

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2025

Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters Aboard Air Force One En Route to West Palm Beach, Florida

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The President. Did you enjoy the fights? We have a special guest, I think. Where's Kai? Is she here?

White House Communications Director Steven Cheung. We'll get her.

The President. We have Kai. You know, it's like 2 in the morning, and we're doing this. But—[laughter]——

Q. It's late.

The President. ——you people request it, I'm always available, unlike Biden. You think Biden would do an interview at 2 in the morning? He wouldn't do one at 9:00 in the morning.

Ultimate Fighting Championship

Q. How did you enjoy the fight?

The President. I thought it was great. I thought it—I thought they were all great. Have you ever seen that before? Have you ever witnessed that?

Q. No, it was the first one.

Q. First time.

Q. That was the first time.

The President. It's something, right?

Q. Yes.

Q. First time.

Q. Five——

The President. Those are seriously tough people.

Q. Did you agree with the final verdict on the last fight?

The President. I did. I thought he was—I thought he won.

Q. Did any——

The President. Volkanovski.

The President's Conversation With Ultimate Fighting Championship Competitors

Q. Did any of the fighters say anything to you that——

The President. Yes, they all said—they all—every one of them came up at the end, and they were great. I mean, they're all warriors. You know, they're modern-day warriors. One would think.

Q. What did you tell them, sir?

The President. Just "Good fight." I mean, the ones—they all came up, every one of them. You saw that. And very respectful of the office. But they are modern-day warriors.

Hello, Kai. Come on over here.

Kai M. Trump. What's up?

The President. Do you know the fake news? This is the fake news, hon.

Ms. Trump. Hey, what's up, everyone? How are you guys? Good morning.

Q. Good morning.

The President. We're just doing a little news conference. You want to partake?

Ms. Trump. I mean, I'll add to some stuff.

The President. She's a great athlete, actually. Great golfer.

Ms. Trump. Yes.

The President. And great student, actually.

So go ahead. Any other questions?

President Nayib Armando Bukele Ortiz of El Salvador

Q. Question. On Monday, you're having a meeting with the President of El Salvador.

The President. Yes.

Q. What do you want to achieve there? And do you have any concerns about that prison? People have said——

The President. No.

Q. ——it has human rights abuses.

The President. No, I think he's doing a fantastic job. And he's taking care of a lot of problems that we have that we really wouldn't be able to take care of from a cost standpoint. And he's doing really—he's been amazing.

We have some very bad people in that prison—people that should have never been allowed into our country; people that murdered, drug dealers. Some of the worst people on Earth are in that prison, and he's able to do that.

Director Cheung. Sir, we've got 2 minutes left.

Q. What about human rights abuses?

The President. I don't see them. I don't see that.

Go ahead. Any other questions?

Q. Kai, what did you think of the fight?

Ms. Trump. That was awesome. This was my second UFC fight, and I really enjoyed it.

Ultimate Fighting Championship

Q. And the crowd's reaction——

Ms. Trump. Yes, it——

Q. ——to your grandfather walking in?

Ms. Trump. It was really cool. It was really cool.

Q. Where do you plan on watching the——

The President. I didn't think you'd notice.

Q. Where do you plan on watching the Masters tomorrow?

The President. Brian [Brian Glenn, America's Real Voice] would have noticed. Brian.

Q. Gosh, yes.

The President. What did you think of the reaction?

Q. Oh, I think it was great.

The President. Somewhat legendary.

Q. It's legendary. It's always is. Yes.

The President. It was legendary. It was great. It's a great honor to have that kind of ovation, really——

Q. Yes.

The President. ——because it says we're doing a good job.

Q. You won Florida——

Director Cheung. We're about to land.

The President. If we weren't doing a good job, we'd get the opposite.

I think we have to sit down now. We're going to land in about 2 seconds. Good night, everybody.

Q. Good night.

Ms. Trump. Goodnight, guys. Thank you, guys.

Q. Good night.

Ms. Trump. Nice meeting everyone.

Q. Nice meeting you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:14 a.m. in the press cabin. In his remarks, he referred to professional mixed martial arts fighter Alexander Volkanovski. The transcript was released by the Office of Communications on April 14.

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