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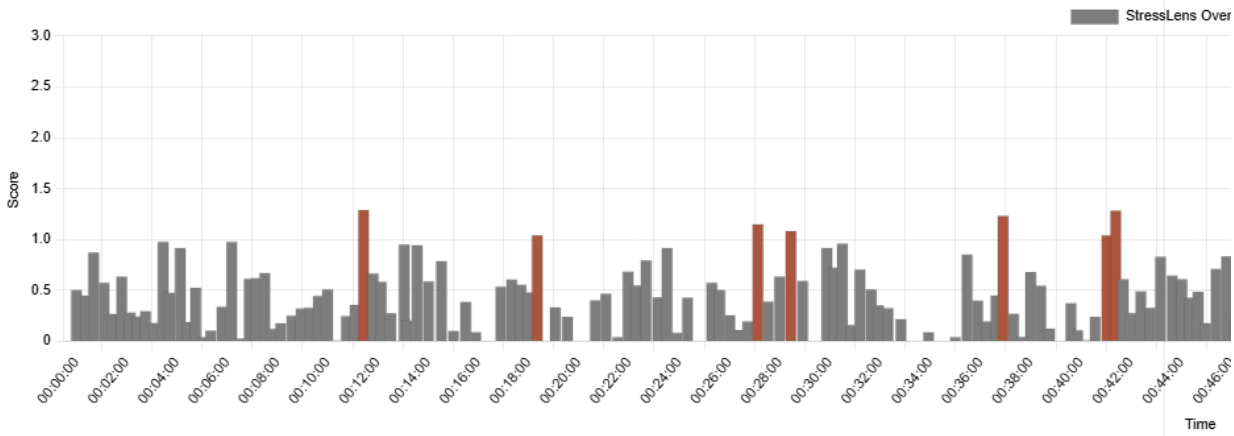

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Donald Trump 00:00:00-00:00:24 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.508)

Wow. Thank you very much. This is a great room. And uh, you know, we've done very well in this room before, but right now, we broke every record. I just heard from Mike Johnson, he said, we broke every record, sir. There is over $35 million. That's not bad for an evening. For an evening, that's not bad. I wonder if you ever turned the room this way.

Donald Trump 00:00:24-00:00:41 (17 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.454)

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You know, it's interesting because I love real estate. I love ballrooms. They have nice ballrooms, a lot of them. I wonder if they ever turned it this way instead. So it might be interesting. This way, I'm not talking to a wall. They think they get a better view, but actually, I'm not sure. But next time maybe we won't have to worry about that next year.

Donald Trump 00:00:41-00:01:06 (25 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.876)

Well, we'll do $45 or $50 million, right? I mean, a lot of people you broke your record attendance. And you broke your money record. And that's a great tribute to the Republicans and the party and everything it stands for. And it's wonderful. And I want to thank especially speaker, Mike Johnson, because he's been incredible.

Donald Trump 00:01:06-00:01:25 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.579)

And we have some unbelievable supporters of our House Republican majority with us, as you know. And with the help of everyone in this room, the next year's Republican Party is going to defy history. We're going to really defy it. And we already are. We're getting things done. It's going to be very interesting to see.

Donald Trump 00:01:25-00:01:48 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.271)

This is going to be a very interesting year. We have an interesting time. We're making a fortune with tariffs. $2 billion a day. Do you believe it? I was told $2 billion a day. You know, I got hit by the press about tariffs. We're making $2 billion, billion. This isn't $35 million. That's peanuts. $2 billion a day.

Donald Trump 00:01:48-00:02:08 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.642)

And then they say, gee, they don't know. You know, this is only the enemy can be talking this way. In addition, we have a lot of countries coming to see us, they want to make a deal. And we're doing -- we're doing things that nobody's ever even thought about doing. And we're going to defeat the radical left Democrats who are out there complaining about everything.

Donald Trump 00:02:08-00:02:26 (18 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.288)

All they do is complain and then they want to put men in women's sports and things like that. They want men in women's sports. They're still fighting for that. I saw this poor guy. You all know him. I won't mention his name. He's sort of a nice guy. He's a loser. He's a Democrat, but he's a loser. And he was fighting on a big show this morning.

Donald Trump 00:02:26-00:02:45 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.248)

We've got to have that. It's not fair that -- essentially that men aren't allowed to compete against women. Can you believe this guy? But uh, let them do it. I say we shouldn't be fighting a lot of these things. Just let them go. And then just before the next election, we'll unleash on them. Because this -- it would be very sad if they actually changed their policies.

Donald Trump 00:02:45-00:03:06 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.301)

We don't want that to happen. But we're going to win the midterm elections, and we're going to have a tremendous thundering landslide. I really believe that. And it's so important that we pass the big, beautiful bill because that's going to be -- And I really think -- and I really think we're helped a lot by the tariff situation that's going on, which is a good situation, not a bad.

Donald Trump 00:03:06-00:03:27 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.184)

It's great. It's going to be legendary, you watch. Legendary in a positive way, I have to say. Uh, it's going to be legendary, but I really think it actually puts pressure on those few Republicans that just can't get there. Do you know what the alternative is? A Democrat bill or a chapter for the country.

Donald Trump 00:03:27-00:03:43 (16 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.981)

You know, we have the debt continuation. And they have to do -- they have to do this. They have to get there. And I think we are there. We had a great meeting today. I think we are there. But just in case there are a couple of Republicans out there, you just got to get there. Close your eyes and get there.

Donald Trump 00:03:43-00:04:08 (25 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.482)

It's a phenomenal bill. Stop grandstanding. Just stop grandstanding. Boy, oh boy, oh boy. You know their policy, the Democrats is horrible, it's horrible. Think of it, open borders, just all of the horrible, stupid things they have. You don't have energy. You don't have anything. They've lost their confidence.

Donald Trump 00:04:08-00:04:26 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.919)

Everything is bad. But the one thing they always vote in unison, you don't see somebody that's holding up, I'm going to hold up and the alternative is -- is hell. You know, the alternative is hell, so the Republicans just have -- one little thing the Republican Party has to do is get together and damn vote.

Donald Trump 00:04:26-00:04:45 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.193)

If you're a single guy or a second guy, you fight like hell for what you get. And then in the end you have to vote because the policy is phenomenal. You know, they don't get every little ounce. It doesn't work that way. And this -- uh, this bill that we're working on now is the best I think we've ever passed.

Donald Trump 00:04:45-00:05:03 (18 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.529)

Uh, Mike, wherever you may be, it's the best. I think it's the best thing we've -- we'll get it passed. But I think it's going to be the most important thing we've ever passed. It's the best thing we've ever passed. And I do think that the war with the world, which is not a war at all because they're all coming here, Japan is coming here as we speak.

Donald Trump 00:05:03-00:05:21 (18 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.043)

They're in a plane flying, lots of them. All tough negotiators. But things that people wouldn't have given us two years ago wouldn't have even thought of it two years ago, three years ago, five years ago, seven, they're giving us everything. They don't want tariffs on themselves. And it's very simple. We're making deals.

Donald Trump 00:05:21-00:05:48 (27 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.108)

And people are paying tariffs. Countries are paying tariffs. Right now, China is paying a 104 percent tariff. Think of it, 104 percent. Now it sounds ridiculous, but they charged us for many items 100 percent, 125 percent. Many countries have. They've ripped us off left and right. But now it's our turn to do the ripping.

Donald Trump 00:05:48-00:06:11 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.343)

That's OK. We're going to make our country even stronger, stronger than it ever was. In 2026, Republicans will fight for every state, every seat and every single vote. We're going to fight like hell. I intend to personally campaign for candidates all across the country. And we just won't -- You're right about that.

Donald Trump 00:06:11-00:06:33 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.981)

We won't just keep our majorities. We want to expand our majorities by a lot. You know, there's this thing about midterm elections that you have a president and the president -- they never seem to win. I don't understand. They never seem to win the midterm elections. And I have no idea why. You know, we're not going to let that be a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Donald Trump 00:06:33-00:06:53 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.03)

I have no idea why. We're setting records right now. We're getting more things approved than any president has ever done in the first 100 days. It's not even close. I had somebody say the most successful month -- first month in the history. Now they said the most successful 100 days in the history of our country.

Donald Trump 00:06:53-00:07:10 (17 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.618)

And I believe that's right. And we're going to continue that way, if not more so. And we're going to do tremendously in midterms. There's no reason, we should do great in the midterms. There's this thing that for some reason, the president, whoever the president is the midterms are tough. Why would they be tough?

Donald Trump 00:07:10-00:07:30 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.624)

If we're doing great, they should be easy. And I'm telling you. We're going to -- we got to win a lot more. But as Mike said before, I happen to listen to him, he was on C- SPAN 1. That's a big upgrade, right? I was listening as I was putting on the tie, how does it look? He was on C- SPAN 1, and we -- and they were talking about that.

Donald Trump 00:07:30-00:07:46 (16 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.674)

And I thought to myself, because people love him and they love your leaders, they love really the party is just doing well. A couple we could do without to be honest with you, but -- but the party is doing well. And there's no reason we shouldn't just get together and win these midterms. And win them by a lot.

Donald Trump 00:07:46-00:08:08 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.127)

Because seven that I heard Mike talking about before. And seven is not really enough. But we lived for one for a period of time. You know, the only thing good about seven when you have one and now all of a sudden you have seven, it sounds like it's like a landslide. It's so good. It's like, uh, the most amazing thing.

Donald Trump 00:08:08-00:08:35 (26 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.179)

Seven sounds so good when I hear that. It sounds like we can't be beaten. And uh, we should be 50, 60 up. Honestly, we should be 100 up. Because based on policy, these people have the worst policy that anybody has ever seen. There's something wrong with them. Honestly, there's something wrong with them. All this crap. 13 House Democrats currently represent districts that voted for Trump and voted for Trump big.

Donald Trump 00:08:35-00:08:57 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.255)

And in 2026, we're going to tell them, all 13, that you're fired. Get out, out. Get out. There's no reason for that, 13. But 13 is a small number compared to some of these stats. Uh, we are going to work very hard. I'm going to do tele rallies. You know tele rallies. I'll do rallies for a lot of you, but I'll do tele rallies at a minimum.

Donald Trump 00:08:57-00:09:17 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.327)

And we just had two great elections, by the way. And I heard everybody is introducing our two new Congress -- where are they, please, stand up? I want to look you in the eye. I want to look you in the eye, Randi. I'm looking at the two of them. Where's -- what a job you did, man, huh? You were never in doubt.

Donald Trump 00:09:17-00:09:38 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.334)

Where the hell -- where is our second person here? I know he's -- oh, there, he is. Boy, they gave him a lousy seat. He's behind. Good, great job. We're proud of you, man. Great job. Great job. Thank you. And you know, those -- both elections, they were saying it's going to be close. It's going to be close.

Donald Trump 00:09:38-00:10:00 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.451)

And I was listening. And they won by like -- you won by what, 17 points, 18 points? I don't think that's close. I don't think it's close. So we won by 15 and 18 points. And they're saying it was a terrible evening for Trump. Can you believe it? Terrible evening. They only won by 18 points and 15 points. Anyway, good job both of you.

Donald Trump 00:10:00-00:10:26 (26 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.514)

Good job. But in addition to our fantastic House speaker, we're pleased to be joined by Majority Leader Steve Scalise. And I watched you, too, Steve. I watched you on C- SPAN 1. And Steve has suffered greatly. I mean, I was there the night that it looked like he wasn't going to make it. He's very brave. He suffered greatly.

Donald Trump 00:10:26-00:10:45 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.008)

And I tell the story about the baseball game where, I mean, he was really -- the doctor told me, sir, I've never had anybody lose so much blood. It's not looking good. And his wife loved him. She was such a disaster that night. She was crying. She was crying. Because I've been with people that were in serious trouble and their wives couldn't care.

Donald Trump 00:10:45-00:11:06 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.251)

They couldn't care less. In fact, after they recovered, I said, do yourself a favor, get rid of the wife. She said -- No, I'm only kidding, of course. I'm only kidding. I like to say I'm only kidding that way that cleans it up a little bit for the -- for the press. I say I was only kidding. No, I've seen some wives that were truly not bothered too much.

Donald Trump 00:11:06-00:11:26 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.362)

I had one where the dog died and the husband died on the same day. And I said it's too bad about Harry. No, no, but Lucy died. Lucy, oh my God. Harry didn't mean -- he left her a fortune, too. Can you believe it? Harry didn't matter. The dog mattered a lot. But I -- I was with Steve. And he was really, you know, that was a tough thing.

Donald Trump 00:11:26-00:11:49 (23 sec) WEAK (1.294)

And then, amazingly, he was like a year later he was in the baseball game against the Democrats. And he was playing second base. And he was having a hard time. You know, it's a hard time getting around. And with his luck, a shot was hit to him on the ground, a ground ball. And he got down. And that ball was -- no way that ball was -- it was right at him, but really it was whacked.

Donald Trump 00:11:49-00:12:08 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.671)

I don't know who the hell hit. It looked like a major league ground ball. And Steve went down and blocked that sucker. And got on his knees and threw it to first base. It was the most unbelievable thing that it could happen. This was God watching. This was God watching a game. I'm telling you. Does everybody remember that?

Donald Trump 00:12:08-00:12:31 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.589)

He blocked it or knocked the hell out of his foot, not his glove. It was his foot. And he got down and grabbed the ball, threw it out and got the runner by quite a bit. And uh, they then took him out of the game. And I said what a great move. That was a good manager. They took him out of the game because you can't improve on that.

Donald Trump 00:12:31-00:13:02 (31 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.28)

Let me tell you. But he -- he had great courage. And amazing how he's done. And he's been very special. And all of us know it. He's really done great. Another man I've really gotten to know a lot and I think he's fantastic is Tom Emmer, the majority whip. I

think he's fantastic. Where's Tom? Where's Tom?

Donald Trump 00:13:02-00:13:03 (1 sec) NO STRESSLENS

Where is our Tom?

Unidentified 00:13:03-00:13:03 (1 sec) NO STRESSLENS

Right here.

Donald Trump 00:13:03-00:13:09 (6 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.954)

Because I want to see his wife. You know, his wife is better than him. She -- he admits it.

Unidentified 00:13:09-00:13:10 (1 sec) NO STRESSLENS

Right here.

Donald Trump 00:13:10-00:13:33 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.21)

Oh, that's good. Hi, Tom. So where is she, Tom? Oh no. She's not -- she's home. She's watching C-SPAN. Yeah, I know. Thank you, Tom. Great job you do. And Lisa, you were up talking about Donald Trump tonight. And Lisa McClain conference chair. She was talking about Trump. And I appreciate it, Lisa. Lisa, where are you?

Donald Trump 00:13:33-00:13:34 (sec) NO STRESSLENS

Lisa?

Unidentified 00:13:34-00:13:34 (sec) NO STRESSLENS

Over here.

Donald Trump 00:13:34-00:14:01 (27 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.947)

Just like a roast. Thank you, darling. I saw your whole speech. I watched you and Steve and Mike. I watched the whole thing. Then they said, sir, we have to leave. You're going to be late. I said, I want to watch these speeches. And we have Richard Hudson, the NRCC chairman, who set the record tonight. Richard, great going.

Donald Trump 00:14:01-00:14:32 (31 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.592)

That's a great -- that's a great job. And uh, Brian Jack, who was with me from day one of my political career. He was so fantastic. He was so fantastic. And he came to me, he said, do you think it would be OK? He wanted to run for Congress, he always wanted to run for Congress. It was the most important thing, but he was with me, knows so much about politics and boxing.

Donald Trump 00:14:32-00:15:01 (29 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.79)

He knows a lot about boxing, too, but he loves politics. But he really just wanted to run. I think his ambition was to be a congressman. And the seat came due, a good member of Congress actually retired. And Brian -- in Georgia, and Brian said uh, what do you think, sir? I said, well, you got my endorsement.

Donald Trump 00:15:01-00:15:30 (30 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.106)

And he won by a lot. And he's never looked back. He's a fantastic guy and a great political leader, a great politician. Brian Jack. Where are you, Brian? Where are you, Brian? Hi, Brian. Great job. I'm proud of you, Brian. And more than 160 members of Congress, and I'd like to really -- you've done incredibly well.

Donald Trump 00:15:30-00:15:54 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.391)

They're really looking back. And you know, I said before the Democrats have taken a lot of beatings. They have lost their confidence. They've gone crazy, they've gone crazy. How about this new one they have, their new star, Crockett, how about her? Is she -- is that real? Are they serious about that? That's their new star?

Donald Trump 00:15:54-00:16:20 (26 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.094)

If that's their new star, they're in serious trouble. I mean, this is Crockett. Oh, man, oh, man. But we have -- uh, we've done a job, but they've totally lost their confidence. And it's a hard thing when you lose your confidence, but they have. They've taken a lot of beatings. And now they're going to rely on Crockett to bring them back.

Donald Trump 00:16:20-00:16:54 (34 sec) NO STRESSLENS

Crockett is going to bring them back. You ever watch this? Last November, all the leaders here tonight were given a mandate from the American people. And at the presidential level, we won, think of this, all seven swing states. We won the Electoral College 312 to 2 26. That's not bad. Remember? The fake news was saying it's going to be tough because people like Trump, but he should be able to get 270. I actually went to Nebraska and campaigned for one vote.

Donald Trump 00:16:54-00:17:20 (26 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.541)

I went to New Hampshire. I campaigned. Because they said that it could be where a 270, 269. So I'm going to all the places and I'm trying to get one. We won Nebraska big. But there was one area, and I went there. I went all over the place campaigning. And then we get 312. But we won in a landslide too because we won the popular vote for the first time of a Republican in decades.

Donald Trump 00:17:20-00:17:42 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.612)

And now I think that's going to be done routinely. We won 85 percent of all counties in America, 525 for them and 2725 for us. That's that map that you see. It's all red except for the two corners. They have a little blue, a little line of blue. For the first time in history, all 50 states shifted toward the Republican Party.

Donald Trump 00:17:42-00:18:01 (18 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.561)

First time in history, it's never happened. It's a shift. It's shifted republican. And today, there are more registered Republicans than at any time in the history of our country. How good -- how about that? Meanwhile, approval ratings for the Democrat Party have plunged to the lowest level ever recorded.

Donald Trump 00:18:01-00:18:21 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.484)

They're at 26 percent. So you tell me about the midterms, right? 26, the lowest level ever for either party. The Republican Party is a much bigger party now than it was ever before. And I must say that it's the biggest now since you heard the name Donald J Trump running as a politician. You heard the name before, but not as a politician.

Donald Trump 00:18:21-00:18:41 (20 sec) WEAK (1.044)

I said to my wife, "You know, I think I'm going to do this thing. Do I have your approval?" "Yes, darling, I think you'll win." See, she's a supportive first lady. I don't know if she believed it or not, but she said it. She said "yes, darling, I think you'll win." How do you think I'll do? Oh, darling, you'll win very easily.

Donald Trump 00:18:41-00:19:04 (23 sec) NO STRESSLENS

Even though I've never done it before. I said I have one problem. I've never done it before. She said, "that doesn't matter. You're so talented." I said, "thank you very much." This is why we get along. It's easy to get along like that. But we have far more people and far more enthusiasm than the parties ever had.

Donald Trump 00:19:04-00:19:33 (28 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.336)

I think I could almost say than any party has ever had. I don't think any party's ever had more enthusiasm than us and spirit. A lot of that's our leadership. The Democrats are a broken party with bad policy. They've lost so much. And uh, look, both as politicians and as people they've lost. The stage is set for a monumental victory for the Republicans in the midterms.

Donald Trump 00:19:33-00:19:57 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.244)

And many of you, I guess most of you so many great congressmen and women here, got some Senators here also. But many of you are -- all of you are up. We've got to -- we've got to win. We've got to work really hard and we've got to win because there's no way they should be winning based on policy. And it's ultimately about policy.

Donald Trump 00:19:57-00:20:40 (43 sec) NO STRESSLENS

We simply have to keep our promises to the people. And we have to very simply put America first. Put America first. And I said I ran on common sense. You know, I ran on common sense. It sounds like a phrase that would have been used. I don't know, nobody tells me it was used in politics before. Now everybody's used it. I see the Democrats, some Democrat guy who's a real sleazeball, got up. He said, yeah, I ran on common sense.

Donald Trump 00:20:40-00:21:05 (25 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.406)

That's what I did. Common sense. Yeah. And I said, gee, yeah. But the problem in politics, you come up with a little slogan and they copy it. But you know they copied no tax on tips. Remember, I said no tax on tips? Nevada hadn't been won for many years by a Republican. And the state of Nevada, and don't ever call it Nevada, you'll lose 25 percent.

Donald Trump 00:21:05-00:21:33 (28 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.471)

Just call it Nevada. It's true. It seems almost nicer the other way. You know, Nevada sounds like Brooklyn. Doesn't that make sense? I come from Nevada, but don't ever call it Nevada. Call it Nevada. But as you know, the corrupt globalist establishment that ruled our country for decades is now complaining that I'm doing exactly what I pledged to do in the campaign.

Donald Trump 00:21:33-00:21:58 (25 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.045)

All of these things, tariffs, the men in women sports, everything, the borders. Strong borders. We have the strongest border we've ever had. Today, it was just announced. The strongest border. They don't want to write that. You know, they forget. They forget. Eggs. I came in eggs, not a very glamorous thing to talk, but eggs.

Donald Trump 00:21:58-00:22:17 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.69)

I was in for one week and they said egg prices are soaring. I said I've just been here, I didn't know this. Please, I didn't know it. The -- the fake news, they're going egg prices are soaring. And I said, man, I just got here. You know, let me know about it. What's going on with eggs? Tell me. So they gave me a little bit of a thing.

Donald Trump 00:22:17-00:22:41 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.552)

And it's true. Under Biden, they soared like double, triple, quadruple. You couldn't even get them. They were not available. They said don't use eggs for Easter. Use the plastic alternative. Plastic. We got -- at Mar-a-Lago, we've got plastic eggs all over the place. They said don't use it for Easter for -- if you're doing an Easter egg hunt do not use eggs.

Donald Trump 00:22:41-00:23:09 (28 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.798)

Well, we have a wonderful secretary of Agriculture, as you know, Brooke Rollins. She's here someplace, I think. And she got -- she went after it. And when she goes after something, we don't play games. Right, Brooke? And eggs, egg prices are down now 87 percent. And you have all the eggs you want. 87 percent.

Donald Trump 00:23:09-00:23:31 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.435)

And they didn't write about it. They don't talk about it. I go up, I make speeches about eggs all the time. I never get a reporter or writing about it because we were successful. If you're a Republican, when you're successful in something you have to toot your own horn. Talk about it because you're the only one that's going to. It's a pretty rough -- it's a rough business I will tell you.

Donald Trump 00:23:31-00:23:55 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.92)

But the shrill voices that you're hearing this week about tariffs are the same scoundrels and frauds who never thought twice about when the United States lost 90,000 factories and plants. Think of that, 90,000. How do you do 90,000? If you had a map, a big map, the size of that wall and you had a pin for each factory, you wouldn't have enough room.

Donald Trump 00:23:55-00:24:20 (25 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.087)

If you think of it, 90,000 factories since NAFTA, the worst trade deal in history by the way. And we had it terminated. Everybody said you'd never be able to. It had to be terminated by Congress. And it was not easy. It was so bad. You know, the people have a lot of -- it's very interesting, they have a lot of power, they have a lot of political power.

Donald Trump 00:24:20-00:24:41 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.432)

It's hard to get even a bad deal terminated. But we did do it. And we got US -- USMCA and that's -- that's been really great, but when they cheat, it's not so good. And they cheat, they do cheat. You know, I respect Mexico, I respect Canada, but they cheat like hell. You know, Canada charges for our dairy products 270 percent.

Donald Trump 00:24:41-00:25:18 (37 sec) NO STRESSLENS

Nobody knows that. They charge you two percent for the first two cartons of milk. And after that, you go up to 270. And the press says they've only charged two percent. No, that's for the first two cartons. So it's -- uh, you know, we can't have that. And we have to be wise to it, and get along with everybody, but we have to call people out. 6 million manufacturing jobs were lost since NAFTA when 21 million illegal aliens poured across our borders, think of that, many of whom were violent criminals, murderers, drug lords and the mentally insane.

Donald Trump 00:25:18-00:25:37 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.579)

Insane asylums were closed. They used to go crazy when I talk about Hannibal Lecter, the late, great Hannibal Lecter, right, Silence of the Lambs. The fake news would say, why does he talk about that? He's a fictional character. He's actually not. We have many of them that came across the border. It's actually not.

Donald Trump 00:25:37-00:26:01 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.508)

But when the people went to the voting booth then we understood why he talked about that. Because they voted for us. They said we don't want Hannibal Lecter in our country, the great Hannibal Lecter. He was -- uh, he was a very important force. But the press would go absolutely crazy if I mentioned Hannibal Lecter's name, because they said he's a fictional character.

Donald Trump 00:26:01-00:26:23 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.259)

No, but it was making a point. And the point is they're emptying mental institutions and insane asylum, not anymore they're not, insane asylums into our country. We had, uh, numbers the likes of which nobody's ever seen anything like it. Other countries -- I deal with other countries all the time. I am right now on tariffs where they want to make a deal with us. We don't necessarily want to make a deal with them.

Donald Trump 00:26:23-00:26:44 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.115)

We're happy the way we are taking our $2 billion a day. But they want to make a deal with us. And they talk about it. And they say we cannot believe that they had open borders. These are countries. They have -- you know, they have borders. And they don't let people into their country. They can't understand how -- they did it because they're sick or they're crazy.

Donald Trump 00:26:44-00:27:08 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.2)

There's something really wrong with these people. But the same people now telling me about how to deal with China are the ones who sold out America for decades to China. For decades, they gave up to China. I'm the only one that -- do you how much -- China has paid almost $700 billion in tariffs under me. And then they say Donald Trump hasn't been tough on China.

Donald Trump 00:27:08-00:27:33 (24 sec) WEAK (1.153)

They say Trump hasn't been tough on Russia. OK, here's the story. Nord Stream 2, did anybody ever hear of it? It's the biggest pipeline in the world. I closed it. Russia had it. And I closed it. Putin told me that's the worst thing. You're supposed to be friendly with me. I'd hate to see you as my enemy.

Donald Trump 00:27:33-00:28:00 (27 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.395)

And I closed Nord Stream 2. When Biden got in, he opened it up immediately. It serviced all of Europe going to Germany. It's service to all of Europe. We closed it. And they say, oh, he wasn't tough on Russia. I was very tough with the sanctions and everything else. And by the way just for your information, we're trying like hell to get the fighting stopped between Russia and Ukraine.

Donald Trump 00:28:00-00:28:27 (27 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.642)

A thing that never would have happened if the election wasn't rigged. We had a rigged election. And we can say it and say it loud and say it proud because the election was rigged. And we can't let that stuff happen anymore. Go to paper ballots. Go to same day voting. Go to voter ID. Go to citizenship. You have to prove your citizenship with little piece of paper.

Donald Trump 00:28:27-00:28:55 (28 sec) WEAK (1.087)

Then you won't have it. It's sort of disappointing because a lot of Republican governors, they could do that same day voting, paper ballots. Very sophisticated paper, actually. It's all watermarked. You can't cheat. It's very hard to cheat. France went that way. They were like us, and they were, you know, having very bad elections, very crooked elections.

Donald Trump 00:28:55-00:29:21 (26 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.597)

They had 37 million people. They voted. They had a winner. They had a loser. They went home. That was it. 10:00 in the evening it was over. With us, did you ever see, we have these machines that cost a fortune. And they say we think we're going to have the final vote tally in two and a half weeks. And wait a minute, this is Election Day.

Donald Trump 00:29:21-00:29:53 (32 sec) NO STRESSLENS

Did you ever see where in California they were counting votes four weeks later? And then they say -- and -- and by the way, all paper costs eight percent of the machines. Why is it that Republican governors aren't going to it, OK? What's going on with our

Republican governors? If nothing else, you say even if it was just the same and it's not, it's, you know, it's -- nothing's foolproof when it comes to voting, but it's pretty close.

Donald Trump 00:29:53-00:30:11 (18 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.919)

But it costs eight percent. In other words, you can have your election eight percent the cost of the machines and you get an accurate count. So it's pretty amazing. They gave us NAFTA mass illegal immigration, the Democrats did. The fake Paris Climate Accord and the China's entry into the World Trade Organization.

Donald Trump 00:30:11-00:30:30 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.727)

That was a wonderful day for us. China entered the world trade. They've done pretty good. And you know, they didn't do things exactly by the books. And they were a developing nation. They still are. They say we are a developing nation. We should be entitled to more. And our people say, oh, that's right, they're developing.

Donald Trump 00:30:30-00:30:52 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.965)

They're not developing. We're developing. Look at some of our inner cities. We've got to develop them. But uh, we can't let the Democrats get away with this stuff. But we're developing more than they are. The globalists have been wrong about everything. And so I wear their attack on me because nobody has ever been attacked like a man named Donald J. Trump.

Donald Trump 00:30:52-00:31:12 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.163)

In the history of our country, nobody has ever, but I wear it as a badge of honor. Nobody has ever been attacked. I was under more investigations than the late great Al Capone. He was the most violent criminal. He was the most violent mob boss in history. And I was under investigation far more than him. It wasn't even close.

Donald Trump 00:31:12-00:31:39 (26 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.708)

Our opponents are not afraid that our America First policies will fail. They're terrified that our strategy will succeed. And we're going to get bigger and stronger and better as a party. And that's what's happening. And that is what's happening. It's going to be something. And I'm actually looking forward to the midterms.

Donald Trump 00:31:39-00:31:56 (17 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.515)

I really are. We're going to prove that all of their treasonous years of betrayal will not be forgotten. Because it's treason. What they did is treason. When they allowed millions of people to pour in through open borders from all over the world, they came. To me, that's treason. What they've done to our country is unthinkable.

Donald Trump 00:31:56-00:32:19 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.358)

The money we have to spend to take people out. And then we have judges that say no let Tren de Aragua come back into our country. They want -- they want them to come back in. Killers. They cut off a man's fingers because he -- did you cut off -- did you, sir, make a phone call to the police in Colorado? Yes, I did.

Donald Trump 00:32:19-00:32:50 (31 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.331)

I did. You've attack -- you've attacked us, and you've taken over our building. They took over real estate all over Colorado. Uh, you did right? Give me your hand, put the hand down. Boom, cuts off his fingers. And they want him back. And how about the mix up with the MS-13 where it wasn't a Tren de Aragua, it was an MS-13 killer.

Donald Trump 00:32:50-00:33:23 (33 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.221)

And they said, oh, they got it mixed up. Let's get them back into our country. Nah, we got to -- we need people that are going to love our country. I'm proud to be the president for the workers, not the outsourcers. The president who stands up for Main Street, not Wall Street, who protects the middle class, not the political class.

Donald Trump 00:33:23-00:33:56 (33 sec) NO STRESSLENS

And who defends America, not trade cheaters all over the globe. They're trade cheaters. They cheated on us. They cheated with tariffs on us. They stole our money. They stole our jobs. And now people are going around saying, oh, we're not treating them right now. We're treating them very good, actually. They're lucky, we're treating them so good.

Donald Trump 00:33:56-00:34:32 (35 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.092)

And you know, when I have tariffs and I say, well, we're going to charge what they did. We're going to charge what they did. And then I say I'm going to charge much less than they did. Believe me, we're actually being nice about it. But we're doing very well, better than we've ever done before. My job is not to maximize the profits of outsourcers and foreign -- I mean, these foreign corporations are horrible.

Donald Trump 00:34:32-00:35:00 (28 sec) NO STRESSLENS

It's horrible what they're doing, but we're catching them. We're catching them by the dozens. My job is to defend the -- I have to defend the American dream, and I have to defend the American citizens. That's my job. I have to defend that. The American dream is never mentioned. It was mentioned for four years and now it's being mentioned again, but it was never mentioned when we had Sleepy Joe in office.

Donald Trump 00:35:00-00:35:28 (28 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.044)

I used to have a big -- the hardest thing I had to do with Joe Biden is the nickname, do I call him Sleepy Joe or Crooked Joe? Could we take a vote, please? Who wants to call him Crooked Joe? Who wants to call him Sleepy Joe? That's my problem. It's like the same. They both work. They both work beautifully.

Donald Trump 00:35:28-00:35:53 (25 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.857)

Joe had one ability that I didn't have. You know, he said he was a good golfer, he's terrible. Somebody said the only time I got angry during our debate when he said he was a six handicap for he's not a six, he's not a 36, OK? But he had one ability that I don't have, he was able to go to a beach, bathing suit in tow, because it looked like it was actually falling off.

Donald Trump 00:35:53-00:36:16 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.404)

But he'd go. He had a hard time walking through the sand because you know, sand is heavy on your feet. Carrying one of those six ounce chairs that are made out of aluminum that if you weigh a little bit too much, it just cracks in the middle when you sit down. And he could sit down in a beach with photographers on the beach, you know, he's the president, so he had a minimum of photographers, but he still had photographers.

Donald Trump 00:36:16-00:36:37 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.199)

And he could fall asleep. Who the hell could do that? Who could fall asleep? And he turned around and drool would be coming out. He didn't care. His wife didn't care. It's an ability that I could never fall asleep under those circumstances. I'd be very conscious of my body and what we look like. I'd be sitting up like this.

Donald Trump 00:36:37-00:36:54 (18 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.453)

And I'd say darling, it's time to go, let's get out of here. Well, would it most people? I mean, this guy could go to the beach, and he was out in seconds. Guys are shooting him. He'd be in the papers the next day, eyes closed, mouth open. The United States

has been getting ripped off for 50 years. And we're simply not going to take it anymore.

Donald Trump 00:36:54-00:37:19 (25 sec) WEAK (1.238)

And that's what's happening right now. In 1950, the United States dominated global auto production producing more than 75 percent of all of the cars on Earth. Think of that, 75 percent, and even higher before that. Today, we produce 11 percent, while China produces three times more than we do. Let me tell you something.

Donald Trump 00:37:19-00:37:41 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.275)

With the tariffs that we're doing, as you know, we have tariffs on automobiles, aluminum, steel, separate from the other tariffs. The baseline, we call it. Companies are pouring back into our country with plants. There's a run on sites. There's a run on old plants. Most of them are being ripped down for new plants.

Donald Trump 00:37:41-00:38:00 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.047)

Uh, they stopped building in Mexico, four or five plants. And they come -- they're all coming into the United States. I know what the hell I'm doing. I know what I'm doing. And you know what I'm doing, too, that's why you vote for me. And the chip makers are coming in. They're all coming in. We've never had anything like this.

Donald Trump 00:38:00-00:38:24 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.685)

We have investment they think of about seven -- think of this, $7 trillion. And that's been in a month and a half. Think of that. For the first -- like, you got to give me a little time to get warmed up with that, so let's take the first couple of weeks off. For about a month and a half we got seven -- almost $7 trillion spoken for.

Donald Trump 00:38:24-00:38:45 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.55)

Trillion. We've never had that. I don't know if we've ever had it at any time, but if you go back and look at Biden and these other campaigns, any of them, they had -- they didn't have those numbers for the year. These are the biggest chip makers in the world, the biggest auto manufacturers in the world, $7 trillion of investment.

Donald Trump 00:38:45-00:39:05 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.128)

And that means jobs. I look at it differently, not investment, I look at it as jobs. And they're coming in at levels that we've never seen before. And it is true that Mexico, they've stopped building plants. And those plants are now going to be built in the United States of America. That's pretty exciting.

Donald Trump 00:39:05-00:39:36 (31 sec) NO STRESSLENS

All because of two things. They say -- they want to be nice to me. They say, sir, because of November 5th, the election and because of tariffs. I said in that order? And the smart ones say, yes, sir. First was that you got elected, and second, was tariffs. And I'll accept that, you know, but I will tell you because of tariffs.

Donald Trump 00:39:36-00:39:52 (16 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.378)

But I'm the only one that would have done the tariffs because everybody was afraid. They were afraid of being criticized because the globalists will go after you. For seven decades, American ships have patrolled the seas, American troops have kept the pace and peace, and American wealth has enriched the globe.

Donald Trump 00:39:52-00:40:15 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.113)

But despite all we have given to them, you will not find an American car in Berlin, in Tokyo, in Seoul, in Shanghai. Not a car. I used to say to Angela Merkel, Angela, how many Chevrolets do we have in Berlin? Why, none, Donald, none. That's right,

Angela. You got it. How many Chevrolets do you think we have in Munich, Angela?

Donald Trump 00:40:15-00:40:34 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.01)

None, Donald. I said you sent us 7 million cars last year, so we're going to start buying American made cars or cars that are manufactured in America. And if you can do it, not part of what I was going to say, but one of the best things that I think I've come up with is interest deductions. If you buy a car that's made in America, you get an interest deduction on the money you borrow.

Donald Trump 00:40:34-00:41:02 (28 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.244)

And I love it. I hope you can do it, Mike. I hope you can do it. Because I haven't bugged you about that. I've been talking about no tax on tips, no tax on Social Security, no tax on overtime. And I haven't really been as strong on this one, but it's only because it gets a little bit long, you know. Uh, but if you think of it, you buy a car, you borrow money, and you get a deduction on that money if the cars made in America. -- I think that that will not cost you $0.10. You'll make money with that one.

Donald Trump 00:41:02-00:41:23 (20 sec) WEAK (1.047)

I think you'll make money actually in a certain way with the other three also. I think they're very important and they were a part of our campaign. I was going to say before that in Nevada that when I came up with the no tax on tips, I think that's why we won by a massive amount. And interestingly, they came up about a month and a half later and she was making one of her few speeches.

Donald Trump 00:41:23-00:41:41 (18 sec) WEAK (1.288)

She didn't speak too much for a reason, a good reason. She was making a speech, and the middle she said, oh, and by the way, we will have -- and everyone's falling asleep. We will have no tax on tips. That place booed the hell out of it. They said you're a little late on that one. Because I was worried they'd copy me. You know, it was so good.

Donald Trump 00:41:41-00:42:00 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.616)

Do you know how it actually happened? Maybe I should tell the story quickly. I was in my building in Las Vegas, we have a great restaurant there. And this young, beautiful waitress -- and you're not allowed to say beautiful because that's the end of your political career. If you call the -- if you call a young woman beautiful, that's the end of your career.

Donald Trump 00:42:00-00:42:23 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.282)

But what the hell, she was beautiful, so she came up to me. And she said, uh, hello, sir. It's so nice to have you at the hotel. I said, thank you. I had a group of people, some political people actually. It was very interesting. And I said how's everything going? She said, oh, it's so tough. They're after my tips.

Donald Trump 00:42:23-00:42:46 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.496)

Who's after them? The government. They're after my tips, constantly after my tips. They're after all of us for the tips. She said, sir, we should have no tax on tips. I said, say it again. What? We should have no tax. She said, this was my consultant, a waitress from my hotel. Most people go out and spend millions of dollars to come up with an idea.

Donald Trump 00:42:46-00:43:10 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.332)

I said she just said no tax on tips. That's the coolest thing I've ever heard. So I went outside. There were a lot of -- we finished our wonderful meal, steak, went outside, and there were a lot of cameras as there always are, unfortunately. I say, ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to have a new policy all over the country, but specifically in Nevada, there will be no tax on tips, right?

Donald Trump 00:43:10-00:43:38 (28 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.835)

And the cameras went wild. Click, click, click, click, click. And we won the state by a lot. So I don't know. So I owe -- I have to find that waitress and thank her. She was my consultant. Except I didn't pay her $2 million like the other consultants that we all get screwed by. Even worse than the tariffs, other countries impose are the non-monetary barriers.

Donald Trump 00:43:38-00:44:01 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.65)

That's a non-monetary. These are not financial. These are other things, what they do so that you can't get your product in that country. And China, as you know, is one of the big offenders. And it's not all China. Look, I get along with President Xi. I have over the years, but you know, you just -- uh, when COVID came, that was the end.

Donald Trump 00:44:01-00:44:20 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.616)

That was it. That was called The Bridge Too Far. But I've always had a good relationship with a very smart guy who loves his country. I love our country. So you know, we love our country, he loves his. I tell that to other leaders. You've got to fight for your country. It's -- you're not going to fight for us, but we can't fight for you.

Donald Trump 00:44:20-00:44:40 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.432)

We're fighting for other countries. We're trying to make them great without making us great. But those days are over. They steal our intellectual property. They rob our trade secrets. They manipulate their currency to levels that have never been seen before. Today, it was announced that China is reducing it's currency.

Donald Trump 00:44:40-00:44:58 (18 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.491)

Did you see that? Big, big. In other words, they're going to make up for it. They got every trick in the book. I'll tell you they are great. You got to hand it to them. You got to hand it to them. They -- they're manipulating their currency today as an offset against the tariffs. You're not supposed to do that, the game isn't supposed to be played that way.

Donald Trump 00:44:58-00:45:23 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.181)

It makes it very hard for us. But in the end it -- it's not good because they have to buy oil. See, we don't need oil. We don't need oil and gas. We have more than any other country. They have to buy it. That's where it hurts them. When they do that, it costs them twice as much. And they ship their products through every one of our trading partners, running up our deficits with these countries.

Donald Trump 00:45:23-00:45:48 (26 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.716)

They sell a lot. You know, when you put a tariff on them, they sell it. Like with steel, they were dumping tremendous amounts of steel into our country curing my term. I saved every steel mill, every -- we only have steel mills because of what I did. I put a high tariff on them, 25 and then 50 percent. And it stopped.

Donald Trump 00:45:48-00:46:07 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.837)

It stopped. They were dumping so much steel. We would have lost every single steel mill. The people that like me best are the people in the steel business. But I think the auto business is going to be right there. I think chips are going to be there. I think pharmaceuticals are going to be there. Because you know, we don't make our own pharmaceuticals drugs and other things to get better.

Donald Trump 00:46:07-00:46:24 (17 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.227)

They're made in other countries. And you pay a number -- I mean, the same package in our country compared to like London and other places is sometimes 10 times more. Ten times more. Something that sells for $88 in London sells for $1,300 here. Made in the same factory by the same company. And that's over.

Donald Trump 00:46:24-00:46:45 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.748)

I told them all that's over. They put all of their research and development into it. They put everything. But what they don't tell you is that these other countries are smart. They say you can't charge more than $88, otherwise you can't sell your product. And uh, the -- the drug companies listen to them.

Donald Trump 00:46:45-00:47:10 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.434)

But we're going to do something that we have to do. We're going to put -- we're going to tariff our pharmaceuticals. And once we do that, they're going to come rushing back into our country. Because we're the big market. The advantage we have over everybody is that we're the big market. So we're going to be announcing very shortly a major tariff on pharmaceuticals.

Donald Trump 00:47:10-00:47:24 (15 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.434)

And when you -- And when they hear that, they will leave China, they will leave other places. Because they have to sell. Most of their product is sold here. And they're going to be opening up their plants all over the place in our country. We're going to be announcing that. So that's breaking news. Ladies and gentlemen, we have breaking news.

Donald Trump 00:47:24-00:47:41 (16 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.886)

That's what's going to happen. What other presidents allow China to get away with is absolutely criminal, but I'm not like the other presidents. And it's not going to happen under President Trump. It's just not going to happen. After all of the abuses they've perpetrated, China is attempting to impose additional unjustified tariffs.

Donald Trump 00:47:41-00:48:02 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.448)

Just so you understand, they all got rich because of tariffs. You know, now when we do it, oh, it's so terrible what Trump is doing. It's so terrible. They got rich. And not only China, many countries. I mean, you look at Vietnam, you look at so many, I could name 50 right now. Biden couldn't do that. He couldn't name any.

Donald Trump 00:48:02-00:48:27 (25 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.045)

Name one country? Name any country? What's the name of our country? He doesn't know. That's why additional tariffs on Chinese goods are in place effective midnight tonight at 104 percent. Until they make a deal with us, that's what it's going to be. I think they'll make a deal at some point. China will. They want to make a deal.

Donald Trump 00:48:27-00:48:49 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.371)

They really do. They want to make a deal. They just don't know how to get it started. Because they're proud people. China will now pay a big number to our treasury. This is all taxes. And don't let them keep telling you that this is a tax on our people. I hate that. You know, they say it's a tax. No, often, much of it is paid.

Donald Trump 00:48:49-00:49:08 (18 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.616)

And hey, look what happened during my first term. We had no inflation, and yet I took in hundreds of billions of dollars in tariffs and taxes from China. No other president got $0.10 in tariffs or taxes from China. I got hundreds of billions of dollars, hundreds of billions of dollars. And I still got along with them.

Donald Trump 00:49:08-00:49:28 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.397)

Because they understood what they were doing was wrong. They understood it. Uh, it's -- uh, when you explain it, they sit up and they say -- I've had numerous leaders tell me, you're right, sir, I was waiting for you to bring this up. Because some of the trade deals that were made by predecessors as president was so bad, you almost wonder who did these deals?

Donald Trump 00:49:28-00:49:49 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.115)

They were either crooked or stupid. There can be nothing else. They were either stupid or crooked. It's terrible, but it's all being changed. I change a lot of it in the first four years, but it's all being changed. You know, in the first four years we had the most successful country in history in terms of economics.

Donald Trump 00:49:49-00:50:13 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.038)

We had a 88 percent increase in the stock markets. We had an 88 percent increase. There has never been any president that had an 88 percent increase. We had 88 percent. And uh, there were a lot of happy people. And I think we're going to do much better than that this time. Because this time, I'm doing what I want to do with respect to the tariffs.

Donald Trump 00:50:13-00:50:32 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.487)

I think we're going to do much better. And just remember the numbers. When you get up to $2 billion a day, $2 billion a day. They say, sir, it can't be that can it? I said, yeah, it can. It's the biggest -- the biggest transaction ever made. This is bigger than any deal you guys -- some of you work for companies.

Donald Trump 00:50:32-00:50:53 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.168)

Your companies are peanuts, I don't care how big they are, compared. This is the largest transaction in the history of our country. And don't let some of these politicians go around saying, you know, because I'm telling you these countries are calling us up kissing my ass. They are. They are dying to make a deal.

Donald Trump 00:50:53-00:51:15 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.596)

Please, please, sir, make a deal. I'll do anything. I'll do anything, sir. And then I'll see some rebel Republican, you know, some guy that wants to grandstand say, I think that Congress should take over negotiations. Let me tell you, you don't negotiate like I negotiate.

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Donald Trump 00:51:15-00:51:46 (30 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.784)

If Congress takes over negotiating, sell America fast because you're going to go bust. You know, I just saw it today a couple of your congressmen, sir, I think we should get involved in the negotiation of the tariffs. So that's what I need. I need some -- some guy telling me how to negotiate. Aye, yi-yi. I tell you the happiest people in the world would be China.

Donald Trump 00:51:46-00:52:18 (32 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.623)

They wouldn't be paying 104 percent, I tell you. They'd be paying no percent. We'd be paying them 104 percent. That's the beauty with these guys we got to be careful. And even the concept of it hurts your negotiation. When they see a little story like that, the other side, you know, it hurts your negotiation.

Donald Trump 00:52:18-00:52:46 (28 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.095)

And then the fake news wants to build it up and it has no chance anyway. But uh, we have to remain united. As I defend workers from unfair trade, House Republicans have a chance this week to bring trillions and trillions of dollars pouring back into America

by pushing forward with the largest tax cuts in American history, which is what you're working on right now, the largest in American history.

Donald Trump 00:52:46-00:53:11 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.42)

And you know the reason we had -- because we had a great first term and uh, an amazing first term, but I saw that the other day that we had the most successful -- I mean, I knew it anyway, but I saw that we had 88 percent increase. That's a tremendous increase. Think of that. And that's with all of the -- the difficulties and all of the fake investigations and the Adam Schiff shifts.

Donald Trump 00:53:11-00:53:31 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.145)

Can you believe this guy? He's got the smallest neck I've ever seen and the biggest head. We call them watermelon head. I'd say, how could that big fat face stand on a neck that looked like this finger? How can it? It was the weirdest thing. It's a -- it's a mystery, nobody can understand it. But he's one of the most dishonest human beings I've ever seen.

Donald Trump 00:53:31-00:53:48 (17 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.804)

And you know, how we can allow people like that to run in office is a shame, but we did. He was in charge of the witch hunt. You know, he was in charge of the fake witch hunt with Russia, Russia, Russia. It was a made up story. Made up. Think of it, they make up a story. They know it's made up. It's gone on for a year and a half, two years.

Donald Trump 00:53:48-00:54:08 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.537)

Russia, Russia, Russia. I knew nothing about it. The only thing I knew was that I taxed the pipeline that I told you about that I put all sorts of sanctions and everything else. I never -- no -- they never had a problem like they had with me. But it was Russia, Russia, Russia constant as a method of -- that was what they did is that was the complaint about why she lost an election.

Donald Trump 00:54:08-00:54:28 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.204)

Because Crooked Hillary was expected to win the election. But they didn't. They didn't see what we saw. We saw the biggest crowds in history gathering only superseded by the crowds we just had. But here's a guy that goes out and he goes to an intelligence hearing or whatever you might call it, and it's supposed to be secret.

Donald Trump 00:54:28-00:54:53 (25 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.547)

He'd walk out. He'd either make a call off the record. Off the record, this is Crooked Adam Schiff, Shifty Schiff. He's a shifty Adam. Or he would just go out blatantly and have a news conference. And because it had to do with me and my family, he'd go out and have a news conference. And he said, now you've got to remember, he knows it's a hoax because he made it up with Crooked Hillary, so he knows it's a hoax.

Donald Trump 00:54:53-00:55:16 (23 sec) WEAK (1.08)

Because we're dealing with human beings on the other side. He'd say Donald Trump, Jr., the son of the President of the United States will spend many years in prison because of what he's done with Russia. Now think of that statement. On a human basis, I have a son, a young son who was being told that he's going for prison on something he has -- he doesn't even know what they're talking about.

Donald Trump 00:55:16-00:55:39 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.681)

He said, dad, I don't know what's going on. They keep talking about I'm involved with Russia. I don't know anything about Russia. I swear to you, dad. And yet, Adam Schiff goes out and makes a statement about a hoax that he made up that he knows is false. How of bad a human being do you have to be? They put my son and my family through that kind of trauma.

Donald Trump 00:55:39-00:55:59 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.799)

These are bad people. These are sick degenerates. And I used to be much nicer to them. I gave them the benefit of the doubt, but I've just seen too much. They make up a story about Russia. It was a hoax. And eventually -- now they've all admitted it was a hoax. On to the next one. That's Russia, Russia, Russia.

Donald Trump 00:55:59-00:56:25 (26 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.949)

But they know it's a hoax. And they say about a young man that he's going to spend the rest of his life in prison because of what he's done with Russia. He knows it's a hoax. How bad do you have to be to have that happen to your son? And you know, it has a bad effect on a family, a bad effect. You know, are you OK, Don?

Donald Trump 00:56:25-00:56:55 (29 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.749)

I am, dad, but I don't understand. They keep tying me to Russia. I don't know anything about Russia. He didn't know a damn thing about Russia. It's a disgraceful situation. That's why we got to kick their asses in the midterms. And we got to kick their asses again in four years. If we slashed taxes on American workers and producers, our economy will soar, jobs will surge, manufacturing will boom, and our country will prosper like never ever before.

Donald Trump 00:56:55-00:57:20 (26 sec) WEAK (1.139)

We've got to get this big, beautiful deal done. We got to get it done. And get it done now. Don't wait two weeks, don't wait two weeks. Bad things happen, crazy things happen in politics. Just get the damn thing done and stop showboating. A couple of people want to, sure, we're going to get a little bit more.

Donald Trump 00:57:20-00:57:58 (38 sec) NO STRESSLENS

A little bit more, do you know what you're going to get? You end up getting nothing. You end up getting a Democrat bill or worse. In the past 11 weeks, we've already created 350,000 jobs. It's unprecedented, including 10,000 manufacturing jobs. And we haven't even started yet. Gas prices. You know, when I came in, they said he campaigned on prices coming down.

Donald Trump 00:57:58-00:58:29 (31 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.75)

And prices are going up. They're not going up, they're going down. Gas prices are way down. In fact, they had something $2.50 a gallon I saw on television a little while ago in between my watching my great friends on C-SPAN. I saw that the prices are down to $2.50, $2.60, $2.75. It was -- when I came in office it was $3.50, $3.75. But prices are coming down.

Donald Trump 00:58:29-00:58:55 (25 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.637)

Prices on groceries are coming down. Prices of eggs are down like 87 percent, 87. You know, they got me with that. I told you. Before I even got an office, they would tell me about -- they're down close to 87 percent. And core inflation has dropped to the lowest levels in four years. And as I said, we had no inflation in four years despite the fact that I took in hundreds of billions of dollars in tariffs.

Donald Trump 00:58:55-00:59:21 (26 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.691)

And we hadn't even started yet. Nearly $6 trillion of new investment. And that number is now revised up to about $7 billion. Apple, a great company, is spending $500 billion because of tariffs. $500 billion, not $500 million, that's a lot. $500 million. You know, when I first heard the number I said you mean $500 million, you can build a lot of plants for $500 million.

Donald Trump 00:59:21-00:59:43 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.223)

No, sir, $500 billion. $500 billion? TSMC, the biggest, most powerful chip maker in the world. This is without that stupid CHIP Act where they say here's billions of dollars to a company that doesn't need it. These chip companies are loaded. They give these companies billions of dollars to build a plant in the United States.

Donald Trump 00:59:43-01:00:01 (19 sec) WEAK (1.035)

They don't build them in the United States. They keep the money. It looks good. They give them billions. No. TSMC, I gave them no money. A great company, most powerful in the world, biggest chip company in the world. They're spending $200 billion in Arizona, building one of the biggest plants in the world.

Donald Trump 01:00:01-01:00:30 (28 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.845)

And that's without money. All I did is say if you build -- if you don't build your plant here, you're going to pay a big tax. 25, maybe 50, maybe 75, maybe 100 percent. Nvidia is investing hundreds of billions of dollars. Johnson and Johnson is investing $55 billion. Eli Lilly is investing $27 billion. DAMAC is investing $20 billion.

Donald Trump 01:00:30-01:00:53 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.957)

We have billions and billions being invested by Merck, Clarios, Stellantis, General Motors, Honda, Nissan, Hyundai. All are putting in billions and billions and billions of dollars. They're buying sites all over. They're building because they don't want to have to pay 25 and 50 percent tariffs. They're all doing it. And I think they also have confidence in the country.

Donald Trump 01:00:53-01:01:17 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.655)

They have a president that they have confidence in. I know many of them. With the help of people in this room, we are one big, beautiful bill signing away from the greatest economy in the history of the world. And it's an overhang. You know, this bill is an overhang. Because if it doesn't get signed, we will have imposed the biggest tax on the people of this country in our country's history by 40 percent.

Donald Trump 01:01:17-01:01:38 (21 sec) WEAK (1.366)

The biggest tax because we gave you the biggest tax cut in history. Now we're giving you another, which is one of the reasons that -- there are many reasons why we were so successful. But that's one of the big ones. The other one is that one year deduction, all-in one year deduction. That's so big. And I know they're working on that, the big deduction.

Donald Trump 01:01:38-01:01:59 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.165)

It makes people invest. But now we're working on something that's going to, I think, blow it away. This bill is unbelievable. It's going to bring a lot of money back into our country. But if we don't do it, it's going to be a disaster. And you just better hope that people believe that it was the Democrats fault.

Donald Trump 01:01:59-01:02:27 (28 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.898)

Because you know, they're very good at saying it was our fault. It'll be the biggest tax increase in history. And all my life, as I watch politicians, I wasn't a politician, but I watched them, and I contribute to them a lot. Contributed a lot of money over the years. But I watched it. But all my life, I hear politicians saying we are going to give you a tax cut.

Donald Trump 01:02:27-01:02:46 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.082)

I will cut your taxes. We will cut your taxes. I never heard -- they're the only party that says we are going to increase your taxes vote for me. Who the hell ever heard this? Only these people. We're in a strange time. These lunatics go out and they tell everybody how you're going to have a big tax increase.

Donald Trump 01:02:46-01:03:09 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.404)

So maybe they want the bill to fail so that we can have a tax -- maybe they'll take credit for it. But I've never heard that said. I've watched politics all my life. I've never seen politicians -- politicians campaign on we're going to increase your taxes, except these crazy Democrats. As part of this legislation, I am committed to spending cuts.

Donald Trump 01:03:09-01:03:28 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.156)

And I will fight hard to include the elimination of hundreds of billions of dollars in waste, fraud and abuse in the bill. We've already found hundreds of billions of dollars through DOGE. And Elon has been terrific. He's been really terrific. But we found hundreds of billions of dollars of waste, fraud and abuse.

Donald Trump 01:03:28-01:03:46 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.354)

But now, we need to get the budget resolution. And we have to get it passed in the Senate. We have to bring it through the House. It's going to pass in both. One thing I'll say is that Thune has been great. John Thune has been great. And he's worked with your great leader hand in hand. Those two bills are coming up together.

Donald Trump 01:03:46-01:04:06 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.799)

And they're very similar. And I didn't know if that would happen. Because you have a lot of different rules, procedures, complicated stuff. But Mike has been amazing, and John Thune. And they've worked like amazingly well because they've just been going on at the same time. And we're ready to get this thing done and beyond and get rid of the debt hangover ceiling.

Donald Trump 01:04:06-01:04:32 (26 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.461)

That's a disaster for our country and for everybody. And to give people the biggest tax cuts they've ever had. Because we're going to add them both up together. It'll be the biggest tax cuts. It'll blow away the tax cuts that we got them four years ago. If we follow through on this agenda, we will be rewarded with a phenomenal economy and a massive victory at the ballot box in 2026 because we will have a record of triumph like no president has ever had like no Congress has ever had.

Donald Trump 01:04:32-01:04:53 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.798)

They will not be able to even touch your seat. Your seat is secure. And we'll pick up 40 or 50 or even 60 seats. And we'll have something that's going to be smooth sailing for years to come. If we don't get it done because of stupidity or a couple of people that want to show how great they are, uh, you just have to laugh at them or smile at them or cry right in their face.

Donald Trump 01:04:53-01:05:16 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.681)

In less than three months, our new administration has already accomplished more than most administrations achieve in four years or eight years. And everybody says it. And we have to have this stuff documented and approved. In a matter of weeks, we've achieved the lowest level of illegal border crossings in American history.

Donald Trump 01:05:16-01:05:42 (25 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.637)

In history. They have a plaza in front in Tijuana. Tijuana, Mexico. I wouldn't advise going there on a trip, but nevertheless. They have a plaza, a big plaza. It held hundreds of thousands of people. Yesterday morning, there were none. There was a man sweeping this massive plate of concrete, massive. And he was sweeping the concrete.

Donald Trump 01:05:42-01:06:03 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.365)

And there was nobody there. During the same period last year, Joe Biden released more than 184,000 illegal aliens into our country. Think of it. Many of these people were from jails and mental institutions, as I said. Since my inauguration, we've

released a grand total of nine, nine, nine. And they were all in all cases medical emergencies.

Donald Trump 01:06:03-01:06:23 (20 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.816)

We did that for medical emergency reasons. Last month we officially designated Tren de Aragua, MS-13 and the Mexican drug cartels as foreign terrorist organizations. And thanks to the Supreme Court yesterday, and today we had a big ruling, too. We had a very big ruling today. But we will continue to deport these monsters under the Alien Enemies Act.

Donald Trump 01:06:23-01:06:49 (26 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.786)

Think of that. The Alien Enemies Act. Can you believe it? All things we wouldn't have had to do if the election weren't rigged. Now in reconciliation, we need Republicans in Congress to give us the full funding to permanently secure the border and to carry out. That's part of what we're asking for. Who could fight that?

Donald Trump 01:06:49-01:07:24 (35 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.505)

We want to permanently secure. Without a border or without fair elections and without a good press, you don't have a country. Well, we have a lousy press. We now have a good border. And uh, we're going to get good elections pretty soon. There's a lot of clamor for it. I think it's something that you -- you should work on. You should go out and put a bill in demanding.

Donald Trump 01:07:24-01:07:49 (25 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.468)

You demand, you know, because the states are just an agent of the federal government of you. You ought to demand paper ballots. You ought to demand one day elections. Do you know what they do when it's longer than one day? All of a sudden, well, we're fixing the room up. Move those boxes. We're putting in an air conditioner.

Donald Trump 01:07:49-01:08:22 (33 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.157)

Oh, really? We'll move the boxes back in a few days. Or we're painting the room, please move the boxes. And you notice the boxes go out and then they get -- they move back in about half the number. Oh, it's so sick. One day election, you don't need any more than that. One day election, paper ballots. It's -- I think you should put a bill in. I mean, I don't know, who's in favor of a bill?

Donald Trump 01:08:22-01:08:48 (27 sec) NO STRESSLENS

Who could not want it, who could not want it? But I think you should do a bill on that. And I think it would be so popular. And more importantly than popular, it's so necessary. You have to have great elections. You have to have fair and free elections. And you've got to have borders. Otherwise you don't have a country.

Donald Trump 01:08:48-01:09:12 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.623)

To quickly bring down the cost of energy and lower the price of everything on day one, I declared a national energy emergency to drill, baby, drill. We're drilling. Oh, we're drilling. I withdrew from the unbelievably expensive, for us, parrot -- the Paris Climate Accord. So we were paying -- it would have cost us $1 trillion. $1 trillion.

Donald Trump 01:09:12-01:09:37 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.618)

China doesn't come into it till like 2035. Russia is based on a 1992 standard when it was -- there was dirty. Uh, everybody was -- India was based on a very low standard. Except the United States. We had to pay immediately. We would have spent trillions of dollars on that scam. And it sounds so nice, the Paris Climate Accord, what a beautiful name.

Donald Trump 01:09:37-01:10:02 (25 sec) WEAK (1.055)

It's it beautiful? It was a rip off of the United States. Well, don't forget, you know, I mean, I'm negotiating with these people, but if you really look, the European Union, why was that set up? It was set up to screw the United States of America. It was -- they formed -- a group of countries got together and let's make life miserable for the United States of America on trade and other things.

Donald Trump 01:10:02-01:10:23 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.432)

And they have done that. They've done that. They've treated us very badly. We don't sell cars into the European Union. We don't sell -- they won't take our agriculture. They want their own. But we take their agriculture. We take their cars by the millions. I terminated the green new scam, one of the great scams, one of the great hoaxes in the history of our country.

Donald Trump 01:10:23-01:10:45 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.741)

Only superseded by the Russia, Russia, Russia hoax. I canceled Joe Biden's insane electric vehicle mandate where everybody had to have an electric vehicle in a very short period of time. Everybody was forced to have an electric vehicle. You know, they built some power stations in the Midwest. They look like gas pumps with electricity, right?

Donald Trump 01:10:45-01:11:06 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.831)

They spent $8 billion. And four of the nine of them don't work. Four of nine. They built nine or eight, but half of them don't work. They spent $8 billion bringing the cables, bringing the wires. What a great investment that was, billions of dollars they spent. And now people can go out and buy a gasoline powered car, a hybrid.

Donald Trump 01:11:06-01:11:25 (18 sec) NO STRESSLENS

They can buy whatever they want. We don't want hydrogen because they have some big problems. They blow up and you never see who is driving the car. You'd not recognize them. That's a big problem. They were telling me about, sir, I'm really liking hydrogen cars. I said, but isn't there a problem? Yes, they tend to blow up on occasion.

Donald Trump 01:11:25-01:11:51 (27 sec) NO STRESSLENS

I said, how bad is it? Well, we found body parts 250 yards away from the car. We think it was Mr. Jones, but we're going to go to see his dentist and see if we can -- So if you have one of those incidents, let's forget it, right? It's a bomb, it's a bomb. I don't want them to work. I actually said don't work on it. Between that and windmills, you can have windmills, too.

Donald Trump 01:11:51-01:12:15 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.538)

The most expensive form of energy ever. Anybody have a windmill by your house? Congratulations, you'll never sell your house. And today, I signed historic executive orders to unleash coal production to the highest levels ever. Because you know, coal is the most powerful thing. We have more of it than -- we have more liquid gold under our feet, oil and gas, and we have more coal than any other country, any other.

Donald Trump 01:12:15-01:12:34 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.69)

No other country has as much as we have. All different forms of coal. And take a look at China. They're building two coal plants a week. Think of that. Two a week. We are screwing around with wind. Oh, wind. These people are crazy. They say, oh, it's great for the environment. It kills all your birds. You want to see a bird cemetery?

Donald Trump 01:12:34-01:12:58 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.038)

Walk under a windmill some time. You've got birds all over the place. They're screaming for help. They got whacked. The environmentalists, it's an environmental dream. Do you know why? Because you're never going to have energy. They're the

most expensive form of energy there is, 10 times more expensive than clean natural gas, 10 times -- much more expensive than coal.

Donald Trump 01:12:58-01:13:18 (20 sec)

NO SIGNAL (0.362)

And not -- They're very unreliable. Like if they wanted to watch us tonight on television, Alice, Alice, I want to watch the president tonight. I'm sorry, darling, but the windmills aren't blowing. We're going to give them confidence to do what they have to do long into the future. Because coal is going to be a big factor in our country now.

Donald Trump 01:13:18-01:13:39 (20 sec)

STRONG (2.098)

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You know, it -- it does give us our electricity because there's nothing like coal in terms of power. But it's going to be clean, beautiful coal like our bill. It's going to be clean and beautiful coal miners. And by the way, they've made tremendous progress with also coal in terms of clean coal. But the coal miners standing understanding alongside of me this afternoon in the White House, they were incredible.

Donald Trump 01:13:39-01:13:58 (20 sec)

NO SIGNAL (0.912)

They were a beautiful sight to behold. These are really great American patriots, beautiful guys. I didn't want to have any arm wrestling contests with any of them. I can tell you that. They're good strong guys. That's what they want to do. They love to dig coal. That's what they want to do. They don't want to do gidgets and widgets and gadgets.

Donald Trump 01:13:58-01:14:25 (27 sec)

STRONG (2.511)

2 of 216 paragraphs scored.

They don't want to build cell phones with their hands. They're big strong hands. They're doing a little thing. Remember when Hillary Clinton went to West Virginia? And she had decimated them three weeks before in like some state where they make little tiny circuit boards. And she said we're going to teach the miners in West Virginia how to make a circuit board with little, tiny things.

Donald Trump 01:14:25-01:14:58 (33 sec)

MEDIUM (1.92)

He said we're going to teach them. And then she went to West Virginia. She was going to -- she was in the campaign. And she had to go there. Do you remember that stop? It was memorable. It was one of the worst. Did they go after her? And one of the miners said, I don't want to do anything else, but dig coal.

Donald Trump 01:14:58-01:15:23 (25 sec)

MEDIUM (1.539)

I want to dig coal. There's so -- they said it today. That's what they love. They love doing it. It's like that in a lot of industries. People love doing what they're doing. They want to dig coal. That's what they want. They don't mind going deep in earth. They feel comfortable there. Me, I could do without it, but they feel, uh, comfortable.

Donald Trump 01:15:23-01:15:46 (23 sec)

NO SIGNAL (0.547)

They're incredible people actually, hardworking incredible people. And we're giving them their lives back. We've also begun the largest deregulation campaign in history. For every one new regulation, I have directed that 10 old regulations must be eliminated before the first one can go into effect. And we're working tirelessly to restore peace through strength and bring back the hostages held captive abroad.

Donald Trump 01:15:46-01:16:07 (21 sec)

MEDIUM (1.516)

We've brought a lot of them back already, but what a sad situation it is. What a sad situation that is. That would have never happened if I were president. October 7th would have never happened. And I said Russia-Ukraine would have never happened.

All this stuff. Inflation would have never happened. Afghanistan disaster would have never happened.

Donald Trump 01:16:07-01:16:26 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.839)

The most embarrassing moment in the history of our country. Not leaving. I was going to leave. I'm the one that got him to a point where they could leave, but I was going to keep Bagram, the air base, the biggest -- one of the biggest in the world. I was going to keep it. Not for Afghanistan, but because it's one hour away from where China makes its nuclear weapons.

Donald Trump 01:16:26-01:16:55 (28 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.912)

Wouldn't it be nice to have it? Do you know who occupies it now? China occupies it now. Can you believe how stupid this guy was? On top of that, they get blown up at the airport leaving the wrong airport. They didn't leave from Bagram. They left from a local little airport which was crowded and like crazy with the people from the towns and cities.

Donald Trump 01:16:55-01:17:19 (24 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.89)

And the bomb went off and decimated hundreds of people, killed hundreds. We lost 13 soldiers, but we also had 42 or 48 horribly injured. Arms, legs, face horribly injured, all because we had a stupid leader. It should have never happened. We should have never been involved in that. We're also joined tonight by a number of brave souls who were recently released from -- they were recently released from Hamas captivity.

Donald Trump 01:17:19-01:17:46 (27 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.257)

Hamas is just a disaster. The level of hatred. Where are the people? Hamas, they understand what that's all about. Where are you? That's great. How does it feel to be out? How does that feel to be out, huh? Do you want to come up here for a second? Do you want -- come on up here. Come on, come on up. Yeah, let -- let them up, please.

Donald Trump 01:17:46-01:18:15 (29 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.47)

That's great. That's great. I'll tell you, these people, what they had to go through. I've -- I had 10 hostages in my office two weeks ago. What they had to go through is just horrible. Come on up. That's great. That is so nice to see you. That is so nice. [Inaudible] fantastic. [Inaudible]

Note 01:18:15-01:18:15 (sec) NO STRESSLENS

[Three former hostages come to the podium and each spoke individually. There were not initially identified.]

Unidentified 01:18:15-01:18:36 (21 sec) NO SIGNAL (0)

Thank you. Thank you very much. President Trump, I'm here and I'm alive. President Trump, you saved my life. You saved the life of 33 hostages, that because of your efforts and your setting the hostage crisis at the high priority of what you are doing among all of the enormous issues and things that you're dealing with since you came into your position as president of the United States, you set the hostage crisis at the highest priority.

Unidentified 01:18:36-01:18:54 (18 sec) NO SIGNAL (0)

You got 33 of us home alive. We all owe our lives to you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. And please -- Please continue your tremendous efforts and your tremendous actions and your tremendous accomplishments. Continue and we will get with your help all of the remaining 59 hostages still in Gaza back home.

Unidentified 01:18:54-01:19:07 (13 sec) NO SIGNAL (0)

Thank you. Thank you, President Trump for bringing my Keith home. Keith's grandchildren are the happiest. Keith's children are the happiest. Keith's family is the happiest. But I am the most happiest. Thank you so much. Thank you so much.

Note 01:19:07-01:19:07 (sec) NO STRESSLENS

[The second former hostage comes to the microphone.]

Unidentified 01:19:07-01:19:25 (19 sec) NO SIGNAL (0)

We need you. We need you to bring all the hostages home. There's 24 that are alive and 59 to -- to come home to their families. Just like I received Keith, they need it, too. We have [Inaudible] standing here with us. And Eitan, his brother is underneath the ground now begging to get out. So I'm begging you all to help us. We need your help.

Unidentified 01:19:25-01:19:26 (1 sec) NO STRESSLENS

Thank you.

Note 01:19:26-01:19:26 (sec) NO STRESSLENS

[The third former hostage comes to the microphone.]

Unidentified 01:19:26-01:19:48 (22 sec) NO SIGNAL (0)

So my name is Yahir. I've been in hell for 498 days. I've been held in hell with Hamas terrorists. When we didn't see the light, but we feel when we heard President Trump get elected, we knew, we knew that is now someone who makes the things happen. We need -- We knew that -- I'm sorry about my English, I am half Argentinian, half Israelian.

Unidentified 01:19:48-01:20:25 (37 sec) NO STRESSLENS

I'm sorry. We knew we needed someone who could do the things. That's President Trump. We are here because of President Trump. Thank you. Thank you for your efforts. It's really surreal to be here. You know, we -- I -- I'm a simple man. I'm -- I'm running the bar in the kibbutz in the -- in Knidos where I was lived.

Unidentified 01:20:25-01:20:38 (13 sec) NO SIGNAL (0)

And -- and now I'm here with President Trump who's running the world. We are thankful. We are really thankful, but humbly, we -- we ask -- we ask for more, the last push, the last 59 people, the last 59 hostages, among them, my brother, Eitan and what is [Inaudible] brothers Zeevi and Gali and Eviatar. All the brothers, all the families.

Unidentified 01:20:38-01:21:01 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0)

In a few days, we mark the Passover, right? Pesach. It's a family -- family time, so I expect that in the next [Inaudible] I -- when my mother made the [Inaudible] the matzo balls that my brother Eitan, my little brother who I call little, but he's 38, but it's my little brother. I hope it -- he can sit with us in the Seder in -- of Passover.

Unidentified 01:21:01-01:21:08 (7 sec) NO SIGNAL (0)

And wow, it's overwhelming. I -- I just want to tell you again. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Donald Trump 01:21:08-01:21:14 (6 sec) STRONG (2.968)

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Thank you. Thank you. There's a story for everybody and nobody knows. My heart is broken.

Unidentified 01:21:14-01:21:14 (sec) NO STRESSLENS

[Inaudible]

Donald Trump 01:21:14-01:21:16 (1 sec) NO STRESSLENS

I'll mention it.

Unidentified 01:21:16-01:21:19 (3 sec) NO STRESSLENS

[Inaudible] OK. Be strong for us.

Donald Trump 01:21:19-01:21:47 (28 sec) WEAK (1.25)

I -- I just want to say I said of the 59 people that you want to bring home, how are they? And how are they doing? Do you have any idea? Because they left that whole scene not long ago. And they said well, of the 59, 24 are living, the rest are dead. I just heard that. And um, I was told that before by somebody else, but 24 are living, the rest are dead.

Donald Trump 01:21:47-01:22:17 (30 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.913)

These are young people, largely young people. Young people don't die. Young people are killed. They don't die. But the conditions were so horrible. But think of that, so of the 59. And I've had, uh, Israeli parents tell me that, uh, my son is dead, but please bring him home as though he were alive. She wanted him brought home more than -- it just seemed almost more than if her child was living.

Donald Trump 01:22:17-01:22:43 (26 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.813)

Amazing. She just -- they wanted -- the mother and father, in three other cases, they wanted to have them brought home. I said, how is he doing? He's dead. It's only his body, but we want him home. So there's an amazing thing. But -- but the 59 that you mentioned, um, you said that 24 were alive and the rest are dead.

Donald Trump 01:22:43-01:23:01 (18 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.841)

This is a terrible thing that's going on with Hamas. Terrible. The hatred is so incredible. It's unbelievable. And the way they were made to live was not even, uh, understandable, I think, by anybody in this audience. And you have great people in this audience that love you and they're going to fight for you.

Donald Trump 01:23:01-01:23:04 (3 sec) NO STRESSLENS

And I just want to thank you very much. Thank you.

Note 01:23:04-01:23:04 (sec) NO STRESSLENS

[Trump steps away from the microphone to speak to the three former hostages.]

Unidentified 01:23:04-01:23:04 (1 sec) NO STRESSLENS

[Inaudible] Thank you.

Donald Trump 01:23:04-01:23:07 (3 sec) NO STRESSLENS

[Inaudible] You take care of yourself, OK?

Unidentified 01:23:07-01:23:11 (4 sec) NO STRESSLENS

Thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President.

Donald Trump 01:23:11-01:23:52 (41 sec) NO STRESSLENS

Thank you very much. Thank you. We'll get them back. Be careful. It's incredible what they've been forced to live with for 450, 500 days. Incredible. Nobody in this room could really understand it. And I found it hard to understand. But we'll not rest until your loved ones have been returned home. And hopefully we can do it the right way.

Donald Trump 01:23:52-01:24:17 (25 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.327)

The -- we want to get those 24 out really fast. And we're working on it very hard. There was no chance before. This is something that should have been done right at the beginning during the past administration. On day one, we ended the so-called diversity, equity and inclusion policies across the entire federal government, the private sector.

Donald Trump 01:24:17-01:24:40 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.189)

And it's just not even allowed. I also signed an order making it the official policy of the United States government that there are only two genders, male and female. We want to keep it simple. As you know, in a very important executive order, I banned men from competing in women's sports. That was done.

Donald Trump 01:24:40-01:25:03 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.926)

And I hope -- I hope all of these executive orders can be codified, can be voted on by Congress. I can't imagine any Republican that's not going to vote for him. Many, many of them, over 100. And I think every single one of them is just common sense, good -- it's good politics, but the word politics doesn't matter to me so much.

Donald Trump 01:25:03-01:25:39 (36 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.493)

It's good for our country. If Democrats retake the House next year, they will try to reverse all of the progress that we've made, which is record setting progress. Instead of House committees run by Mike Johnson, Steve Scalise, Jim Jordan, James Comer, Ronny Jackson and so many other of our friends in this audience, the House will be run by the same band of radicals and lunatics you saw at my address to Congress, including Hakeem Jeffries, AOC, Ilhan Omar, Nancy Pelosi and weird Al Green.

Donald Trump 01:25:39-01:26:14 (35 sec) WEAK (1.04)

He's a weird dude. He should have been treated very badly for the way he behaved that night. Think of it. They didn't stand up. They didn't pay respect to anybody, including -- think of it. Uh, you take a look at Laken Riley, you take a look at any of the people there, the parents of these incredible people, the young boy with cancer, serious cancer wanted to be in a police department, would give anything to be a policeman someday.

Donald Trump 01:26:14-01:26:37 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.404)

They refused to even applaud or acknowledge him. They're sick. There's something wrong with them. They sat as the stories were explained, two young ladies killed by, killed, savagely killed by illegal aliens. They came into our country and they killed these two young ladies. And the Democrats sat there. They didn't smile.

Donald Trump 01:26:37-01:27:03 (26 sec) WEAK (1.233)

They didn't clap. They didn't do anything. I think you frankly win the midterms, just all you have to do is show a picture of these grieving parents, uncontrollably grieving. And they didn't get one clap out of the whole group of them. They just sat there like stoic and disgraceful. And you show that in your commercials that you're going to be putting on and you'll win every race that we have in this room.

Donald Trump 01:27:03-01:27:26 (23 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.363)

That was a bad night for them. And now they know it. They're trying to make up for it. But they're just, I don't know, there's something wrong with them. That's why every day from now until November 2026, we're going to fight, fight, fight to elect and expand the Republican majority of the House and save our country from these radical left lunatics.

Donald Trump 01:27:26-01:27:44 (18 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.88)

We will not be deterred. We will not stop. We will not yield. And we will never ever back down. We're not going to back down. They would lose respect if you back down. They're the ones that backed down. They're the ones that have lost their confidence. They're no good anymore. I saw politicians that were good politicians four years ago.

Donald Trump 01:27:44-01:28:14 (30 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.468)

They're not good politicians anymore. They've lost their confidence. They've totally lost their confidence. But they can get their confidence back. So you can't rely on that too much, I guess. Together, we're liberating our country, reclaiming our wealth, unleashing our energy, protecting our children, rebuilding our military, repelling the invaders, deporting the criminals, destroying the gangs and unlocking what history will know as the Golden Age of America.

Donald Trump 01:28:14-01:28:43 (29 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.391)

This is going to be the Golden Age of America. With your support, your commitment and your help to elect more Republicans, we will finish the job that we have really brilliantly started. It's been a brilliant period of years. And we go back to 2016. It was brilliant. Then they stole it from us by illegally rigging the election.

Donald Trump 01:28:43-01:29:12 (29 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.482)

And we did great in that election, but we had to write it off. And we all went through hell. I went through hell, in particular. Indictments. We -- what we had to go through was hard to believe. Impeachments, two impeachments over nothing, over a phone call that was perfect. They knew it was perfect. And they found out after they realized that the calls were essentially taped by the government because you were talking to a foreign leader.

Donald Trump 01:29:12-01:29:30 (18 sec) WEAK (1.21)

When that was played back, they didn't know what the hell to do, but they went forward with it anyway, because there are sick people. The American dream will come roaring back in our country. Together, we're going to make America greater than it's ever been before. And I just want to thank you. And congratulations on your record evening.

Donald Trump 01:29:30-01:29:43 (13 sec) NO SIGNAL (0.163)

And I'm with you all the way. And I'm going to be campaigning with you. And we're going to win, win, win like we've never won before. And thank you to your leadership. And Mike, great job. You're doing a fantastic job. Thank you all very much.

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