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## Notes:

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- **Constitutional Duty:** Harris emphasizes the importance of taking an oath to support and defend the Constitution. She contrasts this duty with her opponent's approach, stressing the seriousness of public office.

- Public Trust: She discusses the role of leaders in prioritizing the public good over personal interests, reinforcing the idea that leadership is a duty, not a personal agenda.
- National Security and Global Leadership: Both Harris and Liz Cheney highlight the international consequences of electing a leader who undermines democracy. Harris emphasizes that America's role as a global role model for democracy is at stake, and that the world is watching closely.
- Criticism of Donald Trump: Both speakers criticize Trump for being erratic and unfit for office, referencing his treatment of the military, his admiration for dictators, and his failure to uphold democratic principles.
- Foreign Policy: Cheney stresses the danger of Trump's erratic foreign policy, while Harris emphasizes the importance of supporting Ukraine and maintaining alliances for America's national security.

**Kamala Harris** 00:00:03  
Let's get to it.

**Sarah Longwell** 00:00:03  
Let's do it. Let's do it.

**Kamala Harris** 00:00:05  
Good morning, everyone.

**Sarah Longwell** 00:00:09  
Oh, happy belated birthday. Oh, yeah.

**Kamala Harris** 00:00:13  
Thank you. I appreciate that. Thank you.

**Sarah Longwell** 00:00:15  
Audience members showing me up, that's tough. Okay, so I've got to start with the thing that brings us here today, because I've got to say, it is unusual for, um, somebody who is as high up in the republican leadership as Liz Cheney was to be out here campaigning with the democratic nominee for president.

And so maybe. Why don't both of you tell us, but you start. You've actually marshaled unprecedented support from Republicans in this election. Why do you think that is?

**Kamala Harris**

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Thank you, Sarah. Thank you for being here and for your work. And the congresswoman, thank you. I have said before, and it must be repeated each time. Um, there are moments in the history of our country which challenge us, each of us, to really decide, do we stand for those things that we talk about, including a particular country over party.

**Kamala Harris**

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And you have been extraordinarily courageous in the way that you have done that, and I thank you for that. So, you know, I have, in my career now, whether it was as the elected district attorney, uh, elected attorney general, and then elected United States senator, and, of course, now vice president, I've counted that I have taken the oath of office six times.

**Kamala Harris**

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And for the elected leaders here, we know it is an oath that one must take sincerely and unequivocally, which is an oath, among other things, to support and defend the constitution of the United States and to understand what those principles represent and what they require of the individual who holds the office in the public trust.

**Kamala Harris**

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And let's not undervalue that point as well. It is not about the individual. It is not about what is in their personal interest. It is about what is for and in the spirit of the public good. And this is a moment in this election that, uh, presents a real contrast among how I, as one of the two nominees, and my opponent, the former former president, um, think of that duty.

**Kamala Harris**

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And it is a duty, by the way. There are certain things in our lives that we have the choice, if we feel like it, and then there are certain things that are just fundamentally a duty, like to raise our children, things of that nature. It is a duty to take seriously that oath and do it, um, for the sake of the public good and in the public trust.

**Kamala Harris**

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And I think that this moment, with the choice that the american people have in this election, in two weeks and one day, this election is presenting for the first time, probably in certainly recent history, a very clear choice and difference between the two nominees.

And I think that is what, as much, as much as anything, is bringing us as Americans together, um, who are understanding that we cannot, with such fundamental stakes being presented, afford to be mired in ideological differences without really staking our claim to the most fundamental ideals upon which our country stands.

**Sarah Longwell**

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Thank you. You know, Congresswoman, uh, Cheney, uh, it's sort of the same question to you, but I gotta ask. Um, you know, it's one thing for Republicans to sign a letter. You know, we've seen Vice President Harris has been endorsed by 200 Republicans in the national security space. All kinds of people from George W.

**Sarah Longwell**

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Bush's administration. There's been a lot of people. They'll sign letters and maybe they'll go on tv, they'll release a statement. I was just with Republican, uh, Congressman Charlie Dent, former republican congressman here from the state. He voted for you, uh, in his early voting. Uh, but you are out here campaigning. You are out here holding events.

**Sarah Longwell**

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So talk about why it's been so important to you to be as involved as you are in getting Vice President Harris elected.

**Liz Cheney**

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Well, thank you so much, uh, Sarah, for the question, and it's an honor to be here today with you, Madam vice president. Um, you know, um, for me, every single thing in my experience and in my background, um, has played a part in my decision to endorse Vice President Harris. Um, and, you know, that begins with the fact that I'm a conservative.

**Liz Cheney**

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And, um, I know that the most conservative of all conservative principles is being faithful to the Constitution. And you have to choose in this race, between someone who has been faithful to the Constitution, who will be faithful, and Donald Trump, who. It's not just us predicting how he will act. We watched what he did after the last election.

**Liz Cheney**

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We watched what he did on January 6. Um, and so, uh, coming to this as someone who's been a lifelong Republican, a lifelong conservative, um, also as someone who spent. I spent time working overseas before I was elected to Congress, and I've spent time working in countries where people aren't free and where people are struggling for their freedom.

And I know how quickly democracies can unravel. Um, and I know that as Americans, we, um, can become accustomed to thinking, well, we don't have to worry about that here. Um, but I tell you again, as someone who, um, has seen firsthand, uh, how quickly it can happen, um, that. That is what's on the ballot.

**Liz Cheney**

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That's absolutely what's on the ballot. I also. I come to this decision, uh, as a mother. I have five children. And, uh, there was a moment right after January 6 when my husband and I were having dinner with our two youngest, our two sons, and I looked across the table at my young sons, and I thought to myself, you know, in the aftermath of the attack on the Capitol, are they going to grow up in a country where we don't have to worry about the peaceful transfer of power?

**Liz Cheney**

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Are they going to grow up in a country where that is guaranteed? And I believe that every one of us in this election has a duty and an obligation to do what we know is right for the country. And, uh, that's to support Vice President Harris. So I'm very honored to be here and to do that.

**Kamala Harris**

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If I can just echo the congresswoman's point. So I've now, as vice president, met over 150 world leaders, presidents, prime ministers, chancellors, and kings, many of them multiple times to the point we're on a first name basis. And the last few times I've seen them in the relative eve of this election, they are very concerned, our allies, because, as you know, when we walk in those rooms around the world, representing the United States of America, we have traditionally been able to walk in those rooms, chin up, shoulders back with the self appointed and earned authority to talk about the importance of democracy and rule of law.

**Kamala Harris**

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But as, uh, all the role models here know, as a role model, people watch what you do to see if it lines up with what you say. People around the world are watching this. And I tell you, sometimes I do fret a bit about whether we, as Americans, truly understand how important we are to the world.

**Kamala Harris**

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I hope everyone does really understand that. We represent something imperfect though we certainly are, flawed though we may be. We represent, in terms of our ideals, the basis of our constitution. We represent a gold standard. And when we have someone who has been president who wants to be president again, who is saying he would be dictator on

day one, would weaponize our department of justice.

**Kamala Harris**

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One of the principles of our democracy is that we say we have a justice system that is blind, that is not punitive against one's enemies. They are watching. So this is about direct impact on the American people, and it most certainly will impact people around the world.

**Sarah Longwell**

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You know, I'm so glad you brought that up. And, uh, as a follow up, I would just, uh, ask Congresswoman Cheney, too. We live in a dangerous time. I mean, I think Americans are watching what's happening overseas, uh, in Ukraine, in Israel, um, Republicans. We used to be the party that would be on the side of our democratic allies like Ukraine.

**Sarah Longwell**

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Um, talk to me a little bit, and all of us, about why, from a foreign policy standpoint, you, uh, find yourself able to endorse Democrats who didn't used to be that way.

**Liz Cheney**

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Well, it's not just able to endorse them, but, um, if you look at, um, the numbers of the most senior officials who served Donald Trump, uh, his own vice president, national security advisors, his, uh, chief of staff, uh, the leading generals who served him, who've all said he's unfit, and people really need to stop and think about how completely unprecedented that is.

**Liz Cheney**

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And the idea, um, when people sort of say, well, we might be tempted, for some reason or another, ah, to vote for Donald Trump, if the issue is foreign policy, I would just ask everyone, think about how dangerous and damaging it is to have someone who's totally erratic. Totally erratic, completely unstable, someone who has, uh, aligned himself with, who idolizes tyrants.

**Liz Cheney**

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He idolizes tyrants. You know, again, the choice here, um, with respect to national security policy, is a man who has proven. He's absolutely proven that he will not stand up, he won't defend this nation with respect to our own constitution and rule of law. And Vice President Harris, who has been clear, uh, in terms of support for Ukraine, in terms of recognizing and understanding, uh, across the board, that America cannot maintain our own freedom and security if we walk away from our allies around the world and our adversaries know that they can play Donald Trump, they absolutely know that they can play him, and we

simply can't afford to take that risk.

**Liz Cheney**

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So, as someone who spent a career on national security issues, again, this was not at all a difficult choice for me. Uh, the choice here is absolutely clear in terms of the necessity of supporting Vice President Harris.

**Kamala Harris**

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And if I may emphasize, part of the backbone of our national security is our military. And let's please not overlook how someone who wants to be commander in chief and wants has talked about our servicemen and women, has talked about an american hero like John McCain, who was a prisoner of war, said he didn't respect him, didn't like him because he got caught, has talked about our service members as, um, though they are less, um, than the most courageous of us, those who put on the uniform, who represent the United States of America, who are willing to die for the sake of everything we stand for.

**Kamala Harris**

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And he calls them suckers and losers. These things cannot be overlooked. And I have said many times publicly, and I'll say it again, in many, many ways, Donald Trump is an unserious man. But the consequences of him being president of the United States are, um, brutally serious. There are things that he says that will be the subject of skits and laughter and jokes, but words have meaning coming from someone who aspires to stand behind the seal of the president of the United States.

**Kamala Harris**

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These are the things that are at stake.

**Sarah Longwell**

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Couldn't agree more. Um, so I do want to ask you another question, though, before we go to the audience. Um, you know, you talk a lot about a new way forward. You talk about turning the page, what's on the next page? Talk, uh, to us about.

**Kamala Harris**

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You want a preview?

**Sarah Longwell**

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Yeah, give me a spoiler alert. You know, just, uh, tell us, what's the rest of the chapter?

Well, first of all, I will say that it is a. The metaphor that is meant to also, um, describe my intention to embark on a new generation of leadership. And needless to say, mine will not be a continuation of the Biden administration. I bring to it my own ideas, my own experiences. But it is also about moving past what, frankly, I think has been the last decade of, um, of the american discourse, being influenced by Donald Trump in a way that has had the effect of suggesting we, as Americans, should point the finger at one another in a way that has been using the power of the presidency to demean and to divide us.

**Kamala Harris**

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I think people are exhausted with that, rightly. And it frankly, does not lead to the strength of our nation to tell the american people that we must be suspicious of one another, distrust one another. You know, yesterday I did a couple of church services, and there's a, uh, many people here know the parable of the good Samaritan.

**Kamala Harris**

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And there is, in essence, a piece of that, in my own words, that really requires us, I think, to see in the face of, uh, a stranger, to see a neighbor. Right. That's spirit, and I think we need to get back to that. The spirit of the american people is such that we are an ambitious people, we are aspirational.

**Kamala Harris**

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We have dreams. That is productive. It is not productive of us to be a nation of people who are pointing fingers at one another, who don't understand that the vast majority of us have so much more in common than what separates us. So that's what I mean about turning the page and then a new generation of leadership, about being ambitious about all we have yet to do.

**Kamala Harris**

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Part of my economic policy, I refer to it as an opportunity economy, was about investing in american industries while leaving none of our, uh, traditional, wonderful industries behind. Repurposing and retooling the factories that have led to America's success in industry, while at the same time redefining how we are thinking about which worker has the experience and skill to do the job and is qualified and understanding.

**Kamala Harris**

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We shouldn't be falling into a trap that suggests only those with a college degree have the skill or, uh, the experience to do the job. So let's look at how we redefine and perhaps even reorder. And in fact, I'm going to start with federal jobs, and then I'm going to challenge the private sector to do the same.



Let's look at which of those jobs would benefit from a skilled, experienced worker who perhaps went through an apprenticeship program, not a four year college, but still had a four year degree, in essence. So these are the kinds of things that are about seeing the opportunity of this moment and investing in it.

**Kamala Harris**

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I'll tell you, and I know this is a controversial topic for many of us. I love Gen Z because we have Gen Z's in our lives. We have kids who are Gen Zs. It can be complicated. I know. I love Gen Z. These young leaders are so, they're clear eyed. You know, they've only known the climate crisis.

**Kamala Harris**

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They've only known active shooter drills. I mean, we had fire drills, not our kids. Right? But they also, they're so wonderfully impatient. Right? No, really. That's good. That's good. They're ready to get in there. Let's invest in them. So, for example, one piece of my opportunity is we got to deal with the reality of where we are right now.

**Kamala Harris**

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The american dream for previous generations was something that people could kind of count on. Not so much anymore. In terms of home ownership. We have a housing shortage in America, we have a supply shortage. So part of my plan is, hey, let's be clear eyed about this moment. Let's invest in the future.

**Kamala Harris**

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As a devout public servant, I also know the limitations of government. I want to work with the private sector I have in my career. The skills, the breadth, the depth of value in those active partnerships benefit us all. So part of my plan for housing is to actively partner with building developers, with home builders, to create tax credits to increase the supply of housing in America.

**Kamala Harris**

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My estimate is, I think we can actually do it by 3 million by the end of my first term. Part of my approach that is about a new generation, potentially of leadership, and certainly a different approach. Most of my career was not spent in Washington, DC. I say that with pride in that.

**Kamala Harris**

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Most of my career spent as a prosecutor, but, uh, making decisions that had a direct impact on people's lives. You know, I learned at a very young age as a prosecutor, that the

things that I would do, the swipe of my pen, could result in someone having their liberty or not. When I was attorney general of California, which is by estimates, the fifth largest economy in the world, I was acutely aware the words I spoke could move markets.

**Kamala Harris**

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I, um, like getting things done. And part of my approach, which is, I think, about a new generation of leadership, is, let's cut through the red tape, let's cut through the bureaucracy while still knowing the virtues of the work that we can do in the public sector, be it public education, public health, public safety.

**Sarah Longwell**

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This is a perfect segue into our first audience question, which is going to come from Alexandra Miller from Delaware county. Main, um, section right. Right there. Hi, Alexandra.

**Alexandra Miller**

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Hello. Um, hello. Madam vice president and representative Cheney.

**Kamala Harris**

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Thank you.

**Alexandra Miller**

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Hi there for taking my question today. Uh, my name is Alex. I have a seven year old son, um, and a wonderful 72 year old mother who is suffering from dementia and requires full time care. My son is in second grade. My mother is in a nursing home, and I work full time.

**Alexandra Miller**

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The costs of childcare and of elder care are staggering. But simultaneously, the professionals that help care for both our children and our elders are generally underpaid, which makes it difficult for them to support their own families and do the jobs that they need to do. How do you propose to help bridge this gap?

**Alexandra Miller**

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Making both child and elder care more affordable for hard working families and also retaining and attracting quality talent for these essential jobs.

**Kamala Harris**

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So, first of all, you're dealing with a lot. You're dealing with a lot, and I just wish you strength and support. Um, you are a part of what we call the sandwich generation, which are those parents and children who are right in the middle. They are taking care of their young children and taking care of their parents as they age.

**Kamala Harris**

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And it's a lot. And so I actually plan to address this in a substantial way because I, uh, actually bring a personal experience to it as well. I, um, took care of my mother when she was sick, and that work is the work of trying to cook something that they feel like eating.

**Kamala Harris**

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Right. Um, trying to figure out which clothes will not irritate their skin and help them put on a sweater. Um, it's about trying to figure out how you can say something that brings a smile to their face or makes them laugh. It's about dignity. Meanwhile, you have a second grader. You try and teach that kid how to read, spending time with them, reminding them they are special and can be anything.

**Kamala Harris**

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And in the middle of all of that, if you are working or just to have a minute to breathe, it's a lot. It's a lot. So the way that this plays out for many people is it's one of just a couple of ways. One, if you have the good fortune of having enough extra money, you can hire somebody to come in, and then exactly as you said, you knowing what you just shared with us about yourself, would pay them the value of their work.

**Kamala Harris**

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Um, or someone in this position would have to basically spend down all their savings so they could, uh, qualify for Medicaid, which means they pretty much have to get rid of everything or they have to quit their job, which means one less income in their household. And this is a matter, this issue for me is a matter of dignity.

**Kamala Harris**

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Yours, your parents, and the well being of your child, and you being able to do what you naturally want to do. And the thing that we should value in our society, which is someone like you, who is taking on, um, the duty and the responsibility of all of that. So my plan is that instead of those scenarios I just mapped out, we will restructure it so that Medicare covers the cost of in home health care for your parent so that they can be at home and you can then have the assistance with someone who can help prepare that meal, help them get dressed, and you can still give that baby of yours all the love that they deserve.

And you can have sanity in the process, and everyone can have dignity. And so this is my approach, which is, let's just look at this as, let's just come at it from common sense, by the way. It's just common sense. And what is, uh, a common sense, practical approach to doing this? Because when you are able to be productive, we all benefit.

**Kamala Harris**

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By the way, when that child is able to have a parent who is able to help them with their reading and remind that child that they are special, we are all going to benefit from that. So thank you for raising the subject, and you take care of yourself.

**Sarah Longwell**

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Okay, next we're going to call on Ashley Scott, speaking of, uh, Gen. Z, although I guess I shouldn't assume I know what generation she's from, but she is a student from Bucks County. Hi.

**Ashley Scott**

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Hi. Vice President Harris and Congresswoman Cheney. My name is Ashley Scott.

**Kamala Harris**

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Scott.

**Ashley Scott**

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I'm from Bucks County, Pennsylvania. And I am Gen. Z. I'm 22 years old.

**Sarah Longwell**

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Nailed it.

**Ashley Scott**

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So thank you for that compliment. Um, but, yeah, my question is about maternal health, specifically in the United States. Maternal mortality is devastating, the rates are terrible. And I was wondering if you have a plan to combat the crisis.

**Kamala Harris**

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Thank you, Ashley, and thank you for being here. And your voice. Um, it's a big issue. Uh, so we have the very, I think, shameful distinction of any wealthy nation having, um, one of, if not the highest rate of maternal mortality. And I've studied this issue. I worked on it when I was in the United States Senate and as vice president.

And the fact is that 90% of them are preventable, which tells us we can do something about it. Right? And it is an issue. So black women are three to four times more likely to die in connection with childbirth. Native women are, like, twice as likely rural women, one and a half times likely.

**Kamala Harris**

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One of the common threads that you will see in those demographic populations is a lack of appropriate prenatal care and then care during the term of their pregnancy, and then postpartum care. And we know that when that care is available, they are having a healthier and, by the way, happier experience. And the long term impact to all of us as a society, much less to that family, is immense.

**Kamala Harris**

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And so the work that we have been doing and the work I intend to do going forward is to address that. Right? So, for example, in rural America, the way that the system has been structured, the healthcare system has been structured, is a lot of those hospitals and clinics have had to close because of the way we reimburse based on population size.

**Kamala Harris**

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And as people are leaving rural America, then the hospitals and the clinics can't afford the overhead. I'm oversimplifying, but just to make the point. So we need to address that in terms of how we're structuring, how we create incentives and give the resources to those healthcare facilities, be they clinics or hospitals. The other piece that we have to do is really just talk more about the issue around also how in the healthcare system, we are treating women, and are we taking women seriously when they talk about their healthcare concerns.

**Kamala Harris**

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So, again, personal experience. My mother had, uh, two goals in her life, to raise her two daughters, my sister and I, and to end breast cancer. My mother was a, ah, breast cancer researcher, and she was so passionate about women's healthcare, and I remember it as a young girl and throughout my life.

**Kamala Harris**

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And we still have a lot of work to do to make sure that when she walks into that clinic, that doctor's office, that hospital, that she's taken seriously. And that's also about what we do in terms of training within the profession. It's also about what we do in terms of public education, to get information to women so that they know that they are not just complaining, and they should not suppress or subordinate what their concerns might be about themselves because they're taking care of everybody else.

So there's a lot of work to do, and, of course, there's a connection between this and what we need to do. Since the Dobbs decision came down, when we are looking at, I've met with a lot of, in particular, Ob gyns, who are concerned that there are kids going through, excuse me, young people going through their medical school, who are now, um, feeling deterred from engaging in reproductive health work.

**Kamala Harris**

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And reproductive health work is vast. It is not only about abortion, it is about a whole array of care. And we want to make sure that we're not creating disincentives for people to go into that very, very important profession. And then we also want to make sure that we are, um, in the whole issue of reproductive care, not suggesting to women or the people who love them that they should be judged, because there is that.

**Kamala Harris**

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Also, when you're talking about reproductive care, where women sometimes are made to feel, or do feel embarrassed to talk about their needs as it relates to their reproductive health. And then, of course, I, uh, feel very strongly the government should not be telling any woman what to do with her body. And when Congress passes a law reinstating the reproductive freedoms of women, I will gladly and proudly sign it into law, because I strongly believe one does not have to give up or abandon their own faith or beliefs to agree that not the government telling her what to do if she chooses, she will consult with her priest, her pastor, her rabbi, her imam, but not the government.

**Kamala Harris**

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We've seen too much harm, real harm, happen to women and the people who love them around our country since that decision came down, including women who have died. And I don't think that most people who, before the Dobbs decision came down, who had strong opinions about this, I don't think most people intended that the harm that we've seen would have actually happened.

**Liz Cheney**

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Can I add to this just, uh, because, uh, I think it's such an important point. And, um, I, uh, think there are many of us, uh, around the country who, uh, have been pro life, uh, but who have watched what's going on in our states since the Dobbs decision, and have watched state legislatures, um, put in place laws that, um, are resulting in women not getting the care they need.

**Liz Cheney**

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And so I, um, think this is not an issue that we're seeing break down across party lines, but I think we're seeing people come together to say, um, what has happened to women when

women are facing situations where they can't get the care they need. Where in places like Texas, for example, um, the attorney general is talking about suing.

**Liz Cheney**

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Is suing to get access to women's medical records. That's not sustainable for us, uh, as a country, and it has to change.

**Alexandra Miller**

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Thank you.

**Sarah Longwell**

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So, as we come, uh, close to time here, I want to ask you both kind of a final question. Um, you know, I watched the conversation in the country and the way that the media covers this election, and it's often about the race, who's up in a poll, who's down in a poll.

**Sarah Longwell**

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And I don't always feel like we're talking about the stakes enough. Um, and Liz Cheney would not be here if she didn't think the stakes were very high. And frankly, uh, the Republicans wouldn't be so angry at you if they didn't think you were an effective surrogate. As somebody speaking about, ah, the states.

**Kamala Harris**

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Some Republicans.

**Sarah Longwell**

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M. Some Republicans, hashtag not all Republicans.

**Kamala Harris**

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Uh, I've seen a lot of Republicans just. I've seen it, and I know it happens. Who thank her constantly.

**Sarah Longwell**

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I know it, uh, I know it.

**Liz Cheney**

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They're gonna vote the right way on November 5. They might not be public about it, but they'll do what they know is right.

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**Sarah Longwell**

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But just to close, and maybe starting with you, Congresswoman, um, so you can have the last word. Talk to me and all of us about the stakes. Many people in the room here are undecided voters. What's kind of the last pitch that you would make about why this election is so important and why you believe they should vote for the vice president here?

**Liz Cheney**

**00:33:25**

Well, I think that in this election, and especially here, uh, in Pennsylvania, we have the opportunity to tell the whole world who we are, and we have the chance to say, you know, we're going to reject cruelty. We're going to reject the kind of, uh, vile vitriol that we've seen from Donald Trump.

**Liz Cheney**

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We're going to reject, uh, the misogyny that we've seen from Donald Trump and JD Vance. Um, and we have the chance in this race to elect somebody who, you know, is going to defend the rule of law. You know, Vice President Harris is going to defend our constitution. We have the chance to remind people that we are a good country, we are a good and honorable people.

**Liz Cheney**

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We are a great nation. And in this race, um, we have the opportunity to vote for and support somebody you can count on. We're not always going to agree to, but I know Vice President Harris will always do what she believes is right for this country. She has a sincere heart, and that's why I'm honored to be here and support and here in this race.

**Kamala Harris**

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I mean, I exactly. Listen, m so, in my career as a prosecutor, you've heard me say this. I never, ever asked a victim or a witness, are you a Republican or a Democrat? Never. It wouldn't even occur to me to ask that. I, uh, did. Every time I ask, are you okay? And I, you know, and I feel very strongly that, for example, on the issue of partisanship, yes, we're going to have disagreements, but I actively invite good ideas from wherever they come.

**Kamala Harris**

**00:35:24**

That's why I'm going to have a Republican in my cabinet, by the way, because I want good ideas. And by the way, I know it is in our best interest as a nation, in the interest of our strength in our future as a nation. We need a healthy two party system. We need a healthy two party system.



We need to be able to have these good, intense debates about issues that are grounded in fact.

**Liz Cheney**

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Imagine.

**Kamala Harris**

**00:36:01**

Let's start there. Wow. Can you believe that's an applause line? Um, but, you know, it's, uh. We have in our grasp in these next 13 days. 13 days or 15 days. Excuse me. I'm just jumping ahead. In these next 15 days, we have in our grasp the ability to determine the course of our country.

**Kamala Harris**

**00:36:41**

You know, every election, we've said, this is the one, this is the one, one. This truly is the one. I mean, to the congresswoman's point, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff referred to Donald Trump as being fascist to the core. And no one would ever accuse the former chairman of being partisan in any way.

**Kamala Harris**

**00:37:10**

The people who know him best, from the former chief of staff, defense secretaries, two of them, national security advisor to the former vice president. And so we have in our grasp, because we still have a democracy, as the saying goes, as long as we hold on to it, we still have a democracy, which means in a democracy, and here's the beautiful of it, we each have the power to make a decision about the future of our country through our vote.

**Kamala Harris**

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And my request, then, of each of you who have spent time out of your busy lives to be here, and I thank you for that, is please just help us get the word out to your neighbors and friends and family members to just remind them of what is at stake in this conversation.

**Kamala Harris**

**00:38:02**

I ask for your vote. I ask for their vote. And I promise to be a president for all Americans. I promise and pledge that.

**Sarah Longwell**

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All right, everyone, Congresswoman Cheney and Vice President Kamala Harris, thank you so much. Yes. Let's give them another round of applause. That was wonderful.