

Afghanistan Withdrawal

Vietnam looks like a master class in strategy compared to Joe Biden's catastrophe.

— Cullman, AL rally, 8-21-21

It's crazy. I've never seen anything so stupid in my life. ... Yesterday, I was with a group of people and there was a five-year-old child. And I explained the situation to the five-year-old child. ... I asked the child, "So what would you do...would you leave the military until everything's out – including the civilians and all of that incredible military equipment – or would you have the military go out first?" ... He was five. He said, "I'd leave the military in, get everything out first." I said, "Thank you very much."

— Cullman, AL rally, 8-21-21

They said, "No, well, uh, we disabled [the equipment]." You know what they did? They let the air out of a couple of tires of one plane. They didn't disable anything.

— Perry, GA rally, 9-25-21

"Allies" in Afghanistan

I've heard past presidents [say], "Well, [these countries are] involved in the Afghanistan war because they sent us 100 soldiers." And yet, it's costing us billions and billions of dollars.... I get along very well with India and Prime Minister Modi, but he's constantly telling me he built a library in Afghanistan. Okay, a library. That's like – you know what that is? That's like five hours of what we spend. ... And we're supposed to say, "Oh, thank you for the library."

— cabinet meeting, 1-2-19

America First

We believe in America first. Hillary believes in donors first.

— Jackson, MS rally, 8-24-16

We want to put America first. And other countries should put themselves first too – and I tell them that all the time.

— teleconference with military members, 11-26-20

America Today

Inflation is skyrocketing. Unemployment is rising... Main streets are being boarded up. Murders are through the roof... Corruption is rampant. The senior ranks of our military have been politicized. Our leaders are issuing unconstitutional executive mandates, and our country is being turned into a migrants' camp. ... Other than that, how are things going?

— Perry, GA rally, 9-25-21

I said if [the Democrats] get elected, our country would become a large-scale version of Venezuela, remember? And I didn't really – you know, I said it and I meant it a little bit. Guess what? It's true. We're becoming a large-scale version of Venezuela, which was a very successful country 20 years ago, and now they have no food, they have no water, everybody's dying, [and] it's being run by a horrible group of killers.

— Phoenix, AZ rally, 1-15-22

We don't talk about greatness anymore. We talk about the environment, we talk about Covid..., we talk about race.... We don't talk about greatness.... We don't even *think* about it anymore.

— Phoenix, AZ rally, 1-15-22

America's Current Leaders

America is a nation of believers, dreamers, and strivers that is being led by a group of censors, critics, and cynics.

— *convention speech, 7-21-16*

We have a bunch of clowns running this country.

— *Richmond, VA rally, 6-10-16*

We're like a country run by stupid people. ... It's almost, you wonder...how does it keep going?

— *Des Moines, IA rally 10-9-21*

America's Infrastructure

When was the last time in this country that you saw a big bridge getting built? Like what, 50 years ago? When was the last time that you saw an airport being built? ... We don't even fix 'em up. You know...I leave China or I leave Abu Dubai or I leave Qatar or I leave Saudi Arabia, and it's like coming into a third-world country when I land at La Guardia. It's old, it's dirty, it's falling apart. It's disgusting. They have a sign "We Love New York" or "Welcome to New York" – it's made out of 2x4s painted white, and they're rotted.

— *Boca Raton, FL Tea Party rally, 4-16-11*

We have trains that go 60 miles an hour. You go to China, you go to Japan – they have trains that go 250 miles an hour.

— *Appleton, WI rally, 3-30-16*

Anchor Babies

They walk across the border 'cause nobody stops anybody...[and]

the woman has a baby on our land in the United States. Now we have to take care of that baby for 85 years.

— Keene, NH rally, 9-30-15

Do you know how tough it is to become a citizen of Mexico? One of the toughest places on earth. And over here, you have a baby on the land and you're a citizen, congratulations, okay? Try that in Mexico. You know what they do? They laugh at you in your face.

— press conference, 3-21-16

Antifa

Biden: Antifa's an idea, not an organization...

Trump: When a bat hits you over the head, that's not an idea.

— presidential debate, 9-29-20

"The Apprentice"

I knew it was good 'cause the chairman of NBC called me – it was my birthday – and it was seven in the morning and he called. He said, "Donald, I just wanted to wish you a happy birthday." Now to me, as an instinctive businessman, that means we're doing okay, right?

— Liberty University convocation, 9-25-12

Ashley Babbitt's Murder

If that happened the other way around, they'd be calling [for us to]

bring back the electric chair.

— *Phoenix, AZ rally, 1-15-22*

Asylum Laws

[It's] a ridiculous situation. People come in, they read a line from a lawyer that a lawyer hands them out online. ... You look at some of these people – you want protection from *them*. And they're saying, "We need protection from our country." In the meantime, they're carrying their country's flag.... It's a big con job. That's what it is.

— *roundtable discussion, 4-15-19*

Attraction and Money

I have so many people that come up to me, "Thank you, sir. My wife is so in love with me because I went up 79 percent in the 401(k). She thinks I'm a genius. She always thought I was a total stiff, a dumb, stupid dope. Now she thinks I'm a financial genius.... She loves me so much more than she ever did." Shows you the power of money, right? Isn't that terrible?

— *Hershey, PA rally, 12-10-19*

Balancing the Budget

[The Republicans say], "We're going to try and balance our budget in 25 years." 25 years? Why 25 years?

— *Waterloo, IA rally, 2-1-16*