

Remarks and an Exchange With Reporters Prior to Departure for Palm Beach, Florida

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The President. Hello, everybody. How are you, everybody?

[At this point, several reporters began asking questions at once.]

So, as you probably saw today, the stock market, the Dow, just hit 50,000 3-years ahead of schedule. They said probably couldn't be done in the 4-year period. We did it in 1 year. So we're 3 years ahead of schedule. Broke an alltime record—50,000—which they say couldn't happen.

On the crime front, it was just announced that murders are down and crime is down. It's got the lowest point in 125 years, the year 1900. And that's a big, big number. And the country is doing very well.

Do you have any questions?

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

Election Reform

Q. Mr. President, what's the status of the SAVE Act? Have you talked to Leader Thune about using the standing filibuster?

The President. The SAVE—I'd love to use the filibuster. The SAVE Act is very important. Voter ID. I mean, if you look at it, no mail-in voting, and you have to have proof of citizenship. Everybody wants it. It polls—even with Democrats, it's polling at 82. With Republican, it polls at—Republicans at 99 percent. So we're going to be trying very hard to get the SAVE Act.

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

Consumer Prices

Q. Good to see you, sir. Rent prices continue to drop under your watch as President. What is the secret sauce to those prices coming down? Is it the deregulation, the mass deportations? What's the secret, sir?

The President. We've had massive price reductions. In fact, you don't hear the Democrats with their argument about affordability, because they caused the problem. And I haven't heard that word now in 2 weeks.

Prices are way down. Energy is way down. If you look at gasoline, \$1.99 a gallon. And sometimes—if you saw last week in Iowa, it was \$1.85 a gallon when we went to Iowa. So we have the prices coming way down.

I think we have the best economy maybe we've ever had. But again, I mean, to me, the big news: 50,000 the Dow hit, and most people felt if I could do that in my fourth year, we did it in my first year. So that's great. Thank you.

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

Q. Mr. President, would you apologize for that racist video?

NOTE: The President spoke at 6:30 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House prior to boarding Marine One.

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