



An Analysis of Donald Trump's 2018 United Nations Speech Using Van Dijk's Socio-Cognitive Model

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Abstract

This study presents a Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) of U.S. President Donald Trump's address to the United Nations General Assembly using Teun A. Van Dijk's Socio-Cognitive Model. The analysis explores how the text intricately links language, cognition, and society to shape the audience's mental models and advance a nationalist political worldview. Textually and cognitively, the research evaluates how the discourse utilizes ideological polarization through specific rhetorical strategies, including positive self-presentation of the "in-group" (the United States and its current administration) and negative other-presentation of the "out-group" (globalist ideologies, rival states like Iran and Venezuela, and international organizations). By examining linguistic features such as strategic pronoun usage ("we/our" vs. "they/them"), threat framing, and the simplification of complex global issues, the study demonstrates how the speech creates an "Us vs. Them" dichotomy. Sociophysically and institutionally, the analysis unpacks how delivering this anti-globalist, sovereignty-centered message within the United Nations environment serves to challenge international cooperation and signal a profound shift in American foreign policy. Ultimately, the study illustrates how the speech reproduces a nationalist ideology that establishes national sovereignty as morally superior to global governance, framing the nation-state as the ultimate unit of authority and protection.

Keywords: Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA), Teun A. Van Dijk, Socio-Cognitive Model, Donald Trump, United Nations, Positive Self-Presentation, Negative Other-Presentation, Nationalism vs. Globalism

Introduction

When we think about it, political speeches are more than just a bunch of words said out loud to a crowd. They're actually really carefully put together to shape what people think about important issues, to reinforce certain ideas, and to influence how people see the world of politics. This is especially true when a prominent politician is talking to a global audience. For example, take Donald Trump's speech at the United Nations back in 2018. He used that speech to defend his "America First" idea, to say no to globalism, and to emphasize how important it is for countries to be in charge of themselves. He also criticized some foreign governments and challenged international organizations. But that speech was more than just a statement about what America's foreign policy is - it was also a way of presenting a certain ideology that divided the world into friends and enemies, patriots and globalists, and countries that are in charge of themselves versus outside forces that might be a threat.





Let's take a closer look at how Teun A. Van Dijk's Socio-Cognitive Model of Critical Discourse Analysis can help us understand this speech. Van Dijk's model is really useful because it shows how language, thoughts, and society are all connected. He says that the way we talk about things does not just affect the words we use or the grammar we follow - it actually influences how we think about the world, what we believe in, and with whom we identify. This is especially important when it comes to politics, because the way we think about things can shape how we react to events, judge politicians, and decide whether or not to support certain policies. By using this model, we can analyze Trump's speech to see not just what he's saying, but also how he's trying to get his audience to think. We can look at how his words and ideas might be shaping their mental models, and what kind of impact that could have on their beliefs and actions. It's pretty interesting to think about how language can have such a big influence on our thoughts and behaviors, and Van Dijk's model gives us a powerful tool for exploring that connection.

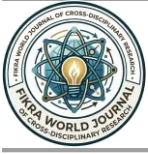
Thesis Statement

Using Van Dijk's Socio-Cognitive Model, Donald Trump's 2018 UN speech can be understood as a nationalist political discourse that constructs a positive image of the United States and sovereign nations while presenting globalism, rival states, and international institutions as threats to freedom, prosperity, and national control. Through pronoun use, ideological polarization, positive self-presentation, negative other-presentation, and threat framing, the speech shapes a mental model in which national sovereignty is morally superior to global cooperation.

Van Dijk's Socio-Cognitive Model is built around three key elements: the way people communicate, how they think, and the society they live in. When we talk about communication, we are looking at the words we use, how we put them together, and the ways we try to convince others. This includes the language itself, the structure of our arguments, and the tone we use. On the other hand, our thoughts and beliefs shape how we understand the world. This is about the mental images we have, what we believe in, our attitudes, and the ideologies we follow. Lastly, there is the broader context of our society, which includes the institutions we have created, the power dynamics at play, and the conflicts between different groups. All these elements are interconnected, as Van Dijk explained in his work from 2008 and 2009.

Van Dijk's research highlights a key aspect of political discourse, which is the tendency to create divisions along ideological lines. Essentially, groups tend to portray themselves in a positive light, while depicting their opponents in a negative manner. This pattern of ideological discourse, as described by Van Dijk, involves a few key strategies: *emphasizing the good actions of one's own group, highlighting the bad actions of opposing groups, downplaying one's own bad actions, and minimizing the good actions of others*. A notable example of this phenomenon can be seen in Trump's speech at the UN, where the United States is portrayed as a strong, successful, and fair nation, whereas globalist institutions, certain trading partners, Iran, and Venezuela are depicted as corrupt, dangerous, or failed. This kind of rhetoric serves to reinforce the idea that "we" are good and "they" are bad, further entrenching ideological divisions. By examining this pattern, we can gain a deeper understanding of how political discourse is often used to shape public opinion and create a sense of Us vs. Them.





This model is especially useful because it explains how language affects the audience's thinking. A speech does not need to persuade only through facts. It can also persuade by repeatedly framing certain actors as threats and others as protectors. This is exactly what Trump's speech does.

Positive Self-Presentation: America as Strong, Successful, and Sovereign

One of the main strategies that are used in Trump's speech is positive self-presentation. The United States is portrayed as a powerful, strong and independent nation. It is said to be powerful again under Trump's leadership. The economy, the military, the production of energy, jobs and national confidence are growing. This is not a list of policies that are presented in isolation. They are presented in order to reinforce the ideological message that when a nation chooses to be a sovereign, independent nation and acts in its own self-interest, it is a successful nation and that this is the case with the United States.

In Van Dijk's terms, this is an example of an in-group being represented positively. The in-group here consists of the United States, the American people, the Trump administration and of course other responsible nations. The US is presented in a positive light when it is strong. And as is argued here, strength is equal to success. This leads to the mental model that sovereignty leads to prosperity. This in turn leads the audience to conclude that a rejection of globalism is in the best interest of the US.

This positive self-presentation of America's success is further framed by an emphasis on the leadership of the Trump administration. While positive self-presentation of an in-group is generally sufficient to create a positive image of this group, in the context of a political speech it is more effective when this positive image is linked to the leadership of the speaker or his administration. In the given speech, the positive self-presentation of the United States as a powerful and prosperous country is therefore combined with a positive self-presentation of the Trump administration as competent and bringing about a national revival. This creates the mental model that sovereignty and pursuing one's own interests leads to success, and that the Trump administration is the right leadership to bring about this kind of success for America (Benarose, 2024).

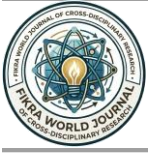
Negative Other-Presentation: Globalism, Rival States, and International Institutions

A second strategy that the speaker employs is that of negative other-presentation. In this regard, the speaker presents a wide array of external threats to the speaker's definition of United States' sovereignty. These external threats include global governance, unfair trade practices, Iran, Venezuela, China's trade practices, the International Criminal Court, and even parts of the United Nations. Each of these is presented in a negative light, often in terms of danger, failure, unfairness, and domination.

Here, the rhetoric of patriotism is pitted against that of globalism. This line of argument depicts the former as the natural, responsible and even morally superior stance on international relations whereas globalism threatens individual nations with loss of independence.

Iran is portrayed negatively in Trump's effort to define the United States in opposition to other nations. He portrays the Iranian government as another in a long line of "rogue states" that are attempting to destabilize the region. Viewers see the withdrawal of the United States from the Iran nuclear agreement and the re-imposition of sanctions as necessary measures to protect the region from Iranian aggression.





From a socio-cognitive perspective, this portrayal serves to lead the viewer to view Iran in terms of threat rather than as a complex political entity with interests that are worthy of consideration.

The negative other-presentation of the failed socialist government in Venezuela serves a similar ideological purpose. The failed experiment in Venezuela helps to solidify in the minds of the American public the link between socialism and failure, poverty and oppression (Hmouma, 2024).

Pronouns and Group Identity

The use of pronouns is one of the key linguistic features to be observed in a piece of discourse such as this speech by Trump. The use of certain pronouns, for example, “we,” “our,” and “they,” can be seen to indicate reference to groups of people in a political discourse. The use of such pronouns in order to establish a reference to a group or groups of people can be seen to be one of the main features that assist in the construction of group identity in a political discourse, as argued by Van Dijk (1998). In this example of discourse, the use of the pronoun “we” will, on most occasions, refer to the United States and/or the American people and/or other sovereign nations. In every case in which this pronoun is used in this example of discourse, it will be associated with traits such as strength, fairness, independence, and responsibility.

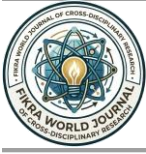
In contrast, “they” refers to hostile foreign governments, unfair trade partners, global institutions, and/or political ideologies that threaten the U.S. national sovereignty. As with most conflict discourse, this sort of us versus them framing is most powerful when it is able to have the audience identify with one of the groups. Thus, while the audience may agree with certain policy decisions or initiatives, ultimately they have been persuaded to support them because they are part of the “we” or “us” group of Americans.

Another significant aspect of this discourse is the phrase ‘America is governed by Americans’. This simple sentence encapsulates the whole ideology presented in the speech. The basic premise of this statement is that legitimate governance in the US is in the hands of the national people, not external foreign forces or international organizations. This forms the mental model of a sovereign nation governed by itself as opposed to globalism which implies that a nation is governed by external forces.

Threat Framing and the Politics of Fear

The second feature of the Trump speech is threat framing. The speech posits the sovereignty of the United States and of other independent nations and states as being under threat. The list of threats is very long: global governance, uncontrolled migration, unfair trade practices, the rise of ‘socialism’ or of ‘left wing extremism’ of all kinds, and so on and so forth including, but by no means limited to, ‘Islamic terror’. As with the discourse of the radical right in almost every country, the external threat or threats are used in order to threaten the nation, to threaten its very existence, in order to set up a series of extremely repressive measures in order to defend the nation against these perceived threats. Threats to the nation are used in order to defend against any perceived threat to the dominant group or groups. In this way, the external enemy or threat is used in order to silence any opposition to the dominant group. In this sense, in this way, the external threat or threats are used in order to further entrench the dominant group’s position and to deny or to silence any opposition.





Threat framing is a common and very powerful discourse strategy in the political arena. In order to implement more extreme policies, issues can be framed as threats to the sovereignty of a nation. The more a nation is perceived to be in danger due to issues related to globalism, the more it is acceptable to reject international agreements. A focus on the negative aspects of an increased mobility of people and the resulting threat to the borders and the identity of a nation can lead to a discourse on the control of immigration. A nation that is perceived as a threat to stability can be easily stigmatized by imposing economic sanctions. Finally, an ideology can be presented as a threat to the collapse of a nation, thus instilling a moral obligation in its citizens to fight this ideology.

Van Dijk has previously described how discourse shapes cognition by creating mental models of events and groups of people that allow us to make sense of the world around us (Van Dijk, 2008). The discourse in the Trump speech creates a particular mental model of the nation and its relationship with other nations. In this world, nations are always under threat from outside forces that seek to weaken and undermine them. Thus, in order to be a successful leader, one must be a protector: protect the borders, protect the nation's sovereignty, protect its wealth, protect its identity and protect it from external control.

Ideology: Nationalism Against Globalism

The main ideology expressed in this speech is nationalism. Nationalism is an ideology that expresses strong affection for one's own nation and regards it as the morally best political community. In the speech, national sovereignty is identified as freedom. Therefore, in order to preserve freedom, a leader must put the interest of his or her own citizens above all others. What Trump contrasts with this kind of patriotism is globalism. To him, globalism is an ideology, which, when put into practice, weakens nations and takes power away from the citizens of these nations.

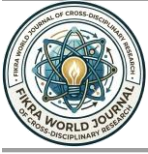
This globalism, as the President refers to it, is presented in the speech not as an ideology of cooperation and joint problem solving among nations but rather as an ideology that threatens the independence of nations and weakens them. In the speech, global institutions such as the United Nations, the International Criminal Court and global agreements on migration are presented as threats to the freedom and independence of individual nations.

The above-mentioned ways in which the speech represents an ideology can be summarized by stating that the discourse in the speech reproduces a nationalist ideology. Reproducing an ideology in discourse means that the assumptions that are underlying the discourse are again presented to the audience. In this case, the following assumptions are reproduced: (1) the nation is a morally justified community, (2) sovereignty equals freedom, (3) globalism equals danger, (4) the leader of a nation has to put the interests of his or her own citizens first.

Social Context: A Speech Against Globalism in the UN Environment

This discourse was delivered at the United Nations – an institution, established to encourage cooperation among nations around the globe. It was there that Trump communicated to the global community that he has changed his mind about international institutions, that the globalist agenda of cooperation is one which he believes results in the loss of national freedom and a host of negative





consequences for its citizens. His message to his fellow world leaders was to turn back the reins of power to the independent nations, that each can work to create the best lives for their own people.

I have previously mentioned that discourse should be analyzed within its social and institutional context (Van Dijk, 2009). The same words are used in different circumstances and by different individuals or groups, with different connotations and undertones. Thus, when the President of the United States speaks at the United Nations against international institutions, he is not just expressing his personal point of view. He is delivering a message to the global community. He is signaling a change of a policy of great importance for the global community, the foreign policy of the most powerful state in the world.

Power of the Speaker: The President of the United States Speaks of Globalism at the United Nations.

As the President of the most powerful state in the world, speaking of globalism at the UN has serious diplomatic implications. It signals to allies and enemies alike that, under his leadership, the US will pursue a foreign policy of national sovereignty over a globally-oriented, multilaterally-based policy. The discourse or talk of a political leader thus is not only descriptive of policy; it is also productive in that it helps to bring about the very policy that was described.

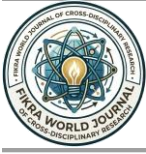
Simplification of Complex Global Issues

First and foremost, Trump simplifies the many complex global issues he discusses, organizing them under the single framework that nations must defend their sovereignty from external threats. As such, although his rhetoric may be flawed, he has succeeded in offering his public a clear conceptual framework for making sense of an array of complex matters, and in that respect of this one factor, his discourse is in many ways highly effective.

A particular example would be the simplification of complex foreign policy matters (e.g. nuclear diplomacy with North Korea, nuclear-armed states like India and Pakistan, how to deal with South America where left wing governments have come to power under socialism or as mere populism) in terms of national security and how to defend one's borders and the nation as a whole against outside threats. This would be in stark contrast to an in-depth examination of said foreign policy matters by focusing on the humanitarian, economic, historical aspects of such complex global issues including immigration (as mentioned before) in terms of how to control borders and protect its citizens.

A common feature of political discourse, this simplification of complex information for the purpose of enabling the audience to form views on an issue as quickly as possible and in terms of the prevailing ideologies, is explained through mental models in Van Dijk's model of discourse and Discourse Analysis (Van Dijk, 2008). As the name of the model implies, in accordance with the prevailing view in cognitive psychology, human beings, when exposed to information or an event, mentally represent the information or event by virtue of their prior mental storage or of their mental models and, more importantly, link the information or event to their prior beliefs and to the attitudes of groups to which they belong. The views that the addressees take of an event or information in Trump's speech, can thus be represented by a mental model as depicted in Figure 1: Sovereignty equals freedom, globalism equals danger, America equals strength, and the opponents of the United States are threat(s).





Conclusion

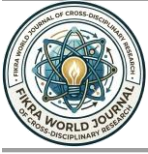
A useful case study for the connection between language and cognition and between language and society is Donald Trump's 2018 speech at the United Nations General Assembly. The speech was part of his foreign policy efforts but more importantly it was an ideological text that helped to construct a particular nationalist worldview. In line with Van Dijk's Socio-Cognitive Model of discourse and power, an analysis of the speech reveals that Trump presented a positive self-presentation of the US as strong, as powerful, as fair and as sovereign and a negative other-presentation of globalism, of other states that are in rivalry with the US, of socialism and of institutions of international governance and of all of the individuals and organizations that are part of these categories. The use of pronouns, particularly of 'us' and 'them', is shown to be a key feature of the way in which the speech constructed an 'us' versus 'them' way of viewing the world. In addition, the ways in which the speaker framed threats to the US and its interests are revealed to encourage the audience to view national self-protection in a positive light as necessary and even as moral.

Central to Trump's speech is the message that the nation-state should remain the dominant political unit in terms of both authority and moral responsibility. This message is reiterated time and again through the contrast drawn in the speech between patriotism and globalism, between sovereignty and external control over the nation, between national strength and international weakness. Van Dijk's model is correct to focus on the model that these aspects of discourse shape about the world and how they can be used to reproduce ideological perspectives. In this sense, Trump's 2018 UN General Assembly speech does not merely advance the argument of 'America First'; it provides a discourse model or framework through which the world can be viewed through the prism of that ideology.

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Appendix

The Speech Text

Donald Trump addresses the United Nations General Assembly. Read the transcript here.

September 23, 2025

Speaker 1 (00:02):

The Assembly will hear an address by His Excellency, Donald Trump, President of the United States of America. I request protocol to escort His Excellency and invite him to address the Assembly.

US President Donald Trump (00:27):

Thank you very much, very much appreciated. And I don't mind making the speech without a teleprompter, because the teleprompter is not working. I feel very happy to be up here with you nevertheless, and that way you speak more from the heart. I can only say that whoever's operating this teleprompter is in big trouble. Hello, Madam First Lady. Thank you very much for being here. Madam President, Mr. Secretary General, First Lady of the United States, distinguished delegates, ambassadors, and world leaders. Six years have passed since I last stood in this grand hall and addressed a world that was prosperous and at peace in my first term. Since that day, the guns of war have shattered the peace I forged on two continents. An era of calm and stability gave way to one of the great crises of our time. And here the United States, four years of weakness, lawlessness, and radicalism under the last administration delivered our nation into a repeated set of disasters. One year ago, our country was in deep trouble, but today, just eight months into my administration, we are the hottest country anywhere in the world and there is no other country even close. America is blessed with the strongest economy, the strongest borders, the strongest military, the strongest friendships, and the strongest spirit of any nation on the face of the earth.

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This is indeed, the golden age of America. We are rapidly reversing the economic calamity we inherited from the previous administration, including ruinous price increases and record-setting inflation, inflation like we've never had before. Under my leadership, energy costs are down, gasoline prices are down, grocery prices are down, mortgage rates are down, and inflation has been defeated. The only thing that's up is the stock market, which just hit a record high. In fact, it hit a record high 48 times in the last short period of time. Growth is surging. Manufacturing is booming. The stock market, as I said, is doing better than it's ever done. And all of you in this room benefit by that, almost everybody. And importantly, workers wages are rising at the fastest pace in more than 60 years, and that's what it's all about, isn't it? In four years of President Biden, we had less than \$1 trillion of new investment into the United States.

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In just eight months since I took office, we have secured commitments and money already paid for \$17 trillion. Think of it, four years, less than a trillion. Eight months, much more than \$17 trillion is being invested in the United States, and it's now pouring in from all parts of the world. We've implemented the largest tax cuts in American history and the largest regulation cuts in American history, making this once and again, the best country on earth to do business. And many of the people in this room are investing in America, and it's turned out to be an awfully good investment during this eight month period. In my first term, I built the greatest economy in the history of the world. We had the best economy ever, history of the world, and I'm doing the same thing again, but this time it's actually much bigger and even better. The numbers far surpass my record-setting first term.

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On our southern border, we have successfully repelled a colossal invasion. And for the last four months, and that's four months in a row, the number of illegal aliens admitted and entering our country has been zero. Hard to believe, because if you look back just a year ago, it was millions and millions of people pouring in from all over the world, from prisons, from mental institutions, drug dealers, all over the world they came, they just poured into our country with the ridiculous open-border policy of the Biden administration. Our message is very simple. If you come illegally into the United States, you're going to jail or you're going back to where you came from, or perhaps even further than that, you know what that means.

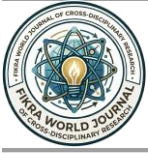
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I want thank the country of El Salvador for the successful and professional job they've done in receiving and jailing so many criminals that entered our country, and it was under the previous administration that the number became record-setting, and they're all being taken out. We have no choice, and other countries have no choice because other countries are in the exact same situation with immigration. It's destroying your country and you have to do something about it. On the world stage, America is respected again like it has never been respected before. You think about two years ago, three years ago, four years ago, or one year ago, we were a laughingstock all over the world. At the NATO summit in June, virtually all NATO members formally committed to increased defense spending at my request from 2% to 5% of GDP, making our alliance far stronger and more powerful than it was ever before.

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In May, I traveled to the Middle East to visit my friends and rebuild our partnerships in the Gulf, and those valued relationships with Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE and other countries are now, I believe, closer than ever before. My administration has negotiated one historic trade deal after another, including with the United Kingdom, the European Union, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, and many, many others. Likewise, in a period of just seven months, I have ended seven unendable wars. They said they were unendable. You're never going to get them solved. Some were going for 31 years, two of them, 31, you think of it, 31 years. One was 36 years, one was 28 years. I ended seven wars. And in all cases, they were raging with countless thousands of people being killed. This includes Cambodia and Thailand, Kosovo and Serbia, the Congo and Rwanda, a vicious, violent war that was. Pakistan and India, Israel and Iran, Egypt and Ethiopia, and Armenia and Azerbaijan.





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It included all of them. No president or prime minister. And for that matter, no other country has ever done anything close to that, and I did it in just seven months. It's never happened before. There's never been anything like that. Very honored to have done it. It's too bad that I had to do these things instead of the United Nations doing them. And sadly, in all cases, the United Nations did not even try to help in any of them. I ended seven wars, dealt with the leaders of each and every one of these countries, and never even received a phone call from the United Nations offering to help in finalizing the deal. All I got from the United Nations was an escalator that on the way up stopped right in the middle. If the First Lady wasn't in great shape, she would've fallen. But she's in great shape.

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We're both in good shape, we both stood. And then a teleprompter that didn't work. These are the two things I got from the United Nations, a bad escalator and a bad teleprompter. Thank you very much. And by the way, it's working now. It just went on. Thank you. I think I should just do it the other way. It's easier. Thank you very much. I didn't think of it at the time because I was too busy working to save millions of lives, that is the saving and stopping of these wars, but later I realized that the United Nations wasn't there for us. They weren't there. I thought of it really after the fact, not during. Not during these negotiations, which were not easy. That being the case, what is the purpose of the United Nations? The UN is such tremendous potential. I've always said it. It has such tremendous, tremendous potential, but it's not even coming close to living up to that potential. For the most part, at least for now, all they seem to do is write a really strongly worded letter and then never follow that letter up.

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It's empty words and empty words don't solve war. The only thing that solves war and wars is action. Now, after ending all of these wars and also earlier negotiating the Abraham Accords, which is a very big thing for which our country received no credit, never receives credit. Everyone says that I should get the Nobel Peace Prize for each one of these achievements, but for me, the real prize will be the sons and daughters who live to grow up with the mothers and fathers because millions of people are no longer being killed in endless and un-glorious wars. What I care about is not winning prizes. It's saving lives. We saved millions and millions of lives with the seven wars, and we have others that we're working on and you know that. Many years ago, a very successful real estate developer in New York, known as Donald J. Trump, I bid on the renovation and rebuilding of this very United Nations complex.

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I remember it so well. I said at the time that I would do it for \$500 million, rebuilding everything. It would be beautiful. I used to talk about, "I'm going to give you marble floors, they're going to give you terrazzo." The best of everything. "You're going to have mahogany walls, they're going to give you plastic." But they decided to go in another direction, which was much more expensive at the time, which actually produced a far inferior product. And I realized that they did not know what they were doing when it came to construction and that their building concepts were so wrong, and the product that they were proposing to build was so bad and so costly, it was going to cost them a fortune. And I said, "And wait





until you see the overruns." Well, I turned out to be right. They had massive cost overruns and spent between two and \$4 billion on the building and did not even get the marble floors that I promised them.

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You walk on terrazzo. Do you notice that? As far as I'm concerned, frankly, looking at the building and getting stuck on the escalator, they still haven't finished the job. They still haven't finished. That was years ago. The project was so corrupt that Congress actually asked me to testify before them on the tremendous waste of money because it turned out that they had no idea what it was, but they knew it was anywhere between two and \$4 billion as opposed to 500 million with a guarantee, but they had no idea. And I said, "It costs much more than \$5 billion." Unfortunately, many things in the United Nations are happening just like that, but on an even much bigger scale, much, much bigger.

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Very sad to see whether the UN can manage to play a productive role. I've come here today to offer the hand of American leadership and friendship to any nation in this assembly that is willing to join us in forging a safer, more prosperous world. And it's a world that we'll be much happier with. A dramatically better future is within our reach, but to get there, we must reject the failed approaches of the past and work together to confront some of the greatest threats in history. There is no more serious danger to our planet today than the most powerful and destructive weapons ever devised by man of which the United States, as you know, has many. Just as I did in my first term. I've made containing these US President Donald Trump

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... these threats a top priority, starting with a nation of Iran. My position is very simple, the world's number one sponsor of terror can never be allowed to possess the most dangerous weapon. That's why shortly after taking office, I sent the so-called Supreme Leader a letter making a generous offer. I extended a pledge of full cooperation in exchange for a suspension of Iran's nuclear program. The regime's answer was to continue their constant threats to their neighbors and US interests throughout the region and some great countries that are right nearby. Today, many of Iran's former military commanders, in fact, I can say almost all of them are no longer with us, they're dead. And three months ago in Operation Midnight Hammer seven American B-2 bombers dropped the 14 30,000 pound H-bombs on Iran's key nuclear facility totally obliterating everything. No other country on earth could have done what we did. No other country has the equipment to do what we did. We have the greatest weapons on earth. We hate to use them, but we did something that for 22 years people wanted to do.

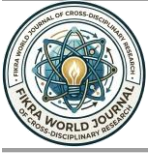
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With Iran's nuclear enrichment capacity demolished, I immediately brokered an end to the 12-day war, as it's called, between Israel and Iran, with both sides agreeing to fight no longer.

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As everyone knows, I have also been deeply engaged in seeking a ceasefire in Gaza, we have to get that done, have to get it done. Unfortunately, Hamas has repeatedly rejected reasonable offers to make peace,





and we can't forget October 7th, can we? Now, as if to encourage continued conflict, some of this body is seeking to unilaterally recognize a Palestinian state. The rewards would be too great for Hamas terrorists for their atrocities. This would be a reward for these horrible atrocities, including October 7th, even while they refuse to release the hostages or accept a ceasefire instead of giving to Hamas and giving so much because they've taken so much, they have taken so much, this could have been solved so long ago, but instead of giving in to Hamas ransom demands, those who want peace should be united with one message, release the hostages now. Just release the hostages now. Thank you.

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As we have got to come together, and we will come together, got to get it done, we have to stop the war in Gaza immediately. We have to stop it. We have to get it done. We have to negotiate, immediately, have to negotiate peace. We got to get the hostages back. We want all 20 back. We don't want two and four. As you know, I got, along with Steve Witkoff and others that helped us, Marco Rubio, we got most of them back. We were involved in all of them, but I always said, the last 20 are going to be the hardest, and that's exactly what happened. We have to get them back now. We don't want to get back two and then another two and then one, and then three and have this process. No, we want them all back.

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And we want the actually 38 dead bodies back too. Those parents came to me and they want them back, and they want them back very quickly and very badly, as though they were alive. They want them. They want them every bit as much as if their son or daughter were alive.

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I've also been working relentlessly stopping the killing in Ukraine. I thought that would be, of the seven wars that I stopped, I thought that would be the easiest because of my relationship with President Putin, which had always been a good one. I thought that was going to be the easiest one. But in war, you never know what's going to happen. There are always lots of surprises, both good and bad. Everyone thought Russia would win this war in three days, but it didn't work out that way. It was supposed to be just a quick little skirmish. It's not making Russia look good, it's making them look bad.

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No matter what happens from here on out, this was something that should have taken a matter of days, certainly less than a week, and they've been fighting for three and a half years and killing anywhere from 5 to 7,000, young soldiers, mostly, mostly soldiers on both sides, every single week from 5 to 7,000 dead young people. And some in cities, much smaller numbers where rockets are shot, where drones are dropped. This war would never have started if I were president. This was a war that should have never happened. It shows you what leadership is, what bad leadership can do to a country. Look what happened to the United States and look where we are right now in just a short period of time. The only question now is how many more lives will be needlessly lost on both sides.

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China and India are the primary funders of the ongoing war by continuing to purchase Russian oil. But inexcusably, even NATO countries have not cut off much Russian energy and Russian energy products, which as you know, I found out about two weeks ago and I wasn't happy. Think of it, they're funding the war against themselves. Who the hell ever heard of that one? In the event that Russia is not ready to make a deal to end the war, then the United States is fully prepared to impose a very strong round of powerful tariffs, which would stop the bloodshed, I believe very quickly. But for those tariffs to be effective, European nations, all of you are gathered here right now, would have to join us in adopting the exact same measures. I mean, you're much closer to the city. We have an ocean in between, you're right there, and Europe has to step it up. They can't be doing what they're doing. They're buying oil and gas from Russia while they're fighting Russia.

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It's embarrassing to them, and it was very embarrassing to them when I found out about it. I can tell you that. But they have to immediately cease all energy purchases from Russia. Otherwise, we're all wasting a lot of time. So I'm ready to discuss this. We're going to discuss it today with the European nations all gathered here. I'm sure they're thrilled to hear me speak about it, but that's the way it is. I like to speak my mind and speak the truth.

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As we seek to reduce the threat of dangerous weapons today. I'm also calling on every nation to join us in ending the development of biological weapons once and for all, and biological is terrible and nuclear is even beyond, and we include nuclear in that. We want to have a cessation of the development of nuclear weapons. We know and I know and I get to view it all the time, "Sir, would you like to see?" And I look at weapons that are so powerful that we just can't ever use them. If we ever use them, the world literally might come to an end. There would be no United Nations to be talking about. There would be no nothing.

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Just a few years ago, reckless experiments overseas gave us a devastating global pandemic, yet despite that worldwide catastrophe, many countries are continuing extremely risky research into bio-weapons and man-made pathogens. This is unbelievably dangerous. To prevent potential disasters I'm announcing today that my administration will lead a international effort to enforce biological weapons convention, which is going to be meeting with the top leaders of the world by pioneering an AI verification system that everyone can trust. Hopefully the UN can play a constructive role and it will also go, be one of the early projects under AI. Let's see how good it is because a lot of people saying it could be one of the great things ever, but it also can be dangerous, but it could be put to tremendous use and tremendous good, and this would be an example of that.

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Not only is the UN not solving the problems it should, too often, it's actually creating new problems for us to solve. The best example is the number one political issue of our time, the crisis of uncontrolled migration. It's uncontrolled. Your countries are being ruined. The United Nations is funding an assault on Western countries and their borders. In 2024, the UN budgeted \$372 million in cash assistance to support





an estimated 624,000 migrants journeying into the United States. Think of that, the UN is supporting people that are illegally coming into the United States, and then we have to get them out. The UN also provided food, shelter, transportation, and debit cards to illegal aliens, can you believe that, on the way to infiltrate our southern border.

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Millions of people came through that southern border. Just a year ago, millions and millions of people were pouring in, 25 million altogether over the four years of the incompetent Biden administration, and now we have it stopped. Totally stopped. In fact, they're not even coming anymore because they know they can't get through. But what took place is totally unacceptable. The UN is supposed to stop invasions, not create them and not finance them. In the United States, we reject the idea that mass numbers of people from foreign lands can be permitted to travel halfway around the world, trample our borders, violate our sovereignty, cause unmitigated crime, and deplete our social safety net.

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We have reasserted that America belongs to the American people, and I encourage all countries to take their own stand in defense of their citizens as well. You have to do that because I see it. I'm not mentioning names. I see it and I can call every single one of them out. You're destroying your countries. They're being destroyed. Europe is in serious trouble. They've been invaded by a force of illegal aliens like nobody's ever seen before. Illegal aliens are pouring into Europe, and nobody's doing anything to change it, to get them out. It's not sustainable. And because they choose to be politically correct, they're doing just absolutely nothing about it.

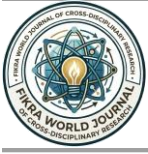
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And I have to say, I look at London where you have a terrible mayor, a terrible, terrible mayor and it's been so changed, so changed. Now they want to go to Sharia law, but you're in a different country, you can't do that. Both the immigration and their suicidal energy ideas will be the death of Western Europe if something is not done immediately. This cannot be sustained. What makes the world so beautiful is that each country is unique, but to stay this way, every sovereign nation must have the right to control their own borders. You have the right to control your borders, as we do now, and to limit the sheer numbers of migrants entering their countries and paid for by the people of that nation that were there and that built that particular nation at the time. They put their blood, sweat, tears, money into that country, and now they're being ruined.

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Proud nations must be allowed to protect their communities and prevent their societies from being overwhelmed by people they have never seen before with different customs, religions, with different everything. Where migrants have violated laws, lodged false asylum claims or claimed refugee status for illegitimate reasons, they should, in many cases, be immediately sent home. And while we will always have a big heart for places and people that are struggling and truly compassionate, answers will be given. We have to solve the problem and we have to solve it in their countries, not create new problems in our countries. And we are very helpful to a lot of countries that are just not able to send their people anymore.





They used to send them to us in caravans of 25, 30,000 people each, these massive caravans of people pouring into our country, totally unchecked and unvetted, but not anymore.

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According to the Council of Europe, in 2024, almost 50% of inmates in German prisons were foreign nationals or migrants. In Austria, the number was 53% of the people in prisons were from places that weren't from where they are now. In Greece, the number was 54%. And in Switzerland, beautiful Switzerland, 72% of the people in prisons are from outside of Switzerland. When your prisons are filled with so-called asylum seekers who repaid kindness, and that's what they did, they repaid kindness with crime, it's time to end the failed experiment of open borders. You have to end it now. I see it, I can tell you.

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I'm really good at this stuff. Your countries are going to hell. In America, we've taken bold action to swiftly shut down uncontrolled migration. Once we started detaining and deporting everyone who crossed the border and removing illegal aliens from the United States, they simply stopped coming. They're not coming anymore. We're getting a lot of credit, but they're not coming anymore. This was a humanitarian act for all involved because on the trips up, US President Donald Trump

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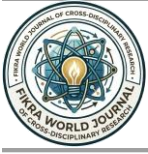
Thousands of people a week were dying. Women were being raped. Nobody's ever seen anything like it. Raped, horribly beaten, raped. On the trip up, the journey up, it was a long, it was a long walk. It was a long, arduous journey indeed, and it was also a historic victory against human trafficking throughout the region. What we did was a victory and we saved so many lives of people that wouldn't make the journey. That journey was loaded up with death. Loaded up with death. Dead bodies all along. All along the roads of jungles to get up. They go through jungles, they go through areas so hot, you couldn't breathe. They were dying of suffocation, areas so hot, that you couldn't breathe. Dead bodies all over. By them not coming, we're saving tremendous numbers of lives. My people have done a fantastic job in doing what they did, and the American public agrees with it.

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I mean, I was very proud to see this morning. I have the highest poll numbers I've ever had. Part of it is because of what we've done on the border. I guess the other part is what we've done in the economy. Joe Biden's policies empowered murderous gangs, human smugglers, child traffickers, drug cartels, and prisoners. Prisoners from all over the world. The previous administration also lost nearly 300,000 children. Think of that. They lost more than 300,000 children, little children who were trafficked into the United States on the Biden watch, many of whom have been raped, exploited and abused and sold. Sold. Nobody talks about that. The fake news doesn't write about it with many others, young children who are missing or dead. And we found a lot of these children and we're sending it back and we've been sending it back to their parents. They said nobody knows who they are.

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They said, "Where do you come from?" And they'll give us a country and we'll find out and we'll figure it out, or we'll bring them back to their homes. And the mother and father rushed to the door and their tears in their eyes. They can't believe that they're seeing their son or daughter, their little son or daughter again. We've done almost 30,000 of them so far. Any system that results in the mass trafficking of children is inherently evil, yet that is exactly what the globalist migration agenda has done, and it's what it's all about. In America, those days, as you know, are over. The Trump administration is working and we are continuing to work to track down the villains that are causing this problem. And also, as I said, to get back the 30,000 we've already returned.

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Now, I think we're going to have another.... We're going to find a lot. You're not going to find all of them. More than 300,000. They're lost or they're dead. They're lost, or they're dead because of the animals that did this. To protect our citizens, I've also designated multiple savage drug cartels as forest. And you see this and you see it happening right before your eyes. Let's put it this way. People don't like taking big loads of drugs in boats anymore. There aren't too many boats that are traveling on the seas by Venezuela. They tend not to want to travel very quickly anymore. And we virtually stopped drugs coming into our country by sea. We call them the water drugs. They kill hundreds of thousands of people. I've also designated multiple savage drug cartels as forest... foreign terrorist organizations along with two bloodthirsty transnational gangs, probably the worst gangs anywhere in the world.

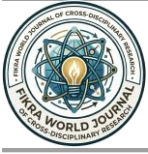
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MS-13 and Tren de Aragua. Tren de Aragua is from Venezuela, by the way. Such organizations torture, maim, mutilate and murder with impunity. They're the enemies of all humanity. For this reason, we've recently begun using the supreme power of the United States military to destroy Venezuelan terrorists and trafficking networks led by Nicolas Maduro to every terrorist thug smuggling poisonous drugs into the United States of America. Please be warned that we will blow you out of existence. That's what we're doing. We have no choice. Can't let it happen. I believe we lost 300,000 people last year to drugs. 300,000. Fentanyl and other drugs. Each boat that we sink carries drugs that would kill more than 25,000 Americans. We will not let that happen. Energy is another area where the United States is now thriving like never before. We're getting rid of the falsely named renewables.

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By the way, they're a joke. They don't work. They're too expensive. They're not strong enough to fire up the plants that you need to make your country great. The wind doesn't blow. Those big windmills are so pathetic and so bad, so expensive to operate, and they have to be rebuilt all the time and they start to rust and rot. Most expensive energy ever conceived. And it's actually energy. You're supposed to make money with energy, not lose money. You lose money, the governments have to subsidize. You can't put them out without massive subsidies. And most of them are built in China, and I give China a lot of credit. They build them, but they're very few wind farms. So why is it that they build them and they send them all over the world, but they barely use them? You know what? They use coal, they use gas, they use almost anything, but they don't like wind, but they sure as hell like selling the windmills.





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Europe on the other hand, is a long way to go with many countries being on the brink of destruction because of the green energy agenda. And I give a lot of credit to Germany. Germany was being led down a very sick path both on immigration by the way and on energy. They were going green and they were going bankrupt. And the new leadership, new leadership came in and they went back to where they were with fossil fuel and with nuclear, which is good, it's now safe and you can do it properly. But they went back to where they were and they opened up a lot of different plants, energy plants, energy-producing plants, and they're doing well. I give Germany a lot of credit for that. They've said, this is a disaster. What's happening? They were going all green. All green is all bankrupt. That's what it represents.

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And it's not politically correct. I'll be very badly criticized for saying it, but I'm here to tell the truth. I don't care. It doesn't matter to me. I'm in New York City, I'm feeling a lot safer. Crime, we're getting crime down. And by the way, speaking of crime, Washington D.C., Washington D.C. was the crime capital of America. Now, it's a totally... After 12 days, it's a totally safe city. Everyone's going out to dinner, they're going out to restaurants. Your wife can walk down the middle of the street with or without you. Nothing's going to happen. My people have done a fantastic job. And yes, I called in the National Guard and the National Guard took care of business. And they weren't politically correct, but they took care of business. We got 1,700 career criminals out, brought them back to where they came from, the countries where they came from or put them in jails. Washington D.C. is now a totally safe city again and I welcome you to come. In fact, we'll have dinner together at a local restaurant and we'll be able to walk. We don't have to go by an armor-plated vehicle. We'll walk right over there from the White House. They've given up their powerful edge. A lot of the countries that we're talking about and oil and gas, such as essentially closing the Great North Sea oil. Oh, the North Sea. I know it so well. Aberdeen was the oil capital of Europe and this tremendous oil that hasn't been found in the North Sea. Tremendous oil. And I was with the Prime Minister I respected, like a lot. And I said, "You're sitting with the greatest asset." They essentially closed it by making it so highly taxed that no developer, no oil company can go there. They have tremendous oil left and more importantly, they have tremendous oil that hasn't even been found yet.

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And what a tremendous asset for the United Kingdom. And I hope the prime minister's listening because I told it to him three days in a row. That's all he heard. North Sea oil, North Sea, because I want to see them do well. I want to stop seeing them ruining that beautiful Scottish and English countryside with windmills and massive solar panels that go seven miles by seven miles taken away farmland, but we're not letting this happen in America. In 1982, the executive director of the United Nations Environmental Program predicted that by the year 2000, climate change would cause a global catastrophe. He said that it will be irreversible as any nuclear holocaust would be. This is what they said at the United Nations. What happened? Here we are. Another UN official stated in 1989 that within a decade, entire nations could be wiped off the map by global warming. Not happening.

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It used to be global cooling. If you look back years ago in the 1920s and the 1930s, they said, global cooling will kill the world. We have to do something. Then they said global warming will kill the world. But then it started getting cooler. So now they could just call it climate change because that way they can't miss climate change because if it goes higher or lower, whatever the hell happens, it's climate change. It's the greatest con job ever perpetrated on the world, in my opinion. Climate change, no matter what happens, you're involved in that. No more global warming, no more global cooling. All of these predictions made by the United Nations and many others, often for bad reasons were wrong. They were made by stupid people that of course their country's fortunes and given those same countries, no chance for success. If you don't get away from this green scam, your country is going to fail.

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And I'm really good at predicting things. They actually said during the campaign, they had a hat, the best-selling hat. Trump was right about everything. And I don't say that in a braggadocious way, but it's true. I've been right about everything. And I'm telling you that if you don't get away from the green energy scam, your country is going to fail. And if you don't stop people that you've never seen before, that you have nothing in common with, your country is going to fail. I'm the President of the United States, but I worry about Europe. I love Europe. I love the people of Europe, and I hate to see it being devastated by energy and immigration. This double-tailed monster destroys everything in its wake, and they cannot let that happen any longer. You're doing it because you want to be nice, you want to be politically correct and you're destroying your heritage.

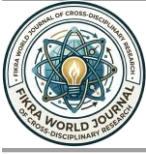
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They must take control strongly and immediately of the unmitigated immigration disaster and the fake energy catastrophe before it's too late. The carbon footprint is a hoax made up by people with evil intentions and they're heading down a path of total destruction. The carbon footprint, it was a big, big thing. A few years ago, I remember hearing about the carbon footprint and then President Obama would get into Air Force One, a massive Boeing 747 and not a new one, an old one with old engines that spew everything into the atmosphere. He talked about the carbon footprint, we must do... Then he'd get in and he'd fly from Washington to Hawaii to play a round of golf, and then he'd get back onto that big beautiful plane and he'd fly back and he'd talk about, again, global warming and the carbon footprint. It's a con job at extreme cost and expense.

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Europe reduced its own carbon footprint by 37%. Think of that. Congratulations Europe. Great job. You cost yourself a lot of jobs, a lot of factories closed, but you reduced the carbon footprint by 37%. However, for all of that sacrifice and much more, it's been totally wiped out and then some by a global increase of 54%, much of it coming from China and other countries that are thriving around China, which now produces more CO₂ than all the other developed nations in the world. So all of these countries are working so hard on the carbon footprint, which is nonsense by the way. It's nonsense. It's interesting. In the United States, we have still radicalized environmentalists and they want the factories to stop. Everything should stop. No more cows. We don't want cows anymore. I guess they want to kill all the cows. They want to do things that are just unbelievable and you have it too.





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But we have a border, strong, and we have a shape, and that shape doesn't just go straight up. That shape is amorphous when it comes to the atmosphere. And if we had the most clean air, and I think we do, we have very clean air, we have the cleanest air we've had in many, many years. But the problem is that other countries like China, which has air that's a little bit rough, it blows. And no matter what you're doing down here, the air up here tends to get very dirty because it comes in from other countries where their air isn't so clean and the environmentalists refuse to acknowledge that. Same thing with garbage.

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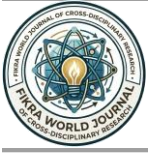
In Asia, they dump much of their garbage right into the ocean. And over about a one-week and two-week journey, it flows right past Los Angeles. You've seen it, massive amounts of garbage. Almost too much to do anything about, flowing past Los Angeles, past San Francisco, and then somebody would get in trouble because he dropped a cigarette on the beach. The whole thing is crazy. The primary effect of these brutal green energy policies has not been to help the environment, but to redistribute manufacturing and industrial activity from developed countries that follow the insane rules that are put down, to polluting countries that break the rules and are making a fortune. They're making a fortune.

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European electricity bills are now four to five times more expensive than those in China, and two to three times higher than the United States, and our bills are coming way down. You probably see that. Our gasoline prices are way down. You know, we have an expression: "Drill, baby drill." And that's what we're doing. We're going to be much lower in a year from now. But they've come way down over the last year. As a result, every air conditioner is like very uncommon to see one in some of these countries because the electric cost is so high. So while the U.S. has approximately 1,300 heat-related deaths annually, that's a lot, Europe loses more than 175,000 people to heat deaths each year because the cost is so expensive they can't turn on an air conditioner. What is that all about? That's not Europe. That's not the Europe that I love and know. All in the name of pretending to stop the global warming hoax. The entire globalist concept of asking successful, industrialized nations to inflict pain on themselves and radically disrupt their entire societies must be rejected immediately, and it must be immediate. That's why in America, I withdrew from the fake Paris Climate Accord, where, by the way, America was paying so much more than every country. Others weren't paying. China didn't have to pay until 2030. Russia was given an old standard that was easy to meet, a 1990 standard. But for the United States, we're supposed to pay like a trillion dollars. And I said, "This is another scam." The fact is United States has been taken advantage of by the world for many, many years, but not any longer, as you probably noticed.

I unleashed massive energy production and signed historic executive orders to hunt for oil. But we don't have to do much hunting because we have the most oil of any nation, anywhere, oil and gas in the world. And if you add coal, we have the most of any nation in the world. Clean. I call it clean, beautiful coal. You can do things today with coal that you couldn't have done 10 years ago, 15 years. So I have a little standing order in the White House. Never use the word coal, only use the words clean, beautiful coal. Sounds much better, doesn't it? But we stand ready to provide any country with abundant, affordable energy supplies if you need them, when most of you do.





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We're proudly exporting energy all over the world. We're now the largest exporter. In the United States, we want trade and robust commerce with all nations. Everybody. We want to help nations. We're going to help nations, but it must also be fair and reciprocal. The challenge with trade is much the same with climate. The countries that followed the rules, all their factories have been plundered. It's really sad to watch. They've been broken. They've been broken by countries that broke the rules.

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That's why the United States is now applying tariffs to other countries. And much as these tariffs were, for many years, applied to us, uncontrollably applied to us, we've used tariffs as a defense mechanism under the Trump administration, including my first term, where hundreds of billions of dollars in tariffs were taken in. And by the way, we had the lowest inflation and now we have very low inflation. The only thing different is that we have hundreds of billions of dollars flowing into our country. But this is how we will ensure that the system works for everyone and is sustainable into the future. We're also using tariffs to defend our sovereignty and security throughout the world, including against nations that have taken advantage of former U.S. administrations for decades, including the most corrupt, incompetent administration in history. The sleepy Joe Biden administration.

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Brazil now faces major tariffs in response to its unprecedented efforts to interfere in the rights and freedoms of our American citizens and others with censorship, repression, weaponization, judicial corruption, and targeting of political critics in the United States. I have a little problem saying this because I must tell you, I was walking in and the leader of Brazil was walking out. We saw him and I saw him, he saw me and we embraced, and then I'm saying, can you believe I'm going to be saying this in just two minutes? But we actually agreed that we would meet next week. We didn't have much time to talk, like about 20 seconds. They were, in retrospect, I'm glad I waited because this thing didn't work out too well. But we did talk. We had a good talk and we agreed to meet next week, if that's of interest. But he seemed like a very nice man, actually. He liked me, I liked him. And I only do business with people I like.

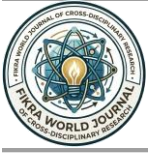
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I don't, when I don't like them, I don't like them. But we had, at least for about 39 seconds, we had excellent chemistry. It's a good sign. But also in the past, Brazil, can you believe this? Unfairly tariffed our nation. But now because of our tariffs, we are hitting them back and we're hitting them back very hard. As President, I will always defend our national sovereignty and the rights of American citizens. So I'm very sorry to say this, that Brazil is doing poorly and will continue to do poorly. They can only do well when they're working with us. Without us, they will fail just as others have failed. It's true.

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Next year the United States will celebrate the 250th anniversary of our glorious independence, a testament to enduring power and American freedom and spirit. We will also be proudly hosting the 2026 FIFA World Cup, and shortly thereafter, the 2028 Olympics, which is going to be very exciting. I hope you all come. I hope that countless people from all over the globe will take part of these great, these will be great





celebrations of liberty and human achievement, and that together, we all can rejoice in the miracles of history that began in July 4th, 1776 when we founded the Light to All Nations. And it's something really that an amazing thing came out of that date. It's called the United States of America. In honor of this momentous anniversary, I hope that all countries who find inspiration in our example will join us in renewing our commitment values, and those values, really, that we hold so dear together.

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Let us defend free speech and free expression. Let us protect religious liberty, including for the most persecuted religion on the planet today. It's called Christianity. And let us safeguard our sovereignty and cherish qualities that have made each of our nations so special, incredible, and extraordinary.

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In closing, just want to repeat that immigration and the high cost of so-called green renewable energy is destroying a large part of the free world and a large part of our planet. Countries that cherish freedom are fading fast because of their policies on these two subjects. You need strong borders and traditional energy sources if you are going to be great again. Whether you have come from north or south, east or west, near or far, every leader in this beautiful hall today represents a rich culture, a noble history, and a proud heritage that makes each nation majestic and unique, unlike anything else in human history or any other place on the face of the earth.

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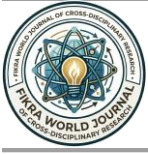
From London to Lima, from Rome to Athens, from Paris to Seoul, from Cairo to Tokyo, and Amsterdam to right here in New York City, we stand on the shoulders of the leaders and legends, generals and giants, heroes and titans who won and built our beloved nations, all of our nations, with their own courage, strength, spirit, and skill. Our ancestors climbed to mountains, conquered oceans, crossed deserts, and trekked over wide open plains. They charged into thunderous battles, plunged into grave dangers, and they were soldiers, and farmers, and workers, and warriors, and explorers, and patriots. They built towns into cities, tribes into kingdoms, ideas into industries, and small islands into mighty empires. You're a part of all of that. They were champions for their people who never gave up and who never ever gave in. Their values, defined our national identities. Their visions forged our magnificent destiny. Everybody in this room is a part of it in your own way.

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Each of us inherits the deeds and the myths, the triumphs, the legacies of our own heroes and founders who so bravely showed us the way. Our ancestors gave everything for homelands, that they defended with pride, with sweat, with blood, with life, and with death. Now, the righteous task of protecting the nations that they built belongs to each and every one of us. So together, let us uphold our sacred duty to our people and to our citizens. Let us protect their borders, ensure their safety, preserve their cultures, treasures, and traditions, and fight, fight, fight for their precious dreams and their cherished freedoms, and in friendship and really, a beautiful vision.

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Let us all work together to build a bright, beautiful planet, a planet that we all share, a planet of peace and a world that is richer, better, and more beautiful than ever before. That can happen. It will happen. It will happen, and I hope it can happen and start right now, right at this moment. We'll turn it around. We're going to make our countries better, safer, more beautiful. We're going to take care of our people. Thank you very much. It's been an honor. God bless the nations of the world. Thank you very much. Bye.

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Thank you.

Speaker 1 (57:06):

On behalf of the Assembly, I wish to thank the President of the United States.

