

Test Notes

Trump Wages War on American Cities As DOD Gets a Makeover | The Daily Show

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1.0 Donald Trump's Renovation Projects

1.1 Intro to Topic

- Donald Trump has been actively redecorating and renovating various significant locations since taking office.
- His projects range from public spaces to governmental departments.
- The focus has now shifted to the Department of Defense.

1.2 Redecorating the White House

- Paved over the Rose Garden.
- Transformed the Oval Office into a "Cash for Gold" storefront.

1.3 Renovating the Department of Defense

- Trump has moved on to renovating the Department of Defense after completing White House renovations.

2.0 Department of War Renaming

2.1 Intro to Topic

- President Trump has signed an executive order to rename the Department of Defense.
- The proposed new name is the "Department of War".
- This change has raised concerns and humorous observations.

2.2 Executive Order to Rename Department of Defense

- President Trump signed an executive order to change the name.
- The proposed name is "Department of War."

2.3 Initial Reactions to the Name Change

- It's considered a bad sign when a country not at war sets up a Department of War.
- Compared to a doctor asking to discuss test results in person, implying bad news.

3.0 Consequences of the Name Change

3.1 Intro to Topic

- The name change to "Department of War" implies a shift in military approach from defense to offense.
- It suggests a move away from perceived "wokeness" in the military.
- This shift is presented with provocative and aggressive language.

3.2 Implication of Shifting from "Defense" to "War"

- The change suggests a more aggressive, offensive military stance.
- The country is not currently at war, making the name change noteworthy.

3.3 Historical Context of Name Change

- The military changed its name to the Department of Defense in 1947.
- The new name implies the previous change was "woke."

4.0 Trump's Justification for the Name Change

4.1 Intro to Topic

- Trump's rationale for renaming the department focuses on past military successes and a rejection of "woke" ideology.
- He attributes previous military changes to "wokeness," which he believes led to failures.

4.2 Rejection of "Wokeness"

- Trump claims the military went "woke" when they changed the name in 1947, a famously "woke" time.
- He sarcastically links "wokeness" to military failures, such as the loss in Vietnam.
- He humorously suggests carpet-bombing Vietnam with DVDs of "The Black Little Mermaid" as a "woke" mistake.

4.3 Success in Past Wars

- Trump highlights victories in World War I, World War II, and other conflicts.
- He suggests that changing the name to "Department of Defense" was a "woke" mistake that diluted military effectiveness.

5.0 Pete Hegseth's Rationale

5.1 Intro to Topic

- Pete Hegseth provides an explanation for the new name, focusing on a more aggressive and less "politically correct" military.
- His statements use strong, evocative language to emphasize a shift towards "maximum lethality" and away from perceived softness.

5.2 Emphasis on Aggression and Lethality

- "Going on offense, not just on defense."
- "Maximum lethality, not tepid legality."
- "Violent effect, not politically correct."
- "Deadly force, not a gender studies course."
- "It's World War III, not Adam and Steve."

5.3 Poetic Presentation

- The justifications are delivered in a "slam poetry" style.
- Hegseth is humorously referred to as "Edgar Allen Bro."

6.0 Proposed Renaming of the Pentagon

6.1 Intro to Topic

- To align with the new aggressive "Department of War" theme, a humorous suggestion is made to rename the Pentagon.
- The current name is deemed not intimidating enough.

6.2 Lack of Intimidation from "Pentagon"

- "Pentagon" is described as "just a pretentious square."
- It is suggested that the name does not inspire fear.

6.3 Alternative Names

- The "Polygon of Doom."
- The "Anus of Destruction."

7.0 Official Status of the Name Change

7.1 Intro to Topic

- Despite the announcement, the name change to "Department of War" is not legally official.
- The executive order instead designates it as a secondary name, essentially a nickname.

7.2 Legal Requirements for Name Change

- Officially changing the name of the Department of Defense requires an act of Congress.

- It also requires 60 votes in the Senate, which Trump could not secure.

7.3 "Secondary Name" Status

- The executive order makes "Department of War" a secondary name.
- This is likened to the American military giving itself an official nickname.
- This move is sarcastically described as making the military seem weaker, similar to someone trying to create their own nickname like "Stevie Muscles."

8.0 Financial Cost of the Name Change

8.1 Intro to Topic

- The unofficial name change, or creation of a "nickname," is projected to incur significant costs.
- This expenditure is seen as a waste, especially given other areas where funding has been cut.

8.2 Estimated Cost

- According to Politico, it will likely cost billions of dollars.
- This cost is for changing stationery, emblems, plaques, and other signage at the Defense Department and bases worldwide.

8.3 Critique of Spending Priorities

- The billions spent on a "nickname" are contrasted with cuts to cancer research and food safety.
- The money could have been spent on fighter jets for other countries, which might then be used against each other.

9.0 Deployment of the Department of War

9.1 Intro to Topic

- The newly aggressive "Department of War" is not primarily targeting foreign adversaries.
- Instead, there are plans to deploy troops to American cities, particularly those with Democratic leadership.

9.2 Target Locations

- Planning is underway to potentially send troops into Chicago.
- New York is also mentioned as a target for help.

9.3 Trump's Rhetoric

- Trump shared a manipulated image with a twist on a quote from "Apocalypse Now."
- The caption read: "I love the smell of deportations in the morning" and "Chicago about to find out why it's called the Department of War."
- The first use of the "Department of War" is framed as invading American cities.

- Invading New York, Trump's home city, is humorously labeled as "Freudian."

10.0 Trump's Test Case in Washington D.C.

10.1 Intro to Topic

- Washington D.C. served as a test case for Trump's strategy of deploying the National Guard to American cities.
- Trump attempted to portray the deployment as a success by appearing in public.

10.2 National Guard Deployment

- The National Guard was sent into Washington D.C. a month prior.
- Trump aimed to demonstrate that the city was safe.

10.3 Trump's Public Appearance

- Trump went out for dinner with cabinet members in D.C.
- He claimed restaurants were "booming" and people were "going out to dinner where they didn't go out for years."
- He thanked the National Guard for making the city safe.

10.4 Critique of Trump's "Safety" Display

- His display of safety involved driving one block from the White House.
- He was surrounded by a fleet of armored cars and countless Secret Service agents.
- His entourage is humorously described as a "pussy posse" or "the bachelor party from hell."

10.5 Protests During Dinner

- Despite Trump's claims of safety, he faced protests while dining.
- Protesters chanted "Free DC!", "Free Palestine!", and "Trump is the Hitler of our time."
- This is humorously suggested as a way to get out of paying a restaurant bill.

11.0 Interview with Josh Johnson on the Department of War

11.1 Intro to Topic

- Josh Johnson provides a comedic and exaggerated perspective on the Department of War.
- He emphasizes aggressive posturing and selective targeting, revealing the absurdities of the new approach.

11.2 Aggressive Stance

- Johnson asserts that the "Department of War" signals that Donald Trump "isn't f***ing around."
- He adopts a "B-boy stance" to convey readiness for war.

11.3 Selective Enemies

- The Department of War is ready to fight "anybody, any time."
- However, China is explicitly excluded due to their military strength and "inventing kung fu."
- Preferred targets include "hotel workers in Baltimore" and "cleaning ladies" who "had it too good for too long."
- Sinaloa Cartel is also explicitly excluded due to their brutality.
- Unarmed boats are considered acceptable targets from a distance.

11.4 "Jailhouse Strategy" for War

- Johnson shares a twisted "jailhouse strategy" for maintaining peace through strength.
- Instead of punching the biggest guy, one should "start beating the s*** out of yourself."
- This is illustrated by punching one's own testicles, as "no one's going to mess with him. He crazy."
- He quotes Pete Hegseth: "You got to have the guts to cut your own nuts."

11.5 Conclusion of Interview

- Kosta calls Trump's plan "one of the dumbest things I've ever heard."
- Johnson escalates the interaction, leading to him punching himself in the groin to demonstrate his "peace through strength" strategy.
- Kosta yields, reinforcing Johnson's point about the effectiveness of this bizarre tactic.