

A Full Transcript Of Donald Trump's Black History Month Remarks

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February is Black History Month. This morning, Donald Trump held a White House event to mark the occasion. Below is an accurate transcript of his remarks.

[Daniel Dale of the Toronto Star published the first transcript of this on Twitter; we re-transcribed the president's remarks from video for this transcript.]

Well, the election, it came out really well. Next time we'll triple the number or quadruple it. We want to get it over 51, right? At least 51.

Well this is Black History Month, so this is our little breakfast, our little get-together. Hi Lynn, how are you? Just a few notes. During this month, we honor the tremendous history of African-Americans throughout our country. Throughout the world, if you really think about it, right? And their story is one of unimaginable sacrifice, hard work, and faith in America. I've gotten a real glimpse—during the campaign, I'd go around with Ben to a lot of different places I wasn't so familiar with. They're incredible people. And I want to thank Ben Carson, who's gonna be heading up HUD. That's a big job. That's a job that's not only housing, but it's mind and spirit. Right, Ben? And you understand, nobody's gonna be better than Ben.

Last month, we celebrated the life of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., whose incredible example is unique in American history. You read all about Dr. Martin Luther King a week ago when somebody said I took the statue out of my office. It turned out that that was fake news. Fake news. The statue is cherished, it's one of the favorite things in the—and we have some good ones. We have Lincoln, and we have Jefferson, and we have Dr. Martin Luther King. But they said the statue, the bust of Martin Luther

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Comment [1]: Vague

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Comment [2]: Triple or quadruple what?

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Comment [3]: Yes, it would be nice if at least half the country voted for you next time.

Author

Comment [4]: BHM is your breakfast/get-together?

Choosing the right transition word can be difficult, but it is important to make sure that you choose the one that best describes the relationship you are trying to illustrate.

Author

Comment [5]: Stay on topic.

Author

Comment [6]: Or just also throughout the world.

Author

Comment [7]: A sacrifice generally implies autonomy.

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Comment [8]: This is literally the one Black person he knows.

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Comment [9]: Be careful when referring to entire racial and cultural groups as "they."

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Comment [10]: Off-topic

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Comment [11]: Also off-topic.

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Comment [12]: Meaning unclear. Does not follow logically.

Author

Comment [13]: Can you support this claim?

Author

Comment [14]: You might want to choose a better example to illustrate who Dr. King is for people who are unfamiliar.

King, was taken out of the office. And it was never even touched. So I think it was a disgrace, but that's the way the press is. Very unfortunate.

I am very proud now that we have a museum on the National Mall where people can learn about Reverend King, so many other things. Frederick Douglass is an example of somebody who's done an amazing job and is being recognized more and more, I noticed. Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, and millions more black Americans who made America what it is today. Big impact.

I'm proud to honor this heritage and will be honoring it more and more. The folks at the table in almost all cases have been great friends and supporters. Darrell—I met Darrell when he was defending me on television. And the people that were on the other side of the argument didn't have a chance, right? And Paris has done an amazing job in a very hostile CNN community. He's all by himself. You'll have seven people, and Paris. And I'll take Paris over the seven. But I don't watch CNN, so I don't get to see you as much as I used to. I don't like watching fake news. But Fox has treated me very nice. Wherever Fox is, thank you.

We're gonna need better schools and we need them soon. We need more jobs, we need better wages, a lot better wages. We're gonna work very hard on the inner city. Ben is gonna be doing that, big league. That's one of the big things that you're gonna be looking at. We need safer communities and we're going to do that with law enforcement. We're gonna make it safe. We're gonna make it much better than it is right now. Right now it's terrible, and I saw you talking about it the other night, Paris, on something else that was really—you did a fantastic job the other night on a very unrelated show.

I'm ready to do my part, and I will say this: We're gonna work together. This is a great group, this is a group that's been so special to me. You really helped me a lot. If you remember I wasn't going to do well with the African-American community, and after they heard me speaking and talking about the inner city and lots of other things, we ended up getting—and I won't go into details—but we ended up getting substantially

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Comment [15]: Off-topic.

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Comment [16]: Fragment.

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Comment [17]: Maybe provide an example here to show you've done your research. Also, Frederick Douglass has been fairly recognized for a while.

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Comment [18]: They had a big impact? Or are you just saying the words "big impact"? Using transition words can help show causation.

Author

Comment [19]: Okay, two.

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Comment [20]: If you don't watch it, how can you judge the hostility, the number of people there, or really anything else about it?

Author

Comment [21]: How does this point tie to the main idea?

Author

Comment [22]: So far, you have used "gonna" for "going to" five times.

Author

Comment [23]: How are you going to "do" safer communities?

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Comment [24]: Who and what are you talking about?

Author

Comment [25]: Is this related or not? Using concrete details and examples will really help make your meaning clear.

Author

Comment [26]: Okay, so you're talking about the other people in the room, can you relate this to BHM?

Author

Comment [27]: Maybe don't talk about how well you did or didn't do with the African-American community and focus on the actual event that you are supposed to be speaking about.

Author

Comment [28]: Here's the thing: details actually make you sound better. Details give your statement content and depth. Details are literally the most important part of any piece of writing or speaking.

more than other candidates who had run in the past years. And now we're gonna take that to new levels. I want to thank my television star over here—Omarosa's, actually a very nice person, nobody knows that. I don't want to destroy her reputation but she's a very good person, and she's been helpful right from the beginning of the campaign, and I appreciate it. I really do. Very special.

So I want to thank everybody for being here.

It's Black History Month.

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Comment [29]: Take what to new levels?

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Comment [30]: Three. Thank you for honoring Black History Month by naming three Black people who were able to be in the same room as you on purpose.

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Comment [31]: Is this related?

Author

Comment [32]: Are you acknowledging that by calling her a good person you, yourself, might be destroying her reputation?

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Comment [33]: Notes for revision:
Make sure that you've researched the topic.
Come up with concrete examples that support your main points.
Make sure that you have three or more main points to make.
Try and take as much first person as possible, your goal is to commemorate this month of remembrance, not meditate on your own messed up relationship to Black Americans.