overturned judge in the state. That is very close because they sent their team from the DOJ to help him. The District Attorney, Alvin Bragg, that was all worked with, again, they sent a top operative from the department, from the DOJ department of... I call it the Department of Injustice because they're using the Department of Justice to rig the campaign. These cases are disgraceful. Now they're brought, for the most part, in front of very hostile areas where Republicans get three or four percent, like downtown Manhattan, in front of very hostile judges. Hostile like you wouldn't believe. Judge Merchan, Judge Engoron, and Judge Kaplan. All of them, hostile areas and very, very hostile judges. I've never seen anything like it.

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Very bad thing in this case, New York, very bad thing for New York. Businesses won't come to New York because of what took place with Judge Engoron. I can tell you that and probably the rest of them also.

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This case involved a woman who wrote a book and I guess she said something in the book. That's when I first heard about it. I first heard about it in the White House, and of course I denied the story because it's not true. I have no idea who the woman is, and I never met her.

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Now, I don't know about a picture that was taken 40 years ago with her husband on a celebrity line, so I don't think that counts, but as far as I know, I never met her. I never touched her. I would've had no interest in meeting her in any way, shape, or form. Her husband was a news anchor, actually. John Johnson, a very nice guy. She called him horrible things. We weren't allowed to say that in the trial. She said horrible things about him. I guess they're since divorced. He's a very nice guy, African American, and she said very bad things. We weren't allowed to use that in the trial, which surprised a lot of people.

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She made up a story. Fabricated a hundred percent that I attacked her at Bergdorf Goodman. It's very interesting. I don't think they were allowed to use this either. Her favorite show is Law and Order, and there's a almost exact story as her story in Law and Order about being attacked in the dressing room of a department store. I don't know if they use the name of the store, but that's her favorite show, Law and Order. She said that.

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Anyway, this evolved into a defamation case against me because I disputed her words because I told the truth. We were called, I was in the White House and I said, no, it never happened. I didn't even know what they were talking about. This was, I was in the Oval Office. Sir, do you know anything about this? This had to do with the book. She had a few pages in a book making this claim.

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By the way, there was never a claim. There was never a police report. There was never anything mentioned. There was never publicity 30 or 40 years ago, whenever it took place, nobody knows. She doesn't know when it took place. When did it take place? She has no idea. She thinks it was in the 1990s. She thinks it was in the 1990s.

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The judge, we had two trials. We asked for a consolidation. He said no. The reason he said no is he'd rather have double the publicity because that's bad for me. Very bad because I'm running for president and this is not the kind of publicity you like. Whether it's true or not, it's horrible. In this case, it's so false. It's a made up, fabricated story by somebody I think initially just looking to promote a book. When they called me, I denied the story. I got sued essentially for defamation because I'm denying a story where I'm right. I should be suing her for defamation. That's where it is.

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Now, there were two witnesses. One is a woman who's followed me for years. She said in 1979, I was in an airplane with her, commercial flight, and we became very intimate. I just sat down.

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I think I had the book, the Art of the Deal. I was famous then too. I've been famous for a long time. We're sitting in first class according to her. Never Happened, by the way. Totally made-up story. She's a Clinton person too, by the way. Big Clinton person. She made up the story.

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So many years ago, and I think it would be 1979, one of my many people behind me could correct it, but I think she said 1979. That's a long time ago. I sat down. I believe I had some pretty big success then, and I was being talked about a lot. Maybe the Art of the Deal was out some time after that, I'm not sure, but I was well known. Passengers are coming into the plane. She said I was making out with her. Then after 15 minutes, and then she changed her story a couple of times, maybe it was quicker, that I grabbed her at a certain part and that was when she had enough.

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Now, so think of the impracticality of this. I'm famous. I'm in a plane. People are coming into the plane, and I'm looking at a woman and I grab her and I start kissing her and making out with her. What are the chances of that happening? What are the chances? Frankly, I know you're going to say it's a terrible thing to say, but it couldn't have happened. It didn't happen. She would not have been the chosen one. She would not have been the chosen one. She has gone around for years saying the story. Everywhere I go, she says this story, and it's a total lie.

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Now, I assume she'll sue me now for defamation like I got sued by E. Jean Carroll, who interestingly said she's been hurt, damaged, but she's made more money since she did this than she ever made in her life. She gets paid a lot of money to go talk bad things about me.

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Remember this. This whole thing started along with just about every other case I'm involved with, with the political campaign of Harris, who's having a bad time because she can't talk, of Harris and Joe Biden. This was election interference. It all is. It's all fabricated, but fabricated in front of very friendly judges for them and in very friendly areas for them. If you get a jury, it's very hard to win in a jury where you have three or four or five percent Republican votes. Very, very tough actually.

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Two witnesses. One is named Jessica Leeds. She was up again, can't get rid of her. She was up, she said, I was in an airplane doing that. A couple of things. You have an arm rest in planes back in those days. Oh, by the, she didn't know anything about the flight, where we were going. I was in very few flights. I was a New York guy building New York building. I was in very few airplanes, I will tell you in those days. 1979, I think, it's a long time ago.

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You had the armrest and in the old days they didn't move. She said she then got out and she went to the back of the plane and that was the end of the story, I think. The story has followed me for years. Just to finish with her, Jessica Leeds, no police reports, no witnesses, no corroboration of any kind, no criminal suggestions, no nothing.

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Then you have another one. This one is a writer for People Magazine, who I actually thought was very nice. She came to Mar-a-Lago,

Donald Trump (13:00):

She wrote the most beautiful story you've ever seen. It was a love story about Melania and myself, a love story in People Magazine. And that was it. It was a cover, I think, but it was a beautiful story. Everybody would love to have that marriage. She said the nicest things about me, about Melania. You have the story, you can read the story. And her name was whoever. Let's see. Her name, was who?

Speaker 1 (13:36):

Swarnoff.

Donald Trump (13:39):

Swarnoff, yeah, I don't have it. Whatever her name was. I don't know the lady, so perhaps it's much better that way, but I really don't know the lady. So she wrote this beautiful story, and about years later, no police reports, no anything. Years later, the same person, they called her up, "Did you attack at Mar-a-Lago this woman, this writer, whatever her name is?" And she was a witness in a case, her and Leeds were the two witnesses, THE only two witnesses. "Did you attack her?" I said, "Who is she?" And they said, "She writes for People Magazine." I said, "I don't know anything about the lady. I had a story long ago, years before about people, but it was a very nice story. So I don't know, it has to be made up because I don't know what you're talking about." It turned out that the same lady that wrote this beautiful story years later said I attacked her.

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Now, think of this. Oh, and she said the butler knew everything. The old expression, the butler did it, right? Very famous in crime stories. Well, the butler was Tony Senecal, worked for me for a long time. He was retired at that time, that was years later, he retired. He was retired when this hoax came out. And what happened is he totally confirmed my story and he didn't even work for me anymore. He passed away a couple of years ago, a good man. He said, "The woman was crazy. It never happened. I was the one that served her whatever she was drinking, and I was there. And nothing ever happened." But you don't need the butler, all you have to do is read the story. Think of this, a woman comes into Mar-a-Lago, interviews me about a love story, a story about my wife and myself. And during that interview, I attacked her and pushed her up against the wall violently. Okay? And then she leaves and she writes a perfect story. A perfect story. She doesn't mention the event. Again, there's nothing on file at all. Zero. There were no complaints to People Magazine. There was

no witness, there was nothing. Yeah, well, there was a witness, the butler, and he's already said everything, he's already told this story. Because this story, likewise, like Leeds, this story has followed me around. I could go through many other stories outside of this. It's very funny, when you're rich and famous, a lot of people come up with a lot of stories. But you're writers, and some of you are legitimate writers and some of you aren't. Some of you are fake news and some of you are real news. But put yourself in my position. I'm running for president and I have all these cases all of a sudden come out, and they're fake cases, and they report back to DOJ.

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And you have Lisa Monaco, one of the people at DOJ who I saw the other day, talking about the Russia Russia Russia hoax. And yet she's friends with Andrew Weissman and that whole group and crew who should be sued by the way, because they're not a charity, all they are is a political organization that goes after Trump for the last eight years. He's a sick person that runs that too. But Lisa Monaco is in the Department of Justice, but she's a Andrew Weissman person who's been after me for years. So far he's failed, and he's having a heart attack because I'm leading in the polls, I guess, if you look at the... Nate Silver, very respected guy. I don't know him, but he has me up by a lot. So let's say we're leading or let's say we're tied, or let's say what difference, I'm in the race. It's between two people, but I think we're leading by a lot, because the opponent refuses to do an interview because she can't talk, and they're not going to skate through it. We're not going to have a Marxist president. The people are getting it.

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So we go down to court today to talk about this case is a scam. And all I can say is that I never met the woman other than this picture, which could have been AI generated, I don't know. Showed up out of nowhere, but it's fine. Nice picture. Her husband and lots of other people are on online, it's a celebrity line. But never met her, never touched her, never had anything to do with her. The other thing is I was very famous then. If I would've walked into Bergdorf Goodman, the department store that she said, everybody would've said, "Oh, there's Trump," and it would've been at that time, on page six. Page six was the equivalent of today's internet. And it would've been a big story if I would've walked into that store, gone into a dressing room and supposedly, you know what to her. Never happened. Never happened. Total phony story.

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And I feel sad that I have to come up here and explain it. I have all this legal talent, but legal talent cannot overcome rigged judges, they can't overcome a 4% Republican area. And I'm disappointed in my legal talent, I'll be honest with you. They're good, they're good people, they're talented people. Today at the trial, they didn't mention the dress. So the Monica Lewinsky-type dress was a big part of the trial, big, big part of the trial. I said, "Why didn't you mention that?" And I heard there was a dress involved, and I wasn't frightened at all because I did nothing with her. Never touched this woman, saw this woman, knew. I had no idea who she was. "But they have a dress, sir." I said, "So what?" "Well, sir, it's very."

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They use that dress to try and intimidate me. They used that dress with the public. That dress was such a famous dress. It was Monica Lewinsky part two, the dress. And the judge wanted it for trial,

and it was going to go into trial. And then they found out there was nothing on the dress, which I knew, and then the judge wouldn't allow it to be used. So they used it as a cudgel, they used it as a hammer over my head. And then the judge, when he heard that it showed totally negative, totally negative, the judge wouldn't allow us to use it at trial. Then there was an Anderson Cooper interview where she said essentially, "No, he didn't rape me."

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She was selling her book. She wrote a book. The book would've been a total failure, probably was anyway although probably sold more recently. Again, there's a woman that wasn't doing well until she came out with this stuff about me, and that's happened to others too, by the way. She's not the only one. But they have the Anderson Cooper tape, and in the Anderson Cooper tape, it's an interview of her. And Cooper says something to the effect, "Did he rape you? Did he rape you?" He was so happy. "Did he rape you?" And she gave a very good answer from me, but a bad answer for CNN, for Anderson. And he said, "We're going to commercial break right now." Then she came back from commercial break and she was much more hostile. But this man wouldn't let us use the tape or the proper questions having to do with the tape. The judge, Judge Kaplan, wouldn't let it be used.

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We wanted to get the outtakes, in other words, what did Anderson Cooper talk to her about during that intermission for a commercial that he called for immediately? Where do you see this? I mean, some of you have seen it, some of you haven't. "We're going to commercial break right now." And so what happened is we weren't able to use it. The other thing is we had not one trial, we had two trials, nobody understands why we asked for a consolidation. And I wanted to show up to the trial, to the first trial. My lawyer, who's not up here, not with us any longer, "Sir, you should not show up. You are the former president, or the president." I don't even know when the trial was but, "You're the President of the United States, sir, this is beneath you. I've got this a 100%. The dress is negative," but he wasn't able to use it. "Sir, it's beneath you to show up."

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I said, "But wouldn't that be bad for a jury? Wouldn't that be bad for a jury if I don't show up?" He said, "Sir, you don't have to show up. I've got this. You shouldn't do it. It's beneath you, it's beneath the office of the president." I understood what he meant by that, and so I didn't show up, and I was found guilty of something that I didn't do with a woman that I have never seen, touched, or in any way was involved with, nor would I want to be. I would not want to be. My people said, "Please don't say that." I would not want to be involved with her. And that's where we are. So we're appealing it, and people would say it's not a friendly panel based on the appointments, but you'll look that up yourself. But I hope they understand this is the office of the President of the United States and there has to be fairness shown.

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Our court system is looking so bad. If you're a Democrat, these are all Democrat-appointed people, Biden, Clinton, I think others. Three people. They seem very good today and I mean, they seem absolutely fine, but I've read and I've heard it's not a friendly panel, but I wasn't surprised because I don't get friendly panels. I don't get friendly panels. But where we've had fair judges, where we've had brilliant judges, frankly. I don't know the judge in Florida, Judge Cannon. I don't know her at all,

but I think she's a brilliant woman. I think she handled a scam. It's a scam case. That's the documents case.

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That's the case where Biden, who had 10 times more documents, took all this stuff for years, 50 years, and he was exonerated. Of course they said he was incompetent, so he wasn't fit. So he was exonerated based on that. But me, I don't get exonerated so easily. And I had a thing called the Presidential Records Act which exonerates me, but we won that trial, and the other side plays the ref, Crew and Weissman and all these people. And again, Lisa Monaco

Donald Trump (26:01):

... should not be involved in this because she's been after Trump for years and now she's like the second person at the DOJ, but she's with all these people. And they're playing the ref and they say terrible things about judges. They do it with the Supreme Court justices because they think they're going to intimidate him. I think it should be illegal. That's what the DOJ should look into, the legality of these people. Taking a brilliant judge and demeaning her and taking other people that are fair and solid and demeaning them, it's called playing the ref. Nobody did it better than the late great Bobby Knight basketball coach. He would play, he would scream at those refs and everything. They say, "Bobby, you're not going to get the decision overturned."

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"Yep, but the next one I will." And he was right. He was a great basketball coach, last coach to have an undefeated season, last coach in basketball to have many years ago. He also endorsed me, but he played the ref. These people are playing the ref when they are allowed to call for a recusal impeachment of a judge because they're not getting their way. And for some reason, the other side doesn't do that. They don't do that. The other side is much softer. Republicans play it a lot softer, but they play it legitimately.

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So I'm going to ask, if I might, Will Scharf, to come up, just say a couple of words about what took place today, one of our attorneys working on this ridiculous... It's a ridiculous case. Remember, it never happened. It was made up for political reasons. And the DOJ is behind everything, every one of these cases. It's political interference. It's a witch hunt, just like the fake Russia, Russia, Russia scam was a witch hunt. And just like they want to start that scam all over again by announcing that Russia, Russia, Russia we're talking about, and you know what they do when they do that? They intimidate people from having a fair election. They intimidate poll workers from speaking up when they see crooked things take place in the election, and it's a disgrace. Our country's in serious trouble. Our judicial system is in very serious trouble. Will, please come up? Thank you.

Will Scharf (28:26):

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Good morning, y'all. My name is Will Scharf. I'm one of President Trump's attorneys. Today we presented oral argument before the United States Court of Appeals for the second Circuit in one of two cases brought against President Trump by E. Jean Carroll.

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Now it's really important to remember that E. Jean Carroll's story at its heart is an utterly implausible he said, she said story. There is no corroboration for anything she has ever claimed about President Trump. There are no corroborating witnesses as President Trump alluded to. There is not confirmatory DNA. No police report was filed at the time of this alleged incident. She was unable to identify when this incident occurred until quite recently, no surveillance evidence or witnesses have ever been found or come forward confirming any aspect of E. Jean Carroll's story.

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In light of that, in light of the utter implausibility of the story that E. Jean Carroll was attempting to sell to the jury in this case, her attorneys introduced evidence that should have never seen the inside of a courtroom, utterly insane efforts to introduce propensity witnesses, Jessica Leeds and Natasha Stoyloff, most notably, in an unfair and improper effort to buttress E. Jean Carroll's failed attempt to assault President Trump.

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Jessica Leeds's story is instructive here. This is a woman who claims then in the middle of a crowded airliner in 1979, President Trump assaulted her. Leeds has never been able to identify where this plane departed from, where it went to, the date of a airliner in question, making our efforts to disprove her testimony extremely difficult. Under the federal rules of evidence, this story should have never been allowed to be presented to the jury in this case. The same is true of Natasha Stoyloff story, which again lacks any indicia of reliability, any sort of credibility, any sort of confirmatory testimony from other witnesses or anything else that would make you believe that this actually happened.

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So on the one hand, you have a judge who allowed in this improper propensity evidence that should not have been allowed in. In our view, that polluted the jury's deliberations in this case that presented a story to the jury of a series of a pattern of conduct that the jury should not have been considering. And we think that absent that propensity evidence, no fair jury could have reached the middle of airliner in this case. And as a result, we believe that this verdict needs to be overturned.

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But there's more than that. In addition to this improper propensity evidence, President Trump and his trial team were prevented from cross-examining E. Jean Carroll and other witnesses on crucial issues, crucial issues in particular relating to political coordination and the political motivation behind this entire lawsuit. This is a lawsuit that was instigated in large part by George Conway, a long time political foe and adversary of President Trump. This is a lawsuit that was funded by Reed Hoffman, a key political ally of the Biden-Harris administration and a major Democrat donor. We were limited in the evidence we were allowed to present at trial about these crucial facts. We were prevented from cross-examining E. Jean Carroll on aspects of that dynamic that underlies this entire

lawsuit, and that too unfairly corrupted the jury's deliberations in this and requires reversal of the jury verdict. I think this political coordination point is particularly important though. It's important to emphasize, because what we have seen in the last few years is a weaponization by the Biden administration and by their political allies of our legal system and of our courts to unlawfully unconstitutionally interfere with President Trump's core First Amendment right to run for president. That is a right guaranteed to him by the Constitution. That is the right that his political opponents are attempting to strip away from him. We have seen this in case after case after case where unfair political motives have underlay what should be, excuse me, serious legal proceedings.

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And I think when you look at this situation in toto, when you look at what the left, when you look at what the Biden-Harris administration is attempting to do to President Trump, this is insane. This is an absolute abuse of our legal system. It's an absolute abuse of the rule of law. It should be deeply offensive not just to political supporters of President Trump, but to each and every American.

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With respect to today's appeal, we are hopeful that the Second Circuit understands what's at stake here. We are hopeful that the Second Circuit understands what occurred during this trial, which was an improper use of evidence to buttress E. Jean Carroll's entirely meritless claims on the one hand, and an improper exclusion of evidence that would've informed the jury about the true motivation behind this lawsuit and that we believe would've resulted in a very different verdict. Thank you.

Donald Trump (33:33):

Thank you very much. [inaudible 00:33:39].

Speaker 2 (33:38):

Good afternoon. I've done this one too many times, actually too many times for the last three and a half years while President Trump has been trying to fight to get this country back. And I want to speak to the American women and I want to speak to the people that need to get out and vote on November 5th.

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I have sat with President Trump for years now while he has been targeted with lies and with judges, AGs, NDAs who have specifically run in this city and others on getting Trump. The Trump administration will fix this problem. We will stop Kamala Harris's regime because she was there, let's not forget that, and she still is, of using officials from the White House, putting them in DA's offices, in AG's offices and attacking your political opponent. And this country deserves better than this. We do. We should not be sitting here at a press conference talking about this. We did this in 2016, and every woman had no reports. They come out when it's election time.

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And as a woman who has stood with President Trump, who has spent extensive time with President Trump and with his beautiful family, I will tell you, that is not President Trump, and I completely am disgusted by what I have seen happen to this person, his family, and the Trump organization that we stand in right now. You must vote Donald Trump back in because as an attorney, as a woman, as a mother, our future of this country depends on it. And we need to stop this from happening. The DOJ is supposed to help our country and protect us, not attack us, because you cannot win in the polls. Thank you.

Donald Trump (35:18):

Thank you very much both. And just in finishing this, we have numerous other trials that are also very much in coordination with the DOJ. They actually took just about their top person and they put them into the offices of the Attorney General of New York and then also the office of the DA, DA Bragg's office, to make sure the case is brought and brought viciously against their political opponent.

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And it's a shame. It's a shame. Businesses will not come to New York because of it. They actually, in the case of Engoron, they used a consumer frauds, a case never used before for a thing like this. And not only were my numbers correct, and again, this was a generality, all you need is a general, but I had really good numbers, but they were very conservative, very much on the low side. And the judge knew that. And the judge ruled a fine against me, the likes of which has never even been heard of.

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The businesses will never come to this state as long as that is able to be held up because we won that trial so conclusively. We had an expert witness said that President Trump's financial... This was an expert witness from the Stern School of Business, one of the most highly respected people in the country as an expert witness. He said, to the best of my remembering, it's a big statement, but he said, "This is perhaps the best financial statement I've ever seen." But the judge made me pay like a \$400 million fine. This is a consumer fraud statement. Think of it, consumer frauds case that they made it in. The judge refused to give it over to the commercial division where they could understand things and they would've dismissed it immediately because this case had no merit whatsoever.

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The judge wanted to settle the case for a very much smaller amount, and I said I'm not going to settle. I didn't do anything wrong. But he would've settled the case for a much smaller amount. He wanted to settle it for a much smaller... We had numerous meetings in his office for a fraction of the number that he gave. That was one of the interesting things. I figured that the worst that you could do is what he wanted to settle for, which was a very small number by comparison. And then he just came out with this number. This was a coordination with the DOJ. And the other case that you know about and you've been hearing about, which is same kind of a thing also in coordination, is the Bragg case. They actually wanted to put them together in New York. They wanted to put the DA case together with the attorney general case, but they both wanted credit. They couldn't understand. They both wanted credit, so they had their own cases. It's very corrupt in New York, and very, very

corrupt. It's very corrupt place and doing very badly. But when people see what happened and when they see... Oh, I've had so many calls from business people saying, "This is just terrible."

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Today, there was a story about somebody in Southern District who's highly respected, knocking the hell out of both of those cases, say it's an embarrassment. They were allowed to be brought. And I'm going to write out a list of things from Alan Dershowitz, Andrew McCarthy,

Donald Trump (39:01):

Gregg Jarrett, some of the greatest people, all legal scholars, great people, Jonathan Turley, like 10 highly respected, the most highly respected people that quote Calabrese, Judge Calabrese, that quote on cases and, I mean, shockingly, they can't even believe it. They said this case should not have been allowed to be brought. And that's about pretty much both cases, but it's about the case that we have in front of Judge Merchan. That case is a disgrace, should have never been allowed. I did nothing wrong. And he took a non-existent expired, long expired by the statute of limitations, misdemeanor. He made it into 34 or something, more than that, counts of felony. Nobody can even believe it. Over nothing. And if you look at that case, he wouldn't allow it.

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That whole thing was done by an attorney. I had nothing to do with it. That was done by an attorney, a sleazebag named Michael Cohen, and he did the whole thing. And you're allowed to have reliance on attorney. It's called reliance on attorney. You have a reliance on attorney, attorney's allowed to do things. And all it was is a non-disclosure agreement with somebody that said nothing happened, by the way, I might add that, if you don't mind, I'll add that. We have a statement, nothing happened. And he got a non-disclosure agreement. He did it on his own. And this judge refused to allow us to use that as a defense. The attorney-client defense, which is very standard. Other people have never heard that you're not allowed to use it, but he's the one that did it because I was running for president and running the country. He's the one that did it.

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So all of these cases are a disgrace, but the case that we had today downtown, I wish we could have mentioned the dress, again, got the idea from Monica Lewinsky, but it was negative, wasn't allowed to be used. I wish we could have mentioned many of the other things, and I certainly wish we could have gone to CNN and got the outtakes, what's called the outtakes. What did Anderson Cooper tell her during the commercial? I'd love to find that out. So that's where we are. We have a very corrupt system of laws, but in that system we have some very good judges also. And think in the end, the good judges will prevail.

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And I hope Democrat appointed judges can see a scam like this where somebody just makes up a story, probably out of Law and Order. I don't know. She made it up out of somewhere. But check out the Law and Order episode that we're talking about. Make up a story, and I end up getting sued. And by the way, the punishment is like \$89 million. And wouldn't have two cases, should have been one case, but two cases is better because you get double bad publicity. We asked the judge, could you

consolidate the cases? Same case. And he refused to do so. He wanted two cases. So two cases, two sets of lawyers, two everything. It's really, really very disgraceful.

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Let me talk about job numbers because, as you know, they just came out and they're a basic disaster. They are really bad. You had numbers that are shocking. Native-born Americans, we lost 1.3 million jobs. While foreign-born Americans were able to take all of those jobs. So foreigners coming in illegally, largely illegally, into our country, took the jobs of native-born Americans. And I've been telling you that's what's going to happen. Because we have millions and millions of people pouring into our country, many from prisons and jails and mental institutions and insane asylums, traffickers, human traffickers, women traffickers, sex traffickers. Which by the way, that's the kind of thing that people should be looking at, because it's horrible. And it's turning out that migrant crime is far worse than any crime that we've ever experienced.

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If you look at Aurora, Colorado, they're taking over the place. They took over buildings, and this is just the beginning. You haven't seen anything yet. You haven't seen... They've allowed well over 20 million people in my opinion. Other people say, well, it's only 13. No, no, it's much more than 20. I think it's much more than 20. Our country is being invaded because of incompetent people like Kamala that doesn't want to do one interview. She does one softball interview with CNN. Couldn't have been nicer, Dana Bash. You know what? I gained respect for Dana Bash and for Jake Tapper because in my interview with Sleepy Joe I thought they were very fair, actually. I was surprised. They were very fair. I'm going into very hostile territory shortly on a debate with ABC, George Stephanopoulos and that group. And ABC, I think is the worst of everybody. I think they're the worst. They're the nastiest. They're as bad as you can be. They're worse than NBC, which is saying a lot.

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And we have something coming. And the reason I'm doing it is because that's the only one that she would do it because their best friend is the head of ABC or ABC News, and her husband's best friend is married to that one. And Donna Brazile is there. You remember the famous Donna Brazile? She gave Hillary Clinton the questions. You remember that? That was a little embarrassing. She got fired, I assume, for that. But now she's working at ABC. So I said, I'll do it anyway, because even if she knows the answers and knows the questions I don't think she'll be very good. And this is not what our country wants. And I feel I have an obligation to do it. And she'd never stand up here like this and give a news conference and speak about what's happening with the weaponization of our justice system.

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This is, the weaponization of justice at a level that nobody's ever seen in this country before. We've never seen it. You see it in third-world countries. You see it in banana republics, but you don't see it in the United States of America, and it's a very sad thing. And I think I'm doing a great service by having gone through it and revealing it because it came out with a indictment from the District Attorney, which again just revealed today, and I hope you're going to do a story because it's a big story, the Southern District of New York, and this is a very highly respected group of people, he said

it was a disgrace that that case was brought. It was a disgrace that the case was brought in front of Merchan. The case is a disgrace, should have never been brought. Should have never been brought.

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And the case in front of Judge Engoron, just in terms of the case itself, we had four or five overturns in the appellate division. I only hope the appellate division for the good of New York, otherwise, you just say, God saved the state. For the good of New York I hope that the appellate division will do what's right on that case because that case was a scam. But every single one of these cases that I'm mentioning, they're all hoaxes and scams. No different than Russia, Russia, Russia, Ukraine, Ukraine, Ukraine, the impeachment hoax number one, impeachment hoax number two, all these things that we won, we won them all. But it takes time, it takes effort. And they're at it again.

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But this time, what they're doing is they're hitting us as hard as possible. It's very interesting. It just brings to light the lawyer on the hoax that we're talking about now, having to do E. Jean Carroll, she said the way to defeat Trump is go after him civilly as often as possible, make his life miserable. Sue him all the time. Keep him in court and let him spend a fortune. That's the lawyer I have in the E. Jean Carroll case, and that's exactly what they've done. The only thing I can say that's good about it is the public understands, and my poll numbers I believe are higher now than they would've been without it because the public understands it's a hoax, it's a scam, it's a political witch hunt. And some of you should be ashamed of yourselves. Thank you very much everybody.

Speaker 3 (48:38):

Mr. President [inaudible 00:48:40]