

Donald Trump's Speech on Gang Violence

During his presidency, Donald Trump held a speech in front of law enforcement officers in Long Island in 2017

- "We love our police. We love our sheriffs and we love our ICE¹ officers and they have been working hard. Thank you. They have been working hard.
- 5 Together we're going to restore safety to our streets and peace to our communities. And we're going to destroy the vile criminal cartel, MS-13², and many other gangs (...) These are animals.
- 10 We're joined today by (...) great people. That's what I call it. And I want to just tell you all together right now, and the reason I came... This is the most important sentence to me. On behalf of the American people, I want to say, "Thank you. Thank you very much."
- 15 Thank you. And I don't think you know how much the public respects and admires you. You're saving American lives every day and we have your backs. Believe me. We have your backs 100 percent. Not like the old days. Not like the old days. (...)
- 20 For many years, they exploited America's weak borders and lax³ immigration enforcement to bring drugs and violence to cities and towns all across America. They're there right now because of weak political leadership, weak leadership,
- 30 weak policing, and in many cases, because the police weren't allowed to do their job. I've met police that are great police that aren't allowed to do their job because they have a pathetic mayor⁴, or
- 35 a mayor doesn't know what's going on. (...) It's sad. It's sad. You look at what's happening, it's sad. But hopefully, certainly in the country, those days are over.
- You may have a little bit longer to wait. 40 But from now on, we're going to enforce our laws, protect our borders and support our police like our police have never been supported before. We're going to support you like you've never been supported before. (...).
- 45 We cannot tolerate as a society the spilling of innocent, young, wonderful, vibrant people, sons and daughters, even husbands and wives. We cannot accept this violence one day more. Can't do it. And we're not going to do it. Because of you, we're not going to be able to do it. You're not going to allow it to happen. And we're backing you up 100 percent.
- 55 Remember that, 100%. (...)
- And when you see these towns and when you see these *thugs* being thrown into the back of a patty wagon, you just see them thrown in rough. I said, please,
- 60 don't be too nice. Like when you guys put somebody in the car and you're protecting their head, the way you put [...] [your] hand over... Like don't hit their head and they've just killed somebody. Don't hit their head. I said, you can take the hand away. Okay? (...)
- If we're going to dismantle⁵ these deadly networks and I have to tell you, the laws are so horrendously stacked against us
- 70 because for years and years, they've been made to protect the criminal. Totally made to protect the criminal, not the offices. You do something wrong, you're in more jeopardy⁶ than they are.
- 75 These laws are stacked against you. We're changing those laws. (...)"

¹Immigration and Custom Enforcement (border control, deportation)

²international criminal gang

³loose

⁴Bürgermeister

⁵take apart

⁶danger

1. **Outline** what Donald Trump thinks of the police and what he demands for them.

2. **Analyse** his view on Gang Members and criminals taking into account the stylistic devices.

Obama's speech on George Floyd & protests

Barack Obama participated in a virtual town hall during the pandemic in 2020.

“Let me start by just acknowledging... we have seen in the last several weeks, the last few months, the kinds of epic changes and events in our country that are as profound¹ as anything I’ve seen in my lifetime. And I’m now a lot older. I’m gonna be 59 soon.

And let me begin by acknowledging that, although all of us have been feeling pain, uncertainty, disruption², some folks have been feeling it more than others. Most of all the pain that’s been experienced by the families of George and Breonna and Ahmaud, Tony and Sean, and too many others to mention, those that we thought about during that moment of silence. To those families who’ve been directly affected by tragedy, please know that Michelle and I and the nation grieve with you, hold you in our prayers. We’re committed to the fight of creating a more just nation in memory of your sons and daughters. (...)

In a lot of ways, what has happened over the last several weeks is challenges and structural problems here in the United States have been thrown into high relief. They are the outcomes not just of the immediate moments in time, but they’re the result of a long history of slavery and Jim Crow and red lining³ and institutionalized racism that too often have been the plague, the original sin of our society. (...)When sometimes I feel despair, I just see what’s happening with young people all across the country and the talent and the voice and the sophistication that they’re displaying, and it makes me feel optimistic. It makes me feel as if this

country is going to get better. Now I want to speak directly to the young men and women of color in this country who, as just so eloquently described, have witnessed too much violence and too much debt. too often, some of that violence has come from folks who were supposed to be serving and protecting you. I want you to know that you matter. I want you to know that your lives matter, that your dreams matter. When I go home and I look at the faces of my daughters, Sasha and Malia, and I look at my nephews and nieces, I see limitless potential that deserves to flourish and thrive⁴. You should be able to learn and make mistakes and live a life of joy without having to worry about what’s going to happen when you walk to the store or go for a jog or are driving down the street or looking at some birds in a park. I hope that you also feel help hopeful, even as you may feel angry, because you have the power to make things better and you have helped to make the entire country feel as if this is something that’s got to change. (...)I want to acknowledge the folks in law enforcement that share the goals of re-imagining police, because there are folks out there who took their oath to serve your communities and your countries, have a tough job, and I know you’re just as outraged about tragedies in recent weeks as are many of the protesters. We’re grateful for the vast majority of you who protect and serve. (...) Change is going to require everybody’s participation.”

¹ deep

² *Unterbrechung*

³ Jim Crow Law = 20th Century laws that forced racial separation

redlining = denying credits or loans out of prejudices

⁴ (to) be successful

1. **Analyse** how Obama feels about the BLM movement considering the stylistic devices.
2. **Explain** what he thinks about the law enforcement officers.