

# You just got *Trumped*

## Trump rally in Dallas draws big crowds, both supporters and protestors

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DALLAS - At 6 p.m. on Monday, the American Airlines Center was littered with posters and American flags held by an estimated 15,000 people, all waiting for one particular person to step up to the podium.

The rally for Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, held in downtown Dallas, sold out in only four days, and featured the longest speech to date.

But the true reason for the tremendous turnout was stated by introductory speaker and Tea Party News Network Di-

rector Scottie Nell Hughes, who addressed the crowd as either people who are "here to make America great again" or to "see the Trump phenomenon."

As Hughes left the platform, the audience held a collective breath, waiting for either their political hero or pop culture icon.

When Trump finally stepped out a few minutes past schedule, his supporters from all sides of the arena roared with excitement.

Trump wore a navy suit and red tie, which was fit for his fiery speech that soon followed. As soon as the crowd calmed down, he jumped right into it.

He addressed how "the hatred is so incredible" from people who don't support him, asking the audience if he should mention the names of individuals he discussed.

Trump took the unanimous cheering as a yes and proceeded to call Washington Post writer George Will "a disaster" and Republican political consultant Karl Rove a "total incompetent jerk."

As far as the press was concerned, Trump didn't stop there. He asked the audience to give a thumbs up if they liked the press. When the crowd became quiet, he asked if the opposite was true, leading them to cheer in agreement again.

He was angered by a headline that presented another candidate as a close second to him in the Republican polls when he was in the clear lead, saying "where's my name?"

As for the race, Trump made it clear to the audience that he was in it to win it, "Unless I win, it's been a total waste of time," Trump said. "Nobody's going to be able to do the job that I'm going to do."

After discussing controversial topics from his past speeches such as his opinion of women, Trump stated that, "I cherish women; I'm going to take such great care of women's healthcare."

The biggest reaction then came when he addressed perhaps the most sensitive topic he has taken a side on so far in his campaign-immigration.

"We have to stop illegal immigration." Trump's brash statement was met tremendously by the audience, who gave him a standing ovation. "We have to build a wall," Trump

said, referencing Israel's West Bank Barrier, "walls work."

He was very optimistic about his plans for the wall and what it would mean for future immigrants, "We are going to have a great border; we want people to be in our country, legally," Trump said.

Meanwhile, right outside of the rally, more than 1,000 people couldn't disagree more. Protesters marched from the Dallas Roman Catholic Cathedral to the AA Center, chanting "dump the Trump!" and "sí se puede!," which translates to "yes we can."

The protest, organized by the North Texas chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens, involved passionate Dallas citizens such as protestor Mike Jefcoat, who had some strong points to make against Trump's immigration plans.

"Donald Trump is coming about in our country right now in an opportune time for a racist, fascist, type of approach against the people of this country," Jefcoat said. "He's talking about deporting 11 million people over two years. If you think about the logistics of deporting 11 million people, you are talking about families and homes and creating more disaster in its wake than we have right now. We do need smart immigration, we need an immigration that allows people a right to citizenship."

Jefcoat spent the afternoon on both sides of the battleground, and what he witnessed only added fuel to his argument.

"I was in there," Jefcoat said. "I'm out here and in there, and I can tell you that unless people get involved in their local politics and grassroots, there's not going to be a change in this country."

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