

# Hawking vs Trump at Princeton International School of Mathematics and Science (PRISMS)

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After only two months, Donald Trump has already become the most controversial president in U.S. history. 6000 miles away in Cambridge, England, Stephen Hawking, the world-famous theoretical physicist, has joined the anti-Trump opposition. As a scientist, Professor Hawking is worried about what Trump will do to the Earth. Today, we are honored to have Professor Hawking and President Trump with us here at PRISMS to debate their different viewpoints.

Mr. Pearce: Welcome to PRISMS, Mr. President and Professor Hawking. We are honored to have both of you here to share your opinions with our students. Why don't we start with the issue you have both talked a lot about recently — climate change?

Trump: I do not have any concerns about climate change. Our planet is freezing. That is completely an old-fashioned Chinese hoax.

Hawking: This is the problem. Humans are facing serious climate change, along with overpopulation, epidemic disease, and acidification of the oceans. We are already at the most dangerous moment in the development of humanity. President Trump still thinks this is a hoax. God forbid.

Trump: If there has been any climate change, why can't I feel it? I am wearing the same clothes I wear every year. I should now focus on how to Make America Great Again. Dr. Hawking here is not Hillary Clinton.

Hawking: Please take climate change seriously. Climate change is one of the greatest dangers we are facing.

Trump: Oh, my God. Let me write that down on Twitter. "Climate change is one of the greatest dangers we are facing." A quote from Dr. Hawking. That thing is created by the Chinese to slow down American development, OK? I do not believe it, my followers do not believe it, and I suggest you stop believing it.

Hawking: You are damaging the Earth. One of your cabinet members, Mr. Pruitt, does not even believe that carbon dioxide causes climate change. You should replace him.

Trump: Scott is a good guy. You see, we are trying to approve two oil pipelines. The approval and the border wall will make America great again.

Hawking: The problem is Mr. Trump here was elected by people who felt disenfranchised by the governing elite in a revolt against globalization. Climate change is one of the great dangers we face, and it is one we can prevent.

Trump: Climate change, climate change. Do you know why I want to cut the budget for the National Institutes of Health? Those N.I.H. guys are always focusing on what the environment has to do with health. Oh.....

Hawking: As far as I am concerned, that would erode America's leadership in medical research, and also prevent the awarding of new grants or the renewal of any that have reached the end of a multi-year commitment. See, Mr. Trump did a lot to damage America he promises to make it great again, including his new travel ban.

Trump: Oh? I stopped those Muslim terrorists from entering America, that is a good thing to do.

Hawking: Your ban does not include America's allies, such as Iraq, and they allegedly help finance Islamic State. The ban is also inefficient. It prevents America is recruiting skilled people from those countries. God forbid.

Trump: We are debating in an international school, look around us. Also, why a British guy would judge me, the U.S. president on what I do to Islamic people?

Hawking: Yes, we are surrounded by a group of talented young men and women from everywhere around the world, but imagine one day if you impose a ban on every country – which I am sure you would – we could not be able to recruit these people.

Trump: See, that student is from China, I can tell, and I love China.

Hawking: You cannot tell what you would do in the future. See, you are now a sexist, racist, and probably a speciesist. You see, gender equality is coming. Men like you are not going to do well.

Trump: I do not care, I am focusing on how to Make America Great Again.

Hawking: And your way cannot make it happen.

Trump: That is not true. You have no advantage, Dr. Hawking. I do not even know whether you are faking what you said.

Hawking: I finally understand why people say your ignorance is so profound.

Trump: Oh, let me tweet this ..... I have not heard this before.

Hawking: You demagogue! You make our planet fall into crisis. We are already standing on the edge of a most dangerous precipice, yet you are still laughing.

Trump: You should be optimistic about your species.

Hawking: I am. But it will require elites from everywhere around the world.

Trump: See, this is an epic fail for you, Doctor, a so-called genius. This should not be happening, I mean, you believe in climate change, you stop me from approving the pipelines. All of this should not be happening.

Hawking: You are completely wrong at this point. All the scientists, including your US former energy secretary, Mr. Ernest Moniz, have turned against you. You are a demagogue who seems to appeal to the lowest common denominator. I cannot explain you.

Trump: I do not care. I am myself. I am Donald Trump.

Mr. Pearce: Well, thank you gentlemen for sharing your ideas with us. This is an inspiring debate for us all, thank you so much. Are there any questions from students? Well, no? Ok. Anyway, thank you for coming to PRISMS, have a nice rest of your day.