

Oprah Winfrey Speech at Harris Rally in Philadelphia | 11.04.24

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In her speech, Oprah encouraged first-time and undecided voters to participate in the upcoming election, invoking President Kennedy's call to "ask what you can do for your country." She highlighted voting as a powerful tool for protecting rights, values, and democracy, emphasizing the importance of defending constitutional freedoms, including bodily autonomy and justice. Oprah shared a story about a woman considering not voting, urging against complacency, and concluded with a message of unity and hope, affirming that individual votes can drive significant change.

Oprah Winfrey

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Raise your hand. First time voters, beautiful to see you. Thank you all for coming here tonight and representing all the people who will be voting tomorrow. Those of you who

have not voted, thank you so much. You know, on January 20, 1961, President John F.

Oprah Winfrey

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Kennedy issued a challenge. He said, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country. Well, I'm here to tell you that what you can do for your country, what you can do for democracy here, and what you can do for the spirit of John Lewis and all the others who dared to walk across that bridge in Selma and fight for justice for us all.

Oprah Winfrey

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What you can do for every pregnant young woman who has died because she was not eligible to receive the emergency medical care she desperately needed because of an abortion ban. What you can do for yourself and what you can do for everyone and everything you cherish is vote.

Oprah Winfrey

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And if you are watching or hearing me right now, and you haven't already, you have got to vote. And listen, I know that some of you are feeling burnt out and bruised and maybe inconsequential. Nothing could be further from the truth. Every single vote, every one is going to matter. That's why I've come to Philadelphia tonight.

Oprah Winfrey

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And yesterday I was all the way across the country. Country. And I was hiking on a Sunday afternoon and I met a woman named Angela who told me that she was going to sit this one out. Now, I know she was immediately sorry. She told me that because I would not let up.

Oprah Winfrey

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So I said, sit this one out. We don't get to sit this one out.

Oprah Winfrey

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If we don't show up tomorrow, it is entirely possible that we will not have the opportunity to ever cast a ballot again. And let me be very clear. If you do not make sure that the people in your life can get to the polls, that is a mistake. Deciding not to decide, that is most definitely a vote to let other people control your future.

Oprah Winfrey

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Now, we all know what we're voting against, so I want to end by reminding you about a few things that we're voting for.

We are voting to defend and protect the Constitution of the United States.

Oprah Winfrey

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We are voting for values. We are voting for values and integrity. We are voting for the right to choose what happens to our own bodies.

Oprah Winfrey

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We are voting to save ourselves from this precipice of danger where we now stand. All the anxiety and the fear you're feeling, you're feeling that because you sense the danger and you change that with your vote. We are voting for healing over Hate. Now, I believe in this promise of America. America has been the greatest country in the world for me.

Oprah Winfrey

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I believe that if you and I and the voters you see on this stage show up for our country tomorrow, if we answer that call that President Kennedy made more than six decades ago, then we have the power to choose a leader who will see us. She sees us. And she will do her mighty best to serve all of us.

Oprah Winfrey

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I believe we can do that. And I know she can do that.

Oprah Winfrey

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Yes, she can. Yes, she can. Yes, she can. And to say it and sing it and drive that message home. Put your hands together for Will.

Oprah Winfrey

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I am.