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Summary by ChatGPT

- Critique of Donald Trump: Harris criticized Trump's debate performance and his lack of concrete plans for critical issues, including healthcare and economic policies.
- Vision for the Future: She emphasized her commitment to a new generation of leadership, including lowering living costs, expanding affordable housing, and supporting small businesses.
- Defending Rights: Harris stressed her opposition to Trump's policies on abortion and healthcare, advocating for the protection of reproductive rights and the Affordable Care Act.

- Preserving Democracy: She highlighted concerns about Trump's potential return to power, including his threats to the Constitution and his controversial legal and political positions.

- Call to Action: Harris urged North Carolinians to vote and support candidates who align with her vision, stressing the importance of participation in upcoming elections.

Kamala Harris 00:00:01
Good evening, North Carolina.

Kamala Harris 00:00:15
Good evening, Greensboro.

Kamala Harris 00:00:29
Yeah, we're doing this. Yes, we're doing this. We are doing this.

Kamala Harris 00:00:44
Good evening. Oh, it's good to be back in Greensboro. Can we hear for jasmine, please?

Kamala Harris 00:00:57
I'll tell you, when I hear our young leaders such as jasmine, I know the future of our country is so bright, so bright, so bright. And it is so good to be back in Greensboro and to be with so many leaders. Thank you all, everybody. Thank you. I want to thank the incredible governor Roy Cooper.

Kamala Harris 00:01:22
Thank you.

Kamala Harris 00:01:26
Your next governor, Attorney General Joshua, representative Manning, Mayor Vaughn, the Council of State candidates and all the leaders with us today. So, North Carolina, two nights ago, Donald Trump and I had our debate.

Kamala Harris 00:01:57
You watched it? Did you watch it?

And look, I believe we owe it to have another debate, right? We owe it to the voters. Because here's the thing. In this election, what's at stake could not be more important. On Tuesday night, I talked about issues that I know matter to the families across America, like bringing down the cost of living, investing in America's small businesses, protecting reproductive freedom, and keeping our nation safe and secure.

Kamala Harris

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But that's not what we heard from Donald Trump. Instead, you know, and I called it at the beginning of the debate, it was the same old show, same old tired playbook we've heard for years with no plan for how he would address the needs of the American people. Well, folks, look, it's time to turn the page.

Kamala Harris

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Turn the page.

Kamala Harris

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America is ready for a new way forward. And we are ready for a new generation of leadership that is optimistic. Optimistic about what we can do for our country together.

Kamala Harris

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And that is why Democrats, Republicans and independents are all supporting our campaign. Because we agree. We agree we have a duty as citizens to put country above partisanship and defend our constitution. And defend our constitution. And that is my pledge to you.

Kamala Harris

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I will always put country above party. From the courthouse to the White House, I have always fought for the people. Always fought for the people.

Kamala Harris

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From being a young courtroom prosecutor. Yes. And it's yes, USA. Gone from being a young courtroom prosecutor. In Oakland, California, I stood up for women and children against predators who abused them.

Kamala Harris

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As attorney general of California, I took on the big banks and delivered \$20 billion from middle class families who faced foreclosure.

I stood up for veterans being sued, being scammed by big for profit colleges, for workers who are being cheated out of their wages, the wages there were due for seniors facing elder abuse. I will be a president for all Americans.

Kamala Harris

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And together, together, we will build a brighter future for our nation. Together.

Kamala Harris

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All right, Newt.

Kamala Harris

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We are going to build a future where we build what I call an opportunity economy. So every American has an opportunity to own a home, to build, build wealth, to start a business.

Kamala Harris

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And let me tell you, I love our small businesses. Are there small business leaders here? Raise your hand. That's right.

Kamala Harris

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That's right. So, you know, growing up, growing up, my mother, she worked long hours. She often worked very long hours, my mother. And so my sister Maya and I would go over to Miss Shelton's house. Now, Miss Shelton, we called her our, uh, second mother.

Kamala Harris

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She was the second mother to us. She actually was from Louisiana. And she would take care of us in the evenings and on the weekends when my mother was working, and she was a small business owner. And let me tell you what I learned from being a young child about a small business owner, Michelle. Our small business owners, you are business leaders, and you are civic leaders.

Kamala Harris

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You are community leaders. You hire locally, you mentor. You are part of the fabric of our communities. And you, like Miss Shelton, are the backbone of America's economy.

Kamala Harris

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The backbone. So I have a plan for you, and my plan is to give a \$50,000 tax deduction for startup businesses, because I understand not everybody, like the, uh, person that was on

the stage with me the other night, gets handed \$400 million on a silver platter and then files for bankruptcy six times. Come on. Come on.

Kamala Harris

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I know. Cause look, my mother, she worked hard. She saved up. And it wasn't until I was a teenager she was able to buy our first home. I know the challenges that Americans and working people and families are having right now in terms of affordable housing, and we need to build more housing in America.

Kamala Harris

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So part of my plan, part of my vision for an opportunity economy is we are going to cut red tape and work with the private sector to build 3 million new homes by the end of my first term.

Kamala Harris

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And I have a plan to lower the cost of living for America's families on everything from healthcare to groceries, including taking on price gouging. And those corporations, when they take advantage of. Of people in need. Under my plan, more than 100 million Americans will get a tax cut. Thousands of dollars of, uh, your hard earned money will go back in your pockets, including \$6,000 during the first year of a child's life.

Kamala Harris

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For young parents, knowing in that critical stage of your child's development, you might need a little help, not just to get by, but to get ahead. And I will always put the middle class and working families first. I know where I came from.

Kamala Harris

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I know where I came from.

Kamala Harris

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I'm clear about that.

Kamala Harris

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Now, Donald Trump, well, he has a different plan. Just Google Project 2025.

Kamala Harris

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I see you have. It is a detailed and dangerous blueprint for what he will do if he is elected president. Donald Trump will give billionaires massive cuts, massive tax cuts, and cut

corporate taxes by over a trillion dollars, even as they pull down record profits. He intends to cut Social Security and Medicare, and he wants to impose what I call a Trump sales tax on everyday basic necessities, which will cost the average American family nearly \$4,000 a year.

Kamala Harris

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Some of the top economists in our country and in the world have reviewed these plans. Goldman Sachs, for example, has said that my plan would grow our economy and his plan would shrink the economy, that his. That plan would reignite inflation and send us into a recession by the middle of next year. On top of this. On top of this, Donald Trump intends to end the Affordable Care act.

Kamala Harris

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Now, think about that. Think about that. We remember what it meant when insurance companies could deny you for a pre existing condition. Remember what that was? So he wants to get rid of it.

Kamala Harris

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And as he said in the debate, he made clear he has no plan to replace it. In fact, you remember concept. You remember, he has, quote, concepts of a plan. Concepts of a plan.

Kamala Harris

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I mean, we're 54 days from this election. Concepts of a plan, which means no actual plan, which means no actual plan. And 45 million Americans are insured through the Affordable Care act. So understand what that means. He's going to end it based on a concept and take us back when folks were suffering.

Kamala Harris

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Well, we're not going back. We are not going back. We are not.

Kamala Harris

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We're not going back. No, we're not going back. No, we together, will move forward, because ours is a fight for the future, and. And ours is a fight for freedom, like the fundamental freedom of a woman to be able to make decisions about her own body and not have her government tell her what to do.

Kamala Harris

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And we remember how we got here. Donald Trump, um, hand selected three members of the United States Supreme Court with the intention, with the intention that they would

undo the protections of Roe v. Wade. With the intention they would undo the protections, and they did exactly as he intended. And now more than 20 states have a Trump abortion ban, including North Carolina and every single state in the south except Virginia.

Kamala Harris

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Many, um, with no exceptions, even for rape and incest. It is immoral. Immoral. And I know everyone here understands, let us agree, one does not have to abandon their faith or deeply held beliefs to agree. The, uh, government should not be telling her what to do with her body.

Kamala Harris

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Come on. Come on.

Kamala Harris

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And when and when he was asked on Tuesday night, Donald Trump refused to say that he would veto a national abortion ban. Well, when I. Congress passes a bill, uh, to restore reproductive freedom, as president of the United States, I will proudly sign it into law. Proudly sign it into law.

Kamala Harris

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We are not playing around.

Kamala Harris

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And across our nation, we are witnessing a full on attack on hard fought, uh, hard won fundamental rights and freedoms, like the freedom to vote, the freedom to be safe from gun violence, the freedom to breathe clean air and drink clean water, and the freedom to love who you love openly and with pride.

Kamala Harris

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And here's the thing that I know about all of the north carolinian leaders who are here. You know this so well. It's part of your DNA. Generations of Americans before us, uh, led the fight for freedom. Generations of Americans before us, many, uh, from right here, led the fight for freedom.

Kamala Harris

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Let's get a medic.

Kamala Harris

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Do we have a medicine? Let's get a medic over there, please.

Kamala Harris

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Let's m get a medic over there.

Kamala Harris

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Yeah, but let's make sure. See, this is who we are. We look out for each other. That's what leaders do, looking out for each other. Okay, we've got a medic.

Kamala Harris

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Okay, so generations of Americans before us led the fight for freedom, and now the baton is in our hands. The baton is now in our hands. And we who believe then in the sacred freedom to vote will finally pass the John Lewis Voting Rights act and the Freedom to vote act. And we who believe in the freedom to live safe from gun violence, we'll finally pass an assault weapons ban, universal background checks, and red flag laws.

Kamala Harris

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So much is on the line in this election, and we got this.

Kamala Harris

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But look, here's the thing. This is not 2016 or 2020. The stakes are even higher, because two months ago, the United States Supreme Court basically told the former president that he will effectively be immune no matter what he does in the White House.

Kamala Harris

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Well, well, well, here's the thing. The courts will take care of that. Let's take care of November. How about that? All right?

Kamala Harris

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But imagine. Imagine what that court ruling means. Imagine what that means. Because before, there might have been at least the belief that there would be the threat of consequence. But now there's an explicit ruling from the court that suggests he would be immune.

Kamala Harris

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Imagine Donald Trump with no guardrails. Imagine what that would look like. He who has vowed, if reelected, he will be a dictator on day one.

He who called for the termination of the Constitution of the United States.

Kamala Harris

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And let us be very clear. Someone who suggests that we should terminate the constitution of the United States should never again stand behind the seal of the president of the United States. Never again. Never again.

Kamala Harris

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Never.

Kamala Harris

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And put that all in the context of people who have been talking about how he was when they served with him in the White House, people who saw him every day, his national security advisor, his defense secretary, huh? His chief of staff, and his vice president, all. All of whom have warned America, Donald Trump is not fit to be president of the United States and should never occupy our nation's highest office again.

Kamala Harris

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So, North Carolina, I believe it all comes down to this. We are here together. We are here together because we love our country. We love our country.

Kamala Harris

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And we together understand the awesome responsibility that comes with the greatest privilege on earth, the privilege and pride of being an american.

Kamala Harris

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It's an awesome responsibility. That's right. That's right. I, and I do believe. I do believe it is the highest form of patriotism to fight for the ideals of our country and to fight to realize the promise of America.

Kamala Harris

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And so, North Carolina, we have 54 days until election day. 54 days until election day, and just 35 days until early voting begins.

Kamala Harris

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And it's not only the presidency that's on the ballot. There are many, many important races, like Josh Stein running for governor, whose opponent was handpicked by Donald Trump because he wants a, uh, total ban on abortion in this state.

And that is just one of the many stakes that are at play in this election. But see, we know the power is with the people. The power is with the people. Your voice is your vote, North Carolina, and you are going to make all the difference in the outcome of this race. And look, we know ours will be a very tight race until the very end.

Kamala Harris

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We are the underdog. Let's be clear about that. We are the underdog. And so we have hard work ahead of us, but we like hard work. Hard work is good work.

Kamala Harris

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Hard work is good work. And with your help, we will win. We will win.

Kamala Harris

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And so I ask you today, North Carolina, are you ready to make your voices heard?

Kamala Harris

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Do we believe in freedom? Do we believe in opportunity?

Kamala Harris

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Do we believe in the promise of America? And are we ready to fight for it?

Kamala Harris

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And when we fight, we win. There you go. God bless you, and God bless America.