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Joe Rogan 00:00:06
Train by day, Joe Rogan podcast by night.

Donald Trump 00:00:08
All day.

Joe Rogan 00:00:12
All right, we're rolling.

Donald Trump 00:00:14
Good to see you.

Joe Rogan 00:00:15
Here we go. One of the things I wanted to talk to you about, I wanted to play this, but we decided we shouldn't play it because it could get copyright strike. And we don't want to get the episode. We don't want anybody to have any sort of a way to get it down.

Donald Trump 00:00:30
Sure.

Joe Rogan 00:00:30
But it was the episode of you when you're on the View, and I think it was 2015 or 2016. Like when you were running for president.

Right.

Joe Rogan

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And you sat. You got introduced as our friend Donald Trump.

Donald Trump

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That's right.

Joe Rogan

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Whoopi Goldberg gives you a big hug and a kiss. Joy Behar gives you a big hug. Barbara Walters gives you a big hug. They all loved you. They were all talking about how you might be conservative in your financial positions, but you're very liberal socially. They were talking about you in such a favorable light.

Joe Rogan

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The audience was cheering. And then you actually started winning in the polls, and then the machine started working towards you. But there's probably no one in history that I've ever seen that's been attacked the way you've been attacked and the way they've done it so coordinated and systematically. When you see those same people in the past, very favorable to you.

Joe Rogan

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Like Oprah, when you were on Oprah's show, very. She was encouraging you.

Donald Trump

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Last week, I did one of her last shows, I think maybe Thursday or Friday. That was a big deal being on Oprah's show, the last one. And I was like, one of the last shows in that last. That final week. And I said, boy, we've come a long way since that.

Joe Rogan

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What was it like?

Donald Trump

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Well, the concept, it was really like two different lives. You know, I had a very wonderful life, but I wanted to do this. The Apprentice was still going very strong. We had 12 seasons, and we had actually 14 seasons, 12 years over. They had a couple.

Joe Rogan

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Well, they canceled the Apprentice when you were running for president, correct?

Donald Trump

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No, they had Arnold Schwarzenegger do it. I was involved in that, and I had enough of it. And we did great. It was doing great. But they wanted me to stay. They all came to see me. They said, we're going to give you a contract. They wanted to extend my contract. Mark Burnett is a great guy, and they wanted to extend the contract.

Donald Trump

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Mark said, you're crazy. Don't run. Don't run. Nobody gives up primetime. They said, you know, it's one of those little things, which is probably true.

Joe Rogan

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Nobody gives up primetime, though, for being.

Donald Trump

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President, for running well, for running against 20 some odd people, you know, turned out to be 18, 18 professional people, you know, mostly politicians. They said, who would do this? I mean, it's a long shot, actually. The heads of NBC came over the Paul Telegny. All the. All the top people came over to see me try and talk me out of it because they wanted to have me extend.

Donald Trump

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The Apprentice was doing well. So it was 14 seasons. It was 12 years. We had 12 seasons where we had a double, which rarely happens. It was just a hot show. And I said, you know, I want to do this. What happened is previously, like three years, four years before that, they did a poll, they had Mitt Romney, and somehow they put me in a poll.

Donald Trump

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And I blew everybody away. I blew him away, which isn't that hard, frankly, but I blew everybody away. And I said, that's interesting because I never really gave it that much real thought. I thought about it, but never real thought. But I saw these polls were very good. And so I was thinking about doing it then.

Donald Trump

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But I had a contract with the Apprentice. Plus I was building two big buildings at the time, and I wanted to make sure they got finished up properly. And it was one of those things. The kids were just sort of getting involved. They're very capable kids, but they were getting involved early on.

So I did that. I got them done. I had some very good successes. And I came on and then I thought about it for the next one after the Romney disaster. And I ran and I won against Hillary. And it was quite an experience, but it was a different life because you're right, the View.

Donald Trump

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I was on the View many, many times, and they loved me.

Joe Rogan

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Just the way people would talk. I mean, even if people had criticisms about you, people that didn't like you, there was always feuds and stuff like that. But the reality was the thing turned on you when they found out that you were going to be president. It was very coordinated. And some people are catching on to that now.

Joe Rogan

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There's a lot of people that were longtime Democrats, like Elon and Bill Ackman and all these different, very intelligent people.

Donald Trump

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And they support me now. Bill Ackman supports me. He's been very supportive, too.

Joe Rogan

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This is what I wanted to ask you. What was it like when you actually got in? Cause nobody really can prepare you for that when you're running for president. You don't really know what it's gonna be like when you Actually get into office. What was the. What did you think it was gonna be like?

Donald Trump

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So when you get into office, or when I decided to run.

Joe Rogan

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No, when you got in.

Donald Trump

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When I was in. So when I was in and won and was in the White House, Essentially, yes. Well, first of all, it was very surreal.

Joe Rogan

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Oh, nice.

Donald Trump

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You know, it's very interesting. When I got shot, it wasn't surreal. That should have been surreal. When I was laying on the ground, I knew exactly what was going on. I knew exactly where I was hit. They were saying, you were hit all over the place because there was so much blood from the ear.

Donald Trump

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You would know that better than anyone when they get the ear torn up. Ears bleed a lot anyway, so. And I was thinking the other day when that happened, I really knew where I was. I knew exactly what happened. I said I wasn't hit anywhere else with the. With the presidency. It was a very surreal experience.

Joe Rogan

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Okay, what's day one like? You win, you get inaugurated. Holy shit. I'm the president.

Donald Trump

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Yeah, that's what happened. So I'm driving down Pennsylvania Avenue. I had just built a building on Pennsylvania. You know, the hotel, the old post office. It was. We called it Trump National Hotel, and we sold it to the Waldorf Astoria. And it was a wonderful thing. But I'm driving down, I'm passing the hotel.

Donald Trump

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You've never seen so many motorcycles. Police, military, you know, it was a major thing. I got off, really, the first time I used Air Force One landed, and we're coming down, and they were. It was very. I mean, it was incredible. And we're going down Pennsylvania Avenue in the opposite direction. You know, normally you're used to going one way, and all of a sudden you're going the other way.

Donald Trump

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The street was loaded up, and I wanted to go out and I wanted to wave to everybody, but that wasn't smart. You know, the kids. A little bit dangerous. Right. I mean, when you watch, like, Kennedy and some others. Right. But I really felt. I don't know, the love was so crazy. And so I did get out of the car for a brief.

Donald Trump

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You know, just for a very short walk. I thought it was very important to do. And Melania got out with her beautiful dress on. That became sort of a staple. It was. People loved it

and barren. And we're walking down the street. But where it really got amazing. We get to the White House, and now it's a little bit.

Donald Trump

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Little bit before dark. Beautiful. And we went up to the President's quarters. They call them the presidential quarters. And I'M standing in this beautiful hallway. You know, it's funny. Nobody ever talks about the White House as being beautiful inside. You know, you think it's going to be. Everything's going to be all metal doors and stuff.

Donald Trump

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It's not. It's so beautiful. I made my money largely on luxury. The hallway is like 25ft wide. The ceiling heights are every. It's so beautiful. But I was standing there and I said to the guys, I want to see the Lincoln Bedroom. I had never seen the Lincoln Bedroom. I'd heard about the Lincoln Bedroom, and I was standing with my wife.

Donald Trump

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I said, do you believe it? This is the Lincoln Bedroom. I mean, it was like. It was amazing because it's. Look, if you love the country. But here you are, the Lincoln Bedroom. And the bed, you know, he was very tall. He was 6 foot 6. Which then would be like Barron. It would be like Baron Trump.

Donald Trump

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He's 6, 9, but 6 foot 6. He was very tall then. On top of that, he wore.

Joe Rogan

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There it is.

Donald Trump

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He wore that. Yeah, there it is. It's a long bed, elongated bed. And because very, you know, people were shorter than. You see, some of the chairs are very, very low to the ground, actually. But he had the long bed. And they had. You had the Gettysburg Address right on that, right under that.

Donald Trump

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You can't see it here, but right there, the original version of the Gettysburg Address. And this is the original. And I'm looking, and I just looked around, I said, do you believe this? Because I was never a polit. First of all. Even if you were a politician. But I was never a politician.

It just. I sort of just started. Right, right. And all of a sudden, I'm standing in the White House. And it was very, very surreal. That room was so beautiful to me. Much more beautiful than it actually is, you know, to me, when I looked at the bed and the bed, you could see it was a little bit longer.

Donald Trump

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Had to be a little bit longer. He lost his son. And they suffered, the two of them suffered from melancholia. They didn't call it depression. They called it melancholia, and they suffered from it. He was a very depressed guy, and she was a very depressed woman, more so than him. And on top of that, they lost their son, whose name was Ted.

Donald Trump

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Ted. And it was just seeing it in the little picture, the little tiny picture. I mean, you can't see the details there. Little tiny everything. The way it was a little tiny picture of Tad, who he lost. And it was devastating. And he was, you know, he was, look, he was in a war.

Donald Trump

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He was. He was. And he was having a hard time because he couldn't beat Robert E. Lee. Robert E. Lee won like 13 battles in a row. And he was getting like a phobia, like a fighter, you know a lot about the fight stuff. But, like, I went to a UFC fight, and it was a champion who was 141 about a year ago.

Donald Trump

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You would know the names, but 14 and 1, and the only guy he lost to was this one guy. But the guy that he was fighting was like, almost just an average fighter. Lost numerous times, but he beat this one guy. So I said, okay, I really don't.

Joe Rogan

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Know who you're talking about.

Donald Trump

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I will figure it out. Okay, but about a year ago. But the point is that he lost. He wasn't nearly the fighter, but the one who was not nearly the fighter had beaten. He's the only guy that beat the. The champ like five years before. And I said, I'll take the guy that won the other fight.

Donald Trump

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And that's what happened. He beat him a second time.

Sometimes psychological advances. Yeah.

Donald Trump

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What is this crazy thing? Lincoln had a. I don't know. I've never read this. I heard it from people in the White House who really understand what was going on with the whole life of the White House. But Lincoln had the yips about, in a way, as the golfers would say, he had a phobia about Robert E.

Donald Trump

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Lee. He said, I can't beat Robert E. Because Robert E. Lee won many battles in a row. He was just beating the hell out of him. You know, they tried to get Robert E. Lee to be on the north, but he said, no, I have to be with my state. You know, the state was his whole thing.

Donald Trump

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And he went to the south and he was. I've had generals tell me we have some great generals. The real generals, not the ones you see on television, the ones that beat isis. With me, we defeated ISIS in record time. It was supposed to take years, and we did it in a matter of weeks.

Donald Trump

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These are great generals. These are tough guys. These are not woke guys. But their favorite general, in terms of genius was Robert E. Lee in terms of strategy. You mean strategy strategically. He took a war that should have been over in a few days. And it was, you know, years of hell, a vicious war.

Donald Trump

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And so here I am standing there, and again, I had never really done this before. You know, I ran. I ran a number of months before I won. I probably. I guess if you figured max it out, it would be a year, something like that. So I had never run for office, and I did.

Donald Trump

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Well, I mean, I went into debates. We had 18 people, including me, and then slowly but surely they started to disappear. We had debates, good debates.

Joe Rogan

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Everyone's aware of all this stuff. But what I want to get to is, like, what was the experience once you got inside? What did you think it was going to be like in terms of, like, your ability to govern?

Yeah.

Joe Rogan

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Like, this is your first experience governing anything. You never been a governor, you've never been a mayor.

Donald Trump

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Private. Private stuff.

Joe Rogan

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Business.

Donald Trump

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Yeah.

Joe Rogan

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But now, all of a sudden, you're inside the White House.

Donald Trump

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The biggest thing was just that first moment of being in this hallowed. It was really a hallowed place to me. It was surreal. It was beyond. To me, that was the experience. It was a surreal experience. And then with time, that wears off. With time, it becomes, you know, your place where you stay.

Donald Trump

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And I was doing a lot of. I was. I had two things that I really focused on governing the country and survival. Because from the moment I won, before I got to office, all of a sudden, I mean, they came down. I mean, nobody has ever been treated that way. And you see that.

Donald Trump

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I mean, you see, we're in the Washington Post very early on, they said, well, now the impeachment stuff starts. And it did. I mean, it literally started from the beginning. So I had survival and run the nation. I had a combination. Most people don't have the survival they get in.

Joe Rogan

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What did you expect, though, in terms of, like, once you got inside, you had to appoint all

these people. How many appointments did you have to make?

Donald Trump

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Actually, 10,000 appointments. Now, they're different. You know, you have big ones, and then they appoint.

Joe Rogan

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Right.

Donald Trump

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100 people and 200 people, but the president really is involved with approximately 10,000 appointments. So you'll appoint a secretary of state, and he will. He or she will appoint a lot of people. So it's a lot. But in terms of major ones, you probably have like 100. But they're big ones. Treasury, state, military.

Joe Rogan

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And how did you know who to appoint?

Donald Trump

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Well, I didn't. I had no experience. You have to understand.

Joe Rogan

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So I was going.

Donald Trump

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You did 17 times in Washington. And I never stayed over, according to the press, which I think is probably right over the years, I was only there 17 times. I never stayed over. So now I'm sitting there, I'm saying, this place is gorgeous. But, you know, I don't know anybody. It's like you.

Donald Trump

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You know, you go to certain areas and other areas, they may be great. Washington was Great. Washington's not so great right now. They're going to. We got to fix it. We got to make it better. A very dangerous place, very badly maintained place. We're going to make it great. We're going to make it better.

Donald Trump

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We're going to bring it back. But I wasn't a Washington guy. I was a New York guy. I was a

New York builder and I built buildings in New York and I knew that whole world, but I didn't know the Washington world too well. And all of a sudden you're supposed to be appointing top people.

Joe Rogan

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So what did you think it was going to be like versus like, did you have any ideas of what it was gonna be like and what was different?

Donald Trump

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Well, I was always involved in politics, but usually from the standpoint of a donor. I was a donor, you know, I was a big donor. I gave money to politicians. I enjoyed politics.

Joe Rogan

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Mostly Democrats, right?

Donald Trump

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Both. Really. Pretty much both. I actually. Pictures of Ronald Reagan and me when I was very young.

Joe Rogan

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Well, you were a Democrat until like, what year?

Donald Trump

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I was a Democrat. I could get you the exact. But the early 90s, the early 90s. I switched over eventually, actually. They had a Reform Party. I was thinking about doing that for a little while, but then fortunately I didn't because it's very hard. You know, it's a two party system. And anytime you hear third party, I know you like RFK Jr.

Donald Trump

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And so do I. He's a fantastic guy.

Joe Rogan

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I do. But I thought that whole thing, that being an independent was nonsense.

Donald Trump

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It doesn't work. It doesn't work because even if you do great, you're not going to get Congress. In other words, you need now to say, okay, now I'll get half of Congress. That's never going to vote for you. So even if you, you got there, which is very hard, and I know

how you feel about Bobby, and I feel the same way, and he's now with us, but it doesn't.

Donald Trump

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It's pure and simple. It's a two party system.

Joe Rogan

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Right.

Donald Trump

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And somebody, I won't mention his name, but somebody spent \$250 million trying to get the nomination as a Reform Party candidate or whatever, and they got just nowhere. You get eaten. You just get eaten. The system eats you alive. So it was really somebody that not only was new to Washington, but was new to politics.

Donald Trump

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So in the office of the presidency over the years, all those presidents you've had, 92% were politicians and 8% were generals. General Eisenhower, General Washington. Right. General George Washington. He had generals. So it's 8%, no admirals, 8% generals, and 92% politicians. You know, they're politicians and they go on. So they never had a business guy or they never had a guy that wasn't elected to an office.

Donald Trump

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They were all like, Ronald Reagan was really. He was a movie actor, but he became the governor of California for, I think, two terms, and then he ran. So you'd never had a thing like this. But I, you know, in terms of me. And sometimes I'd use it as an excuse, and I don't like having excuses, actually, but I'd use it as an excuse.

Donald Trump

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I had to rely on people that I respected or liked, but that I didn't know that well, because I didn't know them that well. Some of those people I campaigned against because, you know, when you have 18 people, we had mostly politicians running in the election, you know, running in the primaries, and they got knocked out one by one.

Donald Trump

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But I got to like some of them. Some of them I didn't like at all. I don't like them now. And I'd rely on them and I'd rely on other people. So all of a sudden, people would come in, I'd like to recommend so and so to be Secretary of State, and I'd have three, four people recommend.

One thing I can tell you, everybody wants the position, of course. No, no. But sometimes I'll hear a lot of people don't want to work with Trump because Trump is tough to work with, etc. Let me tell you, everybody wants to be any one of these positions. They die for it. Of course, now they don't want to be known.

Donald Trump

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I mean, there's a particular guy in New York, primarily very big, very big, very successful, very, very strong, very political, although he's not a politician. He'd give anything to be Secretary of State. But if they ask him, no, I don't think I would do it. But in the meantime, begging for it. Okay, begging.

Joe Rogan

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I believe you.

Donald Trump

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Everybody, look, everybody wants it, but what.

Joe Rogan

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I'm going to get is.

Donald Trump

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And by the way, no matter what you do, but it's very dangerous to pick somebody outside of a politician, because a politician's been basically vetted for years, right? You pick a business guy and they've never been vetted at all. And they're, you know, the head of a big company or something, but they've never been vetted.

Donald Trump

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You know nothing about his personal life, you know nothing about where he's been when you put him in. It's a little bit dangerous. Because all of a sudden they get checked up and you hear things that you're saying, wow, this is not going to work out too well. So it's very dangerous. Picking people that are outside of politics is some somewhat dangerous.

Joe Rogan

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So you're kind of stuck in a position. We have to pick established people. And then the problem with established people is established people are already indoctrinated into the system and they're stiffs.

Donald Trump

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In many cases, they're survivors. I find that, you know, what do.

Joe Rogan

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You mean by stiffs when you say stiff?

Donald Trump

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Stiff? They don't have nothing. They have nothing. Or they're smart and survivor. One little thing. So there was a congressman years before Iran, and I was very close to him and I needed a license on something and he was very important in getting the license. But it was a little bit controversial, the license, this particular thing that was being licensed.

Donald Trump

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But I was close to this guy and helped him and everything else. And I went to him, I said, I'd like to have you help. And he said, let me take a look at it. I said, oh, that's not too good, but I really hope you're going to help anyway. He tapped me along for a long period of time and ultimately didn't do it.

Donald Trump

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And I said, you are a stiff. You could have done this thing's so easy, et cetera. But it was controversial. He was in Congress for many years, like 28 years. And you know, there's a reason when somebody's there for 28 years, you gotta be sort of smart, right? You know, you have all survivors.

Donald Trump

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And I realized he was a survivor.

Joe Rogan

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And so they never do anything controversial. They never take any chances or speak their opinion. It's outside of the. Yeah, yeah.

Donald Trump

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And yet I don't disrespect him for it. So I actually respected the guy more in a way, in a certain way. I said, because he did survive, you know what, he's been there like for 28 years and he made it through. A lot of people don't make it through.

Joe Rogan

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It's a good way for non exceptional people to survive it.

Well, it is. It certainly is.

Joe Rogan

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So you're, you're in there, you have 10,000 appointments you have to make, like so you're getting advice from people. And at one point in time, did you have a moment in time where you realize, like these are bad choices, like some of these people I shouldn't have had in there?

Donald Trump

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Oh, yeah, I think so. The one question that you'll ask me that I think you'll ask Me that people seem to ask. And I always come up with the same answer, the one mistake. Because I had a lot of success. Great economy, great everything. Everything was great. The military rebuilt it. Biggest tax cuts in history, all this stuff.

Donald Trump

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We had a great presidency, three Supreme Court justices. Most people get none. You know, you pick them young. This way, they're there for 50 years. Right. You know, even if a president is there for eight years, oftentimes they never have a chance. I had three. It was sort of the luck of the draw.

Donald Trump

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But I will say that it always comes back to the same answer. The biggest mistake I made was I picked some people. I picked some great people, you know, but you don't think about that. I picked some people that I shouldn't have picked. I picked a few people that I shouldn't have picked.

Joe Rogan

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And neocons.

Donald Trump

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Yeah, neocons or bad people or disloyal.

Joe Rogan

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People or people that were just people.

Donald Trump

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That were into them.

Bad advice.

Donald Trump

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Yeah. I mean, look. I mean, you reading about them a little bit today, a guy like Kelly, who was a bully. A bully, but a weak. A weak person, you know, you know more about bullies than anybody, probably around, because you deal in a certain sport where the bullies are exposed very quickly.

Donald Trump

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But, you know, he's bad. Bolton was an idiot, but he was great for me because I'd go in with a guy like a John Bolton, you know, John Bolton. A friend of mine called me up. I was picking Bolton, and he's a very smart guy. His name is Phil Ruffin. He's a very rich guy from Las Vegas.

Donald Trump

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One of the. He's a great card player. He doesn't play cards, but he's a great player. You know, he's just a natural. Got poker sense, right? You know, the good old poker sense. And Phil Ruffin is a very, very wise kind of a guy and very. One of the richest people around and has had great success and understands people.

Donald Trump

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So it was in that I was picking Bolton, or I picked Bolton. He called up, he said, don't pick him. Why? He's a bad guy now. He wasn't in politics at all. He's in various businesses. He said, he's a bad guy. He's just. It always works out bad with that guy. And I said, oh, man, I wish you told me this two weeks ago.

Donald Trump

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I already hired him. You know, he's here. And he was right. But he was good in a certain way. He's a nut job. And every time I had to deal with a country when they saw this whack job standing behind me. They said, oh man, Trump's going to go to war with us.

Donald Trump

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He was with Bush. When they went stupidly into the Middle east, they should have never done it. I used to say it as a civilian. So I always got more publicity than other people. And I didn't. It wasn't like I was trying. In fact, I don't know exactly why. Maybe you can tell me why.

Joe Rogan

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Oh, I can definitely tell you. You said a lot of wild shit. Maybe he said a lot of wild shit. And

then CNN in all their brilliance by highlighting your wild shit, made you much more popular and they boosted you in the polls because people were tired of someone talking in this bullshit pre prepared politician lingo.

Joe Rogan

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And even if they didn't agree with you, they at least knew whoever that guy is, that's him. That's really him. When you see certain people talk, certain people in the public eye, you don't know who they are. You have no idea who they are. It's very difficult to know. And you see them in conversations, they have these pre planned answers, they say everything.

Joe Rogan

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It's very rehearsed. You never get to the meat of it. One of the beautiful things about you is that you freeball. Like you get out and you do these huge events and you're just talking and you're making. We've highlighted you on the show many times when you did this Biden impression where he's walking around, he doesn't know what he's doing.

Joe Rogan

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It's funny, it's stand up, it's funny stuff. But it's like you and you were making fun of Elon one time, you were doing an Elon impression. It's great. You have comedic instincts. Like when you said to Hillary you'd be in jail. That's great timing. But it's like that kind of stuff was unheard of as a politician, like no one had done that.

Joe Rogan

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And I think, you know, it's funny.

Donald Trump

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You need at least the attitude of a comedian when you're doing this business. This is a very dangerous business. First of all, it's a very tough business.

Joe Rogan

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When it's the most dangerous business.

Donald Trump

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Yes. Well, for a job, yes.

Joe Rogan

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I mean, other than going to war and being a firefighter or being a cop. Yeah, it's the most dangerous business.

It's the most dangerous. Being president is the most dangerous.

Joe Rogan

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Especially you. I mean, you haven't even got to the election. There's been two assassination attempts and they've brushed those out of the news. Like it was nothing.

Donald Trump

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Yeah, they'd rather not talk about them.

Joe Rogan

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Imagine if there was assassination attempts on Biden, how hard people would be attacking the right, how they would be trying to get guns taken away from people. They would try to ramp up gun laws. They would try to figure out some way to blame you. If there was attacks on. If Biden got shot in the ear, we would have never heard the end of it.

Donald Trump

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But I think he's in good shape because it's only consequential presidents, if you take a look at what's happened, look, I'm for having countries pay us billions and billions and trillions, even dollars. I took in hundreds of billions of dollars from China. Nobody took in 10 cents, not one other president. I do things that make it.

Donald Trump

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I mean, that don't necessarily make me so popular. I just do what's right. And when you do that, you know, you're more. Look at Iran. We would have never had the attack on Israel at all. Iran was broke. I told China, if you buy, you can't do business in the United States under any circ.

Donald Trump

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I was going to. We were going to go cold turkey with China. Some people think that would have been a good idea anyway. But if you buy any oil, one barrel of oil from them, you're not doing business. I said that to many countries. Iran was broke. They had no money for Hezbollah, they had no money for Hamas.

Donald Trump

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They had no money. But I make myself, you know, I mean, I understand what I'm doing. You make yourself target, and it's a very dangerous business. But if you just look at. Statistically. So I said, I saw a thing. I don't know if it's right, but 1/10 of 1% for a race car driver, it's pretty dangerous business, right?

Yeah. 1/10 of 1% for a bull rider. I tell you, to me, you're talking death. These guys that ride the bulls is worse than ufc. It's worse. These guys, you see these big monster bulls and you see it in slow motion where the foot is like, you know, an inch away from the head.

Donald Trump

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If it hits him, the guy's gone. But they die. You know, they die.

Joe Rogan

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So 1/10 of 1% die, what you're saying?

Donald Trump

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Yeah, yeah. 1/10 of 1% die.

Joe Rogan

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Right.

Donald Trump

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And they certainly get hurt badly. Really? I mean, they can't walk after a certain period of time. But with a president, if you look.

Joe Rogan

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At the amount of assassination attempts.

Donald Trump

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And attempts, too. And attempts. No, it's a very dangerous position. I never thought of that. By the way, when I did it. You know, you don't, you don't tend to.

Joe Rogan

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Did you just assume because people loved you on the Apprentice they were going to love you as a president?

Donald Trump

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I think it would be so easy, you know.

Joe Rogan

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Well, probably would have been if the media didn't attack you the way they did, if they didn't conflate you with Hitler. I mean, even today, like Kamala was talking about you and

Hitler, they're going to take what you said about Robert E. Lee. Oh, Donald Trump wishes the south won.

Donald Trump

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That's right. He loves Robert E. Lee.

Joe Rogan

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They love to take things out of context and distort things.

Donald Trump

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They don't even have to take them out. They make them up entirely. Okay, they do that, too. But you know, it's interesting when you mentioned the. I was very popular and all those people love me. I mean, some of these women, they're so stupid. And Joy, she would. Every time she'd see me, like I'd be in the theater or something, and she's.

Donald Trump

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You have to be on the show again. Come on, come on, let's go. We have to.

Joe Rogan

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She loved you.

Donald Trump

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She loved me.

Joe Rogan

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That episode where, by the way, people should watch that episode just to see what we're talking about. Like I said, we don't want to get a copyright strike, so we're not going to put it up. But if you watch the episode, it's bananas. It's like an alternative univers. And it's only nine years ago.

Donald Trump

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Whoopi loved you, loved you.

Joe Rogan

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Gives you a hug and a kiss.

Donald Trump

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And how about that other one, the new one on there, the one from my administration? She writes me a letter, you're the greatest president. She leaves. You know, she worked as like an assistant press secretary. I hardly knew her, but she leaves and she writes me this gorgeous letter. What's her name? She was.

Donald Trump

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I don't even know, you know. Anyway, she was in the administration. She's on now, currently sits in the far right hand side, whatever the hell her name is. And she writes a letter, the most beautiful letter. She's quoted in the paper, he's a consequential. He was the greatest president, blah, blah, blah. Then all of a sudden she goes, interview.

Donald Trump

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And she starts hitting the hell out of me because they won't hire her unless I've had many people go on CNN and they call and said, I don't know what to do. They want to pay me a lot, but I have to be negative on you. I said, be negative. That's okay. There are Guys on like cnn, they won't hire them.

Donald Trump

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Sean Duffy is a, you know, congressman, and he retired. He got a good job with cnn, but he was only positive about Trump. So they kept him, but they would never put him on. I mean, I respect what he did. He could have gone, you know, negative. I tell people, go negative. You know, let my friends make the money.

Donald Trump

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Well, it's so crooked. The press is so crooked.

Joe Rogan

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It's crooked, but it's also. They're diminishing themselves. They're killing all their credibility. And it's opening up the credibility to new media. It's opening up the credibility to independ media. All these.

Donald Trump

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The worst I've ever seen, though. And I've seen the worst. I mean, I've been a part of it. I've been. I've seen the worst. Kamala goes on 60 minutes gave an answer that a child wouldn't give. It was so bad. And 60 Minutes took the answer out. They took the whole. And they put another answer in.

Donald Trump

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They edited it deceptively, which didn't make sense either. But it was better. They took the.

Well, it wasn't editing. It was fraud. This was not editing. You know, editing is where I'll give an answer and they'll take a couple of words and change them around, or they might even take a sentence or two off, which is very bad.

Donald Trump

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But that's. It's sort of bad. You know, I'd give an answer which was a very good answer. I always talk about, you know, I like to give long. The weave. You know, I like to hear.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah, you like to weave things in.

Donald Trump

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Yeah, but when you do the weaves, and you have to be very smart to do weaves when you do the weave. Look at this. Just in this one thing. We're talking about little pieces all over here. But it always ends at home. No, no, it comes back home for the right people, for the wrong people.

Donald Trump

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It doesn't come back home. And they end up in the wilderness. Right. But they can take my answer. And you know what? They may take a little piece of it out or something. And they use the term. Yes, we wanted to save time. Well, it's not. But I've never heard. I think it's the biggest scandal in broadcast history.

Donald Trump

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What happened to CBS? So you have CBS, 60 Minutes. That's a news program. It's not an entertainment program. It's under their news. It's the head of their news thing. She gives an answer that was. That shows that she's essentially incompetent. And they took the answer. Could you imagine them doing that?

Joe Rogan

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We can show it if you want people to see it. Can we show it? No. We get in trouble, we'll get copyright. Strike. Okay, I'll endem.

Donald Trump

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Anyone find it?

Joe Rogan

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But it's. It's drastic. But what was interesting was the other full version was available.

Initially it was like a preview.

Donald Trump

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Somebody made a big mistake.

Joe Rogan

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Somebody put that preview out.

Donald Trump

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Some kid put the preview out.

Joe Rogan

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Exactly.

Donald Trump

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And then the bosses did this or that. And then all of a sudden they said, we got a problem.

Joe Rogan

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Exactly.

Donald Trump

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And then they got caught by mistake. Well, don't you think that's a big. To me. And don't forget, this is election interference and fraud. And it's 60 Minutes, it's their news division.

Joe Rogan

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So it's a big deal.

Donald Trump

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They give those licenses out, Joe, for free. They should pay a fortune. They're worth a fortune. They give them out for free because they're using the public airwaves. With cable, you don't have that. Cable's different, but, you know, it's just a different deal. But with the networks, they give those license. They're worth billions of dollars.

Donald Trump

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They give them out free. But you have to be honest. And all that was bad. I think that David Muir and that woman that was aside, I never even heard of her, but they kept interrupting me. It was like I said, how many people am I debating here? I got this one and I got you

two.

Donald Trump

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But he went after me 11 different times. You know, it's interesting. I always thought he was a nice guy, but he's just like the rest of them, you know?

Joe Rogan

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Well, that's his job, unfortunately, and I'm sure you're right. Well, the problem was they fact checked you and they didn't fact check her. And one of the most egregious examples of that was when she said that there is. There are no troops right now deployed in war zones. There's a very famous viral video that went online of troops in a war zone saying, well, what the fuck are we then?

Joe Rogan

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Because there's thousands of them. Dan Crenshaw, the congressman, posted on his Instagram all of the various examples of troops that are deployed. Thousands and thousands of troops that are currently deployed, stupidly deployed. But the point is, if this is going to be an actual real debate and not a propaganda exercise, if it's going to be a real debate, you have to fact check everybody.

Joe Rogan

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Like if someone says maybe she thought there was no. Which is also a problem. So it's one of two things. It's either it was not true, it was a lie on purpose, which is terrible, or it was the opposite. It was ignorance, which is also terrible.

Donald Trump

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Well, Joe, when I said crime is soaring, he said, no, no crime has gone down. I said, where did he hear that one? Crime has gone down? I mean, I'm debating with this guy, but I've had that.

Joe Rogan

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Well, there was amended FBI statistics that came out after that that showed the crime had gone up substantially.

Donald Trump

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And by the way, the statistics were a fraud. Because when they put out the statistics, they didn't include some of the worst places, they didn't include some of the worst cities, some of the most deadly places. But when the real numbers came out, I turned out to be right. But I haven't.

You turned out to be right. But then there's another problem. Unreported crime is way up because people have lost. Look, the morale that the police department has in a lot of these cities where they've done this defund the police bullshit, the morale of these poor cops, it's fucking horrible. It's the dumbest idea of all time.

Joe Rogan

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But what they've done is they've made these cops feel terrible, like good cops. I think cops are just like everybody else. Most of them are great. It's like everybody else. But if you run into one carpenter and he does a shitty job in your house, you say carpenters fucking suck. But they don't suck.

Joe Rogan

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Most of them are great. And that's the key thing with cops. But the point is, like, they did all of these things in this very foolish way, and these cops are suffering the consequences of it. And so subsequently, what happens is a lot of crime is unreported. A lot of crime. Like, you call the cops, they're too busy, they can't even get to you.

Joe Rogan

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Or your house got broken into. Sorry. You know, it doesn't even make a report. There's a lot of people that they just give up.

Donald Trump

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It's so sad what's happened. And I'll tell you what, I go to police funerals, and we went to one in Long Island. I visited the family in Long Island. A very big deal. It's so dangerous, people don't realize the car, dark windows. Pull over. He's a gentleman. Please pull over. Door opens, guy comes out firing.

Donald Trump

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Even if they were allowed to pull out their gun, which they're not, they can't, you know, pull out, do it in time. Yeah, they still wouldn't have time.

Joe Rogan

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It's every cop's worst nightmare.

Donald Trump

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They open a door and he was killed and his partner was hurt. He was killed. And you don't have. I mean, you don't even have an eighth of a second to think. And it is such a dangerous job that in particular think of it. You go up to a car, you don't know who's sitting there with a gun.

And if they have a gun, you really don't have a chance. You're not allowed to have your gun out, by the way. They have very strict rules. So, number one. But even if you could have your gun out, the door opens and bullets start firing out, you know, and especially where they have the dark windows, where they have the darkened windows, it is such a dangerous profession.

Donald Trump

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And it's very hard to get cops now because they're not given any backup. And you're right, you know, they have like an eighth of a second to make a decision that's going to change their life. If they make the wrong decision, they're going to end up on the front page of every newspaper in the country, and they're going to lose their house and their pension and their job, and their wife is going to be gone, and everything's going to be gone.

Donald Trump

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Absolutely.

Joe Rogan

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And here's another thing that people don't talk about. How many of them have PTSD? Probably most of them. These guys are seeing people shot all the time. I've talked to a ton of cops about it, and a lot of cops commit suicide. A lot of cops are deeply depressed.

Donald Trump

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But we have to give them back their dignity. We have to. We can't. We just have to give them back. You said it's so good. You never hear anybody say that. You're never going to have it perfect. You're going to have a bad apple.

Joe Rogan

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In everything, in every profession.

Donald Trump

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But every time there's a bad apple that gets massive publicity and it taints everybody else.

Joe Rogan

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But it's also this very irresponsible thing where people say, defund the police. Get rid of the police. You know, even Kamala Harris was a part of that. It's a very stupid way to look at it. What you should do is fund the police. You should have better training. You should have cops that feel more appreciated.

You should have something that helps mitigate this PTSD that all of them suffer through.

Donald Trump

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Right. She was a big part of Defund the police. That was a big thing for her. Defund the police. Always defund the police.

Joe Rogan

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Well, it's a political idea, but anybody.

Donald Trump

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With that political thought I don't think should be running for president. And I think people are getting wise to it. You know, we're doing pretty well now. I don't know, maybe in a week from now, say, sorry about that. I was wrong. But we're leading everything, and I think we're going to have a very good election.

Donald Trump

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But I tell people, because people are starting to get to know her. But she was defund the police. She was all these transgender operations. You know, if you wanted a sex change and you were in detention and you demanded a sex change, they would give you a sex change.

Joe Rogan

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Well, the wildest one is this idea of giving free sex change to illegal immigrants.

Donald Trump

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That's right. In detention.

Joe Rogan

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That is the wildest thing. Is that the biggest problem you have? You just walked here from Guatemala. You need to become a girl.

Donald Trump

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But she was in favor of it.

Joe Rogan

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Yes.

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So think of it now. She changed. She changed 15 policies. In fact, I'm going to send her a MAGA cap.

Joe Rogan

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She stole your idea about no tax for tips.

Donald Trump

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I came up with this idea that honestly, nobody ever heard of. Now, it took her two months. But you know what? All of a sudden.

Joe Rogan

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Well, it caught fire, and she just.

Donald Trump

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Put it into a little speech. Yeah, well, but I think we have. I think we still have that issue. I think that issue is a good one for us. But no, we have a lot of good issues. You know, we had the other day. Think of how simple some of these things are.

Donald Trump

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We're trying to get cars built in the United States. Detroit has been really tough. It's been a disaster. They have a huge factory, a huge car auto plant being built by China, in Mexico. Make cars, sell them in the United States. Put everybody out of business. Right, Here we go again. I said, if that plant is there when I'm president, I will put 100 or 200% tariffs on every car.

Donald Trump

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They'll be unsalable in the United States. And they just announced they're not going to build the plant because they think I'm going to win. Think of it. They're not going to build the plant. This was the biggest plant in the world. It would have more than all of Michigan makes. That's how big.

Donald Trump

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You know, this is what we're getting to. And I said, if that plan goes up, I want them to understand if I win, I'm going to tax those cars at the rate of 100 or 200% apiece so that you won't be able to sell them in the United States. They just announced they're not going to build the plant.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah, I read this.

Donald Trump

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I did a Big favor for our country by doing that. And I'm not even there yet. To me, the most beautiful word, and I've said this for the last couple of weeks in the dictionary today and any is the word tariff. It's more beautiful than love. It's more beautiful than anything. It's the most beautiful word.

Donald Trump

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This country can become rich with the use, the proper use of tariffs.

Joe Rogan

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Did you just float out the idea of getting rid of income taxes and replacing it with tariffs?

Donald Trump

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Well, okay.

Joe Rogan

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Were we serious about that?

Donald Trump

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Yeah, sure. But why not? Because we ready. Our country was the richest relatively in the 1880s and 1890s. A president who was assassinated named McKinley. He was the tariff king. He spoke beautifully of tariffs. His language was really beautiful. We will not allow the enemy to come in and take our jobs and take our factories and take our workers and take our families unless they pay a big price.

Donald Trump

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And the big price is tariffs. And he'd speak like that. But he was right. And then around in the early 1900s, they switched over stupidly to frankly, an income tax. And you know why? Because countries were putting a lot of pressure on America. We don't want to pay tariffs. Please, don't you. You know, they believe me.

Donald Trump

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They control our politicians. If you look at the kind of numbers that these guys make then and now. But we had a commission meeting in the. I think it was 1887. Think of this problem. We were so rich, we had so much money, we didn't know what to do. So they set up a blue ribbon commission on tariffs.

And the sole purpose is what to do with all the money we had. We were so rich because we were taxing other people for coming in and taking our jobs. And China does it. That's what China did. If you want to open a factory and sell cars, if you build a factory here or have a factory, they don't take our cars.

Donald Trump

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They wouldn't take our cars. But if you build a plant in China, you can do that. Elon did that, by the way. Elon is great. That guy is such a great guy. I think you're a fan of Elon. He is from a different planet. He's the greatest guy. That rocket coming in. I told the story once or twice, so you may have heard it because these speeches have been good.

Donald Trump

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Did you see the one last night?

Joe Rogan

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Yeah.

Donald Trump

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29,000 people. That was it. And the one the night before was the same thing. We are, we are rocking and rolling. But Elon, and I'm talking to this very important guy. I said, wait a Minute I'm looking at something, the television's unmuted, right? And I see this rocket. It's all brown from the heat, you know, 10,000 degrees pouring down at thousands of miles an hour.

Donald Trump

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And I see this thing, you know, it's like a 20 story building.

Joe Rogan

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And it catches it.

Donald Trump

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And I say to this guy, he's an important guy. Wait a minute, let me just put you down. Hold it. I gotta see this. And I see this, and it's going to crash. I say, it's going to crash into the gantry. They call it a gantry. I said, oh, man, that's going to be a disaster because it's starting to get very close.

Donald Trump

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And then all of a sudden you see the flames and about a. And it boom. And then you see

the two arms grab it.

Joe Rogan

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Crazy.

Donald Trump

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And I forgot. The guy, I had him on the phone. I forgot. No, I said, the hell with it. No, I called Elon. I said, was that you? He said, that was me. And I said, who else can do that? He said, nobody. Russia can't do it. The United States. Nobody can do it.

Donald Trump

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You know, I set up Space Force. That was me. And that's the first time in 82 years that we opened another branch since the Air Force. And that's going to be one of our most important things. But think of what Elon does. And he did one other thing that I never heard of it.

Donald Trump

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It's Starlink. I went down to North Carolina, Georgia, the different places, right? I followed it right down, and they had no communication. The polls were all knocked down, everything. And one of the guys in North Carolina said, could you do me a favor? Do you know Elon Musk? Yes. He endorsed me, by the way.

Donald Trump

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He gave me the nicest endorsement, too. He said, the country's gonna fail. You should do the same thing, Joe, because you cannot be voting for Kamala. Kamala. You're not a Kamala person. I know you. I've watched you. I know him better than he is. You know what? Without speaking to you, I think I know you maybe almost as well as your wife.

Donald Trump

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I have watched you for so many years. You're not a Kamala person. You're a Khabib person, but you're not a Kamala person. Nobody's going to know who Khabib is, but, oh, they know who he was. Not bad, right?

Joe Rogan

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Oh, he was phenomenal.

Donald Trump

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But that's your kind of.

Your weave is getting wide. We're getting wide with this. I want to bring it back to tariffs.

Donald Trump

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But wait one Second before we finish with tariffs. So they said, could you get him, we need Starlink? And I call. He got it for him so fast, saved so many lives. And I said, how was it? They said, better than the wires, you know, they couldn't put them in. They were all, they were all gone.

Donald Trump

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So getting.

Joe Rogan

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I used it recently in Utah in the mountains.

Donald Trump

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Did you find it good?

Joe Rogan

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Oh, it's phenomenal. It's the size of like an iPad. And you set it down on the ground, you get high speed Internet. It's incredible.

Donald Trump

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We're spending. Just to show you, we're spending a trillion dollars to get cables all over the country, right up to upstate areas where you have like two farms. And they're spending millions of dollars to have.

Joe Rogan

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Well, talk about the billion dollars that was wasted on this Internet access program that they didn't get anybody.

Donald Trump

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They haven't hooked up. They haven't hooked up one person.

Joe Rogan

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Not one person. They spent \$42 billion. They could have gotten Starlinks to everybody.

Donald Trump

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With that kind of money for almost nothing.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah.

Donald Trump

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For a monthly charge.

Joe Rogan

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And it would have been incredible. He has the Internet everywhere you want to go.

Donald Trump

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And he wanted to do that and.

Joe Rogan

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He wanted to do it.

Donald Trump

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How about this? They built the charger stations right in the Midwest. Midwest. They built eight of them. They cost \$9 billion. That's like a gas pump. Right. They built nine gas pumps, except electricity comes out. They spent \$9 billion. Three of them don't work. The whole thing. There's so much waste. I could sit here and tell you about things that, that there's so much waste, abuse and fraud.

Joe Rogan

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Oh, there's. Yeah, I'm sure. I mean, I think everybody's aware of that.

Donald Trump

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Now let's get back to tariffs.

Joe Rogan

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When you're talking about. One of the criticisms of your administration was with tax cuts and with tariffs, you increased the deficit. So what was the strategy behind that? And did you think it was going to increase the deficit by a substantial amount?

Donald Trump

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Okay. We were ready to rock. It was all, you know, I had a bad system. We had horrible tax

policy. I made it great with a much lower tax rate. So I took it from almost 40% down to 21%. Now I'm bringing it from 21 down to 15, but only if you make your product in the United States, which is great.

Donald Trump

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People call me. They said, what a great idea. Nobody ever heard of that before. I don't care if they make the product in Japan. Why should I give up? So it's a 21 that at 21 in the first year, we took in much more revenue than we did at almost 40. Think of that.

Donald Trump

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It inspired. Now we had other things too. We were able to get people to bring back their money. You couldn't bring back your money if you had money in Europe like Apple. Apple had many billions of dollars outside. They couldn't bring it. There was no way to bring it back in. The bureaucracy, the documents, the whole thing.

Donald Trump

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And also the tax was too high. You know, they wanted like half of it or something. Nobody's going to do that. So they leave their money in Japan and they spend their money there. That was part of what I did. The money came pouring back in. Apple took in hundreds of billions of dollars.

Donald Trump

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They brought it back from overseas. They brought it in.

Joe Rogan

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So how does the deficit increase because of that?

Donald Trump

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So what happened is this. We were ready to rock and roll and then we had the COVID thing and we had to focus on that. And if we didn't give some businesses a hand, they would have all. You would have had a depression like in 1929. But we were ready to start. We were going to.

Donald Trump

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We would have very shortly been paying off debt. You know, we have \$35 trillion in debt. And I'll never forget it. We were. It was talking about from, you know, the standpoint of being in office. I'm in the Oval Office and I have John McLaughlin and Fabrizio. They're two very good pollsters, probably, I don't know, I would say the two best, who knows.

But very good pollsters. And we're starting think about running for a second term. And we had the greatest economy in history. Never has there been an economy.

Joe Rogan

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And you attribute that to lowering taxes, tariffs, two things.

Donald Trump

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And also I cut regulations more than anybody else. And if I asked many of the businessmen, you know, from the big companies, you know, the guys running the big companies, I'd say so if you had your choice, you've had it now for a long time. What's more important to you? The tax cuts?

Donald Trump

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You paid less tax or the regulation cuts? Every one of them said the regulation cuts meant more. Who would think that? Right? Because you don't equate it to dollars, but it actually is more dollars. We had it going and then we just had to focus on something else. But they were sitting there, these two pollsters were sitting there and they said, sir, if George Washington came back and Abraham Lincoln was his VP as opposed to waltz, how bad is he, by the way?

Donald Trump

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But if Abraham Lincoln was his vp, they couldn't beat you. You have got. And I'll never forget it. The following day they said, something's happening in China, sir, could we meet? They said, what's happening? People are dying. And it was all around the Wuhan lab, by the way, there are pictures with little lines, their body bags all around the Wuhan lab.

Donald Trump

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And I always said that from the beginning, Joe was, you know, they tried to say. First they said it was France and they blamed everybody, but then they say it was bats from a cave 2,000 miles away. So we got hit with that. And despite that, we had the best economy. And when I gave it over, the stock market was higher than it was pre Covid.

Donald Trump

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I mean, nobody could even believe it. But we saved it and we were helping businesses. They were dying, you know, they were.

Joe Rogan

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So it's your belief that if you had a second term, given the policies in place, the way the economy was booming, that you would have been able to pay off a lot of the debt. And

that was the strategy.

Donald Trump

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We didn't have Covid. We would have been paying off debt and we would have had. And don't forget by growth, the word growth is actually more important in a way because you could have the same debt, but if you doubled your growth, all of a sudden you're under levered. But still we should pay off debt.

Donald Trump

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You know, if you view this \$35 trillion right now, it's a lot. But if you look at the asset value, if you looked at it purely as an asset value, we have oil underground, we have water, we have mountains, we have, I mean the assets are so enormous. But regardless of that, we've got 35 trillion in debt.

Donald Trump

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We should pay it off. And we would have started paying off debt and probably even giving further, given further tax reductions, I want to get it down to 15%, we're going to do more business. But when you get hit with a Covid, everything stops and you have to keep these businesses alive. The businesses were dying.

Donald Trump

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I mean they were just dying. This whole place, this country was going to die.

Joe Rogan

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Are there influences outside of environmental that keep people from wanting to drill for oil and frack and do those sort of things outside of the environmental concerns which are legitimate? Of course.

Donald Trump

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No, I understand, but are there other.

Joe Rogan

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Influences that maybe over accentuate or over exaggerate these environmental effects? Are people being influenced in a way where they're trying to keep us from producing American oil? Yeah, yeah.

Donald Trump

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So the environmental is the biggest tool for stopping growth. The biggest tool. The other is

regulation. And if you speak to Elon, he said the regulation now to send a rocket up to anywhere, even if you do everything, it's almost. It's becoming impossible. But they use environmental. In order to get people not to do anything.

Donald Trump

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And sometimes I say, you know, I look at some of the. I know the environmental stuff better because I had to build buildings in New York. I had to do environmental impact studies. And I would see some of these guys that I'd hire for a lot of money, environmentalists that would get you through the process.

Donald Trump

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And they'd be up in Albany, that's the capital of New York, and they're up there trying to make it tougher for guys like me that were builders, because they'd get paid more money. In other words, I had one guy highly recommended. I was good at getting permits. I was one of the kings of.

Donald Trump

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I was always very good. But the environmental stuff was always horrible. They could slow a project down 10 years, 15 years. I had a project in Louisiana, built, big LNG plant. It was for 14 years. It was going to cost \$18 billion. One of the biggest, like the Empire State Building laying down on its side times 4 massive in the coast, on the Gulf Coast.

Donald Trump

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And they said, sir, they're going to give it up. I said, they shouldn't give it up. What's the problem? They can't get their environmental. They had environmental permits that would fill this whole room up to the ceiling. And they said there was one mistake on one little line, they wanted to do it all over again.

Donald Trump

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It's not going to happen. And I got them their permit instantly, and they built the plant. It's massive.

Joe Rogan

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So when you're saying that. So there's people that are making money by making it difficult.

Donald Trump

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Yeah.

Are you talking about lawyers?

Donald Trump

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No, I'm just dragging out. No, you're talking about environmental consultants and lawyers.

Joe Rogan

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Environmental consultants profit off of dragging out the process.

Donald Trump

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Absolutely. And how make the process worse?

Joe Rogan

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How do they process?

Donald Trump

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And I'd probably do the same thing if I were them, to be honest with you. You know, Be honest with you.

Joe Rogan

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How do they do that? How do they make it?

Donald Trump

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Let's say New York, they go to Albany, okay? And they convince people that if you have a certain type of plant on the ground that's this big and in theory, valueless, that it's a rare plant and you cannot even touch it. You can't go near it, you can't put a building on it, you can't do anything.

Donald Trump

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Or there's a little puddle and they call it a lake, and you have to go by the standards of a lake. I said, no, no, that's a puddle. Oh, you have no idea. Guys are filling a little puddle. You have no idea what they do. And they use it as a way to stop you.

Joe Rogan

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They use it as a way to stop you and also as a way to generate money. I'm curious, how are they generating money that way though?

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Well, they get fees. They get fees, massive fees pay these guys.

Joe Rogan

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And people rely on them as experts because they're the people that they go to when they have to run these studies in the first place.

Donald Trump

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Some of them are just bad guys and they're trying to make it more and more difficult.

Joe Rogan

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And they have a lot of power.

Donald Trump

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Yeah, I think they maybe had more. They didn't have as much with me because I would get through them and I understood it. Look, I've had, I've done so many. They call it environmental impact study. I did so much to build a building. To build a building in New York is very tough.

Donald Trump

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You got to be very, you got to deal with, think of it, financing unions, all the municipal stuff. Environmental of all of it. To me, the toughest thing was the environmental. Because they could stop you cold with the environmental impact study stuff. And you hire a so called expert, they say, sir, he's the one guy, he can get you through the morass.

Donald Trump

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It's a morass. It's horrible. They use it as a weapon. They use it all over the country. Right.

Joe Rogan

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But there are legitimate concerns about environmental impact. Correct? Look, about the BP oil spill, there's a lot of things that do happen that are environmentally devastating and you want to mitigate that as much as possible.

Donald Trump

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You do. Look, I had, during our four years, we had the cleanest air and the cleanest water. I view it differently. I say air and water. Remember this? It costs much more to do things environmentally clean. China doesn't do anything.

Joe Rogan

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Right.

Donald Trump

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When Kerry goes to see President Xi at China, which he probably doesn't even get to see him, but they look at him. Oh yes, yes, we will do. Oh yes, yes, we're going to do that. No more coal. No more coal. Just. And then they approve 58 coal plants for the next, you know, every.

Donald Trump

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They build a coal plant a week.

Joe Rogan

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Okay, they build a lot of coal plants we've covered.

Donald Trump

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But let me just tell you though, so here we are cleaning and scrubbing everything and everything's got to. The air's got to be pure. But in 3.8 days, that stuff floating over China is right over the top of us.

Joe Rogan

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Right?

Donald Trump

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Same thing with the oceans. They dump their garbage into the Pacific Ocean. If you take a little cork and put it there, in about a week and a half, it'll be in front of Los Angeles. We're picking up their garbage. So nobody ever talks about that, but in a way, the bigger one is even the air.

Donald Trump

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It's the currents. It's an amazing thing. It's been flowing that way for a million years along before we share. Long before we.

Joe Rogan

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The whole world. Yeah. No, if we get Sahara dust clouds over here, absolutely. We get dust clouds in Austin from the Sahara Desert.

Donald Trump

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But we get the China. You know, they call it the China curse. We get the China curse.

They're better and their air is dirty. You know, when I went there, I had a great relationship with President Xi. We got along very well, and they treated me better than anybody has ever been treated.

Donald Trump

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Same thing with Saudi Arabia, a number of them. But they laid it out, and I said, this air is good. Do you know they closed every factory one week before I got there from within 200 miles.

Joe Rogan

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That's like what Gavin Newsom did when GD he cleaned it up. He got rid of all.

Donald Trump

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Isn't that terrible? In a way, to think, you know, he cleaned it up and then it became a pig. Say.

Joe Rogan

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Well, the dumbest thing is he said, when your friends come by, when you have visitors, you clean up your house. Like, how about just keep your fucking house clean?

Donald Trump

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Can you imagine?

Joe Rogan

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That's the dumbest thing I've ever heard anybody say, ever, as a governor, as to excuse to why you finally cleaned up your homeless problem.

Donald Trump

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And the day he left, right back to him, it went right back. But in a way, that was a bad thing that he did because he showed it could be done. What a disgrace that was. What a disgrace.

Joe Rogan

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Well, this is the thing that, like, shows you how foolish a lot of these people that are running these cities think. A lot of these people that are running these states think it's foolish. Like you. You're insulting the intelligence of the people that live in that city that are impacted by these people just camping and needles and human feces.

There's an app that you can buy. There's an app that you can get rather, that will show you where the human feces has been documented in San Francisco. It's a poo app, and it's just everywhere. It's just bum crap everywhere.

Donald Trump

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But let me give you one that you may not know, okay? Which I think you know everything, actually, as a student. As a student of yours. But water, you know, In Los Angeles, you can't get proper amounts of water, right? And it's unbelievably expensive. And you might have a house in Beverly Hills.

Donald Trump

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And they're actually thinking about rationing water. Can you believe it?

Joe Rogan

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I can believe it.

Donald Trump

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I said, I was in the farm court country with some of the congressmen, were driving up a highway, and I say, how come all this land is so barren? It's farmland, and it looked terrible. It was just brown and bad. I said, but there's always that little corner that's so green and beautiful.

Donald Trump

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They said, we have no water. I said, do you have a drought? No, we don't have a drought. I said, why don't you have no water? Because the water isn't allowed to flow down. It's got a natural flow from Canada all the way up north of water, more water than they could ever use.

Donald Trump

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And in order to protect a tiny little fish, the water up north gets routed into the Pacific Ocean. Millions and millions of gallons of water gets poured. You got to see this. We're driving up, and I had never seen it before. It's the most. It's like Iowa. It's the most fertile land. Iowa is blessed with great land.

Donald Trump

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Idaho for a potato, right? But these, they're just. By the way, you know, some land is good for a potato, some land is good for corn. It's the craziest thing. I love the farmers. They're great. They're the greatest. And by the way, they're getting killed right now.

They are.

Donald Trump

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They're getting killed because of this stupid administration. But so I see this, and I said, you gotta be kidding. I said, you mean you have water? And I looked at it. It's like a valve in your sink, except it's massive. The thing's five times taller than your ceiling.

Joe Rogan

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Did you know the center of California was a giant lake?

Donald Trump

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They have so much water.

Joe Rogan

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You ever see what it looks like before they rerouted?

Donald Trump

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I never saw that.

Joe Rogan

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The center of California, like, was it 200 years ago? How long ago did they do that, Jamie? The center of California had a fucking enormous lake in the middle of California.

Donald Trump

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They dumped it into the Pacific.

Joe Rogan

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Who knows what they did, but whatever foolishness that they did led to the situation that they're in now.

Donald Trump

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Think of those dry forests that burn down all over the world. You know, the head of Austria said.

Joe Rogan

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There is Tulare Lake, or Tachi Lake. It's a freshwater lake in the southern San Joaquin Valley, United States. Historically, Tulare Lake was one of the largest Freshwater lakes west

of Mississippi show a photo of what it looked like back then.

Donald Trump

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That's a great system.

Joe Rogan

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So that's what it looked like. Look at that image now. The one. Go to the one on the third from the right. Yeah, yeah. That was an enormous lake in the middle of California.

Donald Trump

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Imagine, that'd be much more valuable.

Joe Rogan

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How crazy is that? But how crazy is that what it used to look like? And human beings screwed that.

Donald Trump

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They let it go into the Pacific, and then they.

Joe Rogan

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I don't know what they did. What did they do that? Why did. How did it go missing?

Donald Trump

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Yeah, they drained it 19.

Joe Rogan

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1983. Oh, my God. It went dry a handful of times. Oh, went dry a handful of times. Well, you know, lakes do go dry, but that's a big one.

Donald Trump

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But think of it.

Joe Rogan

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It's a big one to go dry.

Donald Trump

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You could have all of the water you need. All of that land would have more water. The

whole thing could be like that little patch. Literally, I'd say. I was with Devin Noon as a congressman and other congressmen. We were going up. I was visiting that. Because they asked me to go up and visit their territory, and I did.

Donald Trump

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But I kept saying, look at this land. It's beautiful, but it's so dry. And I thought they were going through, like a desert, like a drought. They said, no, we have water. But so I looked into it.

Joe Rogan

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What is the first?

Donald Trump

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And I got it done. I got it done. I could have water for all of that land. Water for your forests. You know, your forests are dry as a bone. Okay.

Joe Rogan

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Dangerous.

Donald Trump

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That water could be routed. You know, you could have everything. Not only dangerous, Billions of dollars a year they spend on forest fires. And, you know, there's a case with the environment. They're not allowed to rake their forests because you're not allowed to touch it. When a tree falls down, after 18 months, it becomes very dry.

Donald Trump

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It's like, you know, like real firewood. It's bad. You know, a tree that's up. These are all things I learned the hard way, the easy way. But when a tree is up, it sucks water. It's wet. I went to that. They had a couple of horrible forest fires in California. And I went.

Donald Trump

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I said, you know, you got a lot of trees standing. Yesterday were healthy trees, sir. I said, with this intense heat, you could see they were charred a little bit on the bottom. But they were going to be all right because they're soaking wet, because they suck up the water, right? But when they fall, they're like, you know, it's like lighting a match.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah.

And you got to be able to clean. They call. Maintain your forest. So I was with the head of Austria. He said, you know, it's a shame. I see all those forest fires in California, and all they have to do is clean their forest, meaning rake it up, get rid of the leaves.

Donald Trump

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Get rid of, you know, leaves that are sitting there for five years, and.

Joe Rogan

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They'll certainly get rid of the dead.

Donald Trump

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Fall and get rid of the trees that have fallen. So many things this country. By the way, could you rake the dead? I had it all.

Joe Rogan

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Forest, though. I don't think you could rake the whole forest. I think you can get rid of the dead fall. But raking all these, you could certainly.

Donald Trump

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Get rid of the dead. Okay.

Joe Rogan

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I think that's the real issue, you.

Donald Trump

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Know, environmentally, they don't want to do that. They said, you know, it's got to be nature and all this stuff. But in the meantime, this is Exactly. But you could have. So it was the Department of Commerce that needed the approvals, but Gavin Newsom had to sign them. I got it all done.

Donald Trump

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Nobody could believe it. It was all done. I said, I got it. You got so much water, all you have to do is sign. And that guy didn't want to sign.

Joe Rogan

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Did he not want to sign? Because that would be a political victory for you, I think.

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No, he didn't. No, I don't think so. You know, he used to say, he's a great president. And we got along. We did. We actually got along at that point. But I think somebody said, you just can't continue to call him a great president. You know, they do say that, but we had it all done.

Donald Trump

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He didn't sign. And then we got onto other things. And every time I go to California, I said, you have so much water, they don't know it. I'm telling you, people living in Beverly Hills, they turn off the water. Same thing with the electric. They want to go to all electric cars, but they have brownouts every weekend, you know.

Joe Rogan

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Well, right after they made the announcement that as of 2035, you're not going to be able to buy an internal combustion engine in California. Like within a month, they had some announcement asking people to not charge their Teslas because the grid couldn't handle it. Well, how are you going to.

Donald Trump

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I will terminate the mandate immediately. This mandate. That will be done, I would say, in my first day, maybe two days. Because, you know, let me ask you about nuclear.

Joe Rogan

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One of the things that when I've talked to people that have A real understanding of nuclear power. They what their position is, it's probably the cleanest, safest form of electricity that we could generate. And that the fears of nuclear power are really about a few disasters. The Fukushima Three Mile Island. These are old systems and they're much more capable now and they're capable of making even better systems.

Joe Rogan

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But it's a difficult political issue because you think nuclear power, you think Chernobyl, that's what everybody does. They have this connection. They had the potential Fukushima, which is.

Donald Trump

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Fukushima where you're not supposed to enter the land for 3,000 years or something.

Joe Rogan

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I think it's worse than that. I think that area is like going to be radioactive for probably longer than you could imagine. But the point is they're better at it now and that they could

do it now and you can generate power in a way that you don't have to worry about these.

Joe Rogan

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One of the most ridiculous things is electric cars being powered by coal fired plants. It's a ridiculous thing.

Donald Trump

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So it's happening.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah, that is what's happening. And people want to think they're being green, you know, but it's.

Donald Trump

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Well, if you look at the way the battery is made. But here's the other thing. We don't have. Well, we do actually. It's being held, you know, we have certain areas where we have great raw earth material and we're not allowed to use it because of the environment. And we have areas in California that have incredible raw earth and they're not allowing.

Donald Trump

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And I'm going to open it up, I'm going to let them use it. But how do you do that, China.

Joe Rogan

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How do you do that and protect the environment?

Donald Trump

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Because the environment is going to be protected. You can do it. You can make a lake out of it. Okay, we'll put back a lake. I mean, something nice about lakes. You can do things magnificently.

Joe Rogan

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You just have to do it carefully and responsibly.

Donald Trump

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Absolutely, you have to do it carefully. But the problem, you know, China has all of those areas, most of those areas. And yet when they say go electric with the cars, China is going to be the one that gives us the cars. All of those guys in Detroit are going to be out of business.

You're going to make your electric cars over there. We have a thing called gasoline and we have more oil and gas under our feet than any other nation. You know, I had in Alaska, there's a find, it's called Anwar. I got it approved. Reagan couldn't get it. Nobody could get it. I got it all done.

Donald Trump

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It was amazing. They were getting ready to start drilling. The equivalent, they think, of Saudi Arabia, one of the biggest finds in the world. It was all set to go. And Biden comes in. One of his first orders were, we're not going to use it. It would have been so good for the.

Donald Trump

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We could have supplied all of Asia with oil and gas.

Joe Rogan

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What was the. What was the negative?

Donald Trump

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And you talk about money, right? The negative was politically, they didn't think it was good for them. That's all.

Joe Rogan

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That's all it was. So you don't think that it's environmentally.

Donald Trump

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Dangerous, taking it from way down deep in the earth? Environmentally would have been fine.

Joe Rogan

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So it can be done responsibly.

Donald Trump

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Absolutely.

Joe Rogan

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Oh, otherwise, the environment.

Donald Trump

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Well, I think windmills, okay, so they talk about windmills. I think windmills are really disruptive when you talk about the environment. They kill the birds. You want to see a bird cemetery go under a windmill someday that hasn't been cleaned out with all the bird carcasses? It's like massive amounts of birds.

Joe Rogan

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Well, they're also a massive eyesore. I went to a ranch in South Texas. We had to drive past this enormous windmill fall. And it's gross. It's dystopian. You're looking in the left and the right, and all you see is these big spinning machines that aren't even that effective at generating electricity.

Donald Trump

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Most expensive form of electricity is a windmill. And then they start to rust and rot, and you have to replace them, and then they get abandoned by the people that built them because you have.

Joe Rogan

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To get rid of all that material, too. When you replace those blades, now you have a problem because you have to dispose, right? You have to dispose. These enormous windmills. And how, by the way, they say.

Donald Trump

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You can't bury them. So I even question that. But I'm not going to get into it. But they say you can't bury the blades. So you have the blades and you can't bury the blades. You can bury the blades. It's not going to matter. You can bury the. You'll find areas you can bury.

Donald Trump

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But they come up. This is what I mean. They come up with this. But the environmentalist dream is windmills. Everyone. You know what happens to them after five years, they start to rot. After 10 years, you have to replace them. Did you ever look at certain parts of California where they have heavy windmills and they've been abandoned?

Donald Trump

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And they're all different manufacturers in all different companies, and they all. I haven't seen that it is the ugliest thing. It looks like a graveyard, almost a graveyard of windmills. It's pollution, it's so bad.

Joe Rogan

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And in the oceans it's no different than leaving garbage on the ground.

How about in New Jersey? Off the coast of New Jersey, they want to build. The people are going crazy not to build them, but we have them. The whales are washing up on shore. So in 50 years they had one whale come ashore. Now they had like 18 come in the last year.

Joe Rogan

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What is the, what is happening with the whales? I've read about this.

Donald Trump

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Well, they say that the wind drives them crazy. You know, it's a vibration because you have those, you know, Those things are 50 story buildings, some of them.

Joe Rogan

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Right. And they're super sensitive to vibrations.

Donald Trump

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You know, the wind is rushing, the things are blowing. It's a vibration and it makes noise. You know what it is? I want to be a whale psychiatrist. It drives the whales frickin crazy and something happens with them. But for whatever reason they're getting washed up on shore and you know, and.

Joe Rogan

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Yet the environmentalists conveniently ignored by the environment.

Donald Trump

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Yeah, but the environmentalists, they don't talk about it, right. I think there's nothing uglier. I see it in Scotland, I see it all over the world. You have this beautiful valley. It's been there for, you know, in civilization thousands of years, but millions of years and all of a sudden you have these ugly windmills up.

Joe Rogan

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Would your plan to be replace that with nuclear? What would you do?

Donald Trump

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Well, nuclear is better. I mean, I think there's a little danger to nuclear. But you know, we had some really bad nuclear. They did one in Alabama, they did one in, I think South Carolina. They do them wrong. They build these massive things. Then the environmentalists get involved. I don't want to go into a long story because it's too long for the show.

This show is too valuable to talk about concrete. But they have hardened concrete. It's number 12 concrete. It's the hardest. It's harder than steel. It's incredible. They put up a wall and an inspector comes along those lines. Nope, nope. You're a quarter of an inch. The wall might be 8ft wide. You're a quarter of an inch too short.

Donald Trump

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I'm sorry. You got to rip down the wall. You got to. Because it's got to be poured contiguously. Right. You're one quarter of an inch, I'm sorry, ripped down. You can't rip it down. This stuff. You can't put a hammer through it. You can't it's incredible. Concrete technology is unbelievable. You know what's happened?

Donald Trump

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You think of concrete, so you think.

Joe Rogan

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That'S an example of overregulation? Yeah. Pointless.

Donald Trump

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Well, you have an inspector that comes along and he says, take down a 25 zillion dollar wall. These things ended up costing 25 billion dollars and one of them never got opened. But here's the story. So France does it. France is largely nuclear and they build small little compact plants and if they need more, they build the same thing.

Donald Trump

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And they hook it up. And they hook it up because they get too big and too complex and too expensive. And it is very clean. They say it's absolutely. You know, my uncle, I had a great uncle who was a great genius, just like other members of my family. But he was a professor at MIT for I think 41 years.

Donald Trump

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He was the longest. When I was in the White House, the head of mit, Princeton and Harvard came down to meet me and the MIT person said, I have a book on your uncle, Dr. John Trump. He was our longest serving professor. He was a great genius, sir. Do you know how? And he had, he knew everything about nuclear, from math to chemistry to nuclear.

Donald Trump

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He knew it. And he said, someday it's going to be the way to go. But the problem is it's so dangerous in terms of war. He said, donald, someday. And this was a long time Uncle John,

Dr. John Trump, he said, someday you'll have a little satchel at your side and you'll go into a building and you'll be able to blow up New York City.

Donald Trump

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I said, Uncle John, that'll never happen. He's right. You know, he's right.

Joe Rogan

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Well, that was the problem, giving nuclear power to other countries, right? Like that was the problem that happened with India, Pakistan. They got nuclear power and then they were able to weaponize it.

Donald Trump

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The biggest problem in the world today is not global warming, it's nuclear warming. And we have idiots that are negotiating for us. We have a guy that doesn't make it past 4:00. And it's not because of age. You know, they ought to. I know so many guys in their late 80s and they're better than.

Donald Trump

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I said to one guy the other day, I think you're smarter than you were 25 years ago. I've known him a long time. He's 89 years old. He's sharp. I mean, he's great. Biden gives people a bad name because that's not an old, that's not an age. I think they say it because I'm three or four years younger.

Donald Trump

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You know, I think that's why they say it. They say his age. It's not his age. He's got a problem.

Joe Rogan

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Two major brain surgeries.

Donald Trump

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Yeah, he did. He did. Those are not good operations.

Joe Rogan

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And do you see what he did today? He went running towards the camera and made some apology to Native Americans and he said that's why he's headed out west, like he's off the reservation, so to speak, for lack of a better term.

You know, it's interesting because during the debate, I was looking over him saying, hmm, this is strange. Like, strange things were happening. Yeah, but.

Joe Rogan

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Well, he couldn't keep it together. But do you think they knew he couldn't keep it together?

Donald Trump

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I think so.

Joe Rogan

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Do you think that they wanted. Is that why, like, historically, that debate was earlier than they've been in the past? Right.

Donald Trump

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I think they wanted to getwell. There's a lot of theories. A lot of people said, do the debate now and we'll get him out.

Joe Rogan

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Right.

Donald Trump

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I think that maybe could be.

Joe Rogan

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Well, that is what happened. So it's locked into the debate.

Donald Trump

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I think they also said, do the debate now and get it over with.

Joe Rogan

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Right.

Donald Trump

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I don't think anybody thought he was going to get out, really.

Joe Rogan

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It didn't make any sense.

Donald Trump

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The debate got him out. But I think it's very unfair. Look, you have a bad debate, his numbers went down. But I think she's not doing very well right now, and I think she looks well.

Joe Rogan

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I want to get to that, too, because it's hard to know. Like, the whole poll thing is very bizarre for most people because most people don't answer polls. So they read the polls. They're like, poll.

Donald Trump

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Were you ever poll? I've never been polls.

Joe Rogan

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If I did, I'd hang up.

Donald Trump

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I was never called by a poll.

Joe Rogan

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If I did, I wouldn't answer. I'm busy.

Donald Trump

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You know how polls are done. Oh, I'm going to get myself in trouble. So I really don't believe too much in them.

Joe Rogan

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Well, 2016 taught a lot of people about the ineffective.

Donald Trump

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Well, they were very ineffective because I thought I was doing well. I'd go to a place and I'd have 30, 40,000 people. Hillary would go, they have 500 people. And they'd tell me, I'm going to lose. I said, why am I going to lose? I had 40,000 people. She had 200 people. But, you know, I have a theory.

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These pollsters, they charge you a lot of money, too. You know, they charge you half A million bucks to do some stupid poll and they interview like 251 people. I don't think they interview in many cases. I don't want to get myself in too much shock.

Joe Rogan

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Do you think it's bullshit?

Donald Trump

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No, I think they sit there, they make a deal, they get a half a million bucks and they say, Trump's leading 51 to 49. They announce it, everybody says, oh, do you understand? I don't think they. I think in a lot. Look, I'm a very common sense person. I think that they probably don't always poll.

Donald Trump

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Some of them probably never poll. What's the difference between 49 to 51 and 47 and a half?

Joe Rogan

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Well, it's also a tiny percentage of the population. I don't think it's representative of the overall population. I just don't believe.

Donald Trump

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I don't know if one person in my whole life that ever got called by a pollster.

Joe Rogan

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Exactly. That's my point. So here's my question.

Donald Trump

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But I shouldn't say that because I'm doing really well in the polls.

Joe Rogan

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But I think that's.

Donald Trump

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So this week, I happen to believe in a verse. I only believe they're good. No, I like them this month, but no, I honestly believe that there's probably a lot of fraud. I had a poll, Washington Post, abc, in the Hillary thing on Wisconsin, they had me down 17 points. The day before the election, I knew it was wrong because I had a rally, I had 29,000 people at a

racetrack, and it was like 0 degrees Wisconsin, and they had me down 17 points.

Donald Trump

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In other words, you had no chance. And I won. And I called up my pollsters. Good guy, good guy. And I believe he's legitimate. And, you know, and some of them are. And some of them are. I said, tell me, why did they have me down so much? I mean, nobody's going to believe him the next time.

Donald Trump

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They said they don't care. When you're down 17 points, people are going to stay home, they're not going to vote, because they're going to say, I love Trump, but I'm not going to waste my time. It's cold out. I said, but what do they make at 4 or 5? He said, At 4 or 5, they're going to go and vote.

Donald Trump

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At 17, they're not going to go and vote. Think of it. This is the Washington Post ABC poll. I was down 17 points in Wisconsin and I won. It's crooked stuff.

Joe Rogan

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There's a lot of crooked stuff. And I wanted to talk about that, too. Because one of the things that people talk about with you is the denial of the results. And I think J.D. Vance did a brilliant job the other day when he was being interviewed and they asked him, did Trump lose the 2020 election?

Joe Rogan

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And he turned it around and said, was there legitimate election interference in suppressing the Hunter Biden laptop story on social media? And was that a concerted effort?

Donald Trump

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Well, they said it made 10 point difference and I lost by 1/10 of a point. They say it was 22,000 votes. But look, it was much more than that, And I appreciate J.D. Vance saying that. And by the way, I think he was a great pick. Do you like JD Vance as a pick?

Joe Rogan

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I like him a lot. Yeah.

Donald Trump

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You're allowed to say that.

Joe Rogan

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No, I do. I like him a lot. I think he's a brilliant guy, and I think his ability to talk like a normal human being. He did. You did my friend Theo Vaughn's podcast, right. And he just did it.

Donald Trump

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How did he do it?

Joe Rogan

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Did great. And he just talks like normal human being.

Donald Trump

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Is that why you called me to do this?

Joe Rogan

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No, no, I was.

Donald Trump

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He was a nice shot.

Joe Rogan

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You. I was like, he's got to come in here. It's all about timing. It's all about the timing.

Donald Trump

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Timing.

Joe Rogan

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I think timing's perfect. Do you even have a scar on your ear? You got anything on there?

Donald Trump

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I do.

Joe Rogan

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Let me say.

We got so right over here. It zicked right there.

Joe Rogan

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It healed up pretty fucking good.

Donald Trump

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Yeah, it's pretty good. Yeah. Little. It's not like some of the wrestlers, some of the UFC fighters.

Joe Rogan

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No, you didn't get called?

Donald Trump

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No, no, it got. It was sort of like a top shot. The point of the bullet was a little of the ass. But you see, the thing's taken off a little bit, but it makes me a tougher guy. You know, the fighters. You know, the fighters love their. You know, Bo Nickel, he's a great fighter.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah, I love Bo Nickel.

Donald Trump

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How's he going to do? I think he's truly.

Joe Rogan

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He's great. He's a fantastic wrestler.

Donald Trump

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He was almost like undefeated in college.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah, he's a fantastic wrestler and one of the. One of the best mixed marshals.

Donald Trump

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What is he fighting again?

Joe Rogan

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He's fighting in Madison Square Garden in November.

Oh, that's going to be an interest after the election.

Joe Rogan

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Yep.

Donald Trump

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So I'll either go as president or I'll be depressed and I won't bother going. Yeah, I think they're having a fight right now.

Joe Rogan

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One of the things that was fascinating also was the denial of the election results is a pretty common thing. Hillary Clinton famously denied that she called you an illegitimate president and she said that Russia put you in place even though she conceded. Yes.

Donald Trump

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You know, she conceded the night of the election because she was beaten.

Joe Rogan

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Yes. And it was a thing that was pretty common for people, especially Democrats, to deny the elections. There's been many of them, the Bush administration, the, you know, dangling chads, all that stuff.

Donald Trump

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Well, look at these guys in Congress, all these sleazebags in congress that are Democrats. They're still denying 20, but now they don't so much because, you know, they try and pin it on me. You don't hear them say, but here's my point. But they denied it right up until the end.

Joe Rogan

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My point is this idea of election fraud is a forbidden topic. And you get labeled an election denied. It's like being labeled an anti vaxxer. If you question some of the health consequences that people have had from the COVID 19 shots, oh my God, you're an anti vaxxer. If you say. And what I say publicly, and I've said this a lot, it's not zero percent.

Joe Rogan

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So if you ask me, what is the amount of election fraud in this country, is it 0%? No one thinks it's 0%. I've never met one person, not a super liberal progressive, far left person or a right wing conservative, not one person thinks it's zero percent. They think when you

have human beings, and also you have a lot of weirdness that was going on during the 2020 elections, particularly with mail in ballots.

Donald Trump

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And you had legislatures that had to approve and they didn't approve, and they went out and did it anyway. And you had ballot, you had old fashioned ballot screwing. I mean, you had, you have people going up and dropping in phony votes. You had unsigned ballots, et cetera, et cetera.

Joe Rogan

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There's certain people that have. And the rhetoric is also that you're Hitler and that in order to stop Hitler, you have to do whatever it takes.

Donald Trump

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That was okay.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah, yeah. And this is, I mean, you're hearing this now. Kamala compared you to said your love of Hitler yesterday.

Donald Trump

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You know, Kamala's a very low IQ person. She's a very low iq. You know, I'm for taking tests too. I think anybody that runs for president should take. They should give him tests. And it's not an age thing. It's not based. If you look back on history, 70s and 80s, your greatest, some of your greatest leaders in the world, world history, long time world history, they were in their 70s and their 80s.

Donald Trump

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But I think you should take cognitive tests. I think everybody. They say it's unconstitutional, but I think that's ridiculous. I think Kamala should have a test because there's something missing. There's something wrong with her.

Joe Rogan

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Well, I think it's pressure. I think the pressure and the scrutiny. You've been a celebrity for a long time, and you understand what this is like. But for someone who's in her late 40s, who becomes the vice president, who runs for president, becomes the vice president, and then all of a sudden, the weight of the world is on your shoulders, and there's all these people paying attention.

A lot of people clam up, but.

Donald Trump

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You either have it or you don't.

Joe Rogan

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Correct.

Donald Trump

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Look, this is an interview. We've covered a lot of territory, right? And, you know, it's fine. I don't care. I want to. I think it's much more interesting she. To do an interview with Anderson Cooper. A softball crazy softball interview. She took two days off, and she studied and studied all day long, and then she comes out with a result.

Donald Trump

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That was a real embarrassment. That was a really bad interview. She couldn't answer a question. And every question is not answered. I mean, like, what would you do your first day in office? Okay, I'll build a wall. I won't build a wall. There's a hundred things you can say. Just say anything, right?

Donald Trump

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There's something off with her.

Joe Rogan

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Well, I also.

Donald Trump

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Joe, we're dealing with the smartest people. They hate when I say. You know, when the press. When I call president Xi, they said. He called president Xi brilliant. Well, he's a brilliant guy. He controls 1.4 billion people with an iron fist. I mean, he's a brilliant guy whether you like it or not.

Donald Trump

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And they go crazy, Right.

Joe Rogan

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It doesn't mean he's not evil or. It doesn't mean he's not.

Yeah, of course not.

Joe Rogan 01:25:28
Dangerous.

Donald Trump 01:25:29
But actually, we have evil people in our country.

Joe Rogan 01:25:32
Yes.

Donald Trump 01:25:33
If you have a smart president, he can deal with Russia. He can deal with all of it. I had a Russia would have never gone into Ukraine if I were president.

Joe Rogan 01:25:41
How would you have stopped it?

Donald Trump 01:25:43
Automatic. Two things. I told him. I said, vladimir, you're not going in. I used to talk to him all the time. Time, you're not going in. I can't tell you what I told him because I think it would be inappropriate. But someday he'll tell you. But he would have never gone in. But you know, why else he wouldn't have gone in?

Donald Trump 01:25:59
Oil prices at \$40 a barrel wouldn't have allowed him. Wouldn't have given him the money to prosecute that war. Wouldn't have given him the money. I said it with President. I was with President Xi. I said, it was almost the same conversation with. With Vladimir, it was Moscow. With President Xi, it was Beijing.

Donald Trump 01:26:20
It was almost the exact same conversation. I said, don't do it. He would have never done it. The day I left, they flew 28 bombers over the middle of Taiwan. 28 bombers. And it's the apple of his eye. And the same thing with Russia. It's the apple. Ukraine is the apple of his eye.

Donald Trump 01:26:37
I used to talk to him. I had a very good relationship with them. He wouldn't have done it.

He would have never done it. But he also wouldn't have done it because of the. You know, one of the reasons that what happened is, number one, he doesn't respect Biden at all, not even a little bit.

Donald Trump

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And who the hell would? But he doesn't respect him. But when he saw what happened in Afghanistan, how horribly that was handled. Number one, you take the soldiers out last, not first. Okay? That was their big mistake. And we had that thing charted out, and they weren't obeying us. They weren't. Abdul is the head of the Taliban.

Donald Trump

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Boom, boom. He had to do all these things. Some he didn't do. I said, nope, you're not doing. You got to do them all. This guy took. He immediately took all. He left the equipment behind. 13 soldiers dead. But he took everybody out. He took his soldiers out before a child would know.

Donald Trump

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That's where Millie was so stupid. He was such a stupid guy. Millie. Okay, okay. Those generals should have all been fired. The Afghan. The people that were involved with Afghanistan should have all been fired. Then they'd be writing books about him, how stupid he was and bad he was. But you take your soldiers out last.

Donald Trump

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I had a big rally, and I saw a child in the front row about a year and a half ago. And I called the child up. I said, do you mind if I borrow your child? Oh, yes, please. And they came up. Up kids, five years. I gave them quick details. You know, I said, we want to get out of this place, and we have this, and we have this, and we have the equipment.

Donald Trump

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I gave them a little thing. I said, do you take your soldiers out first or last? After everything's done, you take them out last, sir. A child would know that we took our soldiers out first.

Joe Rogan

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What was your plan?

Donald Trump

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And we left Bagroom.

Well, not only that we left billions of dollars worth of equipment and military vehicles that they use for parade.

Donald Trump

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The best equipment. Yeah. To embarrass us. The best equipment in the world.

Joe Rogan

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The Taliban parade where they've got tanks rolling down the streets and Blackhawks flying is the craziest thing I've ever seen. The fact that we left all that.

Donald Trump

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Stuff there, equipment in the world behind.

Joe Rogan

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What would you have done differently?

Donald Trump

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Well, number one, we would have taken it out. Just so you go back a little bit further, I had a couple of conversations with Abdul, and from the time I had those conversations, because they were shooting our soldiers, you know, with the snipers stuff. They were shooting. They were shooting a lot of them.

Donald Trump

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They were shooting a lot with Obama, much less with me, but they were shooting him. And I said, get this guy on the phone. The press went nuts when they heard this. I had a great conversation with him. It was a tough conversation. Eighteen months later, there wasn't one soldier that was ever shot at.

Donald Trump

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And even Biden admitted it in a moment of stupidity, because he shouldn't admit it. His people went nuts. He said, yeah, well, I will admit no soldiers. We didn't have a soldier killed in 18 months in Afghanistan, not one soldier was killed because he understood what was going to happen if that happened.

Donald Trump

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I didn't have one soldier. Then when I left, after having gotten more votes than any sitting president in the history of the country and much more votes than I got in 2016, when I left, they started shooting our soldiers. But more importantly, what they did is they did that

whole thing with, you know, leaving.

Donald Trump

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He shouldn't have left. Number one should have left from Bagram because Bagram is this massive base. It's got tremendous acreage around it. Tremendous. It's a very big. It was built many years ago. And part of the reason you wouldn't have taken that is because it goes to China, one hour from where China makes its nuclear missiles.

Donald Trump

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You should have never left Bagram, number one. They should have left from Bagram. They should have left last. They should have gotten. You know, we have Americans that are still there. They should have taken all their equipment out. Everything should. Every plane, every screw should have been taken out, every tent. And I said that.

Donald Trump

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That's when I realized that Millie was a dummy. I said, we're leaving, but I want to get everything out. Sir, it's cheaper to leave it. I said, what do you mean, it's cheaper to leave? Yeah. He said, it's cheaper to leave it. That was cheaper. Cheaper. He said, it's cheaper, sir, not more dangerous.

Donald Trump

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He just said, cheaper. I said, I want every plane, I want every tank, I want the goggles, they have night goggles. They have all this stuff that these guys now have. He said, sir, it's cheaper to get out and leave it. I said, so you think it's cheaper to leave \$150 million brand new airplane in there than it is to fly it out with a tank of jet fuel and put it in Pakistan or just fly it directly back?

Donald Trump

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It's cheaper to live. I said, this guy's nuts, I'm telling you. He was so stupid. He was so unwise. He was like an unwise man. And there were a number of them. But I defeated ISIS with the greatest generals. I had a guy who was so great, I flew to Iraq and I met the real generals, not these idiots that we deal with, with.

Donald Trump

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And we knocked out, you know, I defeated 100% of the ISIS caliphate. They said it would take five years. I did it in a matter of a few, literally a few weeks. And we hit them hard. And he said, sir, we're going to hit him here, we're going to hit him there, we're going to hit him here, there.

And I said, this guy's great. I like this guy. I was told it would take five years. That's why I went. I said, how could it take five years? We have brand new fighters, we have the best planes, the best weapons, the best guns, the best bombs. How could it possibly take that long?

Donald Trump

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And I flew to, I flew in left at 3 o'clock in the morning. Nobody knew I was going. I got on Air Force One and we started flying. And when we reached about half an hour away from Iraq, that was where the airport was, big airport about a half an hour away. They said, sir, I'm sorry, you'll have to turn off all your lights.

Donald Trump

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Why? We're getting close to. I said, you mean we spent \$8 trillion and we can't leave the lights? Think of this, 20 years, \$8 trillion that we can't leave the lights on in a plane. I said, that's okay, turn the lights on. I'm not going to fight them. That's what.

Joe Rogan

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Well, this is because it's too dangerous.

Donald Trump

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Yeah, too dangerous because they see the light up in the air, they'll shoot at it. So I said, turn the lights off. Then they said, sir, we're going to also pull your shades, if that's okay. Said, that's. The plane was pitch black. All the lights outside, you know, the blinking, they call them the blinking reds, they were all turned off.

Donald Trump

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And I like to sit with pilots a lot of times. And these guys are specimens. I always say they're better looking than Tom Cruise, okay? And they're even taller, like perfect specimens, these guys. Like for a fighter, you know, you have some guys that are perfect specimens, right? And you know, they picked the best pilots in the Air Force, United States Air Force to fly Air Force One.

Donald Trump

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And I get up there and I'm sitting and I'm feeling my way up, you know, it's up high because 747, so you go through the stairs. But I sort of knew my way up. There wasn't a light in the plane. I'm saying, can you imagine? We spent trillions of dollars and we're trying to fly in blind.

Donald Trump

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But I got into the plane, the cockpit is dark, black, little tiny light. You could see the pilot, a perfect looking human being, his co pilot. Everybody was perfect. They were all like movie stars, you know, it's like I could have cast a movie with these guys and nobody would believe it because they were too good looking.

Donald Trump

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So I said, how are we doing, Kevin? Sure, we'll be landing in 10 minutes. And I look outside, there's not a light. And I'm seeing, you know, I've landed a lot of planes and you see like little lights. At least there's nothing. It's just pure desert. And I said, okay, Captain, good. But I'm looking now we're.

Donald Trump

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You've been in many planes where it has the computer sign saying 1,000ft, 9 goes 1,900, 800. It's a computer voice, but it sounds like. But it's incredible. Voice 700. I say, Captain, are we okay? I'm looking. Are we okay, Captain? There's no lights and I'm looking. You know, normally when you land a plane, because I sit with Klaus a lot, I think it's great.

Donald Trump

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I think it's a great profession. Everything. It's incredible. They're incredible. These machines are incredible. He said, sir, we're fine, no problem, sir. I said, you know, I don't see the lights up there, Captain, sure, we're okay. You know, so I mean, I'm exaggerating a little bit. You know, problem with exaggerating. He'll tell the story.

Donald Trump

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They'll say, trump was a coward. So I'm sitting with him, he goes, 500. And I'm telling you, there wasn't a light on the Runway. Nothing. And we're going in. You okay, Captain? Everything good? Yes, sir, no problem. We'll be down in about one minute, sir. And I'm telling you, Joe, you know, there's always a light.

Donald Trump

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There's not a little pin. And all of a sudden and you hear, bwah, bwah. Perfect landing, like glass. That's how good. I mean, these guys between the equipment and. It's genius. It's pure. It was so dark, you couldn't see a thing. There was no Runway. You wouldn't know where the hell you are.

Donald Trump

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You're in the middle of a desert. And then I got out of the plane. I said, thank you, Captain. This is a great job. And then I get out of the plane and I'm going down, and I see a general and another general, and I see a staff sergeant, a drill sergeant, and various guys, all

central casting.

Donald Trump

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Central casting. They said, sir, would you like to rest? I said, I don't want to rest. I want to figure out what the hell are we doing with isis. I'm hearing we can't. It's going to take years. No, sir, we can do it very quickly, sir. And anyway, we go into the room, we go and.

Donald Trump

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I mean, Biden would have taken a nap for four days and then left without a meeting. So we go into the room and they have these guys. I say, how long can you do it? How long? We can do it in a couple of weeks, sir. I said, wait a minute. They told me five years we can do it in.

Donald Trump

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And he gave me a number, like, just like in no time. I said, why haven't you done it? Because the orders came in from Washington, sir, and they would come here and tell us what to do. Don't you challenge us. We're not allowed to do that, sir. That's not the military way. They tell us what to do, and we have to respect them.

Joe Rogan

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So do you think that it was incompetence, why they didn't go after isis?

Donald Trump

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I think it's a bad system. You know, when Mattis goes there or when Millie goes there, who's stupid? And they tell these guys that are actually smart what to do. And the guys that are smart are saying, we don't like what they're doing, but they're not allowed to sort of counteract. Plus, the guys that went there are arrogant, you know, they're arrogant fools.

Donald Trump

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They're like stupid fools. The way they pulled out of, you know, the way they. As an example, the way they pulled out of Afghanistan with the people falling off the planes, the whole. It was worse than Vietnam with the helicopters falling. It was so bad there was no reason for it anyway. So we knocked them out.

Donald Trump

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And I mean, we have great military, we have great people, but not the television guys. And I rebuilt the military, and then they gave a chunk of it. I have to tell you, as much as it is, it's a tiny little piece. Believe it or not, we have an unbelievable. I rebuilt the military, I

rebuilt our nuclear.

Donald Trump

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And in a way, I hated to redo it, but I got to realize how powerful that nuclear is. Joe, one bomb, Israel is gone. But forget, one bomb could take out the entire East Coast. It's so bad. And I watch these poor fools talking about our oceans will rise one eighth of an inch over the next 500 years.

Donald Trump

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I mean, we have people, we have countries. Right now, you have five countries. And don't underestimate North. North. If you take a look at North Korea, I was there. I mean, I was with Kim Jong. I had a great relation. I got along great with him. You know, the president, he got along great.

Donald Trump

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That's a good thing. It's not a bad thing. It's a great thing. Obama thought we were going to go to war with North Korea. When I met with Obama, just prior to the takeover, you know, you meet, you have sort of a ceremonial meeting, but it lasted a long time, a lot longer than it was supposed to last.

Donald Trump

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I said, what's the biggest problem? He said, north Korea. By the time I finished, I was. We had no problem with North Korea. We were really. It was a little tough at the beginning. Remember, he said, I have a red button on my desk. I said, I have a red button also, but mine's bigger than yours and mine works.

Joe Rogan

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I liked how you called him Little Rocket Man.

Donald Trump

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I said. I said, yeah, Little rocket. I said, little Rocket man, you're going to burn in hell. And it was a rough. Oh, so rough that people were worried. This is crazy. And then one day, I got a call. Sort of like a fight. I got a call, you know, you ever see Pounding?

Donald Trump

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And then all of a sudden. But I got a call, and it was from him, meaning his people. They wanted to meet. They wouldn't meet Obama. He tried to meet. They wouldn't even talk to him about it. And I think he expected to go to war. I actually do. I believe he expected to go.

And we checked their nuclear stockpile. It is substantial. I mean, it's. That's. I said, do you do anything? I got to know him very well. I got to know him better than anybody, anybody. And I said, do you ever do anything Else, why don't you go take it easy and relax. Go to the beach.

Donald Trump

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You have beautiful beach, nice beachfront property. You know, kiddingly I said, you're always building nuclear. Just relax. You don't have to do it. Let's build some condos on your shoreline. They actually have gorgeous stuff. And he said, I just have to do it because I need it for my safety, etc. I got to know him very well.

Donald Trump

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We had no problem with him. If you have a smart problem, if you have a smart, really the right president, a smart president, you're not going to have a problem. And I say it to people. We have a bigger problem, in my opinion, with the enemy from within. And it drives them crazy when I use that term.

Donald Trump

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But we have an enemy from within. We have people that are really bad people that I really think want to make this country unsuccessful. When you look at what's happening at our border, Joe, when you have people coming in that. When other countries are allowed to empty their prisons into our country with murderers.

Donald Trump

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We had 13,099 murderers dropped in our country over the last three years and.

Joe Rogan

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15,000 rapists, convicted rapists, drug dealers, drug lawyers. And that's just the ones that have been accounted for.

Donald Trump

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Terrorists. Correct. People from mental institutions.

Joe Rogan

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What do you think? This.

Donald Trump

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Hundreds, hundreds of thousands of major criminals, tougher and worse than anybody.

We have these.

Joe Rogan

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We're seeing the consequences of it. In San Antonio, they've taken over apartment buildings. In Aurora, Colorado, they've taken over apartment buildings. These Venezuelan gangs, just the beginning. What do you think the strategy is? You know, one of the things that they've said is that you stopped a bill from being passed. But didn't that bill also include amnesty for the people that are already here?

Donald Trump

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Joe, this is years after the fact. The damage was already done.

Joe Rogan

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But what was the bill?

Donald Trump

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What was the problem? It allowed 2 million people in. They were going to get amnesty. It was a horrible bill. It didn't protect us at all.

Joe Rogan

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But we should just tell people what the strategy. So one of the things, one of the things that's been very clear is that they've moved a large percentage of these migrants. They're coming across the border illegally. They've moved them to swing states. This is what's going on with Springfield, Ohio. Right.

Donald Trump

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They're in swing states. Well, that's not a swing state. I'm going to win Ohio by a lot. So that's not a swing, but it's called Springfield, Ohio, to be exact. And Springfield, Ohio is this very nice community of 52,000 people that just had 32,000 migrants that don't speak the language dropped into their community.

Donald Trump

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You can't get into a hospital, you can't get into a school. It's gone from a beautiful little place to a horror show. And the mayor is a nice guy. And the mayor says, we're looking for interpreters. I said, no, no, you've got to remove them and bring them back to their country. Mostly Haitians in this case.

Donald Trump

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But they speak no, they speak no language. They speak no Englishman.

Joe Rogan

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No.

Donald Trump

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In fact, even the language they do speak, I mean, they can't get interpreters. They can't do anything. And the mayor's trying to be politically correct. They're all trying to be in Aurora, Colorado. You have the worst, probably the worst gang. Mississippi 13 might even be. You know, those two are the worst gangs.

Donald Trump

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These are Venezuela gangs. They have taken over apartment complexes and they're going to want to take over the whole thing. And you have a weak governor, a pathetic governor who's a radical left democrat. He doesn't know what the hell to do. But you have it in many other communities. But they don't like to talk about it because it's you know, it's bad for the community to talk about it.

Donald Trump

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These people have been let in here by this imbecile. She's. And I mean it, she's a low, low IQ person. Low IQ person. Right.

Joe Rogan

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But it's also, obviously not just her. There's a strategy that's involved in letting the border.

Donald Trump

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She was in charge of the border.

Joe Rogan

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Well, she's in charge of the border. But they also, they utilize that app. The app that used to be used. It used to be used, I think, essentially, wasn't it for shipping? Wasn't it? When people were in this country, it.

Donald Trump

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Was used for shipping. And now it's used to deal with the cartels, the cartel heads of the cartel, rich people. By the way, these are loaded. These people have so much money, they would call up. Think of this. They call up the app and the app tells them where they should take their load of illegal migrants from the Congo.

You know, we have a lot from the Congo prisons in the Congo. I made a little bit of a sarcastic joke. A man named Dana White, who you love, who I love. I assume you love him.

Joe Rogan 01:44:33

Love that dude.

Donald Trump 01:44:34

I think he's in a class by him.

Joe Rogan 01:44:36

He's probably the reason why you're here. I don't know, maybe he's one of the big ones.

Donald Trump 01:44:42

He is the greatest guy you know, I always say, nobody's indispensable. You know, everybody can be replaced. Maybe you can't be. You might not be. But, Dana, What? Truly, I don't think, you know, the things. He sold it for 4 billion. I said, what a herald. Who the hell is going to pay 4 billion?

Donald Trump 01:45:00

And they made, like, a great deal.

Joe Rogan 01:45:02

I mean, yeah, it's more than that now.

Donald Trump 01:45:04

Take him out. I think it's a whole different. No, he's the best, and he's also the greatest guy. He spoke at the whole thing with, you know, I had just been shot, and he got up and he spoke so better than anybody. I mean, who would be better to introduce you? I asked, of all the people, and I know the biggest people in the world, and they all would have loved to have done it.

Donald Trump 01:45:23

I said, Dana, would you do it? You know, it was interesting. He was away, and he said to the people that, you know, one of my guys called, said, I won't be able to do it. I'm. Gee, I just left with my wife and family. I won't. I said. He said, no. Yeah, I was a little surprised, even though I knew he was very far away, he was in someplace, and he deserved it with his family, you know, the whole thing.

And then I said, all right, so we'll look at who we're going to get. And all of a sudden, she comes in, sir, Dana White just said, he's going to do it, and he's coming back in tonight. He's taking it. You know, the guy is just an incredible guy, and he's, like, a tough champion, but loyal.

Donald Trump

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Yeah, he's gotta be one of your favorite people. He's one of my favorite people.

Joe Rogan

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I love him to death. I've been friends with him for 23 years. I love him.

Donald Trump

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So would you have. Cause what you're doing here is incredible. I mean, everybody tells me. All I know is today I'm going, you know, you're on Joe Rogan. People are telling me, like I said, I say, how the hell do you know that? But it's sort of what you've done here is amazing.

Donald Trump

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Where would you be if you didn't do the UFC stuff? Would you have this show, do you think?

Joe Rogan

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Yeah, I would still be doing it, for sure. Yeah.

Donald Trump

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Would it be at the same level? I don't know, but you would have to.

Joe Rogan

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It's hard to know. I think, you know, one of the things that works for this show, I guess, is that I'm involved in so many different things, you know, standup comedy, ufc and all the interests that I have that lead to the podcast will.

Donald Trump

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You always want to do. First of all, you love ufc.

Joe Rogan

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I love it. Yeah.

You love the fights. I mean, I watch you. You are loving it. They could pay you nothing. It'd be very.

Joe Rogan

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They didn't pay me anything for the first, like, 13 shows. I did it for free because they were hemorrhaging money. And I became friends with Dana, and my position was, you're going to give me the best seat in the house. I get to sit cage side for the fights. Like, I'll do it.

Joe Rogan

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And I wanted to help. I was like, I think these are the guys that we had always hoped for in the early days of the sport. I started working for the company in 1997. I was the. Before the UFC was purchased by Zuffa, which Dana worked for. So I was a part of the previous owners.

Joe Rogan

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And I only did it for a couple years. It was just too much and I was losing money. And it was banned from cable because of Budweiser and John McCain, and you could only get it on Direct TV. And so.

Donald Trump

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And then I came along and I gave him the sights.

Joe Rogan

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He did, and he loves you for that.

Donald Trump

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And he never forgot it.

Joe Rogan

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He loves you for that. He talks all the time just to.

Donald Trump

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Interrupt you, for one. So he. They couldn't get a sight because it was too dangerous and everybody was against it and they couldn't get license. And I gave him the first two or three sites, and they were great. And by the way, I went to the first fight, I said, I never saw anything like this.

Donald Trump

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It was crazy. It was so good. Take the best fight you've ever. It was like that fight, right? It was so good that I gave it to him again. And all of a sudden it caught on. But, you know, when I wasn't in vogue, you know, I've had time. You probably never had a time, but I had times when I wasn't exactly in vogue.

Donald Trump

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Dana, they called him, he said, he's the greatest guy. There's nobody like. He said, I'll never say anything bad about that guy. Because when I needed. Because they were having a hard time at the beginning, they almost pulled the plug a couple of times, right? He said he stood up and he gave us stuff that nobody else gave us and nobody wanted anything to do.

Donald Trump

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And he said, I will never. And there was a time where it would have been very popular for him to say bad stuff about me. He said the greatest stuff about me. He said, you're going to try and get me to say bad stuff about Trump. I'm never doing it.

Joe Rogan

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No, he's a very. He's an unusual guy. Very unusual guy.

Donald Trump

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He's a fantastic guy.

Joe Rogan

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A purple guy. To be at the helm of something so controversial as the ufc.

Donald Trump

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Less controversial now.

Joe Rogan

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Well, now it's huge. Yeah. Well, this was always the thing that I would hope that it would be. I always knew that it was unbelievably entertaining, but I just didn't know if maybe I was crazy, maybe I loved it because I've had this long history of being involved in martial arts and maybe like other people who just think it's too violent.

Donald Trump

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But can boxing make it?

Yeah, boxing's still a great sport. I love boxing.

Donald Trump

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But it seems to be so unimportant now by comparison to ufc, don't you think?

Joe Rogan

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I think. Well, you know, Dana is working with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. They're going to start promoting boxing now. And with Dana at the helm of it, I think boxing can return. Because the thing is, they want to make fights that other people maybe, you know, promoters don't want to make because they want to protect their fighter.

Joe Rogan

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Controversial fights where, you know, it's dangerous. Like, you don't know this guy could lose. And so the Saudis, they're smart. They just offer a tremendous amount of money and they're putting together fights that no one else can put together. They're doing that in boxing.

Donald Trump

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If Dana's involved, he'll probably make it good. You know the amazing thing, though, in fighting, no UFC fighter they say has ever died. And it looks to me much more violent than boxers. Many boxers have died. Isn't it interesting? And Dana tells me, because they take so many shots to the face.

Joe Rogan

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Yes. And there's also no other options to preserve yourself, to protect yourself. So if you get hit in a UFC fight, you can clinch. You could try to take the fight to the ground. You get options. Also, you don't get allowed to get knocked down and then get back up. When you get knocked down, you're concussed.

Joe Rogan

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And generally, you know, if a guy's really hurt, they could be finished in on the ground and the fight's over. If it's boxing, you have 10 seconds to get up. You get up, your head kind of clears, but you're still in real bad trouble. And then you can kind of run away and survive until the bell rings.

Joe Rogan

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They're only three minute rounds, and then you start again. So you're getting repeated punishment to the head, you know, and then there's also the issue of guys weight cutting, you know, which is a problem with the UFC as well. But weight cutting and boxing has led

to, if you look at deaths in boxing, there's very few of them in the heavyweight division.

Joe Rogan

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Most of the deaths in boxing are the lighter weight divisions because when guys dehydrate themselves to lose weight, to make weight, their brain is the last thing that gets rehydrated. Like it's very difficult to completely rehydrate your. Hydrate your brain quickly. And you only have 24 hours between the weigh in and the fight.

Joe Rogan

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And it used to be the weigh ins were the day of the fight. Like when Boom Boom Mancini had a fight with Duck Koo Kim and killed him in the ring, which is one of the last ones on television that we've seen. That was a crazy event for people and heartbreaking. And it led to a bunch of different changes.

Joe Rogan

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And one of them is day before weigh ins to allow people to rehydrate better. And the other one is they dropped it from 15 rounds down to 12.

Donald Trump

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Which look, they should do that again. You know, I'm not, I'm not the fighter, so. But those 15 round fights were unbelievable.

Joe Rogan

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They were unbelievable. Yeah. You go back to the golden age.

Donald Trump

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Yeah. In terms of entertainment.

Joe Rogan

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Oh, yeah.

Donald Trump

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Those were the championship rounds. Those were the greatest fights.

Joe Rogan

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Those last three rounds were crazy.

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That was brutal.

Joe Rogan

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I mean, it's such a war of attrition. You know, a lot of people think even like a five round UFC fight, UFC is five minute round rounds. It's so much energy, you're burning out. And those last couple of rounds, those five round fights, the fourth and the fifth round, unbelievably brutal.

Donald Trump

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Who's the greatest UFC fighter? Are you allowed to say, in your opinion? It's tough for you to say because you do this, but who do you think is the greatest of the fighters?

Joe Rogan

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There's a lot of arguments for who's the greatest of all time. You know, Jon Jones, most people would say is the greatest of all time, never lost. It's a. There's certainly a really good argument for that. There's another argument for George St. Pierre. I always leave in BJ Penn in his prime, Anderson Silva in his prime, you know, Mighty Mouse.

Joe Rogan

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People forget about Mighty Mouse because unfortunately he's a smaller guy. He's 125lb flyweight champion. He's one of the greatest expressions of mixed martial arts I've ever seen, I think to this day. And Khabib, what about Khabib is fantastic. But if you looked at like, accomplishments in terms of championship. Khabib retired 29. 0, but he didn't have his and.

Donald Trump

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Probably never lost a round.

Joe Rogan

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They say he might have lost to Glace and Tebow. He might have lost to him around. Might have lost a round. And that was a controversial fight where people think that Glace and Tebow could have even got the decision in that fight. I'd have to go back and watch it again to make a decision.

Donald Trump

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But they're great athletes.

Joe Rogan

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Oh, the best athletes in the world. And the most dangerous sport in terms of, like I always call it, high level problem solving with dire physical consequences.

Donald Trump

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That's what fighting is, you know, I never forget. So there was a fighter named James Tony.

Joe Rogan

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Oh, yeah. I love James Toney.

Donald Trump

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He fought as a very light fighter and he ended up as a heavyweight. This guy went through everything. He was almost like a lightweight.

Joe Rogan

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He went from middleweight all the way up to heavyweight.

Donald Trump

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Yeah. And he was a real fighter.

Joe Rogan

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Oh, yeah.

Donald Trump

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So James Toney, and I think it was St. George.

Joe Rogan

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George St. Pierre.

Donald Trump

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St. Pierre. I think it was him. Who did he fight? James Toney?

Joe Rogan

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No, James Tony didn't fight George.

Donald Trump

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He fought a UFC fighter.

Yeah. Randy Couture fought James Toney was it. But that was like an easy fight. That was a very easy fight. Randy Couture just took him down and.

Donald Trump

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It was the most. And he's half the size. And he just once he got to the ankles. In fact, the announcer said, it's over.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah. And he put him, took him down, mounted him, strangled him.

Donald Trump

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And James said he was. But he was talking big because he was much bigger. He was a pretty big guy.

Joe Rogan

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I think James just wanted to make some money.

Donald Trump

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You think so? Yeah, but I never forgot it. It was over very quickly. And he was lying, sleeping on the mat, and he was talking, you know, he was doing the Muhammad Ali stuff, but it didn't work out. But I remember sold the fight. Yeah, that was Couture. Probably.

Joe Rogan

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It was Couture. George never fought a boxer in an MMA fight. If he did, he would kill them.

Donald Trump

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Was he one of the greatest?

Joe Rogan

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Yes, unquestionably. That's the argument. There's like a handful of guys you can make. The argument is the greatest of all time. People forget about Anderson Silva in his prime. He was unstoppable. It's. But that's. And then there's Fedor Emelianenko, who fought Pride in his prime. He was unstoppable. There's. There's this.

Donald Trump

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And you Have a couple now that are pretty good.

Oh, we've got so many now. Alex Pereira, there's an argument that he's the pound for pound fighters.

Donald Trump

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Very good.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah, he's unbelievable. But it's like fighters can only compete at that level for so many years. And so my opinion, you have to judge them at their very peak. You can't judge them when they're hanging on and still fighting. You can't judge them when they're coming up. You got to judge them in that championship peak.

Joe Rogan

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In that championship peak. There's a handful of guys that you would consider at the very top.

Donald Trump

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If they stopped a little bit sooner, some of them would have had, you know, I mean, there are a couple of that you just mentioned without mentioning names. If they stopped, they had the perfect. They were unbelievable. And then at a certain age, they start getting knocked out. Right?

Joe Rogan

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Yes, it's unfortunate. But the thing is, that same belief in themselves that lets them become a champion makes them think that they can do it long past the time that they actually can.

Donald Trump

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Well, Anderson Silver was essentially unbeatable, and then he lost a close one. Then all of a sudden he had no.

Joe Rogan

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He got knocked out. He got knocked out by Chris Weidman. He was kind of clowning in that fight, famously. And Chris Weidman had a vicious left hook, knocked him out. And then they fought a second time and he broke his leg on Chris Weidman. And after that fight, he was kind of never the same because that.

Joe Rogan

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That leg break injury which Conor McGregor had, there's quite a few fighters. Weidman actually wound up having the same injury, ironically, has only been like, you're.

Donald Trump

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Never the same because you can't kick.

Joe Rogan

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Never the same. Well, you can. Weidman is still kicking with that leg. You can, but psychologically, when you throw a kick and your leg snaps in half and you're in agony for a year, right? You have to get surgery. You have to get bolts and plates to keep your leg together. And then it takes forever for it to heal.

Donald Trump

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It always amazed me how the kicker, I mean, you have those cases, but the kicker will do tremendous damage to somebody's leg. But their leg doesn't seem to get damaged, isn't it?

Joe Rogan

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It does get damaged.

Donald Trump

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It hurts more than you think. Yeah.

Joe Rogan

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But your shin, you. Your shin gets very numb after a while. And guys that are really good kickers, they're kicking the thigh and they're kicking the kicking. They're kicking soft areas and they're slamming this hard, numb shin, right? Their shin gets all these, like, micro fractures. All over the shin and it calcifies.

Joe Rogan

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Like, these guys can kick baseball bats. You ever seen break baseball bats with their shins? It's crazy. Some guys can do two baseball bats. Someone will hold the baseball bat and they just kick right through them.

Donald Trump

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But I watch your enthusiasm now, Right?

Joe Rogan

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Yeah.

Donald Trump

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And it's like, that's why you're good at what? That's why you. Nobody does this better that without the enthusiasm. Forget it.

Joe Rogan

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Well, it has to be authentic like that. I mean, the only reason why I do MMA commentary is because I. I'm very interested in it. For real. It's. I'm not. I don't have to manufacture it. I'm very interested. So I.

Donald Trump

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You love going in there after the fight and they're sweating all over you, they're slopping all over you, they're bleeding.

Joe Rogan

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Sometimes their nose.

Donald Trump

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Does that bother you?

Joe Rogan

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A little bit?

Donald Trump

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Yeah. Like two weeks ago with the guy. Was he. I never saw.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah, he.

Donald Trump

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More stuff came out of his nose.

Joe Rogan

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Yes, it was pretty nasty, but no, I'm very used to it. I just wanted him to be able to explain.

Donald Trump

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You've done a great job.

Joe Rogan

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Thank you.

Donald Trump

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You've done a great job. Thank you.

Joe Rogan

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So back to you, and back to. What are you. And first of all, I love this idea of you teaming up with Robert Kennedy, and I love this Make America healthy again idea, because there are chemicals and ingredients that are in our food that are illegal in other countries because they've been shown to be toxic.

Joe Rogan

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There's pesticides and herbicides, and there's a lot of shit that's been sprayed on our food that really is unnecessary. And there's a lot of health consequences that people are suffering from. A lot of these things. I.

Donald Trump

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Look at this chart for you.

Joe Rogan

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Beautiful.

Donald Trump

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Because I had a feeling you'd be asking me.

Joe Rogan

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Thank you.

Donald Trump

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Look at this chart. These are healthier countries. Look where the United States is. I'm going to send this to RFK Junior.

Joe Rogan

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So this is. Well, something along the. I was actually talking to RFK today, and he told me

that more than 70% of young men are ineligible for the military because of their health.

Donald Trump

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I could see it.

Joe Rogan

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That's crazy.

Donald Trump

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A lot of it's obesity.

Joe Rogan

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So here's the life expectancy versus health expenditure.

Donald Trump

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Same chart.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah.

Donald Trump

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Did you see that?

Joe Rogan

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Usa.

Donald Trump

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That's pretty good.

Joe Rogan

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Jamie's the best.

Donald Trump

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He's very good.

Joe Rogan

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He's the best. But.

Donald Trump

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No, but look at that. Look at us.

Joe Rogan

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Look at the usa. Not good. And that's our food. That's Our diet, that's sedentary lifestyle. That's our diet. That's the chemicals we ingest. That's what that is.

Donald Trump

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But RFK is going to be very, you know, I think he's a great guy.

Joe Rogan

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I love the fact that you guys teamed up.

Donald Trump

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Yeah.

Joe Rogan

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And are you guys, are you completely committed to have him a part of your administration?

Donald Trump

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Oh, I am. But the only thing I want to be a little careful about with him is the environmental because, you know, he doesn't like oil. I love oil and gas. I think, you know, I think it's just keep him out of that fire. So I'm going to sort of keep him out of a little.

Donald Trump

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I said focus on health. You can do whatever you want, but I gotta be a little bit careful with the liquid gold, you know.

Joe Rogan

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I understand. But listen, there's plenty of good work that could be done if you focus on health.

Donald Trump

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Here's the one that. Here's the one that. My all time favorite though.

What is that?

Donald Trump

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See the arrow right here? That's what I left.

Joe Rogan

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Do you have anyone that is pressuring you to not work with him? Have there been people?
RFK Jr Yes. I would imagine because financially he could put a dent.

Donald Trump

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I would say that. And you know, I think in many ways they've done a good job. In many ways they've done a bad job. But I would say that the big pharma wasn't thrilled when they heard that you don't have a relation. I've actually always gotten along very well with him. I've known him a long time.

Donald Trump

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He's a different kind of a guy. He's very smart, great guy, and he's very sincere about this. I mean, he really is. You know, he thinks we spend a fortune on pesticides and all this stuff and then you end up. That chart is a terrible chart. The one previous. It's such a bad chart when you look at where we are compared to other countries that don't spend 10 cents.

Donald Trump

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So, you know, and you save a lot of money. But yeah, we. I've had some people that aren't exactly thrilled. You can imagine. Right, sure. It's a good question, actually.

Joe Rogan

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Well, certainly if it doesn't affect some pharmaceutical drugs that have been prescribed that have negative consequences that these people have been profiting off of. And then you have a guy like RFK Jr. Who spends an enormous amount of time highlighting those things. You could say how they'd be very reluctant to have you support him.

Donald Trump

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I would say that's an understatement.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah. So what do you do to stop that from getting in the way?

Donald Trump

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Well, look, they've come up with some amazing things. I mean, I don't know how you feel. I know you're against certain vaccines. Vaccines, but like the polio vaccine. People had polio. It was like a disaster. And they came up Dr. Salk and he came up with a vaccine and there's no polio now.

Donald Trump

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Very interesting. There hasn't been polio, but now in the Gaza Strip. Can you believe that? Have you heard that there's been a big strain of polio coming out in the Gaza Strip?

Joe Rogan

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Is it vaccine derived polio? Because you know, there's a strain of polio that comes directly from the vaccine. Because unfortunately sometimes we vaccinate people for polio.

Donald Trump

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Give them poll. I mean, all I can do is I sit down and I listen to him and I'll give it a total. I would love him to be right because if he's right, it's a lot less expensive.

Joe Rogan

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Generally, there's two things that people point to when they point to the dangers of the pharmaceutical drug industry. One thing is when pharmaceutical drugs were allowed to advertise on television. We're only one of two countries in the world that allow pharmaceutical drugs to advertise on tv. The other one's New Zealand, but they're more restrictive than we are.

Joe Rogan

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People are.

Donald Trump

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But those ads, those ads, when you hear like, you know, take a certain.

Joe Rogan

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Drug and then you hear all the.

Donald Trump

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Causes and then you say it causes cancer and baldness. We don't like baldness.

Joe Rogan

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Suicidal ideas and that.

And eyesight and you can lose your vision. And you know, I just, I actually asked one of these guys I would never take. I mean, because there's things that are so bad they go through a whole list. I guess they save some liability. But man, I said, does that affect the purchase? And they say it really does.

Donald Trump

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When they, when there's something you have and you read and then they go through the list of side effects, the potential side effects. It's not even the potential side effects. I mean, a lot of people are just. I asked that question. People hear that. When I hear it, I'm going to take a pass.

Donald Trump

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It says may affect your vision, may cause blindness, may this.

Joe Rogan

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Well, I know you're aware of Cali and Casey means, right?

Donald Trump

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Yes.

Joe Rogan

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Well, one of the things that they pointed out, and this is a very important thing for people to understand is what a lot of these drugs do is they act to somehow or another mitigate the effects of poor Metabolic health. But most of these problems that these people are suffering from wouldn't exist if we put an emphasis on metabolic health.

Joe Rogan

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If people got healthier, they started eating nutritious food and taking vitamins, a whole host of these problems that people are having would go away. And the problem with that from the pharmaceutical drug standpoint is they wouldn't be able to sell drugs to these people. And this is a fear that, and.

Donald Trump

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Pesticides and things like that on the plants. And what do you think of that?

Joe Rogan

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It's terrible. Well, I think regenerative agriculture unfortunately is very difficult to scale to a point where you got a jack in the box on every corner, right?

That's right.

Joe Rogan

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If everybody wants food and we have food deserts and we, we have places like Los Angeles where no one's growing anything and everything has to be shipped in. It's very difficult to feed that many people. We've created this incredible society where we have these enormous cities, but it's very difficult to get food to these people.

Joe Rogan

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And then for a lot of these people in low income areas, the only food that's available is cheap, unhealthy food.

Donald Trump

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That's right.

Joe Rogan

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And we could fix that. If we could send \$175 billion to Ukraine, we could do something to fit, fix a lot of the health problems that the United States has. And I think it would help us as a nation overall. Just if you just put it out there that, hey, as a nation we're going to make a concerted effort to get people healthier.

Joe Rogan

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Just put it out there and people start making better choices.

Donald Trump

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Well, when you look at that chart, it's crazy. They just gave me that chart because they said you may want to discuss this topic, which I know is a big topic for you. And when I looked at that chart and I looked at how unhealthy we are as a nation, that's, that's a pretty big thing.

Joe Rogan

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How are you so healthy? Is it golf?

Donald Trump

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No, it's genetics, I believe. You know, I'm a big.

Joe Rogan

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Genetics is a big factor.

I really am. I mean, my father was.

Joe Rogan

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Unfortunately, it is a big factor for health. Some people are just way more robust. But you do play golf a lot.

Donald Trump

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And that is actually both of my parents. For me, it's good fresh air. It really is. It's fresh air outside. Even mentally, you're focused on that three footer. And for some, for a couple of hours, you know, and I go quick, I play fast, real fast, and I'm in, I'm out. But you know, it Gives me.

Donald Trump

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I was never one that could, like, run on a treadmill. I just. And I can do it, you know, when passing a physical. They asked me to run on a treadmill, and then they make it steeper and steeper and steeper. And the doctor said it was at Walter Reed. They said, it's unbelievable.

Donald Trump

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I could have got. I'm telling you, I felt I could have gone all day. But I said, doc, I can do this all day long. I'm not. I have no problem. But it's boring to me. Do you understand? It's just boring.

Joe Rogan

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Golf's exciting.

Donald Trump

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But I did it for so long, they couldn't believe it that I did it. And I never did. You know, I don't do it. I don't really. You know, I have friends. They run in this stuff all day long, but I had no problem doing it. But it's really boring. So with golf or something, you know, or tennis or whatever.

Donald Trump

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But golf, as you get older, there's something really good about it. And you have competition with competition, competition, concentration. And it's a great handic cap sport.

Joe Rogan

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And it's also a thing. I think that's. It cleans your mind because when you're looking at a shot, that's all you can think of. When you're executing it gives you a couple of hours.

Donald Trump

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You know, it's interesting. Like with tennis, if you're much better than somebody, you can't really play with somebody, you know, it doesn't work. You can give them sort of the equivalent of strokes, right? But it's not this. With golf, you can play with a lousy guy and give him a stroke. A hole or two strokes.

Donald Trump

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A hole or something, you know, it's a good handicapping spot, but it gives me a little exercise. But I haven't played in a long time. I won a lot of. I won 32 club championships.

Joe Rogan

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Didn't you play right after you got shot?

Donald Trump

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No, what I did is I played with Bryson DeChambeau. Do you know Bryson? Yes, the pro. He's a great player. And we played. It was a certain thing that we played, I guess, called breaking 50 or something. 50. We play for a certain tee, and if you can break 50. And it got tremendous ratings.

Donald Trump

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Sort of like a crazy thing. It got tremendous. He's a great guy.

Joe Rogan

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But wasn't that like a couple of days after you got shot?

Donald Trump

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I don't know. I know I did.

Joe Rogan

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That was one of the funniest things. You were on the golf course.

Donald Trump

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I think I did, yeah. Maybe I did. But, you know, I view it very interestingly. I'm running for President of the United States. To me, it's such a big deal. It's so important. So I've got.

Now, what's the biggest deal in the free world?

Donald Trump

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It's 100 times bigger than the Super Bowl. And it's one person.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah.

Donald Trump

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So you're down to two people. And we start off at 9 billion. Because you have 9 billion, they say, in the world, who knows what that number is? But you get down to 350 million. Sadly, we have no idea what we have in this country. But let's assume it's 325, 350, and you're down to two people.

Donald Trump

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It's the biggest thing in the world. And when I heard she took off yesterday and she took off the day before and she's going to take off tomorrow or the next, say, I haven't taken a day off in 56 days. That's a long time. I haven't taken one day off. I don't. I didn't.

Donald Trump

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I don't want to play golf. This is too exciting. Golf is great, but this is too exciting. This is more exciting than anything you can do.

Joe Rogan

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And also it's the home stretch.

Donald Trump

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It's the home stretch. Who would take a day off? So we have 11 days left now. And think of it. So I think I've gone 54, 55 days in a row, no days off. And I make speeches. Oftentimes, you know, sometimes not, but I make speeches. And when you make a speech, and my speeches last a long time because of the weave, you know, I mean, I weave stories into it.

Donald Trump

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And if you don't, if you just read a teleprompter, nobody's going to be very excited. You got to weave it out. So you. But you always have to, as you say, you always have to get right back to what.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah.

Donald Trump

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Otherwise it's no good. But the weave is very, very important. And very few weavers around. But it's a big strain on your. You know, it's a big. It's a lot of work. It's a lot of work. You gotta be careful with the voice. You can lose that voice. The voice wasn't designed. I said today.

Donald Trump

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So I made a big one. Last night I was in Las Vegas, Big one. The night before in Arizona, big one. I mean, they're all big. We have the. There's never been anything like it in terms of crowd. Never been close. Never been close. They say, he talks about crowd, says, you know what's very interesting?

Donald Trump

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So we get crowds that are really big. And I say, you know, I've never had a story because I don't get good press. I don't think I've had a good story in years.

Joe Rogan

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I really don't.

Donald Trump

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I don't. I swear. I don't think you were talking about it a little bit with Oprah. Everybody loved me. I don't think I became President of the United States. I did great. The second time, I did much better. I don't want to get you in any disputes, but I won that second election so easy, and not just because of the way.

Joe Rogan

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But let me get to that. I want to talk to you about that.

Donald Trump

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But here's the thing. I did that, and now I've gotten the nomination again. And don't forget to get these nominations. You go against very smart people. Ron Desantis was hot. Had to go through him. Nikki Haley was hot. Had to go through her. I went through everybody. Record time, right? Record time. I got three nominations in a row, won the first time, did much better the second time.

Donald Trump

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You know, I get millions of votes, more the second time, and now I'm doing it a third time. And it's an incredible thing. I never get a good story. I only get bad press. Now, I will say this. It's a lot easier if you're a Democrat. If I were a Democrat, you get.

Joe Rogan

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A lot of positive press.

Donald Trump

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I would get a lot of positive press. Yeah.

Joe Rogan

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No, it's a creepy, corrupt business. And the media, to a large extent, acts as a propaganda arm for the Democratic Party.

Donald Trump

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It's not even believable.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah. I mean, it's bizarre to watch. And most young people, I think, are aware of it. I think most boomers still, unfortunately read the newspapers and believe in cnn.

Donald Trump

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But it's getting younger, let me tell you. It's getting for us, a conservative. And, you know, I don't.

Joe Rogan

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But you know why that's.

Donald Trump

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I consider myself a person.

Joe Rogan

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It's because the Internet's giving people information that they're not getting from anywhere else. And they, like the very fine people hoax, the Russiagate hoax. All these different things they've done, they tried to pin on you. That's like. It's a clear distortion of what you actually said.

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Bloodbath hoax.

Joe Rogan 02:11:37
Yeah.

Donald Trump 02:11:38
I was talking about the auto industry. It's a bloodbath because Japan and, of course, China are taking our order. And I said, it's a bloodbath. They said, ah. He used the word bloodbath. If you don't win.

Joe Rogan 02:11:51
It's going to be a bloodbath.

Donald Trump 02:11:53
It's a terrible thing they do.

Joe Rogan 02:11:55
But that's the problem with propagandists because they take things out of context. And ultimately what they do is they diminish their own credibility because people don't want to listen to anymore because they see that they've done that and they recognize what's going on and they feel insulted. Their intelligence is, well, look at the ratings.

Donald Trump 02:12:10
You know, shows like yours. So I have a son who's very smart and tall. Barren, Right? And he knows all about you. He knows about guys I never heard of. He said, dad, you don't know how big they are. They're big, you know, he told me how big. I said, who the hell is he?

Donald Trump 02:12:27
Like Ross. I did. He said, dad, he's a great guy. I mean, guys that are doing. It's a whole new world out there.

Joe Rogan 02:12:34
It's a different world.

Donald Trump 02:12:35
And I, you know, I'm on TikTok now.

Congratulations.

Donald Trump

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And I've done really well. No, but you know the crazy. Have you seen the numbers? Billions, like, billions of hits. It's crazy.

Joe Rogan

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I'm sure TikTok's a wild application.

Donald Trump

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And I've gone up 30 points. A Republican is always down 30 with young people. I'm plus 30 and I'm on TikTok.

Joe Rogan

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I think young people.

Donald Trump

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It's had a huge impact.

Joe Rogan

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Young people are rejecting a lot of this woke bullshit. Young people are tired of being yelled at and scolded. They're tired of these people that they think are mentally ill telling them what the moral standards of society should be today. And people are upset.

Donald Trump

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There's a big difference now. But even in just a couple of years, I was shaking hands with people. They're young people.

Joe Rogan

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The rebels are Republicans now. They're like, you want to be a rebel? You want to be punk rock? You want to, like, buck the system? You're a conservative now. That's how crazy. And then the liberals are now pro silencing criticism. They're pro censorship online. They're talking about regulating free speech, and they're regulating the First Amendment.

Joe Rogan

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It's bananas to watch, Joe.

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They come after their political opponent.

Joe Rogan

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Well, they do.

Donald Trump

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I got more guys. I always say, you know, I kid, but I'm not kidding. I've been investigated more than Alphonse Capone. He was the meanest of them all. He'd kill you in two seconds if he didn't like you. Right? I've been under investigation more than Alphonse Capone only because it's political opponent stuff.

Donald Trump

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And I've won. I won the big case in Florida. I'm winning the other stuff. You win. But you know what they did? They did something that's only done in third world countries. They came after their political opponent. Yes, I could have put crooked Hillary in jail.

Joe Rogan

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Well, not only that, but then they're weaponizing it by saying that that's what you're going to do once you get in office, isn't it? By ignoring what they're doing right now. It's crazy.

Donald Trump

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I heard it. Somebody was defending me today. No, that's. They say that's what you're doing to him. They're going, he's going to put us in jail. He's going to invest.

Joe Rogan

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That's what you're doing.

Donald Trump

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That's what you're doing to him.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah.

Donald Trump

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A lot of people say, will you do that? Will you do that to him, to them, if you win? You know, it's. The presidency has tremendous power. I could have put crooked Hillary.

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I respected that. You didn't, because what you said was, it would be bad for the country.

Donald Trump

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No, I couldn't even imagine. You have, first of all, Secretary of State, but more importantly, the wife of the President of the United States of America going into jail. And if you ever saw. When I'd say something about her, they'd all say, I didn't say it. I never said it. They say, lock her up, lock her.

Donald Trump

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And I'd always go, take it easy. Just relax. We're going to win this thing. Take it easy, take it easy. And I'm telling you, I kept it down. Just the opposite. Now they say Trump wanted to put her in jail. No, I saved her from going to jail. They had more stuff on her.

Donald Trump

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And Comey had it. Because when Comey got up and he stupidly. Because he's a stupid guy, too, he goes, he's a stupid son of a bitch. He got up, Joe. He got up. And instead of saying, she's innocent of all charges, he went over each charge and each charge was a killer. And he'd go, and as far as her doing this, she's innocent.

Donald Trump

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And this. And then she said only an unfair prosecutor would go. But every time you heard these charges, they sounded so bad. They were bad. And all it was is he wanted more airtime. If he would have gone up and said, I've thoroughly investigated Hillary Clinton and she's done nothing that we feel is wrong, it would have ended.

Donald Trump

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Instead, he wanted to be up there because He's a PR hound, He's a hog. And he starts going through the. And you know what? He. They had a huge problem because FBI is great. The people there, not the top people, the people, the real people, the people that work there. It's like the real generals that I told you about that defeated ISIS in record time.

Donald Trump

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The FBI guys are great. I'll bet you I'd be at 95% in the FBI.

Joe Rogan

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I bet that's right underneath.

And so here's the thing. So he goes with Hillary, and instead of just saying, he goes through each charge, right? And I would say, man, those are bad charges.

Joe Rogan

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Sounds terrible. Because he met her with those charges.

Donald Trump

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Don't forget, this is before I got there. Right now. He was trying to protect her, but.

Joe Rogan

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He did her a great disservice because he wanted attention.

Donald Trump

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He was stupid.

Joe Rogan

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So I want to talk about 2020 because you said over and over again that you were robbed in 2020.

Donald Trump

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Yeah, totally.

Joe Rogan

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How do you think you were robbed? Everybody always cuts you off. I'm going to allow you.

Donald Trump

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Well, they not only cut you off. Well, what I'd rather do is we'll do it another time. And I would bring in papers that you would not believe. So many different papers. That election was so crooked. It was the most crooked election.

Joe Rogan

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Okay, but give me some examples of how.

Donald Trump

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Well, let's start at the top and the easy ones.

Okay.

Donald Trump

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They were supposed to get legislative approval to do the things they did, and they didn't get it. In many cases, they didn't get it.

Joe Rogan

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What things?

Donald Trump

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Anything. Legislative approval, like for extensions of the voting, for voting earlier, for this. All different things. By law, they had to get legislative approvals. You don't have to go any further than that. If you take a look at Wisconsin, they virtually admitted that the election was rigged, robbed and stolen. They wouldn't give access in certain areas to the ballots because the ballots weren't signed.

Donald Trump

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They weren't originals. They were. We could go into this stuff. We could go into the ballots, or we could go into the overall. I'll give you another one.

Joe Rogan

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Are you going to present? Never. Like, do you think, like.

Donald Trump

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Let me just give you one more. 51 intelligence agents come up, that the laptop was from Russia. It turned out to be totally false.

Joe Rogan

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51 former intelligence agents. Right.

Donald Trump

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They say that made. I don't believe it's this much, but it doesn't have to. I won by, like, I lost by, like. Like, I didn't lose, but they say I lost, Joe. They say I lost by 22,000 votes, that's like 1/10 of 1% less than that. It's a tiny little thing. 22,000 votes spread over that, spread over this period.

Donald Trump

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So 51 intelligence agents lied. They lied. They lied. They knew it was. It was Hunters. It was

from his bed. It was Hunter's laptop. They said it was created by Russia. Russia, Russia. It was the Russia hoax. The Russia hoax was a big hoax. It was all a big hoax.

Joe Rogan

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Well, that's clear. That's one example. That is a good example.

Donald Trump

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That's a big example. They say it made a 17 point difference. That's a big example. But that's only one. And you can go into the ballots where they wouldn't give you access to the ballots. You could go into the ballot harvesting, you could go into \$500 million for the lockboxes.

Joe Rogan

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But just in terms of narrative. So there's two things, right? There's the Russia hoax, there's the collusion with Russia. That was never proven. Right? That's what.

Donald Trump

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No, it's proven. It didn't happen.

Joe Rogan

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Right, Right. But they talked about it on television.

Donald Trump

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But two and a half years to prove.

Joe Rogan

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But not only that, but it was a constant narrative on television. That's a constant narrative that gets into people's minds, especially low information people that just watched the news, that you're in collusion with Russia. So that's one. So that changes the narrative. And then you have the 51 former intelligence agents that work with the original Twitter and get them to remove links.

Joe Rogan

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You can't share it on dms. You cannot share that story. They swept that story because they said it was Russian disinformation, even though they knew it was not 100%. So that's two examples that are real examples. Now, anyone who considers himself a legitimate, objective observer of American politics, if you really want the best person to win, you would want people to not lie.

And the only reason why they got away with this lie was because they continually labeled you as this horrible threat to democracy and Hitler. They kept saying, you're going to be a dictator, ignoring the fact that you weren't a dictator for the four years where you were actually the president.

Donald Trump

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I was actually the opposite of a dictator. I was a very straight guy. But look, those three things, you take those three things, each one of them by themselves causes the result to be different.

Joe Rogan

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Okay, it does.

Donald Trump

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And then you can go into 100 other things. There are so many. We can't have corrupt elections and we can't have open borders. We need a. We need you need to have a country. You need borders. You need fair elections. And I'll tell you the other thing you need is you need a free and fair press.

Donald Trump

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One of the things I like about doing a show like this. Can you imagine Kamala doing this show?

Joe Rogan

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I could imagine her doing this show.

Donald Trump

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She would be laying on the floor.

Joe Rogan

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She was supposed to do it, and she might still do it, and I hope she does.

Donald Trump

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She's not going to do it.

Joe Rogan

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I will talk to her like a human being. I will try to have a conversation.

She's kind of an interview with you. I hope she does because it would be a mess. She'd be laying on the floor comatose. You'd be saying, call in the medics.

Joe Rogan

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I think we'd have a fine conversation. I think I'd be able to talk to her. I wouldn't try to interview her. I'd just try to have a conversation with her and hopefully get to know her as a human being. That was my goal, having her on, trying to get her to express herself just as a.

Joe Rogan

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I don't know if these. I don't think these formats are good. I don't think that two people. First of all, I hate the idea of the presidential debates because I hate the idea of a time limitation on complex ideas. Also, you have to break.

Donald Trump

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I think you have to have the debates, too.

Joe Rogan

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Right. But the way they do the debates, I think, is the wrong way to do it. I think they should have a conversation. I think you and Kamala, you sit across a table with no one in the room but the two of you. Of course, you're not going to shout each other. Of course you're not going to shout each other.

Donald Trump

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I mean, it may get. They used to do it.

Joe Rogan

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Hopefully it wouldn't, but that would be the way to do it.

Donald Trump

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They used to do it that way.

Joe Rogan

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They put cameras on you with no. No one interfering with press, with checking whether or not it's factual, especially when it's biased, because they checked you all those times and they didn't check her with clearly things that were inaccurate. Right. So have two people just have a conversation with us without a time constraint.

And also this idea. They cut off the microphone and no crowd. No crowd. Crazy, too, because you're good at working a crowd.

Donald Trump

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I would rather have a crowd.

Joe Rogan

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Of course. I would rather be good at crowds.

Donald Trump

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But I had no. So they gave me an alternative. I don't think he wanted to debate.

Joe Rogan

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Why did they want no crowd? What was the argument?

Donald Trump

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Because I think they thought I wasn't going to accept it. So I believe what they wanted to do is have me not accepted. So they gave me a deal I couldn't refuse, and I said, I'll do it. Okay. It's like the mob, right? I'll take it. So they came to me. They said, we'll debate Joe Biden.

Donald Trump

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You know, that thing got tremendous ratings, too. That was crazy. But we'll debate Joe Biden. But you can't have a crowd. They also wanted sitting down. I said, that's the only thing. I said, look, you got to stand up. You can't really sit down. You know, in the old days, they did sit down a little bit, but he gets tired.

Donald Trump

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You got to stand up. And they agreed to it. It was a very tough thing. It almost killed it. They wanted to have, like, desks. We sit. I said, I think we should stand up. And that was the only thing I asked for. I said, we got to stand up. I thought it looked bad for, like, the public, but they said, no crowd, and cut off the mic.

Donald Trump

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And I said, I can live with it. I mean, I can live with it. And. And they thought I was going to reject it. And then they would say, he didn't want to debate Sleepy Joe.

Joe Rogan

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Right.

Donald Trump

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That's what they thought was going to be.

Joe Rogan

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Well, they tried to say that with you and Kamala as well. They tried to say that you didn't want to debate her as well.

Donald Trump

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No. By the way, with her, number one, I'm leading. Number two, you know, I didn't. They also said it with the primary. So I had like 10, 12 guys. Right? In the primary? No, stupid guys. I mean, they're governors in their senator. They're not stupid people. Some are stupid, but not all of them.

Donald Trump

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And all my guys said, you have to be in the debate. I said, why? I'm leading by 74 points. The closest guy to me, I'm like 60 points, 70 points higher. Why would I stand there like an idiot for two hours and let every one of them scream at me? I'm going to be the focus, right?

Donald Trump

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And I said, I'm not debating. And it was a very smart thing because, you know, they just killed themselves.

Joe Rogan

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The Republican primaries.

Donald Trump

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Yeah, the Republican primary with. I like debating. I think you have to debate, but I like debate.

Joe Rogan

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It has to be fair.

Donald Trump

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I like debating. Like the Rosie O'Donnell debate. I like debating. When you have a great. Remember the Rosie O'Donnell.

Yeah, that's very funny, Megan.

Donald Trump

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Crazy thing, Megan. That was a hell of a question, man. If I didn't come up with that answer.

Joe Rogan

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It was a great line.

Donald Trump

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Well, what it was is, you know, that was. We had 28,000 people. That was the Cleveland arena where The Cavaliers played LeBron James. I'm not a big fan of LeBron James, but he is a good basketball player. But, you know, that was the. And when I said that, the place went crazy. And she kept talking.

Donald Trump

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No, she had, like, 10 other.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah, well, Megan said you said it to other people, and you admitted you did. But it was funny. It was a comedic timing moment.

Donald Trump

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It was fun.

Joe Rogan

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That's what they wanted to do.

Donald Trump

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I was lucky. I did it because she was drowning. Oh, she wasn't finished that question, but she kept talking, but you couldn't hear. To this day, they don't know what she said, but it wasn't positive. So anyway. But we had a good time.

Joe Rogan

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It's comedic timing, and that's the reason why to have a debate in front of a large audience. And then they do with the Al Smith dinner.

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I got very good reviews on that.

Joe Rogan

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That was great. Very funny. Very funny stuff. The Tim Wall stuff was very funny.

Donald Trump

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Tim Wall.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah, it's funny.

Donald Trump

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That's a real beat.

Joe Rogan

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That's a crazy one. She said that she had picked him. And this is one of the questions I want to ask her when she was sleep deprived. She said she was suffering from sleep deprivation when she picked him. Which is just.

Donald Trump

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I was, hey, maybe take a nap. So I was, okay, look, let's see how it all turns out. I think we're gonna win. I think we're way ahead now. I think we're way ahead. But can I bring you back to 2020? I think they're gonna look at two things. They're gonna say they should have had a primary, even if it was a short primary, they shouldn't have picked her.

Donald Trump

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And then she's gonna say, I shouldn't have picked this guy.

Joe Rogan

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She shouldn't have picked that guy.

Donald Trump

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That guy's just.

Joe Rogan

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The lying about Tiananmen Square, everything admitted in that. Yeah. The military record, assistant coach versus head coach, little things.

So I did McDonald's last week.

Joe Rogan

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I saw that.

Donald Trump

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And I actually got a call from your friends at Google, from Sundar. That's pretty good, right? He said, this is the biggest thing we've had in years.

Joe Rogan

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You pat McDonald's at McDonald's.

Donald Trump

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Did you know that? It was one of the.

Joe Rogan

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It was funny.

Donald Trump

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Who's a great guy, by the way. But he said, this McDonald's thing, I want to tell you, it's one of the biggest things we've ever had on Google. It just hit. But the reason I did it and I actually, you know, you never know about this stuff. I thought it was a throwaway.

Donald Trump

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I didn't think our conversation is a throwaway, but I thought that was. I thought I'd walk in and that was only to highlight the fact. And I. I have a friend, he owns like 56 of these McDonald's, and he said, you want to use one? I said, yeah, I love it. So we went there, and the crowd was crazy.

Donald Trump

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You know, they had 28,000 people around the whole thing. Did you see the outside? It was crazy. The cars couldn't get. Secret Service was not exactly thrilled. We had no idea what the hell. But I went into the place and I did the french fry thing, and it just hit. But that's like, in life sometimes you do.

Donald Trump

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I thought it was like a quick throwaway. We're going to be there for 15 minutes. Then I said, I've worked here for 15 minutes, which is 15 minutes more than she worked here.

She lied about McDonald's and, you know.

Joe Rogan

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Is that proven that she never worked here?

Donald Trump

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100%. Well, McDonald's has no information. She has no information. There's nobody. The manager said she never worked there. You know, it was a certain place. And he said they never. No, she lied. She's a liar. You know what they do? They'll say, like on any one of the questions. Take any. They'll say it's the exact opposite of what I say.

Donald Trump

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Ivf. He's against IVF fertilization.

Joe Rogan

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Right?

Donald Trump

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He's. And it's the exact opposite. I came out immediately strongly and favor. And they do ads. I'm against it. It's wrong on every single topic. And, you know, she changed policies on 15. I've never seen a guy change anybody change on more than one. You know, you can maybe get away with one.

Donald Trump

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Her whole life, fracking every single thing that she was for the confiscation of guns she wants to confiscate. Now she's saying everybody should have a gun. In fact, we're going to get her a MAGA cap. I'm going to send her a MAGA cap. But she's changed. And I don't think people are buying it.

Donald Trump

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I don't think people are buying it.

Joe Rogan

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Well, some people are buying it because they want to buy it because it's blue, no matter who. There's a certain percentage of our population that's going to vote Democrat no matter what.

Donald Trump

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That's True.

Joe Rogan 02:29:14

They're pressured. Their community, their ideology. Left is good, right is evil.

Donald Trump 02:29:20

I don't understand why. Okay, you have a wall or you have a. You know, I built 570 miles of wall. I built a lot of wall. Exactly the stuff. But you have a border. What I don't understand is who would want people to come into our country from places unknown? Like sometimes they'll say about a fighter from parts unknown, right?

Donald Trump 02:29:43

Remember Haystacks, Calhoun? From parts. From parts under the oldest. Those are the old days. That's even before you. But who would want people to come in, pouring into our country? We don't know anything about it, but that's.

Joe Rogan 02:29:58

I want to ask you this. Why do you think they're doing that?

Donald Trump 02:30:00

I think because.

Joe Rogan 02:30:01

Do you think they're trying to buy votes? Do you think they just want cheap labor? Like, what is. What's the idea?

Donald Trump 02:30:06

Okay, there's a couple of theories. They hate our country. They're stupid, or they want to buy votes. It's one of those three things.

Joe Rogan 02:30:13

Yeah.

Donald Trump 02:30:14

They want it now. They are trying to get people registered who, you know, don't even know what the country is.

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And they're trying to give people amnesty. People that live here. They're trying to give them freedom.

Donald Trump

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They want to give them citizenship or they want to. Well, how about.

Joe Rogan

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What do you think about the amount of money that they've given them when they've come here? The food stamps, the benefits that even our poor people aren't getting?

Donald Trump

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\$200 billion. And that's a way low number. That's a way low. You know, it's interesting. New York has always been like, you know, sort of like always looking for money. They've spent \$100 billion on this stuff. I don't know where they. And they're not getting the money from the federal government. It's crazy.

Donald Trump

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And because the mayor came out and said, we can't live like this, they investigated him. He gets. By the way I called it. I said, he just got himself indicted. This group is stupid, but they're vicious. They're stupid people, but they're vicious people.

Joe Rogan

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The 2020 elections. You say you have all this evidence that it was rigged. Why haven't you put this evidence in consumable form? In what?

Donald Trump

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Oh, I did. I have books on it. And by the way, books have been written on it. We have an author named Hemingway, who is a great writer. She wrote a book on it. But many books have been written on it. There are books that are. What's happened is judges don't want to touch it.

Donald Trump

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They would say you don't have standing. They didn't rule on the merits. The merits never got there. The judges didn't have what it took to turn over an election.

Joe Rogan

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Let's talk about the potential vulnerabilities for elections and election fraud. One of them is mail in ballots. The other one is the. If someone can break into voting machines, if

someone can hack voting machines. Those are two huge ones.

Donald Trump

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Elon Musk. What? Elon Musk. Elon Musk. I think he said it publicly. I hope he did because I wouldn't want to be the one. But he's a really smart guy and he's a very good guy with computers. Right. You'd say he's, he's one of the smartest people alive. Anybody that can land that 20 story building and perfect and boom.

Joe Rogan

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While he's doing Starlink, while he's doing.

Donald Trump

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While he's talking to me about, while.

Joe Rogan

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He owns Twitter and then he agrees to StarLink and tweets 100 times a day.

Donald Trump

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He's an amazing guy.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah.

Donald Trump

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He said to me that unless you have paper ballots, it can never be an honest election. That's a big story.

Joe Rogan

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It's a big statement.

Donald Trump

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We should go to paper ballots. You know, France did, they went the mail in voting and it was all messed up. You know the amazing thing with the machines? So we have the machines, they cost 10 times more. A paper ballot would cost 8%. And they make paper ballots, they're all watermarked and everything else very sophisticated.

Donald Trump

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But if you take a look, paper ballots, 8% the cost and you're done by 9 o'clock in the evening. Right now we have these sophisticated machine, it goes up to heaven, it goes all over the place and down and around and they say we'll need two weeks to figure out who the hell won the election.

Joe Rogan

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Do you think that's by design?

Donald Trump

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Yeah, I do. I think it's very crooked. That's my opinion.

Joe Rogan

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You're allowed to have that opinion. What could, let's say you win in November. What can be done to mitigate these problems? What could be done at a, you know, at the level that the President has power?

Donald Trump

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Well, if I win, that'll. Bethis will be my last election. But I think I owe it to the country. Yeah, yeah, but I think I owe it to the country. We have to have fair elections.

Joe Rogan

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So how can you fix that?

Donald Trump

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You know, Jimmy Carter was in charge of a commission, you know, that many years ago, and they put him and Scoop Jackson and various senators, you know, distinguished people that were retired, and they came up with a report. And the report's primary finding was you cannot have mail in ballots. Because if it's a mail in ballot, you know, I went to the voting booth the last time, whatever it was, and I walked in in Palm beach, and I walk in and they know me, they say, Mr.

Donald Trump

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President, could I see your identification? Yes. Boom. Here's this, here's that, everything. And then you sit and they watch you sign and you really. There's not a lot you can do. I mean, if you wanted to be dishonest, it's sort of beautiful, right? If instead of that, I'm going to send them a ballot, right.

Donald Trump

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It has to go through the postal services. It has to go through a lot of people. They mail you houses that, you know, the house was demolished and the people have left and it's so bad. The one thing with Jimmy Carter, he had a very strong commission who. No mail in ballots. And we're the only one that does elections this way anymore.

Donald Trump

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They've gotten away from it.

Joe Rogan

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And this is a. It ticked up in a big way after Covid. It used to be like soldiers serving.

Donald Trump

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Overseas, they used Covid to cheat.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah, well, they use Covid to certainly push this mail in ballot. Another thing.

Donald Trump

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But they use Covid to cheat.

Joe Rogan

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But here's another.

Donald Trump

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And the last election was a little bit of a. You couldn't even get security guys, big strong guys to watch. You know what you'd call them? They'd call them and they said they were afraid to go out. You know, we had. We were in the middle of COVID We were in the middle of COVID Right smack in the middle.

Donald Trump

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And they didn't want to die. You know, they didn't want to catch it. It was like, in a way, it was. It was like a ghost town and the whole thing. But mail in ballots are a bad thing. Bad thing.

Joe Rogan

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That certainly is a problem. Mail in ballots are problem. But every other country, you know, other voter id.

A voter id, how many.

Joe Rogan

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Voter ID is the most bizarre argument that I've never seen anybody articulate in a way that's convincing because you don't need vot. Well, it doesn't make sense any other way. I've tried to straw man it, or I tried to steel man it, rather. I've tried to, like, look at it from a position like, why would you not want people to have id?

Joe Rogan

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And a lot of the ideas are just ridiculous. You have an ID to get a driver's License.

Donald Trump

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Okay, but here's now the next step. Gavin Newscom, one of the worst governors in the world. And I used to. Frankly, I used to get along, but I don't get along with him because he's just too. You know, it's just a whole conjugate. But Gavin Newscom the other day signed a bill that you are not allowed to ask a person, even ask them whether or not they have a voter id.

Joe Rogan

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Now, what could be a charitable reason why anyone.

Donald Trump

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Because they want to cheat.

Joe Rogan

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That would be the only thing that makes sense.

Donald Trump

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But that's taking it to the next level right now. You know you have id. The Democrat National Convention, when they had it the last time I saw, they had a sign like a billboard on the. The name of the person, where they live, how they live, who the hell their boyfriends are, every single.

Donald Trump

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And a big picture. That's for their. They have an id, a big id. It was hanging like you were a prisoner. They had these massive cards, everything. And yet, when it comes to the vote, in theory, the most important thing we do, okay, when you go to a grocery store, you give id.

But for a vote, it's supposed to be a sacred thing, and it should be a sacred thing. No voter id because they want to cheat.

Joe Rogan

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Well, it doesn't make sense in any other way. I've tried to look at it. There's no other way. There's no argument that anybody's presented that makes any sense. Why?

Donald Trump

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You know the funny thing, Joe? The Democrats, the people, they all think you should have it. In other words, you should have voted. If you go to the people. Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Smith, Mr. And Mrs. Jones.

Joe Rogan

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Sure.

Donald Trump

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They say, of course, yeah, Democrats, they say, yes. It's the politicians that don't want it, like Schumer and these guys, they don't want it because they want to be able to cheat. Because, you know, what if they didn't have it? Okay, who is going to vote for somebody that wants open borders? Who's going to vote for somebody that wants to have men playing in women's sports?

Donald Trump

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You know, I have never had one person come up to me and say, president, you got to do something to allow men to play in women's sports. Have you ever. Just like I've never been called by a pollster. I told you my little theory on pollsters, okay? I'm getting myself in trouble with some of these things, but I don't really care.

Donald Trump

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Nobody's ever come up to me and said, we want to have men playing women's sports. And you know, I had a funny thing at a property I own in California. I have a woman who's a very good athlete and she works there as a manager. And Brian Urlacher, the big Chicago Bears great player, you know, 10 time all star, I guess hall of Famer, great guy, big strong guy.

Donald Trump

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And she said, oh, he's one of my favorite athletes. Can I have a picture? And I took a picture and I said, and I noticed she was the size of his leg. His leg was bigger than she was. And I put it out. Should men play in women's foot? The whole. It was just so

ridiculous.

Joe Rogan

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What's one of the most bizarre and polarizing ideas that's promoted by the left?

Donald Trump

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But who wants it now? Unless you're going to cheat in elections you're never going to get. Nobody wants it, right? I don't think anybody wants it. I've never, I've been told everything, you know, you can. Some people want this. I don't know of anybody that wants open borders. Nobody's ever come up to me and say, president, you gotta let the world come into our country.

Donald Trump

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Right now, if they won. So they have 21 million. I think it's much higher than that because you have got aways, you know, gotaways where they just walk in. They walk in. And the other thing you have is human traffickers. You have traffickers and they traffic in women. And they're going wild now.

Donald Trump

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We used to, you know where you have to look, the trunk of cars. Can you believe it? They put women in trunks. They'll put three women in a trunk. These people are savages. They're horrible, the worst people. And they're making the kind of money they make on drugs, they're almost making on trafficking now.

Donald Trump

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And the thing that's made it hot is the Internet. That's what, you know, you think of it almost as an ancient thing, but it's the Internet. But who would want to have these things? Who would want to have. There's so many, the transgender operations where they're allowed to take your child when he goes to school and turn him into a male to a female without parental consent.

Donald Trump

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Who wants this? Does anybody want this? I've never heard of anyone. And I can go into 10 different things. The only way they get them is by no voter id. You can't have voter id. They don't want any. They want to cheat. There's only one reason, because the voter ID is so basic.

Donald Trump

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It's the most basic thing.

It's very basic.

Donald Trump

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Who would want this. They want it so they can cheat because their policies are no good. I'll tell you, they're very smart when it comes to that. They're very smart, although they're not smart in terms of politics, in a way, because what do they have that people want, they really don't have? They give away a lot of healthcare, a lot of stuff.

Donald Trump

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But for the most part, their policies are terrible. Their policy on military. She's running on a tax hike. She's going to raise your taxes. You got to hear this. We are going to raise your taxes. And the people clap. But who is going to win with. All my life, I grew up where politicians lower taxes.

Donald Trump

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She's politicking that we are going to raise your taxes.

Joe Rogan

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Well, they want to raise. The idea is they want to raise the taxes to the highest earners. I know, but millionaires and billionaires are not paying their fair share tax.

Donald Trump

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But it doesn't work that way.

Joe Rogan

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Well, it's a narrative, right? And it's a narrative that appeals to people that are not doing well. And they're like, yeah, our problems are that these rich people are not paying taxes.

Donald Trump

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Well, the problems are the rich people are going to leave and they're going to close up their companies and then other people aren't going to have jobs. You know, that's what happens.

Joe Rogan

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It does happen in other countries.

Donald Trump

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But the whole. Because you brought it up, I'll tell you what, we just. He's doing a very good

job in Virginia. Glenn Youngkin. I don't know if you like him or not like him.

Joe Rogan

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I don't know him.

Donald Trump

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But they. Oh, you don't know him. The governor of Virginia. So we have a case where they found thousands of illegal ballots. A judge just ruled that they have to be able to vote. Just happened today. Just before I walked in here, I heard a judge just ruled that you have to keep those people in.

Donald Trump

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They're illegal. They're illegal votes now. I think they'll be overturned at the next court. One thing I found, because I had a couple of things that they get overturned a little bit, you know, the system. Because the system, you have to hope that the appellate judges are honest. Otherwise we don't have a country anymore.

Donald Trump

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Anymore. It's very important. But the whole thing with illegal ballots has got to be looked at. You got to have. You have to have voter ID and you have to have additional id. You have to have an ID that shows that you're a citizen of the country.

Joe Rogan

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I agree.

Donald Trump

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They don't want that.

Joe Rogan

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Either I agree. One of the things that I want to talk to you about is the JFK files. And one of the things that you said was that if they showed you what they showed me, this was your quote, you wouldn't want people to know it either there.

Donald Trump

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So I opened them up partially. I was met with from good people. I mean, you know, look, I mean, good people, people that were well meaning. Mike Pompeo was one of them. He's a good person. They called me, they said, sir, would rather have you not after. And I did all. But I was asked by some people not to open them.

There's a Martin Luther King file too, by the way, that they'd like to see. I don't know if you know, but there is that. But JFK in particular. So they called me, A lot of good people called me, people that I, you know, that you would find reasonable people. And they asked me not to do it.

Donald Trump

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So I said, well, we'll close it for another time, but if I win, I'm going to open them up. I'm just going to open enough.

Joe Rogan

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Why didn't you open it up the first time?

Donald Trump

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A lot of times.

Joe Rogan

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What was the hesitation, though?

Donald Trump

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Addresses people that are still living. There are people that are affected and there could be some national security reason that for, you know, that I don't have to necessarily know about. But some very good, talented people asked me not to do it. I opened it up and then they said, would it be possible for us to do that a different day.

Joe Rogan

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How much of it did you read into?

Donald Trump

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I think it's going to be just fine to open it. Let me put it that way. I think it's fine. It's going to be time. It's a cleansing, you know, it's really a cleansing. So I'm going to do it. I'm going to do it immediately, almost immediately upon entering office.

Joe Rogan

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Well, the thing when people look at it from the outside and you sort of imagine what could be a reason why they would not release those files, it would be, there's people that were implicated. That's why I got out of the assassination.

Donald Trump

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Well, when there are living people, you generally tend not to want to do it. When people are still living, living people.

Joe Rogan

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That formerly worked for the government, for.

Donald Trump

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The government and living people that were somehow involved in it. And you tend not to do that. But it's time to open them. I can't tell you whether or not they're going to find anything of interest. And I did. Partially open. I think I've opened 50%. But I was asked not to do it and I, I, I thought that was a reasonable ask.

Donald Trump

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But now I'm going to do it. I'm going to do it very soon. There's a lot of interest in it.

Joe Rogan

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One of the things that I.

Donald Trump

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There's a lot of interest in the people coming from space, you know?

Joe Rogan

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Yes.

Donald Trump

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And I know you're interested.

Joe Rogan

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Oh, very interested in that. How much they tell you about that?

Donald Trump

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A lot.

Joe Rogan

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Really?

Donald Trump

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Yeah.

Joe Rogan 02:45:24

What they tell you? How much can you tell?

Donald Trump 02:45:27

So I.

Joe Rogan 02:45:27

How's that work? Is it like super top secret? Tell me.

Donald Trump 02:45:30

Well, based on Hunter Biden, I can say whatever the hell I want, right. But now. But I interviewed a few people. It's never been my thing, I have to be honest. I have never been a believer. I have people that Area 51 or whatever it is, I think it's the number one tourist attraction in the whole country or something.

Donald Trump 02:45:46

Area 51 in Las Vegas. Do you know that?

Joe Rogan 02:45:48

Right, Sure, I know what it is.

Donald Trump 02:45:50

So anyway. But it's a big tourist thing. So I interviewed jet pilots that say they saw something. If you saw them, you'd love to have them, as you said.

Joe Rogan 02:46:01

I've had a couple in here. Commander David Fravor, I had him in. Who had that sighting in 2004. Very, very compelling. With visual, visual video evidence, radar evidence.

Donald Trump 02:46:12

Ryan Graves, I don't believe his name. But I interviewed jet pilots that were solid people, perfect. I mean, great pilots, great everything. And they said, we saw things, sir, that were very strange, like a round ball. But it wasn't a comet or a meteor, it was something. And it was going four times faster than an F22, which is a very fast plane, you know, and it was round, which is in theory a great shape.

So when you were talking to these people, was this something that you were compelled to have conversations about? Was this your personal interest?

Donald Trump

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A little bit. It's not a great interest for me, but it's a little interest. I get that question as much as almost any question. Do you think that we have aliens coming, you know, flying around or whatever?

Joe Rogan

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What do you think?

Donald Trump

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There's no reason not to, I mean, there's no reason not to think that Mars and all these planets don't have life, you know, because, well, Mars, we've.

Joe Rogan

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Had probes there and rovers, and I don't think there's any life there.

Donald Trump

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Well, maybe it's life that we don't.

Joe Rogan

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Know, but, well, maybe there was life there at one point. This is the speculation about Mars, that Mars had an atmosphere at one point in time, a long time ago that could support life. It also had large bodies of water. But we've had no evidence of even bacterial life that exists on Mars.

Joe Rogan

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But the universe, it's not been a.

Donald Trump

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Big thing for me. I mean, when I looked at what China did to this admit they would have never done it with me, where they put the balloon up. And a lot of people thought. And a lot of people thought for a little while that that was one of these things.

Joe Rogan

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Well, that's a lot of the speculation. Speculation too, that some of these drones that hover over battleships, that these are Chinese drones and that they're not UFOs.

They could be.

Joe Rogan

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Also there's some super sophisticated.

Donald Trump

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But I did interview, let's say three or four guys that. And without tremendous interest, if you had them, as I said, you'd love to have me as your children. Solid, beautiful people. They said, sir, there's something there. You know, they've.

Joe Rogan

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There's something. Yeah, yeah. I've talked to quite a few of them.

Donald Trump

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They're not conspiracy guys.

Joe Rogan

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Well, I mean, the. Just the Commander David Fravor thing in 2004, off the coast of San Diego, they clocked that thing going from 50,000ft above sea level to 50 in a second. Yeah, they don't know what it is.

Donald Trump

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That's tough to beat.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah, they. They saw something in the water. It was hovering over that something that was making a disturbance in the water. They got video evidence of this thing. Two different fighter jets with pilots in them saw it. There's, you know, visual evidence, photographic evidence, video evidence, radar evidence. Whatever the hell it is, it moves in a way that would turn a human being in a Jello.

Joe Rogan

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If they were inside of it, the G force, no one would survive. Oh, so, like, what is that? And we don't. They doesn't have a heatness signature. They don't know what their propulsion system was.

Donald Trump

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But when you fly in some of these jets, these pilots have to be in great shape.

Oh, yeah, I flew with the Blue Angels ones. Yeah, I got to fly, I guess.

Donald Trump

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And those are older, and those are older machines, and they're crazy. When you, when you fly in some of these things. Oh, my God.

Joe Rogan

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Yeah, I can imagine.

Donald Trump

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You got to be special.

Joe Rogan

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But these things that these people are encountering are far superior to what we know of.

Donald Trump

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Yeah.

Joe Rogan

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Is it possible that there's some military or government program that you weren't. That they didn't tell you about?

Donald Trump

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I think I had a great relationship with the military, basically, but you know, I didn't like certain people. I would have gotten them out if I thought if I were. If the election was different, I would have fired, you know, all of them, quickly. Most of them I did fire. Biden should have fired every military person involved with Afghanistan.

Donald Trump

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He should have had a lot of firings. You know, if you look at him, he told Israel not to do anything. And at least Israel is not going to look at a bomb the way they would have been and think if they listened to Biden, they'd be waiting for a bomb to drop on their head right now.

Donald Trump

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He's been wrong about so much. I guess you'd have to say that she's been wrong, too, because, you know, she always said they made the decision together, but Israel didn't follow his advice. And I think it was a very, you know, it's a very. The Middle east is rapidly

changing. You know, there are prophets that say the world will come to an end in the Middle East.

Donald Trump

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You know that, right? And we have weapons today that are so scary when you look. I rebuilt them all. And when you look at the weapons we have today, the biggest threat we have in the world today is nuclear weapons. And we have other weapons, too, that are devastating. But the nuclear weapons, the biggest threat we have in the world today.

Donald Trump

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And that's what you. I was talking about de escalation with both China and Russia. I'm telling you, we were going to de escalate. They were going to de escalate. You got to be careful. It's a little tricky playing with them because they said we're going to do it and they don't do it.

Donald Trump

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Maybe, but they understood the curse, too. It's a curse. It's China's way behind us, but they'll catch us within five years.

Joe Rogan

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So let's imagine, let's say you win in November. What do you do differently and how do you change this course that it seems we are on for World War 3? How do you get us out of Ukraine? How do you stop what's going on in the Middle East? How do you put a stop to this?

Donald Trump

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Well, it's a very. To me, it's an easy question because I think I can do it easily. But it's a complex question in the sense that the times change. Every day changes. Who's winning, who's not winning. I mean, Russia's a war machine, whether you like it or not. It just grinds along, grinds along.

Donald Trump

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You speak to people like Viktor Orban, he'll tell you, it's just a big fat war machine, and that's what's happening. You look at what's happened to Ukraine. If I were there, it would have never happened.

Joe Rogan

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But what could you do now? If you get into office in January, what could you do now?

Right now, you would get both of them. I know both very well. And again, I cannot. I do not want to tell you, for the purpose of looking smart, to fight people that you know, that say, oh, he was great. Because if I told you exactly what I do, I could never make the deal.

Donald Trump

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All I can tell you is that I would meet with Putin and I would meet with him, and I know exactly what I'd say to each one of them. And I believe that as President elect, I would get that war stopped and stopped fast. You know, we have tremendous power in the United States, if you know how to use the power.

Donald Trump

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I stopped other wars just by the use of tariffs. I got Macron of France, good guys, like a friend of mine, but he's a wise guy and he's a person that likes France. And he was going to tax our companies. I say, and I sent all the smartest guys. I sent Mnuchin. They all failed me.

Donald Trump

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And I said, I'll do it myself. And I called him. I said, emmanuel, you're taxing American companies. We're not going to allow you to do that. Oh, Donald, I cannot do nothing I could do. It's already been passed. I said, emmanuel, if you do that, I'm going to put 100% tariff when your wines and champagnes are coming to the United States, and you're going to regret that you ever did it.

Donald Trump

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He said, donald, please, that's not fair. Anyway, within about two minutes, he dropped the whole thing. And it was massive amounts of money against American companies. I have to protect American companies.

Joe Rogan

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So why doesn't the Biden administration do this?

Donald Trump

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Because they're in companies, they don't know how to talk. Look, they met in Alaska with the Chinese, and the Chinese lectured them about how badly we treat people. Right? Okay. I mean, think of it. You remember that? It was like in America. They didn't talk to me that way. They respected me. They respected our country.

Donald Trump

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They don't respect our country. They don't respect Biden. They don't respect her. They're

dreaming about her because she's incompetent. She's not a smart person. Look, she can't put two sentences together. She talks. I watched her two nights. I watched her last night, too. It was the same Thing. She's not a smart person.

Donald Trump

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These guys are very smart and they're very streetwise and they're very tricky and evil and dangerous. And if she becomes the President of the United States, which I can't believe can happen, I don't think this country is going to make it. I don't think we'll ever be. I think just really bad things will happen to our country.

Donald Trump

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And you know what? I look at the outside forces and I say they can all be handled because we have a pot of gold, but we're not going to have that pot of gold to play with anymore. You know, it's a great negotiating thing. I told you, I knocked out this massive car company going to take all of our car business from Detroit.

Donald Trump

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I knocked it out just by my rhetoric. Rhetorically. I said, they'll never sell a car in here. I'll put tariffs, I don't care. They're 2,000%. They're never going to build that plant in.

Joe Rogan

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Is it possible to apply that same thing to the electronics that we use? One of the things that disturbs me greatly is that all of our phones are made overseas. And then some of our phones are made in place and the. Yes. And the chips. And some of our phones are made in places like Foxconn where they have nets around the building to keep people from jumping off the roof because they have so many suicides.

Joe Rogan

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Like, wouldn't it be better to have an American made iPhone where, you know, people are paid good wages, they have health insurance, they're taken care of, they can live a good life where you're not buying a piece of electronics that's cheaper because someone has to suffer in a horrible way. That's not even legal in the United States.

Joe Rogan

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It's not even legal to have them work that way in the United States. So they get these people to build them overseas.

Donald Trump

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You do it. But let me just say, that chip deal is so bad, we put up billions of dollars for rich

companies to come and borrow the money and build chip companies here. And they're not going to give us the good companies anyway. All you had to do is charge them tariffs. If you would have put a tariff on the chips coming in, you would have been able to.

Donald Trump

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Just like the auto companies. No different. Different. More sophisticated, but no different. You know, Taiwan, they stole our chip business, okay? They want us to protect and they want protection. They don't pay us money for the protection. You know, the mob makes you pay money, Right? But with these countries that we protect, I got hundreds of billions of dollars from NATO countries that were never paying us.

Donald Trump

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And my biggest fan is Stoltenberg, who just left us the, you know, director General as the secretary General, a good guy. He said, Bush came, he made a speech. Obama came, he made a speech. Trump came. He said, you guys aren't paying. You got to pay. And they said, will you protect us from Russia if we don't?

Donald Trump

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I said, no, you got to pay. If you don't pay, billions of dollars came in to NATO. When I see us paying a lot of money to have people build chip, that's not the. You didn't have to put up 10 cents. You could have done it with a series of tariffs. In other words, you tariff it so high that they will come and build their chip companies for nothing.

Donald Trump

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In other words, Joe, you put a big tariff on the chips coming in. I say you don't have to pay the tariff. All you have to do is build your plant in the United States. We didn't have to give them the money to build a plant. Besides that, they're very rich companies. These chip companies, they stole.

Donald Trump

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They stole 95% of our business. It's in Taiwan right now. They do a great job, but that's only because we have stupid politicians. We lost the chip business, and now we think we're going to pay. You can't build it that way. You have to make them spend their money in the United States and those plants would open up all over and they'll fund them.

Donald Trump

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We don't have to put up 10 cents. And I am in the process of making a huge speech in about little while. And you and I. How long have we been talking?

A long time.

Donald Trump

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Let's go.

Joe Rogan

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Probably like three hours.

Donald Trump

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I gotta make a speech, but we'll do it again. I want to do it again with you. You are something. I said, how long will this last? Anywhere from an hour to three or four hours.

Joe Rogan

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How long we do it, Jamie? Three hours.

Donald Trump

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Good. Well, we'll do it again. I thought it was great. I think it's.

Joe Rogan

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I think it was great. It was.

Donald Trump

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You are a fascinating guy and you've done a great job.

Joe Rogan

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Thank you very much as a fan.

Donald Trump

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And thank you very much. It's been an honor and it's been.

Joe Rogan

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An hour and a half.

Donald Trump

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I'm going to make a great speech and I'm going to say, and if I'm a little off tonight, I'm going to blame you. Blame you. I spoke to this guy for three hours anyway. It's a great honor to be thank you, sir. Thank you.

Good luck to you.

Donald Trump

Thank you very much.

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Joe Rogan

Appreciate it. All right. Bye, everybody.

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