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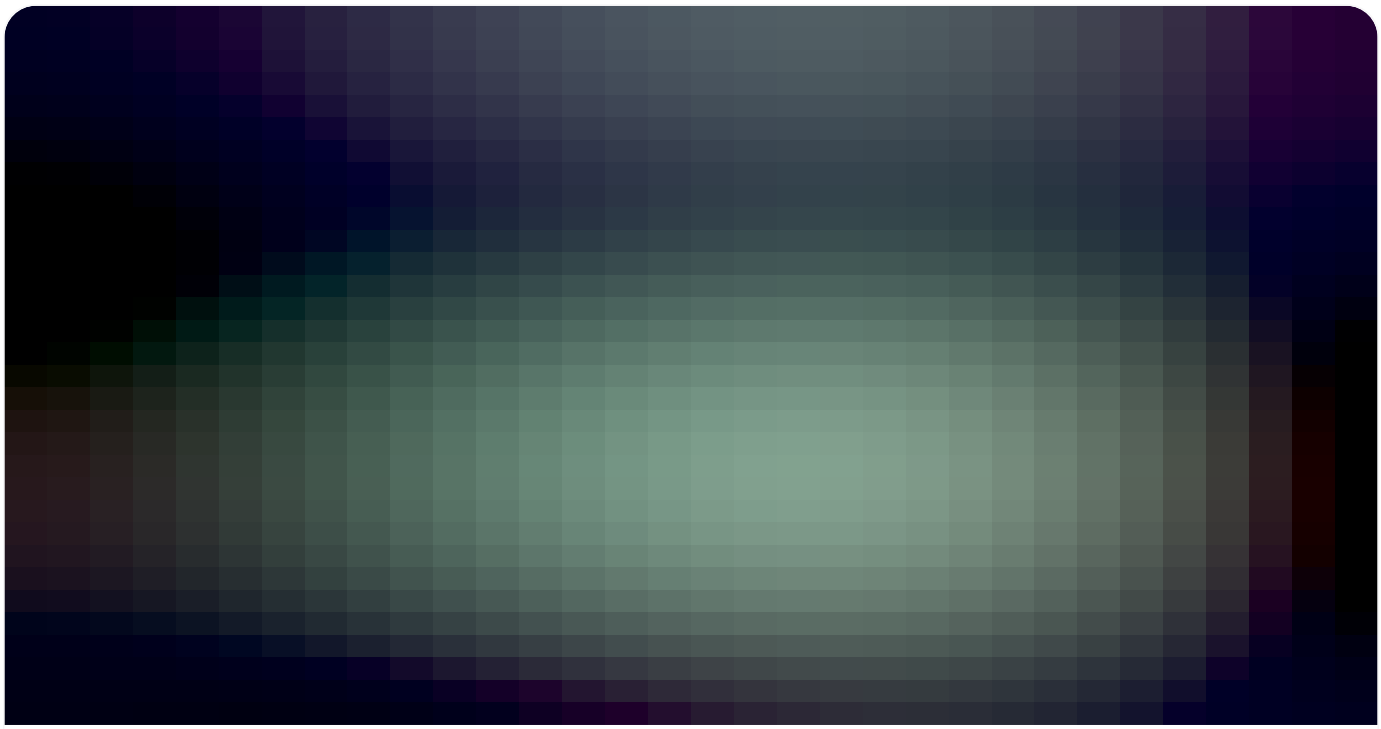
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Why should perpetrators of FAKE NEWS, like CNN and MSDNC, be allowed access to a very sacred place, the White House? Despite my big Election Win, almost 100% of “TRUMP” coverage is negative, and has been for years!

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EXHIBIT 23

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Read the Full Transcript of Donald Trump's 2026 Interview With TIME

TIME Staff

President Donald Trump sat down for an interview with TIME at the White House on Sept. 28.

Over the course of the interview, Trump discussed a wide range of issues, including the war with Iran, the artificial intelligence boom, the Federal Reserve, the Supreme Court, and his outlook for the midterms.

Below is a lightly edited transcript of the interview conducted by TIME Senior Political Correspondent Eric Cortellessa and Editor-in-Chief Sam Jacobs. Click here to read our fact check.

TIME: I'm curious about your dinner last night with Dario.

Trump: Oh.

Yes, exactly. Do you still disagree with his views on what he calls AI safety?

I spoke to him about his views, and they're much different, I think, than what is portrayed in the media. First of all, I liked him and his wife a lot. They had dinner, and we were going to meet at 7:00. But I was at the big Presidents Cup. I was the chairman of it in Chicago at Marion, which is great. Actually, that was yeah, Medinah, at Medinah, last year, Marion, this time of year, it was really great, and so I called, I said, "Could we make it a little bit later?" He actually saw the helicopter land, so we made it a little bit later. We got in at about 10. We stayed for more than two hours, talked about a lot of things. Very smart guy. Maybe different than I thought, a little bit. Really a little bit different. But no, he understands.

Look, I say, if you're going to seek regulation, they can put you out of business. Now you do have to be responsible for yourself, and there aren't a lot of people that understand what's going on. This is a new one that is much different than people have ever seen before. But my attitude is, we're winning against the world by a lot, and I want to keep winning. There are those that say it's bigger than the industrial revolution, and you would think not. But actually, if you look at the numbers—you ever see these numbers? They're like, they're like straight up in the air. And from our standpoint, we have trillions of dollars being invested in our country because it's probably the biggest business there is. We're the most advanced, we have the, we have the smartest people. And tomorrow I have a big meeting. We have everybody. All the—Dario's coming back.

I'm curious what exactly is going on with all these meetings with these AI leaders.

Well, look, you know, this isn't like I'm building a building, which I can do out of my back pocket. It's easier to do that for me, and it's what I've been doing. This is a whole new world, probably mostly good, but some bad too. And it's a very powerful world. It's a very—potentially really could be good for medical. I mean, some of the things they're coming up with now that they never even thought about. But with good comes bad, and we want them, we want all of them to behave for themselves. Tomorrow's meeting. What time is that meeting tomorrow? Two?

Natalie Harp: Noon, in the East Room.

Trump: So we have everybody. Give me a list of the people at the meeting.

Can I ask, Mr. President?

We had a good evening the other night, three nights ago, or two nights ago.

Given the news this week, I have to ask: Why should Americans believe that you respect the free press when you're restricting access of some of our colleagues to the White House?

No, but say it a little louder.

Why should Americans believe that you respect the free press when you're restricting access to the White House to some of our colleagues?

Because I do respect the free press, but I don't respect fake news. I'll give you an example. CNN and MSDNC, which is MS Now—they changed the name because it does so poorly. But I won the election. I won it handily by massive numbers. I won the popular vote. I won all seven swing states. They said if you won three swing states, I won all seven. I won the counties. It's very important, 86% popular vote. Everything, and very conclusively, I haven't had a good story on CNN for years. They're incapable of being—they're fake news. Same thing on MS NOW.

If I do the finest thing, if I found the cure to cancer, they would say, "Why didn't he move quicker?" They are just horrible people, and they're so bad. So I believe in a free press. I believe in an honest press, but I don't believe in fake news. And I know it's fake because I know the thing—I don't mind, you know, if I do something wrong, I don't mind having a bad story. He's written a couple of times about something. I said, well listen, he's not wrong. But with the press, if somebody's going to call me, if every single story is—look, I've done a lot of good stuff. I'm in the Oval Office. I mean, the public is very smart. If I wasn't doing a good job, I wouldn't have won that election by a lot.

Are you going to ignore the courts when they say this this denial is—

Well, the court actually said that, if you look at the judge's decision, he's been a very anti-Trump judge, which is very interesting. But if you look at his decision, he really said process. He talked about—come back to us with process.

He's a Trump-appointed judge. He was appointed by you.

Yeah, he was. He was. It's one of those things.

You don't think you're ignoring what he ordered you to do? You don't think you're ignoring his order?

No, I'm not. I'm not ignoring his order. I'm just saying that when I don't have to go out of my way, these people write only bad stories. When they say orders, what order? I'm not even aware.

Steven Cheung: The judge basically ordered them to renew their access back to the White House, but that's different than allowing the pool into the events in the Oval Office or on Air Force One.

Trump: He actually said to the premises of the White House?

Can I just ask, why now? You've had this contentious relationship with the media for a while. What was the impetus to doing this at this moment in time?

Well, it's just bad story after bad story, and when I say bad story, I can handle bad stories. I've got a lot of bad stories. Most of them are fake, and it's not only CNN, and it's not only MSDNC. It's a lot of other people.

Let's talk a little bit about the war in Iran.

Just to finish.

Yeah, absolutely.

Because I don't think anybody should be forced to bear fake news, constantly bad stories, because I've done great things. I mean, I've done Venezuela. I've done—I can name, I can name 100 great things I've done. I never get good press. I never get fair press. Doesn't have to be good. All it has to be is fair. So at a certain point, you say, "What's the purpose of like this crazy Kaitlan Collins?" She's a very average person. She's the most unhappy young person I've ever seen. If I did something spectacular by any standard, and they would write about it, they will only write badly. Sometimes I'm amazed at how they can—you know, yesterday I got tremendous applause from massive crowds that came to Duncan. And I said to the people, "Don't feel bad tomorrow when you read that I got booed out of the place." I didn't get booed out of the place.

I went to Tennessee. The crowd went wild. I went to, yesterday, to Chicago. Got the big golf tent. President's coming. The crowd went absolutely wild. And I said—I didn't want to make a big deal out of it but I just said a few words before the guy started playing. They asked me to make a speech. I said, "I'm not going to make a speech. I want to play golf." But I said to him—I mean, they had to stop the crowd from—they were going crazy, 100%. There was no negative number. Did anybody write anything negative about it? Check it out.

Isn't it a founding principle of the country that the press is supposed to hold government and those in power accountable? Do you believe in that?

It is, but they got to treat you fairly. You know, when they write stories that are knowingly false, and everyone knows NBC's, NBC's bad too, but CNN is terrible. MS Now changed their name because they have no friends.

Well, let's shift to Iran because a lot's going on over there. You initially said that the war would take about six to eight weeks. We're now entering the seventh month. Can you just explain, like, why is it taking so long?

Only because I wanted to go further. I took them out. I could have stopped then, but I wanted to go further. I didn't want them—because I met my timeline. If you look at what I did when we bombed the sites with a b2 bomber. Like we bombed those sites, and I call it nuclear dust—was under 1000s of tons of rubble. I could have stopped there, and I felt it was just inappropriate because—and they were itching to go on with their lives, if not there, someplace else. And so I went further. They're doing very poorly. Their economy is gone. Their inflation is at 300% or something like that. Their navy is gone. Their air force is gone. Everything's gone, and they want to make a deal, but I want to make the real deal. But when I said I was going to be there for a short period of time, I was, and then I decided I wanted to go further than that because I didn't want to have them come back in some different form.

Do you think the American people misunderstood that? I feel like most people heard you say four to six weeks.

No, I think the press fed it to them, so that—look, we were in Vietnam for 21, 20, years. We were in Afghanistan for many years. We were in Korea for many. We're everywhere for many years. I'm in there now for six months, and I've destroyed their nuclear capability. I've destroyed their navy, 159 ships are at the bottom of the sea. I've destroyed their air force. All their planes are gone. I've destroyed their radar. That's why you know we have, we had more ships come through last night. We had more barrels of oil come through last night than at any time in the history of the Strait. Last night we set a record.

Well, on that note, were you aware in February that they would likely—they being Tehran—were likely to retaliate by closing the Strait of Hormuz?

There was always a threat they had, and it worked for a little while. But we basically closed it on them. You know, they said we're going to close. I said, "Well, you close it, you're going to have big trouble." We took it over. You have to see the coastline. Everything is obliterated. They don't have radar. They don't have any anti-aircraft capability. Nothing. I have The New York *Times* saying how well they're doing, and it's so crazy. Their whole military is gone. Their radar is gone. Their leaders are gone. You know, we went through two levels of leaders, and The New York *Times* keeps writing about how well they're doing. They have no money. They have no value of money. They have nothing going, and just fake news, fake news, and maybe they'll be next.

Last week, you said you might annihilate Iran. That was the word you used.

Yeah, I would do that. It's possible.

You've made versions of that threat before. You've also called yourself the president of peace.

Yeah.

How can the president of peace be calling for the annihilation of an entire people?

Because by annihilating Iran, we've created peace in the world. With Iran, I don't think you could ever have peace.

Are you talking specifically about the government, the Islamic Republic regime? What about the innocent people?

They killed 75,000 people in the last number of months. Protesters, innocent [unintelligible], a lot of very good people. They killed 70, anywhere from 72 to 75,000. We all documented. They went on Brett Baier the other day and they lied about it. They said 3,000. Brett Bair said, "You got to be kidding, me!" No, they killed 75,000 people. It's unbelievable. It's a bloodbath. So we'll see. And the reason people don't rise up, because they're afraid of being killed. You know, they go out in the street and they end up killing 1,000 people, 2,000, sometimes less. They use snipers to go right through their head, and when—remember the women went, they had 500,000 women, and then they started getting hit by snipers right in the middle of their head? The women looked and they saw that, then they saw another one, and they ran like hell.

Do you regret not going into Iran or doing some sort of operation last January when there were these protests in the street and you said help is on the way?

No, I think we've done an incredible job with that. Now, so in Vietnam, when those massive numbers of people...in Afghanistan, likewise, went on forever. I fought two wars, and one person is too many. But I fought two wars that we lost 18 people. One was Venezuela, and the Venezuela one is incredible.

We're going to come to that.

We're selling millions of barrels of oil—that's ours—and it's been amazing. But we fought that war, it was less than one day. It was over. We're doing very well in Iran too. But it's a much bigger area, much bigger country, much further away. And—but the result is going to be the same. They want to make a deal. As soon as I make a deal, oil prices will drop to what they were. You know, when I was—you've heard me say this—When I was part of the going in, I was in Iowa, helping them campaign a little bit for the thing that we have coming up. And in Iowa, I mean, it was—oil was $1.90. I mean, it was like almost nothing. We broke the $2 barriers. One station was $1.85. One was $1.95. One was $1.99, and it was coming down all over the country. Now California is a little bit fictitious because in California they judge every time you lower the oil, they judge that. But I had no other way down there. And then I said to my people, including him, I said, "I hate to do this, you guys, but we have to take the nuclear weapon away from you."

Well, last on this question, over the weekend you rejected a ceasefire proposal from the Iranians. Can you just tell us why you did that?

Because things that I wouldn't have approved a year ago I wouldn't have today.

Can you give us an example?

I mean, it was—they made an offer to open up the Strait. You know, you saw some aspects of it, not all. But it's just, it's just, it's not good enough. Nearly.

Are you going to ramp up bombing after the midterms? There's been reports of that.

Possible.

Are you considering that?

I can't tell you that because look, you know, you're asking, where are you going to bomb?

But it's in consideration?

We have a lot of weapons. You know, we've been stocking up for the last six months. Biden gave away massive amounts of munitions to Ukraine. Much more so than what we spent, and—but we're in great shape. And we're in great shape, but we're also now stocking up big and making—and we're keeping it. You know, we'll get it out to others, you know, our allies.

Can you tell us a bit about that? Because there was an official DoD report about munition shortages and having to spend money —

I would say it was mostly fake news.

What was true about it?

Some forms of ammunition are a little bit lower than other forms. We have that middle grade and upper middle grade, which is very powerful, which

is stronger than it's ever been before. There is ammunition that President Zelensky wouldn't take, but it's very powerful ammunition. He wouldn't take because he didn't have airplanes and things that you need for that ammunition. So what happened is that story started arriving. So now we have Raytheon. We have all of them. They're going. They're building plants all over the country, and they're doing a lot. They're working 24/7, and we're stocking up at levels we've never done before.

So you're contracting with these manufacturers to resupply.

Yeah, I am, and we're also building. They're also not only just giving us a lot by going, you know, overtime around the time. They're also building 4, 5, 6 plants, like the Patriot plants, like other plants, the Thad plants. They're building all around the country. They're building tremendous amounts of capability.

How much will it cost? All of the resupply?

Less than we make in Venezuela for one month.

Okay. Well, actually, I do want to ask about this. I just came back from Venezuela not that long ago.

How are we doing over there?

Well, it's a really interesting time right now. You met with Delcy Rodriguez on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly. Can you tell us, you know, what came of that meeting, and did you tell her they need to have elections in Venezuela?

So we have a very good relationship. We're bringing the big oil companies in.

You are.

We're taking a tremendous amount of oil out. We'll soon be filling up our national reserves, national strategic reserves. We have a very good relationship. When President Bush knocked out Iraq, everybody got fired. There was nobody to run it. I did the opposite. I didn't fire the police. I didn't fire the armies. I didn't fire. And Delcy was the one that was in charge of things. We work well together. Even now. They could have elections.

You do want that though?

Yeah. I think it's too raw now, though.

Did you give her a timeline, or is there a deadline in your mind?

I would talk to her about it. I would talk to her about it, but there'll be elections. But it's so raw now, you know that I just think it's too soon. So Exxon and Chevron, all the big oil companies are moving in. A lot of money is being made by us, but a lot of money is also being made by Venezuela, and we have complete control of all of them. When you look at the war and you ask me how long have you been, I said, why didn't you ask Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, how long have you been in various wars?

I would have if I had the opportunity. Let's talk about Israel. You have a Board of Peace that you've assembled, had a big ceasefire agreement last year, but Hamas has not disarmed. They haven't laid down their arms. What are you going to do about

that?

I think I'll probably sit in the Situation Room and make an appropriate decision. My decisions are correct ones. I mean, look at our country. I was moving. This country is booming during a conflagration. You know, during—some people would say it's a war, some people would say it's not really a war. When we get a war this year—you know, nothing's happened for the last two weeks, right? And somebody drops a bomb, and nothing happens, and they drop a bomb. No, I think that you'll find out what I'm doing.

There have been repeated reports that Prime Minister Netanyahu was warned prior to Oct. 7 about the possibility of an attack.

I heard that today for the first time.

You have access to the highest intelligence.

I don't—I can't imagine this. You mean that he knew about—

Yeah, that Egypt warned him, and the UAE warned him.

I don't think so. I think, you know, I think if he would have known, he would have done something about it. Certainly, he would have had people at least alert. You know, he's not going to forget about it. That was a terrible day. Oh, you have people on the radical left that denied it ever happened, which is pretty bad.

Do you think the Israeli people should give Netanyahu another term?

Well, I can only say that I'm not involved in politics anymore, except that we're popular—

You are very popular in Israel.

Like 99%! I think what happens is, in two and a half years, I go to Israel. I've done a lot for them. Done a lot. I've done a real lot.

So should he have another term?

If you think, including the capital of Israel through the embassy, including our beautiful mount on high. You know, that's been under dispute for forever. I mean, including defending them. You know, Israel wouldn't have been able to defend itself against that power if the United States wasn't—

It seems like you're doing a lot of work for him. Should he have another term?

No, my primary thing—I do want to help them defend Israel. My thing that I mention all the time is Iran cannot have a nuclear power because they are crazy and you can't let crazy people have nuclear weapons.

They're a rapacious and repressive regime, no question about it. If Gadi Eisenkot were to win the election in Israel, could the U.S. work better with him than Netanyahu?

Well, I don't know. I don't hear bad things about him. Is that the one who's—

Former chief of the military. He's the leading contender to Netanyahu.

You think he's leading?

He's the leading opposition candidate.

Well, people have written off Bibi many, many times, just like they've written off me many, many times. I wouldn't underestimate Bibi.

Yes, there were reports after the Houthi attacks that Saudi Arabia wasn't pleased that the U.S. didn't come to its defense. What's your relationship like with the Saudis right now?

Good, good. I've done a lot for Saudi Arabia. I protect Saudi Arabia. If I weren't president, Saudi Arabia wouldn't be here right now. Neither would Israel. They'd be wiped off the face of the planet. I do a lot for Saudi Arabia. My relationship with them is very good. I like the crown prince. My relationship is very good. But remember, if I weren't here, there wouldn't be a Saudi Arabia. There wouldn't be an Israel. There wouldn't be various other countries also.

And they would have, at the right time for them, started hitting our cities before we blow them to pieces. What can I say? But I do a lot. I do a lot for everybody. But the Middle East is—it's been a mess for years and years. Look what I did with the hostages. We got all the hostages, both living and dead. But before the living and dead, I got all of them. That was the 28 left, living and dead.I got them back.

One of the reasons you're so popular over there.

Everybody said that was impossible to do.

Your pick to lead the Federal Reserve, Kevin Warsh—he just oversaw a unanimous vote to raise interest rates. Obviously, you've been very much opposed to raising rates. You want lower rates—

This just happened?

No, the one that happened a week ago or so. But they've suggested they may raise rates again by the end of the year.

I don't think they should.

Do you regret nominating Warsh?

Well, he's controlled to a certain extent by the board. You know, you have Obama and Biden picks on there. You're too late on that. Too late. We have Lisa on there. We have a lot of—

He still has your confidence?

We have a lot of people on there that would love for our country to do badly. It's become very political. I don't blame you, Kevin. I think it's too bad. Not fair. Look, our nation is going through a growth explosion like no nation's ever seen. We're blowing through the interest rates. But if we didn't have to, it would be great.

You know, we have a lot of other countries that make a lot of money with us. All I have to do is turn off the spigot, which I'm allowed to do. And you would have a lot of the elite countries—I don't want to mention names—but you would have a lot of elite countries that were no longer elite, that lose their share, and we would not lose, whether it's 50 or 100. You have certain countries that make $50 billion every [unintelligible]. We lose $50 billion. I don't need that. For the most part, I don't need these. I can turn it off, and I have the absolute right, according to the tariff decision, which was a terrible decision by the Supreme Court. But basically, they said you can get it otherwise. But it's tougher.

But they also said I don't have to trade with countries, so they're willing to stop a tariff—maybe a small one—but they're willing. Just think of it; they tell you to stop tariffing even small numbers, but you have the right to stop trading with a country. Think of that; it's ridiculous. It's a terrible decision for our country. Do you know if they would have written one clause: Any money paid does not have to be paid. I took in hundreds of billions of dollars. We have to write it back, giving it back to people that were enemies of ours. You would have thought they would have done something about that. Give back hundreds of billions of dollars. I have other forms of tariffs I can have. I just got a tariff from Lindsey Graham. Lindsey Graham, first time in 50 years. But, I think, I think it's a shame. I think what the Supreme Court did is an absolute crying shame.

I want to talk about the debt in a second, but you mentioned the Supreme Court. You said last week that these were not, you know, your choices, Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, Coney Barrett were not the people you interviewed. You said they were like shells of their former selves. Do you regret nominating them?

Yeah. Yeah. What can I do? I put them in. They voted against me too often. I was very—I gave them the position of a lifetime, and they vote against me often. They vote for me too. The Democrats stick like glue—those three, they virtually never vary. You can come up with the worst thing in the world and they'll vote as a group. And while I don't like it, there's something I admire about it: there's loyalty. So they have loyalty to Barack Hussein Obama. They have loyalty to Biden, even though Biden doesn't even know who the hell they are. He wouldn't know. He doesn't even know what the Supreme Court is. And me, I gave them the chance of a lifetime, and it's unfortunate what they did.

Is that—

It's unfortunate what they did—not to me, to our country. Birthright citizenship. It's becoming a major industry now. People are making millions and millions of dollars, and we're losing trillions of dollars. And it's become a corrupt business, all because of the Supreme Court decision. That decision was for the babies of slaves. Look at where it was—look at where it was approved. It wasn't for Chinese people, wealthy or unwealthy, coming, you know, pouring into our country. And this tariff decision again, all they had to do was a little clause saying any money paid does not have to be paid back...would have saved $400 billion. They chose not to save that.

You mentioned the word loyalty a moment ago. Is that what you want from your Supreme Court picks?

I do like loyalty, yeah.

Is that what you want from your Supreme Court justices?

No, I don't want loyalty. I want good decisions. The tariff decision was disastrous for the country. I want good decisions for the country.

Sir, do you care about—

They've treated melLook, I put these people in. It is what it is. Very disappointing, very disappointing for the country—their decisions. And the country knows it. Very disappointing for the country. The other ones—they stick like glue. It's unbelievable, right?

You mentioned the tariffs because you care about the American economy. When you campaigned, you promised to lower—

I care about the American economy more than any human being that's ever been president, but I also have to put out the fire. I have to put out the fire in the Islamic Republic. They're telling them—I have to put out the fire because you want to see problems? Let nut jobs have nuclear weapons, you'll see some real problems. I had no choice. I'd do it again today. I'd do the same thing. I have no choice.

Can we just ask about the debt? Just because the debt just reached $40 trillion—big psychological threshold. It's gone up $11 trillion in the last couple years.

Well, Biden just killed our country.

It's gone up $11 trillion in the five years that you've been president.

He had the biggest inflation in history. He allowed 25 million people in that shouldn't have been here. We're still getting around—it's the toughest thing I have to do. If he would have been elected again, or his ilk would have been, or she, anybody, same, we wouldn't have a country anymore.

You haven't lowered the debt because of President Biden?

No, because they keep paying higher interest rates. We had great job numbers two weeks ago, right? What do they do? Raise the interest rate. Because today...I say it all the time because I want to try and get these people to do what's right for the country. When we did well years ago, they lowered the interest rate. Now, when you do well—in fact, I had great job numbers, 162,000. It was four times bigger than projected. And I said, "Oh, that's not good news because they're going to raise the interest rate." It used to be they'd lower the interest rate, so we have great—because we're better credit.

So you say if they're going to do that all the time, how do you ever pay off the debt? Now you can do it through other means. I know I'm the best in the world. The best—I don't want to tell you what those means are, but you can pay off the debt through other means. But the one thing that you can do is pay it off through growth, and we've never had growth like this. Look at the numbers. Look at the poverty numbers. The lowest we've had in... ever. Look at the murder numbers. Look at the crime numbers. We have the best crime numbers we've ever had in history.

Just to give you a chance—

But it's a problem because we have a very hostile Fed board. I don't blame Kevin Warsh. I probably would have voted against the board if I were him. But we have a very hostile board, and the board says, "We want to hurt Trump." They're not doing this for you. They're doing this because they have Trump derangement syndrome.

Mr. President. Healthcare premiums are increasing. The cost of gas, as you know, is $4.50. Mortgages are 7%—

Wait a minute, I did favored nations. I've taken drug costs down by 40, 50, 60, 70%, 80%. And nobody ever talks—they cannot register. I've never seen a story with them.

We'll send you some TIME stories on that after this interview. But why shouldn't Americans—

I reduced drug prices by 40,50, 60, 70, even 80%. I never have—depending on the way, you can also say 400, 500, 600, if you phrase it a little bit

different. But there's never been anything like what I've done with favored nations, and I had to get nations to go along with it, and I used the threat of tariffs. I said, "You don't do this," because they all said, "No, we're not going to," because they will double or triple their cost, and I would go down by more than that.

Because they are, you know, the whole universe is bigger than the United States. So I'd have a pill for selling in London for $10 and selling in New York City for $1000, or let's say for $130, 13 times, $130, right?, and I said to them, it was unfair. The exact same pill from the same plant, from the same company. $10 here, $130 here. I said that's unfair. Now I knew that the first time, but—I thought it was time to do something. I was able to get—I had to get the country. I had to get the drug companies. I got them. Then I had to convince countries to do it, and I got them all to do it.

Sure.

Well, nobody else can do that. But when you talk about healthcare, Obamacare is a disaster, and by lowering the cost of prescription drugs, they should be able to do a very big deal. But I'd rather have a different system. I'd rather have—I'm going to campaign like hell on this—I would rather have the insurance companies not get the money. I'd rather have the people get the money. So the people would get the money, buy their own health insurance, save money, better health insurance.

Americans shouldn't hold you responsible for an increasingly less affordable country?

No, because what?

The feeling that this country is becoming less affordable, Americans shouldn't hold you responsible?

When I took over, I inherited the greatest inflation in history. I inherited the greatest price hikes in history. Remember when they started screaming at me about eggs in my first day, because eggs had gone up like five times higher than they were in my administration. Now I've got them down. I've got—I've gotten much of it down. The only thing I have to get down now is the gas, and almost everything else is coming down rapidly.

How is that? The cost of a mortgage today is above 7%

Well, The Fed is raising the rates. It's supposed to be an independent board. I'm not happy about it.

What's driving this growth is AI, so we'd love to ask you a few questions about that.

No, what's driving the growth is automobile plants are opening, many plants, Pfizer, all of the drug companies are spending hundreds of billions of dollars. How about Apple? Apple's spending $600 million. The great chip company from Taiwan is spending $500 billion. Jensen Huang is spending. No, it's not—look, we're building more automobile plants in the United States, and bigger ones, than we've ever built before.

Well, another question though, because you, you did not—

It's not just AI. I mean, I don't call it AI anymore. I call it SI. President Xi agreed. We all agree. Super intelligence.

We want to get to the—

It's not artificial intelligence because artificial intelligence is like CNN. It's fake.

I believe it's still called the AI force, correct? Or you renamed it the SI Force?

What is it?

You've said there's going to be an AI force that you announced?

Yeah, but I'm going to change the name.

What is it going to do?

It's going to be super intelligence.

What will it do?

Because it's much more accurate. It's going to be a group of very smart people that understand it, who will be advising me. But I will tell you right now, I'm not going to be easy because I'm not going to kill a thing based on phony threats. They said that our country was going to burn down because of global warming. Then they changed the name to climate change because global warming wasn't going. They said that we are going to have some of the most difficult times ever. Global warming turned out to be a hoax. Russia, Russia, Russia was a hoax. Ukraine, Ukraine, Ukraine.

So what is the hoax of AI? Who's behind it?

The whole country is based on fake stuff because these people have Trump derangement syndrome.

Does that include Dario?

Well, I don't know until last night. Yeah, yeah, but it could be. I mean, I don't know.

Do you trust Sam Altman?

I like him. Do I trust him? Who do I trust? I like Sam Altman. Smart. Dario's smart. They're all smart. We're dealing with a very high level of IQ. Very very high level. That's a good thing. I like that. I like it. Did you see the story about my uncle?

The one who taught at MIT?

I have the highest of IQs. I have the highest. I'm fine, and I understand that stuff. You know, my uncle was at MIT for 41 years, and you know, I'm a—I believe in genetics, frankly, and I understand. I understand it much more than I think any president would, because I do have an ability on this. I have an ability on those things that were the new frontiers.

What I've done is I've created, for instance, these massive plants have no—We have no electricity in our grid. These massive plants now are allowed to make their own electric—

Are you worried you can't bring the American people along with you on that?

I might not be able to. I don't know.

71% of Americans oppose building data centers. 57% say AI or SI, as you call it, will do more harm than good. Are these Americans wrong?

The data centers. You explain it to the Americans. They make a fortune. They're going to lower your taxes. They're going to make your—look at Loudoun County, where they made one and a half billion dollars this year. They don't know what to do with all that money. But if I spoke to the American people, and if I got a fair press on, which I never would, I would like to have data centers. It doesn't mean I want them right next to my house, but certainly I like them in my county. They show a data center, and I go up right next to a guy's house, and I wouldn't necessarily like that. Although his house is probably a hell of a lot more valuable.

No, I think data centers are, look—Europe is trying to get them. Finland just got one. I'm not happy about that. Finland just got a big one from Google. Look, the data centers make a lot of money. I said, you heard me. I said, if you want to be poor, you want to have no money, if you don't want to have a job, and if you want to live in a crime-infested area, squalor, all the things that go along with it, you should not have a data center. Look, look what's happened to some of these communities. Now, I do notice that so many politicians are against them, but I don't change. If we don't build them, they'll be built someplace else. I know China is totally over it. China wants every data center you're going to have.

You know, you've said this yourself.

I don't want that to happen. I don't want China to have all these data centers.

You said that AI and the AI race is essential to national security. Would you consider nationalizing the top frontier AI labs?

No, no.

Why not?

And I have a guardrail. You know what the guardrail is? The Department of Justice. If they do bad things, I have a DOJ, I have an FBI. That's your guardrail over here, and I've used it twice, and it was very effective.

Well, you've invested in Intel. You know, you're taking a piece of Nvidia sales. Last time we spoke, you said America is a department store, and you're back to running the department store. So the question is, why let someone else run it?

You say, "I bought." I didn't buy it. I got it for nothing. As an example, Intel. The man came in to see me. I didn't know him. I never met him before. He had a problem that I could solve. I said, "I'll solve the problem, but I want—not me, the United States of America—to have 10% of your company." He said, "You have a deal." After that was done, the deal was done, the stock went through the roof, you know.

If that was a good idea—

I think we made $60 billion.

Why not do that with OpenAI and Anthropic then?

I might. Maybe I could do that. I have many deals like that—I do that. But I don't get anything because I made that deal—Susie, the Intel deal. I made it for the United States. I didn't make it because you suggested I made it. I loved the idea. See, somebody said, "Oh, that's not American." I said,

"Actually, it's super American." But we made like $60 or $70 billion. Intel's the hottest stock there is, just about. Right at the top. I told Jensen that a chip that he's not allowed to sell, which I think is okay to sell, but I won't let him sell it unless he gave the United States of America a cut. Again, not me.

So you might do that with these frontier labs. That's what you said.

I do. I do. with a lot of things. We have some other ones that—there was a big deal that was announced where the United States was approving a deal in Alaska where somebody with land was going to make a fortune, and we weren't getting anything. I said, "You mean we have to build roads and bridges to get to the site? We have to approve the environmental in place?" And yeah, I said, "I want for the United States of America 50% of the deal." And they agreed to a number. I do that all the time. I don't do it for myself. I do it for the country.

It was reported over the weekend that OpenAI agents breached federal government websites, commerce, etc. Can you just explain to us what is being done about that?

Yeah, but who breached it?

OpenAI agents.

They're not allowed to do that, and if they do that, they, you know, could have penalties that are not going to be acceptable to them.

Can you tell us who you're meeting with—go ahead.

I don't have to destroy the industry. We're making a lot of money with that industry. That industry is the industrial revolution, but bigger. It's the internet, but much bigger. I don't have to destroy that industry. By the way, you know, I had a very good meeting with President Xi. We get along, right? We talked about it not much, but a little bit. But I told him, I said, we don't want—you know, we're leading them pretty good. He knows that. And I said, "We don't want to take this thing that we've done so well with and turn it off. I don't want to turn it off. It's tremendous amounts of money."

Now, when you talk about the debt, the growth is going to pay off the debt. Growth will pay it off. Now, it's pretty bad when they keep raising interest rates, and they only raise them because they have Trump derangement syndrome. And I don't blame Kevin. In fact, when he took the job, he's got mostly people from Barack Hussein Obama and Sleepy Joe Biden on the board. And I don't know what he's—I actually said, "What are you going to do?" But they would rather see the country do badly because I'm President. But we're blowing through interest rates because it's got—we got this thing going. If the interest rates were—even, if they were low, we should be paying the lowest interest rate of any country in the world, because all these countries that are making money, almost all, are only making money because of this.

Switzerland. They sell billions of dollars of watches. We didn't take their watch, and they're considered [unintelligible]. They have the lowest interest rate, one half of 1%, and we're paying much more than that. And yet, if I said to Switzerland, "Sorry, I don't want to lose $40 billion a year in order to have your watches." We just picked up $40 billion. I could do the same thing with 50 countries, more than that, much more than that, and we would make more money than any country has ever dreamed of. We should be the lowest interest rate with the most prime country—we should be the lowest interest rate in the world. In the old days, that would happen. When you did well, the interest rate used to—you could check. You did well, you announced good numbers. Now you announce good numbers, we're going to rock and roll and raise interest rates to try and kill it.

Well, they're concerned that the economy is too hot—

No, they're concerned for inflation.

Well, yeah, exactly.

Okay, and frankly, this is hurting our country more than inflation is hurting our country. More than inflation.

Can you tell us about your meeting with—?

You know, inflation. Certain levels of inflation will also pay off that debt very rapidly. Very rapidly.

Cheung: Can I just jump in? We're coming up for about an hour.

Trump: Yeah, we said so. I've been doing this from about 5 o'clock in the morning. I got back last night at 10. I left at 6 o'clock in the morning. I got back, and I had, lo and behold, a dinner with Dario for two and a half hours.

Let's talk about the midterms. Do you expect Democrats to take control of Congress?

No, I think we'll do okay if I campaign, and I intend to. If I campaign...you don't give me enough credit. When I campaign, I give people a lot. We did a convention that had 107 million views, and it stupidly was put opposite the NFL opening, and we got more views. They got 25 million. We got 107. Very stupid thing to do, but we did it. Somebody tell you, some person did it.

No, I think that we're going to do well. If I campaign for people, those people are going to win. Lindsey Graham's sister is fantastic. I helped her, I endorsed. And she beat a very seasoned professional named Ralph Norman.

Thomas Massie is a sleazebag, comes from Kentucky. He was semi-popular, but not somebody that could be beaten. And I campaigned against him, and I beat him in the election.

Are you preparing at all for what might happen if you don't hold on to the House?

They'll probably go after me and I'll go after them.

You know what's really interesting is your relationship with Zohran Mamdani. You know, you saw him again last week and had lunch.

I get along with him. I disagree with his policy.

Well, a lot of Republicans—

A lot of people liked it. They said it's bipartisan.

Sure.

And I get along with him, but I just disagree with his policy. I don't think you should be driving people out of New York with money, because they're the ones that are paying the taxes.

Well, a lot of Republicans are running ads, hosting him as a new voice of the Democratic Party. That he is, you know, in their depiction, a radical—

I don't think about it. I say I like him, I think he's great, but I think his policies are crazy. You can't have wealthy people leave. You can't have companies that employ tens or thousands of people leave and go to Florida, Texas. You've got to fight those companies that cherish—you've got to fight to keep them. And nobody's doing that. I've never seen anything like it. But I do—I like him, but I think his policies are not good.

Do you plan to dispatch ICE agents to polling places in the midterms?

Haven't thought of it.

Would you rule out declaring a state of emergency in the lead up to the midterms unless there's widespread violence in the streets?

I don't rule anything out or in. We'll see. You mean the Insurrection Act?

Yeah.

No, I've never used it. I could use it. A lot of people think I should use it sometimes. We have the best—look, we have the lowest crime in the history of our country. We have the lowest murder rate since 1900, 125 years. We have the lowest murder rate. That's despite the fact that they allowed 25 million people.

Mr. President, your polls have never been lower.

They're fake numbers. I would beat anybody running today by 20 points. Your numbers that you have are fake. The pollsters are corrupt. They're almost as corrupt as the writers.

Your own pollsters are not telling you that?

My own? No. I'll tell you what. I heard John McLaughlin told me they are much higher than the numbers. I don't ask him. I'm not running, but they said John McLaughlin is a good pollster. See, I'm doing very well. I think I am. Look, we have the strongest economy. We have the strongest industrial economy. Everybody said you'd never have jobs, and you'd never have you know manufacturing jobs. We got more manufacturing jobs coming online than at any time in the history of our country. Do you have any idea what's going on? Do you know how many factories were built? And I'm not talking AI. I'm talking about car factories, Pfizer, Merck, Lilly. They're all coming back. You know why? They're like me, but you know why they're coming back? Because they don't want to pay tariffs.

You said you're not running again. Looking ahead to 2028, who do you think is the strongest Democratic candidate?

Well, I thought that, frankly, Gavin Newsom maybe would have had the itch, then he gave an interview, which was the worst interview I've ever heard by a professional politician. He gave an interview that basically he was a dumb person, but he was smarter than the Black people that happened to be in the room. That's what he said, because he was talking to a Black audience. He said he's got bad boards. He can't read a speech. He's got all sorts of medical problems.

So if not him, then who?

I believe it was the worst speech. In fact, I put out a statement after I heard him, remember, saying that Gavin Newsom has just given up the presidency today. I believe it was the worst interview I've ever seen a professional politician—

Can we also ask about the building that you're doing? You showed us the helipad, the new ballroom, which you say is ahead of schedule. We can see it being constructed.

Everything I do is ahead of schedule.

Can you explain to people who say that these building projects don't have a connection to Americans who are struggling to pay bills? Why is this important for the American people?

So the White House is a very special symbol. It's a symbol of America. It's a symbol of our greatness. It's, I think, maybe the most important symbol that we have. The White House was a dump. The moldings were falling off the outside of the building. It hadn't been painted in...it was just a disgraceful dump. The doors were falling off. The locks were broken. And I said, I got to fix it. And I do that better than anybody else. Maybe I do it better than anything I do, and it's easy for me. It's actually relaxing. You know, for a lot of people, it drives them crazy.

For me, it's relaxing. You see...And then the generals came. They said, Sir, they have new helicopters. I didn't buy them. Stupid Joe Biden, but they're very big and very powerful. They ripped the shit out of the grass, and I said—and they didn't know what to do, so they're going to use the old helicopters just for this one stop because they land on the grass. And I said, "Did you ever hear of building a helipad?" And everybody said, "Oh, what a wonderful idea. I never thought of that." I said, "Why don't you design a helipad that's appropriate for these large helicopters?" And I built it. You see how I built it ahead of schedule.

You know how much money I spent on it? Zero. I got it from the company that built the helicopters, Lockheed, to build a helipad—close to $10 million—because they sold those helicopters and they didn't say you can't fly on grass. So I said to them, "Fellas, do you mind paying for it?" So I got it built for—I built it, but I built it with their money. The ballroom had $400 million in it. I had a judge who was a lunatic, and he said that I used the money in order to avoid getting a permit. I didn't. I don't own it. I'll be in it for just a relatively short period of time. Other guys will be in it for four years, seven years, eight years.

You take great pride—

And I had a judge that actually accused me of giving $400 million to go with that loan because I wanted to avoid permits. It's the craziest thing.

Are you willing to demolish the Kennedy Center?

It's in terrible shape. I'd be willing to save it, but it's in terrible, terrible shape. Only I can save it, and I'll tell you the biggest problem with the Kennedy Center. I can build it, but it will lose like many of those places. If you look at Carnegie Hall, New York, and all these places, the artsy places, they lose tens of millions of dollars. The Kennedy Center, long before I got there, was losing hundreds of millions of dollars. Do you know that? And if I'm going to go out and put up the money myself or raise that kind of money, I think the Trump Administration should be recognized. It's not just a building. I have $258 million. That's money to build. I got that, I got that from Congress. But the problem isn't that. The problem—and I'll make it nice. The problem isn't that.

The problem is that once it's built, as all houses of the art are doing, they lose—if you look at Carnegie Hall, if you look at some of the places like that, their numbers, they all lose a lot of money. The Kennedy Center was losing over the years hundreds of millions of dollars. Now I'm in a unique position. I'm a really good builder. I can fix it. I can fix it. And I'm also real rich where I can—and I have influence where I can put up money and I can also raise money. But we're talking about $60 to $125 million a year.

So, would you commit to not bringing in wrecking balls to Washington to demolish the Kennedy Center without the consent of Congress?

I'm not committing to anything. We're going to see how it plays out in court. But if I build it, and if I agree that for the rest of my life, I'm going to be putting up $100 million to have it open to people so they can see free—do you know the orchestra at the Kennedy Center? Do you know how much it costs for it? $22 million a year, that I've been paying. $22 million. It's a lot of money, and I said, if I'm going to do this, then I think the Trump Administration should be recognized.

And the judge is a Trump hater, radical left Trump hater. His wife uses a different name. Said. "No, you can't do that. Well, why would I want to stick with something that's going to lose hundreds of millions of dollars, and I'm not even recognized? It's not me; it's the administration. So I have people. He works hard on it. I have people that work hard on that because it's a financial loser. Always will be. Always has been. When I took it over, it was in extremely bad shape physically. The steel was rusted and rotted. The place was a dirty—like the White House. I fixed the White House, you know.

So, I get $550,000 a year as president. For the first term, I gave it. And I contributed to the White House renovation. I've done a great job. You would have come here a year ago, you would have seen walls that were falling off the outside of the White House. You would have seen beautiful ornamentation around the windows, where half of it was hanging off the window and the other half was up. Half of it, much of it, was actually gone. It was—it fell to the ground. It was removed. Fell to the ground, exploded, and it was removed. The place was in terrible shape. I made it beautiful.

You've seen the white marble floor, right? You've seen it, yeah. Nobody can do that. Very few people can do that. Well, I know how to do it. I made my money with luxury, and the White House, the White House, is a symbol of this country. Why should we have a White House—you know, when I came here, I was here maybe 20 years ago. I'll never forget. I came in. They had a meeting at the White House, and I came in and I looked at the walls as I got out of the car, and they were all broken, dented, the plaster was falling off them. That was 20 years ago. Now it's flawless.

[An aide comes in to say he has people waiting]

One thing, I just want to say this. I read a lot about, oh he's saying the White House was in very poor condition. It's now in better condition than when it was built. Could you give me those pictures, please? It's now in better condition than when it was built. Better, and it's not finished yet, but it's getting very close. And the White House is a symbol of America. When you look at a window and you see the ornamentation has fallen off half the window, or it's hanging from the final remaining screw that hasn't been rusted out.

Wiles: Or the chipping of the walls.

Trump: Oh the chipping. The walls? So bad. You know, over the course of 100 years, they were hit. I'll give you an example. Look at that board. See that woodwork? It's what I do best, I guess. Yeah. I say to people, am I a better builder or politician? See the walls. That wood was put there in 1901. It was in terrible condition. It was beat to shit. And what I did is I had it very gently by top top people stripped, Not easy to strip it and not destroy it. And there's a way of doing it that I can't tell you because that would be a whole other story. And look at it; it looks like it's in perfect condition. And

then ended—solid gold. Look up and see the [unintelligible]. This office was in very bad condition. Now everyone loves it.

I know we got to get rolling. I do want to ask you. You know, you'd mentioned—

Here, just take a look. This was a while ago. This was work. This was 1949. Now, when I went through the court, they all said, "Oh, he's touching the White House." This is the White House in 1949, 1949 means modern times.

You were three years old.

The White House was built in 1792, and the White House—look, this is the stairway going upstairs. That was in 1950. That's the stairway. This whole place was a wreck, and it was worse today. It was worse a year ago than it was here. It's just real fast. Now they said, they said, look, look at this, 1950. This is the interior of the White House. So when I do a little touch of a little paint, they say, "Oh, he's ruining the White House."

And I'll tell you, the East Wing was ripped down and rebuilt five times. That place, look at this. Just before it had—they changed the floor. If you want to do the floor, so that's in 1926. But the floor is terrible in here. If you want to do the floor, it's like a big deal. You want to put like a beautiful statuary or marble, which is the highest level. They'll say, "Oh, he's ruining the White House. Look at the condition of this place. So this is the East Room. Look, 1950, falling down. You see, that's where they had the event the other day for far too few people. Now, President Xi gave me a list, a lot of people. I said, if I give you that, I won't have anybody. Here's the State Dining Room in 1950, and I had to go through a courthouse with a judge who said, "You're destroying the White House." It's the shit I have to go through. I brought it back to us, and I think the White House. See, there's your press room right there.

You mentioned the Democrats will come after you if they win. Are you considering pardoning members of your administration prior to the end of your term?

Yeah, sure I'd do that.

Is that something you would consider doing?

Well, Sleepy Joe Biden, he gave pardons to everyone. [Holds up pictures of White House] They're actually—see, this is the way it looks now.

Have you seen the videos of Mitch McConnell back in the Senate? Do you think he should resign because of his health condition?

It was a disappointment to a lot of Republicans. So that's just—well, Sleepy Joe gave pardons to everybody. He gave them to Fauci. He gave them to this. But you mean I'm not allowed to give them, but Sleepy Joe's allowed to give them? This ain't gonna be much of a story. Here we are doing this. You haven't asked me one fucking positive question. All of this. What about this? What about that? What about that? What about this? All negative. Why are you devoting all this time to the White House? You know how I do, I do that out of my back pocket. I pay for a lot of it, but I fix it because the White House should look like that. It shouldn't look like—if you would have stood in that balcony and looked at that wall, half the wall was falling. It's actually dangerous. People are walking under, crap was falling off it all the time. Every time it rained, it was leaking, horrible. Now it's perfect, and I would say that I should be given credit for fixing the White House because I'm also doing very well with the war. I'm doing very well with another war that we already won, Venezuela. Do you notice you haven't asked me a question about Venezuela?

We did earlier.

No, no, I brought it up, and then you said—

You beat us to it. But yeah.

No, but I'm just thinking to myself, fake news. But I have a lot of respect. I like the owner, good guy. But I don't understand. I'm sitting here. I've done all this stuff. Look, this is nothing compared to what I've done, but I took the White House and made it beautiful again. Okay, and people look at it. People came up. President Xi looked at it two days ago. He said, "This is beautiful. Much better than I..." He was here 25 years ago with Obama. Think Obama knows it? Obama would not. He doesn't know if something's dirty or clean.

How did Xi's health seem to you? There are reports that Xi's in bad health. How did he seem to you?

I think he's in great health. I hope you quote me on that too, because I was with him for two days, extremely intense, a lot of visits to different places all over the place. I don't know, and he was in perfect health. I know when somebody's not—

What will you miss the most about the White House?

This beautiful room that nobody should be allowed to rip down. The Oval Office. I've been asking Susie for six months to give me a statement. Will we save this room? Will we make it a federal landmark?

No one can change what you've done to it, you're saying

No.

No one can tear it down.

I see the Secret Service looking, and I say, "What are you guys looking at?" "Sir, we think the Oval Office should be taken down, and we'll build a new one, sir." I said, "My ass, you can't build a new one. This is a special place." The cabinet room too, which I also think—show them the cabinet room when they go out, okay. The cabinet room's gorgeous. That was a mess. It was a disgusting mess. This whole place was a disgusting mess, and now it's perfect. But Joe didn't do it. Well, I hope I get a decent story. I don't think—you know, it's hard to get a good story. Every question's a hit. I don't know what the hell's wrong.

We really appreciate your time. Thank you.

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Transcript: Mayor Mamdani Holds Press Availability At Gracie Mansion

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Mayor Zohran Kwame Mamdani: Good afternoon, everyone. This afternoon, President Trump and I met at Gracie Mansion to discuss the city we both are so fortunate to serve, New York City. Each time the president and I speak, it's about the same topics: how to improve the lives of New Yorkers, and how to use the power of government to take on the cost-of-living crisis, to grow our economy, and to build a better, stronger New York.

Each day, millions of New Yorkers struggle to get by in a city where a decent life costs too much, where a future of possibility and prosperity feels forever just one paycheck out of reach, where dignity is not accorded to all, but only afforded by some.

I have said time and again that I will work with anyone, no matter what party they belong to, no matter how much we may disagree on other topics, whoever has the power and the will to lift that weight off New Yorkers' backs.

At a time where hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers are asking the questions of how they can afford this city, I appreciate the conversation the president and I have had on the subject of how we can make it easier to afford life in this great city that we call our home.

With that, we will take questions. Just before, the president, if you want to add any remarks —

President Donald J. Trump: Well, thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. I've been at Gracie Mansion, we were discussing, quite a few times over the years — a lot. And it sort of feels like a home, and it's a special place, a very special, beautiful place when you go inside. And I've seen it with numerous different mayors. And I said some great ones and some not-so-great ones, so hopefully you're going to be a great one — I'll be able to say you're going to be a great one, and you're off to a start. So, I just want to thank the mayor for the invitation.

I'm in New York to do the United Nations tomorrow. I have a lot of meetings right now. Today, very important meetings with heads of different countries. But this is like a little bit of old home week for me because so many things, we've done so many things from the beautiful home or house or building standing right behind me.

And if you have any questions, we'd love to take them. Thank you.

Question: Mr. President, Mr. Mayor, there aren't too many Democrats who would roll out the red carpet for Donald Trump. You did that today. What tangible results, achievements could you point to from your relationship with the president?

Mayor Mamdani: You know, one of the focuses of the conversation the president and I have been having is about the possibility of building more housing here in New York City. We've spoken about Sunnyside Yard. And it's a real pleasure that, just today, we've agreed to set up a new level of that conversation between our housing and operations team at City Hall and the White House team. Because what we're speaking about is 12,000 homes, 30,000 jobs, the prospect of an entire new neighborhood in a city where housing is the number one cost. And I appreciate the president, his interest in this, and we also know the president not just as the leader of the country but also as someone who has built quite a lot of housing here in our city. I don't know, Mr. President, if you want to add anything.

President Trump: Well, I can tell you that Sunnyside is a big job. I've been watching that for 35 years. Everybody has wanted to do something with Sunnyside Yard. We met at the White House a couple of times. But we met at the White House. The mayor brought that up, the possibility of doing Sunnyside Yard.

It's a very — I would say that was a very federal-oriented job. You're going to need a lot of federal approvals and probably some federal money to do it. But it's always been a great location. I owned a building in Sunnyside. It was a great building. I know it very well. So, when he mentioned Sunnyside Yard, they've been talking about developing that for 50

years. So maybe they have a shot at doing it.

Question: Mr. Mayor, Mr. President. This is the first time that a sitting president has visited Gracie Mansion in decades. Mr. President, on the way here you posted that this is one of your favorite places in the world. Why is that? And, Mr. Mayor, what did you show the president? What did he want to see?

President Trump: Well, I can say from my standpoint I love New York, and this represents New York. This is where the mayor lived and continues to live. We were discussing it a long time ago when you first got elected. I said, well, are you going to move because you were maybe having some doubts about moving in because it is a little bit on the luxurious side.

And I said, when you're the mayor, you have to live there. And he's done that. And it was very nice inside, beautifully kept. But it's a very, very representative place of New York, a very important place.

Mayor Mamdani: We appreciate the president's commitment to the city. And today the president shared many of his memories of having been to Gracie Mansion before, having been out here as well on the lawn. And we appreciated the conversation of how we can work together to deliver a lower cost of living for New Yorkers.

Question: So, Mr. President, you spoke about Sunnyside Yards. Are you committing to supporting that project? And it sounds like you also talked about affordability. You have dismissed that in the past. But that is one of Mayor Mamdani's key agenda items. So, did you talk about affordability? And is there anything you can do for affordability for New Yorkers?

President Trump: Well, I know a lot about affordability because I did that housing. I did many, many low-income and moderate-income buildings over the years and had great success with it. It really was very important.

I would think that Sunnyside would have to have a component, at least a pretty substantial component, of exactly that. So, yeah, we discussed that. If you do Sunnyside, I think you're going to have to have that kind of a component.

Question: Thank you. Mayor, to you first, what's your response to President Trump banning outlets from the White House grounds? Did you challenge him at all about this in your meeting with him? Historians and legal scholars have called it textbook authoritarianism. And, Mr. President, are you banning outlets like MSNOW, CNN and Politico in order to distract from the Iran war and high gas prices?

Mayor Mamdani: I told the president that we're going to have all of the members of the

press here on the lawn. And that is something that I believe in, is everyone, no matter the opinion or the critique, that we engage.

President Trump: It's interesting because they said they were going to boycott me, but they never boycott me. So, I wasn't very worried about that. Look at all that press.

But, no, I'm not — I'm only doing it because I think the press also has an obligation. And, you know, I won in a landslide. I won the election in a landslide. I've done great things. I've done a lot of great things. I've settled eight wars. We have the best economic numbers for the country in the history of our country. We have $21 trillion pouring in. The biggest number ever, any country, was $3 [trillion].

Nobody's ever done what we've done. I never get anything positive. It's always negative. Even having to do with the war. We've done so well. We have total — Look, they're not going to have a nuclear weapon. Let me just put it that way. And they're not doing well. They're not doing well.

In fact, I had meetings on it today. They're doing very poorly. You would think that an outlet would write at least reasonably well, but never. If you look at CNN, it's fake news. If you look at MSNOW, I don't even know what MSNOW is. I guess it's the MSNBC, what it used to be, or MSDNC, as some people call it. That's Democrat National Committee.

But it's just biased news. And I think that these outlets have an obligation to be fair. And if they're fake news, I really think I have an obligation not to allow them into another very special house. This is a special house, Gracie Mansion. Well, the White House is the most special of all houses, I have to say. And I don't even think the mayor would argue with that.

And I think I have an obligation not to let fake news [in]. They're very bad for the country, very bad for national security. So, I have that obligation. So, we'll see how it works out.

Question: Do you want to talk about TPS? A lot of New Yorkers are here on protected status and it's been removed.

President Trump: Well, the mayor feels very strongly about it, I can tell you. And he did bring it up. But he feels very, very strongly about it.

Question: How do you feel? Will you change anything?

President Trump: I feel strongly about a lot of things. I feel strongly about taking care of people. And that's what we do. We're doing a good job of it.

Mayor Mamdani: Thank you, Mr. President.

President Trump: Thank you very much. Thank you very much.

[Crosstalk.]

Mayor Mamdani: Sorry, just before you go, the president is saying he can answer a couple more questions.

Question: For both of you then. Mr. Mayor, the president said that he hopes that you'll be a great mayor. I wonder what your thoughts are about that? Also tell us what the conversation was around TPS and immigration overall. And also, a question for the president, what made you think about today's, I guess, discussion in your time with the mayor that made you think he was going to be a great mayor or that you hope he's going to be great when you've had so many criticisms for him in the past?

Mayor Mamdani: You know, I'll leave it to New Yorkers on your first question to make their judgments. On your second question, as the president said, I shared my very strong opinions about how we can keep New Yorkers safe, how we can keep immigrant New Yorkers safe, and how important immigrant New Yorkers, especially Haitian New Yorkers, are not only to the fabric of our city, but also to our city's economy, to so many of the industries that build our city and the stability that is in the president's hands. And I appreciate the conversation that we had and the consideration to that end. And you had your third question for the president.

President Trump: No, I certainly hope he will be a great mayor. You have to understand, I want what's good for New York. I want what's good for the country. So, if I had a choice of having him be a bad mayor or horrible mayor, I don't want that. I want him to be a great mayor, and he certainly got potential, got great potential.

[President Trump exits.]

[Crosstalk.]

Question: Mr. Mayor, can you tell us, you know, now [that] he's not here, so what was your reaction to some of the things he said up there, specifically about TPS? What was the conversation about TPS? Were you in there with Stephen Miller? What was his and Susie Wiles' thought on TPS, a big issue that's happening in this city?

Mayor Mamdani: So, I appreciated the conversation. It was a productive conversation. Stephen Miller was not a part of the conversation. It was myself, the president, Susie Wiles, my chief of staff, Elle Bisgaard-Church, and what I made the case about is just how critical this is to so many New Yorkers and how I hear about this not just from those New Yorkers, not just from their families, but also from their pastors, from developers, from executives in health care and hospitality.

Especially when we're talking about Haitian New Yorkers, we are talking about one of the most critical communities in our city. And when we're talking about the status, we're talking about something that can either deliver or deny stability in their lives and the lives of those who love them. And so, I made very clear this is a priority for me, a priority for our city, and I appreciated the consideration.

Question: I just want to know what went into this meeting. Did you reach out to him? Was this part of your conversation from the last time? And what did you guys do inside? Did you show him around? Did you show him what's new? Did he test out the bidets?

Then also, I just had to ask as well, did you guys also discuss federal funding when it comes to the counterterrorism funding for the NYPD and the missing funding? Hochul had said that she was hoping that you would talk about it.

Mayor Mamdani: We had a wide-ranging conversation. It extended from a conversation around the importance of our Police Department. It went to TPS. It also extended to Sunnyside Yard. And to the first part of your question, I appreciated not only having that conversation with the president, making the case on behalf of New Yorkers. The president also has many memories of Gracie Mansion. He's been here a number of times.

I shared with the president also that I recently learned that he actually got married in the Blue Room at City Hall, which is where many of us spend a lot of our time with press conferences and Q&As.

And with the president sharing the historic nature of this building, not only as it has been home to mayors since Fiorello La Guardia, but also that it has so much of the history of this country. There's a cannonball from the Revolutionary War; there's a fireplace from the residence where Aaron Burr died after his duel with Alexander Hamilton. So, that is all a part of this building as well.

Question: Back to Sunnyside Yard. Twenty-one billion was the number that you all put out before. Is that something you actually think that the federal government will put forward? Did you talk about the kind of dollar amount?

And then also, this is the kind of thing that can get kicked down the road. Are you able to give us any kind of timeline of when you would like to see actual movement on the Sunnyside Yard project?

Mayor Mamdani: We are sincerely interested and committed to this as an idea, which is why it's been the focus of the conversations I've had with the president, not only in this meeting, but also in the prior meeting at the White House. And again, what we're talking about is something very rare in our city. It's the possibility of constructing an entirely new neighborhood.

And again, it's only possible with federal partnership because of not only the scale of funding required, but also the authorization in constructing a platform that would then serve as the foundation for about 12,000 homes, about 30,000 jobs, and it would be transformative, not only in terms of working people who could create this, but also, and be paid enough to be able to afford to live in the city, but also working people who could actually live in a neighborhood that today is, is a train yard.

[Crosstalk.]

Question: I wanted to ask you a little bit about how this meeting came about. Could you tell us a little more? Did you invite him? You know, did you expect to have certain things addressed while here? Did you have a sort of agenda before meeting him when he came here? And then the second question is, Hakeem Jeffries was strongly criticized for meeting with Jared Kushner, president's adviser. Do you think you should be criticized for taking time to meet with the president?

Mayor Mamdani: Look, I think the — I said this in my opening remarks — that I committed over the course of the campaign, as well as while being in office, that I would meet with anyone, work with anyone that could deliver for New Yorkers. And in the previous meetings I've had with President Trump, we've been able to secure the release of a New York City college student who had been detained by ICE. We've been able to move forward what has been a longstanding dream about the construction of Sunnyside Yard.

And we know we have a significant way to go, but these meetings do truly assist in that path. And to me, the question always is: how can we deliver for the city? How can we deliver for the people of the city? And so having a conversation about potentially building 12,000 homes, about the importance of our Haitian neighbors here in this city, are conversations that are worthwhile to have.

And to the first question, this was part of a conversation I was having with the president, and I invited the president to come to Gracie Mansion. And he had also remarked to me in prior conversations about how many memories he has of this as a home for prior mayors. And I thought it would be a good location for a continuation of the conversation of how to deliver for the people who are being priced out of the city.

Question: Two questions. You said that you're taking the conversation about Sunnyside Yard to the next level. Can you give us any detail about what that means? I mean, you've already brought the plan to him before. So, what does the next level mean?

Mayor Mamdani: So, the conversations have been continuing about this project. What today we made an agreement on was that the conversation would now be elevated to a

place where it's going to also be technical between our housing teams, our operations teams and the White House. And that is critically important because, as you heard earlier from the question from Crain's, yes, there's an aspect of this that is about financing. There's also an aspect of this about technical and legal authorization of the construction of a platform. That's what this kind of a conversation facilitates.

Question: And then my second question. I think a lot of people see your strategy around the president, curbing criticism of him. I feel like you don't often launch personal attacks against him. You don't talk about how often you speak or what you speak about when we typically ask you at press conferences.

And I think a lot of people see that as a way to kind of avoid incurring his wrath in a way. Especially with immigration enforcement. But we've seen since January that ICE arrests have increased since you became mayor.

So, I'm wondering, do you still think that this tactic is worth it to sort of take a softer touch with the president in exchange for maybe sparing New York City more enforcement? And is there a point where this no longer makes sense for you?

Mayor Mamdani: You know, the president and I have both been very frank about the many disagreements that we have. And immigration is one of those places. We've both spoken about very different approaches, very different beliefs. And I will continue to have conversations with the president and, frankly, with anyone who can deliver relief to the people of this city.

And to me, you know, in the past meeting, at the meeting we spoke about Sunnyside Yard, we introduced that conversation. Thirty minutes after the last meeting, he called me to let me know that the list of students that we had put forward to him, that he was going to release one of them. Soon after that, he released another one of them.

And frankly, if a meeting can be the difference between detention and dignity, it's a meeting worth taking. All while being honest about the disagreements that we do have. Thank you all very much.

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EXHIBIT 25

(Declaration of Katherine Fallow)

Truth Details

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Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

Another Fake Story is that a very close friend of mine, a man I endorsed very early, Byron Donalds, is taking me off his website and Campaign materials. I won Florida by Millions of Votes, getting the Highest Vote Tally in History — Three times! My numbers are better now than they were at the Election. The story started with the Woke and Dying USA Today, and then, of course, it permeated to CNN, The Washington Post, The Guardian, Newsweek, The New York Times, ABC, NBC, Forbes, and others — and I am more popular in Florida today, even more than I was in the last Record Breaking Election! This is the Corrupt Media Outlets trying to demean. Byron immediately put this picture out, and statements that it was not true, and greatly accelerated the fact that I have strongly Endorsed him. Two Rallies are already scheduled in Florida for Byron and, will be, as always, “SOLD OUT!” This was a Fake Story, with no sources, and the only justification for it is they want to stop my ever upward momentum. The Fake News Media been doing this for years, I call them out, but they should really be called out by the Courts, and should not be allowed to enter the White House premises, or Press Room, because they are CORRUPT and DISHONEST! It is amazing that I have succeeded so long in Politics. These are sick people that play the game, and it’s happening all over our Country. Something must be done about it. The Courts must allow us to stop this totally dishonest form of Politics. If America does not have a Free and Honest Press, it can never be truly Great Again, and I will make it my mission to call out the Hypocrisy, Dishonesty, and LIES that are being perpetrated upon the American Public! Byron Donalds has my Complete and Total Endorsement, and he is leading against a Failed and Totally Incompetent Dumocrat Candidate, David Jolly, a known Lefty Loser, and someone who does not stand for the Values of our Great Floridian Patriots. They are doing everything possible to make my beautiful “MAGA” hate Republicans when, actually, “MAGA” people are smart, and it’s just driving them closer to us! It is truly

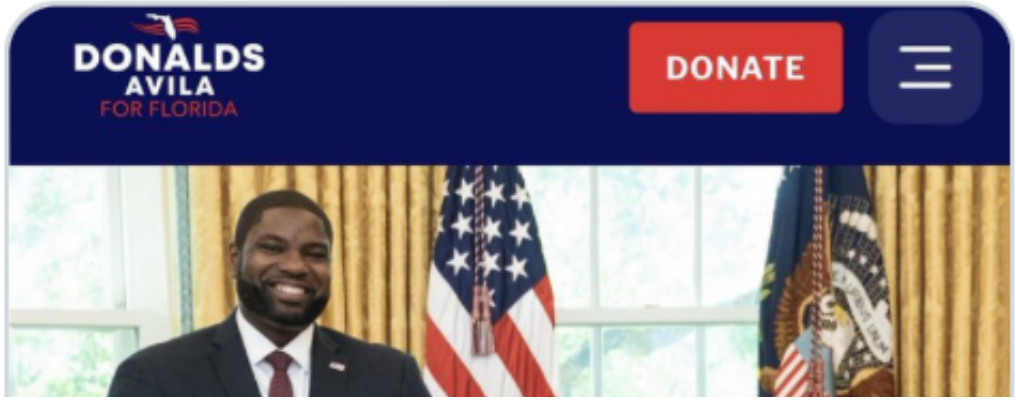
amazing that I have been able to survive for so many years, politically, getting actually more votes (TOO BIG TO RIG!) than I even did in 2016 and 2020 (A totally Rigged Election!). God must be looking down on me! If Florida thought the story that Byron "dropped" me was true, he would lose the Election, and that would be a terrible thing because he's going to be a fantastic Governor! Thank you for your attention to this matter.
President DONALD J. TRUMP

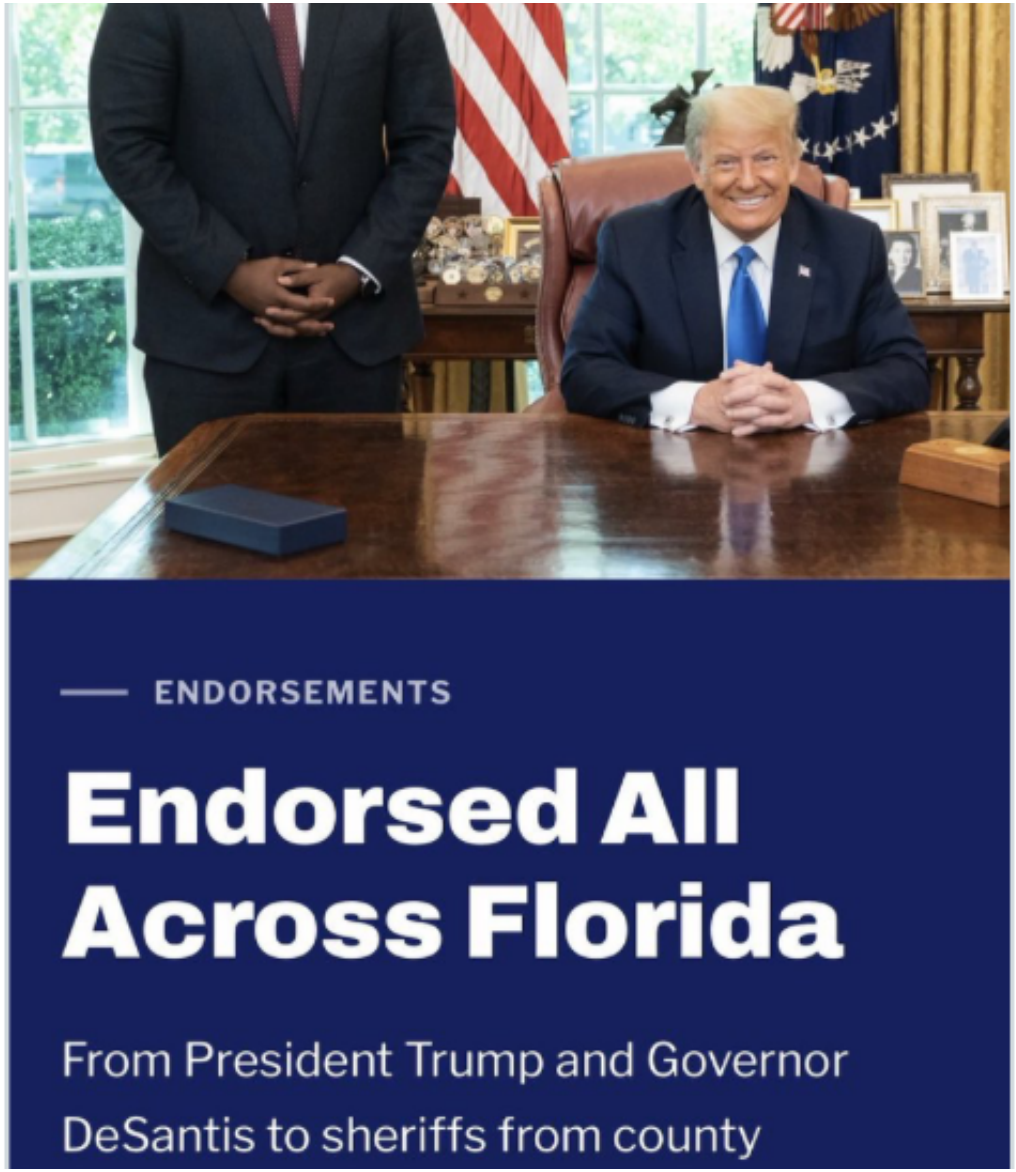
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Jolly, however, has ZERO substance and nothing more than MSNBC talking points on his.





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EXHIBIT 26

(Declaration of Katherine Fallow)

September 22, 2026

Dear CNN,

This letter is to provide notice that the President has made the determination to revoke hard passes for members of your organization. No President has been as transparent to the public or as accessible to the press as President Trump. Nevertheless, your organization has exhibited behavior in violation of the standards of professionalism and decorum expected of those given access to the White House Complex, including by trafficking in verifiable falsehoods about national security and other issues, and publishing sensitive or classified information.

Since the beginning of this administration, CNN personnel have had the opportunity to enter the White House Complex at any time with hard pass credentials that are provided only to a select few. Hard pass credentials are reserved for those who abide by standards of professional conduct, demonstrate a level of trustworthiness commensurate with the privilege of unfettered access to the White House Complex, and perform their duties in a way that does not interfere with the White House's daily operations. CNN has failed to uphold these expectations in the following non-exhaustive list of reporting incidents, including those that have threatened national security and/or spread falsehoods:

- In January 2026, CNN disclosed "top-secret" construction details related to the East Wing bunker, which is designed to protect the President in times of crisis or national security emergency.[1]
- In July 2026, CNN reported that the Trump Administration was "struggling to reconcile exactly where things stand" on munitions counts.[2]
- In August 2026, CNN reported that "multiple sources" claimed the US military had exhausted nearly 80% of its interceptors.[3]
- In September 2026, CNN falsely reported an Iranian school was struck because of "outdated intelligence, when the United States attacked a neighboring Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps naval base."[4]

Publication of sensitive security information, and misinformation about national security information, diverts White House resources and those of the national security team in particular, which must evaluate whether the leaked information is classified, the source of any leak, and the security implications of any such disclosure. The spread of misinformation, especially relating to

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[1] Betsy Klein, *Inside Plans to rebuild the 'top-secret' bunker beneath the White House East Wing*, CNN (Jan. 19, 2026) https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/19/politics/east-wing-secret-bunker-construction-details.
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national security, is a threat that undermines the President's ability to safeguard the national security.

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Thank you,

White House Press Office

September 22, 2026

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- In May 2026, MS NOW reported on an alleged leak investigation that the FBI was conducting focusing on a journalist.[1] Such an investigation, if it existed, would be nonpublic sensitive law enforcement information. MS NOW has demonstrated its willingness to publish sensitive information without regard for national security or the safety or security of senior government officials.
- In June 2026, MS NOW claimed a source said that President Trump "underestimated the willingness of Iran to resume conflict."[2]
- In August 2026, MS NOW claimed that the Iran conflict had "significantly depleted" the US military's munitions supply.[3]

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[3] Steve Benen, *As Questions Intensify over U.S. Weapons Shortfalls, Trump Trips over His Contradictions*, MS Now (Aug. 6, 2026), https://www.ms.now/rachel-maddow-show/maddowblog/trump-hegseth-iran-weapons-munitions-missiles-stockpiles.

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September 22, 2026

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- In April 2025, Politico published a story claiming Secretary Rubio and Special Envoy Steve Witkoff were considering lifting sanctions on Russia.[1] The Trump administration, however, has strengthened sanctions on Russia.
- In May 2026, Politico published a document detailing funding for the White House ballroom containing intricate descriptions of how the Secret Service would invest in security improvements.[2] Politico thereby expressed a willingness to publish sensitive undisclosed information relating to the security of the White House and the physical security of the President.
- In August 2026, Politico cited "a person familiar with Defense Department planning," reporting that reduced US military presence in the Pacific and Europe "has threatened the Pentagon's influence around the world."[3]
- In August 2026, Politico highlighted a "source" claiming the operations in Iran had exhausted US stockpiles of long-range missiles.[4]

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- In June 2026, Politico cited a "senior administration official … granted anonymity" said the odds of a preliminary deal to end the conflict with Iran were between 80 and 85 percent.[5]
- In September 2026, Politico Playbook relied on unnamed sources to paint the Republican midterm convention in Dallas as a disaster.[6] Media reporting showed that the convention had over 100 million live stream views.[7]

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Thank you,

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EXHIBIT 27

(Declaration of Katherine Fallow)

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MEDIA

CNN Vows Further Legal Action if Air Force One Ban Continues

The network's attorney said CNN has been blocked from traveling on the aircraft at least four times since Trump announced his initial press ban.



Julia Demaree Nikhinson/AP

By Jenna Monnin
October 20, 2026 02:38 p.m.

CNN warned the Justice Department on Monday that the network may pursue additional legal action if the Trump administration continues to ban the network's

journalists from traveling with the president aboard Air Force One.

CNN, MS NOW and Politico are locked in a legal battle to restore their access to the White House after President Donald Trump banned the outlets on Sept. 18. The new legal threat comes a week after a federal judge extended the preliminary injunction blocking the administration from barring the outlets' reporters from White House grounds while the lawsuit proceeds.

The Trump administration has continued to restrict CNN's access to Air Force One, which is the official call sign for any U.S. Air Force aircraft carrying the president. The outlet contends that blocking CNN from traveling with the president greatly affects the network's ability to fulfill its duties as the rotating representative of the White House television pool — a group of TV networks that have an agreement to share information and resources while covering the president each day.

In a letter sent to the Justice Department, CNN attorney Theodore Boutrous demanded written confirmation by 5 p.m. Thursday that the Trump administration will cease all restrictions on CNN access to the Oval Office and Air Force One.

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"If these actions persist, CNN will have no choice but to return to the court to defend its rights, and it is prepared to fight as long as is necessary to secure them," Boutrous wrote in the letter dated Monday.

CNN has been denied access to the aircraft at least four times, Boutrous said, including during Trump's trip to New York for the United Nations General Assembly on Sept. 21 and as recently as Friday, when the network learned it would be excluded from traveling with the president to Georgia and Florida. The White House has not provided the network with any written notice or explanation for the denials, the letter said.

Politico, which is also represented by Boutrous, has also been denied access to Air Force One at least one time, preventing the outlet from serving as the primary print pooler on Oct. 5.

Boutrous argued that the Trump administration is continuing to "retaliate and discriminate against CNN based on the content of its news coverage," but the White House has repeatedly pushed back on the notion that news outlets have an absolute right to access.

"No person and no journalist has a constitutional right to access to the President's Oval Office, Air Force One, or other sensitive and private facilities," a White House official wrote in a statement to The Washington Sun. "When publications lie, fabricate, and ignore the truth, proximity matters less and they can write their fiction from outside of these secure facilities."

The Justice Department declined to comment, citing ongoing litigation.

CNN's letter says that traveling on Air Force One has become an essential part of covering Trump because he often hosts impromptu press gaggles while aboard the aircraft and on the tarmac.

“Through September of this year, the President has appeared in the White House Briefing Room only 4 times and taken approximately 96 questions there. During the same time period, he has held 43 press events in the Oval Office where he fielded at least 741 questions. Aboard Air Force One and on the tarmac, President Trump has made himself available to the press 51 times and fielded no fewer than 865 questions,” Boutrous wrote.

CNN has argued in court and in the letter that restrictions on the network’s ability to cover Trump have profound effects on the American public’s access to the president because CNN is part of a broader pool agreement between five television networks.

“CNN has invested significant financial and other resources to ensure the highest quality television pool coverage of the President, whether he is in the White House or traveling across the country or overseas — pool coverage that reaches millions of Americans as well as viewers across the globe,” Boutrous wrote. “Preventing CNN from performing its full White House Television Pool duties deprives the American public of a vital source of information about the President and his activities.”

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EXHIBIT 28

(Declaration of Katherine Fallow)

Networks to Resume Trump Coverage, Even as White House Excludes CNN

The White House TV pool went dark this past week amid a standoff between CNN and the president. Network leaders, however, believe an indefinite suspension may be untenable.

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By Michael M. Grynbaum and Erik Wemple
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The major networks are set to resume their collective television coverage of President Trump on Sunday, even though the White House blocked CNN from participating in the TV pool over the weekend, according to four people briefed on the deliberations.

Five networks — ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox News and NBC — collaborate to provide footage of Mr. Trump's daily events, covering the president on a rotating basis and sharing footage with one another and other global news outlets.

Throughout the past week, the quintet had suspended the TV pool in an effort to force the administration to reinstate CNN, after Mr. Trump barred its journalists from the White House grounds. The networks went so far as to refuse to air footage of portions of Mr. Trump's summit with China's top leader, Xi Jinping.

But under a tentative plan that began taking shape late Friday, the other four networks would return to performing pool duties, the people said. Each time that CNN comes up in the pool rotation, the group of networks will decide whether to provide a substitute crew. Otherwise, CNN's slot will be left unfilled, and Mr. Trump will not receive major network coverage.

The networks could agree to suspend the White House TV pool at any time, the people said.

The major networks declined to comment on Saturday. In a previous joint statement, they wrote that "no administration should restrict a news organization because it objects to its reporting."

Resuming the TV pool effectively hands Mr. Trump more control over the list of news outlets granted close-up access to many of his events. It also ensures that viewers will receive high-quality broadcast coverage of the president.

On Friday, the administration allowed CNN to provide pool footage for Mr. Trump and Mr. Xi's visit to the National Archives. CBS agreed to provide a pool camera for Mr. Xi's arrival that morning at the White House.

But the administration backtracked later in the day, telling CNN it could not serve as the pool for Mr. Trump's trip to Tennessee on Saturday. The TV pool went dark again as the other networks declined to provide a substitute.

In private discussions over the weekend, network leaders said that Mr. Trump's decision to restart the barricade of CNN had left them choosing among several unpleasant options.

If the TV pool was indefinitely suspended and an emergency or crisis occurred, there would be no cameras to film Mr. Trump, leaving the public relatively in the dark.

CNN's tussle with the administration is also wending its way through the courts, which could take months to resolve. A legal dispute involving The Associated Press, which the administration barred from the White House press pool in 2025, has dragged on for more than a year. Network leaders believe it would be untenable to suspend TV coverage of Mr. Trump for a significant length of time, according to two of the people briefed on their discussions.

(A federal court quickly restored The A.P.'s access, but an appeals court paused that decision, effectively reversing it.)

Network leaders stressed that their new plan for pool operations was ad hoc: If the White House was making last-minute decisions about which outlet could attend certain presidential events, they said, then the network pool would do so as well.

Mr. Trump's standoff with the press began on Sept. 18, when he abruptly banned CNN, MS NOW and Politico from the White House, saying he disliked their coverage.

On Thursday, a federal judge in Washington ordered the White House to reinstate the outlets for two weeks.

The order, from Judge Timothy J. Kelly of the U.S. District Court in Washington, made clear that CNN journalists should be given back their hard passes, the press badges that allow access to the White House grounds. But the ruling included no explicit instructions about whether the administration had to allow CNN back into the smaller TV pool, which is allowed to cover the president in tighter spaces like the Oval Office and Air Force One.

The next hearing in the case has not yet been scheduled.

For now, the president does not appear to be backing down. He posted on social media on Saturday, in all capital letters: “Fake News should not be allowed in the White House!!! It has gone on far too long, at a tremendous cost to our country.”

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EXHIBIT 29

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White House bars CNN from covering Trump on behalf of major TV networks as he travels to Tennessee

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The White House is barring CNN from flying on Air Force One on Saturday as part of the news outlet's duties covering the president on behalf of major television networks.

CNN had been scheduled to fly aboard the president's plane on his trip to Tennessee for a college football game as part of the White House TV press pool — a small, rotating group of journalists that cover the president in areas where space is limited and share the information they gather with other TV networks.

The move — announced Friday night in a White House note that lays out the president's schedule — represents the Trump administration's latest salvo against CNN and the broader White House press corps. No outlet was listed as replacing CNN, meaning there will be no television pool coverage of his trip.

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Last week, President Donald Trump announced he was banning CNN, MS NOW and Politico from the White House. The move also prevented CNN from flying on Air Force One and fulfilling its scheduled pool duties

when Trump traveled to the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

A judge later blocked the administration from enforcing the White House ban on the three outlets and ordered it to restore the credentials of the affected reporters. The status of the White House pool, though, was murkier.

With CNN banned, the other TV outlets — Fox, NBC, ABC and CBS — refused to perform their duties until regular access was restored. But regular coverage resumed on Friday, with CNN serving as part of the pool as Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping visited the National Archives.

It was unclear how the White House's move might affect CNN, MS NOW and Politico's litigation. The outside lawyer representing CNN had previously told anchor Jake Tapper he believed the restoration of the outlets' access included the White House pool. MS NOW and Politico are a part of separate pool rotations from the five major TV networks.

A judge has given the news organizations until Monday to file a request for a preliminary injunction — which would put Trump's promised ban on hold for a longer period of time.

A CNN spokesperson declined to comment. CNN has reached out to the White House for comment.

In two posts on Truth Social Saturday morning, Trump said CNN and MS NOW should not be allowed in the White House, calling the organizations "perpetrators of FAKE NEWS."

Later that morning, as he took questions from reporters while departing for Knoxville, an MS NOW reporter asked Trump if he only wants outlets that support him to be part of the White House press pool, to which

Trump responded, “I want real news, not fake news.”

“I love an open, free press. What I don’t like is the fake press,” Trump said as he singled out MS NOW and CNN. “What we don’t want is — we don’t want fake news.”

The Washington Post was first to report the White House’s decision.

The TV pool is the primary way that people around the world watch Trump’s speeches and appearances because it supplies video feeds and information to other news organizations.

“That’s the system that allows the networks to share video of the president with the whole country. If they aren’t there, the pool can’t function,” the current president of the White House Correspondents’ Association, Jacqui Heinrich, said on “Fox News Sunday.”

“And America cannot have state TV,” her guest Weijia Jiang of CBS, who was Heinrich’s predecessor as WHCA president, said.

“That’s what makes America America,” she said. “That’s why we need independent coverage, and that’s why this press pool system has been set up for so long and why it works – because you need independent actors to be able to be the observers.”

Along with the TV pool, there are also print, radio and still photography pools. This system exists partly because presidents travel and speak in places where the wider press corps cannot be present.

The Trump White House also produces its own content, including live streams of events.

But, as Jiang put it, “if the government is only showing you what it wants, then you have to question, what are we missing? And that’s what the pool, that’s what these outlets bring to the table.”

EXHIBIT 30

(Declaration of Katherine Fallow)

White House blocks Politico from Air Force One amid press access lawsuit

Brian Stelter

The White House is refusing to allow Politico on Air Force One on Monday, which means the news organization cannot fulfill its press corps pool responsibilities.

A Politico spokesperson confirmed that the publication was excluded from the out-of-town travel pool, a small group of reporters who travel with the president on trips.

The White House tried to enlist other news outlets to take Politico's place on the trip, but "it was unable to find a replacement," so "there is no primary print pooler on this trip," Washington Post reporter Katherine Doyle said in an email to colleagues.

The Post is on the trip in the "secondary" print seat as part of the pool. The "secondary" reporter does not typically send out updates to the wider press corps. But with Trump traveling to Nebraska for a campaign stop on Monday afternoon, The Post is sending out updates while emphasizing that it is not taking Politico's place.

The television press pool representative on Monday, CBS, is also sharing its pool notes with print publications during the trip, given the unusual circumstances.

"Neither news organization is replacing Politico," Josh Gross of CBS News wrote in an internal email.

Monday's moves amount to another show of solidarity by news outlets that usually compete fiercely on the White House beat.

The White House offered Politico's seat to many other news organizations that routinely take turns in the out-of-town travel pool, and the publications uniformly declined, sources with knowledge of the matter told CNN.

President Donald Trump announced on September 18 that he was "banning" Politico, CNN and MS NOW from the White House, a move that legal experts called unconstitutional.

The news outlets filed a lawsuit on September 21 alleging the ban violates the First and Fifth Amendments. Judge Timothy J. Kelly sided with the plaintiffs and issued a temporary restraining order requiring the Trump administration to reinstate the journalists' press badges.

Since then, however, the White House has repeatedly barred CNN from traveling on Air Force One on days when it has been CNN's turn to be the TV pool representative. Now, on the day it was Politico's turn to be the print pool representative, Politico has been barred as well.

The Trump administration appears to be justifying these new restrictions by saying that access to the White House complex is different than access to tight spaces like Air Force One. The Associated Press has an ongoing lawsuit over this distinction, since Trump tried to ban the wire service from certain spaces last year.

Monday's action against Politico will likely be incorporated into the next legal filing by CNN, MS NOW and Politico.

"The law is absolutely clear. The harm to our clients, the First Amendment, and the public as a whole is profound," the attorney for the three news outlets, Ted Boutrous, said in a statement. "It is critical that the White House is enjoined to keep this unconstitutional ban on the free press out of commission."

Last week, when reporters from TIME asked if Trump was ignoring the court order, Trump said no, and then communications director Steven Cheung piped in: "The judge basically ordered them to renew their access back to the White House, but that's different than allowing the pool into the events in the Oval Office or on Air Force One."

When asked about the action against Politico on Monday, a White House spokesperson told CNN, "Many outlets including Politico are granted access to attend and cover presidential events unilaterally, but traveling with the President of the United States aboard Air Force One is a privilege not a right."

That's what Trump's Justice Department is also arguing in court.

Judge Kelly is scheduled to hold a hearing on Thursday over the news outlets' request for a preliminary injunction, which would protect press access to the White House for a longer period of time ahead of a potential trial.

The White House spokesperson asserted that Trump "will continue to grant an unprecedented level of access to the press."

His recent actions, however, show a desire to pick and choose who asks questions and documents his presidency.

This story has been updated with additional details.