

VANCE AT CPAC - FULL SPEECH

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Thank you all thank you it's
great to be with you it's good
to see you it is great to see
you too I mean you've been
like on a worldwin here yeah
are you a

Little Jack jet lagged or no
you know yes I am a little jet
lagged so we we did a trip
where we went to France and
Then to Germany and then we
went to San Diego for a
family wedding and then back
in DC and we did all that in
like seven

Days so a little jet lag but
that's okay I brought I I I I I'm
I'm in a good place right now

I'm I got some sleep
Last night okay good then
we're ready we're ready but
it's a real special day today
you know what today is guys
it's

February 20th that means our
30 first 30 days the happy one
month

Anniversary of the Trump
Vance Administration I mean
how exciting is

That is uh it's very exciting
it's hard to believe we've only
been in office for

A month because I think
we've done more than a
month than Biden in in about

4 years and thank God for
that but you

Know the the the the
president Keeps Us on a
pretty Breakneck Pace he
always asks what have we
done today what are we
Going to do tomorrow what
are we going to do next week
because I I think he realizes
this is a special moment in
Time uh and by the way
thank you thanks to all of you
for making it possible for us
to do all the great work we've
been

Doing in the administration I
know we wouldn't have been

here without you but I think
the president is acutely aware

That the American people
gave us a window to save the
country and that's exactly
what we're going to do and
thank God for that cuz it's
been a hell of a

Lot of fun the past month
okay so I don't even think we
can keep track of all the
things you all are doing in
fact

I don't even think the Press
can keep track of all they're
doing I mean they talk about
the shock and a strategy
Seriously so when you're

looking at this list after list
after list what stands out to
you well speaking of the press

I

I do think that we've had
maybe more executive orders
than CNN has viewers each
night so hello to our friends at
CNN I think I actually think
that their plan was they were
going to go all in on

Anti-trump yeah and hope
that he could save CNN in the
same way that he did

Frankly in 2017 because
nobody really watched the
network until until he became
president in 2017 but that's

Maybe the one thing I think
the president has been unable
to do unable to save the
CNN's ratings over the last
Over the last few few months
but look I I I I I I think that
what the president
Has tried to do is recognize
that we have a historical
mandate on a few issues we
have to secure the southern
Border and thanks to his
actions border crossings are
down well over 90% and
we're just getting
Started think recognize is that
we have to really unlock the
engine of American

Growth we've got to get back
to having a growing economy
that creates good jobs and
high wages for the American
people

And a lot of that goes back to
drill baby drill we've done
more on energy

Under President Trump's
leadership than I think any
Administration in history and
that's that's not an
exaggeration

And of course we're going to
do more and then I think the
third thing that he's tried to do
of course with the help of
Elon and all the great Folks at

doge is ask what are we doing
with all of the
American taxpayers money
and why are we wasting so
much of it on garbage that the
American people either aren't
aware

That we're spending it on or
don't want to be spending it
on in the first place like for
example the stuff that we've

Figured out Mercedes is
unbelievable why are we
spending money on

Progressive

Modern art projects centered
around toilets in Afghanistan
that's actually

Something that your tax dollars were funding until very recently and I think all of us are sitting around and asking

What the hell are we been doing with the American people's money for the last four years let's turn off the spigot and

Spend the American people's tax money on the American people's priority and that's of course been a big focus in the

Administration let's dig deeper into the immigration Issue sure you've seen and you've met many of the

victims people who have
Family members who have
died been tragically tragically
murdered those

Angel families uh in the
hands of these criminal illegal
aliens sure what's your

Message to these families
what is and then what is your
message to these horrific drug
cartels and human

Traffickers who have preyed
on the most vulnerable in the
world well our message

To the drug traffickers is get
the hell out of our country
your free ride is over because
president Trump is back in

The Oval Office that that is
you're you're you're not
welcome you

Were never welcome
according to the American
people but unfortunately you
had President Joe Biden who
allows you

To run free over the United
States of America and Donald
Trump has said your
Terrorist organizations we're
going to go after you we're
going to wage war on you and
certainly we want you out of
the

United States of America and
that's an important message of

course but our our our
message and you know this
Mercedes

Our message to the families is
President Trump cares about
you he thinks that
It's disgraceful what your own
government let happen to
your children to your
grandchildren and it's got to
Stop and of course we we we
mourn with people we pray
for people but we're also
Asking as their government
why did this happen to your
child in the first place and the
answer is that under
Joe Biden your government

didn't do its job under Donald
Trump it is thank God for
That on the economy and I'm
getting this question all the
time you know it's this
question of affordability right
there's

A lot of stress on our families
something that I think uh Joe
Biden could not manage in
terms of of really

Helping lower that cost of
living and making things just
simply more affordable sure
uh we talked about

Energy Independence being a
critical component of this of
ensuring that we unleash this

economic Prosperity what
More needs to be done yeah
so one of the first interviews I
did it was I I think
Six or seven days after the
inauguration and somebody
asked me well it's been six
days what have you guys
done to fix the
Inflation crisis created by Joe
B Biden I'm like well first of
all it's been six days we've
done a lot in six days but
It's going to take some time to
fix what Joe Biden broke over
four years and and
We know it it is it is easy
unfortunately to burn the

house down it
Takes a little bit of time to
build it back up and here's
here's what we we have to do
because look the the the
Fundamental goal of our
immigration policy of our
border policy of Doge
Saving taxpayer money the
fundamental goal is we want
your children and
Grandchildren to be able to
raise a family in security and
comfort in the country that we
all love that is the
Whole goal of President
Trump's agenda like safety
and prosperity right

It's it's pretty Common Sense
stuff and we know that to do
that we have to first of all
unleash American Energy
now why

Is that so important because
look if you know we all know
grocery prices got too
High under Joe Biden's
leadership well one of the
main drivers of groceries is
energy because the farmers
are paying

More for energy then we're all
paying more for what the
farmers grow and if the truck
drivers who are delivering the
Groceries are are paying more

for fuel then we're all paying
more for what the truck
drivers are delivering to the
Grocery store if we unleash
American Energy that will do
more than anything to drive
down the cost for the
American

People the second thing
Mercedes is we have got to
stop spending the American
people's money on garbage
every dollar

Every dollar that we take in
and spend you have to pay for
either through taxes
Or through inflation and if we
spend the American people's

money more wisely if
We stop taxing and spending
the American people to death
that's also going to bring
relief to all of the pricing
Pressures that are out there
we're going to make it
affordable to live in this
country again that's our
mandate that's

Our goal and you're right
there's a lot more that we can
do but I think we've got a
pretty good start after 30 days
we've got a pretty good start
but we've

Got this big beautiful one bill
budget

Reconciliation scenario how
is that working what are the
Dynamics that are happening
right now in Congress and
and

What the administration is
doing to ensure uh that a lot
of what the president is
wanting to do in terms of
Really pushing forward with
economic prosperity and his
tax relief

Initiatives gets done these
bills yeah it's it's really
important so the Senate
obviously has its own
approach and the
President has been very clear

that his preference is to put everything in one bill right and part of that is just Simple legislative strategy I think the president has learned a lot about how DC works and I actually talked to the

President about this yesterday and he said to me look it's very rare that you can get two reconciliation bills done in One Congress which is why he thinks we've got to do a lot with that one big beautiful bill that first reconciliation

Package that we're going to get through the house and the

Senate it's going well it's
early right this stuff takes
time

To put together I think you
know if you had a record paac
reconciliation Bill we
Would get this thing done in
May or in June I think we're
on track to do that but we've
got to do some basic things
Mercedes one like I said
we've got to continue to
unleash American Energy
that's part of the
reconciliation Bill
We've got to make sure that
other countries stop taking
advantage of us that's a big

part of pro president Trump's
tariff policy is we got to stop
Being taken advantage of um
you know of course we want
to make the president
Trump tax cuts permanent
and extend them into the
future we want no taxes on
tips we got to do some of the
things we
talked about during the
campaign that's got to be part
of it and then finally and this
is really important everything
the president has done on the
border we have got to
empower him to do it not just
for a month but for the next

four
years and we've got to we got
to hire more border patrol
agents we got to give Tom
homman and Stephen Miller
and

Christy gnome the resources
they need to secure the border
and just not not to return to
the Border but I think so
many of our issues come
back to the Border because if
you you take 30 40 million
illegal aliens you take
Medicare fraud Social
Security
fraud why are we taking the
people Social Security

payments and giving it to
illegal aliens we know that's
happening in the United
States of America today
we've got to stop it if you get
control of the Border

Mercedes

you do more to control the
fiscal problem the financial
problems that we have in this
country than almost
anything get illegal aliens out
of our country make sure
American tax dollars go to
American people that is how
you
solve the fiscal crisis in the
United States of

America shifting to your
incredible speech at the
Munich conference did you
all watch that I don't
know I think they really I'm
glad you guys liked it not
everybody liked it you guys
liked it not everybody liked it
good to see thank
you okay I okay I'll I'll I'll
take a standing ovation for a
speech I already
gave like for the price of one
yeah I was going to say um
here's your speech say it again
all right uh but it was it
was fast fascinating because
there was obviously some of

these European leaders
that you know they were a
little uptight about it it
stressed them out just a little
bit little bit but you talked
about the greatest threats in
Europe yeah so look the
greatest threat in
Europe and I'd say it was the
greatest threat in in the United
States until about 30 days ago
is that you've had the
leaders of the West decide
that they should send millions
and millions of
unvetted foreign migrants into
their countries that is the
biggest threat to Europe and

frankly it Remains by the way
the biggest threat to the
United States because yes
we've got four years of
President Trump's leadership
but I

guarantee you if the
Democrats ever get power
again they're going to try to
do it again we cannot rebuild
Western

Civilization we cannot rebuild
the United States of America
or Europe by
letting millions and millions
of unvetted illegal migrants
come into our country it has
to stop thank God it

stopped here but it's got to
stop there and and a related
issue Mercedes is you
can't just stop it you have to
allow European peoples and
of course the American
people too to raise issues
about it right you have to
allow free speech to debate
this stuff you have to stop
doing things to the
populations of
the world you've got to give
the populations of the world
the opportunity to speak up
and say no more of this BS
we want borders we want
sovereignty we want to be

able to speak our own mind in
our own country and I I
guarantee you I
I if we don't allow free speech
and of course the Biden
Administration I made this
point Mercedes the Biden
Administration did more to
destroy Free Speech not just
in the United States but also
in Europe than any
Administration
in American history I'm not
even blaming the Europeans
I'm actually saying you
follow the lead of Joe Biden
into
censorship and mass

migration follow the lead of
Donald J Trump and that's
free
speech borders and
sovereignty that is the future
for our shared
civilization and I will tell you
something that is really truly
remarkable that's happening
at CPAC is
and we had our second CPAC
International Summit
yesterday and we have many
of these European
conservative European
leaders with us today where
we stand in solidarity because
they have an

opportunity to basically make
Europe great again make Asia
great again make

Latin America great again
and so in essence I think uh
your message was very
well received by many of
those conservative leaders
across uh the globe uh but
what does this mean with the
US

now that you know in giving
giving that speech what does
this mean with the US's
relationship with Europe well
look

obviously we're going to
continue to have important

alliances with Europe but I
really do think the strength of
those

alliances is going to depend
on whether we take our

Societies in the right
direction think about this
Germany's entire defense is
subsidized by the

American taxpayer there are
thousands upon thousands of
American troops in Germany
today do you think that the
American Tax is going to
stand for that if you get
thrown in jail in Germany for
posting a mean tweet of
course they're

not right so so so the point
that I try to make to our
European friends and I I think
that there are friends I believe
that I know president Trump
does is that friendship is
based on shared values you
do not have shared values if
you're jailing people for
saying we should close down
our border you don't have
shared values if you cancel
elections because you don't
like the result and
that happened in Romania
you don't have you do not
have shared values if you're
so afraid of your own people

that you silence them and shut
them up so let's
have shared values let's
defend democracy let's
have free expression not
just in the United States but
all over the Western world
that is the path to strong
alliances in
Europe we had Ambassador
Rick Rell with us yesterday
he'll be on uh the CPAC
stage uh during these
conferences he has like three
jobs or four or five but um
let me ask you this where are
we on our and basically the
status of the Russia Ukraine

uh moving forward in terms
of
these negotiations in bringing
peace to this endless war you
know it's it's it's early and I
think what president Trump
what makes him such an
effective negotiator I've seen
this in private is that he
doesn't take anything off the
table when he walks into
negotiation he says
everything is on the table and
of course that makes the
heads explode in
the American Media because
they say why are you talking
to Russia well how are you

going to end the war unless
you're
talking to Russia you've got to
talk to everybody involved in
the fighting if you actually
want to bring the conflict
to a close and I know the
president does but I I'll tell
you the goals that
animate president Trump's
policy it's really simple he
wants the killing to stop he
wants to bring lasting peace
to

Europe he doesn't just want to
stop at now and have the war
restart a month from now he
wants to bring lasting peace

to Europe because the president believes this and he's absolutely right peace is in the interest of Russia it's in the interest of Ukraine it's in the interest of Europe but most importantly peace is in the interest of the American people and he's going to fight for it for the remainder of his administration wherever War breaks out he's going to be the president of peace now he of course is a a very good negotiator a very good businessman he recognizes

that a lot of these issues are
tough it's going to take a
smart Statesman to figure this
stuff out but we've got that in
the white house and I I really
believe that we're in the cusp
of Peace in Europe for
the first time in three years
because we have leadership
from the Oval Office and we
haven't had it in four years in
this
country Matt and I mentioned
this right when we started the
conference we're we're
honored by the president of
two
hostages that were freed after

the Hamas atrocity the
tragedy that we've seen
happen and we have several
of the family members as well
who uh still they're they're
there
they where they their loved
ones are still
being detained by [Applause]
Hamas what is your message
to these hostage families these
survivors our message is that
President Trump loves you he
hasn't forgotten your loved
ones and he's going to fight
every single day to bring
them
home that is exactly what he's

been doing and that's what
he'll keep on doing I
I I I was actually talking with
one of my best friends about
this a couple of days can I be
your best friend too yes
okay I think we all want to be
your best friend right okay
okay but I I I was
talking with him and he was
asking asking me he was like
well I don't understand why
was Biden unable to do
this and then like the minute
that Donald Trump won we
started to make progress and
bring the hostages home and
I said man it's just a question

of leadership you actually
need a president
who is willing to pick up the
phone and say you got to
bring these people home no
no no no we don't we're not
focused
on that crap right now we're
focused on bringing hostages
home and then when the
negoti
hit a wall because they always
do you need a president who
picks up the phone and says
cut this crap out we've got to
make progress and you've got
to keep that pace going it it's
leadership it really is and I

saw it behind the scenes
and and what the and what
the president did is he
empowered in particular
because this remember this
was before we
were inaugurated this is
before we had our great
secretary of state Mark Rubio
or any of the great people
around us you
know the president sent his
his dear friend and he's
become my dear friend Steve
witkoff as an emissary of the
president of the United States
and he said Steve you speak
for me get it done and if there

are problems pick up the
phone and call me Steve
wickoff with the president's
leadership got it done and it's
amazing and and of course we
still

got work to do we've got to
finish the process but I I
really believe the president is
as committed to this as any
American leader in my life
time we're going to keep on
fighting for it

one of the issues that's Central
to the CPAC Community is
the issue of pro-life of course
and what is the administration
going to do to defend The

Unborn to provide support for
those mothers those
fathers that choose life sure
well you know one one of the
things of course the the
president got done during the
first
term and I think that it's why
he is accurately called the
most pro-life president in
American history is he
finally made it possible for
the will of the people to speak
on the life issue
and that was NE that the do's
decision what that did is it
gave the abortion
question back to the people it

took it out of the hands of
unelected bureaucrats and
unelected judges and
gave it back to the people and
I think the most important
thing that we can do and I'm
as you know Mercedes I'm

I'm

very pro-life I'm a devout
Christian is that we have got
to persuade our fellow
Americans because now
we've got the power we've got
the power of persu
we've got to persuade our
fellow citizens that unborn
life is worthy of protecting it
is sacred in the eyes of

God and it should be sacred
in the eyes of man too and we
have to pick up the torch and
fight for that every single
day and I know you guys are
up for the task I am too and I
and I think on the
administration side what what
the president has said and it's
been consistent it's going to
be consistent
in the rhetoric and in the
policy is we believe in the
Trump Administration
that babies are good that
families are good and we
want to make it easier for
young moms and young dads

to choose life to start families
and to bring new life into the
world that's the whole point
of

our policy now now now
some of that of course is
supporting our great crisis
pregnancy centers at the
moment of these important
Health Care decisions
encouraging young
women to choose life at that
important moment of choice
some of that is bringing cost
down so that you know
young moms and dads don't
look to the Future and a new
baby and say how can I afford

this and if they're able to
actually afford to raise a
family maybe they'll start
thinking of babies as the
blessings that we all know
that they are yeah and I
think but but but I I I I think
fundamentally this is going to
take a lot of leadership from
the president on
down but from every single
person in this room we've got
to persuade our fellow fellow
citizens to stop thinking
about babies as
inconveniences to be
discarded we've got to start
thinking them as blessings to

cherish and that's
exactly what I promise to do
so now we're going to get
personal this is going to be so
fun um your faith y why
is it so important to you what
does it mean to you tell us
why when you go
every single day to work how
faith is a part of who you are
well I mean first is
I I believe think the
fundamental tenant of the
Christian faith it's not just a
set of good moral principles
though it
is that I think the fundamental
tenant of our faith is that the

Son of God
became man he died and then
he raised himself from the
dead that is the
fundamental tenant of the
Christian faith and I think so
so much flows from that and I
think one one one one lesson
that flows from that is that we
shouldn't fear death of course
death is a very bad thing but
there are much more
there are much more terrible
things than just losing one's
life and importantly you
could lose one's soul and I
think we
whether it's fighting for The

Unborn or fighting for peace
and security for our citizens I
want us to be the kind of
society where my kids can
grow up to be virtuous young
people can be good young
Christians of course cuz that's
what I'm I'm trying to raise
them to be and that's what our
public policy is trying
to do creating the space where
moms and dads can raise their
children in their
faith to become good young
people who believe the things
that I do that is
what I'm trying to create is
the space for you of course to

raise your children as you see
fit but the space for me to
raise my kids to be the kind of
young people that I think they
ought to be and
and and the other thing that
that I I take from it Mercedes
is if you look at the long
history of the Christian faith
we've been around for about
2,000 years now give or take
a few years and there have
been really dark times in the
history of the Christian faith
there have been really good
times in the history of the
Christian faith and and I
just try to remind myself that

we put our faith in God above

we put our faith

in the grace of God and we
try the best to do his will and

we don't worry so

much about whether we're
going to have Earthly rewards
we worry about whether we're
doing right by God Almighty
above

that's what I try to do and
that's how I try to run my life
in

public you mentioned raising
these children into good
people and also into good
citizens that can contribute to
society and to the world we

had so many young people
come out and support Donald
Trump and JD van this past
election so what is your
message and I really
what is your message to the
young men you know I I
guess my message to
young people generally is
we're trying to make your life
better and that that is this that
is the simple thrust of
President Trump's policy is
we want you to be able to buy
a home we want you to be
able to work a good job we
want you
to be able to raise your kids

like I said according to the
values that you believe in and
we want you to be able to
build a nice life in this
country that all of us love that
is what we're trying to do and
you know you guys more than
more than anybody more than
me I'm talking about people
under the age of 30 in
particular you guys are going
to have
to deal with the consequences
of good policy or of bad
policy for much longer than
the rest of us and I I I I I just I
want you guys to
think about the future and ask

yourself do you want safe
communities do you want a
prosperous life do you want
to be able
to work a good job or do you
want that job shipped off to
China or somewhere else
we're fighting for you every
single
day we want you to help fight
for us because we've got a
win not just not just the the
the policy battles of the
next couple of months we've
got to win the midterm
elections in a couple of years
we need you we recognize
that we

need you and we're fighting
for you every single day and
and I think you know you you
asked me you my my
message

to young men is I I think that
our culture sends a message
to young men that you should
suppress every masculine
urge you should you you
should try to cast aside your
family you should try to
suppress what makes you a
young man in the first place
and I think that my my
message to young men is
don't allow this
broken culture to send you a

message that you're a bad
person because you're
a man because you like to tell
a joke because you like to
have a beer with your friends
or because you're
competitive it's
our our like our our our
message the the the cultural
message and I think the
president's and mine is the
exact opposite but our our
cultural message is I I think
that it wants to turn
everybody into whether male
or female into androgynous
idiots who think the
same talk the same and act

the same we actually think
God made male and female
for a purpose and want you
guys to
thrive as young men and as
young women and we're
going to help with our public
policy to make it possible to
do that and and by the way
that I I I
actually think Mercedes th
this is the thing that President
Trump this is why the media
went after him so hard is
because you know what what
I think about like what what
is the essence of masculinity
you could answer this in so

many different ways but
when I think about me and
my guy friends we really like
to tell jokes to one another
like

we like to laugh if you think
of all the movies that were
really popular saying you're
pretty funny I try to be okay
president Trump who's
funnier who's funnier
president Trump all right
there let's be honest there you
go he's got
the best he's got the best sense
of humor of any American
political figure but but I I I
think this is why young

men in particular are so you
know they're they're so
inspired by President Trump
is because he doesn't allow
the
media to tell him he can't
make a joke or he can't have
an original thought president
Trump just says what's on his
mind that's a damn good thing
and it's a good example to set
for young men in
American culture you know I
always tell my uh Five
Daughters I don't have any
sons but we Matt and I we
have five uh beautiful
daughters and I always say

you know the most important
decision you'll
ever make is who you marry
that's right always who you
marry and you made a very
important decision in
marrying Usha I
did I did I married up I
married up she is a beautiful
second Lady and I want to
know what is the best advice
Usha has given you well
one this is so fun okay this is
going to be very personal one
piece of advice she
one piece of advice she gave
me like a week ago was you
should be nicer on social

media I don't know that I'll
take that
advice some some advice is
good some advice as you
know you could you is can be
good but you don't have to
always

take it I you sound like my
husband the the the
best advice Usha ever gave
me when it comes I mean she
gave me so many good life
advices um or or pieces of
advice

but the best advice she gave
me when it came to politics is
don't let them filter you and in
politics you know you

got consultants and you got
media professionals you've
got pollsters you've got a lot
of people who try to
tell you what to say or how to
behave or you know what to
do and and Usha just
said just be yourself be
authentic go out out there and
say what's actually on your
mind maybe a little nicer
from time
to time but I I think that's the
best advice that she gave me
and that's why we take our
kids everywhere and that's
why I'm not afraid to make a
joke on social media even if

it's sometimes a dad joke I
forgive you know forgive me
all of you who don't like don't
like Dad jokes but you just
got to be yourself and I think
that's president Trump's
superpower in American
politics and that's probably
the best advice who ever gave
me at least on politics okay
last

question what what inspires
you every day well I mean
one is is my family
right I mean I'm blessed to
have a seven-year-old a 5-
year-old and a
three-year-old and I can't help

but see the country through
their eyes and when
we on the campaign in
particular and we would take
our kids with us all of my
kids when we were about to
land in some
new place you know they
they'd all rush to the window
of the plane and they' look out
and they'd say oh Dad this
looks so cool like you know
the beauty of the Arizona
cactuses and Arizona deserts
or you know we'd be in Texas
for
a fundraiser and they'd be like
oh my God like look at just

all of that open space right or
we we'd be in North
Carolina and say oh look how
beautiful the Green
Mountains right this idea of
these beautiful Green
Mountains of appalache
North Carolina we love North
Carolina and I I guess I guess
what inspires me is you can't
help but be
hopeful and energetic and
optimistic about this country
when When You See It
Through The Eyes of a child
so I hope I
never lose that perspective
because it does inspire me

every
day well Mr Vice President
you inspire us every day we
are praying for you we
are praying for your family
we are praying for this
incredible Administration for
of course president
Donald Trump and we are
honored that you are here
with our CPAC family and
I'm honored to be here thank
you thank you
so much thank you all I love
you guys thank you oh.

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