**Donald Trump vs Joe Biden in first presidential debate - US Election 2020**

**Chris Wallace** [00:03:49] Good evening. From the health education campus of Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Clinic. I'm Chris Wallace of FOX News, and I welcome you to the first of the 20 20 presidential debates between President Donald J. Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden. This debate is sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates. The commission has designed the format six roughly 15 minute segments with two minute answers from each candidate to the first question, then open discussion for the rest of each segment. Both campaigns have agreed to these rules. For the record, I decided the topics and the questions in each topic. I can assure you none of the questions has been shared with the commission or the two candidates. This debate has been conducted under health and safety protocols designed by the Cleveland Clinic, which is serving as the health security adviser to the commission for all four debates. As a precaution both campaigns have agreed that candidates will not shake hands at the beginning of tonight's debate. The audience here in the hall has promised to remain silent. No cheers, no boos or other interruptions, so we and more importantly, you can focus on what the candidates have to say. No noise, except right now as we welcome the Republican nominee, President Trump, and the Democratic nominee, Vice President Biden. Gentlemen, a lot of people have been waiting for this night, so let's get going. Our first subject is the Supreme Court. President Trump, you nominated Amy Coney Barrett over the weekend to succeed the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the court. You say the Constitution is clear about your obligation and the Senate's to consider a nominee to the court. Vice President Biden, you say that this is an effort by the president and Republicans to jam through on an appointment and what you call an abuse of power. My first question to both of you tonight. Why are you right and make the argument you make and your opponent wrong? And where do you think a Justice Barrett would take the court? President Trump. And that's for a segment you got first two minutes.

**President Trump** [00:06:31] Thank you very much, Chris. I will tell you very simply, we won the election. Elections have consequences. We have the Senate, we have the White House, and we have a phenomenal nominee respected by all. Top, top academic good in every way. Good in every way. In fact, some of her biggest endorsers are very liberal people from Notre Dame and other places. So I think she's going to be fantastic. We have plenty of time, even if we did it after the election itself, I have a lot of time after the election, as you know, so I think that she will be outstanding, she's going to be as good as anybody that has served on that court. We really feel that we have a professor at Notre Dame, highly respected by all said she's the single greatest student he's ever had. He's been a professor for a long time and a great school. And we just we won the election and therefore we have the right to choose her. And very few people knowingly would say otherwise. And by the way, the Democrats, they wouldn't even think about not doing it if they had. The only difference is they try and do it faster. There's no way they would give it up. They had Merrick Garland. But the problem is they didn't have the election, so they were stopped. And probably that would happen in reverse also. Definitely would happen reverse. So we won the election and we have the right to do it, Chris.

**Chris Wallace** [00:07:52] President Trump, thank you. Same question to you. Vice President Biden, you have two minutes.

**Vice President Biden** [00:07:58] Well, first of all, thank you for doing this and looking forward to this, Mr. President. I the American people have a right to have a say in who the Supreme Court nominee is. And let's say occurs, when they vote for a United States senator and when they vote for the Presidentof the United States. They're not going to get that chance now because we're in the middle of an election already. Election has already started. Tens of thousands of people have already voted. And so the thing that should happen is we should wait. We should wait and see what the outcome of this election is, because that's the only way the American people get to express their view is by who they elect as president and who they elect as vice president. Now, what's at stake here? The president's made it clear he wants to get rid of the Affordable Care Act. He's been running on that. He ran on that. And he and many governing on that. He's in the Supreme Court right now trying to get rid of the Affordable Care Act, which will strip 20 million people from having insurance, health insurance now, if if they if it goes into court and and the justice and I have nothing, I'm not opposed to the justices, but she seems like a very fine person. But she's written before she went in the bench, which is her right. That she thinks that the Affordable Care Act is not constitutional. The other thing is on the court and it was struck down. What happens? Women's rights are fundamentally changed. Once again, a woman could be helped pay more money because she has a preexisting condition of pregnancy. We're able to they're able to charge women more for the same exact procedure man gets. And that ended when we, in fact, passed the Affordable Care Act. And there's 100 million people have preexisting conditions and they'll be taken away as well. Those preexisting conditions that insurance companies are going to love this. And so it's just not appropriate to do this before this election if he wins the election and the senator's Democrat, a Republican. Then he goes forward. If not, we should wait until February.

**President Trump** [00:10:03] All right. Around 100 million people with preexisting conditions. As far as a say is concerned, the people already had their say. They. OK. Justice Ginsburg said very powerfully, very strongly at some point 10 years ago or so, she said a president and the Senate is elected for a period of time, but a president is elected for four years were not elected for three years. I'm not elected for three years. So we have the Senate. We have a president elected. During that period of time, during that period of time. We have an opening. I'm not elected for three years. I'm elected for four years. And Joe. One hundred million people is totally wrong. I don't know where you get that number. The bigger problem that you have is that you're going to extinguish one hundred and eighty million people with their private health care, that they're very simply not true.

**President Trump** [00:10:54] Well, you said going to socialist. We just. So we're not going to.

**Chris Wallace** [00:10:58] Gentlemen, we're now into open doors. Got open discussion. Got. Yes, I agree. Go ahead, Vice for us.

**Vice President Biden** [00:11:03] Number one, he he knows that what I've proposed what I've proposed is that we expand Obamacare and we increase it. We do not wipe any. And one of the big debates we had with 23 of my colleagues trying to win the nomination that I won. We're saying that Biden wanted to allow people have private insurance still. They can. They do. They will under my proposal.

**President Trump** [00:11:28] Not what you've said and it's not what your party has said. Your party wanted to go socialist medicine party is socialist right now. And they're going to dominate. Joe, you know that.

**Vice President Biden** [00:11:39] I am the Democratic Party right now. The platform of the Democratic Party is what I, in fact approved of, what I approved of. Now, here's the deal. The deal is that it's going to wipe out preexisting conditions. By the way, the 20, 200 million two hundred thousand people that have died on his watch there. How many of those that survive? Well, they're seven million people that contracted COVID. What does it mean for them going forward if we strike down the Affordable Care Act?

**President Trump** [00:12:09] Joe, you've had 308 thousand military people dying because you couldn't provide them proper health care in the military. So, no, tell me about.

**Vice President Biden** [00:12:16] Happy to talk about.

**President Trump** [00:12:17] And if you were here, you wouldn't be 200, it would be two million people because you were very late on the draw you need. And China, which was heavily infected. You didn't want me to ban.

**Chris Wallace** [00:12:28] All right, gentlemen. Right now it is heavily president.

**President Trump** [00:12:31] You would have been much later Joe, much later. We're talking about two million people.

**Chris Wallace** [00:12:35] But as a moderator, we are going to talk about COVID in the next segment. But go ahead.

**Vice President Biden** [00:12:40] Let me finish. The point is that the president also is opposed to Roe v. Wade. That's on the ballot as well. And the court in the court. And so that's also at stake right now. And so the election is all you know...

**President Trump** [00:12:56] You don't know what's on the ballot. Why is it on the ballot? It's not on the ballot.

**Vice President Biden** [00:13:00] It's on the ballot in the court.

**President Trump** [00:13:03] I don't think so, there's nothing happening there.

**Vice President Biden** [00:13:04] Donald would you just....

**President Trump** [00:13:05] We just don't know her view on Roe v. Wade.

**Chris Wallace** [00:13:10] Well, all right. Let's. All right. Let's talk. I would. We got a lot to unpack here, gentlemen. We got a lot of time. So on health care and then we'll come back to Roe v. Wade. All right, Mr. President, the Supreme Court will hear a case a week after the election in which the Trump administration, along with 18 state attorneys general, are seeking to overturn.

**President Trump** [00:13:33] That's right.

**Chris Wallace** [00:13:33] Obamacare to end Obamacare.

**President Trump** [00:13:35] You have spent the last because I want to give healthcare.

**Chris Wallace** [00:13:38] If I may ask that question, sir.

**President Trump** [00:13:40] Good health care.

**Chris Wallace** [00:13:41] Over the last four years, you have promised to repeal and replace Obamacare. But you have never in these four years come up with a plan, a comprehensive plan to place Obamacare for.

**President Trump** [00:13:58] I got rid of the individual mandate which was a big joke.

**Chris Wallace** [00:14:00] That is not a comprehensive plan.

**President Trump** [00:14:02] That is absolutely a big thing. That was the worst part of Obamacare, Chris. That was the worst part.

**Chris Wallace** [00:14:07] Let me ask my question.

**President Trump** [00:14:07] Well, I'll ask Joe. The individual mandate was the most unpopular aspect of Obamacare. I got rid of. And we will protect people with pre-exisiting conditions.

**Chris Wallace** [00:14:16] Mr President, I'm the moderator in this debate. And I would like you to let me ask my question and then you can answer. In the course of these four years have never come up with a comprehensive plan to replace Obamacare. And just this last Thursday, you signed a largely symbolic executive order to protect people with preexisting conditions. Five days before this debate. So my question, sir, is what is the Trump health care plan?

**President Trump** [00:14:45] Well, first of all, I guess I'm debating you, not him. But that's okay. I'm not surprised. Let me just tell you something that there's nothing symbolic. I'm cutting drug prices. I'm going with favorite nations, which no president has the courage to do because you're going against big pharma. Drug prices will be coming down 80 or 90 percent. You could have done it during your 47 year period in government, but you didn't do it. Nobody's done it. So we're cutting health care, all of the things that we've done. Yes, so right here, I give you an example, insulin.

**President Trump** [00:15:14] It's going to. It was destroying families, destroying people, because. I'm getting it for so cheap. It's like water. You want to know the truth. So cheap. Take a look at all of the drugs that what we're doing. Prescription drug prices.

**President Trump** [00:15:26] We're going to allow our governors now to go to other countries to buy drugs because when they pay just a tiny fraction. This is big stuff.

**Chris Wallace** [00:15:32] This is open discussion. Sir, you'll be happy. I'm about to pick up on one of your points to ask the vice president, which, as he points out, that you would like to add a public option to Obamacare.

**President Trump** [00:15:46] Yeah.

**Chris Wallace** [00:15:47] The argument that he makes and other Republicans make is that that is going to end private insurance.

**President Trump** [00:15:53] It is not.

**Chris Wallace** [00:15:53] Well, if I ask you the question, it will end private insurance and create a government takeover of health,.

**President Trump** [00:16:02] It does not.

**Vice President Biden** [00:16:02] It's only for those people who are so poor they qualify for Medicaid. They can get that free in most states except governors who want to deny people or poor Medicaid. Anyone who qualifies for Medicare would be Medicaid would automatically be enrolled in the public option. The vast majority of the American people would still not be in that option.

**President Trump** [00:16:27] Joe, you agree with Bernie Sanders and his far left on the manifesto. Will it manifest you socialized medicine?

**Vice President Biden** [00:16:34] Look. Hey, I'm not going to listen to him? The fact of the matter is, I beat Bernie Sanders.

**President Trump** [00:16:39] Not by much.

**Vice President Biden** [00:16:40] I beat him a whole heck of a lot. I'm not sure I'm here. Stand facing you.

**President Trump** [00:16:43] Pocahontas would have left two days early. You lost every primary until Super Tuesday. You got very lucky.

**Vice President Biden** [00:16:50] Here's the deal, I got very lucky and I got very lucky tonight as well. And tonight I'm going to make sure because here's the deal. Here's the deal. The fact is that everything he's saying so far is simply a lie. I'm not here to call out his lies. Everybody knows he's a liar.

**Chris Wallace** [00:17:12] Mr President, can you let him finish, sir?

**Vice President Biden** [00:17:13] No, he don't know how to do that. He has, you know. You picked the wrong guy, the wrong night at the wrong time.

**President Trump** [00:17:20] You agreed with Bernie Sanders sentimental ideas.

**Vice President Biden** [00:17:24] There is no manifesto.

**Chris Wallace** [00:17:26] No. Let him speak, Mr President.

**President Trump** [00:17:28] He just lost the left. You just lost the left. You agreed with Bernie Sanders on a plan about absolutely, you have to socialized medicine.

**Chris Wallace** [00:17:43] Mr. President..

**Vice President Biden** [00:17:43] I tell you what, he is not for any help for people needing health care because he, in fact, already has cost 10 million people their health care that they had from their employers because of his recession, number one. Number two, there are 20 million people getting health care through Obamacare now that he wants to take it away.

**Vice President Biden** [00:18:06] He won't ever look you in the eye, and say that's what he wants to do, take it away.

**President Trump** [00:18:11] I want to give better health care at a much lower price because Obamacare doesn't work I've already fixed it to and extent.

**Vice President Biden** [00:18:18] He has never offered a plan.He has never done a single thing.

**Chris Wallace** [00:18:23] Gentlemen, you realize you're both speaking at the same time. Let the presidents go ahead, sir.

**President Trump** [00:18:28] Obamacare is no good. We made it better and I had a choice to make very early on. We took away the individual mandate. We guarantee preexisting conditions, but took away the individual mandate. Listen, this is the way it is, and that destroyed that they shouldn't even call it Obamacare. Then I had a choice to make. Do I let my people run it really well? Or badly. If I run it badly, they'll probably blame him. But they'll blame me. But more importantly, it would help people. OK. I said you got to run it so well. That's when I just had a meeting with them. They said the problem is, no matter how well you run Obamacare, it's a disaster.

**President Trump** [00:19:03] It's too expensive and too high that it doesn't work so we do want to get rid of it?

**Chris Wallace** [00:19:11] I understand that stuff, but I have to give you roughly equal time.

**Chris Wallace** [00:19:14] Please let the vice president talk.

**Vice President Biden** [00:19:17] He has no plan for health care. He sends out wishful thinking. He has executive orders, that have no power. He hasn't lowered drug costs for anybody. He's been promising a health care plan since he got elected. He has none. Like almost everything else he talks about. He does not have a plan. He doesn't have a plan. And the fact is, this man doesn't know what he's talking about.

**Chris Wallace** [00:19:43] I have one final question for you here, Mr. Vice President. If Senate Republicans...we were talking recently about the Supreme Court here, if Senate Republicans go ahead and confirm Justice Barrett, there has been talk about ending the filibuster or even packing the court, adding to the nine justices there. You'll call this a distraction by the president, but in fact, it wasn't brought up by the president. It was brought up by some of your Democratic colleagues in Congress. So my question to you, as you have refused in the past to talk about it, are you willing to tell the American people tonight whether or not you will support either ending the filibuster or packing the court?

**Vice President Biden** [00:20:24] Whateve position I take in that, that will become the issue. The issue is the American people should speak. You should go out and vote. You're in voting now. Vote and let your senators know how strongly you feel. Vote now going to pack to make sure you, in fact, let people know, your senators.

**President Trump** [00:20:41] Why won't he answer the question?

**Vice President Biden** [00:20:42] I'm not going to answer the question because, the question the question is yes. Is the right. I still left. Will you shut up man?

**Chris Wallace** [00:20:51] All right, gentlemen. We have ended this segment. We're gonna move on to the second segment.

**Vice President Biden** [00:21:00] It was really a productive segment wasn't it. Keep yapping.

**President Trump** [00:21:04] And the people understand Joe. for forty seven years, you've done nothing then.

**Chris Wallace** [00:21:09] All right. The second subject is COVID 19, which is an awfully serious subject. So. Let's try to be serious about it. We have had more than seven million cases of coronavirus in the United States and more than two hundred thousand people have died. Even after we produce a vaccine, experts say that it could be months or even years before we come back to anything approaching normal.

**Chris Wallace** [00:21:39] My question for both of you is, based on what you have said and done so far and what you have said you would do starting in 2021. Why should the American people trust you more than your opponent to deal with this public health crisis going forward in this case? The question goes to you first, sir. Two minutes uninterrupted.

**Vice President Biden** [00:22:03] Good luck. Two hundred thousand dead, as you said, over seven million infected the United States. We, in fact, have five percent or four percent of the world's population, 20 percent of the deaths, 40000 people a day are contracting COVID.

**Vice President Biden** [00:22:21] In addition to that, about between 750 and a thousand people there died when he was presented with that number, he said, it is what it is. Well, it is what it is because you are who you are. That's why it is. The president has no plan.

**Vice President Biden** [00:22:37] He hasn't laid out anything. He knew all the way back in February how serious this crisis was. He knew it was a deadly disease.

**Vice President Biden** [00:22:46] What did he do? He's on tape, is acknowledging he knew it. He said he didn't tell us or give people a warning of it because he didn't want to panic the American people. You don't panic. He panicked. In addition to that, what did he do?

**Vice President Biden** [00:23:00] He went in and he... We were insisting that the Chinese, the people we had on the ground in China should be able to go to Wuhan and determine for themselves how dangerous this was. He did not even ask Xi to do that. He told us what a great job Xi was doing. He said we owe him a debt of gratitude for being so transparent with us. And what did he do then? He then did nothing. He waited and waited and waited. He still doesn't have a plan. I laid out back in March exactly what we should be doing. And I laid out again in July what we should be doing. We should be providing all the protective gear possible, we should be providing the money the House has passed in order to be able to go out and get people the help they need to keep their businesses open, open schools that cost a lot of money. You should get out of your bunker and get out of the sand trap in your golf course and go in the Oval Office and bring together the Democrats, Republicans and fund what needs to be done now to save lives.

**Chris Wallace** [00:23:58] You have two minutes sir.

**President Trump** [00:23:59] So if we would have listened to you, the country would have been left wide open. Millions of people would have died, not 200000. And one person is too much. It's China's fault. It should have never happened. They stopped it from going in, but it was China's fault. And by the way, when you talk about numbers, you don't know how many people died in China. You don't know how many people died in Russia. You don't know how many people died in India. They don't exactly give you a straight count, just so you understand. But if you look at what we've done, I closed it and you said he's xenophobic, he's a racist and he's xenophobic because you don't think you should have closed our country and, wait a minute. You didn't think we should have closed our country because you thought it was too. It was terrible. You wouldn't have closed it for another two months. By my doing it early. In fact, Dr. Fauci said President Trump saved thousands of lives. Many of you, a Democrat governors, said President Trump did a phenomenal job. We worked with the governor. Oh, really? Go take a look. The governors said I did a phenomenal job. Most of them said that, in fact, people that would not be necessarily on my side said that President Trump did a phenomenal job. We did. We got the gowns. We got the masks. We made the ventilators. You wouldn't have made ventilators. And now we're weeks away from a vaccine. We're doing therapeutics already.

**President Trump** [00:25:18] Fewer people are dying when they get sick. Far fewer people are dying. We've done a great job. The only thing I haven't done a good job. And that's because of the fake news. No matter what you say to him, they give you a bad press on. It's just fake news. They give you good press. They give me bad press because that's the way it is, unfortunately. But let me just tell you something. I don't care. I've gotten used to it. But I'll tell you, Joe, you could never have done the job that we did. You don't have it in your blood. You could have never done that Joe.

**Vice President Biden** [00:25:44] I know how to do the job. I know how to get the job done.

**President Trump** [00:25:47] You didn't do very well in swine flu, H1N1. You were a disaster. Your own Chief of Staff said you were a disaster.

**Vice President Biden** [00:25:54] Fourteen thousand people died. Not 200000. There was no economic recession.

**Chris Wallace** [00:26:02] Sir, you've made a point, let him answer.

**Vice President Biden** [00:26:02] And there was no one. There's no we didn't shut down the economy. This is his economy has been. He's shut down. The reason it's shut down is because, look, you folks at home, how many you get up this morning and had an empty chair at the kitchen table because someone died of COVID. How many of you are in a situation where you lost her mom or dad and you couldn't even speak to them, you had a nurse holding a phone up so you could, in fact, say goodbye.

**President Trump** [00:26:26] You would have lost far more people. You'd have been months late.

**Vice President Biden** [00:26:33] His own CDC director says we could lose as many as another 200000 people between now and the end of the year. And he held it. He said if we just wear a mask, we can save half those numbers. Just just a mask. And by the way, in terms of the whole notion of a vaccine, we're for a vaccine, but we don't trust him at all. Or do you? I know you don't.

**Vice President Biden** [00:26:53] Well, we trust as a scientist.

**President Trump** [00:26:55] You don't trust Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer.

**Chris Wallace** [00:26:59] Gentlemen, let me move on to questions about the future, because you both have touched on. One of the, two of the questions I'm going to ask to focusing on the future first, President Trump, you have repeatedly either contradicted or been at odds with some of your government's own top scientists. The week before last, the head of the Centers for Disease Control, Dr. Redfield, said it would be summer before the vaccine would become generally available to the public. You said that he was confused and mistaken. Those were your two words. But, Dr. Slaoui, the head of your Operation Warp Speed has said exactly the same thing. Are they both wrong?

**President Trump** [00:27:38] Well, I've spoken to the companies and we can have it a lot sooner. It's a very political thing because people like this would rather make it political than save lives. It is a very political thing. I've spoken to Pfizer has spoken to all of the people that you have to speak to. We have great Moderna, Johnson and Johnson and others. They can go faster than that by a lot. It's become very political, because the left or I don't know..

**Chris Wallace** [00:28:02] So you're suggesting that your head of your Operation Warp Speed, Dr Slaoui...

**President Trump** [00:28:05] I disagree with him. No, I disagree with both of them. And he didn't say that. He said it could be there, but it could also be much. And I had him in my office studio.

**Chris Wallace** [00:28:13] He talked about the summer, sir, before it's generally available to us.

**President Trump** [00:28:16] He said it's a possibility that we'll have the answer before November 1st.

**Chris Wallace** [00:28:23] But will it be generally available?

**President Trump** [00:28:24] Well, we're going to deliver it right away. We have the military all set up. Logistically, they're all set up. We have our military that delivers soldiers and they can do two hundred thousand a day.

**Vice President Biden** [00:28:34] This is the same man who said that by Easter, this would be gone away by the warm weather. It'd be gone. Miraculously, it's like a miracle. And by the way, maybe could inject some bleach in your arm and that would take care of it.

**President Trump** [00:28:47] That was said sarcastically and you know that.

**Vice President Biden** [00:28:51] So here's the deal. This man is talking about a vaccine. Every serious, every serious company is talking about maybe having the vaccine done by the end of the year. But the distribution of that vaccine will not occur until sometime beginning or the middle of next year to get it out. If we get the vaccine and pray God we will, pray God we will.

**Chris Wallace** [00:29:12] We, Mr. Vice President, want to pick up on that. I want to pick up on this question, though.

**Chris Wallace** [00:29:16] You say the public can trust the scientists, but they can't trust President Trump, in fact. You said that again tonight. Your running mate, Senator Harris, goes further, saying the public health experts, quote, will be muzzled, will be suppressed. Given the fact that polls already show that people are concerned about the vaccine and are reluctant to take it. Are you and your running mate, Senator Harris, contributing to that fear?

**Vice President Biden** [00:29:42] No more than the question you just asked him. You pointed out he puts pressure and disagrees with his own scientists.

**Chris Wallace** [00:29:49] But you're saying and senator Harris are saying that you can't trust the scientists?

**Vice President Biden** [00:29:52] Well, no. No, you can trust the scientists. She didn't say that.

**Chris Wallace** [00:29:56] She said that public health experts, quote, will be muzzled, will be suppressed.

**Vice President Biden** [00:30:00] Well, that's what he's going to try to do. But there's millions of scientists and there's thousands of scientists out there like here at this great hospital that don't work for him. Their job doesn't depend on him. That's not there are the people there.

**President Trump** [00:30:14] According to the scientists that are in charge, they will have the vaccine very soon.

**Vice President Biden** [00:30:18] Do you believe for a moment what he's telling you in light of all the lies he's told you about, the whole issue relating to COVID. He's still hasn't even acknowledged that he knew this was happening, knew how dangerous are going to be back in February. And he didn't even tell you he's on record as saying that he panicked or he just looked at the stock market. One of the two, because guess what? A lot of people died and a lot more are going to die unless he gets a lot smarter a lot sooner.

**President Trump** [00:30:52] Did you use the word smart?

**President Trump** [00:30:55] So you said you went to Delaware State, but you forgot the name of your college. You didn't go to Delaware State, you graduated. Either the lowest or almost the lowest in your class. Don't ever use the word smart with me. Don't ever use that word. Because you know what? There's nothing smart about you, Joe. 47 years you've done nothing. Let me just tell you something, Joe. No. If you would have had the charge of what I was put through, I had to close the greatest economy in the history of our country. And by the way, now it's being built again.

**Chris Wallace** [00:31:25] So we're going after the economy in the next segment, sir.

**President Trump** [00:31:27] It's going up fast. OK.

**Chris Wallace** [00:31:30] And when it comes to how the virus has been handled so far, the two of you have taken very different approaches. And this is going to affect how the virus is handled going forward by whichever of you ends up becoming the next president. I want to quickly go through several of those reopenings. Vice President Biden, you have been much more reluctant than President Trump about reopening the economy and schools. Why, sir?

**Vice President Biden** [00:31:55] Because he doesn't have a plan. If I were running, I knew what the plan is. You've got to provide these businesses the ability to have the money to be able to reopen with the PPE as well as with sanitation they need. You have to provide it. Will, he just just shush for a minute. By the way, Nancy Pelosi and Schumer. They have a plan. He won't even meet with them. The Republicans won't meet on the Senate. But he had he sits he sits on his golf course.

**Chris Wallace** [00:32:30] What about this question of reopenings?

**President Trump** [00:32:32] Well he wants to shut down this country. And I want to keep it open. Let me shut you down for a second Joe, just for one second. We want to he wants to shut down the country. We just went through it. We had to because we didn't know anything about the disease. Now we found that elderly people with heart problems and diabetes and different problems are very, very vulnerable. We learned a lot. Young children aren't. Even younger people aren't. We've learned a lot. But he wants to shut it down. More people will be hurt by continuing. If you look at Pennsylvania, if you look at certain states that have been shut down, they have Democrat governors. All one of the reasons is shut down is because they want to keep it shut down until after the election on November 3rd because it's a political thing. Those states are not doing well, which are shut down.

**Chris Wallace** [00:33:23] I want to move onto another subject.

**Chris Wallace** [00:33:29] President Trump, you have begun to increasingly question the effectiveness of masks as a disease preventer. And in fact, recently you have cited the issue of of waiters touching their mouths and touching plates. Are you questioning the effectiveness of masks?

**President Trump** [00:33:42] No, I think masks are OK, you have to understand, if you look I mean, I have a mask right here. I put a mask on if, you know, when I think I need it tonight as an example, everybody's had a test and you've had social distancing and all of the things that you have to. But I wear masks when needed. When needed. I wear a mask. I don't have I don't wear masks like him. Every time you see him, he's got a mask. He could be speaking 200 feet away from it. He shows up with the biggest mask I've ever seen.

**Chris Wallace** [00:34:09] Vice President Biden. Go ahead, sir.

**Vice President Biden** [00:34:11] Look, the way to open businesses is giving them the wherewithal to be able open. We provided money the economy...

**Chris Wallace** [00:34:18] I was asking about masks.

**Vice President Biden** [00:34:20] Well, mask, mask make a big difference. His own head of the CDC said if we just wore masks between now, if everybody wore masks and social distanced between now and January, we'd probably save up to a hundred thousand lives. It matters.

**President Trump** [00:34:33] And they've all since said opposite.

**Vice President Biden** [00:34:36] No serious person said the opposite.

**Chris Wallace** [00:34:50] I want to ask you about one last subject, because your different approach has even affected the way that you have campaigned. President Trump, you're holding large rallies with crowds packed together. Thousands of people outside. Outside. Yes, sir. A great Vice President Biden. You are holding much smaller events.

**President Trump** [00:35:09] Because nobody will show up. Nobody shows up to his.

**Chris Wallace** [00:35:14] All right. In any case, why are you holding the big rallies? Why you not? You go first, sir.

**President Trump** [00:35:19] Because people want to hear what I have to say.

**Chris Wallace** [00:35:22] Are you not worried about spreading disease?

**President Trump** [00:35:22] I mean, you know, is the president and I have 25, 35000 people show up at airports. We use airports. You're not worried about. We have a lot of people. Well, so far, we have had no problem whatsoever. It's outside. That's a big difference, according to the experts. We do them outside. We have tremendous crowds, as you see. I mean, every. And literally on 24 hours notice. And Joe does the circles and has three people someplace. Oh, God.

**Vice President Biden** [00:35:50] By the way, just to decide to run the last four big rallies he has. And a reporter came up to him to ask him a question. He said, no, no, no. Stand back. Put on your mask. Put on a mask. Have you been tested? I'm way, way far away from those other people. That's what he said. I can't I'm going to be OK. He now worried about you. He's not worried about the people out there breathing one.

**President Trump** [00:36:11] We've had no negativity now, no negative effect. We've had no negative effect. And we've had 35, 40 thousand people at these rallies.

**Chris Wallace** [00:36:19] Yeah, let's quickly finish up because I want to move on to our next subject.

**Vice President Biden** [00:36:21] Yes, I would. He's been totally irresponsible, the way in which he has handled the social distancing and people wearing masks basically encouraged him not to. And he's a fool on this.

**President Trump** [00:36:31] If you could get the crowds, you would have done the same thing. But you can't. Nobody cares.

**Chris Wallace** [00:36:37] Gentlemen, can we move on to the economy? The economy is, I think it's fair to say, recovering faster than expected from the shutdown in the second quarter. The unemployment rate fell to eight point four percent last month. The Federal Reserve says the hit to growth, which is going to be there, is not going to be nearly as big as they had expected. President Trump, you say we are in a v shaped recovery. Vice President Biden, you say it's more of a K shape. What difference does that mean to the American people in terms of the economy, President Trump, in this segment, you'll go first.

**President Trump** [00:37:15] So we built the greatest economy in history. We closed it down because of the China plague. When the plague came in, we closed it down, which was very hard psychologically to do. He didn't think we should close it down and he was wrong again. Two million people would be dead now instead of still. Two hundred and four thousand people is too much. One person is too much. Should never happen from China. But what happened is we closed it down and now we're reopening and we're doing record business. We had ten point four million people in a four month period that we've put back into the workforce. That's a record the likes of which nobody's ever seen before.

**President Trump** [00:37:50] And he wants to close down the he will shut it down again. He will destroy this country. You know, a lot of people between drugs and alcohol and depression, when you start shutting it down, you take a look at what's happening at some of your Democrat run states where they have these tough shutdowns. And I'm telling you, it's because they don't want to open it. One of them came out last week. You saw that? Oh, we're going to open up in November 9th, why November 9th? Because it's after the election. They think they're hurting us by keeping them closed. They're hurting people. People know what to do. They can social distance. They can wash their hands. They can wear masks. They can do whatever they want. But they got to open these states up. When you look at North Carolina, when you look and these governors are under siege, Pennsylvania, Michigan and a couple of others, you got to open these states up. It's not fair. You're talking about almost it's like being in prison and you look at what's going on with divorce. Look at what's going on with alcoholism and drugs. It's a very, very sad thing. And he'll close down the whole country. This guy will close down the whole country and destroy our country. Our country is coming back incredibly well, setting records as it does it. We don't need somebody to come in and say, let's shut it down.

**Chris Wallace** [00:39:00] All right. Your two minutes, sir. We're now moved to you, as I as I said, posing the question. The president says it's a V shaped recovery. You say it's a K shaped recovery. What's the difference?

**President Trump** [00:39:12] Difference is, millionaires and billionaires like him in the middle of COVID crisis have done very well. And other billionaires have made another 300 billion dollars because of his profligate tax proposal. And he only focuses on the market.

**Vice President Biden** [00:39:30] But you folks at home, you folks living in Scranton and Claremont and all the small towns and Working-Class towns in America, how are you doing? This guy paid a total of seven hundred fifty dollars in taxes. Any mayor?

**Chris Wallace** [00:39:43] I understand you've agreed to the two minutes, so please let him have it.

**Vice President Biden** [00:39:46] Do I get my time back? The fact is that he is in fact worked on this in a way that he's going to be the first president United States to leave office having fewer jobs in his administration than when he became president. Fewer jobs than when he became president. First one in American history.

**Vice President Biden** [00:40:04] Secondly, the people who have lost their jobs are those people who have been on the front lines. Those people who have been saving our lives. Those people who have been out there dying. People who weren't putting themselves in a way to make sure that we could all try to make it. And the idea that he is insisting that we can go forward and open when you have almost half the states in America with a significant increase in COVID deaths and covered cases in the United States, America. And he wants to open it up more. Why does he want to open it up? Why doesn't he take care of America? You can't fix the economy until you fix the COVID crisis. And he has no intention of doing anything about making it better for you all at home in terms of your health and your safety. Schools. Why aren't schools open? Because it costs a lot of money to open safely. You know, they were going to give his administration here to give the teachers and school students mask. Then he decided, no, couldn't do that because it's not a national emergency. Not a national emergency. They've done nothing to help small businesses. Nothing. They're closing. One in six is now gone. He ought to get on the job and take care of the needs of the American people so we can open safe.

**Chris Wallace** [00:41:17] Your time is up, sir.

**President Trump** [00:41:19] Do I get to respond to that.

**Chris Wallace** [00:41:21] Well, you both had two minutes, sir.

**President Trump** [00:41:23] Excuse me. He made a statement. People want their schools... no. People want their schools open. They don't want to be shut down. They don't want their state shut down. They want their restaurants. I look at New York. It's so sad what's happening in New York. It's almost like a ghost town. And I'm not sure it can ever recover what they've done in New York. People want their places open. They want to get back to their lives.

**President Trump** [00:41:43] They'll be careful. But they want their schools open. I'm the one that brought back football. By the way, I brought back big 10 football. It was me. And I'm very happy to do it.

**President Trump** [00:41:54] And the people of Ohio are very proud of me. [unclear]

**Chris Wallace** [00:41:58] So, gentlemen, we're going to get to your economic plans going forward in a moment. But first, Mr. President, as you well know, there's a new report that in 2016, the year you were elected president and 2017, your first year as president, that you paid 750 dollars a year in federal income tax each of those years. I know that you pay a lot of other taxes, but I'm asking you the specific question. Is it true that you paid 750 dollars in federal income taxes each of those two years?

**President Trump** [00:42:31] I paid millions of dollars in taxes, millions of dollars of income tax. And let me just tell you, there was a story in one of the papers.

**Biden** [00:42:39] Show us your tax returns.

**President Trump** [00:42:39] I paid thirty eight million dollars one year. I paid 27 million dollars in tax one year. I went, you'll see it as soon as it's finished. You'll see it. You know, if you wanted to go to the Board of Elections, there's one hundred and eighteen page or so report that says everything I have, every bank I have, I'm totally under leveraged because the assets are extremely good and we have a very we have... I built our....

**Chris Wallace** [00:43:10] Mr. President, I'm asking you a specific question. Will you tell us how much you paid in federal income taxes in 2016 and 2017?

**President Trump** [00:43:20] Millions of dollars.

**Chris Wallace** [00:43:21] You paid millions of dollars. Not 750?

**President Trump** [00:43:22] Millions of dollars, and you'll get to see it ...and you'll get to see it.

**President Trump** [00:43:27] But let me tell you, Chris, let me just tell you something it was the tax laws, I don't want to pay tax. Before I came here, I was a private developer. I was a private business people. Like every other private person, unless they're stupid, they go through the laws and that's what it is.

**President Trump** [00:43:44] He passed a tax bill that gave us all these privileges for depreciation and for tax credits. We built the building and we get tax credits like the hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue. You get a massive which, by the way, was given to me by the Obama administration, if you can believe that.

**Overtalk** [00:44:01] Now, the men got fire out right after that happened, but I started inviting you to respond.

**Vice President Biden** [00:44:06] Yeah, I do want to respond. Look, the tax code that made him put him in a position that he pays less tax than a schoolteacher make the money a school teacher makes is because of him take. He says he's smart because he can take advantage of the tax code and he does take advantage of a tax cut. That's why I'm going to eliminate the Trump tax cuts and we're going to rack and eliminate those taxes and make sure that we invest in the people who, in fact, need to help people out there need help.

**Overtalk** [00:44:37] But why do you guys do it over the last 25 years? Because we do it because you are president screwing things up. You are a senator and you're the worst president in America has ever had job.

**President Trump** [00:44:48] Let me just say, Joe, I've done more in in 47 months. I've done more than you've done in 47 years, Joe. We've done things that you never even thought of, including mixing the broken military that you gave me, taking care of you.

**Chris Wallace** [00:45:02] Mr. President, we're talking about the economy. I'd like to ask you about your plans going forward, because, Mr. Vice President, your economic plan if you were to be elected president focuses a lot on big government, big taxes, big spending. I want to focus first on the taxes. You proposed more than four trillion dollars over a decade and new taxes on individuals making more than four hundred thousand dollars a year and on corporations. President Trump says that that kind of increase in taxes is going to hurt the economy as it's just coming out of a recession.

**Vice President Biden** [00:45:37] Well, just take a look at what is the analysis been done by Wall Street firms. Points out that might my economic plan would create seven million more jobs than his in four years, number one. And number two, it would create an additional one trillion dollars in economic growth because it would be about buying American, that we have to, we're gonna make the federal government spend six hundred billion dollars a year on everything from ships to steel to buildings and the like. And under my proposal, we're going to make sure that every penny of that has to be made by a company.

**Chris Wallace** [00:46:14] But respectfully, sir, I'm talking about taxes, not spending.

**Vice President Biden** [00:46:16] Well, by the way, I'm going to eliminate significant number the tax I know make the, the, the corporate tax 28 percent. It shouldn't be 21 percent. You have 19 companies, 91 companies, federal. I mean, in the Fortune 500 who don't pay a single penny in tax, making billions of dollars.

**President Trump** [00:46:33] Why didn't you do it before when you were Vice President for Obama?

**Vice President Biden** [00:46:36] Because you in fact, passed that, that we feel like tax repro.

**President Trump** [00:46:40] Get it done. And, you know,.

**Overtalk** [00:46:41] It happened and you got it down. Economy boom. It's never been the economy of president.

**Chris Wallace** [00:46:45] Let me. Mr President, let me pick up on that. You would continue your free market approach. Lower taxes, more deregulation. Correct.

**Vice President Biden** [00:46:54] Not lower taxes of American people.

**Chris Wallace** [00:46:57] But. But in Obama's, you talk about the economy booming. It turns out that in Obama's final three years as president, more jobs were created, a million and a half more jobs than in the first three years of your presidency.

**President Trump** [00:47:11] They had the slowest recovery since 19..., economic recovery since 1929. It was the slowest recovery. Also, they took over something that was down here. All you had to do is turn on the lights and you pick up a lot. But they had the slowest economic recovery since 1929. Let me talk about the stock market. When the stock market goes up, that means jobs. It also means 401K's, if you got in, if you ever became president with your ideas, you want to terminate my tax, my taxes. I'll tell you what you'll lose half of the companies that have poured in here will leave.

**Overtalk** [00:47:44] And plenty of companies that are already here, they'll largely other places have they will leave and you will have a depression,.

**President Trump** [00:47:50] The likes of which you've never seen.

**Vice President Biden** [00:47:52] Look, we inherited the worst recession short of a depression in American history. I was asked to bring it back. We were able to have an economic recovery that created the jobs you're talking about. We handed him a booming economy.

**Vice President Biden** [00:48:07] He blew it.

**Overtalk** [00:48:07] It was it. He looing he blew us in booming. It was well, it was the week on the street. There is a certain way. Why is it.

**Chris Wallace** [00:48:14] Is it fair to say he blew it when -.

**Overtalk** [00:48:16] And when I go with it.

**Chris Wallace** [00:48:17] When there was record low unemployment before Covid?

**Vice President Biden** [00:48:21] Yeah. Because what he did even before Covid manufacturing went in the hole. Manufacturing went in a hole.

**Overtalk** [00:48:27] Excuse me, Swabia to Chris. Number three, they said you would take it. Now you're number two. No,.

**President Trump** [00:48:33] Chris. Chris. They said it would is a miracle to bring back manufacturing. I brought back 700,000 jobs. They brought back nothing. They gave up on manufacturing.

**Overtalk** [00:48:43] We are now standard fare. I'm the guy that told, like on one million back. All right.

**Vice President Biden** [00:48:48] But we brought back. I was asked to bring back Chrysler and General Motors brought them back right here in the state of Ohio, in Michigan. He blew it. They're gone. He blew it. And in fact -

**Overtalk** [00:48:58] They're going hio had the best year it's ever had last year. Michigan had the best year they've ever had. It's not your. Companies come in from Germany, from John and I went to Michigan. It went to Ohio, not high. And they didn't tell me to do.

[00:49:10] Mr. Vice President go ahead.

**Vice President Biden** [00:49:11] And so you take a look at what he's actually done. He's done very little. His trade deals are the same way. He talks about these great trade deals. You know, he talks about the art of the deal. China's made perfected the art of the steal. We have a higher deficit with China now than we did before.

**Overtalk** [00:49:28] We have the highest deficit, trade deficit, China with Mexico on steroids. El-Naggar sent in China eight.

**President Trump** [00:49:33] Your lunch, Joe. And no wonder your son goes in and he takes out, what, he takes out billions of dollars, takes out billions of dollars to manage. He makes millions of dollars and also said while we're at it, why is it just out of curiosity, the mayor of Moscow's wife, gave you son three and a half million dollars as what did he do to deserve it?

**Overtalk** [00:49:53] That you do with Barazan of deserve a one hundred eighty three thousand dollars on that last and an answer, if not none of that is true is really hard.

**Overtalk** [00:50:02] Now the president is totally president plays totally discredited, totally discredited. And by the way. Well, we I. A million dollars. Yeah. Mr. Vice. He got three dollars. That is not true. Really? Mr. President, I miss you. It's an it's an open discussion. Please. How about you? It's a fact. Well, you have raised an issue like there's been times rather than answer discredited burglars are here 183 Thalia's a month with no experience and energy. Now, GI Song did nothing wrong. And in I think you did. Mr. Presley died of cancer.

**Vice President Biden** [00:50:37] He didn't even let me answer because he knows I have the truth. His position has been totally, thoroughly discredited.

**Overtalk** [00:50:43] And good idea by everybody. Well, by the media. By our allies. By the World Bank. By everyone has discredited. Matter of fact, matter of fact, has been the president who tells us that he lied under oath. So let me ask you this. Oh, no doubt. Go ahead, Mr.. I'm listening to you. People under you get three and a half testify on a scale test. He testified under oath and his administration said, I did my job and I did it very well. I longer know who they are. Every war. I'll give you the list of the people who test. Go ahead, sir. You've already fired most of them because they didn't do a job. Some people don't. Well, here's it with you guys. Wait a minute. You get the final word, Millo.

**Vice President Biden** [00:51:23] It's hard to get any word in with this clown. Excuse me.

**Overtalk** [00:51:25] This. Let me just say it. No, no, no. Mr. President. Running for president. No. That is simply why did I deserve three and a half million from Moscow?

**Vice President Biden** [00:51:33] Look, here's the deal. We want to talk about families and ethics. I don't want to do that. I mean, his family. We could talk about all night.

**Overtalk** [00:51:42] His family's are his family. Let him. Have already lost a fortune by coming down and helping out with governor. Had said that. I said Mr. President, such a single one of them was this is not about my family or his family. It's about your family. Feeding American and a half million doesn't. That's not true.

**Vice President Biden** [00:51:58] He doesn't want to talk about what you need. You, the American people. It's about you. That's what we're talking about.

**Overtalk** [00:52:06] All right. That's the end of the segment we're we're moving on. It didn't take that vice president. No. Can I be honest. It's a very important question. Try to be honest. He stood up. No. He stood up. The answer of the question is no. And he threatened Ukraine. No, sir. With a billion, sir, dollars, you've got. That is absolutely not true. You know, what. Stop. When you're way not off route, you're out doing it. You're going to have a true.

**Chris Wallace** [00:52:27] Gentlemen. I hate to raise my voice, but I seems to be. Why shouldn't I be different than the two of you?

**Chris Wallace** [00:52:32] So here's the deal. We have six segments, we have ended that segment. We're going to go to the next segment in that segment. You each are going to have two uninterrupted moments in those two interrupted minutes, Mr. President. You can say anything you want. I've been asked a question about race. But if you want to answer about something else, go ahead.

**Chris Wallace** [00:52:51] But I think the country would be better served if we allowed both people to speak with fewer interruptions. I'm appealing to you, sir, to do that. And him, too. Well, frankly, you've been doing more interrupting. That's right. But he does plenty well. Less than, sir, less than. He does plenty. No, less than you have. Let's please continue on the issue of race. Vice President Biden, you say that President Trump's response to the violence in Charlottesville three years ago when he talked about very fine people on both sides, was what directly led you to launch this run for president. Oh, yeah sure. President Trump, you have often said that you believe you have done more for black Americans than any president, with the possible exception of Abraham Lincoln. It's true. My question for the two of you is, why should voters trust you rather than your opponent to deal with the race issues facing this country over the next four years? Vice President Biden, you go first.

**Vice President Biden** [00:53:53] It's about equity and equality, it's about decency. It's about the Constitution. And we have never walked away from trying to require equity for everyone, equality for the whole of America. But we've never accomplished it, but we've never walked away from it like he has done. It is true. The reason I got in the race is when most people close your eyes, remember what those people look like coming out of the fields, carrying torches, their veins bulging spewing, just spewing anti-Semitic bile and accompanied by the Ku Klux Klan. A young woman got killed and they asked the president what he thought he said were very fine people on both sides. No president has ever said anything like that. It is now second, sir. Second point I'd make to you is that when Floyd was when Mr. Floyd was killed, there was a peaceful protest in front of the White House. What did he do? He came out of his bunker, had the military to use tear gas on them so he could walk across to a church and hold up a Bible. And then what happened after that? The bishop of that very church said that it was a disgrace. The general who was with him said he only only ever wants to divide people, not unite people at all.

**Vice President Biden** [00:55:06] This is a president who has used everything as a dog whistle to try to generate racist hatred, racist division. This is a man who, in fact, you talk about helping African-Americans. One in 1000 African-Americans has been kille because of the cone, the Coronavirus, and if he doesn't do something quickly by the end of the year, one in 500 will have been killed. One in five hundred African-Americans. This man this man is the is the savior of African-Americans? This man cares at all? This man's done virtually nothing. Look, the fact is that you have to look at what he's talking about. You have to look at what he did. And what he did has been disastrous for the African-American community.

**Chris Wallace** [00:55:50] So, President Trump, you have two minutes.

**Chris Wallace** [00:55:53] Why should Americans trust you over your opponent to deal with race.

**President Trump** [00:55:58] He did a crime bill, 1994, where you call them super predators.

**President Trump** [00:56:03] African-Americans are super predators and they've never forgotten it. They've never forgotten it Joe. I never said. No, sir. It's his two minutes. So you did that and they call you a super predator. And I'm letting people out of jail. Now that you have treated the African-American population community, you have treated the black community about as bad as anybody in this country.

**President Trump** [00:56:22] You did the ninety. And that's why if you look at the polls, I'm doing better than any Republican has done in a long time because they saw what you did. You call them super predators and you've called them worse than that, because you look back at your testimony over the years, you've called them a lot worse than that as far as the church is concerned. And as far as the generals are concerned, we just got the support of 200, 250 military leaders and generals, total support, law enforcement, almost every law enforcement group in the United States. I have Florida. I have Texas. I have Ohio. I have every excuse me, Portland. The sheriff just came out today and he said, I support President Trump. I don't think you have any law enforcement. You can't even say the word law enforce, because if you say those words, you're going to lose all of your radical left supporters. And why aren't you saying those words Joe? Why don't you say the words law enforcement? Because you know what? If they called us in Portland, we would put out that fire in a half an hour. But they won't do it because they're run by radical left Democrats. If you look at Chicago, if you look at any place you want to look, Seattle, they heard we were coming in the following day and they put up their hands and we got back Seattle, Minneapolis. We got it back, Joe, because we believe in law and order. But you don't. The top ten cities and just about the top 40 cities are run by Democrats, in many cases, radical left. And they've got you wrapped around their finger, Joe, to a point where you don't want to say anything about law and order. And I'll tell you what the people of this country want and demand law and order. And you're afraid to even say it.

**Chris Wallace** [00:57:58] All right. I want to I want to return to the question of race. Vice President Biden, after the grand jury and the Briona Taylor case decided not to charge any of the police with homicide. You said it raises the question, quote, whether justice could be equally applied in America. Do you believe that there is a separate but unequal system of justice for blacks in this country?

**Vice President Biden** [00:58:23] Yes, there is. There's systemic. There's systemic injustice in this country, in education and work and in in law enforcement and the way in which it's enforced. But, look, the vast majority of police officers are good, decent, honorable men and women. They risk their lives every day to take care of us. But there are some bad apples. And when they occur, when they find them, they have to be sorted out. They have to be held accountable. They have to be held accountable. And what I'm going to do as President of the United States is called a... Together, an entire group of people at the White House, from everything from a civil rights groups to the police officers, the police chiefs, and we're going to work this out. We're going to work this out, so we change the way in which we have more transparency when these things happen. These cops aren't happy to see what happened to George Floyd. These cops aren't happy to see what happened to Breonna Taylor. Most don't like it. But we have to have a system where people are held accountable when, and by the way. Violence in response is never appropriate. Never appropriate. Peaceful protest is, violence is never appropriate.

**Chris Wallace** [00:59:28] Alright.

**President Trump** [00:59:29] What is peaceful protest when they run through the middle of the town and burn down your stores and kill people all over the place?

**Overtalk** [00:59:35] President Trump. That is not peaceful. No it's not but you say it is. I did not say.

**Chris Wallace** [00:59:39] President Trump, I'd like to continue with the issue of race. I promise we're gonna get to the issue of law and order in a moment.

**Chris Wallace** [00:59:45] This month, your administration directed federal agencies to end racial sensitivity training that addresses white privilege or critical race theory. Why did you decide to do that? To end racial sensitivity training? And do you believe that there is systemic racism in this country, sir?

**President Trump** [01:00:05] I ended it because it's racist. I ended it because a lot of people were complaining that they were asked to do things that were absolutely insane, that it was a radical revolution that was taking place in our military, in our schools all over the place. And you know it. And so does everybody else.

**Overtalk** [01:00:25] Right. And he would know what is radical about racial sensitivity training, sir?

**President Trump** [01:00:28] If you are a certain person, you had no status in life. It was sort of a reversal. And if you look at the people, we were paying people hundreds of thousands of dollars to teach very bad ideas and frankly, very sick ideas and, and really, they were teaching people to hate our country. And I'm not going to do that. I'm not going to allow that to happen. We have to go back to the core values of this country. They were teaching people that our country is a horrible place, it's a racist place, and they were teaching people to hate our country. And I'm not going to allow that to happen.

**Chris Wallace** [01:01:02] Vice President Biden.

**Vice President Biden** [01:01:03] Nobody's doing that. He's just he's racist.

**President Trump** [01:01:06] You just don't know.

**Vice President Biden** [01:01:06] Here's the deal.

**Overtalk** [01:01:07] I know a lot more about it. Let him finish it.

**Vice President Biden** [01:01:11] The fact is that there is racial insensitivity, people have to be made aware of what other people feel like, what what insults sthemome, what is demeaning to them. It's important to people know they don't want to, many people don't want to hurt other people's feelings. But it makes, it makes a big difference. It makes a gigantic difference in the way a child is able to grow up and have a sense, a sense of self-esteem. It's a little bit like how this guy and, and his friends looked down on so many people and looked down their nose on people like Irish Catholics like me who grew up in Scranton. They look down on people who don't have money. They look down on people who are of a different faith. They look down on people who are a different color. In fact, we're all Americans. The only way we're going to bring this country together is bring everybody together. There's nothing we cannot do, if we do it together, we can take this on and we can defeat racism in America.

**Chris Wallace** [01:02:05] I mean, President Trump sir.

**President Trump** [01:02:07] During the Obama-Biden administration, there was tremendous division. There was hatred. You look at Ferguson, you look at you go to very many places, look at Oakland, look what happened in Oakland. Look what happened in Baltimore. Look, what happened, frankly, was more violent than what I'm even seeing now.

**Overtalk** [01:02:25] But the reason this is that the Democrats that run these cities, ridiculous, don't want to talk like you about law and order, violent crime, you still haven't mentioned.

**President Trump** [01:02:34] Are you in favor of law and order?

**Vice President Biden** [01:02:35] I'm in favor of law -.

**Overtalk** [01:02:37] You follow the law and order go ask. You asked a question a lot of law and order. Is this law that.

**Vice President Biden** [01:02:43] Law and order with justice where people get treated fairly. And the fact of the matter is violent crime is down 17 percent, 15 percent in our administration. All rights. It's gone up on his watch.

**Overtalk** [01:02:55] Is down much more in our. All right. When you're president, you're going to have a man. Mr. President, every record and the Mr. President are gonna be very happy. We're not going to talk about law and. We had trouble were Democratic-run cities. That's exactly my question was right.

**Chris Wallace** [01:03:09] There has been a dramatic increase in homicides in America this summer particularly. And you often blame that on Democratic mayors and Democratic governors. But in fact, there have been equivalent spikes in Republican led cities like Tulsa and Fort Worth. So the question is, is this really a party issue?

**President Trump** [01:03:29] I think it's a party issue. You can bring in a couple of examples. But if you look at Chicago, what's going on in Chicago where 53 people were shot and eight died. Shot. If you look at New York, where it's going up like nobody's ever seen anything, the numbers are going up. One hundred hundred and fifty two hundred percent crime.

**President Trump** [01:03:47] It's the way it is. It's crazy what's going on. And he doesn't want to say law and order because he can't because he'll lose his radical left supporters. And once he does that, it's over with. But if he ever got to run this country and they ran it the way he would want to run it, we would have. We want suburbs gone, by the way. Our suburbs would be gone.

**Overtalk** [01:04:06] And you would see problems like you would known a suburb unless he took a wrong turn. I know somebody would not. Oh, my God. Go ahead. Wait.

**Vice President Biden** [01:04:13] I was raised in the suburbs. This is not 1950. All these dog whistles and racism don't work anymore. Suburbs are, by and large, integrated. There's many people today driving their kids to soccer practice and or to, black and white and Hispanic in the same car as there have been any time in the past. What's what really is a threat to the suburbs, and their safety is his failure to deal with COVID. They're dying in the suburbs. His failure to deal with the environment. They're being flooded. They're being burned out because he's refusing to do any. That's why the suburbs are in trouble.

**Chris Wallace** [01:04:46] I do want to talk about this issue of law and order, though. And in the joint recommendation that came from the Biden-Bernie Sanders taskforce, you talked about, quote, "reimagining policing". First of all, what does reimagining policing mean? And do you support it means let me if I might finish the question. What is reimagining policing mean? And do you support the Black Lives Matter call for for community control of policing.

**Vice President Biden** [01:05:18] Look, what I support is the police having the opportunity to deal with the problems they face. And I'm totally opposed to defunding the police officers. It's a matter of fact, police, local police, the only one defunding in his budget, calls for a 400 million dollar cut in local law enforcement assistance. They need more assistance. They need when they show up for a 911 call to have someone with them as a psychologist or psychiatrist to keep them from having to use force and be able to talk people down. We have to have community policing like we had before, where the officers get to know the people in the communities. That's when crime went down. It didn't go up. It went down.

**Overtalk** [01:05:57] And so we have to be. That's not where they've talking about. That is that's now what they still got defunding that police. That is not true. He doesn't have any law support you. He has no law enforcement support. That's not true. Almost nothing.

**President Trump** [01:06:11] Oh, really? Who do you have? Name one group that supports you. Name one group that came out and supported you. Go ahead, think, we have time.

**Overtalk** [01:06:18] We don't have time to do it now. All right. All right. One law enforcement group, that element I think I'm going into. I'm going to take back. I'm not gonna run.

**Chris Wallace** [01:06:28] And I want to get to another subject, which is the issue of protests in many cities that have turned violent. In Portland, Oregon, especially, we had a more than 100 straight days of protests, which I think you would agree, you talk about peaceful protests. Many of those turned into riots. Mr. Vice President, you say that people who commit crimes should be held accountable. The question I have, though, is as the Democratic nominee and earlier tonight, you said that you are the Democratic Party right now. Have you ever called the Democratic mayor of Portland or the Democratic governor of Oregon and said, hey, you've got to stop this. Bring in the National Guard, do whatever it takes. But you'd stop. But days and months of violence in Portland.

**Vice President Biden** [01:07:14] I don't hold public office now. I am a former vice president. I've made it clear. I've made it clear in my public statements that the violence should be prosecuted. It should be prosecuted in anyone who commits it.

**Chris Wallace** [01:07:26] But you've never called for the people. That's the leader. Excuse me, sir. You had never called for the leaders in Portland and in Oregon to call as running the National Guard and knock off 100 days of riots.

**Vice President Biden** [01:07:39] They can, in fact, take care of it if you just stay out of the way. OK.

**President Trump** [01:07:43] Oh, really? Here.

**Overtalk** [01:07:44] Oh, really? There's no way to get the killer of a young man in the middle of the street and they shot him three as a resident, Portland wouldn't do anything and have the U.S. Marshals. He took care of business. Go ahead, sir.

**Vice President Biden** [01:07:57] And by the way, you know, his own former spokesperson said, you know, riots and chaos and violence helped his cause. That's what this is all about.

**President Trump** [01:08:07] I don't know who said that.

**Vice President Biden** [01:08:07] I do.

**President Trump** [01:08:08] Who?

**Vice President Biden** [01:08:09] I think Kellyanne Conway.

**President Trump** [01:08:11] I don't think she said that.

**Vice President Biden** [01:08:12] She she said that. And so here's the thing. But here's the point is that that's what he is, jeeps trying to rile everything up. He doesn't want to calm things down instead of going in and talking to people and saying, let's get everybody together, figure out how to deal with this. What's he do? He just pours gasoline in the fire constantly and every single solitary time.

**Chris Wallace** [01:08:33] OK. And to end this, button up this segment. I'm going to give you a minute to answer, sir. You have repeatedly criticized.

**Overtalk** [01:08:40] The answer. Has not. You have stated lately, you know, you've been talking. You made a statement. I'm asking you. I would love to know you are. I'd love to know if you want to switch seats. We could very quickly he can do that.

**President Trump** [01:08:52] We'd send in the national data would be over. There'd be no problem. But they don't want to accept the National Guard.

**Chris Wallace** [01:08:57] You have repeatedly criticized the the vice presideextermot specifically calling out Antifa and other left wing extremist groups. But are you willing tonight to condemn white supremacists and militia groups and to say that they need to stand down and not add to the violence and a number of these cities, as we saw in Kenosha, and as we've seen in Portland.

**President Trump** [01:09:20]
Sure I'm willing do it.

**Chris Wallace** [01:09:23] Go ahead sir.

**President Trump** [01:09:23] I would say almost everything I see is from the left wing, not from the right wing.

**Overtalk** [01:09:28] So what do you what do you what are you saying? I'm willing to do anything I want to see peace and do it, sir. I.

**Vice President Biden** [01:09:33] Do it, say it.

**President Trump** [01:09:35] You want to call them? What do you want to call them? Give me a name.

**Overtalk** [01:09:37] Give me white supremacists. And would you like me to condemn about process? I'm right. Proud Booys.

**President Trump** [01:09:42] Stand back and stand by. But I'll tell you what. I'll tell you what somebody has got to do something about antifa and the left, because this is not a right wing problem.

**Overtalk** [01:09:51] Is this is a left. I direct this as a left wing guy like white supremacists.

**Vice President Biden** [01:09:56] Antifa is an idea, not an organization. You've got to be kidding not English. That's what is tonight, FBI. His FBI director might say.

**Overtalk** [01:10:04] Well, that I know. I know how that worked. Done, sir. We're moving on to the next flight, ICRA that has there is not an idea of Antifa is bad.

**Vice President Biden** [01:10:11] Everyone in your administration tells you the truth is a bad is, has a bad idea.

**Overtalk** [01:10:14] And I tell you what, I have no idea. Antifia is a dangerous. Aand bIdenll right, gentlemen, we're now moving on to the Trump records. And Phil, overthrow you. Mr. President.

**Chris Wallace** [01:10:24] I'm going to ask a question when the president seeks a second term, it is generally a referendum on his record. But Vice President Biden, you like to quote one of your dad's sayings, which is, don't compare me to the almighty, compare me to the alternative. And in this case, are you are the alternative, looking at both of your records. I'm going to ask each of you, why should voters elect you president over your opponent in this segment, President Trump, you go first two minutes.

**President Trump** [01:10:54] Because there has never been an administration or a president who has done more than I've done in a period of three and a half years. And that's despite the impeachment hoax. And you saw what happened today with Hillary Clinton, where it was a whole big con job. But despite going through all of these things, we had a fight both flanks and behind me, you know, and above. There has never been an administration that's done what I've done. The greatest before covid came in the greatest economy in history, lowest employee unemployment numbers. Everything was good. Everything was going. And by the way, there was unity going to happen. People were calling me for the first time in years. They were calling and they were saying, it's time, maybe. And then what happened? We got hit, but now we're building it back up again. A rebuilding of the military, including Space orce and all of the other things, a fixing of the V.A., which was a mess under him. Three hundred eight thousand people died because they didn't have proper health care. It was a mess. And we now got a 91 percent approval rating at the V.A. Our vets, we take care of our vets, but we've rebuilt our military. The job that we've done and I'll take some some people say maybe the most important by the end of the first term, I'll have approximately 300 federal judges and court of appeals judges, 300 and hopefully three great Supreme Court judges, justices. That is a record the likes of which very few people. And, you know, one of the reasons I have so many judges, because President Obama and him left me a hundred and twenty eight judges to fill. When you leave office, you don't leave any judges. That's like you just don't do that. They left a hundred and twenty eight openings. And if I were a member of his party, because they have a little different philosophy, I'd say if you left us 128 openings, you can't be a good president. You can't be a good vice president. But I want to thank you because it gives us almost it'll probably be above that number by the end of this term. I'm sorry. Three hundred judges. It's a record.

**Chris Wallace** [01:12:58] Looking at both your records, why should voters elect you president as opposed to president Trump you have two minutes uninterrupted.

**Vice President Biden** [01:13:05] Under this president, we become weaker, sicker, poorer, more divided and more violent. When I was vice president, we inherited a recession. I was asked to fix it. I did. We left to move a booming economy. And he caused a recession. With regard to being weaker, the fact is that I've gone head to head with Putin and made it clear to him we're not going to take any of his stuff. He's Putin's puppy. He still refuses to even say anything to Putin about the bounty on the heads of American soldiers.

**Overtalk** [01:13:38] Your son got. No no no who three million dollars. And by the way, Mr. President, my son.

**Chris Wallace** [01:13:43] Mr. President, your campaign agreed to both sides would get two minute answers uninterrupted. Well, your side agreed to it. And why don't you observe what your campaign agreed to as a ground rule? Okay, sir?

**Overtalk** [01:13:56] He never keeps his word that I don't know. I'm not at your side. That was a rhetorical question. And, you know, I had 30 seconds. Yeah. Yeah. So I have. All right. Go ahead.

**Vice President Biden** [01:14:05] So, thirdly, we're poor. The billionaires who got much, much more wealthy by the tune of over four, three to four hundred billion dollars more just since covid you in the home, you got less. You're in more trouble than you were before. In terms of being more violent. When we were in office were 15 percent less violence in America than there is today. He's president of the United States. It's on his watch. And with regard to more divided, the nation can't stay divided. We can't be this way. And speaking of my son, the way you talk about the military, the way you talk about there'd be losers and being and just being suckers. My son was in Iraq. He spent a year there. He got, he got the Bronze Star. He got the conspicuous service medal. He was not a loser. He was a patriot. And the people left behind there were heroes, really. And I resent...

**President Trump** [01:15:04] Are you talking about Hunter? Are you talking about Hunter?

**Vice President Biden** [01:15:05] I'm talking about my son, Beau Biden. You're talking about...

**President Trump** [01:15:07] I don't know. I don't know, Beau. I know Hunter. Hunter got thrown out of the military. He was thrown out, dishonorably discharged.

**Vice President Biden** [01:15:15] That's not true. He wasn't dishonorably discharged.

**President Trump** [01:15:15] For cocaine use. And he didn't have a job until you became vice president. Once you became Vice President...

**Vice President Biden** [01:15:19] None of that is true.

**President Trump** [01:15:22] He made a fortune in Ukraine, in China, in Moscow...

**Vice President Biden** [01:15:26] That is simply not true.

**President Trump** [01:15:26] And various other places.

**Vice President Biden** [01:15:28] Not true. My son... my son.

**President Trump** [01:15:30] And he didn't have a job.

**Vice President Biden** [01:15:31] My son like a lot of people, like a lot of people, you know, at home, had a drug problem. He's overtaken it. He's, he's, he's fixed it. He's worked on it. And I'm proud of him.

**President Trump** [01:15:41] But why was he given tens of millions of dollars...

**Chris Wallace** [01:15:42] All right.

**Vice President Biden** [01:15:43] He wasn't given tens of millions, that is totally. Totally discredited. You've already, already been totally discredited.

**Overtalk** [01:15:49]

**Chris Wallace** [01:15:51] We've already been through this. I think the American people would rather hear about more substantial subjects. Well, you know, as the moderator, sir, I'm going to make it, you know, a judgement call here.

**President Trump** [01:16:00] Three and a half million dollars from the Mayor of Moscow.

**Vice President Biden** [01:16:03] That is not true.

**Chris Wallace** [01:16:04] Gentlemen.

**Vice President Biden** [01:16:04] That report is totally discredited. Mitt Romney on that committee said it wasn't worth taxpayer money. That report was written for a political reason.

**Chris Wallace** [01:16:13] You know, I'd like to talk about climate change.

**Vice President Biden** [01:16:15] So would I.

**Chris Wallace** [01:16:16] Okay. The forest fires in the West are raging now. They have burned millions of acres. They have displaced hundreds of thousands of people. When state officials there blamed the fires on climate change, Mr. President, you said, I don't think the science knows. Over your four years you have pulled the U.S. out of the Paris climate accord. You have rolled back a number of Obama environmental records. What do you believe about the science of climate change? And what will you do in the next four years to confront it?

**President Trump** [01:16:51] I want crystal clean water and air. I want beautiful clean air. We have now the lowest carbon. If you look at our numbers right now, we are doing phenomenally. But I haven't destroyed our businesses. Our businesses aren't put out of commission. If you look at the Paris Accord, it was a disaster from our standpoint. And people are actually very happy about what's going on because our businesses are doing well as far as the fires are concerned. You need forest management. In addition to everything else, the forest floors are loaded up with trees, dead trees that are years old and they're like tinder and leaves and everything else. You drop a cigarette in there, the whole forest burns down, you've got to have forest management.

**Chris Wallace** [01:17:32] What do you believe... What do you believe about the science of climate change, sir?

**President Trump** [01:17:37] I believe that we have to do everything we can to have immaculate air, immaculate water and do whatever else we can. That's good. You know, we're planting a billion trees. The billion tree project. And it's very exciting to a lot of people.

**Chris Wallace** [01:17:49] You believe that human pollution, gas, greenhouse gas emissions contributes to the global warming of the planet.

**President Trump** [01:17:55] I think a lot of things do. But I think to an extent, yes. I think to an extent, yes. But I also think we have to do better management of our forests. Every year. I get the call. California is burning. California is burning. If that was cleaned. If that were, if you had forest management. Good. Forest management, you wouldn't be getting those calls, you know, in Europe, they live their forest cities, they call forest cities, they maintain their forest, they manage their fires. I was with the head of a major country. It's a forest city. He said, sir, we have trees that are far more, they, they ignite, much easier than California. There shouldn't be that problem. I spoke with the governor about it, I'm getting along very well with the governor, but he said, you know, at some point you can't every year have hundreds of thousands of acres of land just burned to the ground. That's burning down because of a lack of management.

**Chris Wallace** [01:18:48] But sir if you believe in the science of climate change, why have you rolled back the Obama Clean Power Plan, which limited carbon emissions and power plants? Why have you relaxed...

**President Trump** [01:18:59] Because it was driving energy prices through the sky.

**Chris Wallace** [01:19:02] Why have you relaxed fuel economy standards that are going to create more pollution from cars and trucks?

**President Trump** [01:19:07] Not really, because what's happening is the car is much less expensive and it's a much safer car. And you're talking about a tiny difference. And then what would happen because of the cost of the car, you would have at least double and triple the number of cars purchased. We have the old slugs out there that are 10, 12 years old. If you did that, the car would be safer. It would be much cheaper by 3500 dollars.

**Chris Wallace** [01:19:30] In California they've simply ignored... .

**President Trump** [01:19:32] No but you would take a lot of cars off the market because people would be able to afford a car. Now. So. And by the way, we're going to see how that turns out. But a lot of people agree with me. Many people, the car has gotten so expensive because they have computers all over the place for an extra little bit of gasoline.

**Chris Wallace** [01:19:48] That's not.

**President Trump** [01:19:49] And I'm okay with electric cars, too. I think I'm all for electric cars. I've given big incentives for electric cars. But what they've done in California is just crazy.

**Chris Wallace** [01:19:58] Vice President Biden, I'd like you to to respond to the president's climate change record, but I also want to ask you about the concern you proposed two trillion dollars in green jobs. You talk about no limits. Not abolishing, but new limits on fracking. Ending the use of fossil fuels to generate electricity by 2035. And zero, net emission of greenhouse gases by 2050. The president says a lot of these things would tank the economy and cost millions of jobs.

**Vice President Biden** [01:20:27] He's absolutely wrong, number one. Number two, if in fact, wind went out during our administration, the Recovery Act, I was in charge able to bring down the cost of renewable energy to cheaper than or as cheap as coal and gas and oil. Nobody is going to build another coal fired plant in America. No one's going to build another oil fired plant in America. They're going to move to renewable energy. Number one. Number two, we're going to make sure that we are able to take the federal fleet and turn it into a fleet that's run, and there are electric vehicles. Making sure that we can do that, we're gonna put five hundred thousand charging stations and all of the highways that we're going to be building in the future. We're going to build a new economy that, in fact, is going to provide for the ability for us to take four million buildings and make sure that they, in fact, are weatherized in a way that in fact, will they'll emit significantly less gas and oil because the heat will not be going out. There's so many things that we can do now to create thousands and thousands of jobs. We can get to net zero in terms of energy production by 2035, not only not costing people jobs, creating jobs, creating millions of good paying jobs, not for 15 bucks an hour, but prevailing wage by having a new infrastructure that, in fact, is green. And the first thing I will do, I will rejoin the Paris Accord. I will join the Paris Accord, because with us out of it, look what's happening. It's all falling apart. And talk about someone who has no relationship with foreign policy. Brazil, the rainforest to Brazil are being torn down, are being ripped out. More and more carbon is absorbed in that rainforest and every bit of carbon that's admitted in the United States. Instead of doing something about that, I would be gathering up and making sure we had the countries of the world coming up with 20 billion dollars, and say: "Here's 20 billion dollars. Stop, stop tearing down the forest. And if you don't, then you're going to have significant economic consequences".

**Chris Wallace** [01:22:34] What about the argument that President Trump basically says that you have to balance environmental interests and economic interests? And he's drawn his line.

**Vice President Biden** [01:22:44] Well, he hadn't drawn a line. He's still, for example, make sure that well he wants to make sure that methane is not a problem, we can you can now emit more methane without it being a problem. Methane. This is a guy who says that you don't have to have mileage standards for automobiles that exist now. This is a guy who says that the fact that it's all true.

**Vice President Biden** [01:23:04] And here's the deal.

**President Trump** [01:23:05] He's talking about the Green New Deal. And it's not two billion or 20 billion, as you said. It's one hundred trillion dollars. Where they want to rip down buildings and rebuild the building. It's the dumbest most ridiculous. Where airplanes are out of business. Where two car systems are out, where they want to take out the cows too. You know, that's not true either right. This is a, this is a one hundred trillion. That's more money, than our country could make in a hundred years if we're going to.

**Chris Wallace** [01:23:35] Right. Let me let me ask because I actually.

**Chris Wallace** [01:23:38] Want a minute, sir. I actually have studied your plan, and it includes upgrading four million buildings, weatherizing two million homes over four years, building one and a half million energy efficient homes. So the question becomes, the president is saying, I think some people who support the president would say that sounds like it's going to cost a lot of money and hurt the economy.

**Vice President Biden** [01:24:01] What it's going to do is going to create thousands and millions of jobs. Good paying jobs.

**Chris Wallace** [01:24:05] Let's let him finish, sir.

**Vice President Biden** [01:24:06] He don't know how to do that.

**President Trump** [01:24:09] 100 trillion dollars.

**Vice President Biden** [01:24:09] The fact is, it's going to create millions of good paying jobs. And these tax incentives to people, for people to weatherize which he wants to get get rid of, it's going to make the economy much safer. Look how much we're paying now to deal with the hurricanes. By the way, he has an answer for hurricanes. He said maybe we should drop a nuclear weapon on them. They may. I never said that at all. Yeah he did say it. You made it up. And here's the deal. We are going to be in a position where we can create hard, hard, good jobs by making sure the environment is clean and we all are in better shape. We spend billions of dollars now, billions of dollars on floods, hurricanes, rising seas. We're in real trouble. Look what's happened just in the Midwest with these storms that come through and wipe out entire sections and counties in Iowa. They didn't happen before they are because of global warming. We make up 15 percent of the world's problem. We in fact, but the rest of the world, we've got to get him to come along. That's what we have to get back into, back into the Paris accord.

**Chris Wallace** [01:25:15] All right, gentlemen.

**President Trump** [01:25:16] Wait a minute, Chris. So why didn't he do it for 47 years? You were vice president. Why didn't you get the world? China sends up real dirt into, Russia does, India does, they all do. We're supposed to be good. And by the way, he made a couple of statements. The Green New Deal is 100 trillion dollars.

**Overtalk** [01:25:31] Is not a bad plan.

**President Trump** [01:25:39] He made a statement about the military. He said I said something about the military. He and his friends made it up and then they went with it. I never said it.

**Vice President Biden** [01:25:59] Play it.

**Chris Wallace** [01:26:00] Go ahead. Mr. Vice President answered his quote, his final question.

**Vice President Biden** [01:26:05] The final question is, I can't remember which of all his ranting.

**Chris Wallace** [01:26:07] I'm having a little trouble myself. But I about about the economy and about this question of what it's going to cost.

**Vice President Biden** [01:26:15] The economy.

**Chris Wallace** [01:26:16] I mean, the Green New Deal and the idea of what what your enviromental changes will do.

**Vice President Biden** [01:26:20] The Green New Deal will pay for itself as we move forward. We're not going to build plants that, in fact, are great polluting plants using used building green new deal. Pardon me. You support. No, I don't support the Green New Deal.

**President Trump** [01:26:34] Oh you don't. Oh, well, that's a big statement.

**Vice President Biden** [01:26:38] I support the Biden plan that I put forward. OK. The Biden plan, which is different than what he calls the radical Green New Deal.

**Chris Wallace** [01:26:47] All right, gentlemen. Final segment, election integrity as we meet tonight millions of Americans are receiving mvail-in ballots or going to vote early. How confident should we be that this will be a fair election? And what are you prepared to do over the next five plus weeks? Because it will not only be to Election Day, but also counting some ballots, mail in ballots after Election Day. What are you prepared to do to reassure the American people that the next president will be the legitimate winner of this election in this final segment? Mr. Vice President, you go first.

**Vice President Biden** [01:27:25] Prepared to let people vote. We should go to iwillvote.com, decide how they're going to vote, when they're going to vote and what means by which they're going to vote. His own homeland security director, as well as the FBI director, says there is no evidence at all that mail in ballots are a source of be manipulated and cheating. They said that the fact is that there going to be millions of people because of covid that are going to be voting by mail in ballots like he does, by the way, he sits behind the resolute desk and sends his ballot to Florida, number one. And number two, we're going to make sure that those people who want to vote in person are able to vote because enough poll watchers are there to make sure they can socially distance. The polls are open on time and there are polls stay open until the votes are counted. And this is all about trying to dissuade people from voting because he's trying to confuse to scare people into thinking that it's not can be legitimate, show up and vote. You will determine the outcome of this election. Vote, vote, vote. If you're able to vote early in your state. Vote early. If you're able to vote in person. Vote in person. Vote whatever way is the best way for you because you will he cannot stop you from being able to determine the outcome of this election. And in terms of whether or not when the votes are counted and they're all counted, that will be accepted. If I win, that will be accepted. If I lose, they'll be accepted. But by the way, if in fact, he says he's not sure what he's going to accept. Well, let me tell you some. It does matter because if we get the votes, it's going to be all over. He's going to go. He can't stay in power. It won't happen. It won't happen. So vote. Just make sure you understand you have it in your control to determine what this country is going to look like the next four years. Is it going to change or are you gonna get four more years of these lives?

**Chris Wallace** [01:29:15] Mr. President, two minutes.

**President Trump** [01:29:16] So when I listen to Joe talking about a transition, there's been no transition from when I won, I won that election. And if you look at crooked Hillary Clinton, if you look at all of the different people. There was no transition because they came after me trying to do a coup.

**President Trump** [01:29:33] They came after me spying on my campaign. They started from the day I won. And even before I won, from the day I came down the escalator with our first lady, they were a disaster. They were a disgrace to our country. And we've caught them. We've caught them all. We've got it all on tape. We've caught them all. And by the way, you gave the idea for the Logan Act against General Flynn. You better take a look at that, because we caught you in a sense, and President Obama was sitting in the office. He knew about it, too. So don't tell me about a free transition. As far as the ballots are concerned. It's a disaster, a solicited ballot. OK. Solicited is okay. You're soliciting your asking. They send it back. You send it back. I did that. If you have an unsolicited they're sending millions of ballots all over the country. There's fraud. They found them in creeks. They found some with the name Trump just happened to have the name Trump, just the other day in a wastepaper basket. They're being sent all over the place. They sent two in a Democrat area. They sent out a thousand ballots. Everybody got two ballots. This is going to be a fraud like you've never seen. The other thing, it's nice, on November 3rd, you're watching and you see who won the election. And I think we're going to do well because people are really happy with the job we've done. But you know what? We won't know. We might not know for months because these ballots are going to be all over. Take a look at what happened in Manhattan. Take a look at what happened in New Jersey. Take a look at what happened in Virginia and other places. They're not losing two percent, one percent, which, by the way, is too much. An election could be won or lost with that, they're losing 30 and 40 percent. It's a fraud and it's a shame. And can you imagine where they say you have to have your ballot in by November 10th, November 10th? That means that's seven days after the election. In theory, should have been announced.

**Chris Wallace** [01:31:19] OK.

**President Trump** [01:31:19] We have made major states like that, all run by Democrats.

**Chris Wallace** [01:31:27] Two minutes, two minutes. President Trump, you're gonna be able to continue. You have been charging for months that mail-in balloting is going to be a disaster. You say it's rigged. I said it's going to lead to fraud. But in 2018 and the last midterm election, thirty one million people voted mail in voting. That was a quarter. More than a quarter of all the voters that year cast their ballots by mail. Now that millions of mail in ballots have gone out. What are you going to do about it? And are you counting on the Supreme Court, including a justice Barrett, to settle on any dispute?

**President Trump** [01:32:02] Yeah, I think I'm counting on them to look at the ballots. Definitely. I don't think we'll. I hope we don't need them in terms of the election itself, but for the ballots. I think so, because what's happening is incredible. I just heard I read today where at least one percent of the ballots for 2016 were invalidated. They they take them. We don't like them. We don't like them (OVERTALK). You go and vote. You do a solicited ballot. No, no, that's OK. You know, who are you go and vote.

**Chris Wallace** [01:32:29] I'm asking you about the fact that millions of people,.

**President Trump** [01:32:32] You go and you go and vote (OVERTALK) either do Chris, a solicited ballot where you're sending it in, they're sending it back. And you sending they have mailmen with lots of it. Did you see what's going on? Take a look at West Virginia mailman selling the ballots. They're being sold. They're being dumped in rivers. This is a horrible thing for our country (OVERTALK).

**Vice President Biden** [01:33:02] Mail-in ballots for the last decade or more, five, including two Republican states. And you don't have to solicit the ballot. It's sent to you. It's sent to your home. What we're saying is they're saying is that it has to be a postmark. By the time, by Election Day, if it doesn't get in till the seventh day nine, it's still should be counted. He's just afraid of counting the votes.

**President Trump** [01:33:25] You're wrong. You're wrong. (OVERTALK) Chris, he's so wrong when he makes his statement like that.

**Chris Wallace** [01:33:32] Excuse me. Vice President Biden the biggest problem? In fact, over the years with mail-in voting has not been fraud. Historically, it has been that sizable number. Sometimes hundreds of thousands of ballots are thrown out because they have not been properly filled out or there is some other irregularity or they missed the deadline. So the question I have is, are you concerned that the Supreme Court, with a Justice Barret, will settle any dispute?

**Vice President Biden** [01:33:59] I'm concerned that any court would settle this, because here's the deal. When you when you file, when you get a ballot and you fill it out, you're supposed to have an affidavit. If you didn't know you have someone say that this is me, you should be able to. If in fact, you can verify that's you before the ballot is thrown out. That's sufficient to be able to count the ballot because someone made a mistake and not dotting the correct I. Who they voted for. Testify, say who they voted for. Say it's you, that is totally legitimate.

**Chris Wallace** [01:34:32] All right. (OVERTALK).

**President Trump** [01:34:38] You know, it can't be done. You know, it can't. And already.

**Chris Wallace** [01:34:41] All right. And so now. Election workers are prohibited currently by law, eight states from even beginning to process ballots, even take them out of the envelopes and yes, flatten them until Election Day. That means that it's likely because there's going to be a huge increase in mail, in balloting that we are not going to know on election night who the winner is, that it could be days. It could be weeks. Could be months until we find out who the the new president is. So I first for you, sir. Finally for the for the vice president. I hope neither of you will interrupt the other. Will you urge your supporters to stay calm during this extended period not to engage in any civil unrest? And will you pledge tonight that you will not declare victory until the election has been independently certified? President Trump, you go first.

**President Trump** [01:35:39] I'm urging my supporters to go into the polls and watch very carefully because that's what has to happen. I am urging them to do it. As you know, today, there was a big problem in Philadelphia, they went in to watch. They were called poll watchers, a very safe, very nice thing. They were thrown out. They weren't allowed to watch. You know why? Because bad things happen in Philadelphia. Bad things. And I am urging. I am urging my people. I hope it's going to be a fair election if it's a fair election. I am 100 percent on board. But if I see tens of thousands of ballots being manipulated, I can't go along with that.

**Overtalk** [01:36:16] And I'll tell you why that from a common sense does not mean I'll tell you why they're being attacked. It means you have a fraudulent election. You said 80 million ballots that they're not equipped.

**President Trump** [01:36:25] These people aren't equipped to handle it. Number one. Number two. They cheat. They cheat. Hey, they found ballots in a wastepaper basket three days ago and they all had the name military ballots. They were military. They all had the name Trump on them. Vice President. That's good.

**Chris Wallace** [01:36:41] Vice President Biden, final question for you. Will you urge your supporters to stay calm while the vote is counted? And will you pledge not to declare victory until the election is independently certified?

**Vice President Biden** [01:36:53] Yes. And here's the deal. When you count the ballots, as you pointed out, some of these ballots in some states can't even be opened until Election Day. And if there's thousands of ballots it's going to take time to do it. And by the way, our military, they've been voting by ballots, for since the end of the civil war, in effect, and that's that's what's going to happen. Why was it not? Why is it for them somehow not fraudulent? It's the same process. It's honest. No one has established at all that there is fraud related to mail in ballots, that somehow it's a fraudulent process.

**President Trump** [01:37:30] It's already been established. Take a look at Carolyn Maloney's...

**Chris Wallace** [01:37:35] Go ahead.

**President Trump** [01:37:36] They have no idea what happened.

**Chris Wallace** [01:37:38] Vice President Biden, go ahead.

**Vice President Biden** [01:37:39] He has no idea what he's talking about. Here's the deal. The fact is, I will accept it. And he will too. You know why? Because once the winner is declared, after all the all the ballots are counted, all the votes are counted. That will be the end of it. That will be the end of it. And if it's me, in fact, fine if it's not me, I'll support the outcome and I'll be a president, not just for the Democrats. I'll be president for Democrats and Republicans. And this guy...

**President Trump** [01:38:06] I wanna say...

**Chris Wallace** [01:38:06] Gentlemen, we say that's the end of it. This is the end of this debate.

**President Trump** [01:38:10] ... honest ballot count and I think he does too.

**Chris Wallace** [01:38:11] We're going to leave it there. To be continued as, in more debates as we go on. President Trump, Vice President Biden, it's been an interesting hour and a half. I want to thank you both for participating in the first of three debates that you have agreed to engage in. And we want to thank Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Clinic for hosting this event. The next debate, sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates, will be one week from tomorrow, October 7th, at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. The two vice presidential nominees, Vice President Mike Pence and Senator Kamala Harris. We'll debate at 9:00 p.m. Eastern that night. We hope you watch. Until then, thank you and good night.

**Audience member** [01:39:42] He's the greatest president of all time. We love you Trump.