

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

**Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters Prior to Departure for New Orleans,
Louisiana**

August 13, 2024

2024 Presidential Election/Former President Donald J. Trump

Q. Mr. President, if Trump wins, will you attend his Inauguration, sir, for the peaceful transfer of power? If Trump wins—thank you, sir, for coming over. If Trump wins, will you attend his Inauguration?

The President. I have good manners, not like him.

Q. And also, sir, you call him a "genuine danger to American security," but you've asked for the political rhetoric to be tamped down, to be cooled down. Is that cooling down the rhetoric?

The President. That's just a statement. That's a factual statement.

[At this point, several reporters spoke at once.]

Q. Are you worried about—*[inaudible]*?

Ukraine/Russia

Q. What do you think of—what do you think of Ukraine's operation into the Kursk region?

The President. I'd rather not comment on that publicly.

Vice President Kamala D. Harris/The President's Economic Agenda/Infrastructure

Q. President Biden, how much more progressive is Vice President Harris than you as a candidate in the general?

The President. The issues we've worked on together have made great progress economically. No one called what we did on infrastructure "progressive." It's a good policy. So that's what—*[inaudible]*.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:22 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House prior to boarding Marine One. A portion of these remarks could not be verified because the audio was incomplete.

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