

# The Golden Start of a New Era: President Trump at the World Economic Forum



President Donald Trump addressing the World Economic Forum.

President Donald J. Trump addressed the World Economic Forum in Davos. His words, brimming with confidence and ambition, heralded a “golden age” for America. Speaking to the world’s most influential business leaders, policymakers, and innovators, Trump outlined his administration’s bold agenda for economic growth, energy dominance, global peace, and the revival of American manufacturing.

“It’s been a truly historic week in the United States,” Trump began. “Our country will soon be stronger, wealthier, and more united than ever before.” With sweeping reforms already underway, the President pledged to reverse the challenges inherited from the previous administration, declaring that America was now on a fast track to prosperity. His opening statement set the stage for what would become one of the most consequential and policy-driven addresses of his career.

## **The Economic Agenda: A Revolution of Common Sense**

President Trump made it clear that his administration was laser-focused on combating the economic turmoil caused by inflation, high energy costs, and what he called “crippling regulations.”

He unveiled his vision for economic reform, starting with his hallmark approach to deregulation. “I have promised to eliminate ten old regulations for every new regulation,” Trump announced. “This will put thousands of dollars back into the pockets of American families.” The President also described his newly created Department of Government Efficiency, which he said would streamline the federal bureaucracy and reduce wasteful spending.

On the corporate front, Trump’s agenda was designed to incentivize businesses to invest in America. The President announced plans to slash corporate taxes further—from 21 percent to 15 percent—but with a catch. “If you make your product in the USA, you’ll pay the lowest taxes of any major nation on Earth. If you don’t, you’ll face tariffs,” he said, emphasizing that his policies would redirect “hundreds of billions, even trillions, into the U.S. Treasury.”

Already, Trump said, his election victory had triggered a wave of optimism among investors. Citing announcements made since his return to office, he highlighted:

SoftBank’s pledge of USD 100-200 billion in U.S. investments.

Oracle, SoftBank, and OpenAI’s historic USD 500 billion commitment to building AI infrastructure in the United States.

Saudi Arabia’s announcement of a USD 600 billion investment in the U.S., with Trump adding that he would push the figure to USD 1 trillion in negotiations with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Major investments in liquefied natural gas (LNG) infrastructure, which Trump said would secure U.S. energy independence while exporting surplus energy to Europe.

“These companies are making America the world capital of artificial intelligence, energy production, and manufacturing,” Trump declared. “The economic confidence in our country is soaring like we haven’t seen in decades.”

## **Energy Dominance and Infrastructure: The Heart of the Trump Agenda**

Energy policy took center stage during Trump's address. Declaring a national energy emergency, Trump promised to unlock America's vast reserves of oil, gas, and coal. His administration would accelerate approvals for energy infrastructure projects, ensuring that no regulatory delays hindered progress.

Trump recounted his personal involvement in fast-tracking two massive LNG projects in Louisiana during his first term. "These projects had been stuck in environmental review for over a decade. I got them approved in less than a week," he said, drawing applause from the Davos audience. "Rapid approvals will now be the hallmark of this administration."

"Under our leadership, America is back and open for business," he said. He highlighted upcoming milestones, including the 250th anniversary of America's founding, the World Cup, and the Olympics, as opportunities to showcase the nation's strength and unity.

When asked by TotalEnergies CEO Patrick Pouyanné about balancing LNG exports with domestic energy needs, Trump assured Europe of reliable U.S. LNG supplies while dismissing fears of inflationary impacts. "The more we produce, the lower the prices will go," he said. He also announced a groundbreaking policy to allow energy companies to build their own on-site electric generating facilities, reducing dependence on aging utility grids.

Trump emphasized the importance of clean coal as a backup energy source, calling it "indestructible" and vital for energy security. "Nothing can destroy coal—not the weather, not a bomb. It's the perfect backup for emergencies," he stated.

## **Global Diplomacy and Peace: A Path Forward**

Trump's vision extended beyond America's borders. He called for stronger ties with allies and a rebalancing of trade relationships. Criticizing the European Union's regulatory inefficiencies and trade policies, he urged faster approval processes and fairer treatment for American businesses.

On the geopolitical front, Trump expressed urgency in ending the Russia-Ukraine

war. “If the price of oil comes down, that war will end immediately,” he said, calling on OPEC and Saudi Arabia to lower oil prices to facilitate peace. He also revealed ongoing efforts to negotiate a ceasefire in the Middle East and secure the release of hostages.

Trump hinted at a broader ambition for global stability: denuclearization. He recalled prior discussions with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping about reducing nuclear arsenals. “President Putin and I were close to an agreement. China was willing to join. This could be a transformative moment for the planet,” he said.

### **A Historic Q&A Session: Insights from Industry Leaders**

The Q&A session that followed Trump’s remarks was equally impactful. Business titans from across the globe posed questions about his policies:

**Brian Moynihan (Bank of America)** asked about balancing rapid executive actions with economic growth. Trump responded by reiterating his commitment to lowering taxes and fostering small business growth, while subtly urging banks to “open up” to conservative customers.

**Ana Botín (Banco Santander)** applauded Trump’s focus on deregulation and asked how quickly his administration would act. “We’ve already done more in three days than most administrations accomplish in four years,” Trump replied confidently.

**Steve Schwarzman (Blackstone Group)** asked about Trump’s approach to EU regulations. Trump responded by sharing a personal anecdote about EU red tape delaying a project in Ireland, calling for fairer trade policies and faster approvals.

### **The Global Stage: America’s Role as a Leader**

As his address drew to a close, President reflected on America’s role in the world. “Under our leadership, America is back and open for business,” he said.

President Trump highlighted upcoming milestones, including the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America’s founding, the World Cup, and the Olympics, as opportunities to showcase the nation’s strength and unity.

The President’s parting message to Davos was one of optimism and resolve. “The

spirit and light over our country have been incredible. We're not just making America great again; we're making the world better."

For the leaders in attendance, President Trump's speech was more than a declaration of policy—it was a rallying cry for a new era of global collaboration, economic dynamism, and shared prosperity.



President Donald Trump swearing in as the 47<sup>th</sup> U.S President. Chief Justice John Roberts administered the oath of office to President Trump. Also present were former President Joe Biden, family members, state leaders, and several business titans.