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Police Say A Man Will Face Charges After Storming Into The Press Area At A Trump Rally

A man at a Donald Trump rally in Pennsylvania stormed into the press area as the former president spoke but was surrounded by police and sheriffs' deputies.

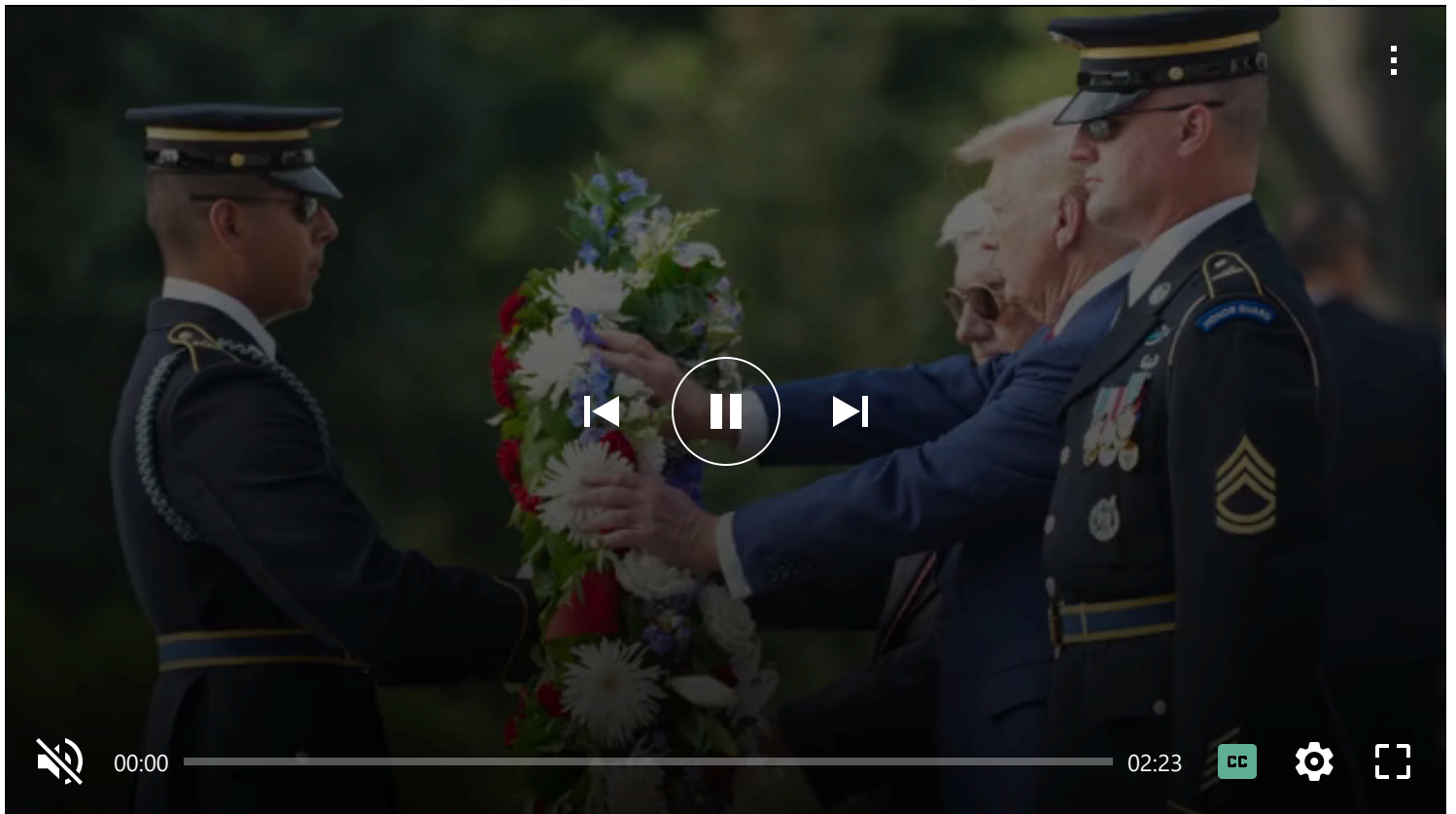
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JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Police said Saturday that a man will face misdemeanor charges after he stormed into the press area at [Donald Trump's](#) rally in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, before being surrounded by authorities and eventually subdued with a Taser as the [former president spoke](#) at the campaign stop.

The incident Friday came moments after Trump had criticized major media outlets for what he said was unfavorable coverage and had dismissed [CNN](#) as fawning for its interview Thursday with his Democratic rival [Kamala Harris](#) and her running mate, Tim Walz.

It was not immediately clear what motivated the man or whether he was a Trump supporter or critic.

The man made it over a barrier ringing the media area and began climbing the back side of a riser where television reporters and cameras were stationed, according to a video of the incident [posted to social media](#) by a reporter for CBS News. People near him tried to pull him off the riser and were quickly joined by police officers and sheriff's deputies.

The crowd cheered as a pack of police led the man away, prompting Trump to say, "Is there anywhere that's more fun to be than a Trump rally?"

Video of the incident. Security in the press pen grabbed him first before he was taken down by law enforcement. pic.twitter.com/Xdw1CZ9dE0
— Taurean Small (@taureansmall) [August 30, 2024](#)

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Johnstown's police chief, Richard M. Pritchard, confirmed to The Associated Press on Saturday that the man was arrested, released and will be formally charged next week. Pritchard said the man, whose identity will be disclosed when charges are filed, will face misdemeanors in municipal court for alleged disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and disrupting a public assembly.

Pritchard, who was not directly involved in the arrest, declined to speculate on the man's motives.

Fierce criticism of the media is a standard part of Trump's rally speeches, and his supporters often react by turning toward the press section and booing; some use their middle finger to demonstrate their distaste for journalists.

Moments before the man ventured into the media's designated section, Trump had reprised his familiar assertion that the media is a collective "enemy of the people." Video of the incident does not make clear what the man was yelling as he climbed barriers or as he was being subdued and arrested.

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Trump's campaign tried to distance the former president from the man and his actions, suggesting he was a Trump opponent.

"Witnesses, including some in the press corps, described a crazed individual shouting expletives at President Trump," said campaign senior adviser Danielle Alvarez. "His aggression was focused on the president and towards the stage as he entered the press area."

Alvarez did not identify the witnesses she cited or expound on what the man may have shouted. Alvarez added that the campaign appreciates the response of local law enforcement officials and the U.S. Secret Service for acting quickly.

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Shortly after the incident, police handcuffed another man in the crowd and led him out of the arena. It was not immediately clear whether that detention was related to the initial altercation.

The incident happened amid [heightened scrutiny](#) of security at Trump rallies after a gunman [fired at him](#), grazing his ear, during an outdoor rally in July in nearby Butler, Pennsylvania. Security at political events has been noticeably [tighter](#) since the shooting.

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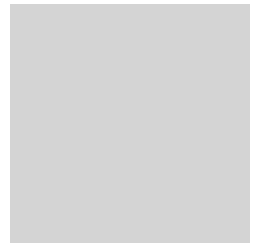
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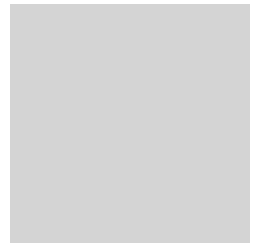


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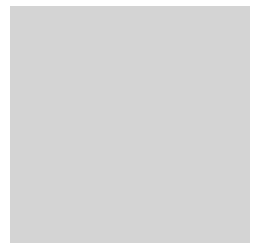
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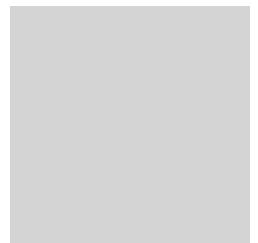
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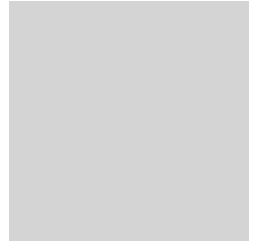


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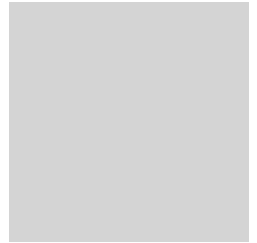


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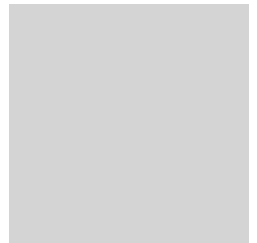
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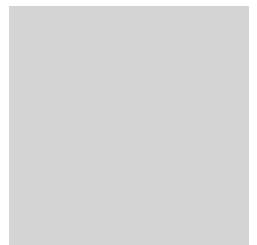
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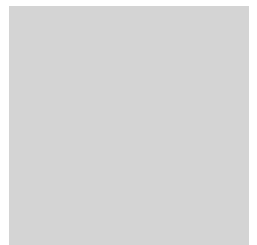
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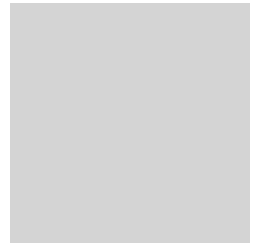
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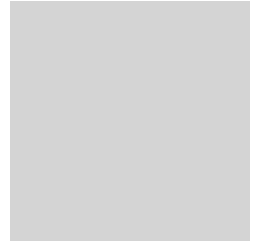
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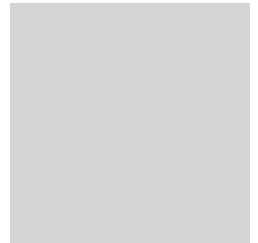
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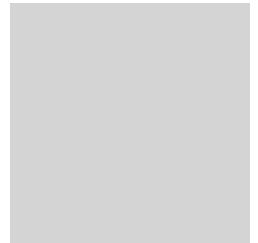
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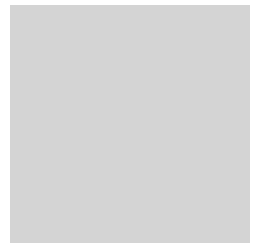
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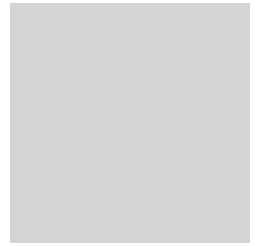
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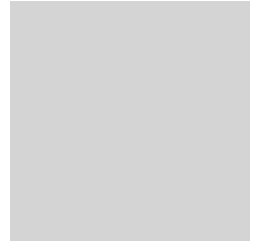
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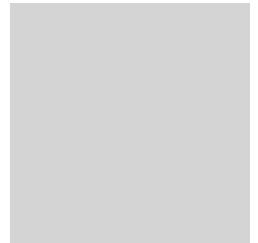
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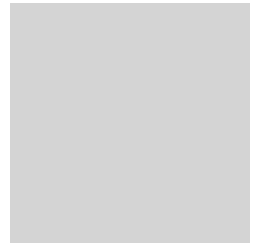
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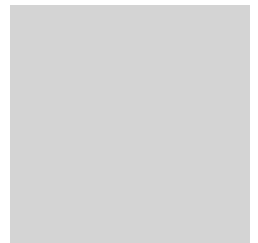
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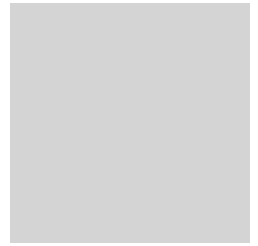
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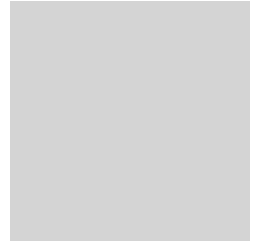
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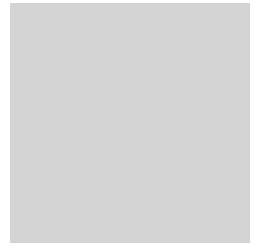
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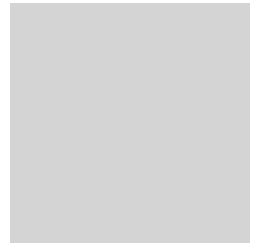
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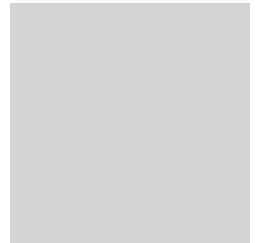
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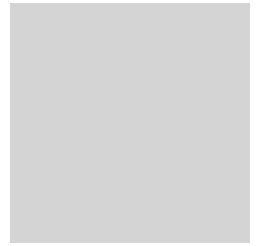
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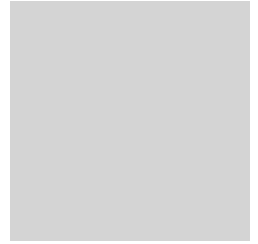
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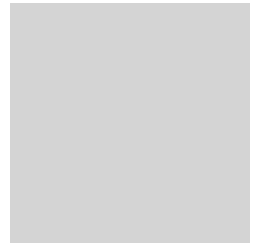
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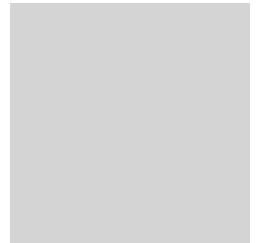
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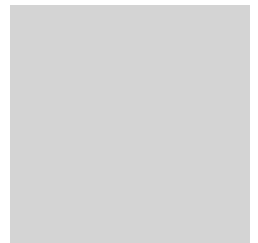
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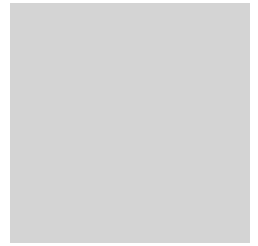
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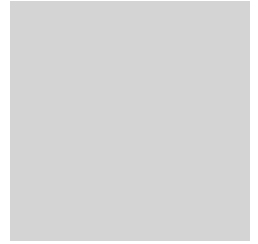
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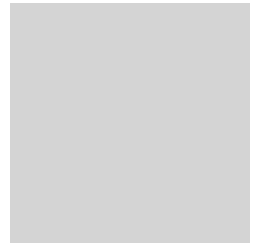
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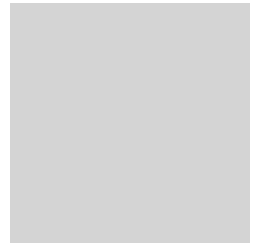
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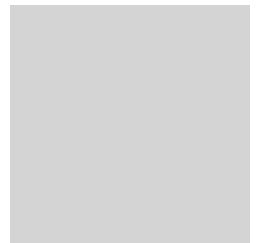
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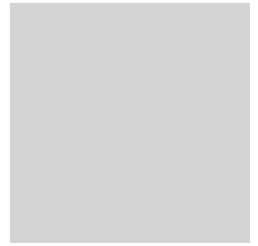
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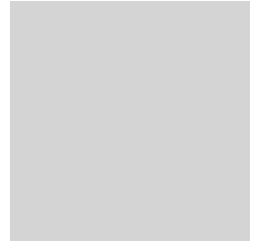
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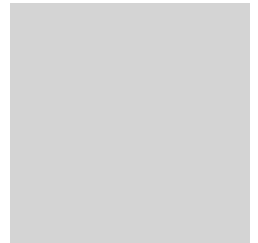
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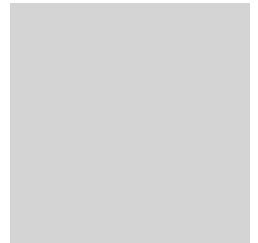
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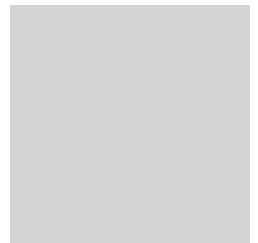
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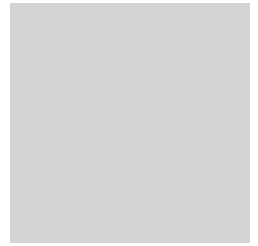
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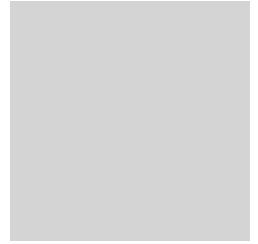
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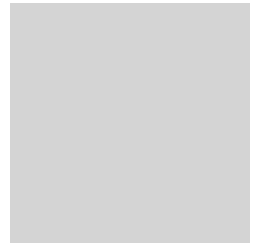
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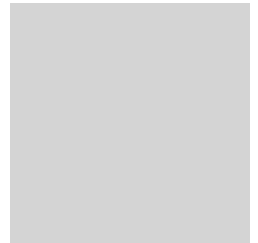
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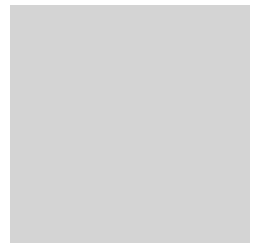
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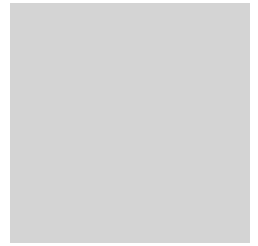
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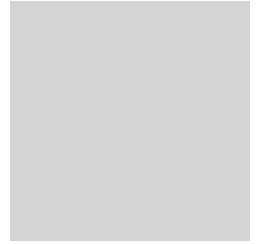
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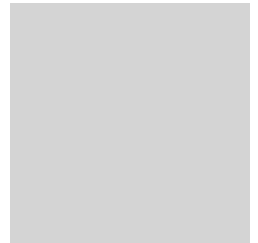
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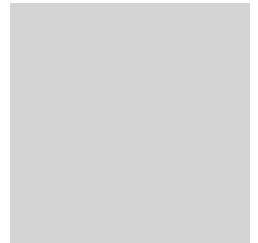
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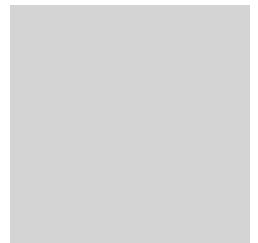
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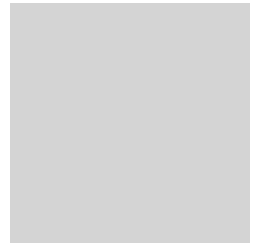
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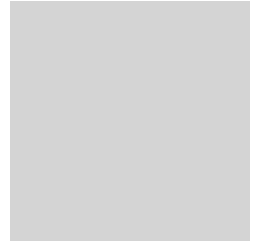
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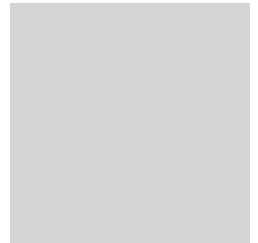
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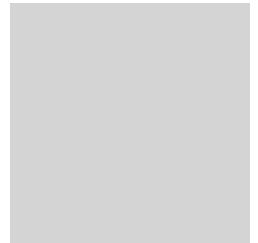
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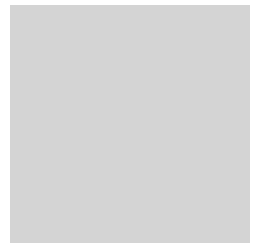
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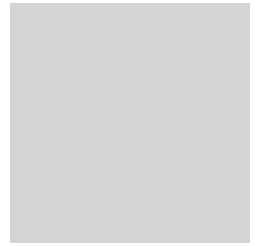
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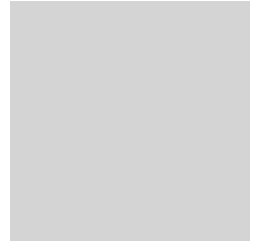
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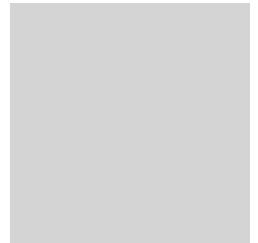
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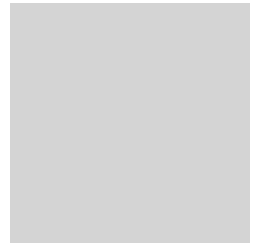
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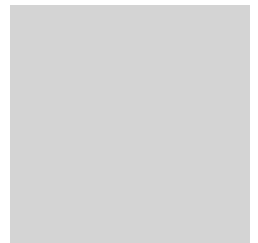
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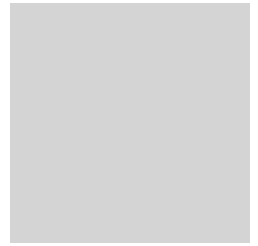
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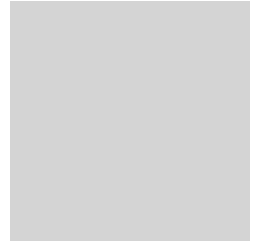
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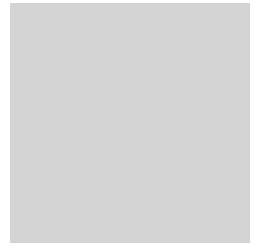
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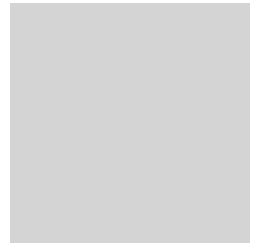
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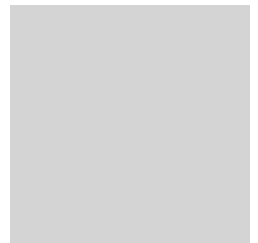
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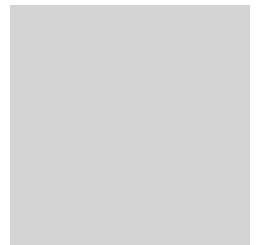
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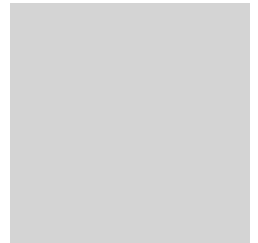
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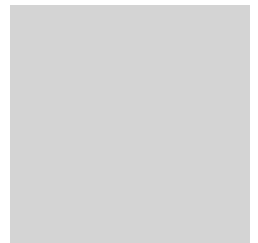
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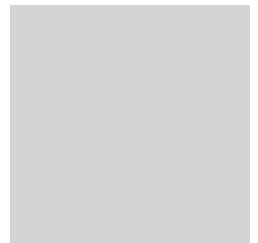
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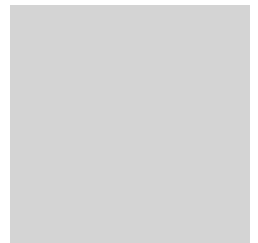
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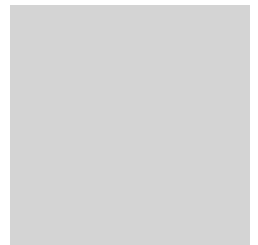
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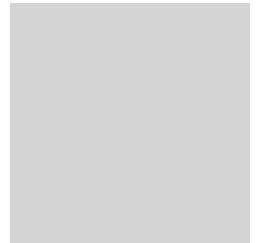
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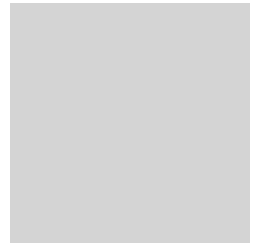
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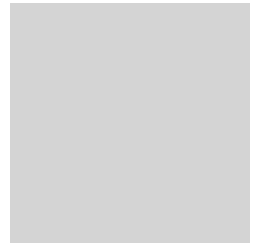
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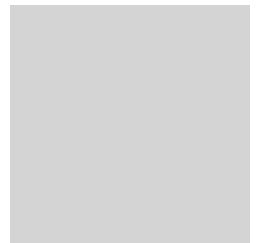
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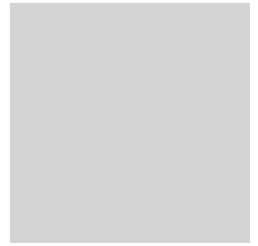
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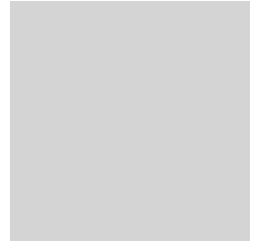
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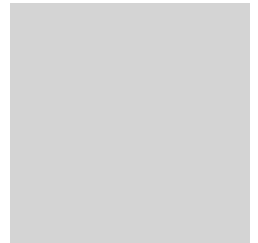
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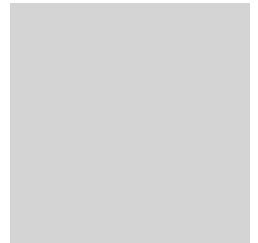
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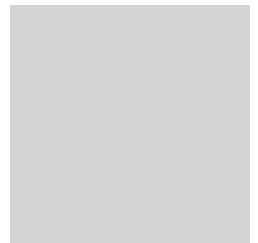
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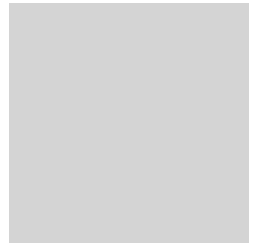
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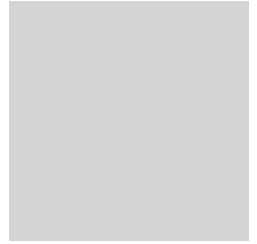
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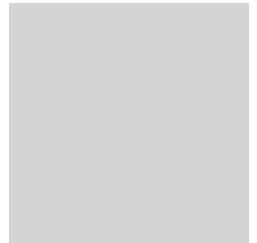
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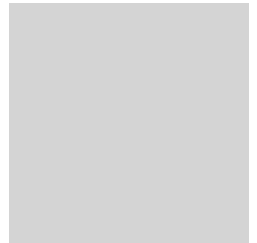
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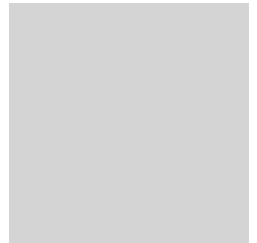
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