

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters After Casting a General Election Early Voting Ballot in New Castle, Delaware

October 28, 2024

The President. First-time voters.

[*At this point, the President pointed toward other voters.*]

Q. Mr. President, do you want to——

2024 Presidential Election

Q. Mr. President, is this bittersweet for you today?

The President. Pardon me?

Q. Is this bittersweet for you?

The President. No, this is just sweet.

Q. Do you think she will win?

The President. I think we will. I think it's a——

Former President Donald J. Trump's Language at a Campaign Rally

Q. Mr. President, can you come here and comment on former President Trump's rally yesterday? He was saying a bunch of stuff about immigrants——

The President. Embarrassing. Just simply embarrassing. It's beneath any President, but that's what we're getting used to. That's why this election is so important.

You know, most of the Presidential scholars I've spoken to talk about the single most consequential thing about a President is character. Character. And the—there's a—he puts that in question every time he opens his mouth.

Israel-Hamas Conflict

Q. Mr. President, Egypt has a new proposal for a cease-fire, a 2-day ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. What do you think about it?

The President. I'm—my staff is talking to them right now. I'm going to get out here, get on a secure line, and follow up on that.

We need a cease-fire. We should end this war. It should end. It should end. It should end.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel

Q. Prime Minister Netanyahu stressed that negotiation under fire is better than negotiation during cease-fire. What do you think about that?

The President. I'll reserve that for my discussion with him.

2024 Presidential and Congressional Elections

Q. Mr. President, will we see you and Vice President Harris this week?

Q. Mr. President, can you talk a little bit—are we going to see you with the Vice President, Harris? But also, do you wish more like candidates like Lisa Blunt Rochester were using you as a surrogate?

The President. Well, I've done a lot of surrogate stuff. And the fact of the matter is that I've also had to be President at the same time, so I've been in all the battleground States. I've been campaigning, but I also have to continue my job as President.

The President's Campaign Activity

Q. Will you be on the trail with the Vice President this week, sir?

The President. I've been on the trail. What—there's—we've—we talk all the time, and they're asking me to—where they think I should be to help them the most. I'm going to be in Pennsylvania. I'm going to head to Scranton and a few other places. So—[inaudible].

Q. Sir——

North Korea-Russia Security Cooperation/Former President Donald J. Trump/President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia

Q. Are you concerned about North Korea? Ten-thousand troops now.

The President. Yes. And you've got—I don't even want to—it's very dangerous. It's very dangerous.

And the idea that Kamala's opponent is talking to Putin and discussing what should be done—I mean——

Anyway. I'm not——

2024 Presidential Election

Q. Sir—sir, Elon Musk is handing out checks to registered voters——

The President. Tell him I registered.

Q. ——registered——

The President. A million dollars.

Q. Do you think that's legal conduct? Do you think that's election interference?

The President. I think it's totally inappropriate.

Thank you.

Q. How about these—Washington Post not endorsing, sir?

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:31 p.m. at the New Castle County Office Warehouse and Training Center. In his remarks, he referred to Vice President Kamala D. Harris, in her capacity as the 2024 Democratic Presidential nominee; and entrepreneur Elon R. Musk. A reporter referred to Delaware senatorial nominee Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester.

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