

# **WKQS FM**

Issues/Programming

3rd Quarter – 2025

## **Quarterly Issues Program List**

### **WKQS**

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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WKQS, NEGAUNEE, MI along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues. The listing is by no means exhaustive, and additional air time not noted was devoted to serving our community. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Eastern.

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UPHP Launches Annual "Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures" Campaign aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 07/01/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

Upper Peninsula Health Plan has launched the 2025 Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures campaign, in collaboration with the Upper Peninsula Health Group.

Chelsea Ely, UPHP Clinical Coordinator, spoke about the campaign with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Ely explained the campaign focuses on the importance of preventative care for children ages birth through 21 y completing annual well-care visits.

She said the annual well-care visits help promote healthy habits early and is an important way to track a kids physical, emotional, and social development.

Ely added that for teens and young adults, the visits allow them to start taking responsibility for their health and prepare them to navigate the health system as they become adults.

Ely also said that children, teens, and young adults need a well care visit annually. Parents and young adults should call their primary care providers office to get one scheduled if they have not had one yet this year.

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This 4th Of July Weekend, Marquette Police Say "Stay Safe " aired at: 07:30:00 AM on 07/01/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

Marquette City Police are getting the word out about staying safe and following the city's various ordinances over the 4th of July holiday.

MPD Captain Jim Finkeiner spoke about the long holiday weekend with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Finkeiner said extra patrol officers are working this weekend specifically to enforce the City's rules for fireworks, the public beaches and more.

He said in terms of the beaches, the main points are: consumption of alcohol and smoking of any kind on beaches is prohibited, animals are prohibited on all public bathing beaches, and people littering on beaches will be cited.

Finkeiner added that people going out and enjoying the weekend should remember to use common courtesy when it comes to using fireworks and be sure to only park in designated, signed parking areas when going to the beach, Presque Isle Park and other gatherings around the city.

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Sheriff Greg Zyburt Stresses Safety This Holiday Weekend aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 07/03/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

Marquette County Sheriff Greg Zyburt is encouraging people to be smart and be safe this extended 4th of July holiday weekend.

Zyburt shared some safety tips and more with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Zyburt said that law enforcement will be out on the highways this holiday period keeping an eye out for drunk and drugged drivers, speeders and those who are driving erratically.

He also talked about keeping your head clear when using fireworks, going boating and visiting the each and mentioned driving with extra awareness about motorcycles.

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LSCP Holding Next breakfast & business Session This Month aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 07/07/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is hosting the next breakfast and business meeting with a focus on the State of the Nonprofit Community in Marquette County.

Hanna Westra from the LSCP spoke about the event with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Westra said the event is at the Holiday Inn in Marquette on Friday, July 18. Registration and a breakfast buffet is at 7:30am and a panel discussion kicks off at 8:00am.

She explained that the meeting is designed to offer breakfast, networking, and a conversation with local nonprofit leaders shaping Marquette County.

The featured speakers will be Amy R. Quinn, Grow and Lead: Community and Youth Development, Emma Sc.auer MA, United Way of Marquette County and Jenna Zdunek, The YMCA of Marquette County said the event is open to the public, and it is \$25 for LSCP partners and \$35 for non-partners.

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The Importance Of Pelvic Health In Men With Active's Anna Howes aired at: 07:30:00 AM on 07/09/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

On our latest update with Active Physical Therapy, we heard about pelvic health for men.

Anna Howes, Dr. of Physical Therapy at Active's Marquette location, spoke about it with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Howes said while pelvic health discussions usually are focused on women, there is a need for pelvic health information for men as well. She explained male pelvic floor physical therapy is a specialized area of PT that can help men address issues such as pelvic pain, testicular pain, groin pain and urinary issues.

Howes said that she wanted men to know that if they are dealing with some of these issues that they are not alone and that there are treatments available.

She outlined some common conditions that flare up in the pelvic region for men and what symptoms to watch for. Howes wrapped up with an overview of how specialized physical therapy techniques have been developed to help men with their pelvic health.

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Superior Health Foundation Welcomes New Staff Member And More aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 07/10/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Superior Health Foundation staff is keeping busy with planning a series of events for later this year and has added a new Member to the team.

Megan Murphy, SHF Chief Executive Officer, spoke about the programs and introduced the new staffer with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Murphy welcomed Nicky Bates as the Foundation's new Program Officer, and Bates shared some background info about herself and her goals in her new post.

Murphy also shared a grants update, as the fall grant cycle closed on Wednesday. She also reminded listeners about their upcoming Gala Celebration this fall at NMU and about their Paint the Peninsula Pink effort coming in October.

Find out more information at the Superior Health Foundation website.

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A Classic Car Show And More This Saturday At Silver Creek Thrift In Harvey aired at: 07:30:00 AM on 07/10/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

Silver Creek Thrift is hosting a special Car Show and Concert event this Saturday in Harvey.

Pastor Kevin Taylor from Silver Creek Church spoke about the event with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Taylor explained that the event is much more than a car show and it will also feature a concert by the group 41 West with free food, a clothing giveaway, beard contest, face painting and more.

He said it gets underway this Saturday morning with registration for car owners at 9:00 o'clock, and the event kicks off at 10:00.

Silver Creek Thrift is located at 219 Silver Creek Road in Harvey.

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Special benefit Concert For Trillium House Happening This Weekend aired at: 08:00:00 AM on 07/11/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

A special evening is coming up this Sunday at the Strega Nonna Restaurant in Negaunee to benefit Trillium House in Marquette.

Trillium House Executive Director Melissa Cavill spoke about what's coming up with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Cavill said it is a special one-night-only return engagement show with the one and only Texas Troubadour Dale Watson. She explained that the show features an opening set with the Flat broke blues and along with a full Italian cuisine buffet dinner.

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Marquette City Commission Meets Tonight aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 07/14/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Marquette City Commission has a work session and regular meeting coming up this evening.

Marquette City Manager Karen Kovacs spoke about the meetings with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Kovacs said the work session is at 5:00pm at Commission Chambers at Marquette City Hall and will be focusing on a proposal to develop an 11-unit apartment building at 401 W. Washington Street.

The regular meeting will begin at 6:00pm in Commission Chambers, and Commissioners will be considering awarding a contract to a firm for an in-depth study of traffic patterns around the former Marquette General Hospital site as it is currently under redevelopment.

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Alzheimer's Association Collaborating With Agencies On Local Events aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 07/16/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Alzheimer's Association has teamed up with Lake Superior Life Care and Hospice for a series of events to give people with memory loss and their caregivers options for activities and engagement.

Kim LeTourneau with the Alzheimer's Association spoke about the events with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

LeTourneau explained that some of the events are affiliated with Lake Superior Life Care and Hospice's Memory Cafe while others are in conjunction with Trillium House in Marquette. She said that a major component of the events and activities is educational information about Alzheimer's and care for those with it.

LeTourneau added that information is available at all times through the Alzheimer's Association website.

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Republican Congressional Candidate Justin Michal Discusses Campaign aired at: 07:30:00 AM on 07/18/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

Republican Justin Mical , candidate for the 1st District U.S. House of Representatives, joined Mark and Walt in the Morning today with a campaign update.

Michal shared some background information about himself and talked about why he has decided to challenge Republican incumbent Congressman Jack Bergman for the seat. He also talked about what hes been hearing from voters across the region as he is on the campaign trail across the district.

You can find out more about him and his campaign at his website at [www.justinmichalforcongress.com](http://www.justinmichalforcongress.com).

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Eagle Scout Candidate Wants You To Join Effort To Repaint Historic Airplane aired at: 08:00:00 AM on 07/18/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

Eagle Scout candidate Simon Jaklin from Negaunee boy Scout Troop SA 346 is looking for some folks to help out with an effort he is leading as part of his requirements to receive the highest merit.

Jaklin spoke about the effort with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Jaklin explained that he is leading a project that will perform some light maintenance and preparation to paint the -52-D Strato fortress currently on display at the K.I. Sawyer Heritage Air Museum.

He said is looking for a crew of able-bodied helpers of all ages to help with the effort.

Jaklin added that he is a big military airplane and aviation buff and when he heard the -52 at the KI Sawyer Heritage Air Museum needed some care, this project was the obvious choice.

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Marquette City Commission Meets Tonight aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 07/28/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Marquette City Commission has a regular meeting coming up this evening. At the meeting, Commissioners will be hearing the findings of the annual audit of the city's finances for Fiscal Year 2024.

Marquette City Manager Karen Kovacs spoke about tonight's meeting with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Kovacs added that the Commission will also be taking action on a contract involving grant funding for the installation of the second phase of the "Seven Grandfather Teachings" public art monument along the Lake Superior shoreline near Lower Harbor.

The meeting begins at 6:00pm at Commission Chambers at Marquette City Hall.

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LSCP Offering business Retention Resources aired at: 07:30:00 AM on 07/28/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is taking the initiative on business retention in Marquette County.

Mary Myers, LSCP Director of Economic Development Services spoke about the efforts with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Myers said one of the bigger efforts is to meet with businesses in the county annually to hear what their challenges and successes are. She added that those conversations shape the Partnership's response to offer solutions as need be by the businesses.

She explained that the support could come in several forms, including securing grants for operations and updates, to networking with other businesses that have had similar challenges.

Myers said the all of the information about services and resources the Partnership offers for area businesses to utilize can be found at their website.

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Special beer Debut In Marquette To benefit UPAWS aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 07/31/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

Kognisjon Bryggeri is rolling out a new beer to benefit the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter .

George's Superior Sunset, a cherry wheat ale, debuts this Friday, August 1, at Kognisjon Bryggeri on North Third Street in Marquette from 6-9pm.

Amer Talo with UPAWS spoke about the event and the beer with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Talo explained George, the pooch, is a dog who enjoys watching sunsets and is being used as a symbol to encourage people to appreciate life's simple pleasures and support animal welfare.

She said George's Superior Sunset is brewed by Kognisjon Bryggeri to benefit UPAWS, with a portion of each pint sold will be donated to the Shelter.

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Marquette-Alger RESA Leading Effort To Develop Future Educators aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 08/05/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

Marquette-Alger RESA is getting the word out about a Career and Technical Education program to develop future teachers.

Marquette-Alger RESA Director of CTE, Erich Ziegler, spoke about the program with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Ziegler explained what the new Future Educators CTE program is designed to help local students become tomorrow's education professionals.

He shared information about what the program features for students enrolled in it and how Marquette-Alger RESA is ringing this opportunity to local students

Ziegler also talked about how interested students or parents of students get information about this new program.

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LSCP Presenting A Mix Of Community Events aired at: 08:00:00 AM on 08/05/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is presenting a series of events this month to network with business professionals in Marquette County and to help businesses get the word out about what they do.

Hanna Westra, LSCP Outreach and Development Specialist, spoke about the events with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Westra highlighted an upcoming business After Hours featuring Upper Great Lakes Family Health Centers on Wednesday, August 20th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Ore Dock brewing Company in Marquette. The event is free and open to the public.

Then later this month, the LSCP presents NMU Fall Fest to welcome back NMU students and faculty, exposes attendees to various opportunities to engage, support or do business within our community.

It is Monday, August 25th from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the NMU Lawn by the Northern Center and anyone interested can register at [Marquette.org](http://Marquette.org) under the events tab.

Westra wrapped up with some info about their Partner Engagement Event Grill and Chill on Wednesday, August 27th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm at Miners Park in Negaunee.

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Annual Ride For The Jacobetti Vets This Saturday aired at: 08:00:00 AM on 08/06/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association local chapter 35-1 is holding their 11th Annual Jacobetti Ride for the veterans at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette this weekend.

Members Cookieman and Pa Krack spoke about the annual event today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Cookieman said that all motorcyclists can join in on the ride, which starts at Noon on Saturday, August 9th at the American Legion Post #349 in Little Lake and heads to the Jacobetti Home for a special visit.

Pa Krack added that there is a breakfast being served at the Post to come and enjoy from 9:00am to 11:00am, and registration of the bikes runs from 11:00am to Noon.

Cookie explained that the festivities continue after the stop at the Jacobetti Home. There will be food, a raffle, and other fun to enjoy at Post #349.

They added that there will also be an official U.S. flag retirement ceremony conducted at the Legion Post at dusk.

#### WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

Marquette City Commission Meets Twice Tonight aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 08/11/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Marquette City Commission has a special work session and a regular meeting coming up this evening. Commissioners will be holding the work session at 5:00pm to discuss the city's strategic plan.

The session will be followed by the Commissions regular meeting at 6:00pm.

Marquette City Manager Karen Kovacs spoke about the meetings with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

At their regular meeting, Commissioners will be discussing a Tax Increment Financing plan for the Downtown Development Authority that covers a portion of Third Street. The plan is a public financing tool used by city governments to fund development projects in designated areas. Meetings will be at Commission Chambers at Marquette City Hall.

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Habitat For Humanity Hosting INGO Fundraiser This Week aired at: 07:30:00 AM on 08/12/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

Marquette County Habitat for Humanity is hosting their latest INGO Night fundraiser this week.

Henry Morley with Habitat for Humanity, spoke about the event with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Morley said the event is this Wednesday, August 13th, at 5:30pm at The Up North Lodge Event Center in Gwinn. He explained that the evening will feature up to 8 games with 15 prizes, a 50/50 drawing, a cash arr, and more.

Morley added that all proceeds will support Habitats mission to provide safe, affordable housing for families in Marquette County.

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"Classic Cars and bikes on Third" This Saturday In Marquette aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 08/13/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Classic Cars and bikes on Third Show to benefit the Women's Center in Marquette returns to North 3rd Street this weekend in Marquette.

Andrea Numikoski, Women's Center Development Director, spoke about the event with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Numikoski said that the event is a collaboration with the Marquette Downtown Development Authority , and vehicles will line Third Street between Park Street and Ohio from 11:00am and 3:00pm on Saturday.

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Marquette-Alger RESA Promoting Child Care Support Program aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 08/15/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

Marquette-Alger RESA is getting the word out about the MI Tri-Share Child Care Program .

Director of Early Childhood Education, Lyndsay Carey, spoke about the program with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Carey said that Marquette-Alger RESA is working to get Michigan employers interested in offering this benefit to improve employee attraction and retention.

She explained the details of the program, how it works and how both employers and families can find out more if they are interested.

Find out more at the Marquette-Alger RESA website.

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LSCP Hosting Events Into The Fall Season aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 08/19/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is holding a series of events as the summer wraps up and the fall begins.

Hanna Westra, LSCP Outreach and Development Specialist, spoke about the events with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Westra said there are two upcoming business After Hours events with the first one being hosted by Upper Great Lakes Family Health on Wednesday, August 20th, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Ore Dock brewing Company in Marquette. The second will be on Monday, September 8th, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Holiday Inn in Marquette.

She also reminded people of Northern Michigan University's Fall Fest on Monday, August 25, from 11:00am to 3:00pm on the NMU campus. She added its a good opportunity for area businesses to introduce their product or service to the University community

Westra wrapped up with a few words about their Partner Engagement Event, the Grill and Chill, Wednesday August 27th from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm at Miner's Park in Negaunee.

More information about these events and more, visit the LSCP website.

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"Hogs For a Cause" benefiting Cancer Care Of Marquette County aired at: 07:30:00 AM on 08/19/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

Hogs For A Cause is happening this week to benefit Cancer Care of Marquette County .

Barb Salmela and Dave Poirier of Cancer Care of Marquette County spoke about the event with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Salmela said the event is co-sponsored y bald Eagle Harley-Davidson of Marquette and is happening at the Dry Dock arr and Grill in Harvey on Wednesday, August 20, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Poirier explained that Cancer Care of Marquette County is a volunteer-driven non-profit agency that helps those fighting cancer in the County with alleviating the costs and expenses related to the fight.

Salmela added that all are welcome to attend and if they cannot make it to the event, there is more information about the group at the Cancer Care of Marquette County website.

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Irontown Classics Car Show back In Negaunee On Saturday aired at: 08:00:00 AM on 08/19/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Irontown Classics Car Show is this Saturday in Negaunee at the Jackson Mine Park off of Tobin Street from 11am until 3pm.

Organizers Donna Bjork and Patti Kainulainen spoke about the show with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

They explained that dash plaques will be given to the first 50 cars entered, and trophies will be awarded in multiple classes.

There will be music, food and Irontown Classics t-shirts for sale and much more. Visit their Faceook event page for the latest updates.

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Ishpeming City Manager Discusses 1,100 Acre Land Purchase From Cliffs aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 08/22/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Ishpeming City Council is moving to buy over 11-hundred acres of land from Cleveland-Cliffs Inc.

Ishpeming City Manager Randy Scholz spoke about the purchase with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Scholz talked about the plan to purchase a total of 1,107 acres for just under \$240,000.

He said following some preliminary negotiations between the City and Cliffs, and a successful public meeting to discuss the plan with residents, the Council voted unanimously to move ahead with the purchase.

Scholz added that more negotiations and required due diligence inspections and environmental reviews must be completed next, so there is no definite timeline for the deal to be wrapped up.

#### WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

LSCP Hosting Community business Events This Month aired at: 08:00:00 AM on 09/02/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

#### The Sunny Morning Show:

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is keeping busy with several events over the month of September.

Mary Myers, LSCP Director of Economic Development Services, spoke about the events with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Myers outlined a pair of upcoming business After Hours events, with the first one featuring Upper Peninsula Health Plan on Monday, September 8th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Holiday Inn in Marquette.

The second one will feature UP Health Systems-Marquette on Wednesday, September 17th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the UPHS-Marquette hospital.

She explained that the business After Hours events are free to attend, and they are a good opportunity for people to learn more about the sponsoring businesses and to connect with other business professionals.

Myers also talked about the upcoming breakfast and business gathering that will focus on Outdoor Recreation. It will be held on Friday, September 26th from 8:00am to 10:00am at the Mather Inn in Ishpeming.

The event is open to the public, but attendees must register for the session.

More information about these events and other LSCP happenings can be found on the Lake Superior Community Partnership website.

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UPHP Update: "What's Your Why?" Flu Shot Campaign Underway aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 09/03/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

#### The Sunny Morning Show:

On our latest Upper Peninsula Health Plan Update, UPHP Clinical Coordinator Renee Anderton focused on the flu and flu vaccine and why you should get one.

Anderton spoke about the UPHP "What's Your Why?" campaign about getting the flu vaccine with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

She talked about reasons why it is important to get your annual flu shot and reminded listeners it offers time-tested protection to help build immunity if someone gets the flu.

Anderton said the flu can affect people of all ages. That's why everyone aged 6 months and older is recommended to get the flu shot each year. This also helps protect those who can't get vaccinated, like infants under 6 months old.

She encouraged those unsure as to "What's Your Why?" about getting the flu. To reach out to their Primary Care Provider to have their questions answered and concerns addressed. Anderton added that you can get some good information at [GetMyFluShot.org](http://GetMyFluShot.org).

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Marquette-Alger RESA Helping Keep Kids Safe In The Digital World aired at: 07:30:00 AM on 09/03/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

Marquette-Alger RESA is presenting "Protecting Children in our New Digital World" . It's a free workshop for parents coming soon.

Kelly Sager and Monica Nordeen with Marquette-Alger RESA spoke about the program with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Nordeen explained what the program is and when it's happening. She also discussed the topics or sessions that will be part of the event.

Sager shared information about what support will be available for parents during the event.

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Superior Health Foundation Continuing With Community Grants aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 09/05/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Superior Health Foundation is getting the word out about their latest grant cycles and more.

SHF Program Officer Nicky Bates and Women's Center Program Director Hannah Holma spoke about the grants with Mark and Walt in the Morning. Bates kicked off our latest Superior Health Foundation "Healthier Together Thursday" segment with an update on their Fall Gala Celebration and then talked about their grant funding and programs they are supporting.

Holma shared some information about how a particular SHF grant aided The Women's Center to implement a

sexual assault nurse examiner program that trains area nurses. She also shared information about programs and services provided through The Women's Center.

Find out more information about the Superior Health Foundation's grants and more at their website.

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Marquette City Commission Continuing With budget Work Tonight aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 09/08/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Marquette City Commission has a regular meeting coming up this evening. Commissioners will be voting to set a public hearing for the City's proposed operating budget for next fiscal year.

Marquette City Manager Karen Kovacs spoke about that particular action item with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Kovacs said the Commission will be setting the public hearing for their next regular meeting on September 29th, and it will be followed by a vote on passing the plan.

Tonight's meeting begins at 6:00 o'clock at Commission Chambers at Marquette City Hall.

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Econ Club Launching New Season On Monday In Marquette aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 09/09/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Economic Club of Marquette County is kicking off their new season with a regular monthly dinner meeting this Monday evening in Marquette.

Econ Club President Joe Thiel joined Mark and Walt in the Morning today to talk about the dinner.

Thiel said the evening will feature Todd Poquette, Director of Adventure, 906 Adventure Team and will be at the Holiday Inn of Marquette. The meetings begin with a social hour at 5:30pm. That is followed by dinner at 6:30pm and the speaker at 7:30pm.

Thiel added that the meetings are open to the public, and you can find out more by visiting the Economic Club of Marquette Countys website.

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Marquette City and Hosting Special Fundraising Concert aired at: 07:30:00 AM on 09/12/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes



The Sunny Morning Show:

The Marquette City band is presenting a Fundraising Concert at Blackrocks brewery this evening from 5:30pm to 8:00pm.

The concert will be raising money for the Peg Hirvonen band shell project at Presque Isle Park.

City and Music Director and Conductor Steve Grugin spoke about the concert with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Grugin said along with the pieces played by the city and, there will be special performances by other Marquette area musical artists, adding that there will also be some special guest conductors of the and.

The event is free, but donations for the and shell will be accepted through the show. Find out more at [marquettacityand.com](http://marquettacityand.com).

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Marquette County Habitat For Humanity Hosting Fundraiser This Weekend aired at: 08:00:00 AM on 09/12/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

Marquette County Habitat for Humanity is hosting a square dancing fundraiser at Willow Farm, in Harvey, on Saturday.

Holly Michelin, Events Committee Chair with Marquette County Habitat for Humanity, spoke about the event with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Michelin said it runs from 6:00pm to 10:00pm with music by the Feltliners. There will also be a cash arr, two food trucks, a special line dancing showcase and auction items.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Habitat office, or at the Habitat ReStore, both in Harvey. All proceeds will benefit Marquette County Habitat for Humanity, and for more information, visit [mqthaitat.org](http://mqthaitat.org).

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LSCP Fall Events Coming Soon aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 09/15/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is presenting a series of events over the next few weeks covering a wide array of topics related to the region's business community and economic development.

Hanna Westra, LSCP Outreach and Development Specialist, spoke about the events with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Westra said the first upcoming event is a business After Hours at UP Health System Marquette. The free networking event is this Wednesday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the main entrance lobby. She also outlined the LSCP's latest breakfast and business event that will be featuring updates on Outdoor Recreation. It is on Friday, September 26th, from 8:00am to 10:00am at the Mather Inn in Ishpeming and includes a full catered breakfast for attendees. It's \$25 for LSCP partners, \$35 for the general public.

Westra closed out with information about their Housing Now: Progress Update on Friday, October 3rd, from 7:30am to 10:30am at the Ramada Inn in Marquette. She explained that the session is a morning event focused on advancing real housing solutions in Marquette County.

Tickets and registration info about all of the events at [Marquette.org](http://Marquette.org).

#### WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

Marquette Schools Seeking public Input On building Needs aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 09/16/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

#### The Sunny Morning Show:

The Marquette Area public Schools board of Education is looking for public input on possible school facility updates.

A recent state study of the MAPS district identified over \$100 million of critical infrastructure and building system needs, and the District says those findings were echoed in their own facilities study.

As a result, district officials are asking for public feedback to form a plan to address those needs. To get that feedback, a survey is being delivered to residents in the Marquette School district this month.

District Superintendent Zack Sedgwick spoke about the survey and the effort with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Sedgwick said district officials are hosting two Community Information Sessions on Monday, September 22nd and Tuesday, September 23rd in the Little Theater in the Marquette Senior High School. Both sessions will be held at 5:30pm.

He added that more information is also at the district's website at [mapsnet.org](http://mapsnet.org)

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Mariucci Family beacon House Announces Land Swap For Expansion aired at: 08:00:00 AM on 09/17/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

#### The Sunny Morning Show:

A collaboration between the Steve Mariucci Family beacon House and Marquette County Habitat for Humanity will impact patients, families, and the Marquette community.

A land swap agreement between the two entities has allowed beacon House to purchase one acre of underutilized parking area from the Upper Peninsula Medical Center, which has then been exchanged with Habitat for the parcel of land located directly adjacent to beacon House.

Mary Tavernini Dowling, CEO of beacon House, spoke about the agreement this week with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

She explained that the swap gives beacon House access to the neighboring property for future growth and development, and Habitat will gain land that will allow them to build additional affordable homes for local families in need.

#### WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

Project: Keep Kids Warm Returns For 16th Year aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 09/19/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

Project: Keep Kids Warm , an effort that has put hundreds of western Marquette County kids into new winter jackets, snow pants, boots and other winter gear, is back for it's 16th year.

Project Coordinator Dick Derby spoke about this years effort with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Derby said the effort Wesley United Methodist Church is seeking financial contributions to help fund the purchase of items for the families in need. The financial support allows the group to secure winter clothing in large quantities and at discounted prices from area retailers.

He explained that area schools and service organizations submit requests on behalf of the kids and orders are then filled.

Derby said financial donations can be made out to Wesley United Methodist Church (Indicate KKW on your check) and mailed to: Wesley United Methodist Church - P.O. ox 342 Ishpeming, MI 49849.

#### WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

Fire Prevention Week Events Starting Soon In Marquette aired at: 07:30:00 AM on 09/25/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The annual Fire Prevention Week and Static Display activities are coming soon in Marquette.

The events are being supported y ServPro of the Upper Peninsula and start with the static display on Saturday, October 4 in Marquette, with Fire Prevention Week starting on Sunday, October 5th.

Marquette City Fire Marshall Jeff Fossitt and ServePro of the Upper Peninsulas Amer Talo spoke about the events and activities today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

They said the static display features fire trucks from around the county and a parade in Marquette. There will also be prizes for kids and plenty of information about fire safety and prevention.

The static display begins at 11:00 a.m that Saturday at Harlow Park in Marquette and all are welcome to attend. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held on the following Saturday, October 11.

#### WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

Marquette City Commission Meets Tonight aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 09/29/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

The Marquette City Commission has a regular meeting coming up this evening. The Commission is holding a series of public hearings at the session, including one on the city's proposed operating budget for next fiscal year.

The Commission will also be acting on a resolution to implement on-street parking restrictions to allow for curbside collection of garage and recycling during daytime hours in the city.

Marquette City Manager Karen Kovacs spoke about the meeting's agenda with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

The meeting is at 6:00pm at Commission Chambers at Marquette City Hall.

#### WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

Poker Run To benefit Community Dinner Program Coming Up aired at: 07:30:00 AM on 09/29/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show:

A Poker Run to benefit Community Dinners Feeding Marquette County is happening this weekend.

Organizer Dawn Lambert spoke recently about the event with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Lambert explained that the event is happening this Saturday, October 4, and will feature stops at 8 locations around the county.

She said all proceeds raised will go to Community Dinners Feeding Marquette County and it includes the Poker Run, a basket raffle, 50/50 drawings and more

## WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

Current Events aired at: 06:00:00 AM on 07/20/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The 8th Day:

Big beautiful bill - Dramatic Tax Increases on those making under 30K annually, including 74.3% increase for those in 0-15K tax racket; 20.6% for those in 15K-30K Tax racket.

FBI Director Kash Patel states the reason the Epstein list is not being release is because of who is on it; lames Republicans in the Senate; Epstein little lack book is in hands of FBI Donald Trump says he's Surprised Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, who Trump Nominated, was put into office and remains in office; but then says it was Biden that put him into office? When he nominated Powell, Trumps said it was an honor to do so.

Pamela Bondii asked about reduced budgets for increased Infrastructure and Cyersecurity threats. Pamela Bondii admits the email sent to FBI was from her office, to have FBI agents account for daily activities was a mistake, likely a security risk, but she didn't know this was sent to all FBI agents.

## WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

Jasmine Crockett 7 Trillion Additional Det, Marjorie Taylor Greene, and Pete Hegseth Testimony aired at: 06:00:00 AM on 08/03/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The 8th Day:

Jasmine Crockett 7 Trillion Additional Det, Taylor Greene Directly Insults, and Pete Hegseth Testimony

Miss Crockett's remarks highlight her frustration with her Republican colleagues, whom she accuses of hypocrisy regarding national debt and fiscal responsibility. She emphasizes that the rise in debt, largely attributed to former President Trump's administration, has been overlooked by those claiming to be the "heroes" of the financial narrative. by referencing evidence of the significant debt increase during Trump's tenure, which amounted to nearly \$8 trillion, she challenges the notion that the Republican party has maintained a fiscally responsible agenda.

Crockett further argues that Democrats are not opposed to government efficiency or balanced budgets, citing former President Clinton's administration as a successful example of fiscal responsibility. She expresses concern over what she perceives as the Republican party's disregard for constitutional duties, particularly in delegating power to unelected officials. by framing this delegation as a potential threat to democratic principles, she emphasizes the importance of accountability and adherence to constitutional norms within government.

In conclusion, Crockett calls for her Republican colleagues to take responsibility. for their control over the government and to address the issues at hand without bypassing established processes. Her comments serve as a reminder of the importance of ethical governance and the need for all parties to uphold their commitments to the American public. She urges a collaborative effort to rectify the current financial challenges rather than deflecting blame onto others.

Marjorie Taylor Greene

The exchange captured in this dialogue highlights a chaotic and confrontational meeting within a committee, primarily involving discussions about personal attacks and decorum among its members. Miss Green raises a question concerning the employment of Judge Maran's daughter by Democrats, which leads to a heated debate

that deviates from the original agenda. The atmosphere escalates as members begin to attack each other's appearances and behavior, demonstrating a breakdown in civility and respect during the proceedings.

Key points of contention include motions to strike certain remarks made by members, particularly those deemed offensive or inappropriate. The dialogue reflects a struggle for control and adherence to parliamentary procedure, as various members attempt to address perceived infractions and defend their positions. The insistence on decorum and the request for apologies underscore the underlying tensions and disagreements within the committee, highlighting the challenges of maintaining order in a politically charged environment.

Ultimately, the discussion illustrates the difficulties faced by committees in managing conflict and ensuring productive dialogue. The frequent interruptions and objections signify a larger issue regarding communication and respect in political discourse. As members grapple with procedural motions and personal grievances, the need for a more constructive and respectful approach to debate becomes increasingly apparent, suggesting that effective governance relies on cooperation and understanding among its members.

#### Pete Hegseth

Pete Hegseth, in his capacity as Secretary of Defense under the second Trump administration, testified at multiple congressional budget hearings. During these appearances, he faced contentious questioning from Democrats.

**Deployment to Los Angeles:** Hegseth was questioned over his decision to deploy troops to Los Angeles, a move many viewed as politically motivated.

**Strained Relationships:** Hegseth faced sharp criticism from Democrats, including heated exchanges during which he clashed with lawmakers over his answers and time limits for questions.

**order Deployments:** Hegseth defended the deployment of troops to the southern order to assist the Department of Homeland Security, claiming a dramatic decrease in illegal crossings.

#### WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

AOC & RFK Jr. on Commercial Health Care Fraud, Left Versus Right, and So On aired at: 06:30:00 AM on 08/03/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

#### The 8th Day:

##### Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Commercial Health Care Fraud

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on Commercial Health Care Fraud, Left Versus Right, and So On

For-profit insurance companies like UnitedHealthcare are defrauding taxpayers out of \$80 billion a year. HHS Secretary Kennedy claims he wants to "clean up corruption" while he is doubling taxpayer dollars to these companies. That sounds like the real "waste, fraud, and abuse."

Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. reveals his ignorance during a House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing while being questioned by Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez over healthcare fraud by UnitedHealthcare

In a June 2025 House hearing, Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez questioned Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on allegations of fraud at UnitedHealthcare and why his

department increased payment rates for Medicare Advantage plans

The exchange focused on a Medicare Advantage rate increase and a federal investigation into the insurer.

Key points of Ocasio-Cortez's questioning

Fraud allegations: Ocasio-Cortez cited reports that the Trump administration's Department of Justice was criminally investigating UnitedHealthcare, the country's largest health insurer, over potential fraud related to Medicare Advantage. Reports also alleged the company was deliberately endangering patients to maximize profits.

Medicare Advantage payment rates: Ocasio-Cortez noted that in April 2025, Kennedy's department increased Medicare Advantage payment rates by 5.06% for the 2026 fiscal year. This was more than double the 2.2% increase proposed under the previous administration. She claimed this would give for-profit insurers like UnitedHealthcare an additional \$25 billion in taxpayer money.

Contradiction on waste, fraud, and abuse.: Ocasio-Cortez highlighted what she saw as a contradiction between Kennedy's stated commitment to "cleaning up corruption" and the large increase in payments to a company under federal investigation.

Kennedy's response

Kennedy denied any awareness of the Department of Justice investigation into UnitedHealthcare, which prompted Ocasio-Cortez to point out that he oversees the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). He later asked for clarification on the rate increase, asking, "How did I do that?". He did state that he had divested himself of any financial conflicts of interest related to healthcare companies before entering public service.

WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

President Trump - Remarks Aug 14 2025-parts 1 & 2 aired at: 06:00:00 AM on 08/17/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The 8th Day:

President Trump

In a recent address, former President Donald Trump highlighted the 90th anniversary of the Social Security Act, emphasizing his administration's commitment to strengthening Social Security. He praised the achievements of Frank Isignano, the commissioner of the Social Security Administration, asserting that under his leadership, significant improvements have been made to the system. Trump framed Social Security as a crucial safety net for nearly 60 million American seniors, reiterating his pledge to protect and enhance the program, especially against what he perceives as detrimental actions from the Democrats.

Trump's remarks included a critique of the previous administration's management of Social Security, citing long wait times for service and a growing backlog of disability claims. He claimed that these issues have been

addressed under his administration, with improvements such as reduced call wait times and increased online access for seniors. The former president touted these accomplishments as evidence of effective governance, contrasting them with what he described as a disastrous period under President Biden, during which he alleged that Social Security's integrity was compromised.

The address also touched on broader implications of Social Security reform, particularly the importance of maintaining the trust of seniors who rely on the program for their well-being. Trump argued that the stability of Social Security is essential not just for current beneficiaries but also for future generations. He underscored the need for responsible management of the program to prevent it from facing insolvency, a concern he claimed was exacerbated by Democratic policies. This narrative aligns with a larger political strategy to rally support from older voters, a demographic crucial for electoral success.

Additionally, Trump's comments hinted at the political ramifications of Social Security policy in the upcoming elections. By framing his administration's efforts as a stark contrast to the Democrats', he aimed to position himself and his party as the defenders of seniors' rights. This strategy reflects broader themes in U.S. politics where entitlement programs are often leveraged to mobilize voter bases, particularly in times of economic uncertainty.

In conclusion, Trump's address served as both a celebration of Social Security's legacy and a campaign rallying cry, reinforcing his administration's dedication to reforming and protecting the program. By highlighting achievements under his leadership and contrasting them with perceived failures of the Democrats, Trump seeks to solidify his appeal among seniors and assert his party's commitment to social welfare programs. This framing not only aims to attract votes but also reaffirms the significance of Social Security in the national discourse surrounding economic stability and social safety nets.

WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin Joint Press Conference In Alaska, August 15, 2025 aired at: 06:30:00 AM on 08/17/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The 8th Day:

Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin Joint Press Conference In Alaska

The recent summit between Presidents Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump marks a significant moment in U.S.-Russia relations, which have been strained for several years. The meeting took place in Alaska, a location that symbolizes the proximity and shared history between the two nations, especially through their past interactions during World War II. Both leaders expressed gratitude for the opportunity to engage in direct dialogue, emphasizing the necessity of restoring communication after a long hiatus in high-level meetings. They acknowledged historical ties, including cooperation during wartime, and recognized their nations as close neighbors, separated only by a narrow strait.

The discussions highlighted the urgent need to address the deteriorating state of bilateral relations, which have plummeted to levels reminiscent of the Cold War. Putin and Trump both agree that moving from confrontation to constructive dialogue is essential for the benefit of both countries and global stability. They mentioned the importance of addressing critical issues, including the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, which remains a central



point of contention. both leaders expressed their commitment to achieving a resolution and emphasized the need to consider each nations security concerns to facilitate a lasting peace.

In the context of the Ukraine situation, Putin reiterated Russia's view of Ukraine as a brotherly nation and expressed a sincere desire to end the conflict. He underscored the importance of addressing the root causes of the conflict and ensuring that all parties involved, including Ukraine and European nations, engage constructively in the peace process. The leaders dialogue also hinted at a collaborative approach to security in Europe, with an understanding that mutual respect and recognition of national interests are vital to achieving stability.

beyond immediate political concerns, the summit also opened the door for potential economic cooperation between Russia and the U.S. both leaders noted a recent uptick in bilateral trade and expressed optimism about further collaboration in various sectors, including technology and space exploration. The meeting served as a reminder that, despite political differences, both countries possess substantial opportunities for mutual benefit in trade and investment, which could foster a more positive relationship moving forward.

In conclusion, the summit between Presidents Putin and Trump represents a pivotal step in re-establishing dialogue and cooperation between the U.S. and Russia. by acknowledging their historical ties and addressing pressing issues like the Ukraine conflict and economic collaboration, both leaders demonstrated a commitment to moving forward. The meeting signals hope for improved relations, with both nations recognizing the need for constructive engagement to address shared challenges and opportunities for the future.

WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

Marjorie Taylor Greene - Epstein Files Victims aired at: 06:00:00 AM on 09/07/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The 8th Day:

Marjorie Taylor Greene - Epstein Files Victims

Georgias U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene was among those on the steps of Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., calling for a full disclosure of files related to the case of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell.

Im not afraid to name names, Greene said Wednesday morning. If they want to give me a list, I will walk in the Capitol on the House floor, and Ill say every damn name that abused these women. I can do that for them, and Id be proud to do that.

Greene was participating in a Stand With Survivors rally. Its goal, organizers said, was to stop protecting people connected to the late convicted sex offender and Maxwell, his girlfriend and associate.

On Tuesday, the U.S. House Oversight Committee publicly posted the files it has received from the Justice Department on the sex trafficking investigations into Epstein and Maxwell, responding to mounting pressure in Congress to force more disclosure in the case.

The files mostly contain information that was already publicly known or available. The folders posted on

Google Drive contained hundreds of image files of years-old court filings related to Epstein, who died in a New York jail cell in 2019 as he faced charges for sexually abusing teenage girls, and Maxwell, who is serving a lengthy prison sentence for assisting him.

Lets recognize the fact that the administration before, and before, and before and before, never did anything about, Greene said. This is a culmination of everyone who worked together to silence these women and protect Jeffrey Epstein and his cabal.

This is not about politics, she continued. This is a boiling point in American history.

Besides Greene and U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson, survivors of Epsteins abuse met with a bipartisan group of lawmakers.

The objective here is not just to uncover, investigate the Epstein evis, but also to ensure that this never happens again and ultimately to find out why justice has been delayed for these ladies for so very long, said Johnson, R-La., after he emerged from a two-hour meeting with six of the survivors.

It is inexcusable. And it will stop now because the Congress is dialed in on this, he added.

Johnson is pressing for the inquiry to be handled by the House Oversight Committee and supporting the committee as it releases its findings.

The committees release of the files showed how lawmakers are eager to act on the issue as they return to Washington after a month-long break. They quickly revived a political clash that has flummoxed House Republican leadership and roiled President Donald Trumps administration.

Johnson is trying to quell an effort by Democrats and some Republicans to force a vote on a bill that would require the Justice Department to release all the information in the so-called Epstein files, with the exception of the victims personal information.

Re. Marjorie Taylor Greene has faced significant opposition from the White House regarding her support for a discharge petition aimed at compelling the release of documents related to Jeffrey Epstein, a convicted sex offender. Greene described receiving numerous calls discouraging her from signing the petition, highlighting a preference within the administration to focus on ongoing investigations led by the Oversight Committee instead. She expressed confusion over the administration's stance, particularly regarding their perceived animosity toward fellow Republicans like Rep. Thomas Massie, who is championing the petition.

Greene, while critical of some White House staff, believes President Trump may not be fully informed about the importance of the Epstein issue. During her appearance on Real Americas Voice, she urged Trump to take a stand for Epstein's victims, framing him as a potential champion for their cause. Despite Trump dismissing the petition as a distraction from his administration's successes, Greene strongly contended that the matter is serious and should not be trivialized as a political hoax.

The broader context reveals a division within the Republican Party over the handling of the Epstein case, with House GOP leadership advising members against supporting the discharge petition. As the Oversight Committee continues its investigation, some members have expressed concerns that joining the petition could be seen as a direct affront to the administration. Greene's statements reflect her frustration with this internal

conflict and her commitment to seeking justice for Epstein's victims, asserting that Republicans should unite in their support for the cause.

There is a significant issue in Washington regarding the lack of transparency, as less than 1% of related files have been released. A group is advocating for the complete release of these documents, criticizing a recent non-binding resolution as ineffective. They emphasize the need for both transparency and protection for trafficking survivors, many of whom come from countries with fewer rights. The call for action transcends political boundaries, urging unity to address the trauma faced by these women and to hold accountable those who have been complicit in protecting figures like Jeffrey Epstein and his associates.

WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

Chicago and Baltimore - React National Guard Coming aired at: 06:15:00 AM on 09/07/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The 8th Day:

Illinois Governor Pritzker - Chicago and Baltimore - React National Guard Coming

Governor J Pritzker of Illinois addressed the media regarding the potential deployment of the National Guard in Chicago, criticizing President Donald Trump's plans to send armed military personnel to the city. Pritzker deemed this action an overreach of presidential power, asserting that it is illegal, unconstitutional, and serves only to intimidate political opponents rather than address crime. He emphasized that neither he nor local law enforcement has been consulted about this decision, underscoring a lack of communication and coordination from the White House.

In his remarks, Pritzker highlighted the progress Chicago has made in reducing crime through community-based initiatives and increased police funding, asserting that there is no current emergency necessitating military intervention. He pointed out that crime rates in Chicago have decreased significantly, contrasting the situation with other cities that have higher crime rates yet are not facing similar military deployments. Pritzker accused Trump of using the military for political gain instead of genuinely addressing public safety and called for a rational response from federal officials.

Concluding his address, Pritzker urged the citizens of Chicago to remain peaceful in their protests against potential military presence and reaffirmed Illinois' commitment to defending its sovereignty against unwarranted federal actions. He warned that any federal attempts to incite violence would be met with legal action and that the state would protect its residents' rights. Pritzker invoked historical context to emphasize the resilience of justice, asserting that the state would hold accountable those who threaten its citizens, reflecting a determination to uphold democracy and community safety.

WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

Trump Says He's Settled 7 Wars and Bernie Sanders Agreeing with Trump on Vaccines aired at: 06:30:00 AM on 09/07/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The 8th Day:

## Trump Says He Has Settled 7 Wars and Bernie Sanders Agreeing with Trump on Vaccines

The debate surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine has drawn significant attention, particularly in light of contrasting opinions from public figures and the scientific community. Former President Trump praised the COVID vaccines as a miraculous achievement that purportedly saved millions of lives, a sentiment echoed by various studies, including one published in *The Lancet* that estimated nearly 20 million lives were saved in the first year of vaccine distribution. This highlights the ongoing discourse about the vaccine's efficacy and safety, with many advocating for its critical role in public health during the pandemic.

In contrast, some individuals, including Secretary Kennedy, have expressed skepticism regarding the vaccine's safety, labeling it as potentially harmful. During a discussion, Kennedy acknowledged a change in his perspective, suggesting that Trump's leadership during the vaccine roll out was commendable. However, he failed to provide substantial evidence to support his claims against the vaccine, which has garnered widespread endorsement from major medical organizations like the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics. These institutions assert that vaccines are both safe and effective, creating a stark division between established medical opinion and dissenting voices.

The discussion further reveals a palpable tension between the mainstream medical community and critics who question the motives behind their recommendations. Critics, such as Kennedy, argue that the pharmaceutical industry influences medical organizations, raising concerns about potential conflicts of interest. However, opponents of this view emphasize that the vast majority of medical professionals and organizations base their recommendations on rigorous scientific evidence and peer-reviewed research, which consistently supports the safety and efficacy of vaccines. This discrepancy underscores the importance of distinguishing between established science and fringe opinions that lack substantial backing.

Exploring the implications of this debate, it is essential to consider the broader context of public trust in health institutions. The assertion that reputable organizations like the AMA have been compromised can erode public confidence in vaccines and health recommendations. Such distrust may influence vaccination rates and public health outcomes, particularly as misinformation spreads. Therefore, reinforcing the credibility of scientific organizations is critical in combating vaccine hesitancy and ensuring public health safety.

In conclusion, the discourse surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine reflects a complex interplay of opinions, where established scientific consensus often clashes with dissenting views. While Trump and many health experts laud the vaccine's life-saving potential, critics raise concerns about safety and industry influence. This ongoing debate highlights the necessity for clear communication from the scientific community to uphold public trust and enhance understanding of vaccine efficacy, ultimately ensuring that health decisions are informed by credible evidence rather than conflicting narratives.

WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

President Trump Tariffs in the News aired at: 06:45:00 AM on 09/07/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The 8th Day:

President Trump Tariffs

The recent change in U.S. tariff policy, particularly the termination of the de minimis exemption for packages valued under \$800, has significant implications for international shipping and the economy. This shift, enacted by President Trump, requires all incoming packages to undergo customs processing and be subject to tariffs, which many postal services worldwide have responded to by suspending or limiting shipments to the U.S. The timing of this new regulation is problematic, leaving postal providers insufficient time to adapt, leading to uncertainty in the shipping industry.

The impact of these tariff changes extends beyond logistical complications; they are part of Trump's broader strategy to reduce the trade deficit and encourage domestic manufacturing. However, this approach has faced legal challenges, as a federal appeals court recently ruled that many of Trump's tariffs are unconstitutional and exceeded his authority. Despite this ruling, tariffs remain in place until mid-October, during which various e-commerce platforms are reevaluating their shipping strategies to the U.S., with some halting shipments altogether. This disruption could significantly reduce the volume of small parcels entering the U.S. and reshape global supply chains. In conclusion, these tariff changes not only risk increasing prices for American consumers but also threaten the overall efficiency of international trade. As postal services halt deliveries and e-commerce platforms adjust their operations, the potential economic fallout could lead to a staggering \$13 billion in costs for U.S. consumers. This situation exemplifies the complexities of Trump's tariff policy, which, while aiming to bolster the U.S. economy, may inadvertently harm it by creating barriers to trade and increasing inflation, especially affecting vulnerable populations like seniors reliant on fixed incomes.

WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

In The News - Week of September 21st 2025 - Part 1 aired at: 06:00:00 AM on 09/21/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The 8th Day:

ICE Detainees, Korean and Japanese Nationals, Leave United States

The situation at Atlanta's airport highlights a controversial incident involving the release of Korean and Japanese nationals who had been detained by ICE. These individuals left a detention facility without handcuffs, a notable change from typical procedures, raising questions about the nature of their departure. While ICE framed it as "voluntary departure," this designation appears misleading, as these individuals did not require new visas to return, suggesting a deeper issue with ICE's handling of the case rather than a straightforward voluntary exit.

The release of these detainees seemed to be significantly influenced by diplomatic interventions, particularly a call from the President of South Korea to President Trump. This direct involvement likely expedited their release, which could have otherwise taken much longer through legal channels. The lack of transparency in communication between U.S. and Korean officials, particularly regarding the Hyundai plant, underscores the complications and mismanagement within ICE. The incident reveals a broader challenge regarding immigration enforcement, particularly how it affects companies relying on foreign workers for specialized skills.

As a result of this episode, concerns have arisen regarding the future of foreign workers entering the U.S. on E or ESTA visas, causing companies to rethink their immigration strategies. It may be prudent for businesses to consider alternative visa options, such as L or B visas, to circumvent potential detentions. This incident not only highlights the challenges faced by foreign workers but also calls attention to the need for legislative reform.

in U.S. immigration policy, as the current framework has not been updated in decades.

#### Topic - Fox News Appears to Suggest Lethal Injection for Homeless

A lot of them don't want to get the help that is necessary. You can't give them a choice. Either you take the resources that we're going to give you, or you decide that you're going to be locked up in jail.

That's the way it has to be now. Or involuntary lethal injection or something. Just kill them.

Brian, why did it have to get to this point? Right. I would say this. We're not voting for the right people.

#### Topic - Politics Verses Public Health Ethics

The situation in North Carolina highlights a troubling conflict between public health ethics and political demands. On August 25th, Secretary Kennedy pressured an official to pre-approve all ACIP vaccine recommendations and dismiss career scientists without justification. This demand contradicted the official's commitment to scientific integrity and public health principles. When the official refused to comply, citing the need for evidence-based decision-making, Kennedy indicated that the official's job was at risk due to a lack of trust.

The push against vaccines and the undermining of scientific consensus raises concerns about public health preparedness. The official expressed confusion over why some choose to challenge the widely accepted belief in vaccine safety and efficacy, especially when experts warn of potential future pandemics. The authoritarian approach displayed by Kennedy, who insisted on compliance from the CDC head, threatens to erode trust in critical health policies and may hinder future pandemic responses.

The broader implications of this situation reflect a concerning trend towards authoritarianism in American governance. The erosion of media freedom and the targeting of dissenting voices, as exemplified by recent actions against critical journalists and regulatory leaders, poses a significant threat to democracy. As these developments unfold, there is a call to rally citizens against the increasing authoritarianism, economic inequality, and attacks on public health, emphasizing the need for vigilance in protecting democratic values and public welfare.

#### WKQS for 3rd Quarter 2025

In The News - Week of September 21st 2025 - Part 2 aired at: 06:30:00 AM on 09/21/25 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

#### The 8th Day:

The discussion surrounding the Epstein files has garnered significant attention, particularly regarding the allegations of sex trafficking involving Jeffrey Epstein. It has been established that Epstein trafficked young women, including minors, primarily for his own sexual gratification, as indicated by the 2018 indictment from the Southern District of New York. However, the inquiry extends beyond merely identifying Epstein as a perpetrator; the public seeks clarity on whether he was involved in trafficking these individuals to other parties. This inquiry poses a critical question that remains partially answered due to the limitations imposed on

investigations in previous years, particularly during the tenure of former Labor Secretary Alex Acosta.

The investigation into Epstein's activities has faced significant obstacles since a non-prosecution agreement was established in 2008, which restricted the scope of inquiries into his operations. As noted in the testimony, the investigation was limited to certain time frames and parameters, which hampered efforts to uncover the full extent of Epstein's trafficking network. Officials have expressed that, while there is no credible information linking Epstein to other traffickers, the potential for undisclosed connections remains an area of concern. The current administration has reopened inquiries into Epstein's case, yet the release of pertinent files is still constrained by court orders, which complicates the transparency that the public is demanding.

The implications of the ongoing investigation into Epstein's trafficking activities are profound, touching on broader issues of accountability and justice. The limited information released thus far raises questions about the efficacy of past administrations in addressing Epstein's crimes and the systemic failures that allowed his predatory behavior to continue for so long. The inquiry also reflects societal anxieties about power, privilege, and the protection of vulnerable populations from exploitation. The public yearning for transparency highlights a significant gap in trust regarding law enforcement ability to adequately address such serious allegations.

In conclusion, while the Epstein files reveal troubling details about his exploitation of young women, the pursuit of justice is hampered by legal limitations and historical failures in addressing the full scope of his operations. The investigation continues to seek credible evidence while navigating complex legal precedents. As the public demands more transparency and accountability, it remains essential for law enforcement to prioritize the rights and voices of victims while ensuring that justice is served. The legacy of Epstein's actions and the responses from various administrations will shape future discussions on trafficking and the protection of vulnerable individuals within society.

I want to ask you about the Epstein files. Have you seen the Epstein files? I have not reviewed the entirety of it myself, but a good amount. Would it be fair to say that Mr. Epstein trafficked young women, including in some instances minors, for sex to himself? That was specifically the allegations in the 2018 indictment in the Southern District of New York.

Who else did he traffic these young women to? In terms of what the investigation, again, going back to 2008, Mr. Acosta, who limited the investigation and limited the search warrants and limited the parameters of the investigation, the only thing we are able to speak to publicly, because he was given a non-prosecution agreement by Mr. Acosta, is that first time period from, I believe, don't quote me on this, 97 to 2001-ish, and then when the Trump administration courageously reopened it. Ash, excuse me for interrupting, but I'm going to run out of time. You've seen most of the files.

Who, if anyone, did Epstein traffic these young women to besides himself? Himself. There is no credible information. None.

If there were, I would ring the case yesterday that he trafficked to other individuals, and the information we have, again, is limited. So the answer is no one? For the information that we have. In the files? In the case file.

Okay. Now, President Trump has deferred to the FBI and the Department of Justice with respect to the Epstein records. He says it is your call about releasing him, and I understand that the department and the agency have

decided to release them in cooperation with the House committee, is that correct? Yes, sir.

So you're releasing them a little at a time, is that correct? We're releasing as much as we can, but we are limited by three different court orders, and the department went back to each of those judges to waive those court orders or have them lifted, and each of those judges declined. Will you release all of them or at least as many as you can? We will release everything we are legally permitted to do so. We are continuing to work with the House on the subpoena request.

We have substantially required with it, complied with it, but we will continue to release whatever we are legally permitted to do so. Okay. I strongly encourage you to do that, Cash.

This issue is not going to go away, and I think the central question for the American people is this. They know that Epstein trafficked young women for sex to himself. They want to know who, if anyone else, he trafficked these young women to, and that's a very fair question.

I want to know that answer, and I think you're going to have to do more to satisfy the American people's understandable curiosity in that regard. Mr. Chairman, may I just respond to that? I agree, Senator, and what we have done, and just to remind folks, the Epstein case files existed in the two prior administrations, in the Obama administration and the Biden administration, and they didn't release anything, and there was President Trump in the first administration that renewed charges against Mr. Epstein, and I know it's a little complicated to understand, but what exists in the Epstein case files was a direct result of the limited search warrants from 2006 and 2007, which hamstrung future investigations because of the non-prosecution agreement, and multiple administrations had the opportunity to look at the entirety of that case file and recommend prosecutions against anyone that was trafficked under Mr. Epstein and anyone that participated in that trafficking, and the only person to ring charges was the prior administration against Mr. Epstein. Now, I am not saying that others were not trafficked and others were not involved.

What I am telling you is that based on the information we have, and we have continuously publicly asked for the public to come forward with more information. If there is, we'll look at it, but based on credible information, we have released all credible information, and the information that the Department of Justice and the FBI never releases is information on investigations that are not credible, and we don't release the names of victims who weren't credible, but at the same time, we don't release the names of victims who were credible, and so that's by law, and so the information we are releasing now is historic, and it is also to the maximum capacity that the law allows, and I know that's not going to satisfy many, many, many people, but if they wanted it done right, then the investigation from its origination should have been done right, and he should not have been given a get-out-of-jail-free card to do jail on the weekends for 12 hours a day, and he should have been investigated fully for the entirety of his crime and criminal enterprise, not just from 1997 to 2001. Gentleman from Kentucky is recognized for unanimous consent.

Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to submit two sets of documents. The first is a series of emails from the victims of Jeffrey Epstein. They are making FOIA requests to get their own FBI files and not having any success, so I want to ring attention to that by submitting that to the record.

The second document that I want to submit to the record for the record, I know we don't usually read these. This one's not readable. It's completely redacted for the most part, the first 50 pages.



This is actually the search warrant that was served on James O'Keefe for a diary that he had already given to the government two months before, and as it turns out, there were no indictments here, yet he still doesn't know why he was raided, and I think he deserves to know. Stop the objection. Thank you.

The chair now recognizes the gentleman from California. Director, the first time you saw Donald Trump's name was in the Epstein files. Did you close the files or keep reading? I've reviewed not the entirety of the files.

So you haven't reviewed all of the Epstein files? Personally, no. You're the director of the FBI. This is the largest sex trafficking case the FBI has ever been a part of.

buck stops at the top and your testimony today is you have not reviewed all the files. What I've been doing is busy providing the safest country this country has seen in modern U.S. history in historic speed because the men and women of the FBI are given the resources to reduce the homicide rate, to reduce the drug trafficking rate, to reduce the amount of children that are being trafficked. Sounds like those children being trafficked would appreciate the director reviewing the files.

You said you don't know the number of times Trump's name appears in the files, so it could at least be a thousand times. Is that right? The number is a total misleading factor. We have not released anyone's name in the Epstein files that has not been credible.

We have released every piece of legally permissible information. You can characterize the numbers however you want it. It sounds like if you don't know the number, it could at least be a thousand times.

It's not. Is it at least 500 times? No. Is it at least 100 times? No.

Then what's the number? I don't know the number, but it's not that. Do you think it might be your job to know the number? My job is to provide for the safety and security of this country. My job is not to engage in political innuendo so you can go out to the sticks and get your 22nd hit in your fundraising article.

Keep going, reclaiming your time, because the people of California are being under-served by your representation. If the president is not implicated, why not release everything that involves him? We have released everything, the president and anyone else's side, that is credible and lawfully be able to be released. Your fixation on this matter and baseless accusations that I'm hiding is disgusting.

Anyone that says that needs to look at the stats alone and go back to the state of California, who's receiving the biggest surge in FBI resources through my redeployment, because the cities of Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco need it. Remembering your oath to tell the truth, did you ever tell Donald Trump his name is in the files? I have never spoken to President Trump about the Epstein files. Did you ever tell the Attorney General that Donald Trump's name is in the Epstein files? The Attorney General and I have had numerous discussions about the entirety of the Epstein files and the reviews conducted by our team.

Did you tell the Attorney General that Donald Trump's name is in the Epstein files? And we have released where President Trump's name is in the Epstein files. It's a simple question. Did you tell the Attorney General that the president's name is in the Epstein files? During many conversations that the Attorney General and I

have had on the matter of Epstein, we have reviewed.

The question is simple. Who can tell the Attorney General that Donald Trump's name is in the Epstein files? Yes or no? Why don't you try spelling it out? Yes or no? Use the alphabet. Yes or no? No.

Director, it sounds like you don't want to tell us. Did you tell the Attorney General that Donald Trump's name was in the Epstein files? Why don't you try serving your constituency by focusing on reducing violent crime in this country and the number of pedophiles that are legally harbored in your sanctuary cities in California? I'll work with you on that. Do you want to work with us on that? Director, reclaim your time.

I'm the lawless gentleman from California. Did you tell the Attorney General that Donald Trump's name is in the Epstein files? The question has been asked and answered. You've not answered it, and we will take your evasiveness as a consciousness of guilt.

Director, did Donald Trump ever say to you, just find and release the entire truth? Don't worry if I'm in it. The instructions from the administration were to release all credible information, and we have done that. Did Donald Trump ever provide information about Jeffrey Epstein as an informant? Donald Trump has not been, and I can only speak for the FBI, an informant of the FBI.

So, Director, you've played this cute shell game where you say you can't release everything because the court has said that it legally is not allowed to be released, but the court calls bullshit. Judge Richard erman said that when you went to the court, quote, information contained in the Epstein grand jury transcripts pales, pales in comparison to Epstein investigation information and materials in the hands of the Department of Justice. So let's move on, Director.

You wrote a book called Government Gangsters. You identified 20 individuals in that book. You put me on that list, at the top of the list.

Thank you. My children find it flattering. 20 of those individuals have been investigated or have had adverse actions.

Director, considering that you have identified these people as, quote, government gangsters, will you recuse yourself from making any investigation decisions about these individuals? Anyone that has been terminated at the FBI has been done something. No, no. The question again- They failed to meet the muster of their constitutional obligation.

Director, I will work on the audio video. I'm going to borrow your terminology and call bullshit. on your entire career in Congress. I'm reclaiming my time, Director.

It has been a disgrace to the American people. Director, I'm reclaiming my time. You can reclaim your time all you want.

Mr. Chairman, are you going to allow a witness to speak this way? Mr. Chairman, would you recuse yourself, Director? The gentleman has no time to Mr. Chairman, would you admonish the witness not to insult members? The gentleman has no time. Mr. Chairman, The committee will remember. Quick point of order.

Could the gentleman be extended an additional 20 seconds to complete his thoughts since the witness decided to interrupt him? Mr. Chairman. The witness will be able to respond if he wants. We'll make sure he has time to do that.

My question is, will you, Director, recuse yourself, yes or no, from investigating or making decisions about the 60 individuals, including myself, that you identified as government gangsters? Yes or no? Time of the gentleman has expired. The witness may respond if he would like. The answer was no, as I heard.

Correct. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Director Patel.

In addition to the extensive purge of nonpartisan career FBI official reports, reports indicate that dozens of remaining officials have been subjected to polygraph exams to test their loyalty. My understanding is approximately 40 officials have been asked to sit for a polygraph during your administration, and several have been asked whether they have ever made negative comments about you. Director Patel, FBI agents pledge their loyalty to the Constitution of the United States, not you personally.

What is the basis for requiring polygraph exams of your workforce and asking them if they've made negative comments about you? I don't know what reports you're referring to, Ranking Member, and I reject any reporting that has false information in it, so I'm not going to respond to that. As far as polygraphs go, generally they are always and always have been utilized at the FBI to track down those that leak sensitive information and have unauthorized disclosures to the media, and we will continue to use them to ensure the integrity of the FBI. Did any individual on your senior executive team, the director's advisory team, or who serve in the positions on the seventh floor receive disqualifying alerts on their polygraphs? Senator, I'm not going to get into the personnel discussions that were had on a polygraph.

Those were private discussions, and many of them relate to ongoing investigations. Did you or Attorney General Bondi provide any individual with a waiver so they could remain employed after they received disqualifying alerts on their polygraphs? I'll have to get back to you. You don't remember that? No, sir.

My priority is protecting the American public, not getting into the weeds of polygraphs. And to have a decent memory when you come before a committee. I'm happy to talk about all the good work the men and women of the FBI are doing, including providing the lowest crime rate in American history.

If you want to talk about how to protect the citizens, Chicago has seen a 30% reduction in its murder rate because of the men and women of the FBI. And you take credit for that? I'll happily do that. You take credit for that? The inter-agency partners and the men and women of the Chicago PD have never been more powerful.

Oh, include local law enforcement, please. Have you ever seen my testimony across this country where I always lead with our inter-agency partnerships with state and local law enforcement? It is the pillar of what I am doing. And on the seventh floor, for the first time in FBI history, I have installed police officers and sheriffs right on my seventh floor to report to us every day what's going around the country on the street level because that is a priority of the FBI and is the only way we are going to work.

I don't take credit for anything, but I will defend the men and women of the FBI and the cops that help us

get it done. You should.

Director Patel, to your knowledge, did a whistle lower ever make a disclosure to Attorney General Bondi indicating that the New York field office was withholding Epstein-related records? I'm not familiar with that whistle lower. You know that there was such a whistle lower? I'm not familiar with that whistle lower. In response to the blow-back she received, Attorney General Bondi also pushed the FBI to review approximately 100,000 Epstein-related records on an arbitrarily short deadline in March and the FBI was directed to flag any documents that mentioned President Trump.

Nothing came of that review until July when DOJ and FBI released an unsigned memorandum stating there is no incriminating client list. Why was this July 7th memorandum unsigned? Would you prefer I've used Autopen? Did you? Why was it unsigned? The memorandum had the insignia of the Department of Justice and the Federal bureau of Investigation and in our effort to secure transparency for the American people because the three prior administrations had not done so, we conducted an exhaustive search of everything related to the Epstein cases and we produced what was legally and permissibly able to be produced to Congress, the American public, and there's a congressional subpoena and we're continuing to do so. Did you personally direct that investigation so that you would sign such a? Did I personally direct what investigation? Of the Epstein records for any reference to President Trump? Again, you are citing reporting that I think is baseless.

We conducted an investigation of the Epstein case files pursuant to the direction of the President of the Administration to provide all credible information and we are working with Congress pursuant to a congressional subpoena to turn over all the documents we can. All individuals. Who at DOJ and FBI was responsible for its drafting and conclusions? Many individuals at the Department of Justice and the FBI are responsible.

There was no lead? No lead person? The Attorney General leads the Department of Justice and I lead the FBI. So the Attorney General is responsible for that? The Attorney General leads the Department of Justice. Director Patel, much like you, Deputy Director Don ongoing was a conspiracy theorist who built a lucrative career making inflammatory and unsubstantiated statements about the FBI that would be disqualifying in any administration that cared about nonpartisan law enforcement.

For instance, Mr. ongoing called the placement of pipe oms outside the DNC and RNC headquarters on January 6th, quote, an inside job and went on to say this was a set up. I have zero doubt and whoever goes into the FBI, you better get an answer about why. Director Patel, you and Deputy Director ongoing are now leading the FBI.

What is the evidence to suggest the pipe oms placed outside of the DNC and RNC on January 6th were an inside job? I appreciate the opportunity to discuss Director ongoing's mind record. So many on this committee in the media jettisoned our 31 years of public service. Can you answer the question, sir? I'm answering the question.

You're questioning the integrity of the Deputy Director of the FBI and mine. And I'm going to answer the question. The pipe om investigation is ongoing and I'm not going to discuss the details of the pipe om investigation.

Mr. ongoing was a Secret Service agent for 15 years, a police officer for five. I served this country in multiple

administrations for 16 years. We were also private citizens and we are now back in government service.

And what we have the ability to do is set aside our personal beliefs to deliver the mission of justice for this country. And we're doing it day in and day out. And I find it disgusting that everyone and anyone would jettison our 31 years of combined experience that is now at the helm of the FBI, delivering historic results at historic speeds for the American people.

So you have no evidence? I got a lot of evidence and I'll give it to you when I can. Looking forward to it. There's a New York Times story this morning about Chris Meyer.

As I understand it, he was your personal pilot, at least for some period of time. Mr. Meyer has quite a record himself. Flew over 350 hours as an Air Force pilot on three aircraft types in Afghanistan.

Mr. Jardina, another former FBI agent, a 1999 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy, commanded 100 Marines in combat during the 2003 invasion of Iraq, participated in several firefights, followed up with 2011 deployment as a reservist to Afghanistan, where he interrogated senior Taliban officials. It appears that you terminated these two agents. Why? I'm not going to get into personnel decisions that we made.

So you're not accountable for your decisions to take people who served our country so admirably and terminate them without any cause? That's a one-sided story. Anyone that has been terminated from the FBI, generally speaking, failed to meet the needs of the FBI and uphold their constitutional duties. And you providing a one-sided story from your perch is absolutely disgraceful because the men and women of the FBI deserve better.

And your attack on the current leadership of the men and women of the FBI is equally disgraceful because now you're attacking the leaders that are our rave SACs in the field who are doing the job that this country needs. It's disgraceful. And we will continue to do it.

Excuse me. It's disgraceful when Mr. Meyer and Mr. Jardina, who served our country so well, are terminated apparently because of the rants of a broadcaster. That is your opinion.

It is not a fact. Well, it's certainly my opinion. I can back up with facts.

Let me ask you to explain the situation in Baltimore, if you will. Did you read the story about the termination of the project in Baltimore? Which story? Sorry, which story?

The Baltimore agents were investigating. Are you familiar with that? No, sir. Well, I'm not going to go into detail.

It would take too long to do it. but apparently that this group, a nihilistic violent extremist group, seeks to blackmail children to perform vile acts on a camera under investigation by Baltimore, which was terminated by you. I'd like you to respond in writing, if you will, as to the circumstances of that termination.

Sure. Our operations against NEs, as you're referring to, has been historically high. And we've taken down multiple NE rings, including 764 rings, who are harming children and causing them to be mutilated.

Last question. Can you explain why you are eliminating the requirements for a college degree for your agents? I appreciate the opportunity to address that. You said in your opening statement, we are reducing the training requirements at Quantico.

We are not. We are expanding them. You're referring to an crossover program, because I believe the men and women of places like the DEA, the ATF, and the Marshals Service and the Secret Service who want to work at the FBI should deserve that opportunity and a shortened ridge program, which we provided.

We are also keeping the 18-week FTC, as it's traditionally been held at the FBI. So we're not reducing any requirements. We are increasing those that we ring into the FBI.

Did you change any of the requirements on college degrees? We are allowing police officers who have served for a number of years to come into the FBI who did not obtain the requisite college degree to apply to be federal agents, because we feel they have the street-level experience we need to conduct this mission. I yield, Mr. Chairman.

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The 8th Day:

Kash Patel Questioned on Several Topics

The discussion centers on political violence and the responsibilities of law enforcement, particularly the FBI. It emphasizes the importance of respectful discourse among differing political views, acknowledging both sides' obligation. to advocate for their beliefs without resorting to violence. The conversation highlights a recent incident involving an assailant targeting political commentator Charlie Kirk, commending law enforcement for apprehending the suspect, while also questioning the accuracy of statements made regarding the suspect's custody status.

Key issues arise regarding the performance and management of the FBI, especially concerning the dismissal of experienced agents like Brian Driscoll. Driscoll's termination, perceived as unjust given his commendable record and service, raises concerns about leadership accountability and support for agents performing their duties during politically charged events such as the January 6th Capitol riot. The dialogue also touches on the FBI's operational decisions, including travel policies for directors compared to regular agents, and the implications of budget cuts affecting local law enforcement partnerships.

In conclusion, the conversation reflects broader tensions surrounding law enforcement's role in addressing political extremism and public safety. There is a stark division in opinions about the effectiveness of current FBI leadership and its prioritization of resources. As the FBI grapples with criticism from various political factions, the need for transparency, accountability, and community trust remains paramount in restoring confidence in federal law enforcement agencies.

## In Their Own Words

Just at the outset, I just want to say what I think all of us believe, and that is that the political violence that is so afflicting our country, it doesn't matter whether it's from the right or the left. I mean, all of us have an obligation. to fiercely advocate for our point of view. All of us have an obligation. to respect people with whom we disagree.

The folks we disagree with are our opponents, but they're not our enemies. And I hope all of us keep that in mind and do the best we can to set that example. I want to congratulate the FBI.

I want to congratulate the Utah State and Local Law Enforcement for the very good work that it did in apprehending the violent assailant of Charlie Kirk, and that is a terrible, terrible tragedy. Director Patel, at one point you made an announcement that the suspect was in custody, we got our man. It turned out that was not true.

In fact, I think that was about 27 hours before the person now in custody was apprehended. Why did you make that statement? Thank you, Senator. Appreciate you letting me address this.

What the FBI does is not just locate and find suspects, but we also participate in eliminating subjects. And what we had at the time was a subject in custody in relation to this investigation. So in my commitment to work with the public to help identify subjects. and suspects, I put that information out.

And then when we interviewed him, I put out the results of that. And could I have been more careful in my verbiage including an a subject instead of subject? Sure, in the heat of the moment, but I was doing the best I could. You know, Kander, I don't quite get that because if we have our man, that would suggest to the public that everybody can rest and relax and not then continue to provide information to the local law enforcement and to you.

So that was a mistake. I don't see it as a mistake. I see it as something, working with the public to identify that there was a subject in custody.

If you put out a statement that says we've got our man, and in fact it turns out that you didn't have your man, that's not a mistake? That's not what I said. Well, I'll go on. That's my understanding.

The second thing that is really important in the FBI, but it's important in every agency, is that the folks who are doing good work get supported for the work they're doing. And a number of highly successful FBI agents have been let go. And I want to just ask you a little bit about that.

You know who Brian Driscoll is, right? Yes. Yeah, okay. And my understanding is he served at the FBI for over 18 years.

You agree? I believe that's accurate. Special agent in charge of the Newark office. He was commander of the FBI's hostage rescue team.

That's a very prestigious and responsible position. It is. Section chief of the critical incident response group's tactical section.

You've got to be pretty good to get that high responsibility. You agree with that? Yes, sir. He oversaw 55 SWAT teams, and they're like the elite of the elite, right? They go in to the dangerous situations, right? He got a medal of valor for his participation in a raid on ISIS terrorist Au Sayyaf, who had kidnapped American citizens, Kayla Mueller, right? Is that right? Yeah, I know.

You're in agreement, right? I know Kayla Mueller's family. Yes, I know the situation. Okay, and he got Kurt Meyer, somebody who had barricaded himself in a bar after he killed four people and wounded two.

And Driscoll was part of the team that went in there and took that guy out, right? I don't have all the details, but I'll take your word for it, Senator. And he got into trouble when email over demanded a list of FBI agents who investigated January 6th and was apprehensive that what did happen ultimately would happen, and that is those folks would get fired. I mean, do you agree with me that a boss who stands up for his subordinates when they did the job that was asked of them is a stand-up person and somebody to be admired? Generally speaking, yes, sir.

Pardon me? Generally speaking, yes, sir. but Driscoll got fired, right? Again, that matter is under litigation, and the matter you referenced occurred before I was director. Let's just keep it fairly narrow here.

He's fired, right? Yes, he was terminated. And he has to be, there's somebody communicates to him that he's terminated, correct? That's my job. That's your job.

So you communicated to him that he was fired? I did. So, you know, I have a hard time with this because that record suggests to me that this person is like worthy of consideration for the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and he got fired. but there's also a record of other information that was available, and now that this matter is pending litigation, we will get that out in due course.

So you've got, quote, other information that you see as a valid basis to fire somebody who, from what I can tell, had an absolutely outstanding record and who crossed the threshold of getting in trouble because he was standing up for agents serving under him who did work that was assigned to them that happened to be related to the January 6th uprising. Again, you're correlating, based on your information, the reasons for his termination. I'm telling you.

That's right. Let me ask you another question. You know, when you were here, you were rightly critical, not here actually, I guess it was on You were rightly critical of the way that the previous FBI director used the FBI jet, and you said you wanted to ground Chris Wray's private jet travel that he pays for with taxpayer dollars to hop around the country.

Let me ask you this. You know, on the weekend of, according to flight tracker data, on the weekend of March 7th, an FBI plane flew round-trip from D.C. to Las Vegas, and you attended a UFC fight with Mel Gibson, and I'll show you that. Is that you, and is that true? Yeah, you want to know the difference? I live in Las Vegas.



I'm allowed to go home. I didn't leave a congressional hearing early on an FBI jet to dodge questions. All right, then on April 5th, you attended a hockey game in New York City.

You don't live there, right? No, I don't. by the way, everyday FBI agents who are assigned in Washington don't get to fly home on a private jet. This is a great point.

Do you know why I have to use a private jet? because Congress made it mandatory. Okay, in April 5th, well, we didn't make it mandatory that you go to UFC games with Mel Gibson. Are you telling me I can't go home? You got to use some judgment here.

So when I'm at home, I can't do what I'm doing when I go home. Everybody else is allowed to go home. Let me keep going.

No, I'm glad you go home. I love to go home, but I don't go home on a private jet. On April 5th, you attended a hockey game in New York City with Wayne Gretzky, and Flight Tracker says the FBI jet took you to and from New York City, where you don't live, right? That's correct.

And on April 12th, on the following weekend, you attended a UFC fight in Miami, also on the FBI jet, right? That's correct. So what's the cost to the taxpayer for those three flights? Well, I pay the commercial equivalent per the regulations of the law. And so just so you know, when you are comparing me to prior directors... I asked what the cost was, and you don't know.

I take it. Yeah, and what I've done with the use of the private jet is use Andrews Air Force base versus Reagan National as what the other directors have done to save the taxpayer dollars. bottom line here, you flew home to Las Vegas.

There's nobody else in the FBI who gets paid. They don't. They have to pay their own way if they want to go home, right? Well, that's not accurate.

Depending on where you're stationed, the FBI covers the bill to get home. So are you telling me that FBI agents who are signed in Washington but who may live in Charlotte, they get paid by the FBI? Sometimes they do, yes. All right.

Another thing I want to say is this. You know, our local law enforcement has been stiffed. about \$500 million in cop grants have been taken out of the budget.

Those really help us in Burlington. They help us in Rutland. They really are important.

And why in the world would we be cutting those cop grants when we need that local law enforcement in part to partner with you? Do you support that? I think you're speaking to the Department of Justice grants, which I don't adjudicate. but also Vermont, just like every other state, has received a plus-up of FBI personnel. I'll tell you, that's not what we're seeing.

The other thing, my understanding is that there's a requisition or an effort to get another plane for the FBI that would cost about \$72 million. Is that right? That's inaccurate. The FBI, because the jet, as you call it, is

not my jet.

We use it for operational needs. We use it for . We use it for .

but that's the one you fly in, right? We have multiple fixed-wing assets, and one of them is on a wildly expensive lease that I deemed a waste of money, and I'm looking for a replacement in which the government can procure assets permanently. Well, I would welcome you submitting to this committee the cost information about the jets that are under consideration. And according to our research, the specifications that are included in this request would result in an expenditure of between \$72 million and \$80 million.

That's inaccurate, but I'll happily get you the right numbers. I welcome getting the specific information. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back. If you are so interested in getting the public to submit any information, why have you not met with them? You said you haven't met with them. Have you met with them? I'll give you one more chance.

My job as the FBI director is to- Is the answer yes or no to whether or not you met with these women who were sexually abused and raped? Any insinuation by you or any people on your side that I am not man-hunting child predators and sex traffickers, just look at the stats. Mr. Patel, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman, this is my time, and I will take as much time as I want. During the Obama and Biden administrations, when these so-called cover-ups were going on, why didn't anyone in those administrations talk to any of these purported witnesses? Man, oh man, there has been so much today, and I truly don't know where to start.

So I'm just going to make sure that we start off with a few facts. So a couple of facts that we need to make clear for everyone is that, number one, Director Christopher Wray, when he was appointed to be the head of the FBI, was appointed by Donald Trump. Now, I will agree that I definitely take issue with a number of decisions that Donald Trump makes, especially when it comes to the people that he decides to appoint to very important positions, including this one, because I did have to make sure that I wasn't going crazy.

but when I say that you are the least qualified FBI director in the history of the FBI, that is real, because you were the only one that never even served with the FBI prior to joining, yet we are supposed to believe that you were the greatest thing since sliced bread. I didn't ask you a question. Now, what I want to go through is to talk about why you are a failure, and why, honestly, we just need to tell you ye-ye.

I know that you got a little upset, and you put on your show for your boss because it seems like you're trying to save your job when it came to talking to Senator Booker yesterday. but let's go through some of your failures. So, before you were even confirmed, and I think one of my colleagues, my colleague from Georgia, pointed out that you were already targeting career officials so that you could direct illegal firings.

Mind you, these cases that you were so upset about, which are the ones tied to Trump, the cases came through his handpicked FBI director. And frankly, when people sit around and say things like, oh, you know, we're happy because now we feel safe, I don't know who feels safe in this country except for the white supremacist, because I specifically, as a black woman, definitely don't feel safe. And frankly, my colleagues have been real nice to you today, and I applaud them, but I don't have the same demeanor, because I know

that multiple colleagues on this side of the aisle have faced death threats.

In fact, somebody tried to kill one of my colleagues, and frankly, I don't know if this FBI, or under your leadership, if those people would have been caught. I don't have any confidence in you. And if we start talking about the reasons that I lack confidence, we can start with you not just wanting to acknowledge some simple facts.

Simple facts like the vast majority of the threats are coming from right-wing extremism. And I know my colleagues have tried to stress this, but I decided that I would maybe do it in a different way. Number one, I have a couple of UCs.

Kim buck, one of multiple Republicans receiving death threats for voting against Jim Jordan as House Speaker. Without objection. Another one, Republican lawmaker says she received death threats after voting against Jim Jordan in Speaker's race.

Without objection. In addition, there was another one from another colleague who now is leaving Congress, because they said that they were calling his wife anonymously and threatening her life to the extent that she ended up sleeping with a firearm. Without objection.

Okay, so here's the deal. How are we supposed to have confidence when you're sitting up here telling the Senate yesterday that it will take you 14 years before you can get the FBI fully staffed to do their jobs? You're also now redirecting resources so that they can go and play ICE agents on the streets. You're getting rid of your most qualified people.

And even when it came down to somebody that you consider to be a friend, you were posted up having some fancy dinner to the extent that you posted not only once erroneously, you posted twice erroneously as it relates to catching somebody. And then you want to go and say, let me take a victory lap. because honestly, if it wasn't for parents deciding that they were going to turn in their child, it seems like by'all wouldn't have got there, even though he can he literally confessed online.

So I'm, I'm confused about what it is that the FBI is doing, except for trying to put on a show for the apprentice or whatever you want to call him. The day after all of this took place, there was domestic terrorism that was taking place at HCUs. They were targeted.

Yet I didn't hear anything from the FBI about what was going on. And again, lack people kept saying, how did we end up in this? because the numbers are so very clear that white supremacy is a problem. And honestly, I've not heard anything out of you today that makes me believe that you're going to do anything about the white supremacy problem.

The one that is leading to children being killed, children being shot, as well as members of their community as they're working, as they're worshiping in their churches. The time of the gentle-lady has expired. If the gentleman would like to respond to any of that.

Well, I mean, I'll respond. Kash Patel, as I said, when I introduced him, public defender, former prosecutor, top staffer on the House Intelligence Committee, deputy director of national intelligence with the National

Security Council, chief of staff at the Department of Defense and FBI director. I think that's a pretty good resume for the guy who's now running the top law enforcement agency in our country.

And we've seen all the stats that he's given to the committee on how much better they're doing to get in the ad guys than the previous guy was doing. With that, I recognize the gentleman from South Carolina. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Director Patel, I think you're witnessing some auditions, clickbait auditions for the Academy Award for my Democratic colleagues. We'll see how they fare as they're on MSNC later on today. but do you care, before I launch into my line of questioning, to respond to Ms. Crockett from Texas on that very elaborate and theatrics display? Here's what I've learned in my government service.

I don't give a damn what they say about me, as long as I'm succeeding in the mission. We're succeeding in the mission because the men and women of the FBI have never been empowered to do more work and to hit the streets harder than by President Trump's authorities and resources he's given us. And so all I care about is that we are capturing more child predators than ever before, taking more drugs off the streets than ever before, that we are capturing murderers at a significantly historic rate, and we're delivering this country the lowest murder rate in recorded history.

That are facts that you cannot dispute. but you can come at me all you want. I don't care.

Thank you, Director, for that. And we appreciate your service. We appreciate the results speak for themselves, I think, pretty plainly, and your commitment not only to results but to transparency.

So we do appreciate that.

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President Trump - Address to United Nations General Assembly 2025

The President: Thank you very much. Very much appreciate it. And I don't mind making this speech without a teleprompter, because the teleprompter is not working.

I feel very happy to be up here with you, nevertheless. And that way, you speak more from the heart. I can only say that whoever is operating this teleprompter is in big trouble.

Hello, Madam First Lady. Thank you very much for being here. Madam President, Mr.

Secretary General, First Lady of the United States, distinguished delegates, ambassadors, and world leaders. Six years have passed since I last stood in this grand hall and addressed a world that was prosperous and at peace in my first term. Since that day, the guns of war have shattered the peace I forged on two continents.

An era of calm and stability gave way to one of the great crises of our time. And here in the United States, four years of weakness, lawlessness, and radicalism under the last administration delivered our nation into a repeated set of disasters. One year ago, our country was in deep trouble.

but today, just eight months into my administration, we are the hottest country anywhere in the world, and there is no other country even close. America is blessed with the strongest economy, the strongest orders, the strongest military, the strongest friendships, and the strongest spirit of any nation on the face of the Earth. This is, indeed, the golden age of America.

We are rapidly reversing the economic calamity we inherited from the previous administration, including ruinous price increases and record-setting inflation -- inflation like we've never had before. Under my leadership, energy costs are down, gasoline prices are down. Grocery prices are down.

Mortgage rates are down and inflation has been defeated. The only thing that's up is the stock market, which just hit a record high. In fact, it hit a record high 48 times in the last short period of time.

Growth is surging. Manufacturing is booming. The stock market, as I said, is doing better than it's ever done.

And all of you in this room benefit by that. Almost everybody. And importantly, workers' wages are rising at the fastest pace in more than 60 years.

And that's what it's all about, isn't it? In four years of President Biden, we had less than \$1 trillion of new investment into the United States. In just eight months since I took office, we have secured commitments and money already paid for \$17 trillion. Think of it.

Four years, less than a trillion. Eight months, much more than \$17 trillion is being invested in the United States, and it's now pouring in from all parts of the world. We've implemented the largest tax cuts in American history and the largest regulation cuts in America history, making this, once and again, the est country on Earth to do business.

And many of the people in this room are investing in America, and it has turned out to be an awfully good investment during this eight-month period. In my first term, I built the greatest economy in the history of the world. We had the est economy ever.

History of the World. And I'm doing the same thing again, but this time, it's actually much bigger and even better. The numbers far surpassed my record-setting first term.

On our southern order, we have successfully repelled a colossal invasion. And for the last four months, and that's four months in a row, the number of illegal aliens admitted and entering our country has been zero. Hard to believe.

because if you look back just a year ago, it was millions and millions of people pouring in from all over the world, from prisons, from mental institutions, drug dealers. All over the word they came. They just poured into our country with the ridiculous open order policy of the Biden administration.

Our message is very simple. If you come illegally into the United States, you're going to jail, or you're going back to where you came from, or perhaps even further than that. You know what that means.

I want to thank the country of El Salvador for the successful and professional job they've done in receiving and jailing so many criminals that entered our country. And it was under the previous administration in that the number became record-setting, and they're all being taken out. We have no choice.

And other countries have no choose, because other countries are in the exact same situation with immigration. It's destroying your country, and you have to do something about it. On the world stage, America is respected again like it has never been respected before.

Think about two years ago, three years ago four years ago or one year ago, we were a laughing stock all over the world. At the NATO summit in June, virtually all NATO members formally committed to increased defense spending at my request, from 2 percent to 5 percent of GDP, making our alliance far stronger and more powerful than it was ever before. In May, I traveled to the Middle East to visit my friends and rebuild our partnerships in the Gulf, and those valued relationships with Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE, and other countries are now, I believe, closer than ever before.

My administration has negotiated one historic trade deal after another, including with the United Kingdom, the European Union, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam. Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, and many, many others. Likewise, in a period of just seven months, I have ended seven unendurable wars.

They said they were unendurable. You're never going to get them solved. Some were going for 31 years -- two of them.

31. You think of it, 31 years, one was 36 years, one was 28 years. I ended seven wars.

In all cases, they were raging with countless thousands of people being killed. This includes Cambodia and Thailand, Kosovo and Serbia, the Congo and Rwanda, a vicious, violent war that was. Pakistan and India, Israel and Iran, Egypt and Ethiopia, and Armenia and Azerbaijan.

It included all of them. No president or prime minister, and for that matter, no other country has ever done anything close to that. And I did it in just seven months.

It's never happened before. There's never been anything like that. Very honored to have done it.

It's too bad that I had to do these things instead of the United Nations doing them. And sadly, in all cases, the United Nations did not even try to help in any of them. I ended seven wars, dealt with the leaders of each and every one of these countries, and never even received a phone call from the United Nations offering to help in finalizing the deal.

All I got from the United Nations was an escalator that, on the way up, stopped right in the middle. If the First Lady wasn't in great shape, she would have fallen. But she's in great shape.

We're both in good shape. We both stood. And then a teleprompter that didn't work.

These are the two things I got from the United Nations, a bad escalator and a bad teleprompter. Thank you very much. And by the way, it's working now.

It just went on. I think I should just do it the other way. It's easier.

Thank you very much. I didn't think of it at the time because I was too busy working to save millions of lives. That is the saving and stopping of these wars.

But later I realized that the United Nations wasn't there for us. They weren't there. I thought of it really after the fact, not during these negotiations, which were not easy.

That being the case, what is the purpose of the United Nations? The U. N. has such tremendous potential.

I've always said it. It has such a tremendous, tremendous potential, but it's not even coming close to living up to that potential, for the most part. At least for now, all they seem to do is write a really strongly worded letter and then never follow that letter up.

It's empty words, and empty words don't solve war. The only thing that solves war and wars is action. Now, after ending all of these wars and also earlier negotiating the Abraham Accords, which is a very big thing for which our country received no credit, never receives credit, everyone says that I should get the Nobel Peace Prize for each one of these achievements.

But for me, the real prize will be the sons and daughters who live to grow up with their mothers and fathers,

because millions of people are no longer being killed in endless and unglorious wars. What I care about is not winning prizes, it's saving lives. We saved millions and millions of lives with the seven wars.

And we have others that we're working on, and you know that. Many years ago, a very successful real estate developer in New York known as Donald J. Trump.

I did on the renovation and rebuilding of this very United Nations complex. I remember it so well. I said at the time that I would do it for \$500 million, rebuilding everything.

It would be beautiful. I used to talk about, I'm going to give you marble floors. They're going to give you terrazzo.

I'm going to give you the best of everything. You're going to have mahogany walls. They're going to give plastic.

but they decided to go in another direction, which was much more expensive at the time, which actually produced a far inferior product. And I realized that they did not know what they were doing when it came to construction and that their building concepts were so wrong and the product that they were proposing to build was so bad and so costly. It was going to cost them a fortune.

And I said, and wait till you see the overruns. Well, I turned out to be right. They had massive cost overruns and spent between \$2 and \$4 billion on the building and did not even get the marble floors that I promised them.

You walk on terrazzo. Do you notice that? As far as I'm concerned, frankly, looking at the building and getting stuck on the escalator, they still haven't finished the job. They still haven't finished.

That was years ago. The project was so corrupt that Congress actually asked me to testify before them on the tremendous waste of money, because it turned out that they had no idea what it was, but they knew it was anywhere between \$2 billion and \$4 billion, as opposed to \$500 million with a guarantee. but they had no idea, and I said it cost much more than \$5 billion.

Unfortunately, many things in the United Nations are happening just like that. but on an even much bigger scale, much, much bigger. Very sad to see whether the U.

N. can manage to play a productive role. I've come here today to offer the hand of American leadership and friendship to any nation in this assembly that is willing to join us in forging a safer, more prosperous world.

It's a world that we'll be much happier with, a dramatically better future is within our reach. but to get there, we must reject the failed approaches of the past and work together to confront some of the greatest threats in history. There is no more serious danger to our planet today than the most powerful and destructive weapons ever devised by man, of which the United States, as you know, has many.

Just as I did in my first term, I've made containing these threats a top priority, starting with the nation of Iran. My position is very simple. The world's number-one sponsor of terror can never be allowed to possess the most dangerous weapon.

That's why, shortly after taking office, I sent the so-called the Supreme Leader a letter making a generous offer.



I extended a pledge of full cooperation in exchange for a suspension of Iran's nuclear program. The regime's answer was to continue their constant threats to their neighbors and U.

S. interests throughout the region and some great countries that are right nearby. Today, many of Iran is former military commanders, in fact, I can say almost all of them are no longer with us.

They're dead. And three months ago, in Operation Midnight Hammer, seven American -2 bombers dropped the 14 30,000-pound each oms on Iran's key nuclear facilities, totally obliterating everything. No other country on Earth could have done what we did.

No other county has the equipment to do what we do. We have the greatest weapons on Earth. We hate to use them.

but we did something that For 22 years, people wanted to do. With Iran's nuclear enrichment capacity demolished, I immediately brokered an end to the 12-day war, as it's called, between Israel and Iran, with both sides agreeing to fight, fight no longer. As everyone knows, I have also been deeply engaged in seeking a ceasefire in Gaza.

Have to get that done. Have to get it done. Unfortunately, Hamas has repeatedly rejected reasonable offers to make peace.

We can't forget October 7th, can we? Now, as if to encourage continued conflict, some of this body is seeking to unilaterally recognize a Palestinian state. The rewards would be too great for Hamas' terrorists for their atrocities. This would be a reward for these horrible atrocities, including October 7th, even while they refuse to release the hostages or accept to cease fire.

Instead of giving to Hamas and giving so much, because they've taken so much. They have taken so many. This could have been solved so long ago.

but instead of giving in to Hamas' ransom demands, those who want peace should be united with one message. Release the hostages now. Just release the hostages.

(applause) Thank you. As we have got to come together, and we will come together. Going to get it done.

We have to stop the war in Gaza immediately. We have stop it. We have get it done.

We have negotiate. Immediately have to negotiate peace. We got to get the hostages back.

We want all 20 back. We don't want two and four. As you know, I got, along with Steve Witkoff and others that helped us, Marco Ruio.

We got most of them back. We were involved in all of them. but I always said, the last 20 are going to be the hardest, and that's exactly what happened.

We have to get them back now. We don't want to get back two, then another two, and then one, and then three,

have this process. No, we want them all back, and we want the actually 38 dead bodies back, too.

Those parents came to me, and they want them back, and they wanted them back very quickly and very badly. As though they were alive, they want him. They want him every bit as much as if their son or daughter were alive.

I've also been working relentlessly, stopping the killing in Ukraine. I thought that would be one of the seven wars that I stopped. I thought it would be the easiest because of my relationship with President Putin, which had always been a good one.

I thought it was going to be the easier one. but, you know, in war, you never know what's going to happen. There are always lots of surprises, both good and bad.

Everyone thought Russia would win this war in three days. but it didn't work out that way. It was supposed to be just a quick little skirmish.

It's not making Russia look good. It's making them look bad. No matter what happens, from here on out, this was something that should have taken a matter of days, certainly less than a week, and they've been fighting for three and a half years and killing anywhere from 5,000 to 7,000 young soldiers. Mostly, mostly soldiers.

On both sides every single week, from 5,000 to 7,000 dead young people, and some in cities, much smaller numbers, where rockets are shot, where drones are dropped. This war would never have started if I were president. This was a war that should have never happened.

It shows you what leadership is, what bad leadership can do to a country. Look what happened to the United States. And look where we are right now in just a short period of time.

The only question now is how many more lives will be needlessly lost on both sides. China and India are the primary funders of the ongoing war by continuing to purchase Russian oil. but inexcusably, even NATO countries have not cut off much Russian energy and Russian energy products.

Which, as you know, I found out about two weeks ago, and I wasn't happy. They're funding the war against themselves. Who the hell ever heard of that one? In the event that Russia is not ready to make a deal to end the war, then the United States is fully prepared to impose a very strong round of powerful tariffs, which would stop the bloodshed, I believe, very quickly.

but for those tariffs to be effective, European nations, all of you are gathered here right now would have to join us in adopting the exact same measures. I mean, you're much closer to the sea. We have an ocean in between.

You're right there. And Europe has to step it up. They can't be doing what they're doing.

They're buying oil and gas from Russia while they're fighting Russia. It's embarrassing to them. And it was very embarrassing to them when I found out about it, I can tell you that.

They have to immediately cease all energy purchases from Russia. Otherwise, we're all wasting a lot of time. So

I'm ready to discuss this.

We're going to discuss it today with the European nations, all gathered here. I'm sure they're thrilled to hear me speak about it, but that's the way it is. I like to speak my mind and speak the truth.

As we seek to reduce the threat of dangerous weapons today, I'm also calling on every nation to join us in ending the development of biological weapons once and for all. And biological is terrible, and nuclear. Is even beyond, and we include nuclear in that.

We want to have a cessation of the development of nuclear weapons. We know, and I know, and I get to view it all the time. Sir, would you like to see? And I look at weapons that are so powerful.

We just can't ever use them. If we ever use them, the world literally might come to an end. There would be no United Nations to be talking about.

There would no nothing. Just a few years ago, reckless experiments overseas gave us a devastating global pandemic. Yet, despite that worldwide catastrophe, many countries are continuing extremely risky research into bioweapons and man-made pathogens.

This is unbelievably dangerous. To prevent potential disasters, I'm announcing today that my administration will lead a international effort to enforce biological Weapons Convention, which is going to be meeting with the top leaders of the world by pioneering an AI verification system that everyone can trust. Hopefully, the U.

N. can play a constructive role, and it will also go, be one of the early Projects under AI. Let's see how good it is, because a lot of people are saying it could be one of the great things ever, but it also can be dangerous, but it could be put to tremendous use and tremendous good.

And this would be an example of that. Not only is the U. N.

not solving the problems it should, too often, it's actually creating new problems for us to solve. The est example is the number one political issue of our time, the crisis of uncontrolled migration. It's uncontrolled.

Your countries are being ruined. The United Nations is funding an assault on Western countries and their orders. In 2024, the U.

N. budgeted \$372 million in cash assistance to support an estimated 624,000 migrants journeying into the United States. Think of that.

The U. N. is supporting people that are illegally coming into the United States, and then we have to get them out.

The U. N. also provided food, shelter, transportation, and debit cards to illegal aliens.

Can you believe that? On the way to infiltrate our southern order, millions of people came through that southern order. Just a year ago, millions and millions of people were pouring in. Twenty-five million altogether over the

four years of the incompetent Biden administration.

And now we have it stopped, totally stopped. In fact, they're not even coming anymore because they know they can't get through. but what took place is totally unacceptable.

The U. N. is supposed to stop invasions, not create them, and not finance them.

In the United States, we reject the idea that mass numbers of people from foreign lands can be permitted to travel halfway around the world, trample our orders, violate our sovereignty, because unmitigated crime and deplete our social safety net. We have reasserted that America belongs to the American people, and I encourage all countries to take their own stand in defense of their citizens as well. You have to do that because I see it.

I'm not mentioning names. I see and I can call every single one of them out. You're destroying your countries.

They're being destroyed. Europe is in serious trouble. They've been invaded by a force of illegal aliens like nobody's ever seen before.

Illegal aliens are pouring into Europe. Nobody is ever -- and nobody is doing anything to change it, to get them out. It's not sustainable.

And because they choose to be politically correct, they're doing just absolutely nothing about it. And I have to say, I look at London, where you have a terrible mayor, terrible, terrible mayor. And it's been so changed, so changed.

Now they want to go to Sharia law. but you're in a different country. You can't do that.

both the immigration and their suicidal energy ideas will be the death of Western Europe if something is not done immediately. They cannot, this cannot be sustained. What makes the world so beautiful. is that each country is unique.

but to stay this way, every sovereign nation must have the right to control their own orders. You have the rights to control your orders, as we do now, and to limit the sheer numbers of migrants entering their countries and paid for by the people of that nation that were there and that built that particular nation at the time. They put their blood, sweat, tears, money into that country.

And now they're being ruined. Proud nations must be allowed to protect their communities and prevent their societies from being overwhelmed by people they have never seen before with different customs, religions, with different everything. Where migrants have violated laws, lodged false asylum claims, or claimed refugee status for illegitimate reasons, they should, in many cases, be immediately sent home.

And while we will always have a big heart for places and people that are struggling and truly compassionate, answers will be given. We have to solve the problem. and we have to solve it in their countries, not create new problems in our countries. And we are very helpful to a lot of countries that are just not able to send their people anymore.

They used to send them to us in caravans of 25,000, 30,000 people each. These massive caravans of people pouring into our country, totally unchecked and unvetted. but not anymore.

According to the Council of Europe, in 2024, almost 50 percent of inmates in German prisons were foreign nationals or migrants. In Austria, the number was 53 percent of the people in prisons were from places that weren't from where they are now. In Greece, the number was 54 percent.

And in Switzerland -- beautiful. Switzerland -- it's 72 percent of the people in prisons are from outside of Switzerland. When your prisons are filled with so-called asylum seekers who repaid kindness -- and that's what they did. They repaid kindness with crime.

It's time to end the failed experiment of open orders. You have to end it now. See, I can tell you.

I'm really good at this stuff. Your countries are going to hell. In America, we've taken old action to swiftly shut down uncontrolled migration.

Once we started detaining and deporting everyone who crossed the order and removing illegal aliens from the United States, they simply stopped coming. They're not coming anymore. We're getting a lot of credit, but they're not come anymore.

This was a humanitarian act for all involved because, on the trips up, thousands of people a week were dying. Women were being raped. Nobody's ever seen anything like it.

Raped, horridly eaten, raped. On the trip up, the journey up, it was a long walk. It was a large arduous journey, indeed.

And it was also a historic victory against human trafficking throughout the region. What we did was a victory, and we saved so many lives of people that wouldn't make the journey. That journey was loaded up with death.

Loaded up with death. Dead bodies all along, all along the roads of jungles to get up. They go through jungles.

They go to areas so hot you couldn't breathe. They were dying of suffocation. Areas so hot that you couldn't breathe.

Dead bodies, all over. by them not coming, we're saving tremendous numbers of lives. My people have done a fantastic job in doing what they did, and the American public agrees with it.

I mean, I was very proud to see this morning I have the highest poll numbers I've ever had. Part of it is because of what we've done on the order. I guess the other part is what we have done on the economy.

Joe Biden's policies empowered murderous gangs, human smugglers, child traffickers, drug cartels, and prisoners. Prisoners from all over the world. The previous administration also lost nearly 300,000 children.

Think of that. They lost more than 300,000 children, little children, who were trafficked into the United States on the Biden watch, many of whom have been raped, exploited, and abused, and sold. Sold.

Nobody talks about that. The fake news doesn't write about it, with many others, young children, who are missing or dead. And we found a lot of these children, we're sending it back.

And we've been sending them back to their parents. They said, nobody knows who they are. They said where do you come from? And they'll give us a country and we'll find out and we will figure it out and we ring them back to their homes.

And the mother and father rushed to the door and their tears in their eyes. They can't believe that they're seeing their son or daughter, their little son or daughter again. We've done almost 30,000 of them so far.

Any system that results in the mass trafficking of children is inherently evil. Yet that is exactly what the globalist migration agenda has done, and it's what it's all about. In America, those days, as you know, are over.

The Trump administration is working, and we are continuing to work to track down the villains that are causing this problem., and also, as I said, to get back the 30,000 we've already returned. Now I think we're going to have another. We're going find a lot.

You're not going to find all of them, 300 -- more than 300,000. They're lost or they're dead. They're lost or they are dead because of the animals that did this.

To protect our citizens, I've also designated multiple savage drug cartels as far as to -- and you see this, and you'll see it happening right before your eyes. Let's put it this way, people don't like taking big loads of drugs in boats anymore. There aren't too many boats that are traveling on the seas by Venezuela.

They tend not to want to travel very quickly anymore. And we've virtually stopped drugs coming into our country by sea. We call them the water drugs.

They kill hundreds of thousands of people. I've also designated multiple savage drug cartels as far as foreign terrorist organizations, along with two bloodthirsty transnational gangs, probably the worst gangs anywhere in the world, MS-13 and Tren de Aragua. Tren de Aragua is from Venezuela, by the way.

Such organizations torture, maim, mutilate, and murder with impunity. They're the enemies of all humanity. And for this reason, we've recently begun using the supreme power of the United States military to destroy Venezuelan terrorists and trafficking networks led by Nicolas Maduro.

To every terrorist thug smuggling poisonous drugs into the United States of America, please be warned that we will wipe you out of existence. That's what we're doing. We have no choice.

Can't let it happen. They're destroying, I believe we lost 300,000 people last year to drugs. 300,000 fentanyl and other drugs.

Each boat that we sink carries drugs that would kill more than 25,000 Americans. We will not let that happen. Energy is another area where the United States is now thriving like never before.

We're getting rid of the falsely named renewals. by the way, they're a joke. They don't work.

They're too expensive. They're not strong enough to fire up the plants that you need to make your country great. The wind doesn't low.

Those big windmills are so pathetic and so ad, so expensive to operate. And they have to be rebuilt all the time, and they start to rust and rot. Most expensive energy ever conceived, and it's actually energy.

You're supposed to make money with energy, not lose money. You lose money, the governments have to subsidize. You can't put them out without massive subsidies.

And most of them were built in China, and I give China a lot of credit. They build them, but they have very few wind farms. So why is it that they build them and they send them all over the world, but they barely use them.

You know, they use coal. They use gas. They use almost anything, but the don't like wind.

but they sure as hell like selling the windmills. Europe, on the other hand, is a long way to go, with many countries being on the brink of destruction because of the green energy agenda. And I give a lot of credit to Germany.

Germany was being led down a very sick path, both on immigration, by the way, and on energy. They were going green, and they were going bankrupt. And the new leadership came in, and they went back to where they were, with fossil fuel and with nuclear, which is good.

It's now safe, and you can do it properly. but they went back to where they were, and they opened up a lot of different plants, energy plants, and energy-producing plants. And they're doing well.

I give Germany a lot credit for that. They've said this is a disaster, what's happening. They were going all green.

All green is all bankrupt. That's what it represents. And it's not politically correct.

I'll be very badly. criticized for saying it, but I'm here to tell the truth. I don't care. It doesn't matter to me.

I'm in New York City. I'm feeling a lot safer. Crime, we're getting crime down.

And by the way, speaking of crime, Washington, D. C. Washington, D.

C. was the crime capital of America. Now it's a totally -- after 12 days, it's a totally safe city.

Everyone's going out to dinner. They're going out the restaurants. Your wife can walk down the middle of the street.

With or without you, nothing's going to happen. My people have done a fantastic job. And, yes, I called in the National Guard, and the National Guard took care of business.

And they weren't politically correct, but they took care business. We got 1,700 career criminals out, brought them back to where they came from, the countries where they come from, or put them in jails. Washington, D.

C. is now a totally safe city again. And I welcome you to come.

In fact, we'll have dinner together at a local restaurant, and we'll be able to walk. We don't have to go by an armored vehicle. We'll walk right over there from the White House.

They've given up their powerful edge. A lot of the countries that we're talking about in oil and gas, such as essentially closing the great North Sea oil. Oh, the North Sea.

I know it so well. Aberdeen was the oil capital of Europe, and there's tremendous oil that hasn't been found in the North Sea. Tremendous oil.

And I was with the Prime Minister, who I respected like a lot, and I said, You're sitting with the greatest asset. They essentially closed it by making it so highly taxed that no developer, no oil company can go there. They have tremendous oil left.

And more importantly, they have tremendous oil that hasn't even been found yet. And what a tremendous asset for the United Kingdom. And I hope the Prime Minister is listening because I told it to him three days in a row.

That's all he heard. North Sea oil, North Sea, because I want to see them do well. I want to stop seeing them ruining that beautiful Scottish and English countryside with windmills and massive solar panels that go seven miles by seven miles, taking away farmland.

but we're not letting this happen in America. In 1982 the executive director of the United Nations Environmental Program predicted that by the year 2000, climate change would cause a global catastrophe. He said that it will be irreversible as any nuclear holocaust would be.

This is what they said at the United Nations. What happened? Here we are. Another U.

N. Official stated in 1989 that within a decade, entire nations could be wiped off the map. by global warming.

Not happening. You know, it used to be global cooling. If you look back years ago, in the 1920s and the 1930s, they said, global cooling will kill the world.

We have to do something. Then they said global warming will kill the world, but then it started getting cooler. So now they could just call it climate change, because that way they can't miss.

Climate change because if it goes Higher or lower, whatever the hell happens, is climate change. It's the greatest con job ever perpetrated on the world, in my opinion. Climate change, no matter what happens, you're involved in that.

No more global warming, no more global cooling. All of these predictions made by the United Nations and many others, often for ad reasons, were wrong. They were made by stupid people.



but have caused their country's fortunes, and given those same countries no chance for success, if you don't get away from this green scam, your country is going to fail. And I'm really good at predicting things, you know? They actually said during the campaign, they had a hat, the est-selling hat. Trump was right about everything.

And I don't say that in a braggadocios way, but it's true. I've been right about every thing. And I am telling you that if you don't go away from the green energy scam, Your country is going to fail.

And if you don't stop people that you've never seen before that you have nothing in common with, your country is gonna fail. I'm the President of the United States, but I worry about Europe. I love Europe.

I love the people of Europe. And I hate to see it being devastated by energy and immigration. This double-tailed monster destroys everything in its wake, and they cannot let that happen any longer.

You're doing it because you want to be nice, you want be politically correct, and you're destroying your heritage. They must take control strongly and immediately of the unmitigated immigration disaster and the fake energy catastrophe before it's too late. The carbon footprint is a hoax made up by people with evil intentions, and they're heading down a path of total destruction.

You know the carbon footprint. It was a big, big thing a few years ago. I remember. hearing about the carbon footprint, and then President Obama would get into Air Force One, a massive Boeing 747, and not a new one, an old one, with old engines that spew everything into the atmosphere.

He'd talk about the carbon footprint, we must do something. Then he'd get in, and he'd fly from Washington to Hawaii to play a round of golf. And then he'd get back onto that big, beautiful. plane, and he'd fly back, and he would talk about, again, global warming and the carbon footprint.

It's a con job. At extreme cost and expense, Europe reduced its own carbon footprint by 37 percent. Think of that.

Congratulations, Europe. Great job. It cost yourself a lot of jobs.

A lot of factories closed. but you reduced the carbon footprint by 37 percent. However, for all of that sacrifice and much more, it's been totally wiped out and then some by a global increase of 54 percent.

Much of it coming from China and other countries that are thriving around China, which now produces more CO2 than all the other developed nations in the world. So all of these countries are working so hard on the carbon footprint, which is nonsense, by the way. It's nonsense.

You know, it's interesting. In the United States, we have still radicalized environmentalists, and they want the factories to stop, everything should stop, no more cows. We don't want cows anymore.

I guess they want to kill all the cows. They want to do things that are just unbelievable. And you have it, too.

but, you know, we a order, strong, and we have a shape. And that shape doesn't just go straight up. That shape is

amorphous when it comes to the atmosphere.

And if we had the most clean air, and I think we do, we have very clean air. We have the cleanest air we've had in many, many years. but the problem. is that other countries, like China, which has air that's a little it rough, it lows.

And no matter what you're doing down here, the air up here, tends to get very dirty because it comes in from other countries where their air isn't so clean. And the environmentalists refuse to acknowledge that. Same thing with garage.

In Asia, they dump much of their garage right into the ocean. And over about a one-week and two-week journey, it flows right past Los Angeles. You've seen it.

Massive amounts of garage. Almost too much to do anything about. Flowing past Los Angeles, past San Francisco, and then somebody would get in trouble because he dropped a cigarette on the each.

The whole thing is crazy. And you have it, too. but, you know, we a order, strong, and we have a shape. They're making a fortunately.

European electricity ills are now four to five times more expensive than those in China and two to three times higher than the United States. And our ills are coming way down. You probably see that our gasoline prices are way down, you know, we have an expression, drill, baby drill.

And that's what we're doing. We're going to be much lower in a year from now. but they've come way down over the last year.

As a result, every air conditioner is, like, very uncommon to see one in some of these countries because the electric cost is so high. So while the U. S.

has approximately 1,300 heat-related deaths annually, that's a lot, Europe loses more than 175,000 people to heat deaths each year. because the cost is so expensive you can't turn on an air conditioner. What is that all about? That's not Europe.

That's the Europe that I love and know. All in the name of pretending to stop the global warming hoax. The entire globalist concept of asking successful industrialized nations to inflict pain on themselves and radically disrupt their entire societies must be rejected completely and totally, and it must be immediate.

That's why, in America, I withdrew from the fake Paris Climate Accord, where, by the way, America was paying so much more than every country. Others weren't paying. China didn't have to pay until 2030.

Russia was given an old standard that was easy to meet, the 1990 standard. but for the United States, we're supposed to pay like a trillion dollars. And I said, this is another scam.

The fact is, the United States has been taken advantage of by the world for many, many years, but not any longer, as you probably noticed. I unleashed massive energy production and signed historic executive orders to

hunt for oil. but we don't have to do much hunting because we have the most oil of any nation anywhere, oil and gas, in the world.

And if you add coal, we have the most oil in the country. Of any nation in the world. Clean -- I call it clean, beautiful coal.

You can do things today with coal that you couldn't have done 10 years ago, 15 years. So I have a little standing order in the White House. Never use the word coal.

Only use the words clean, beautiful coal -- sounds much better, doesn't it? but we stand ready to provide any country with abundant, affordable energy supplies if you need them, when most of you do. We're proudly exporting energy all over the world. We're now the largest exporter.

In the United States, we want trade and roust commerce with all nations, everybody. We want to help nations. We're going to help the nations.

but it must also be fair and reciprocal. The challenge with trade is much the same with climate. The countries that followed the rules and all their factories have been plundered, it's really sad to watch.

They've been broken. They've been broken. by countries that broke the rules. That's why the United States is now applying tariffs to other countries.

And much as these tariffs were, for many years, applied to us, uncontrollably applied to us. We've used tariffs as a defense mechanism under the Trump administration, including my first term, where hundreds of billions of dollars in tariffs were taken in. And by the way, we had the lowest inflation, and now we have very low inflation.

The only thing different is that we have hundreds of billions of dollars flowing into our country. but this is how we will ensure that the system works for everyone and is sustainable into the future. We're also using tariffs to defend our sovereignty and security throughout the world, including against nations that have taken advantage of former U.

S. administrations for decades, including the most corrupt, incompetent administration in history, the sleepy Joe Biden administration. Brazil now faces major tariffs in response to its unprecedented efforts to interfere in the rights and freedoms of our American citizens and others, with censorship, repression, weaponization, judicial corruption, and targeting of political critics in the United States.

I have a little problem saying this because I must tell you. I was walking in, and the leader of Brazil was walking out. We saw him, and I saw him.

He saw me, and we embraced. And then I'm saying, can you believe I'm going to be saying this in just two minutes? but we actually agreed that we would meet next week. We didn't have much time to talk, like about 20 seconds.

They were -- in retrospect. I'm glad I waited because this thing didn't work out too well. but we did talk.

We had a good talk, and we agreed to meet next week, if that's of interest. but he seemed like a very nice man, actually. He liked me.

I liked him. but if you -- and I only do business with people I like. I don't -- when I don't like them, I don't like them.

but we had, at least for about 39 seconds, we had excellent chemistry. It's a good sign. but also in the past, Brazil, can you believe this, unfairly tariffed our nation.

but now, because of our tariffs, we are hitting them back, and we're hitting them back very hard. As President, I will always defend our national sovereignty and the rights of American citizens, so I'm very sorry to say this, that Brazil is doing poorly and will continue to do poorly. They can only do well when they're working with us.

Without us, they will fail just as others have failed. It's true. Next year, the United States will celebrate the 250th anniversary of our glorious independence, a testament to enduring power in American freedom and spirit.

We will also be proudly hosting the 2026 FIFA World Cup. And shortly thereafter, the 2028 Olympics, which is going to be very exciting. I hope you all come.

I hope that countless people from all over the globe will take part of these great celebrations of liberty and human achievement, and that together we all can rejoice in the miracles of history that began in July 4th, 1776, when we founded the light to all nations. And it's something, really, that an amazing thing came out of that date. It's called the United States of America.

In honor of this momentous anniversary, I hope that all countries who find inspiration in our example will join us in renewing our commitment, values and those values, really that we hold so dear together. Let us defend free speech and free expression. Let us protect religious liberty, including for the most persecuted religion on the planet today.

It's called Christianity. And let us safeguard our sovereignty and cherish qualities that have made each of our nations so special, incredible, and extraordinary. In closing, I just want to repeat that immigration and the high cost of so-called green renewable energy is destroying a large part of the free world and a large of our planet.

Countries that cherish freedom are fading fast because of their policies on these two subjects. You need strong orders and traditional energy sources if you are going to be great again. Whether you have come from north or south, east or west, near or far, every leader in this beautiful hall today represents a rich culture, a noble history, and a proud heritage that makes each nation majestic and unique.

Unlike anything else in human history or any other place on the face of the Earth. From London to Lima, from Rome to Athens, from Paris to Seoul, from Cairo to Tokyo, and Amsterdam to right here in New York City, we stand on the shoulders of the leaders and legends, generals and giants, heroes and titans who won and built our beloved nations, all of our nations. With their own courage, strength, spirit, and skill, our ancestors climbed to mountains, conquered oceans, crossed deserts, and trekked over wide-open plains.

They charged into thunderous battles, plunged into grave dangers. And they were soldiers and farmers and workers and warriors and explorers and patriots. They built towns into cities, tries into kingdoms, ideas into industries and small islands into mighty empires.

You're a part of all of that. They were champions for their people who never gave up and who never, ever gave in. Their values defined our national identities.

Their visions forged our magnificent destiny. Everybody in this room is a part of it in your own way. That each of us inherits the deeds and the myths, the triumphs, the legacies of our own heroes and founders who so bravely showed us the way.

Our ancestors gave everything for homelands that they defended with pride, with sweat, with blood, with life, and with death. Now the righteous task of protecting the nations that they built belongs to each and every one of us. So together, let us uphold our sacred duty to our people and to our citizens.

Let us protect their orders, ensure their safety, preserve their cultures, treasure, and traditions, and fight, fight, fight for their precious dreams and their cherished freedoms. And in friendship and really a beautiful vision, let us all work together to build a right beautiful planet, a planet that we all share, a planet of peace and a world that is richer, better, and more beautiful than ever before. That can happen.

It will happen. It will happen, and I hope it can happen and start right now, right at this moment. We'll turn it around.

We're going to make our countries better, safer, more beautiful. We're going to take care of our people. Thank you very much.

It's been an honor. God bless the nations of the world. Thank you, very much, ye.

(applause) Female Speaker: On behalf of the Assembly, I wish to thank the President of the United States.