

## President Trump's Inflation Speech Diverts to Immigration and Economy



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President Donald Trump sought to highlight his administration's efforts to combat inflation during a visit to Pennsylvania on Tuesday, but his remarks repeatedly turned to grievances about immigration and earlier controversies. Addressing supporters at the Mount Airy Casino Resort in Mount Pocono, Trump declared that inflation was no longer a major problem and accused Democrats of using "affordability" concerns as a political weapon.

While presenting charts comparing price levels under his administration to those during the Biden presidency, Trump shifted to criticizing U.S. immigration policies. He revisited comments first reported during his 2018 term, questioning why the United States does not attract more immigrants from Scandinavian nations and contrasting them with arrivals from countries facing instability or poverty. His language revived debate over remarks he had previously denied.

Although presented as an official White House event, the gathering resembled Trump's campaign-style rallies and reflected plans to appear frequently ahead of next year's midterm elections. Monroe County, a tourism-driven region that flipped to Trump in 2024 after supporting Biden in 2020, will play a key role in determining control of Congress.

Residents at the event expressed frustration over rising grocery, housing, utility and transportation costs. Some Trump-supporting voters said they were unsure any president could reverse price increases, while Democratic-leaning residents blamed Trump's tariffs for higher costs.

Republican Rep. Rob Bresnahan, who represents the district and faces a strong Democratic challenge, told attendees that voters want practical solutions rather than partisan clashes. Yet several residents said persistent inflation might affect their turnout in 2026.

White House officials say Trump will expand his travel schedule in the coming months, aiming to

mobilize supporters who often skip midterm elections. He maintains that his policies, including tariffs and investment incentives, will strengthen key industries and ease long-term costs for Americans.