

President Obama. But—so you have a similar openness, a great—a premium on individualism and freedom. So there’s a lot that binds our two countries together.

Any other questions? You guys can ask questions for me if you want. [*Laughter*]

Australian Sports

Q. Do you play basketball in Australia?

Prime Minister Gillard. Yes, we do play basketball in Australia. In fact, Secretary Duncan is over here, your Secretary of Education—

President Obama. Arne Duncan, yes.

Prime Minister Gillard. —and he played basketball in Australia.

President Obama. Played professional basketball in Australia.

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. I was the leading scorer for 4 years.

President Obama. Were you the leading scorer in the league?

Secretary Duncan. No. [*Laughter*]

President Obama. Come on, Reggie. I might have believed him. He’s still got game, by the way. [*Laughter*]

Prime Minister Gillard. I went to a basketball game in Townsville earlier this year. They’re the Townsville Crocs, so they come with a mascot, which is a man in a crocodile suit. And anything can happen when that mascot’s there. [*Laughter*]

President Obama. Anybody else? Don’t be intimidated by these guys.

Q. How many of these Presidents can you name around the room? [*Laughter*]

President Obama. That’s Lincoln. [*Laughter*]
And that’s Washington.

Q. You’re over there, in the back.

President Obama. How’s that?

Q. You’re over there.

President Obama. Nice, nice. So what have you guys been talking about in AP history class?

Q. The twenties.

President Obama. The twenties?

Q. Yes.

Q. The Roaring Twenties.

President Obama. What’s been the focus of the twenties, the Roaring Twenties?

Q. Jazz.

President Obama. Jazz.

Q. Prohibition.

President Obama. Prohibition. Has there been a debate in class about Prohibition?

Q. Not quite.

President Obama. All right. What prompted all of you to take AP history?

Q. Ms. Fraley, of course.

Q. She’s a wonderful teacher.

Q. I love her.

President Obama. Look at all these folks sucking up to her. Good grief. [*Laughter*]

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:52 a.m. In his remarks, he referred to Colette Fraley, teacher, Wakefield High School; and Personal Aide to the President Reginald L. Love. A portion of these remarks could not be verified because the audio was incomplete.

Statement on Terrorist Detention Policy March 7, 2011

From the beginning of my administration, the United States has worked to bring terrorists to justice, consistent with our commitment to protect the American people and uphold our values. Today I am announcing several steps that broaden our ability to bring terrorists to justice, provide oversight for our actions, and ensure the

humane treatment of detainees. I strongly believe that the American system of justice is a key part of our arsenal in the war against Al Qaida and its affiliates, and we will continue to draw on all aspects of our justice system, including Article III courts, to ensure that our security and our values are strengthened. Going forward, all

branches of Government have a responsibility to come together to forge a strong and durable approach to defend our Nation and the values that define who we are as a nation.

NOTE: Executive Order 13567 is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

Remarks During a Tour of TechBoston Academy in Boston, Massachusetts March 8, 2011

Hey guys! What's going on? How's everybody doing? Hello, everybody! Hello, hello, hello! Good to see you. Mark, good to see you. Nice to meet you.

So I'm not going to make a long speech right now. I've got to speak in the other room, and I hope you guys will be able to hear it.

I just want to say how proud I am of all of you. You guys are doing great in school. I want to shake some hands. I expect everybody here to keep working hard. How many seniors here? How many juniors? Sophomores? *[Applause]* All right. Sophomores. Freshmen. Okay, well,

the sophomores—the juniors and the seniors, I know they're working hard because they're starting to apply to college. Sophomores, you still got a lot of time, so you guys got to stay focused. All right? All right. But I'm expecting everybody here to go to college, everybody here to succeed. And I appreciate you guys very much. I'm just going to shake as many hands as I can.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:33 p.m. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Remarks at TechBoston Academy in Boston March 8, 2011

The President. Hello, TechBoston! Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you, everybody. Everybody, please have a seat. Everybody, please have a seat.

We are thrilled to see especially the students here today. I am grateful for the presence of a few other outstanding leaders. First of all, the great mayor of Boston, Tom Menino, is in the house. There he is over there. Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray's here. Where's Tim? Tim, good to see you. The outstanding Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, is in the house.

To all of you who are contributing to the outstanding education of these young people, I could not be prouder to be here. It is wonderful to be back in Massachusetts. Some of you may know I spent some time in school here myself. I was much younger. I had no gray hair. *[Laughter]* There were definitely no SMART Boards back then. *[Laughter]* The most exciting new technology was an electric pencil sharpener. *[Laughter]* So times have changed. You remember those? *[Laughter]* Do

you know what pencils are? Do you guys use pencils?

I am so grateful to have Melinda Gates joining us here today. Of course, we all know Melinda's husband Bill, who couldn't hack it at school here, dropped out. *[Laughter]* Then he started a modest—modestly successful computer company. That was a joke, guys. *[Laughter]* Bill Gates actually created a really big company. *[Laughter]* But Melinda's a force in her own right. She is one of the world's most generous, but also effective, philanthropists, successful businesswoman, and most important for today, she has been an extraordinary leader when it comes to education reform. Microsoft and the Gates Foundation have been partners with TechBoston since it got started, and we are very grateful for their support. Proud of them.

Melinda's absolutely right, by the way. One of the things that I've benefited from in this effort to make sure our schools are working for every young person is my Secretary of Educa-