

change. I'm asking you to believe in your ability to bring about change. I am not on the ballot, but I tell you what, fairness is on the ballot. Decency is on the ballot. Justice is on the ballot. Progress is on the ballot. Our democracy is on the ballot right now.

And Hillary gives you a chance to advance our democracy. But you've got to do everything you can to make sure everybody votes: your friends, your family, your cousins, your uncle, your neighbors, your coworkers. Tell them this is the moment where America stands up for our best selves. Stand up and reject cynicism. Stand up and reject fear.

Choose hope. Choose hope. Choose hope. Vote! And if you do, we will elect Hillary Clinton the next President of the United States. We will elect Deborah Ross the next Senator from the great State of North Carolina. We'll continue this amazing journey and finish what

we started and remind the world why this is the greatest country on Earth.

God bless you, North Carolina. God bless the United States of America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:44 p.m. on the Michael Hooker Fields at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In his remarks, he referred to Isabel Trumbull, student, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Ghazala Khan, mother of Capt. Humayun Khan, USA, who was killed in Iraq on June 8, 2004; Sen. Marco A. Rubio; 2008 Republican Presidential nominee Sen. John S. McCain III; 2012 Republican Presidential nominee W. Mitt Romney; Supreme Court Associate Justice-designate Merrick B. Garland; and Judge Diana Gribbon Motz, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He also referred to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization.

## Statement on the Shootings of Police Officers in Des Moines and Urbandale, Iowa

*November 2, 2016*

Yesterday two police officers put on their uniforms to serve and protect the communities they loved. And early this morning, they were taken from us in shameful acts of violence.

Sergeant Anthony Beminio and Officer Justin Martin represented our best, most decent instincts as human beings: to serve our neighbors, to put ourselves in harm's way for someone else. They knew the dangers of their job. They knew the risks. Yet they chose to dedicate themselves to those values anyway. So today Michelle and I join Americans across our country in expressing our condolences and stand in solidarity with their grieving families, fellow officers, and the communities they served so honorably.

All across the country, our police officers go to work each day not knowing whether they'll

come home at night. Their families live each day with the same fears. So, as Americans, we owe them our respect and gratitude for their efforts to safeguard our families and our communities. And so, as we once again mourn American police officers lost in the line of duty, we must also renew the call to match that same sense of service, that same devotion within our own lives and our own communities.

Thankfully, that's the Iowa I know well. That's what I've experienced every time I've visited Urbandale and Des Moines: good, big-hearted people who look out for each other and are willing to come together across our differences. That's the spirit we all must summon now not only to heal, but to honor the service of Sergeant Beminio, Officer Martin, and all the men and women who wear the blue.

## Remarks at a Campaign Rally for Democratic Presidential Nominee Hillary Rodham Clinton in Miami, Florida November 3, 2016

*The President.* Hey! Hello, Miami! Well—thank you! Thank you!

*Audience members.* Obama! Obama! Obama!

*The President.* Thank you. Well, it is good to be back at Florida International University. This is a good-looking crowd here. [Laughter] Can everybody please give Gabby a huge round of applause for her great work? I want to thank—[laughter]—who’s screaming here? [Laughter] I want to thank Mayor Philip Levine, who’s here. I want to thank Senator Bill Nelson. I want to thank Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz. I want to thank your next State senator, Debbie Mucarsel-Powell. Your next Congressman, Joe Garcia. And your next United States Senator, Patrick Murphy.

Florida, we’ve got 5 more days. Five more days.

*Audience member.* We love you!

*The President.* I love you too. But I’ve got some business to do here today.

So 5 more days to decide the future of this country that we love. Now, the good news is, you don’t have to wait until election day to vote.

What does that say up there? I’m sorry, I can’t hear you. What does it say up here?

*Audience members.* Vote early!

*The President.* You know, I’m still not hearing it. What, what?

*Audience members.* Vote early!

*The President.* Vote early! If you are registered, you can vote right now at any early voting location. In fact, there’s one just 10 minutes away at the International Mall Branch Library. Go ahead and plug this into your phones if you haven’t voted. It is at 10315 NW 12th Street, in Doral. So, I mean, we’re making this really simple for you. I am telling you right now where you can go vote after this rally.

Now, if you are just watching on television or you’re not from around here and you’re trying to figure out, well, where else could I vote? Then you go to [iwillvote.com](http://iwillvote.com), and it will give

you additional locations: [iwillvote.com](http://iwillvote.com). If you’re voting by mail, don’t let that thing just sit on your coffee table or your kitchen counter, and then you forget about it, it gets mixed up with some other stuff. [Laughter] Send in your ballot right now so it makes it by election day. The point is, we’ve got work to do to finish what we started 8 years ago.

Now, I have to say that I’ve been going to some college campuses, and I realize that, 8 years ago, some of you were 10. [Laughter] Yes, see, she’s all, like, “Yeah!” [Laughter] Now, that makes me feel a little old. But she says I look good. Okay. All right. Michelle agrees. [Laughter]

But I want—for those of you who maybe were a little older and might remember, in 2008, we were living through two long wars, and we were about to enter into the worst economic crisis in the last 80 years. But you know what, because of some hard work, we turned the page. America has now battled back. Last year, incomes rose faster than any time at least since 1968. Poverty fell at the fastest rate at least since 1968. We’ve created 15 million new jobs. Twenty million people have health insurance that didn’t have it. We’ve kicked our addiction to foreign oil.

You know, can I just say, I was driving through North Carolina yesterday—[applause]—North Carolina in the house—and we passed by a gas station. And I don’t have to stop usually at the gas station, because the Beast, the motorcade, they’re always full. They—Service is taking care of that. But I noticed gas at \$1.99. The reason I make this point is because I think in 2008 they were predicting that if Obama got elected, gas would be \$6. So, sometimes, it’s useful to check the tape, see what they said before. It turns out what they said was wrong. So what that means is, what they’re saying now is probably also wrong. Anyway, I just wanted to do that little detour.

But in addition to—

*Audience member.* Thanks, Obama!