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12 Donald Trump Quotes About Space

Allison Gordon CNN

Trump has been very focused on space -- exploring it, enforcing it -- since he became a candidate for president. Below are 12 of the, uh, best things he's said about space -- as helpfully compiled by CNN's own Allison Gordon.

1. "In the old days, [NASA] was great. Right now, we have bigger problems, you understand that. We have to fix our potholes. We don't exactly have a lot of money." -- Trump, November 2015

Potholes or space, pick one.

2. "Look at your space program. Look at what's going on there. Somebody just asked me back stage, 'Mr. Trump, will you get involved in the space program?' Look what's happened with your employment. Look what's happened with our whole history of space and leadership. Look what's going on folks. We're like a third-world nation." -- Trump, August 2016

The United States of America, third-world nation.

3. "I will free NASA from the restriction of serving primarily as a logistics agency for low-Earth orbit

activity—big deal. Instead, we will refocus its mission on space exploration. Under a Trump Administration, Florida and America will lead the way into the stars." -- Trump, October 2016.

Everyone knows low-Earth orbit activity is for losers.

4. "At some point in the future, we're going to look back and say, 'How did we do it without space?'" -- Trump, July 2017.

Are we?

5. "This is infinity here. It could be infinity. We don't really don't know. But it could be. It has to be something — but it could be infinity, right?" -- Trump, July 2017.

Yes, this is a real quote.

6. "Mike is very much into space." -- Trump, July 2017.

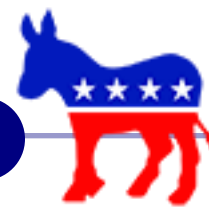
That's Mike Pence, space nerd, to you. (continued on page2)



The President stares at a solar eclipse

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12 Trump Quotes (continued)

7. "Maybe we need a new force. We'll call it the Space Force.' And I was not really serious. And then I said, 'What a great idea. Maybe we'll have to do that.' " -- Trump, March 2018, announcing the formation of a 6th military branch: Space Force!

(Does Space Force have a logo? You bet it does!)

8. "Under my Administration, we are restoring @NASA to greatness and we are going back to the Moon, then Mars. I am updating my budget to include an additional \$1.6 billion so that we can return to Space in a BIG WAY!" -- Trump tweet, May 2019.

Look out moon, here we come!

9. "For all of the money we are spending, NASA should NOT be talking about going to the Moon - We did that 50 years ago. They should be focused on the much bigger things we are doing, including Mars (of which the Moon is a part), Defense and Science!" -- Trump tweet, June 2019.

But wait. I thought we were going to the

moon? Also, the moon is not part of Mars. I majored in English and even I know that.

10. "To get to Mars, you have to land on the Moon, they say...Any way of going directly without landing on the Moon? Is that a possibility?" -- Trump, July 2019.

"Yes, I would like one flight to Mars, please. And don't even think about making me connect through the moon again."

11. "Space, to me, is very important for defense." -- Trump, July 2019.

Yes, yes this is all making sense now....

12. "We're stopping at the moon. The moon is actually a launching pad. That's why we're stopping at the moon. I said, 'Hey, we've done the moon. That's not so exciting.' So we'll be doing the moon. But we'll really be doing Mars." -- Trump, September 2019.

"Doing the moon."

One can only wonder what notable quotables President Trump will add to this dizzying array in the days to come.

A Brief History of Hancock County Election Results

Bruce Workman

Final Results	
R	70.7%
D	29.3%

In 2018 our candidate for state representative lost 68 %to 32%., while long-time Senator Brown finished a local 61% - 39% barnburner. In 2016 Ron Portman and Ted Strickland finished neck and neck at 73% - 22% and we had yet another narrow local defeat at 75% - 25%. There is nothing wrong with these Democratic candidates, it is just the political climate in which we find ourselves. In 2014 Mike DeWine squeaked out at 77% - 23% victory over David Pepper (the guy has a J.D from Yale Law) for Attorney General. In 2012 Sherrod Brown did better, receiving

almost 34% of the vote while we lost the State Representative race 67% - 33%. The results are similar as far back as the BOE posts past election results (2005). That may have been the Democrats' best year of the century where we came within 10 percentage points (55% to 45%) of winning a city council seat.

But this year will be different. Is it really necessary to bring out that cliché (misattributed to Albert Einstein) about doing the same thing and expecting different outcomes?

Donald Trump is Mentally Unhinged

Kevin Drum — Mother Jones

In the past few days Donald Trump has::

- Cranked up the volume on his pointless cold wars with China and Iran
- Turned mask wearing into a culture war campaign issue
- Accused a TV host of murdering an intern
- Declared war on voting by mail
- Insisted that James Comey and a variety of others should be in jail
- Pushed an absurd “unmasking” non-scandal
- Insisted that Barack Obama personally led a spying campaign against him
- Retweeted a video saying “the only good

Democrat is a dead Democrat”

- Retweeted QAnon conspiracy theories

All of this has happened in the midst of an enormous pandemic which should be occupying all his time. Instead he’s virtually ignoring it because he can’t figure out what to do aside from handing it over to his son-in-law and then hauling out his iPhone to tweet about something he heard on Fox & Friends.

Is Trump mentally unstable? I don’t know. But he’s sure not mentally all there, is he? What kind of leader decides he can just shut his eyes to a deadly pandemic and instead spend all his time plotting revenge on enemies both real and imagined? Only a mentally deranged one. When will the Republican Party finally realize just what kind of trouble they’ve gotten us into?



**“Crazy is as crazy does”
Forrest Trump**

More on Social Media

Bruce Workman May 25, 2020

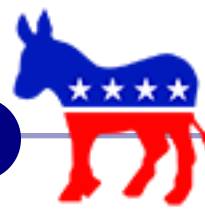
I mentioned in last week’s issue how I had been banned from Twitter for jokingly suggesting the Orange Ogre consider suicide. I think when you consider the target of my tweet, you can see that I did not expect to be taken seriously and certainly did not expect him to act upon my suggestion. Nevertheless, Twitter decided to take a tough stance. I did not take offense for two reasons: 1. I don’t care if I ever use Twitter again. 2. Urging any vulnerable individual to take his or her life is a perilous situation and Twitter has a moral duty to take preventive measures.

Instead of humbly honoring those who gave their lives in defense of our nation, this president spent his weekend tweeting, spreading

bizarre conspiracy rants (as someone aware of the definition of the word “theory”, I refuse to use it here even for the sake of brevity), and golfing..

One of his tweets involved a long-debunked narrative concerning the death of an intern for former Congressman Joe Scarborough. The widower of this intern wrote to Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey, “I’m asking you to intervene in this instance because the President of the United States has taken something that does not belong him — the memory of my dead wife and perverted it for perceived political gain.” Twitter responded by refusing to delete the offending tweets (continued on page 4)

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More on Social Media (continued)

I believe the different tone in their response to Trump and me has more to do with the number of followers and potential ad revenue than any moral standards. I am convinced Facebook would have taken a similar position. So, if you decide to continue patronizing these social media giants, be aware of a few basic cautions. You are dealing with amoral or immoral corporations with leaders of dubious character. You are giving them personal

information that they intend to sell. And you are setting yourself up for targeted ads that will follow you throughout the digital world. My aforementioned Twitter account has been gone for some time and my Facebook account is set to be “permanently” deleted June 23, but I have no illusions that they will not keep the information they have accumulated about me for sale.

Republicans’ Latest Proposed Tax Cut for the Rich Could Permanently Hobble Future Presidents

Catherine Rampell — Washington Post May 25, 2020

At this point it’s almost a pathology. Whatever the crisis, whatever the state of the economy, Republicans crave another tax cut for the rich.

The latest proposal is for a temporary “holiday” on capital gains taxes, as White House adviser Kevin Hassett pitched Sunday on CNN and President Trump had earlier proposed via tweet. A one-time, temporary capital gains tax holiday would do little to stimulate the economy, even according to the GOP’s usual line that tax cuts goose growth. The move could, on the other hand, permanently hobble the ability of future presidents to fund the government..

A “capital gain” refers to how much the value of an asset (such as a stock) has increased over time. Taxes on capital gains are triggered only when the asset is sold. So if you bought a few shares of Apple stock when it IPO’d in 1980, your shares would be worth a fortune today — but you don’t owe Uncle Sam a penny until you cash out.

And perhaps not even then.

Only a small sliver — about a quarter — of U.S. stock is taxable, because most equities are held in tax-exempt retirement accounts or by tax-exempt nonprofits or foreigners, according to the Tax Policy Center’s Steven M. Rosenthal and Lydia Austin. Sales of assets that are taxable are taxed at preferential rates (that is, lower than what you pay on your wage or salary income) if the investments are held for more than a year.

The great majority of this taxable investment income accrues to the very richest Americans. Last year, for instance, the top 1 percent of households received three-quarters of all long-term capital gains. So that’s the population who’d primarily benefit when the White House suggests further capital gains tax cuts.

In fact, the government has already created other ways to help wealthy people avoid paying these taxes.

If you happen to die before selling those Apple shares, (continued on page 5)



Republicans' Latest Proposed Tax Cut for the Rich Could Permanently Hobble Future Presidents (continued)

for example, your kids can inherit them without anyone ever paying income taxes on the gains accumulated during your lifetime.

Or, thanks to the GOP's 2017 tax law, you can sell your shares, reinvest the profits into a designated "Opportunity Zone" project and have the taxes on your Apple profits postponed or partially forgiven.

Even before the pandemic, the White House was proposing additional capital gains tax off-ramps. Now Hasset suggests this new iteration: For some temporary, to-be-determined length of time, rich people could sell their assets, realize whatever gains they've accumulated over the decades, and never pay taxes on the income.

Why is the GOP so fixated on capital gains tax cuts?

One possible explanation is self-interest: Some important Republican constituents live off their wealth rather than the sweat of their brows. The GOP is hardly the only party pushing tax breaks that benefit high-income constituents: The Democratic House's latest coronavirus-relief bill, while weighted overall toward lower-income Americans, nonetheless included a tax break that almost exclusively helps high-income, blue-state residents

But Republicans insist that these tax breaks aren't a cynical ploy to reward donors. They're about boosting economic growth!

This was also the pitch for their 2017 corporate tax cuts. If only the feds take a smaller cut of investors' returns, Hasset and others argued, investors would provide more capital to companies. Companies would then build more factories and buy more equipment, which would in turn make workers

more productive and stimulate long-term economic growth..

Even if you believe this story (and the 2017 law's track record provides reason for skepticism), a one-time, temporary capital gains holiday would only reward past investment decisions. It would not actually increase incentives to make new investments. Sure, the lucky guy who bought Apple stock in 1980 can now cash out tax-free. But the policy would do little to change future investment decisions and increase capital accumulation.

It's also unlikely to produce much in the way of a Keynesian-style, demand-side stimulus, because the high-income households disproportionately reaping the benefits are more likely to save their windfalls rather than spend them..

It would, however, make budgeting more difficult for whoever's in the White House when the holiday ends.

That's because anyone with any unrealized gains today would use the holiday to sell and book those gains now, tax-free, thereby denying the government the ability to ever collect revenue on them. You can't unring the bell. Absent some sort of (possibly unconstitutional) wealth tax, the holiday would deprive the treasury of taxes on the past 50 years or so of accumulated, unrealized capital gains.

This would permanently increase deficits, which in the long run would drag economic growth, according to University of Pennsylvania economist and Penn Wharton Budget Model director Kent Smetters.

But in the long run we're all dead, right? Might as well make one last cash grab on the way out the door.



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From the Chair

Hancock County Democrats are gearing up for a challenging election. It is vital that we work to put our country back together again. We are in the process of developing an organizational committee to look at bylaws and committee formation. We must adapt to social media realities and we need to be welcoming to Independent voters as well as some thoughtful Republicans who are fed up with what is going on their own party. We need to hold ourselves accountable to a higher standard and communicate clearly what our party is for: promoting the dignity and rights of all individuals, ensuring a good education and healthcare for all in our country, ensuring workers earn a living wage, protecting our borders while addressing the very real issues of

refugees fleeing their own countries in fear of their very lives and articulating a profound respect for life in all its forms, including care for our planet.

Your local Hancock County Democratic Party currently has a combined Central and Executive Committee. These committees have separate membership lists with a lot of crossovers - one person belonging to both committees. Central Committee members each represent the precinct in which they live and are elected or appointed. Executive Committee members are appointed and include Central Committee members, elected officials, and past local party officers as well as other community residents with interest and expertise. This outdated structure needs to

be revamped and include leadership development at all levels so that we can work together to ensure the lives of all of us..

We are working with leadership at the state level (ODP) to revamp our bylaws and ensure a sound structure as we go forward. We also hope to revamp our Central Committee Handbook. If you would like to assist in this effort, please contact me. If you have a desire to serve on Central and/or Executive Committee, please contact me. Nancy Stephani, chair at Nancy.Stephani@gmail.com or 419.348.2599