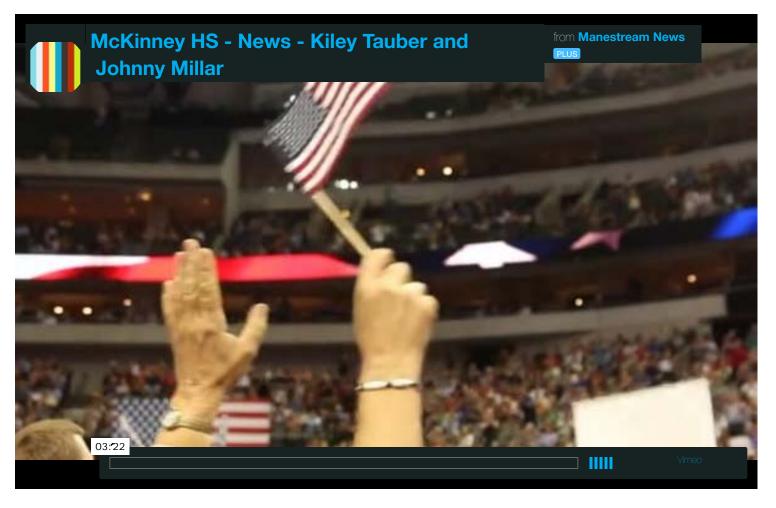


'The Trump Phenomenon'

Dallas greets candidate with cheers and jeers



Kiley Tauber and Johnny Millar

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Donald Trump arrived to chants of "USA, USA" from an enthusiastic

crowd of almost 15,000 on Monday at the American Airlines Center in promotion of his 2016 presidential run.

One of his opening speakers received tremendous cheers when she proclaimed, "There are one of two reasons all of you came—because you want to make America great again, or because you want to experience the Trump phenomenon!"



The Trump phenomenon. He mentioned it himself multiple times, acknowledging how news is "All Trump, all the time" and gave himself credit for news channel ratings being "through the roof." He claims he is a different kind of candidate.

"These guys go around giving the same speech hundreds of times," Trump said in reference to the other candidates. "I like Carly, I like Ben, I like so many others. But nobody's going to be able to do the job I'm going to do."

The crowd jumped to their feet more than once with deafening cheers in response to his statements.

"We call ourselves the silent majority?" Trump said. "No. We are the noisy, the aggressive, the wanting to win majority."

His began his speech with numerous references to his economic stance, such as "I'm self-loaning my campaign—I'm not taking any blood money."

After a 15 minute long introduction, he plowed on into the problem of illegal immigration and managed to gain applause after every statement.

"Before I came here, I saw, on the news, a family decimated," he said, "their daughter torn apart by illegal immigrants. Many gang members, these rough guys, are illegal immigrants. We have to stop this."

His idea to stop this rotated around building a wall on the U.S. and Mexican border. He referred to the West Bank Wall in Israel, saying that if it worked there, it would work here also.

"This wall won't be any wall," he said. "It will be a fancy wall. I'll even have my name written on it. But, I will make Mexico pay for it. If anyone else tried to make them, if any other candidate tried, it wouldn't work. When you have Trump negotiating for you, they will pay."

This gained another round of his supporters chanting "USA, USA." However, just outside the American Airlines Canter, hundreds of Latinos gathered in protest against these exact ideas.

Trump also brought China and Japan into the mix, stating how the U.S. "sends back the Yale graduates, the Harvard graduates that we need, and keeps the criminals." He went on even further, saying "We are a dumping ground for the rest of the world."

He moved the end of his speech back to America and domestic policy, raising the crowd's energy one last time.

"Our military will be strong and powerful," he said. "The American dream is dead, but I can make it bigger, better, and stronger than before. Let's take back our country! We can make America great again!"

Pouring out of the stadium after the rally ended, his supporters held him in high regard.

"I thought it was inspirational," said supporter Yarick Molina. "I feel so lucky. I got to shake his hand. He was so energetic, it was really exciting."

Others, however, felt less swayed of his abilities. One bystander described his speech as "Too much slogan, not enough content." Either way, his "phenomenon" managed to affect people.

"He was very energetic," said supporter Jerry Lybarger. "I have to be convinced he's going to do what he says he'll do before he's got my vote. I want to know if he'll follow through. We'll see how it goes."

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Outside the Arena

Protesters gather at rally to make statement against Trump

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Hundreds of people gathered outside the American Airlines Center on Monday in protest of *Donald Trump's ongoing rally* and his comments toward immigrants.

Before the rally, protesters stood across from the lines of people waiting to enter the American Airlines center. They shouted things like "Dump the Trump!" and "Tejas! Tejas!" while playing Spanish renditions of songs like "We are the World." However, the Trump supporters were unaffected.



Thirty-one year old Araceli Escoto believed everything Trump had said was prejudiced and untrue. She believed it wasn't right to stereotype a whole race of people like that.

"We are showing him that we can be strong without having race involved," Escoto said. "This protest—it's not about color, it's not about race. It's about everyone being united. He believes just because he has money he can do whatever he wants to. That's not right."

She also brought her daughter to the rally as a teaching moment to show her she should stand up in what she believes in.

"Just like any parent, my mother wanted the best for her kid," Escoto said. "When she brought me here to the United States, she didn't want to 'take the government's money.' She wanted to make a better living for all of us. I brought my little girl so she can see what she can stand up for when she grows up."

Sara Esparza, a high school junior from Uplift Luna Prepatory, believed this protest stood against Donald Trump and everyone who shared his beliefs.

"My opinion on Donald Trump is, well, I don't know how someone can be so ignorant and still want to run for president," Ezparza said. "Not only that, but his supporters. I mean, there's 17,000 people here and I genuinely

worry for these people. How can they think those things and agree with him? I can't even handle that."

She highly opposed with most of his statements about women, but what affected her most was his "personal attack on her race."

"Something that personally sticks with me is what he said about Hispanics," Esparza said. "I am Hispanic. He said we were rapists and criminals and all these other things. I said, you know what? That's racist. That's not something you should be saying."

Protestors kept motivated throughout the rally and even after the rally finished. As Trump's spectators emptied the stadiums, protestors decorated themselves with Mexican flags and continued shouting for freedom. A group of Black Lives Matter activists even joined in. They waved their flag and chanted, "Tejas! Tejas!" as the sun set behind them. And though Dallas police officers stationed themselves around this action, no arrests were made.

"The purpose of this protest isn't to anger or annoy anyone," Esparza said. "I feel this protest is giving a voice to the oppressed. We need a voice."

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At presidential candidate *Donald Trump's Sept. 14th rally*, Trump rambled for over an hour about controversial issues and made farfetched promises. His overall lack of specificity on policies and insensitivity to diverse voters make him an incompatible fit for modern America.



Throughout the event, Trump addressed broad concepts with conservative-friendly statements that showed no clear plan for the future.

He emphasized that to *end illegal immigration*, Americans "have to build a wall," but would follow these suggestions with contradictory promises of lowering taxes for the people.

Trump's assurance that he "will take such good care of women's healthcare," was a vague attempt to smooth over prior misogynistic comments.

Remarks about fellow candidate Carly Fiorina's appearance and Fox News moderator Megyn Kelly's performance at the first Republican debate sparked controversy about Trump's sexist mindset.

The reality star's "no teleprompters" motto needed rethinking, as much more than a teleprompter was necessary to organize Trump's fumbling phrases.

Trump also consistently degraded ethnically diverse people, specifically, Hispanic populations and non-Christians.

His derogatory references to nearly every group of people highlight Trump's central message: if you aren't a white, Christian male, you are inferior.

The television star's ordainment by First Baptist Dallas pastor Dr. Robert Jeffress and desire to "restore the Judeo-Christian foundation" attempted to portray Trump as a pious man.

Considering his lack of philanthropic activity or religious involvement prior to the presidential race, Trump's faith

can barely be described as "born again," let alone devout.

Supporters of Trump are drawn into his message of "making America great again." His background outside the realm of politics and ability to self-fund his campaign have also garnered him popularity.

However, Trump's lack of any political experience would make his presidency a daunting task and extreme risk. His self-funded campaign is simply a reminder that Trump is a businessman and entertainer who sees America from the perspective of the 1 percent.

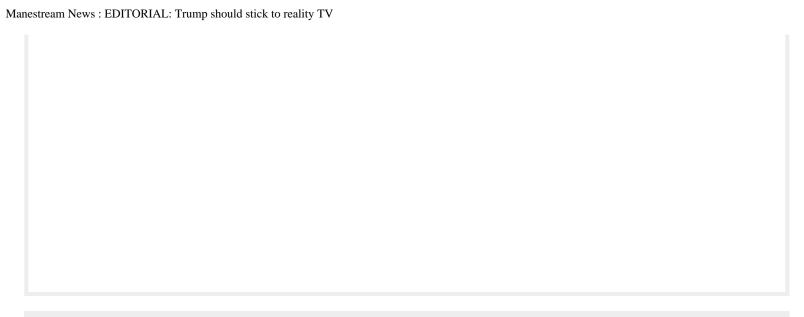
Trump's collection of bigoted non sequiturs and general ineptitude prove how out-of-touch he is with contemporary America. His racist and insensitive remarks blur into one bad episode of "The Apprentice," a reminder that Trump's extent of power should be kept to the boardroom.

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