

Remarks by the US Vice President in Dayton, OHIO

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Hello, Ohio! Hello, everybody! What a great crowd!

Wasn't the President great last night? Last night, we saw a Commander-in-Chief who is in command of the issues. You guys got to see what I see every day for the last four years, a President who clearly understands America's interest around the world and has the courage to pursue and protect those interests.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is a man who's not only earned my respect and the respect of all those who work with him and of all of you, but he's earned the respect of all the world leaders.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Commander-in-Chief not only knows how to lead America, but this Commander-in-Chief is leading the world. As my dad would say, this is a man with a steady hand and a clear vision; a man who leads not only by the example of our power, but by the power of America's example. This is a President who says what he means, means what he says, and does what he says.

This is a man the world relies on, and we rely on. And, boy, was the contrast clear last night. As the President pointed out last night, these debates have exposed that Governor Romney and Paul Ryan have a foreign policy right out of the '80s, a social policy out of the '50s, and an economic policy right out of the '20s. The differences in our policies and, I would submit to you, in our values, are profound, and the American people, after four debates, know it.

Folks, this President is leveling the playing field, getting the middle class back in the game. He knows how to build America, from the middle out. That's how you build America. And thanks to his leadership and the grit of the American people, America is coming back. The American people know only one way -- only one way -- and that is forward.

Ladies and gentlemen, regardless of what our opponents say, what they try to paint, America is not in decline. Americans are not dependent people. We are strong. We're independent. We take responsibility. And I've got news for Governor Romney and Congressman Ryan -- it's never, never, ever been a good bet to bet against the American people. Never.

So, ladies and gentlemen, join me in welcoming my friend, our President, Barack Obama.