

# Podcast Summary Report

## Episode Summary

President Trump is speaking at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. The summit is being overshadowed by the president's desire for Greenland and his threats of tariffs on eight European countries if he doesn't get his way. World leaders will be listening closely for signs of where this confrontation with allies goes next. Trump spoke for about more than 90 minutes yesterday. He covered all the ground. He really rambled in those 90 minutes. He came out with this thick sheaf of papers and he said it was a book of his accomplishments over the past year. But really, he just kept veering into this extended rant. He focused heavily on Minnesota. He criticized Minnesotans who are protesting ICE's presence in the wake of the deadly shooting. He also, once again, railed against the state's Somali population. The Somalians vote as one group, even if they're not citizens, he said. MPR's Daniel Kurt Slavin: What does all of this mean? Politically or practically what's his aim? He says on foreign policy, he clearly enjoys being on the world stage and setting the agenda. He says he's pursuing that belligerent policy that's alienating allies.

### Topic 1: World / Davos

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### Topic 2: Trump

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of where this confrontation with allies goes next. MPR's Danielle Kurtzleben has been following it all. We've known Danielle that Donald Trump sometimes weaves around in speeches. So what's on the agenda today? Well, he said he's been planning to talk about the economy and specifically as he put it,

### Topic 3: Trump / Greenland

Summary: The White House had said that Trump would specifically address housing policy today. But it's nevertheless true that like you say, everyone just wants to hear about Greenland.

how well the United States is doing. And the White House had said that Trump would specifically address housing policy today. But it's nevertheless true that like you say, everyone just wants to hear about Greenland at this point because Trump has been upending relations with many key allies over Greenland. And in the process, he's been threatening tariffs, complaining about not getting the Nobel

#### **Topic 4: World / Trump**

Summary: Trump: "I think that we will work something out when NATO is going to be very happy" "We need it for security purposes," he adds.

Peace Prize, criticizing NATO and posting screenshots of his texts with world leaders. Now yesterday at a White House press briefing, Trump did strike a less combat of tone on Greenland. I think that we will work something out when NATO is going to be very happy and where we're going to be very happy. But we need it for security purposes.

#### **Topic 5: Davos / Greenland**

Summary: "He spoke for about more than 90 minutes yesterday. Well, he covered all the ground. But of course, this is Trump. We have no idea if that means any change in

But of course, this is Trump. We have no idea if that means any change in his attitude. But at any rate, he also mentioned he has a slew of meetings set up in Davos about Greenland. He spoke for about more than 90 minutes yesterday. I mean, what ground did he cover there? Well, he covered all the ground.

#### **Topic 6: Topic 6**

Summary: The president spoke for 90 minutes on the one-year anniversary of his inauguration. He said it was a book of his accomplishments over the past year.

He really rambled in those 90 minutes. Now, it was the one year anniversary of Trump taking office again. And so he came out with this thick sheaf of papers and he said it was a book of his accomplishments over the past year. But really, he just kept veering into this extended riff, parts of which we've heard many times

#### **Topic 7: Topic 7**

Summary: The president focused heavily on Minnesota. He criticized Minnesotans who are protesting ICE's presence. He also railed against the state's Somali population.

before. He focused heavily on Minnesota. He criticized Minnesotans who are protesting ICE's presence in the wake of the deadly shooting. And he also, once again, railed against the state's Somali population, making this claim without evidence.

#### **Topic 8: Topic 8**

Summary: "They're bad for our country. The Somalians vote as one group, even if they're not citizens," Obama said. "They all want to get the hell out of

The Somalians vote as one group, even if they're not citizens and they vote as one group. You know, you get 600,000 votes against you. They all want to get the hell out of here. They're bad for our country. Now he did also hype the U.S. economy, including making exaggerated claims about inflation and

#### **Topic 9: Topic 9**

Summary: The White House released an executive order aimed at preventing large the impact of his tariffs. But he didn't really follow up on all of those plans he's proposed in recent weeks to help

the impact of his tariffs. But he didn't really follow up on all of those plans he's proposed in recent weeks to help people with affordability. And there was stuff to talk about there. Just last night, the White House released an executive order aimed at preventing large

## **Topic 10: Topic 10**

Summary: The president didn't mention them in a press conference, but policies were in the works. He just didn't really bring them up.

institutional investors from buying homes. So policies were in the works. He just didn't really bring them up. All right. So trying to put all of this together, everything we just mentioned is press conference that

## **Topic 11: World / Policy**

Summary: "He clearly enjoys being on the world stage and setting the agenda there. I mean, what does all of this mean?" asks CNN's Richard Quest.

trip to Davos. I mean, what does all of this mean? Politically or practically what's his aim? Well, on foreign policy, he clearly enjoys being on the world stage and setting the agenda there.

## **Topic 12: Policy**

Summary: "He's pursuing that belligerent policy that's alienating allies. It's not popular domestically. But then when you take that with his aggressive tactics in Minnesota, it's all continually

And crucially, without some of the guardrails he had in his first term, he's just doing what he wants on foreign policy. So he's pursuing that belligerent policy that's alienating allies. It's not popular domestically. But then when you take that with his aggressive tactics in Minnesota, it's all continually

## **Topic 13: Topic 13**

Summary: MPR's Daniel Kurt Slavin reports from Washington, D.C. He says the White House is trying to draw attention away from domestic issues.

drawing attention, including his own away from things like the domestic economy that he ostensibly wants to focus on. That's MPR's Daniel Kurt Slavin. Thanks a lot. Thank you.