Inside Trump’s Search for a Vice President

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from New York Times I'm Michael babro

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daily the makeup of the 2024

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presidential race has felt inevitable

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from the start with one notable

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exception Donald Trump's choice of a

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running

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mate today my colleague Mike Bender

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examines the top contenders for the job

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and What Choosing them would tell us

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about Trump himself in this

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campaign it's Thursday June

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13th Mike somehow this is your first

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appearance on the show so welcome at

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long last to the daily thank you for

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having me it's my pleasure you have

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spent the past few weeks trying to get

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inside Donald Trump's search for a vice

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president and what is so unusual about

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this search is that we already know

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what Trump wanted in a vice president

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from his 2016 campaign when he picked

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Mike Pence and we know how badly that

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all ended with Trump openly denouncing

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Pence for not helping him overturn his

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2020 election loss and reportedly

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endorsing calls for Pence's death his

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hanging at the capital on January 6 so

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with all of that behind us what is Trump

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looking for this time

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around yeah I mean the is very different

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from where he was at this time 8 years

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ago 8 years ago he was a firsttime

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candidate and he needed credibility with

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the Evangelical Community I mean

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remember Donald Trump is a thric married

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Playboy from New York whose sex life was

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splashed across the New York tabloids

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adding Mike Pence to the ticket gave him

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a lot of credibility with evangelicals

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and with establishment Republicans Pence

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was a governor of Indiana and had been a

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a former Congressman he provided a sort

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of port of entry for these folks into

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Trump World and settled a lot of them

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down it's a very different calculous

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this time around Trump believes voters

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are going to make their decision based

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on the top of the ticket not the running

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mate based on Trump himself based on

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Trump himself and the fact that we have

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two incumbents effectively running

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everyone who's going to vote in this

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election has opinions formed about Biden

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and Trump there's really no one that he

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can add to the ticket that is going to

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make a giant difference or going

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persuade people in a major way to come

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on board and he's probably right about

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that so in a way you're saying Trump's

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search for number two is defined by what

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it's not focused on which is he's not

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trying to solve a political problem

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through his vice presidential pick yeah

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that's right he's not giving a lot of

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value to a political upside of a

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candidate there's a lot of cheddar early

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on you remember about maybe adding a

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woman to the ticket Trump has

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hemorrhaged support from Suburban women

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for 8 years right and there was a

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thought that if he could find a strong

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woman in a governor's office or in

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Congress to add to the ticket that she

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could help persuade some of these folks

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back to Trump's side but my reporting

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here is that there were some women in

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consideration at the very beginning

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stages of this process but he hasn't

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seriously considered a woman for this

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job in quite a while now fascinating

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Okay so we've been focused a lot Mike on

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what Trump is not focused on in his VP

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search let's turn to what he is putting

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a lot of wait on as he searches for a

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number two well right now uh my

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reporting is that the biggest Factor the

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biggest through line through some of his

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top tier candidates are folks I'm

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calling Do no harm candidates what do

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you mean by that the best example of

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this is Christy gome and what not to do

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Christy gome is the governor of South

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Dakota she has long been a rising star

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in the party she's joined Trump on the

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campaign Trail several times very much

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wanted this job but Governor Christy

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gome has had let's call it a tough time

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lately with that story that just won't

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go away her own it all came crashing

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down a couple of months ago when she put

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a book out it includes a bizarre story

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about her shooting and killing her dog

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detailing how she dragged her

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14-month-old dog Cricket out to her

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gravel pit and shot it dead after

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killing her dog she says she also killed

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their goat what the hell was South

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Dakota governor Christine gnome think

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thinking this set off a firestorm in the

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media what a Charming anecdote to

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include in a book who was her editor

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where even Fox News hosts couldn't get

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enough of this in your new book it's

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called No Going Back you include a story

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about shooting your dog and kept asking

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her did the dog Story come up in a

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conversation I talk to president Trump

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all the time about the dog about a lot

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of things and right now to explain

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Cricket to explain the dog did you bring

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up the dog with Trum

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this interview is ridiculous what you

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were doing right now so you need to stop

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it is okay it is right to her great

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frustration and to the great frustration

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of trump he was telling people that he

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did not want to be out answering

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questions about a vice presidential

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candidate who shot their dog it even

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became kind of Gallo's humor for him at

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some point randomly in conversations he

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would ask people well have you shot your

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dog he would end conversations telling

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people make sure you don't shoot your

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dog so this is an example of something

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Trump does not want to deal with on the

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campaign trail that probably goes for

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just about any presidential candidate

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but what is particularly important for

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Trump right now is that his plate is

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full of distractions he was just

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convicted of 34 felonies in New York and

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has a Litany of other legal problems

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he's facing so the most important thing

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for him right now is is a vice

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presidential candidate who is a

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disciplined campaigner and can go out

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there and not cause any more unwanted

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distractions for his campaign all right

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so besides do me no harm where else is

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Trump putting his focus in a VP search

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yeah the the eventual VP is going to

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have to meet Trump's primee time reality

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TV show version of being out of Central

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Casting and what I mean by that in this

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context is he wants someone who can go

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on television and defend him aily and

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effectively the other thing that's very

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interesting to me is that the former

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president gives outsized importance to

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debate performance he believes that he

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won the election in 2016 in large part

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because of his own performance in the

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debates against Hillary Clinton and for

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that reason since then really he's felt

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like debates can be determinative and

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want someone who he feels comfortable

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can on television and hold his own

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against kamla Harris a seasoned

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politician a former prosecutor so

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whoever Trump picks is going to have to

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be able to hold his own in this sort of

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Arena but it's always a fine line with

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Trump they're going to have to perform

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well be effective but not effective

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enough where they start to approach

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Trump's Spotlight H say more about that

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yeah I mean this is a president who puts

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a very high value on loyalty but it's a

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very unique Twist on loyalty he has a

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very specific definition the sort of

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first rule of proving loyalty to Trump

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is not to overshadow him he doesn't want

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someone out there who he feels like is

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trying to leverage his political brand

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Trump does not really want a successor

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here a lot of presidential nominees will

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pick someone who can help build the

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party particularly in a second term the

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attention naturally turns to the vice

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president and who's coming next Trump

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has shown little interest in that so

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while he wants someone who will be a

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great presence on TV and on the campaign

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trail that running mate better be good

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but not too good so in summary Trump's

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VP search goes something like this I

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don't really care if you win me a key

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voting block don't cause me problems and

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while I want you to be able to wow an

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audience you can't wow them more than me

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that's absolutely right and based on

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those principles his team has actually

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put out a pretty extensive list of

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Republicans who they are vetting for the

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job right

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now but my reporting is that this list

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is a little wider than the folks who

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Trump is really

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considering his team is trying to build

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drama and suspense and also give him

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some room to change his mind before he

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officially makes his pick at the

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Republican National Convention in

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July but at this moment based on my

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reporting there are three people who

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Trump is seriously considering for his

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next vice

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president we'll be right back

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so Mike tell us about these top three

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contenders at this moment for Trump's

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vice presidential slot and how Trump is

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thinking about each of them yeah one we

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can start with is the senator from Ohio

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JD Vance despite all outward appearances

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I'm a cultural Outsider I didn't come

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from the elites I didn't most listeners

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will probably remember JD Vance as the

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guy who burst onto the national scene

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with a book about his time growing up up

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in Ohio I came from a Southern Ohio

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steel town and it's a town that's really

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struggling in a lot of ways a ways that

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are indicative of the broader struggles

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of America's working class that sort of

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explained the Forgotten man and woman in

10:15

America right at the time that Trump was

10:19

leveraging that idea to become president

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of the United States right here with me

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is JD Vance author of hillbilly elegy JD

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has been unlocked in the Mysteries to

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Donald Trump's appeal JD Vance went on a

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national book tour he was on television

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on podcasts talking about his book

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Donald Trump if nothing else is

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relatable to the average workingclass

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American because he speaks off the cuff

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even if you know half of the things that

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he says don't make any sense or a

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quarter of the things that he says are

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offensive there's something also talking

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pretty negatively about Donald Trump

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right I can't stomach Trump I think that

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he's noxious and is leading the white

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working class to a very dark place and

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ultimately I mean he was really scathing

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in how he depicted Donald Trump as a

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effectively a con artist who was taking

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advantage of the people that he was

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writing about to sort of fuel his

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political

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rise look I wasn't a big Trump guy in

11:19

2016 but I think he did a good job I

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think those until he changed his mind on

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Trump that's why I supported him in 2020

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and I think the recognition that I

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changed my mind is one of the reasons

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why the president came and endorsed me

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he was help and that comes a few years

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later when Vance decides to run for

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Senate uh in 2022 I actually aligned uh

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with the America first movement on the

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core issues by then he had come you know

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180° on Trump trump was right that we

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need to make things in this country

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again so that we're self-sufficient

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so this works for Vance he wins Trump's

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endorsement beats a pretty crowded field

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for the Republican nomination in Ohio

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and wins election in 2022 which if you

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remember it was a pretty tough year for

12:04

Trump endorsements right a lot of trump

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picks in big States lost and JD Vance

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was sort of the crown jewel of that

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election for the former

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president so a rather convenient

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transformation from Trump critic to

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Trump fan results in JD Vance winning a

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seat in the US Senate that's absolutely

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right and he has become one of Trump's

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fiercest defenders in the Senate support

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the president volunteer for him donate

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for him and please for the love of God

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vote for him in November because Jesse

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and he's a constant presence on the

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media circuit number one I I'm here for

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the simple reason to show support for a

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friend I think this trial is absolutely

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ridiculous I think it's a sham

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prosecution most recently he was in

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Manhattan sitting with Trump in the

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courtroom I think this is disgraceful I

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don't care what you call Trump is

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disgraceful is that what you're saying I

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think this proceeding This legal

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proceeding is disgraceful and then

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fighting for Trump defending him and

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criticizing the prosecution in front of

13:08

the TV cameras afterward I don't care

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what you call this but this is not the

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America that I know and love why aren't

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we talking about inflation wolf why

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aren't we talking about Biden's wide

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openen Southern border this entire trial

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was cooked up to distract from Joe

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Biden's fail with all respect this is

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exactly what Trump wants in a vice

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president Vance is maybe the best in

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this top tier at defending Trump

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publicly he knows when to become a fire

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breathing ideologue he knows when to

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turn the temperature down and become

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self-effacing and and sort of brush off

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tough questions got it so he's

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definitely got the very good on TV box

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checked and as you said earlier in our

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conversation that's just essential yeah

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absolutely but I do think when it comes

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to Senator Vance some of these strengths

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could be risks for him when it comes to

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making Trump's ticket he is very vicious

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and he is very young if a vice president

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Vance is sworn in next year there will

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be immediate speculation about his

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potential running in 2028 as a president

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ah so you're saying he runs the risk of

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overshadowing trump which is a cardinal

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sin in Trump's book yeah that's right

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and right now in my reporting that's a

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strike against Vance when it comes to VP

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contention okay so Mike who's next on

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the list of Trump's top three contenders

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at the moment next on the list is

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someone you remember well Michael

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Senator Marco Rubio from Florida right

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yeah you you were pretty key in covering

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his 2016 campaign right and like Vance

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Mike he has been on a very long journey

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of mocking and then trying to reconcile

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with

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Trump that's exactly right I mean Rubio

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was the rising star of the Republican

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Party pre-trump the son of Cuban

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immigrants with a very powerful story of

15:01

his own bootstraps rise and was seen as

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a potential front runner for the

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Republican nomination until Trump showed

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up on the scene he doesn't sweat cuz his

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pores are clogged from the spray tan

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that he uses and Rubio's response to

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Trump was pretty wild Donald is not

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going to make America great he's going

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to make America

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orange what Rubio did was basically Tred

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to match Trump with schoolyard taunts

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then he asked for a ful length mirror I

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don't know why cuz the podium goes up to

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here but he wanted a full length

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mirror maybe to make sure his pants

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weren't wet I don't know then he went

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after Trump on the debate stage if he

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builds the wall the way he buil Trump

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Towers he'll be using illegal immigrant

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labor to do

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it you know went after his personal life

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as you know the three divorces well I

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don't know anything about bankrupting

15:53

four companies

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bankrupt his multiple bankruptcies

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and in pretty colorful language so I'm

16:01

looking at Little Marco and I say man

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there's something happening with him

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Trump returned fire even more so and

16:09

really just demolished Rubio in

16:12

aggressively personal terms and I see

16:14

him starting to sweat like I have never

16:18

seen anything like it said how much he

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was sweating on the stage thank God he

16:24

has really large ears the biggest ears

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I've ever

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seen made fun of his ears years

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portrayed him as a lightweight who

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shouldn't be president couldn't go

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toe-to-toe with any other foreign

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leaders and really set him back

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politically you know I called him a

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lightweight I said at one point he was a

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lightweight and I don't mean to be

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insulting but I do describe people

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somehow

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well I mean suffice it to say by the end

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of the 2016 race the concept that there

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could ever be a trump Rubio ticket was

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completely

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unfathomable yeah exactly but what a lot

17:02

of people don't realize is that Rubio

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really repaired that relationship with

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Trump Rubio won more votes in his Senate

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race in Florida than Trump did for

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president in Florida and that was oddly

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important to Trump he brought that up

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repeatedly Trump likes winners right and

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Rubio had won more votes than him so

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there must be he must have missed

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something he invited Rubio over to the

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White House early on is sort of a charm

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offensive with Rubio and the next few

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years Rubio really did become a behind

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the scenes close adviser for Trump on

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foreign policy and some other areas and

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now heading into

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2024 Trump trusts him views him as a

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valuable Ally and maybe even more than

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that as a pretty effective attack dog

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right now with Joe Biden in the White

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House our adversaries are going to

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conclude that there are things they can

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get away with and they can do cuz this

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White House Is Not Strong they're not

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prepared they're not even competent and

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I fear what that means this's a big big

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problem Rubio has gotten very aggressive

18:02

on television going after the Biden

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Administration and really the president

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himself if we have another four years of

18:08

Joe Biden I don't know what this country

18:09

is going to look like but none of us are

18:11

going to be happy about it right clearly

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no accident because he knows he's in

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contention for the VP spot absolutely

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just to put a fine point on it you would

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say yes if you were asked to service his

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Vice Presidential nominee that would be

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presumptuous for me I think anyone who's

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offered that job to serve this country

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in the second highest office assuming

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everything else in your life makes sense

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at that moment I why would if you're if

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you're interested in serving the country

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it's an incredible place to serve but

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we're getting way ahead of our so Rubio

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clearly checks off a ton of boxes TV

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ready loyal attack dog doesn't seem to

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do any harm to the ticket I'm guessing

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here he's meaningfully older than Vance

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any weaknesses we should make sure to

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touch on when it comes to Rubio yeah the

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risks for r Rubio are kind of

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counterintuitive here the big thing is

19:01

that Trump isn't sure he really wants

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the job he has not sat with Trump in the

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courtroom as others have he hasn't

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become a fixture at the former

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president's rallies he's not turned

19:13

himself into furniture at Marl Lago like

19:15

other Republicans this sort of idea that

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he wants to show Trump he wants the job

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but not too badly it's a strategy with a

19:23

clear logic here I mean again we talked

19:25

about protection of Trump's spotlight

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but I'm told my reporting is that the

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strategy has kind of confused Trump I

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talked to someone who sat with Trump the

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other day and Trump asked him Point

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Blank does Rubio even want the job

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that's not a good look for the Florida

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Senator fasinating so the flip side of

19:44

don't overshadow me is make sure that I

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feel a sufficient amount of your love

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and Rubio so far hasn't shown Trump

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enough love that's exactly right okay I

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think that brings us now to the third of

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these contest

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and probably the least known this is

20:02

Doug bergham the governor of North

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Dakota who would be if he joins a ticket

20:07

and wins election the first vice

20:09

president from the great state of North

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Dakota so who's Doug

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buram who is Doug bergham Doug bergham

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is a kid that grew up in a small town

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Arthur North Dakota 300 people the

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streets weren't even paved I mean beram

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has amassed his own fortune saw my first

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computer and I said wow that's going to

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change the world

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by repeatedly building billion doll

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companies including one he sold to

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Microsoft had this fantastic run as a

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public company got acquired by Microsoft

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and then I joined that team and helped

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build Microsoft and he's close friends

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with the billionaire former executive of

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Microsoft and has a number of other

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wealthy Rich Tech investors on speed

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dial this is important for Trump because

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he likes having connections to rich

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people who serve as sort of a validation

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for for Trump if you're serving for me

21:01

that enhances Trump's brand and Trump's

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selfworth working with President Trump

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as a governor was like having a

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beautiful Breeze at your back I guess I

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can explain it this way Trump likes to

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collect wealthy white men wealthy white

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businessmen like they were porcelain

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dowels who are we going to send back to

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the White House

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Trump that's fantastic

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okay well besides this rich white

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porcelain Doge that Trump likes what is

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it about bergam that has drawn Trump's

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interest in him as a potential VP yeah

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berham is in his mid-60s which makes him

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closer to being a generational peer to

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Trump who was in his late 70s and Trump

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likes generational peers uh remember in

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2017 the average age of his cabinet was

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62 years old which was one of the oldest

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of any recent president and Trump also

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likes bergo Independence not just

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financially but politically he

22:02

self-funded his own campaign for

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governor in 2016 he was a Outsider

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candidate and won that race and his

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re-election Without Really any help from

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Trump or Trump's political machine and

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that's important to Trump when it comes

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to who he can trust behind the scenes to

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tell him what he needs to know he

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doesn't want someone to do that publicly

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he doesn't want to be embarrassed he

22:24

doesn't want to be overshadowed but

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behind the scenes he does want some back

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and forth he does want to hear different

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points of view and when you agree with

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Trump behind the scenes he wants to know

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that it's not because you're afraid that

22:38

he might turn against you other folks

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who owe their entire political rise to

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Trump might have trouble connecting with

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the former president on that level uh

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the folks I've talked to who've been in

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the room with bergham and Trump have

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told me they have a very easy Dynamic

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there's a very clear respect on both

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sides and these guys seem to like each

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other hm so this is kind of fascinating

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like it sounds like one of Bam's biggest

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advantages is that his political career

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has been pretty independent of trump he

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didn't start out as a trump critic who

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then needed to bend the knee for his own

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political survival in the same way that

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both Vance and Rubio did instead bergam

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made his way in politics by his own

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accord he doesn't really owe Trump much

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of anything and to Trump that might mean

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bergam more willing to be candid with

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him albeit behind the scenes not

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publicly and on top of all that he's

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older and therefore less of a threat to

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Trump's Spotlight less at risk of

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overshadowing him yeah that's exactly

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right I would sum up Bam's advantages as

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saying he's probably in this group the

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safest pick for Trump but in a weird way

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he's also the biggest wild card and what

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mean by that is he is relatively

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untested on the national stage even

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though he did run for president last

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year but that was really a short-lived

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campaign if you blinked you missed it

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and he's not really been on television

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as much as Rubio and Vance in recent

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years and he is uh you know to put it

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generously not known for thrilling

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Applause lines on the campaign Trail and

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he has uh almost eight years in the

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governor's office in a very very

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Republican state with some very

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conservative policies that will get dug

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into by the national media the big one I

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think is is a hugely restrictive

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abortion law he signed last year as

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Governor Trump is responsible for

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overturning Rover suede right but he

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sees abortion as a real tough issue for

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republicans and having a running mate

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who signed a law that bans abortions

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after 6 weeks including no exceptions

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for rape or incest after 6 weeks is

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going to be a tough one for the ticket

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in the general election so Burham does a

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lot of the things that Trump wants into

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VP but the problem would seem to be that

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he might do some harm to the ticket and

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Trump has that Do no harm role that's

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absolutely right when it comes to

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Trump's decision the former president

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has a lot of things to think

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about Mike we've been spending all this

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time talking about what Trump wants in

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his VP in 2024 and how these three

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potential contenders fit into that but

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what we haven't talked about to Circle

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back to the beginning and what Trump did

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to Mike Pence is what Trump may ask of

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these three guys if they were to become

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his VP and how comfortable these three

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contenders might be in doing those

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things I mean everything our colleagues

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have been reporting so far shows that a

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second Trump term would involve him

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testing the bounds of the Constitution

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he's going to seek more power than Ed

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president has in modern times he's

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talked about firing anyone in the

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government bureaucracy who challenges

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him he's talked about turning the

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Department of Justice into a tool for

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revenge against his political

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foes what does it say about these VP

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contenders that they want to be the

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number two in that kind of an

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Administration to orbit Trump is to put

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at risk your own personal dignity and

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all of these folks are very smart people

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who understand that they know that

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they're going to be put in some very

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precarious positions and they're going

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to have to shift their own thinking when

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it comes to politics personal pride and

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maybe even their legal interpretations

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of the Constitution right I think about

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how many people Mike in Trump's orbit

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have been charged with a crime for what

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they did for example around January 6th

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exactly I mean there are very few people

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who have put themselves in service of

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trump and have emerged for the

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better all of these top three contenders

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have been on their own long journey

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inside the Republican party to get to

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where they are now and to join Trump's

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ticket is really an acknowledgement that

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the old ways of thinking about the

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Republican party and republicanism and

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conservativism are over and that Trump

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has won and the reward for that

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acquiescence is potentially a spot as

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the number two Republican in the country

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and possibly next year the number two

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position in the most powerful government

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in the

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world well Mike thank you very much we

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appreciate it thank you so much

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we'll be right

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back here's what else you need to know

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today on Wednesday Southern Baptists

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voted to oppose the use of invitro

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fertilization it was an indication that

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ordinary evangelicals are increasingly

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open to arguments that equate embryos

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with human life and that fetal

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personhood may be the next front for the

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the anti-abortion movement the

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resolution against IVF adopted at the

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southern baptist annual meeting is

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notable because fertility treatments are

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widely used by

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evangelicals and officials at the

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Federal Reserve said they would make a

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single cut to interest rates this year

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suggesting that they are in no hurry to

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lower historically High borrowing costs

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the FED continues to believe that High

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interest rates which remain above 5% are

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the best weapon against inflation

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because they slow spending by both

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consumers and

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businesses today's episode was produced

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wonderly that's it for the daily I'm

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Michael

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Boro see you tomorrow

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