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Thank you so much for joining us today.

[Elon]

Thank you for joining us. Thank you for joining us today. Thank you for joining us today.

We are trying to make up our mind. You can understand what is just like to have a conversation. conversation.

So I wanted to, Donald, great, great to speak. We had a great conversation yesterday. As you mentioned yesterday, if we could just record that conversation and post it, it would have been excellent.

I hope we can have something like that today.

[Trump]

Well, I think we will. I'm pretty sure we will. And congratulations, because I see you broke every record in the book with so many millions of people.

And it's an honor. We view that as an honor. And then you do want silencing of certain voices.

Usually those are voices that have something to say that are constructive, oftentimes constructive. And so we have to consider it an honor. But congratulations on breaking every record in the book tonight.

That's great.

[Elon]

Well, thank you. Well, maybe we could start off with, I mean, assassination attempt, which was an incredible thing. And I have to say that your actions after that assassination attempt were inspiring.

You know, instead of shying away from things instead of ducking down, you're pumping your fist in there and saying fight, fight, fight. And I think that's, I mean, the president of the United States represents America. And I think that is America, that is strength under fire.

And so that's, you know, a big, you know, part of the reason why I was excited to endorse you as the president of the United States for having a term here is that was just incredibly inspiring. But I mean, what was it like for you?

[Trump]

Not pleasant. I didn't know I had that much blood. The doctors later told me that the ear is a place that is a very bloody place if you're going to get hit.

But in this case, it was probably the best alternative you could even think about because it went at the right angle. And, you know, it was a hard hit. It was very, I guess you would say surreal, but it wasn't surreal.

You know, I was telling somebody you have instances like this or like a lot less than this where you feel it's a surreal situation. And I never felt that way. I do immediately that it was a bullet.

I knew immediately that it was at the year. And because it, you know, it hit very hard, but hit the year. And I also heard people shout bullets bullets, you know, get down, get down because I, you know, I moved down pretty nicely, pretty quickly.

And we had bullets flying right over my head after I went down. So I'm glad I went down. The bigger miracle was that I was looking in the exact direction of the shooter.

And so it hit, it hit me at an angle that was far less destructive than any other angle. So that was the miracle that was for those people that don't believe in God. I think we got to all start thinking about that.

You have to, you know, I'm a believer now I'm more of a believer, I think, and a lot of people have said that to be a lot of great people have said that to me actually. But it was, it was amazing that I happened to be turned just at that perfect angle. And all because I put down a chart on immigration that showed that the numbers were so great.

I love that chart. I mean, maybe it's a sign.

[Elon]

Maybe that's a sign, you know, immigration side. You highlighted a serious issue. Yeah, at that moment.

The boat, Mr. You know, hit your ear.

[Trump]

But but you know, Mr. Mr. Mr. Your head, I mean, you're, well, the amazing thing is that the sign I said, bring down that sign and immigration. And it was literally about an eighth of a second where it would be good. And after that, it was going to be a disaster, no matter which way you were facing.

But it just had that, that perfect angle, which was exactly at this shooter, very sad

situation, such a sad situation. As you know, we lost somebody that was great Corey, a firefighter, a great gentleman, a great, a great trumper. He was a just a fantastic family and a fantastic man.

And a friend of mine came up, Elon, and said, I'd like to give the family some kind of help. And I said, that's great. He said, do you mind?

I said, I don't mind at all. And he wrote out a check for a million dollars gave it to the wife. And you know, she said, this is really nice.

But I'd rather have my husband back, which is a nice thing just somebody to say, to be honest, she's great. The family is great. And we raised a lot of money for them.

And for two other gentlemen were unbelievable people also, they were hit really badly. They thought they were not going to make it. And they did the doctors in the Butler area.

I tell you, they were incredible. They saved the two. And they were really hit tough, both of them equally.

And we thought we were either my first question was because I heard bullets flying over me and I said, how many people killed? Because we had a massive crowd there, a tremendous, yeah, thousands and thousands of people. And there was no land.

I mean, it was just it was all people. So I said, how many people have been killed? Because I knew there were other shots being fired.

And they said, we don't know yet. But some people have been badly hurt. And I have to give the secret service sniper, they call him or shop shooter, but sniper.

Because he didn't know there was a problem. He's been he's an extraordinary shot, obviously. And he didn't know there was a problem.

And he was able to pick and pull out within five seconds. And he used one bullet from very far away, I guess probably about 400 yards. The shooter was 130.

But he was on the he was on the opposite side of the field and the podium. And he saw the the smoke and the flame from the gun, immediately recognized it, and immediately took a shot. And it was one perfect shot from very far away.

And if he if he didn't do that, Elon, he would have, I mean, if he would have a lot of people, a lot more people have been could have been badly and killed. So I have to take my hat off to him. Because that's also a surreal, you have been with them for 23 years.

And there's never had anything like this. And all of a sudden he has to act. And it's a very tough thing to act and to be shooting somebody.

But he saw the he saw the gun, saw the smoke, saw the flame from the gun, very far away. I obviously has very good eyes, he's got very good vision, which I assume you have to have in that particular work. But he he came very quickly.

And it was they say it was approximately five seconds from long range, one bullet. If that didn't happen, because the shooter had a lot of bullets, he had a lot of a lot of cartridges up there with him.

[Elon]

So well, I mean, I mean, that that that's clearly, you know, you know, he was he was very competent in taking that shot to stop the the assassin, the attempted assassination. But but I mean, that does seem to be, I mean, some pretty significant failings elsewhere in the system. Like there's just no way that like how on earth does a shooter get on a roof 130 yards away?

That seems crazy. I think most people are wondering how that on earth could such a thing happen.

[Trump]

Well, you know, I view it as two ways. There should have been nobody in the roof. There were people because there were so many tens of thousands of people there, there were people that were seeing him.

And there was one woman with a red shirt and Trump all over it. And she's screaming, that guy's got a gun. You know, you saw it probably.

[Elon]

It's like, I'm just, I guess, I mean, for my point, I think probably many members of the public are wondering how the heck are, you know, basically people wondering by pointing out there's a guy on the roof with a gun. Yeah. And they're seeing it.

But somehow it's not being addressed. That does seem crazy.

[Trump]

Well, they're going to learn from this, the communication between the local police who sort of had an idea and then ultimately a man lifted himself up to the roof could barely do it because, you know, he was pulling himself up. And yeah, he saw the man with the gun. The man with the gun pointed the gun at him.

He thought he was probably going to get shot. But you know, he was like pulling himself up. And because of that, he couldn't get to his gun.

And he fell down actually very badly hurt his leg, his ankle. I hear very badly. But but he fell down.

And he did, you know, from what I understand, he did say there's a guy up there with a gun. And the shooting started very quickly after that. I think it, I think it forced the shooter to go maybe quicker.

You know, you're supposed to be a very good shot.

[Elon]

Yeah.

[Trump]

My sons, Don and Eric, they can't believe what happened. But they said from 130 yards, a bad shot would hit that target almost every time. They said it's like in golf thinking a two foot putt.

[Elon]

Yeah, it's it's not a hot shot.

[Trump]

It's not a long shot. The Secret Service person had the long shot. He had a, you know, triple the distance, actually.

So, you know, it was a terrible thing. Look, it's hard. I have to say this about the Secret Service.

When I went down, and, you know, I went down based on, I think they're screaming. But other people also, because people saw this happen, you know, you had so many people. One of the miracles was that nobody ran.

I mean, if a gun goes off, the crowd control people showed us this. When guns go off, and it does happen in stadiums and a soccer match or some kind of a match, everybody flees, they call it a stampede, like cattle, but everybody and a lot of people get killed with those stampedes. We had more people than you'd have it, you know, some of these matches or these games and nobody left.

You know, you had a small group behind us in the grandstand and that was full. And you look at it as it was taking place. And normally they'd be running.

They didn't, like they saw that I was hurt. They saw a lot of blood and they saw that I went down. And it's almost like they wanted to be with me.

Well, out front, you had thousands, tens of thousands of people. As far as the eye could see, you had people in Butler, as far as the eye could see. And a lot of press too, you know, many cameras on watching this.

It's what makes it so different because normally things happen that aren't good, but you never have a picture of it. Here we have all these cameras shooting it. So, you know, it's sort of amazing.

But one of the interesting things was that you didn't have anybody flee, you didn't have anybody stampede, nobody. And there were some people behind me, they stood up and they're looking like, you know, I mean, I say, you want to have you want to have them in a foxhole with you. I want to meet some of those people because it's so different from what you heard.

But so I was down. But the Secret Service guys, there were bullets flying right over my head. You could hear them go whizzing.

And these guys came jumping on top of me and a young lady, Kate, would jump. They moved so fast. And let me tell you, that took tremendous courage.

Now, there was a lack of coordination. There was, you know, obviously everybody understands that somebody that that building should have been covered.

[Elon]

And yeah, I mean, looking at the aerial views, that building would be like the number one spot for a sniper. I mean, it's like, it's like, if you were to pick like, what is the favorite, so if the goal is to assassinate, what's your favorite spot, that building, that building would be number one?

[Trump]

That would have been the spot.

[Elon]

It's like, you couldn't, you can ask for a verification.

[Trump]

It's like, no, that would have been this. You know what people think is when the local policeman, who by the way, you know, he really, he did what he was supposed to do. He couldn't hold on any longer.

And then when he got his head just peeking above, this guy standing there with a gun at his head. And when he fell down again, heard his ankle very badly, but he was making

the calls. But what happened is the firing took place very soon.

So what they think is that this guy ran to his site, which he had all planned out with the gun, he ran to the site, and he started shooting fast. And maybe that's why he, well, he sort of missed. I mean, you know, he, he got paid, but it could have been, could have been a much bigger problem.

[Elon]

But he told me what a hit if you hadn't turned your head. So like, you know, there was a, it was a very near thing.

[Trump]

It was a miracle. If I hadn't turned my head, yeah, I would not be talking to you right now as much as I like you.

[Elon]

Exactly.

[Trump]

I would not.

[Elon]

I would not be talking to you from another realm. Yeah, that's right.

[Trump]

We'd be talking from a different place. But it was, it was, you know, it was a very terrible experience. The Butler hospital, they did such a great job.

The doctors were so good. Everybody was so good. There was, there was a mistake.

If, if somebody knew, because people were hearing that, you know, there was just a bad feeling that there was somebody was around, you know, that story now it's been, and if somebody could have said, because they've oftentimes said, you know, like there'd be a lightning storm or something, because I've done, I think over 300, I think I did a lot more than that, but we did a lot. And oftentimes they'll say, Sir, could you wait 10 minutes, please? Sir, could you wait 20 minutes as the storm overhead or lightning or something, right?

And that happens often. And this would have been a perfect time for that to have happened. But it didn't, it didn't get coordinated.

That was the problem.

[Elon]

Well, it was, you're, I think, your, your actions in the, in the heat of a fire in, you know, like, what I find admirable there was that you can't fake bravery under such circumstances. The courage is instinctual or it is not, it's not a rehearsed action. And so I just want to say that, I think a lot of people admire your, your, your courage under fire there.

And yeah, so.

[Trump]

Thank you very much. I appreciate it. I didn't, I don't think, I didn't think of it.

I just want to get up. And I want to stand up. I want to let people know, you know, I felt I was good when, when they were on top of me covering me actually, very much covering me and very bravely.

But I want to get up. I said, I want to get up. And they wanted, you know, they have, they have everything there.

They have, they wanted stretcher. I didn't like the stretcher. And I knew I was hit in the year, but I knew I wasn't hit anywhere else.

They felt I was hit someplace else. It was, it was such a lot of blood. And they were sure that I was hit someplace else.

And they were saying, sir, you, you were hitting more than the year. I said, nope, I was hit in the year. I want to get up.

Let me get up. And so we, I got up. And the crowd didn't know what to think.

I mean, this was so, so many people. And they, you could see they were confused. They didn't know what to think.

And I wanted to let them know I was okay. It was very important for me to let them know that. And they went wild.

You, you've seen the after they didn't go wild when I got up because they didn't know was I alive. You really couldn't tell when I stood up before the hand before the, you know, the fist in the air, they didn't know if I was alive. Nobody did.

And when I put the fist up, they were, they were just relieved and happy and thrilled. And the place went crazy. It was pretty amazing.

It was a, it was a terrible thing, but it was incredibly moving.

[Elon]

Well, and I mean, speaking of the, the, the, the sort of slide maybe this is what we're talking about about that. It was, it was, that slide, the slides you're right.

[Trump]

Now the illegal immigration saved my life. You're right. But it would be a bit exact angle.

[Elon]

I mean, that's, that's a great way to say it's safe by illegal.

[Trump]

You know, the, the incredible thing though, when you talk about the odds, you had to be exactly at that angle. But, but the incredible thing is that the chart, I used it less than 20% of the time. It was just a moment.

It's always on my left, never my right. And it's always at the end of the speech. So here we have it.

It's on the right, not the left. It's at the beginning, not the end. And even the people that put it up, they were unprepared and they did a great job.

They got it up immediately, fortunately. But I looked to the right and, and the bullet, and the bullet came whizzing by hitting my ear. So it was amazing.

But when you think of the odds of that, and, you know, that that normally you wouldn't use it normally wouldn't have the thing. And then, you know, it would have been a very different story. It's very much, I, I say an act of God.

It's a miracle that it happened. And I'm honored by it. I'm honored by it.

[Elon]

Well, well, what, what, what, what, what we, what were you about to say about illegal immigration before you were rudely interrupted?

[Trump]

Well, I was going to say how good the numbers were. By the way, we're going back to Butler and we're gonna go back in October. We're all set up and we're the people are fantastic in Butler.

It's a big, it's a great area. Great. These are incredible people.

Like the three that, in the case of Corey killed and the other two, the, the families are, I got to know them a little bit. And the families are great. But we're going back to Butler.

And I think I'll probably start by saying, as I was saying, I was being so horribly interrupted.

[Elon]

But yeah, so really interrupted by it.

[Trump]

Yeah.

[Elon]

But no, but the chart. Some people have no matter.

[Trump]

Elon, the chart was just a chart that in my last week, we had the best illegal immigration numbers meaning stopping. It was at the lowest you've seen the chart. It's become quite a famous chart.

But that was the lowest point ever recorded. It was a really, I mean, I was very proud of those numbers. And then you see what happened with these people.

Kamala and Joe, you see what happened? They just let it go. I had remained in Mexico policies.

I had all these different policies that was so good. Guys like Tom Holman and Brandon Judd from Border Patrol. All these are all people that they've been on television.

It says the best numbers we've ever had. We had so many different checks, catch and release in Mexico, not the United, we had catch and release in the United States. We had it in Mexico.

We had so many things. We had things where if people, many people come in there, they have contagious diseases. We had everything passed.

If you have a contagious disease, I'm sorry. But we can, we cannot allow you into the country. So we were setting literally records.

And all I was doing is showing that. And I use it sometimes. And in this case, I'm glad I used it.

I can tell you that. But they were fantastic numbers. But I'm going to sleep with that

chart always.

I'm going to, I'll be sleeping with that chart. That chart was, was very important, very important for a lot of reasons.

[Elon]

Well, I mean, what would it be accurate to say that you're supportive of legal immigration, but that we obviously need to shut down illegal immigration, and especially unvetted illegal immigration. Because you, you know, and that's not the same as saying that everyone who is in legal immigrant is bad. In fact, I think most people who are illegal immigrants are actually good, but you can't tell the difference unless there's a solid betting of who comes across the border.

Is that, is that absolutely represent your position?

[Trump]

I say it very simply. They have to come in legally. They have to be checked.

Because look, Kamala was the borders are now she's denying it. Everything that I do. She's saying she was strong on the border.

We're going to be strong. Well, she doesn't have to say she could close it up right now. They could they could do things right now.

It's horrible. No tax on tips and all of a sudden she's making a speech and there will be no tax on tips. I said that months ago.

And by the way, they had just the opposite. You know, they had not only tax on tips, but they hired 88,000 IRS agents. And many of them were assigned to go get waitresses and caddies and all of this on tips.

They have a policy, they had a policy they were really going to go after you. And we're really harassing people horribly. And then all of a sudden for politics, she says, you know, she comes out with with what I said, which I think is terrible.

And I think it's also hitting them very hard. These people are fake. Now, they're also saying they did a good job in the border.

We had the worst numbers in the history of the world, not of our country. There's never been a country in history that has had a catastrophe like this. We've had, I believe, and I think you believe this, you know, you hear 12 million thirds.

I believe it's over 20 million people came into our country, many coming from jails, from prisons, from mental institutions, or a bigger version of that is insane asylum. And many

are terrorists. And I'll tell you what, they're coming not just from South America, they're coming from Africa, they're coming from all over the world, they're coming from Asia, they're coming from the Middle East, they're coming from countries that are stupidly and horribly bombing Israel, October 7th, they're coming from all over the world.

And you know, you look at, it's so sad, October 7th, because it should have never happened. It's so sad when you look at Ukraine, it should have never happened. We have a defective government, these are defective people, and they're not people that should be running it.

But what you see at the best is the border, because you had, you have millions of people coming in a month, and then she gets up and she tries to pretend like she's going to do something, she had three and a half years. And by the way, they have another five months that they can do something, but they won't do anything. It's all talk, he's incompetent and he's incompetent.

And frankly, I think that she's more incompetent than he is. And that's saying something because he's not too good.

[Elon]

Yeah, no, I think it is essential to have a secure border. I mean, you're really not a country unless you're in a secure border.

[Trump]

And secure elections.

[Elon]

Yeah, absolutely secure elections. And so it's just essential to have a real border or we can't function as a country, and our service, our central services are being overwhelmed in a lot of cities. And as we were talking about earlier, I think having a legal immigration process that is smooth and efficient and done well, and I'm speaking as someone who is a legal immigrant, and I think that that, I mean, like one way to think of it is who do you want on your team?

Like who do you want on Team America? And I think we want to just say, okay, we want to let in people who are going to be great contributors to our society and to our economy, and you know, and who do you want on the team? And it's not to say that, like in my opinion, actually, I'd say like probably most of the illegal immigrants are actually good, hardworking people, that's my opinion.

But some are not. And you just have this sort of adverse selection process where, you know, if somebody's like, it has a career in theft or robbery, I don't understand what's

taken them so long to get here because we are such a target rich environment. I mean, you know, why don't they, why don't more people have a career in, you know, bad things coming here sooner?

Because it's, I mean, it's a piece of cake to go rob, you know, has in LA or New York compared to other parts of the and in a lot of places in America, if you try to stop the person who's robbing you, you'll be arrested.

[Trump]

So it's right. I mean, what's happening with crime and our police is so good, but they're not allowed to do their job. But I have to tell you, Ilana, I hate to say because it's such a downer to say it.

I hate to say it. I hate it. But you have a lot of people that just shouldn't be.

I think it's a much bigger number than you think they're allowing, again, they're allowing people from their jails. And if you were running one of these countries where they're coming from, you would have had all of them. As an example of Venezuela, their crime is down 72%.

They're taking their drug dealers. They're taking, frankly, they're prisoners. They're emptying out their prisons.

They're taking their criminals, their murderers, their rapists, and they're delivering them into them.

[Elon]

That's what that's what cast cast?

[Trump]

Yeah, well, he did on a much smaller scale, you know, it was a much smaller scale. But this is a massive scale because this is being done worldwide. But here's what's happening.

Crime all over the world is down. And wait until you see the numbers that we have, you know, this is migrant crime. This is crime that's going to be.

And I saw it today in New York where somebody was knifed with a raped, the girlfriend of a man that stood there watching in New York in one of the shelters and started pulling out the knives and bad things happen today. But this is happening every day. These are rough people.

These are people that are in jail for murder and all sorts of things. And they're releasing

them into our country and they're telling them, if you come back, we're going to kill you. We're going to give you the death penalty or kill you.

So they don't want to come back. But these are rough people. These are criminals that make our criminals look like nice people.

And it's horrible what they're doing. And she's in charge of it because, you know, nothing to do with it. And she's such a liar because she was called the border czar the first day and it was on the headlines of every newspaper.

She's the border czar. And she never even went there. She went to one location which had nothing to do with where the problem is.

You know, she went in and out, I guess, because she was getting a lot of pressure, but had nothing to do with the problems. But she was the border czar. And you can't allow them to get away with their disinformation campaign.

Now she's trying to say that she wasn't really involved. And the whole thing is horrible. She was totally in charge.

She could have shut the border down without him. He didn't know what he was doing anyways. He wouldn't have even know what happened.

You could shut the border down. He wouldn't even know the difference. But the fact is that she was borders czar.

But if you don't have to call her that the fact is you could just call her. She was in charge of the border. And the border was the worst ever.

It's simply not working. It's horrible.

[Elon]

Whether it's by whether it's by whether it's a question of of intention or competence, either way, we we we don't have a secure border and we have people streaming over like it looks like a World War Z zombie apocalypse at times. And you know, sometimes you you you got to sort of wonder like, is it real or not? So I you know, is it real?

I saw I went to the border at Eagle Pass and I saw for myself in Texas and I was like, okay, it's real. I'm like seeing this in real time. I actually posted the video like just live.

I just I just flew there one day and just to see, hey, is this is this made up or real? And I'm just seeing people stream across the border. And and I have to say, you know, at least the people I saw did not look friendly.

You know, these people can look at my video and say, hey, you know, these people look

friendly. I look super friendly.

[Trump]

So these are people that Elon would not be the same man if he had a walk across the street and look these people in the eye. These are rough people. These are really rough people coming across.

And I know rough people. And these are people that we don't want in our country. And you know, the caravans are coming in and they're putting and who's doing this to the heads of the countries.

And you would be doing it. And so would I and everyone say, what a terrible thing to say. The fact is, it's brilliant for them because they're taking all of their bad people, really bad people.

And I hate to say this. The reason the numbers are much bigger than you would think is they're also taking their non productive people. Now, these aren't people that will kill you.

We have enough of them. But these are people that are non productive. They are just non productive.

I mean, for whatever reason, they're not workers or they don't want to work or whatever. And these countries are getting rid of non productive people in the caravans, in many cases. And they're also getting rid of their murderers and their drug dealers and the people that are really brutal people.

And they're coming into our country levels that have never been seen before. And I saw an ad just before I got on the air. I'm walking over here.

And I saw an ad by Kamala saying how she is going to provide border security. Where has he been for three and a half years for three and a half years?

[Elon]

Yeah, no, no, no. We have 20 million people. Yeah, I think this frankly, I think this is a fundamental existential issue for the United States.

And if we have another four more years of open borders, and it's going to be even another four more years, it's going to be even worse than it's been for the past three and a half years. I'm not sure we got a country.

[Trump]

We don't have a country. Elon, if they get in, you will have 50 to 60 million people from

all over the world, not South America only. You know, we think of South America, we think of Honduras and El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico, you know, the four.

But it's not that it's everywhere. They're coming in from everywhere. And I had to stay in Mexico.

[Elon]

Yeah, this is a this is a super important point. Like people, it's like, well, basically, when I went down there, I was like, well, where people from is like, it's like almost no one was from Mexico.

[Trump]

No, Mexico. It's just it's just the border.

[Elon]

It's just the border with Mexico. But the people coming in, it's it's it's Earth, the rest of Earth. And America is is only, you know, about four or five percent of the population of Earth.

It would only take a few percent of the rest of Earth to overwhelm everything.

[Trump]

We're already overwhelmed, Elon. It's we're overwhelmed. You had to see the news tonight about New York, New York, and I love that place and what they're doing to it is horrible what they're doing to it.

And all the courts do is they try and focus on Trump. Okay, they let's focus on Trump who did nothing wrong. I complain about our rigged election.

Elon, what's happened is unbelievable. You have from Africa, from the Congo, they're coming from the Congo. And 22 people came in from the Congo recently, and their murderers, and they dropped them.

They drop them. They take them out of jails, which is very expensive, you know, to maintain the jails. Although they don't do too much maintaining, I can tell you, but they take them out of jails, prisons, they take them out, and they bring them to the United States.

They deposit them in the executed, and they don't want to come back. But they won't come back. But they're coming from Africa.

They're coming from Asia. They're coming from the Middle East. They're coming from South America.

[Elon]

They're coming from everywhere.

[Trump]

And there are a lot of really bad ones.

[Elon]

It's just it's just an everywhere on Earth thing. And it's just it's just not possible for the United States to absorb, you know, everyone from Earth, or, you know, even a few percent of the rest of Earth is just not possible.

[Trump]

So we're going to have just that's finished this up. We're going to have the largest deportation in history of this country. And we have no choice.

Otherwise, we're going to have a country what they're what they've done to our country. Think of it with with, you know, in Venezuela, and in some of these other countries, crime is down 50 60 70 80 percent. And you would be the same.

You would have, you would have, I'll tell you what, Venezuela has not gotten rid of all of them. They've gotten rid of about 70% of their really bad people. Their jails are about 50% put into the United States.

The same with other countries, some are 30%, some are 50%. They're all different. But the bottom line is they're all going to be at 100%.

Why wouldn't you put 100% of them? And they're doing it right now. While this third rate phony candidate, don't forget I beat, I beat Biden.

He failed in the debate miserably. And you know, some people said, Oh, geez, it's too bad. He did so badly.

Or I did well in the debate. You know, the first night they said, Wow, one of the people at CNN said that was the greatest debate performance I've ever witnessed. And then two days later, they didn't talk about that.

They just said he was bad. But that's okay. That's the way I get treated.

And I don't mind that at all. What I can tell you is this. We cannot have a Democrat.

We cannot have her. She's incompetent. She's as bad as Biden in a difference.

Yeah, she hasn't done an interview since this whole scam started. And say what you

want. This was a coup.

This was a coup of a president of the United States. He didn't want to leave and they said we can do it a nice way. Or we can do it the hard way.

[Elon]

Yeah, I'm just talking about back behind the shed and basically shot him.

[Trump]

Oh, what they did with this guy. And I'm no fan of his and he was a horrible president, the worst president in history. And one of the reasons he was so bad, first of all, the Israeli attack would have never happened.

Russia would never have attacked Ukraine and we'd have no inflation. And we wouldn't have had the Afghanistan mess if you think of it. Well, and we wouldn't have had Afghanistan.

But we think of it. We you take a few of those events away and we have a different world. We would also have no inflation was caused by oil.

[Elon]

Yeah, no, no, I think you're making an excellent point here, which is that when other countries can, you know, that are thinking about invading or doing bad things, when they're thinking about that, they're thinking about, okay, what's the American president going to do? And do they fear the American president? Or is it someone they do not respect or and do not fear?

And I think they do, they do, they would rightfully be, I mean, look at the footage with the assassination. They're like, okay, you know, President Trump is like, don't mess with me. I mean, that's like, whereas I think people are not going to be, and they obviously have not been at all intimidated by Biden, and they certainly will not be intimidated by Kamala.

And you have to really think about in the context of global security. That's that's that if the American president is someone, someone that like, you know, evil dictators are scared of, that makes a huge difference to the security of the world.

[Trump]

So I had a good relationship with Putin, despite the Russia Russia hoax that lasted for over two years, just a hoax created by Hillary Clinton and Adam Shifty Schiff, some just bad people, you know, just sick people, frankly, I mean, Schiff is a sick person. He's going to end up probably being a senator. It's hard to believe, the whole thing is hard to

believe.

But, you know, they put our country in danger with that stuff too. They actually, when they make up stories and you have to fight your way out of it for a long time. But I know Putin very well, I got along with him very well.

He respected me and it's just one of those things. And he would we would talk a lot about Ukraine. It was the apple of his eye.

But I said, don't ever do it. Don't ever do it. You know, I shut down Nord Stream too.

That was the big oil pipeline. The biggest, I think the biggest pipeline in the world going all over Europe, I shut it down. Biden came and then they say, you know, I was, I loved Russia, I was a friend of Putin and I loved Russia.

No, he actually said to me one time, he said, if you're my friend, I'd hate to see you as an enemy. I shut down his pipeline. The biggest pipeline, they were looking at that in the fund.

And this this pathetic president gets in there. And the first thing he did, one of the early things he did is he shut down, he shut down Keystone XL pipeline, which is our pipeline that would have employed 48,000 people pipeline workers shut it down. That was, you know, a massive job that Obama refused to allow.

I allowed it in my first week because it was jobs and it moved oil. And by the way, in a much more environmentally friendly way, it's underground. It's not a truck that catches on fire or a train that catches on fire.

But think of it, he shut down the XL pipeline, the Keystone XL pipeline, he shuts that down and he approves the Russian pipeline.

[Elon]

Yeah, it doesn't make any sense. It's inconsistent. Certainly.

But I mean, I think it's just worth emphasizing to listeners that the immense importance of whether the United States president is intimidating or not intimidating and how much that matters to global security because there's some real tough characters out there. And if they don't think the American president is tough, they will do what they want to do. I know every one of them, it puts the whole world in danger.

[Trump]

Elon, I know every one of them, and I know him well, I know Putin, I know President Xi, I know Kim Jong Un of North Korea, I know every one of them. And let me tell you, people will say, Oh, this is terrible. He said, I'm not saying anything good or bad.

They're at the top of their game. They're tough, they're smart, they're vicious, and they're going to protect their country, whether they love their country, they probably do. It's just a different form of love.

But they're going to protect their country. But these are tough people at the top of their game. And when they see a Kamala, or when they see Biden sleepy Joe, they can't even believe it.

They can't believe this happened. All the stuff that you're seeing now, all the horror that you look at Israel, they're all waiting for an attack from Iran. Iran would not be attacking, believe me.

You know, when I was there, and I say it with respect, because I think we would have been good with Iran. I don't want to do anything bad to Iran, but they knew not to mess around. Iran was broke because I told China, if you buy from Iran oil, it's all about the oil.

That's where the money is. But if you buy oil from Iran, you're not going to do any business with the United States. And I meant it.

And they said, we'll be asked that they didn't buy oil. Other countries like why you want to buy, you're not doing business with the United States. And they were at a point where they were, they had no money for Hamas.

They had no money for Hezbollah. They had no money for any of these instruments of terror. And it was amazing.

In fact, there were articles when I was leaving, which is hard to believe, actually, especially when you look at what's happened to our country. Our country is so bad right now. It's such a different place.

We were respected. Think of it. Four years ago, we were so respected to a point where when I said don't buy oil, they didn't buy oil, but they had no money.

And Israel would have never been attacked. It is zero chance. And again, I said to Vladimir Putin, I said, don't do it.

You can't do it, Vladimir. You do it. It's going to be a bad day.

You cannot do it. And I told him things that what I do, and he said, no way. And I said, way.

And you know, it's the last time we ever had the conversation. He would he would never have done. I got along well with him.

I hope to get along well with him again. You know, getting along well with them is a good thing, not a bad thing. I got along well with John Lund.

When I met with President Obama just before entering, you know, it's sort of a ritual. And I sat down with him and we talked, it was supposed to be for a very short period of time, it turned out to be a long period of time. I said, what's the biggest problem?

He said North Korea. I had that problem worked out very quickly. It was nasty at the beginning with Rocket Man and you know, all the different things.

All of a sudden I got a call with some epic tweets, by the way.

[Elon]

Yeah, they were. No, they were epic.

[Trump]

Everything. He said, he said that he has a red button on his desk. I said, I have a red button on my desk too, but my red button is much bigger and my red button works.

And then I called him a little rocket man of little rocket man. Anyway, his bottom line. All of a sudden, I got a call from him.

And they said, they want to meet. They want to meet me. And we met, as you remember, we met in Singapore, we met also in Vietnam.

And I got along with him. Great. We were in no danger.

But President Obama, President Obama was going to end up in a war, a nuclear war with him. And let me tell you, he's got a lot of nuclear stuff. He's got plenty of nuclear.

He can do plenty of damage.

[Elon]

So yes, I mean, because, you know, I mean, people like, like Kim, you know, Kim Jong-un, they respond to strength, not weakness.

[Trump]

Well, yeah.

[Elon]

And he and I had a good relationship.

[Trump]

You know, you remember, I remember, I met him and we walked onto his land. Nobody ever walked onto his land before. I walked.

I wouldn't say, let's bring up the Secret Service again. I wouldn't say they were thrilled when I did that. I walked onto his land.

And it was, it was an amazing period. But we were not in danger with him because of me. You know, I always say that we have enemies on the outside and we have enemies on the inside.

We have some really bad people in our government and people that are and controlling of the people. I mean, I'd mention names, but I don't, I really don't want to give the credit. But we have some really bad, and I say they're more dangerous than Russia and China.

If you have a smart president, a president that gets it, we are not in danger from those countries, because they need us and they need our help. I mean, we forced Obama, if you think about it, Obama and Biden and Bush, to a certain extent to no fairness, force Russia and China together. And if you're a history student, the first thing you learn is you cannot let Russia and China align.

But then they also got, if you take a look, Iran and they have North Korea, that's, you know, they caught the access of evil in the old days. You had the access of evil. Here, we have a modern day access of evil.

These are powerful countries, very heavy nuclear, which is the biggest threat. You know, the biggest threat is not global warming, where the ocean is going to rise one, one eighth of an inch over the next 400 years. The big, and you'll have more, you'll have more oceanfront property, right?

The biggest threat is not that the biggest threat is nuclear warming, because we have five countries now that have significant nuclear power. And we have to not allow anything to happen with stupid people like Biden. You know, Biden did something with Russia.

There was no chance of him ever going in. And when I left, and then after I left, they started forming big armies on there, on the border with Ukraine, right? And I looked at that.

And I thought he was doing that because Putin's a good negotiator. I thought he was doing that to negotiate. But then Biden started saying such stupid things, for instance, he said that it can be a NATO country.

Now, Russia for, for as long as there's been NATO has said, we're never going to agree to that. And we go right up front and say that. And we did things and said things through this president with a low IQ, very low IQ.

He had a low IQ 30 years ago, by the way, but now he might not even have a IQ at all.

There is no there's nothing on the board that goes this long. He said things that were so stupid that that that war would have been that war had zero chance of happening.

If I were there zero chance, he was saying everything the opposite, everything the opposite. And it's so sad because many more people have been killed in Ukraine than you read about. You don't read about how bloody it is and how deserved.

Hey, look, just in the two armies, you lost a half a million people. And Ukraine's having a hard time. Ukraine, I don't know if you saw the article recently, and it's you don't hear the true story.

But if you think about it, Russia's gone, you know, Russia defeated Germany with us, and they defeated Napoleon. They've been around a long time. They're a big fighting force.

And it's very unfair. And Ukraine now doesn't have enough men. They're now using young men and very old men to fight.

And it's we're in a very bad position. And I'm not going to blame exclusively. But I can tell you, I could have stopped that and a smart president could have stopped that.

It wouldn't have happened. But we had we had a man that actually made it. It made it more prevalent.

It was so bad. The words that he was using, the stupid threats coming from a stupid face that he was using, I said, this guy's going to cause this to war. He's going to cause this.

And let me tell you, it can lead to World War 3. That can lead to World War 3. The Middle East can lead to.

We have numerous places that could end up in the World War 3 right now for no reason.

[Elon]

I think you're right. I think I think people under underrate the risk of World War 3. And it's just that when you're looking at the risk of global thermonuclear warfare, it's game over for humanity.

And it's something that people have, I think, after the end of the Cold War, people have become complacent about. But they actually have forgotten that there are currently a lot of nuclear missiles that have targeting parameters for the United States, from the countries.

[Trump]

And one of the things we're going to do is we're going to build an iron dome over us. Israel has it. We're going to have the best iron dome in the world.

We need it. And we're going to make it all in the United States. But we're going to have protection because it just takes one maniac to start something.

We're going to have protection. And we're going to have, why shouldn't we have an iron dome? Israel has one.

Some other places have one that nobody even knows about, frankly. But Israel has it. We're going to have an iron dome.

But with all of that being said, to me, that's so important, the most important. But with all of that being said, the elections coming up and the people want to hear about the economy and the fact that they can't buy groceries because they don't have enough money to buy groceries, the inflation has killed them. Food prices are up 50, 60, even 100% in some cases.

And this stupid administration allowed this to happen. And it's a shame. And that's the thing that people most care about, in my opinion, they care about the border a lot.

And we discuss the border at great lengths. It's nice to have a forum like this where I can discuss something at length. And by the way, you think Biden could do this interview?

Do you think that Kamala could do this interview? They would take a pass.

[Elon]

No, they could not.

[Trump]

So they don't need Elon. They don't need Elon screaming out questions. It's pretty sad when you think that somebody that does this for a living can't answer a question or is afraid to do an interview.

And in her case, with a very friendly interview, she's got all friendly interviewers. It's pretty good. But the big thing now is the I mean, I've viewed nuclear is the single most important thing, but a lot of people don't understand that.

But it doesn't have to. If I understand that that's all you need, because if I was president, you're not going to have that kind of a problem. But the thing that they really is making them angry is what Kamala and Biden have allowed to happen to the economy.

It's a disaster with inflation. The inflation, it doesn't matter what you make. The inflation is eating you alive.

If you're a worker or if you're a just a middle income person, you can't afford, you know, four years ago, five years ago, people were saving a lot of money. Today, they're using

all their money and borrowing money just to live. It's a horrible thing that's happening.

And we'll end that.

[Elon]

Yeah, a lot of people just don't understand where inflation comes from. Inflation comes from government overspending because the checks never bounce when it's written by the government. If the government spends far more than it brings in, that increases the money supply.

And if the money supply increases faster than the rate of goods and services, that's inflation. So really, we need to reduce our government's spending. And we need to reexamine, I think we need a government efficiency commission to say, hey, where are we spending money that's sensible?

Where is it not sensible? And we need to live within our means. We're currently adding, I think, a trillion dollars to the deficit every roughly every hundred days.

And the interest payments on the national debt have now exceed the defense budget. It's on the order of a trillion dollars. It's interest.

And it keeps growing.

[Trump]

I rebuilt our military, largely rebuilt our military, did a great job on it, which was so important. You know, we had jets, we had fighters that were and bombers that were 70 years old. We did a great job in that.

Then we, by the way, then we gave 85 billion of it back to Afghanistan, if you can believe it, we gave them 85 billion. You know, they're one of the largest sellers of military equipment in the world. They're selling what we gave them.

That was one of the most embarrassing days in the history of our country. But if you think about, let's go back to the economy, we have to bring energy prices down. Energy started at the price of gasoline.

Now, your cars don't require too much gasoline, so you have a good, and you do make a great product, I have to say. I have to be honest with you. That doesn't mean everybody should have an electric car, but these are minor details, but your product is incredible.

But the gasoline, Elon, is the cost of energy, not only gasoline, it's the cost of heating your house and cooling your house. That has to come down. It's gone up 100 percent, 150 and 200 percent, and that has to come down.

When that comes down, and we're going to drill, baby drill, you know, they stopped drilling, and then they went back to drilling because they went back to the Trump policy. But if they won the day after, they get into office, this country will go out of business because they're going to go to an energy policy that's not sustainable. Wind and different things, you're not going to have any of this.

And I know you're a big fan of the AI, and I have to say that AI, and this is shocking to me, but AI requires twice the energy that the country already produces for everything. We're going to have to build a lot of energy if our country will be competitive with China, because that's our primary competitor for this, on the AI. You're going to need a lot of electricity.

You're going to need tremendous electricity, like almost double what we produce now for the whole country if you can believe it.

[Elon]

Sure. Well, just going back to this, the basic thing, which is that people try to make it sound complicated but it's not. But inflation is caused by government overbending.

Would you agree that we need to take a look at government's spending and have perhaps a government efficiency commission that just tries to make the spending sensible and so the country lives within its means, just like a person does.

[Trump]

The waste is incredible and it's nobody to negotiate prices. You used to have a lot of people making jets and you end up with two companies and they'll probably try and merge at some point. I mean, I went through it like just a thing like Air Force One, one of the first documents they asked me to sign a general, I'm sure, would you please sign this document?

What is it? Air Force One, that's with Boeing, which is basically two planes, two 747s, and the price was \$5.7 billion for two planes. Now, they're highly sophisticated.

They're even nicer than your plane, okay, but much more sophisticated. They're very, I won't say what's on it, but they got a lot of stuff on it. Anyway, but it's 5.7. I said, but I said, I'm not going to pay 5.7. I'm not going to do it. I said, who made the deal Obama and his people? I said, well, then I know the deal is no good. I'm not going to do it.

And over a course of about four weeks, by my saying I'm not going to do it, I got the price reduced by \$1.6 billion for the exact same plane other than we had a nicer paint job if you want to know the truth. But for the exact same plane, I got, I saved one and I said to Boeing, man, you guys must make a lot of money if you can reduce the price by that. But now what I do here is that they're going back to the Biden administration and

wanting big cost overruns, you know, because they see these dopey suckers in there and they'll end up getting some of the money back.

But I saved it by \$1.6 billion for the exact same plane. And you can now take that and multiply that out times thousands of other items.

[Elon]

The numbers are astronomical.

[Trump]

I agree with you.

[Elon]

Well, I mean, I think it would be great to just have a government efficiency commission that takes a look at these things and just ensures that the taxpayer money, the taxpayers are harder money is spent in a good way. And I'd be happy to help out on such a commission. I'd love it.

[Trump]

Well, you, you're the greatest cutter. I mean, I look at what you do, you walk in, you want to quit?

[Elon]

They go and strike.

[Trump]

I won't mention the name of the company, but they go on strike and you say, that's okay, you're all gone. You're all gone. So every one of you is gone.

And you are the greatest, you would be very good. Oh, you would love it. But you know, if you look at Arjun, congratulations, I just looked at the number of people that are listening to you and I chat, we'll call it a chat.

But congratulations. This is very good. I mean, it's great.

And you're an interesting character, you know, the new head of a place called Argentina. And he was, he's a big, you know, he's great. And he's a big MAGA fan, you know, that he ran on MAGA.

And he took it to an extreme too. He ran on MAGA. And I hear he's doing really a terrific job.

It's called make Argentina great again. It worked out perfectly. He came and they bought a lot of hats he brought up.

But he's he's doing a big job. He really cut. And I'm hearing it starting to do pretty well.

Inflation's getting down. You know, they had like 1000% and they had inflation like, like not normal inflation, they had the real deal. But we're going to have that pretty soon.

We have, I think we have the worst inflation we've had in 100 years. They say it's 48 years. I don't believe it.

I think we have the worst. They don't include a lot of the items that should be included.

[Elon]

You know, yeah, well, it's it's it's just from from government overspending and not just not spending taxpayer money effectively. And and having, you know, just like so many departments, you can't even name them all. And what Malay is doing is, you know, he's he's cutting government spending.

He's he's simplifying things. He's having you're putting a regulations that make sense. And and and we're Argentina overnight is experiencing a giant improvement in prosperity.

But but it's also a lesson for the United States, which is that Argentina used to be one of the most prosperous countries in the world. You know, in the in the 30s, 40s. And and because of bad government policy, it ruined the country.

And if you take Venezuela, for example, Venezuela should be incredibly prosperous. They have, you know, phenomenal reserves of everything, oil, everything. And it should be prosperous.

But if the government's wrong, it it impoverishes the people. And so I think we should not be complacent in the United States in thinking that and taking out prosperity for granted, because if with bad government policy, we can run the country into the ground. And that's that's just something people should bear in mind.

Don't take prosperity for granted.

[Trump]

Well, think of education. So we're ranked at the bottom of every list of the top 40. We're ranked number 40, number 38, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, different countries are ranked good.

Actually, China is pretty close to the top. They're at top six or seven. But we're ranked at

the bottom, almost at the bottom 38, 39, 40.

In other words, horrible. And yet we spend more per pupil than any other country in the world. So we spend more.

And what I'm going to do, one of the first acts, and this is where I need an Elon Musk, I need somebody that has a lot of strength and courage and smarts. I want to close up Department of Education, move education back to the States, where where states like Iowa, where states like Idaho, you know, not every state will do great. Because states that basically aren't doing good now, you look at Gavin Newscombe, the governor of California, he he's terrible.

He's just a terrible job. So he's not going to do great with education. But of the of the 50, I would bet that 35 would do great.

And 15 of them, or you know, 20 of them will be as good as Norway, you know, Norway is considered great. You can name them. I mean, just they're so good.

Some of these countries are so good. But if you go into some of these really well-run states, you know, we have states that don't know what debt is. We have states that are have low taxes, no debt.

Everybody working, you know, they're really well-run. And maybe they have certain advantages in terms of location, in terms of, you know, the land or the sun, the sun and the water and the whole thing. You know, there's a lot of advantages that some people, but if you moved education back to the 50, you'll have some that won't do well, but you'll have, but it they'll actually be forced to do better because it'll be a pretty bad situation.

But if you think about it, yeah, you'll have some of these states. I'll bet you'd have 30, 35 states. It'll be much better.

And you know what it'll cost? Less than half what it is in Washington. And these people don't care about students in these, you know, faraway states.

And it will be unbelievable.

[Elon]

Yeah. I think you're making a good point in that if the states have to, if each individual, if each state has to compete against other states, then people will naturally move to states where it's better.

[Trump]

Well, like California, you know, as we said, it's a badly-run state. I could go through, I got

so many friends that are in those states, even if they're Democrats, I hate to mention certain states, but Illinois is badly run with Pritzker. He's a, he's a real loser.

But you know, some of these places are just badly run. But you know, it's almost going to force them to run better. And they won't do a good initially, but you're not going to do worse than you're doing right now.

And I would say that the cost, you would cut your cost by 50 or 60 percent. And you'd have a little monitor. You know, you want to make sure they're teaching English as an example, you know, give them a little English, right?

Sure.

[Elon]

Right.

[Trump]

No, no, no, I mean, it's too much.

[Elon]

I mean, I mean, some of these governors are doing so badly. I mean, they got so many people moving out of their state they should, they should get U-hole salesmen of the year award because they're driving so much U-hole sales. It's actually amazing people move it out.

[Trump]

Is it amazing to you as a businessman that they can even survive? Like Illinois, so many people are leaving and you wonder how do they survive? I mean, how do they survive?

I saw where you left California and you moved to Texas. Texas does a great job. But you know, I mean, I just wonder, how do these states survive when big businesses, a big oil company just left California, as you know, and they moved to Texas?

How do these big states survive when they lose so many businesses and their taxes are already really high? You know, the taxes are among the highest taxes. You almost wonder, how do they, how do they continue on?

And in many cases, the governors don't do a good job in their crime written places. You wonder, how do they continue to just go on? It's, it's not, it's not a good situation.

[Elon]

I mean, I think the thing that's the only thing that's going to force some of these states

to change is if they risk bankruptcy and they're not getting bailed out by the federal government, right?

[Trump]

Well, you're going to get them changed. You remember the area in California where they had that where I guess somebody had sticky fingers and they sold a lot of money and they went into a form of chapter and it was very nasty for a period of time. But now it's probably the most popular place in all of California.

So, so you know, at some point, something like that may have to happen. But the problem is you can't penalize people that loan money to the state when you have incompetent people like a prisker. Look, the family didn't want him in the family business.

And did he end up being governor of Illinois? So, you know, what is he going to be? Is he going to be a great governor?

And, you know, you have people, I could name every one of them. I got to know every one of these and some are very good and some are just horrible.

[Elon]

Well, I think that, I mean, that larger point here to, you know, as you're saying, like that, you know, a lot of people are concerned about the economy. A lot of people are concerned about inflation. And inflation is effectively a tax on people that save money and for people that are working day to day.

It's just a form of taxation. And if we can solve the government's spending problem, we'll solve the inflation problem, which means people will have a better standard of living. And that's a really big deal.

[Trump]

Well, the people that got heard worse are the people that did it the way they were taught to do it all through, you know, the people that saved money and then they got no interest on their money and inflation destroyed them. And frankly, they were almost better off if they didn't do anything like that. I mean, those people have been absolutely decimated.

And we're going to bring those people back and help those people. We've got to get the prices down. You know, when I look at Bacon costing five, four or five times more than it did a few years ago, when you look at some of the food products and groceries, those people go, they can't believe it, they used to be able to buy a whole cart and today, you know, a lot of people just don't have the money.

They go in and they can't buy anything. They look at it.

[Elon]

Yeah, it's a sticker shock.

[Trump]

They call it sticker shock, right?

[Elon]

I think it really just kind of like I said, things just come down to really, I guess really two things, which is, is that if you solve a government overspinning, you solve inflation, which improves a lot of the advantage of the average person. And then if you deregulate, like have sensible regulations, so because a lot of the regulations are nonsensical and cause the cost to be extreme for no reason. But unless you've got effective deregulation, like Reagan did a great job on deregulation in the 80s, but it's been 40 years since we hadn't anyone really, I mean, during your administration, we made some progress.

But I think this is the opportunity to make, I think, radical progress with sensible regulation. And, and if those two things, yeah, those are the big deal.

[Trump]

We set a record. We said, we did more deregulation and more restrictions on all of the different businesses than any other president. I remember I had the rule for everyone we put in, you have to get rid of 10 or 12.

And we did radical cuts on all of that. And a lot of that's being put back by this administration. And we did radical cuts on things that weren't necessary.

But we were, we were all set, you know, we had the best economy ever maybe in the world. And then what happened is COVID came in. And we had a focus on that.

And nobody knew what it was. And I always say, I got good marks on economy, good marks on military. We knocked out ISIS.

We did so many different things. We rebuilt. But, you know, I never got the credit that we really deserved on what we did with with COVID.

We never got the credit. But we were if had that not happened, a gift from China, from Wuhan, came in from Wuhan, the Wuhan Labs. And I always said it.

And it turned out to be right. But had that not, had that not happened, we were set to start reducing debt. We're going to reduce taxes further.

I gave the largest tax cuts and we were going to reduce taxes still further for middle income people, not only businesses. But we did it for businesses because they're the ones that, that's why we had the great job numbers. But we were set to really start reducing debt.

And, you know, we were sitting on the biggest pile of liquid gold anywhere in the world, bigger than Saudi Arabia, bigger than Russia. And we were going to drill it. We were going to make so much money.

We were going to supply Europe with oil. I had stopped the Russian pipeline. And we were going to supply them with oil and gas.

We were going to, we were going to make a fortune. And then the COVID came in and we had a, we really had a, then what happened is when they came in, you know, we, we kept a lot of businesses alive. If I didn't do what we did, we would have had a 1929 type depression.

But the problem is when Biden came in, he got trillions of dollars and just started spending it stupidly. You didn't need it anymore. You know, we got over that bad period where it was everybody was dying and feeling, you know, it was, it was just not a good period.

Interestingly, you know, during his administration, many more people died during his administration of COVID than during my administration. And we really got the brunt of it. But people don't realize more people died during his administration than ours.

But it diverted us from doing what I wanted to do. But we had the greatest for, you know, almost three years, we had the great and you know that probably better than anybody. So many of your friends said to me, the best years we've ever had in business were during the Trump years.

And, and also said that African American, Hispanic American were so incredible. They were having the best Asian American women, men, young people without a diploma, young people that graduated from the best colleges, from, from MIT, from the Wharton School, from all of the great colleges, Harvard, they were doing better and people without a diploma were doing better. And everybody was, was happy.

And then COVID came and we had, we had the problem is they spent trillions and trillions of dollars, they wasted, they shouldn't have taken any money. And we wouldn't be having inflation right now, which is killing our country.

[Elon]

Yeah, yeah. Yeah, absolutely. I mean, I should probably say something about like, you know, maybe my views on, you know, climate change and oil and gas.

Because I think it's probably different from what most people would assume. Because my views are actually pretty, I think, moderate in this regard, which is that I don't think we should vilify the oil and gas industry and the people that have worked very hard in those industries to provide the necessary energy to support the economy. And if we were to stop using oil and gas right now, we would all be starving and the economy would collapse.

So it's, you know, I don't think it's right to sort of vilify the oil and gas industry. And, and I, you know, the world has a certain demand for oil and gas and it's probably better if the United States provides that than some other countries and it would help with prosperity in the US. And at the same time, obviously, my view is like we do over time want to move to a sustainable energy economy.

Because eventually you do run out of, I mean, you run out of oil and gas. It's not there. It's not infinite.

And there is, there is some risk. I think it's not the risk is not as, as high as, you know, a lot of people say it is with respect to global warming. But I think if you just keep increasing the cost of a million in the atmosphere long enough, eventually it actually simply gets uncomfortable to, to breathe.

People go past a thousand plus per million of CO₂. You start getting headaches and nausea. And so we're now in the sort of 400 range.

We're adding, I think, about roughly two plus per million per year. So, I mean, it still gives us, so what it means is like we still have quite a bit of time. But, but so it's not like we don't need to rush and we don't need to like, you know, stop farmers from farming or, you know, prevent people from having stakes or basic stuff like that.

Like, like leave the farmers alone.

[Trump]

How crazy is that? Where I mean, you have farmers that are not allowed to farm anymore and have to get rid of their cattle and the whole whole world is a little crazy. But it's largely taken its lead from us.

I just say though, I've heard in terms of the fossil fuel, because even to create your electric car and create the electricity needed for the electric car, you know, fossil fuel is what really creates that at the generating plants. And, you know, so you sort of can't get away from it at this moment. I mean, someday you might be able to, but I do hear we have anywhere from 100 to 500 years left.

You know, much of it hasn't even been found yet, but there are tremendous, like Anwar, I got Anwar in Alaska approved. Ronald Reagan couldn't do it. Nobody could do it.

Everybody tried. Nobody could do it. I got it approved.

The first thing that Biden did was unimprove it to get rid of it. He ended it. His secretary went in and she ended it.

And what a disgrace. That's Anwar. That's bigger or they think it could be bigger than Saudi Arabia in Alaska.

It could be bigger than Saudi Arabia. But they went in and they terminated it. And I'll get it going very quickly because not only is it big for Alaska, I mean, you talk about economic development, that for the United States, I mean, that is, they say bigger than Saudi Arabia or the same size and pure really good stuff.

And, you know, they ended. So I think we have, you know, perhaps hundreds of years left. Nobody really knows.

But during that time, some people come around that will be very good.

[Elon]

Well, I mean, my estimate would be, you know, a little more aggressive than that. But it's not the sort of like, we're all going to die in five years stuff. That's obviously BS.

But I mean, my view is like, if you just look at sort of the positive million that increments every year, you know, you get sort of two or three positive million over a year of CO₂. I mean, I think some of that, it's problematic if it accelerates, if you start going from two or three to say five. And then there may be some situations where you get your step change increase in the CO₂.

And I think we don't want to get too close to a existing in 1000 ppm CO₂ is on total. That's like a, that's considered like an industrial hazard. Right.

Just so, so it's, you know, that that's actually stuck in headaches and stuff. So it's even without global warming, it's not, it's not comfortable. So you don't want to get too close to that.

But I mean, I think we've got, I think we want to just move over and like, and if, if, I don't know, 50 to 100 years from now, we're, we're, I don't know, mostly sustainable. I think that'll probably be okay. So it's not like the house is on fire immediately, but I think it is something we need to move towards.

And on, you know, on balance, it's probably better to move there faster than slower, but like I said, without vilifying the oil and gas industry, and, and, and without causing hardship in the short time, I think this can be done with, without, you know, people can still have, you know, a steak and they can still drive gasoline cars. And they said, you know, it's, it's okay. It's like, it's not, I don't think we should vilify people for it.

But I think we should just, just generally lean in the direction of, of sustainability. And I actually think solar is going to be a majority of, of us energy generation in the future. And it's certainly training that way.

And, and so you get the solar power, mine that with, with, with batteries. So because obviously the sun doesn't shine at night. And, and then you use that to charge the electric cars.

And you have a long term sustainable solution. And, you know, that's, that's what Tesla's trying to move things towards. And I think we've made a lot of progress in, progress in that regard.

But when you look at our cars, we, we, we, we'd like, we don't believe that environmentalism, that caring about the environment should, should mean that you have to suffer. So we make sure that our cars are, are beautiful, that they drive well, that they're fast, they're, you know, sexy. I mean, they're, they're cool.

In fact, literally, I mean, the sexy model S, model three, model X and Y spells out sexy, it was probably most expensive joke out there. But I, you know, I just, I don't know like cheesy humor, you know. So, um, and, but I'm not, I'm, I'm, I'm, I'm, I'm, I'm a big fan of like, let's have an inspiring future.

And that's, uh, let's work towards, you know, a better future. And, and, and we can do so without demonizing. Right.

I'm, I'm okay.

[Trump]

You know, it's very interesting. Uh, you use the word global warming. And today they use the word climate change, because, you know, you have some places that go up and you said, so they were getting themselves in a little trouble with the, the word global warming, because not every place is warming.

Some places are going the opposite direction. But, uh, you know, I'm, I'm sort of waiting for you to come up with solar panels on the roofs of your cars and on the trunks of the cars. And it just seems like something that at some point you will come up with.

I'm sure you'll be the first, but it would seem that a solar panel on, on the roofs, you know, on flat surfaces, on certain surfaces might be good.

[Elon]

Yeah.

[Trump]

At least in certain areas of the country, we have the, or the world where you have the sun. But I would, I would think, and I have no idea because that's not my world. But I would think that this would be something that would be interesting.

But, you know, the one thing that I don't understand is that people talk about global warming or they talk about climate change, but they never talk about nuclear warming. And for me, that's an immediate problem, because you have, as I said, five countries, we have major nuclear and, and, you know, probably some others are getting there and that's very dangerous. That's where you need a strong American president because you just, you don't want to have this proliferation.

But you have five countries and getting more, you know, China is much less than us right now, but they're, they're going to catch us sooner than people think. They're way lower. Russia and us are number one, and we were sort of tied.

And China is far behind, but they're developing at a level that, you know, you're not surprised to hear very fast. It's going to, they'll end up catching up, maybe even too fast. But to me, the biggest problem is not climate change.

It's not, and, and everything's, you know, a problem, but it's degrees to me, the big problem is the nuclear power. The power of nuclear is so great. And when I talk about, I'll prevent World War III, I will, but, but the truth is that you have to, because this is no longer army tanks going back and forth and shooting at each other.

This is a level of destruction and power that nobody's ever seen before.

[Elon]

Yeah, and actually, there's the, there's the, there's the bad side of nuclear, which is a nuclear war, very bad side. But there's, there's also, I think, nuclear electricity energy is underrated.

[Trump]

Right.

[Elon]

And it's actually, you know, people have this fear of nuclear, nuclear electricity generation, but it's actually one of the safest forms of electricity generation. It's, it's just a huge misunderstanding. And if you look at the injuries and desk, you know, caused by say, I mean, I'm not going to try to pick on coal money, but just any kind of mining operation.

Right. And this was a number of injuries and deaths per year. You compare that to nuclear, nuclear is actually way better.

So it's underrated as an electricity source. And I think it's, it's something that's worth reconsidering, but there's so much regulation that people can't get it done. Um, so that, you know, maybe they'll have to change the name.

[Trump]

The name is the rough name. There are some areas likely, like when you see what happened in the back, right?

[Elon]

The brand.

[Trump]

We'll have to rebrand it. We'll have to give it a good name. We'll name it after you or something.

You know, um, no, hey, it has a branding problem. You know, when you see what happened, when you see what happened in Japan, where they say you won't be able to go on the land for about 3000 years. Did you ever see that?

And in Russia where they had the problem with a you know, there's a lot of bad things happened. And they have a problem. And they say that in 2000 years, people start to occupy the land again.

You know, you realize it's pretty bad.

[Elon]

But there's, it's actually not that bad. So like after Fukushima happened in Japan, like people were asking me in California, you know, are worried about like a nuclear cloud coming from Japan. I'm like, no, that's crazy.

It's actually, it's not even dangerous in Fukushima. I actually flew there and, and, and ate locally grown vegetables on TV to prove it. Um, and, and I donated a solar water treatment.

Yeah, it's all about a system for a water treatment plant. And, um, yeah, but you haven't been really so well lately.

[Trump]

And I'm worried about it.

[Elon]

No, no, but I mean, I'm only kidding. I'm buying, you know, it's, it's like, uh, you know, uh, Hiroshima and Nagasaki were bombed, but now they're, they're like full cities again.

[Trump]

So it's really nice.

[Elon]

That's something that, you know, um, so it's not, it's not as scary as people think, basically. Um, let's see. I mean, I mean, there's some other topics we should touch on.

Um, oh, you know, like a law fair, I think, you know, well, we need to be concerned about what they've done to this country. Obviously.

[Trump]

Yeah. Yeah. Well, we just won the big case in Florida.

This was a Biden administration did something that's never been done in this country. And that's go after their political opponent, me, with his nonsense, uh, and just nonsense. And the big case in Florida, we won, uh, but they've always, they always pick a, uh, judge and a jury.

And they use the local DAs. They use the local, uh, uh, attorney generals, like Fani, you know, Fani spelled F-A-N-I Fani. And it's, it's all a big hoax.

And it's all run from there, like in Manhattan, uh, the one of the top people from the Justice Department went in, ran Manhattan, ran the state. The Laetitia James deal was run by a person from the Department of Justice Biden. They've never done this before.

And they set up a very bad precedent. It's, it's called law fair warfare. It's, uh, it's a terrible thing.

And never happened in our country. It does happen in banana republics and third world countries, but it's never happened. And the incredible thing is it actually drove my numbers up because people see, you know, fortunately, I have a platform like you or, you know, in all fairness, like a conversation like this, where I can talk about it and people understand, I mean, you, you fight for election integrity and you end up getting indicted because you're fighting for election integrity.

And when the day comes that you can't fight for election integrity, you don't have a country anymore. So what happens, what happens is they went after their political opponent, me. Now Biden's a, you know, close to vegetable stage, in my opinion.

Okay. I looked at him today on the beach and I said, why would anybody allow him? The

guy could barely walk.

Why would anybody allow him? Does he have a political advisor that thinks this looks good? You know, he thinks this looks good because it looks so bad.

And it's, it's ridiculous. I mean, and he's been doing that for a long time. You know, he can't lift the chair.

The chair weighs about three ounces. It's meant for children and old people to lift. And he can't lift it.

The whole thing is crazy.

[Elon]

It's clearly, I mean, it's clearly like we just don't have a president.

[Trump]

You don't have a president. And she's going to be because she is a San Francisco liberal who destroyed San Francisco and then as attorney general, she destroyed California. You talk about location and we're talking about the sun and the water and all.

There's nothing better than California. She has destroyed that. She was the original DA.

She was the original in San Francisco. She was the original attorney general in California. What she has done to California is, well, you know better than I do, you just left California for a lot of those reasons.

And what she's done with, with crime, with, with cashless bail, where you kill somebody, I mean, we have states there, you kill somebody and they let you out right away. I mean, you don't have to even put up and then they never find the people unless they kill again. And then they let them out again.

Our country is becoming a very dangerous place. And she is a radical left San Francisco liberal. And now she's trying to protect.

Now she's looking like she's she wants to be more Trump than Trump if that's possible. I don't think it's possible, but she wants to be more Trump than Trump. Yeah.

I want to wall. I think that's, you know, you want to release all the prisoners that are into tension and some of these guys are really bad. Right.

[Elon]

That just came out today.

[Trump]

She wants, she doesn't want to build the wall, even though the walls work, walls and wheels, you know, in your business, everything you do is obsolete or not the tunnels, but everything is obsolete. Even your rocketships are like a month later, they're obsolete. You find a better way to the only thing that's not obsolete is a wall and a wheel.

And the wall, you know, I built hundreds of miles of wall. And that's why we had such good numbers. I was going to add 200 miles.

We bought it. We could have flipped it, flipped it up in three weeks. And they sold it for five cents on the dollar.

That meant I said, wow, that means that they actually do want to have open borders. She wants to have open borders. And now she's going like she's tough on the on the border.

It's such a lie.

[Elon]

Yeah, this is simply not true. This is simply not true. Everybody knows it's not true.

[Trump]

It's a disgrace that she can say it.

[Elon]

No, I mean, obviously what's happening sort of overnight is they're they're rewriting history and and making Kamala sound like a moderate when in fact she is far left like far far worse than Bernie Sanders.

[Trump]

She is considered more liberal by far than Bernie Sanders. She's a radical left lunatic. And if she's going to be our president, very quickly, you're not going to have a country anymore.

And she'll go back to all the things that she believes in. She believes in defending the police. She believes in no fracking zero.

You know, now all of a sudden she's saying, no, I will, I really want to see frackin the day that if they got in the day she got in, he'll end fracking. And by the way, if people didn't think that the lunatics that what that really believe in that, they won't vote for you know, like like the Palestinians and Israel. She is so anti Israel and she's bad for both.

Biden actually just something that was impossible. Both sides hate him, you know, both sides. That was a hard thing to do unification.

[Elon]

Yeah, no, no, I mean, I mean, you know, Netanyahu came to give a talk to a joint Senate and House sitting and I was there and and Kamala stood him up. You know, what does that say?

[Trump]

I think it's highly disrespectful. And I say, if you're a Jewish person or if you believe in Israel, if you're a person that, you know, is a very pro Israel, if you vote for her, it's worse than Biden and Biden was bad. But if you vote for her, you ought to have your head examined.

And you see tonight, I mean, as we're doing this, I'm seeing reports coming that they expect an attack tonight or tomorrow from hundreds and maybe thousands of rockets. You know, their iron dome, as they call it, as we all call it, but their heel that they built, that can be swamped. We'll use the term this appropriate swamp, but they swap it by shooting enough missiles.

You know, there's better than anybody by shooting enough missiles. They can't defend themselves. You know, they just obliterate the whole place.

And that's what some people think they're looking to do. And we have no leadership. There's no respect for the United States of America with these people.

And I'm telling you, he'll be worse than him, because he's a believer in being radical left. And he wasn't. I think you're right.

[Elon]

I mean, it really, it's important for the public that maybe listened to this, to say, to look at Kamala's track record, you know, before the last like month and say, is that a track record you agree with? And I think if you're an independent moderate, you definitely would not agree with it, because her behavior has been far left. And we're seeing just an overnight propaganda attempt to rewrite history and make it sound like Kamala's moderate when she, in fact, is not moderate.

[Trump]

Her running mate approved, signed into legislation, tampons in boys' bathrooms. Okay. Now, that's all I have to hear, tampons in boys' bathrooms.

And that means he believes in that too. I mean, he picked this guy because he was the

closest to her. A lot of people thought a left person, but she is far worse.

They say, then Bernie Sanders, if we have her as a president, if we have a Democrat at this moment, as a president, I don't think our country can survive.

[Elon]

I think it's a massive, I think we're in massive trouble, frankly, with a Kamala administration. And that's my honest opinion. And I think really it's essential that you won for the good of the country for this election.

And I mean, that's, I'm just stating my opinion. Now, you may have seen this, but I got a letter from the EU Commission saying, to not have disinformation during this discussion that we're having. And there's a lot of attempts to do censorship and to force censorship even on Americans from other countries.

And what do you think about that?

[Trump]

Well, I know the European Union very well. They take great advantage of the United States in trade, as you know. We, through a different forum, NATO, we protect them.

And yet, if you build a car in the United States, you can't sell it in Europe. You just can't sell it. It's impossible.

The same thing with our farmers. Our farmers find it very difficult to do business. You know, we have a deficit with them of \$250 billion, which people don't know.

It sounds so nice, the European Union. But let me tell you there, they're not as tough as China, but they're bad. And I let them know it.

And that's probably why they notified you. No, they don't treat our country well. We defend them, you know, with Ukraine.

So we're in for \$250 billion. And they're in for about \$71 billion. And they have the same size.

It's if you add up the European nations that, you know, in terms of an economy, it's about the same size when you say is us. And they're in much greater risk. They're right there.

We have an ocean separating us from, in this case, the enemy would be Russia used to be for the Soviet Union. But let's assume they're close enough. And what happens is they're in for 70 something million.

I think, I think even less than that, billion. And we're in for about \$250 billion. And it

could be a lot higher than that.

And I say, why aren't you going to equalize? Why aren't they paying what we're paying? And they're in much more, you know, they're, it's much more important for them because of the fact that, you know, they're right near there.

I mean, they're all sort of in that location. We're not. But they should, they should.

And I did it with NATO. We were, there were only seven countries that were paid up in NATO at a 28 at the time. And the United States was the United States was subsidizing NATO, tremendously subsidizing NATO.

And I said, I went in and I said, you got to pay up. If you don't pay up, we're not going to defend you any longer. I took a lot billions and billions of dollars came flowing in.

[Elon]

And I think a lot of the public isn't aware of the fact that the United States pays a disproportionate share of the NATO expenses.

[Trump]

And then we get taken advantage of on trade. So think of that.

[Elon]

Well, I mean, the point of NATO is defending Europe. And it's, you know, it's like, then, okay, well, why, why is the United States paying disproportionately more to defend Europe than Europe? That doesn't make sense.

That's unfair. And that, that is an appropriate thing to address.

[Trump]

Well, you know, when you talk about cost cutting and savings and everything else, I mean, honestly, look, there's nobody that feels worse about the Ukraine situation than I do because I know it would have never happened. I know Zelensky. He was very honorable to me because when they went with the Russia hoax, and they said, I had a phone call with him, he said it was a perfect phone call.

It was a great phone call. He could have grandstand and, you know, said, oh, he, he was very threatening. He said, no, it was a very nice phone call.

He called him up to congratulate him on his win. And he ended up getting impeached because he's people who are lunatic. I was talking about the difference from the people within and the enemies on the outside.

In many cases, the people from within are more dangerous for our country than the Russians and the China's. If you have a smart president, you're not going to have a problem with them. You're going to make, you're going to do things.

Now, they've taken advantage of us incredibly, but you're going to do things with the right person.

[Elon]

Yeah. Well, I think it's obvious that you're, you're, you know, believe in an advocate of a free speech because during your first time as president, you were attacked relentlessly every day, often very unfairly with fault, you know, with false attacks. And, and you didn't try to shut down the media.

You didn't try to inhibit their freedom of speech. And I think that says a lot.

[Trump]

Well, the good thing is that you and I have, and some people, very few, we can get the word out. Although sometimes it's hard because they don't want to print it, you know, like, like we're having a great conversation right now. Kamala wouldn't have this conversation.

She can't because she's not smart. You know, she's not a smart person, by the way. She can't have this conversation.

And Biden, we don't even have to talk about it. I mean, he couldn't have this conversation. He, he would have given up in the first half of a question.

He would have walked out. He would have said, Where am I? Where am I going?

So anyway, but no, he wouldn't have this. That's true. Not a lot of people would have this conversation.

But you know, we cover a lot of territory. But the beauty is that you, you know, we can have a conversation and yeah, we get it out without because I get this is a really big point.

[Elon]

You can actually have a conversation with you. And you can't have a conversation with Biden or Kamala. It's like not it's not possible.

[Trump]

Yes.

[Elon]

Sorry. This is like talking to an NPC. No, it's just impossible.

[Trump]

But think of it. We need a man or person who's unbelievably sharp in order to stop all the nuclear danger and all the dangers that I'm talking about. And I got along with all this.

You know, I got along with Kim Jong Un. We had dinner. We had everything.

And he really liked me. And I got along with him really well. By the way, he's, he's the absolute boss over there.

You know, a lot of people said, Oh, do you think you look? Let me tell you, I saw things that you don't want to know about. He is the boss.

But we had a good relationship. And he doesn't like Biden. He considers him as a stupid man.

He said, he's a stupid man. Well, at least he speaks his mind. But you know, in this country, you're not sort of allowed to say it.

But I guess you are. You should be allowed to say it's true. But we need really, we need smart people.

And we need people that have an ability to leave. And she doesn't have that ability. Can you imagine?

Now, you know, Chairman, she very well, can you imagine her and him negotiating or even standing together? It is the whole concept is ridiculous. She is terrible.

She's terrible. But she's getting a free writer. You know, a picture of her on Time magazine today.

She looks like the most beautiful actress ever to live. It was a drawing. And actually, she looked very much like a great first lady, Melania.

She didn't look like Camilla. That's right. But of course, she's a beautiful woman.

So we'll leave it at that, right?

[Elon]

Yeah. Well, you know, maybe like, I think it's part of what, you know, people in America want to, you know, people in America want to want to feel excited and inspired about the future. We want to feel like the truth is going to be better than the past.

And that this that America is going to do things that are greater than we've done in the past. We have new heights that make you proud to be an American and excited about the future. They want the American dream back.

[Trump]

You know, they want the American dream back more important than anything else. It's like, you don't have that today because the people they've been just sucked. They see incompetent people running our, you know, the Biden thing is very interesting.

People just found them to be incompetent. And when I debated them, I was like, is this for real? It was.

[Elon]

Yeah, it was just absurd. But I mean, I think there are like, you know, some, some, you know, grand projects that we could do. I mean, I think like, you know, we could, we could build a base on the moon.

We could send American astronauts to Mars. We could build high speed connections that are, you know, more advanced than anything else in the world between our cities. So people have fast transport.

You know, it's possible to solve traffic with tunnels. We were, you know, we're in a great progress in Vegas doing that. And, you know, and just do things that are exciting and inspiring to make the future feel like it's better than the best.

[Trump]

Well, I saw what you did in Vegas and I'll tell you, it was amazing. I got to see, I took a big glimpse at it and it's incredible. You know, it's incredible.

And you could do that all over. You could do that all over. It's deep.

[Elon]

Yeah.

[Trump]

You don't even need much structure, you know, assuming you're in the right area.

[Elon]

No, it's just straightforward.

[Trump]

It's amazing.

[Elon]

So, and like, I think we could do some, some things that like, like China's got incredible high speed rail between its cities. But I think it's actually possible with, with, with tunnels, if it was deregulation with, with an ability to actually, where it's like legal to actually do the tunnels, then you can have high speed tunnels that are actually better than, than anything else in the world for high speed transport between cities. And that would be something that, you know, Americans can say, wow, okay, we've, we've got something that's cooler than anyone else in the world.

That's, that's the kind of thing that makes you proud.

[Trump]

And much safer than surface trains, where there is a danger there, you know, with people with crazy people, it's much safer, much better. And you know, it's sad because I've seen some of the greatest trains I find it fascinating. And I've seen the systems and how they work and the bullet trains, they call them, I guess.

And they go unbelievably fast, unbelievably comfortable with no problems. And we don't have anything like that in this country, not even close. And it doesn't make sense that we don't, doesn't make sense.

[Elon]

Yeah. And I think also, like, there's, you know, I just, I'm kind of hopping on the excess regulation. But I think something that I think people can generally understand is that what happens with laws and regulations is that they just, there's more and more than every year.

And unless there's a process to clean them up, eventually everything becomes legal. And that actually slows down the development of new technologies. I mean, if you take the sort of, like I think this room for some reform at the, at the FDA for improving the speed with which we approve drugs that that could help save lives and improve people's lives.

And very hard on that.

[Trump]

We got that down to the lowest number ever. And we got therapeutics approved in the FDA that people can't even believe the speed. But I took them on, I don't think they like me too much.

But I got things approved in the FDA at numbers that they wouldn't believe. And, you

know, it's a very bureaucratic group. Actually, it's a fine group of people in many cases.

I got to know a lot of them. But I was pushing them really hard for regenerants for so many different things that, that were really pretty amazing. But, but the FDA takes too long.

They would, it's 12 years to get a product approved. I got it down to four. And I got some things done very quickly.

But it's, it's really something that is going to have to be worked on because it takes too long. Just takes too long.

[Elon]

Yeah, it just takes too long. And it's, you end up in the same with the approval, but just, it's just, you know, it takes years instead of something that I think could potentially take months that improves people's lives. I think, you know, and, and, but it, I just wanted to hop on this point that like there has to be an active process for reducing rules and regulations, because otherwise they just keep building up every year to get like hardening of the arteries, and eventually everything's illegal or takes forever.

And, and then, and then we, we just, we just ossify as a society. We just, we can't make any progress. And, and that's, it's a really big deal.

[Trump]

Well, you know, Elon, just getting back to the FDA for one second, I got something done called right to try. This is where you can go in. And if you're terminally ill, you can use a space age, you know, medicine or whatever it may be, we have the best doctors, the best labs in the world.

We really do. And, but people would go to other countries because you couldn't use this the product, even if they thought it worked, because it's going through the FDA. I got it approved where you can, you basically, you look, nobody won't.

The doctors didn't want it because of the liability. The country didn't want it. Our country because they didn't want to get through.

These are people terminally ill. The insurance companies didn't want it. And the pharmaceutical companies, nobody wanted it.

I got everybody into a room. And we came up with an agreement that you won't get sued. And also they didn't want it on their record.

If somebody's terminally ill and they die after taking a drug, they didn't want that on their record. So we set a second, a separate list of somebody was so it wouldn't count as

a negative. Okay.

And as you know, we got it done. We have saved right to try. They've been trying to get this done for 58 years.

And it sounds simple, but it wasn't because you know, I mean, you know, the insurance companies, nobody wanted it. But we got it done. Somebody signs, you signed a document that you're not going to sue the insurance companies, the country, you're not going to sue anybody.

And we got it done. And we're saving tens of thousands of lives right to try. Hopefully you never need it.

But if you do, you don't have to travel to Asia, you know, people, if they had money, they go to Asia, they go to Europe. If they don't have money, they go home and die. That's what happened.

They go home and die.

[Elon]

Yeah. Well, I mean, I actually took to give Europe some some props here. It's like if a drug is approved approved in the in Europe, which has a crazy amount of regulations, it should obviously be approved in the US.

I mean, they got more regulations than we do. So why would a drug be approved in Europe and not in the US? That's crazy.

Well, we did it.

[Trump]

We did something that really, they've been trying to do it for 50 years, then they just couldn't get it done. And I got it done. And it's it's really something.

But you're right. Some people go to Europe because a drug isn't approved here, but it's approved in Europe. And it's a drug that, generally speaking, work, it's pretty crazy.

[Elon]

Absolutely. You're right. I think so as long as people are properly informed of the pros and cons and like these, the risk is, you know, there's the risk and like you make your own decision.

That makes sense.

[Trump]

Well, I think just, you know, in sort of closing up, and by the way, I'm looking at the numbers, you got a lot of people listening. I hope you don't get nervous because you got a lot of people listening to you right now, like 60 million or something. What is that number?

It's crazy. It's amazing how you can see that right away. How many?

What is the number? Wow. What is it?

Well, I think that's a big, that's bigger than you said. You said 25 and you're more than much more than double that number 25 million. I think you're going to be 60 or 70.

And I guess over a period of time, hey, that's, I congratulate you. Do I get paid for this or not?

[Elon]

Well, I think actually in terms of the number of people that will hear this conversation over the next few days, weeks, it's going to be hundreds.

[Trump]

That's what they say. Yeah, that's good. Well, look, it's an honor.

But I just asked this, are you better off now or well, you're better off when I was president, nobody's better off now. You know, we put out polls on that and nobody's better off now. Inflation has killed it.

And you know, they also feel very unsafe. You look at what's going on with a lot of different things. You look at the riots we had at the colleges over, I mean, it's ridiculous, but all of the rest, they just feel unsafe.

And now they really feel unsafe because you have a new form of crime. It's called migrant crime. I mean, with all these things, I always try to like try to get to the ground truth by just asking people.

[Elon]

And you know, my mom lives in New York. And I was like, you know, mom, you know, have you any of your friends, you know, been attacked or assaulted? And she said, yeah, three of her friends in three separate incidents were assaulted just just in recent months, just walking around the streets in New York.

And I said, well, what happened to the people I solved them? Oh, nothing. They got away.

Like, and they, they just know, always get away. And they don't ever and that they didn't

even bother reporting it because there's not they know that there's not they're not going to, you know, people are going to get prosecuted. They just they just let, you know, violent criminals out in New York.

[Trump]

The only one they get prosecuted is Donald Trump. They don't they prosecute Trump.

[Elon]

Yeah, I mean, it's it's just obviously messed up if violent criminals are being of are being getting off Scott Free. And meanwhile, the New York spending massive resources prosecuting you. And it's like, what's this, you know, and I think the sort of sensible public said, looks at this and said, what the heck's going on here?

This is obviously abuse the legal system. You know, the legal system is supposed to be protecting the public from violent criminals. And it should be obviously allowing the public to make their own decision about who should be president as opposed to, you know, some, you know, legal case once they start this precedent, because this can go on with the next one.

[Trump]

I mean, this is a very bad precedent what they're doing in terms of, you know, going after their political opponent. And that's all it is. It's going after their political opponent.

And then you get a judge who's, you know, a strong Democrat. And I'm being nice when I say that, in many cases, crooked as hell. But you get a judge and you go into an area where a Republican gets three or 4% of the vote.

And you know, you'll have a jury pool with people that hate Republicans or hate. It could also be the other way, of course, because it could start the other way in areas where they hate Democrats. And you get into a Pandora's box is a very dangerous thing for this country and a very dangerous thing, even for the state.

New York City is New York City and state lose a lot of business over what they did to me because these people say we don't want that to happen to us. That's no justice. You have an unfair system of justice.

And it's costing New York State a tremendous amount of money. People are leaving and companies are leaving and they won't come back. So, you know, all of that stuff is important.

But the economy now is the big thing. And we can turn that economy up so fast. And people are going to be back again.

We're going to get rid of this. I think there's a lot of opportunity.

[Elon]

Absolutely.

[Trump]

Absolutely. And I just want to congratulate you. You've done an amazing job.

You are you have definitely got a fertile mind. You know, we can talk you and I can talk about rockets. We'll see it's kind of you to say thank you tunnels.

We can talk about tunnels and rockets and and electric cars so many things. And now you're into the AI and that's going to be another beauty. So it's an amazing thing you've done, Elon.

It's an amazing thing and I congratulate you.

[Elon]

I mean, thank you. And well, I mean, I just say here's to an exciting, inspiring future that people can look forward to and be optimistic and excited about what happens next. And that's the kind of future that I think you will bring as president and that's why I endorse you.

[Trump]

Well, I appreciate that that endorsement meant a lot to me. Not all endorsements mean that much to be honest. Your endorsement meant a lot.

And you know, we have a phrase make America great against pretty simple, but it really says that we want to make America great and we can do it. We can do it now. But if we were going to suffer another four years like we suffered for the last four years, I'm not sure the country can ever come back.

That's how bad it is. It's so bad. We have to we have to do a lot of things.

[Elon]

I think that's a very real risk. It's a big risk. It's a very real political before.

And if you look at my record, I've actually been I'm not like some sort of try to paint me as like a far-right guy, which is absurd because I'm like making electric vehicles and solar and batteries helping with the environment. And I actually supported Obama. I stood in line for six hours to shake Obama's hand when he was running for president.

And you know, so it's not like I'm like some sort of dive in the world long-term republic. I'm actually I'd call myself, you know, historically a moderate Democrat and but now I feel like we're really at a critical juncture for the country. And you know, I think a lot of people thought, you know, the Biden administration would be a moderate administration, but it's not.

And obviously that we're just going to see it even further left administration with with comma. That's that's my honest opinion. I mean, her dad is literally, I mean, she was brought up as an actual dad is a Marxist economist.

That's you can Google it. I mean, it's not a we're not making this up, you know, that's how she was brought up. So, and we just we want to have a future that is prosperous.

And I think we're just at this critical juncture. And and it I think this is a case of the America is is going to add a fork in the road. And sure, and I think it will take it will take the path to like you are the path to prosperity.

And I think Kamala is the opposite. Then that's my I mean, that's my honest opinion. I'm gonna I'm gonna get attacked like crazy.

And you know, I've also experienced quite a bit of a low fair myself. And but I'm just trying to tell people my honest opinion. And I haven't been active and really active in politics before.

And I'm just trying to point out that my track record historically has been moderate, if not moderate slightly left. And so this is the people out there who are in the moderate camp to say I think you should support Donald Trump or president. And I think it's actually a very important junction in the road.

And we're deep travel if if it goes the other way.

[Trump]

Well, I want to thank you. And you know, I actually always did think of you as somewhat left. I must say that.

So it's even more of an honor to have your endorsement. I know how strong you feel about it. But you know, when you think of her, San Francisco, 15 years ago, I had a great friend Bob Tish.

He said it's the greatest city in America. And now it's not it's almost not livable there. And California likewise, and she was involved in the destruction of San Francisco and the destruction of California.

And she will be involved in the destruction of our country if people are so unwise as to elect care. And I hope that doesn't happen. And I hope the elections are going to be run

honestly.

And we're going to turn this country around. We're going to we're going to do things that and we can do it fairly quickly. And we have to get rid of the criminals that have been, you know, given to us by other countries as they left, they left us.

They think we're stupid to accept these people. These are radical stone cold killers in many cases and terrorists. And they're in our country by the hundreds of thousands.

[Elon]

Yeah.

[Trump]

And we have to take them out.

[Elon]

Yeah. I mean, if I could summarize it, perhaps, you know, I think these are issues that I think most people in America would agree with, which is that we want safe and clean cities. We want secure borders.

We want sensible government spending. We want to restore both the perception or reality of respect in the in the in the judicial system, just, you know, stop the law fair. And and I think that that's like, and how are those even right wing positions?

I think those are just that's just common sense. And and that's, I mean, would you agree with that?

[Trump]

I don't understand, you know, the whole, they call it progressive. They don't like the word liberal anymore, but call it liberal or progressive. I don't understand how somebody could say that it's okay for them to empty prisons into our country.

And again, I told you that crime rates all over the world are going way down, which makes sense. In fact, the next time what we'll do is if something happens with this election, which would be a horror show, we'll meet the next time in Venezuela, because it'll be a far safer place to meet than our country. Okay.

So we'll go you and I will go and we'll have a meeting and dinner in Venezuela, because that's what's happening. Their crime rates coming down and our crime rates going through the roof. And it's so simple.

And it's you haven't seen anything yet, because these people have come into our country and they're just getting acclimated. And they don't know about being politically

correct law enforcement or lack of law enforcement. And our police, I have to just end with this, we have great police, we have great law enforcement, but they're not allowed to do their job.

They have to be able to do their job without being destroyed.

[Elon]

Absolutely. And it's obviously demoralizing if you're a police officer risking your life, to arrest violent criminals who could kill you and do kill you sometimes. And then you arrest the violent criminal and then the the DA, you know, doesn't prosecute and they've let the guy out willing like, why should a police officer risk their life to arrest a violent felon?

Well, even worse. Nothing's going to happen.

[Trump]

Even worse. They prosecute the police officer. They go after and they prosecute the police officer and they take away his pension.

They take away his job. He loses his family. He loses his house.

[Elon]

Well, I thought it was very telling, like incredibly telling that, you know, when that there was that case where, you know, sort of a gang of thugs beat up police officers, I think it was in Times Square in New York. And then nothing happened to those guys. They were they were let out zero bail.

And I think lunchmen were given free tickets to California. Well, what is that? I mean, that is, that is a gross indignity against the United States.

And and that's how I mean, this is insane. Like, have we lost all pride? What that how can such a thing be allowed to occur?

[Trump]

I've never seen anything. You know, we see where they get shot. It's a very dangerous profession, but something they're very proud of and they want to be able to do their job.

But I've seen them get shot. I've seen a lot of that. But I've never seen where these guys are standing in the middle of a big street, everybody watching them and they're literally boxing, like punching, stand up fighting a police officer.

There were two of them. And yet about six of these guys and they're punching the hell out of them. And in their own country, they would be dead if they did that they'd be shot.

They would be shot instantly. And you know, they come from these countries and it's taking them a while to realize that we don't do that in this country. But in their own country, if they stood on a street and had a fight with a police officer, they would be shot.

There's no political correctness. And it's such a sad, such a sad thing to see. And that's the reason we have time, by the way, because we don't do anything about it.

[Elon]

Yeah, we just cannot have a situation where our police officer be beaten up on camera by, you know, gang of illegal immigrants. And then nothing happens to the guys that beat up the cops. I mean, and they're let out.

This is unacceptable.

[Trump]

We're going to change it. And we're going to get them out of the country. You know, when I first got involved, they said you couldn't get them back to these countries.

You couldn't take them back. In the case of Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, some others, you couldn't get them back. And I said, really?

Oh, you can't get them back. Because under Obama, he couldn't get them back. They'd put up, they'd fly him in and they'd put planes on the runways in these countries.

So you couldn't land a plane that'd bring them back. And the general told me, the MS-13 gang members, they won't accept them. And I said, really, how much do we pay these various countries in terms of economic aid, which is also somewhat ridiculous?

And the answer was \$750 million. They said, good, tell them they're in default. They're delinquent.

We're not going to do we're not paying them anymore, because they won't accept it. And you know what happened? They all called me.

One of them, they said, we would be honored to take them back, sir. We would be honored. It was so easy.

But it's one of those things. And we got them back. We took in so many, you know, MS-13 is probably the worst gangs in the world.

They're the most vicious violence. We've took them out of here by the thousands and got them out of here. And their countries took them back.

And because I said, you're not getting any more economic aid. And once I said that, they

were nice. They wouldn't take them back for Obama.

They wouldn't take them back for anybody. And now we have a problem because we have this guy. And they again, they don't take them back anymore with Biden because they don't respect him.

[Elon]

Yeah. So it's just got to be done. We just can't can't have whether they're citizens or not citizens.

We can't have because they won't prosecute citizens either, not just not just illegals. So you can't have violent, repeat violent offenders that don't get incarcerated.

[Trump]

That's right.

[Elon]

Because they will obviously, by definition, continue to hurt people. And I think we're part of this comes from is that this, I do consider myself liberal in some ways. I mean, it's just that you want to have empathy for right.

Well, obviously you want to have empathy for people. I totally agree with that. You want to have empathy.

But you also have to have empathy for the victims of the criminals. And if you just have empathy for the criminals, it's actually shallow empathy. It's not real.

You're not thinking. You're one layer deep empathy. You got to say like, if you don't incarcerate this person, who are they going to hurt?

Well, they might kill someone, they might rape someone. If you don't incarcerate them, you have to have empathy for the victims. And there's a lack of empathy for the victims of the criminals and too much empathy for the criminals.

It doesn't make sense. That's why you want to have deep empathy for society as a whole, not shallow empathy for criminals.

[Trump]

Right. And we have to give our police officers the dignity and the respect that they deserve. And we have to let them do their job.

They can do a great job, but we have to let them do their job. And if we don't do that, it's going to all disappear. There's never been a society like this where you're allowed to do

anything you want and nothing happens.

And I'm talking about violent crime. And it's going to get more violent because these are really, really violent people. And we're going to get them out of our country and we're going to get them back to where, because they were sent here by the presidents and by the various people that run those countries.

And I know every one of those guys and they're smart people and they're street wise people. And they really think that the USA is stupid. They think we're run by stupid people.

And they happen to be right. But when I was there, we had no problem. We got them out.

We took out thousands of MS-13 gang members. We brought them back. And now again, it's the same old story.

We don't do it. And they actually gave them a big increase in aid. They raised it up to billions of dollars and they get nothing for it.

So, I hope everybody's going to vote for Trump and we're going to get this country. And I didn't need this. I had a very nice life.

I didn't need to go through court systems and go through all the other stuff and run at the same time. I have to run. I have to go through fake trials with, in some cases, corrupt judges, totally corrupt judges.

I didn't need it. I had a nice life. I have great locations.

I have beautiful oceans that I have places. But I felt it was important. And if I had to do it over again, you probably think I'm crazy for doing it actually.

But if I had to do it over again, I would have done it over again. Because this is so much more important than me or my life. We're going to save this country.

This country is going down. And these people are bad people that we're running against and they're liars. They make statements.

They do things that are so bad. They say they're going to make a strong border. They say they've been great on the border and they've been the worst in history.

They say they're going to stop crying.

[Elon]

The facts speak for themselves.

[Trump]

It's so incredible.

[Elon]

It's got a point where people just don't even bother reporting crime in a lot of situations because they know nothing is going to happen. That's what I hear anecdotally from people all the time. So it's just my values.

I'm just saying to people out there, the things I think are important for the future is that we're going to have safe cities. We're going to have secure borders. We're going to have sensible spending.

And we're going to have deregulation. And so we can have a prosperous future. And then we want to have some exciting sort of moonshot projects that people can't get fired up about.

And that's the future I'm looking for. And I'm pro-environment, but I'm not against. I don't think we should better do think we want to move a reasonable speed towards a sustainable energy economy.

Those are my values. And I think that's why I'm supporting you for president.

[Trump]

Well, I appreciate it. We're going to give incentives to companies to come into our country, not to leave our country. We're going to be giving tremendous incentives.

We want companies to build here, not to build in other locations. And we want to create jobs. And again, it's about the American dream.

You don't hear about the American dream anymore, Elon. You don't hear the American dream. And it truly says, but you don't hear about the American dream anymore.

And you're going to hear about it. People, they need that incentive to go out and do it. And they're going to love their lives.

I mean, they're going to love, they're going to look forward to getting up in the morning and going to, you know, going to a job that they love, not a job that they can't stand or not any job at all where they have no money, where they literally have no money. And then they end up with violence and lots of other problems. No, we're going to do some great things.

And I learned a lot in the first, we had a great economy and all of that. We rebuilt the military did so much. But I also learned, and I also learned the best people.

I learned the good people, the smart people, the dumb people, the people that can do things. You know, you learn. When I first came in, I tell people, I was in Washington, D.C., only 17 times, according to the fake news media. I was in 17 times. I never stayed over. And you don't know people.

You rely on other people to give you names. And then you realize the people you relied on weren't so good. Now, we had great people, but we also had some where I wouldn't have, you know, used them.

Had I known now I know everybody. And I think we're going to, we're going to really turn things around fast. We have no choice.

Otherwise, we're not going to have a country. And I really appreciate this has been, to me, it's been a lot of fun being with you. You're an amazing guy.

You've done an incredible job and a great inspiration to people, a great inspiration. And I hope you keep going and just continue to do well. And we're going to have a big election coming up.

And I think November 5th will be the most important day in the history of our country. I think that election will be the most important election. And I think it'll end up being maybe the most important day in the history of our country.

Because if we don't win, I just feel so sorry for everybody.

[Elon]

No, I think we're at a fork in the road of destiny, of civilization. And I think we need to take the right path. And I think you're the right path.

So I think that's where it comes down.

[Trump]

Thank you very much, Elon. It's a great honor. And we'll we'll do it again sometime.

And it's been really fun. And I hope you got a lot of viewers. I hear you got a lot.

But I hope you got a lot. I know you got a lot of them. So I appreciate it.

I'll see you soon.

[Elon]

All right. Sounds good. Thank you.

[Trump]

Thank you, Elon. Thank you very much. Bye.