

Excerpt from World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2020 Special Address by Donald Trump

To protect our security and our economy, we are also boldly embracing American energy independence. The United States is now by far the number one producer of oil and natural gas anywhere in the world, by far. It's not even close. While many European countries struggle with crippling energy costs, the American energy revolution is saving American families \$2,500 every year in lowering electric bills and numbers that people said couldn't happen. And also, very importantly, prices at the pump.

We've been so successful that the United States no longer needs to import energy from hostile nations. With an abundance of American natural gas now available, our European allies no longer have to be vulnerable to unfriendly energy suppliers, either. We urge our friends in Europe to use America's vast supply and achieve true energy security.

With US companies and researchers leading the way, we are on the threshold of virtually unlimited reserves of energy, including from traditional fuels, LNG, clean coal, next-generation nuclear power, and gas hydrate technologies.

At the same time I'm proud to report the United States has among the cleanest air and drinking water on Earth. And we're going to keep it that way and we just came out with a report that at this moment it's the cleanest it's been in the last forty years. We're committed to conserving the majesty of God's creation and the natural beauty of our world.

Today, I'm pleased to announce that the United States will join the One Trillion Trees Initiative, being launched here at the World Economic Forum—one trillion trees. [applause] And in doing so, we will continue to show strong leadership in restoring, growing, and better managing our trees and our forests.

This is not a time for pessimism. This is a time for optimism. Fear and doubt is not a good thought process, because this is a time for tremendous hope, and joy, and optimism—and action. But to embrace the possibilities of tomorrow we must reject the perennial prophets of doom, and their predictions of the apocalypse. They are the heirs of yesterday's foolish fortune-tellers, and I have them and you have them, and we all have them, and they want to see us do badly but we don't let that happen. They predicted an overpopulation crisis in the 1960s, mass starvation in the 70s, and an end of oil in the 1990s. These alarmists always demand the same thing, absolute power to dominate, transform, and control every aspect of our lives. We will never let radical socialists destroy our economy, wreck our country, or eradicate our liberty. America will always be the proud, strong, and unyielding bastion of freedom. In America, we understand what the pessimists refuse to see: that a growing and vibrant market economy focused on the future lifts the human spirit and excites creativity strong enough to overcome any challenge, any challenge by far.

Key Concepts Task:

What is the discourse trying to accomplish? (policy and procedure)

- This discourse is trying to explain the great accomplishments the U.S. has achieved regarding energy costs over the years. This proves to surrounding countries, that we used to import energy from, that we are now more independent than ever and that they can now rely on us for energy.

(A) What are the primary goals or objectives of the discourse?

- The United States has always been seen as more independent than most countries around us. However, this discourse serves the purpose to prove once again that the U.S. can supply its own energy without having to rely on other countries to import it. Another primary goal is to give American citizens hope regarding how their country is doing economically. One of Trump's main goals here is to explain that the U.S. is trying to make the world more sufficient by joining the One Trillion Trees Initiative.

(B) Secondary goals?

- A secondary goal of this discourse is Trump trying to prove to the American citizens that he is doing a good job keeping the U.S. on their toes and keeping the economy from falling over the years of him becoming president. This goal was to ensure his continuing position as president in the next election. "At the same time I'm proud to report the United States has among the cleanest air and drinking water on Earth. And we're going to keep it that way and we just came out with a report that at this moment it's the cleanest it's been in the last forty years." (paragraph 4).

(C) How is the audience "supposed to" react to the discourse?

- Trumps hoping that the audience will see him as a great president for the U.S. as he continues to show efforts to create an accomplished well-rounded government. By doing this he is hoping that the American citizens will reelect him as president when he runs for office again. Overall, the audience is supposed to agree with Trumps statements in this speech and want to keep him in office as long as possible.