**JD Vance – and the Republican Party**

Below you will find JD Vance’s first speech as vice presidential candidate. The speech was delivered at the National Republican Convention – an event where the Presidential and Vice-presidential candidates of the party are officially nominated and celebrated.

Follow this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUZm8Gipslg> to watch the speech.

**J.D. Vance - First speech as Republican VP pick. (excerpt)**

Wow. Wow.

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JD. Vance ([00:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=27.9)):

First of all, aren’t I a lucky guy? Isn’t she lovely?[[1]](#footnote-1) Amazing. Greetings, Milwaukee, my fellow Americans and my fellow Republicans. My name is J.D. Vance from the great state of Ohio. Tonight-

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JD. Vance ([01:02](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=62.67)):

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JD. Vance ([01:06](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=66.06)):

You guys, we’re going to chill with the Ohio love. We’ve got to win Michigan too here. My friends, tonight is a night of hope, a celebration of what America once was, and with God’s grace, what it will soon be again.

Audience ([01:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=96.75)):

Yeah.

JD. Vance ([01:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=96.84)):

And it is a reminder of the sacred duty we have, to preserve the American experiment, to choose a new path for our children and grandchildren. But as we meet tonight, we cannot forget that this evening could have been so much different. Instead of a day of celebration, this could have been a day of heartache and mourning. For the last eight years, President Trump has given everything he has to fight for the people of our country.

([02:14](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=134.46))  
He didn’t need politics, but the country needed him. [inaudible 00:02:22] Now, prior to running for president, he was one of the most successful businessmen in the world. He had everything anyone could ever want in a life. And yet, instead of choosing the easy path, he chose to endure abuse, slander and persecution, and he did it because he loves this country.

([02:51](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=171.66))  
I want all Americans to go and watch the video of a would-be assassin coming a quarter of an inch from taking his life. Consider the lies they told you about Donald Trump, and then look at that photo of him, defiant, fist in the air. When Donald Trump rose to his feet in that Pennsylvania field, all of America stood with him.

Audience ([03:26](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=206.13)):

Fight, fight, fight, fight, fight, fight.

JD. Vance ([03:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=214.23)):

And what did he call us to do for our country? To fight.

Audience ([03:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=216.99)):

To fight, yeah.

JD. Vance ([03:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=218.34)):

To fight for America. Even in his most perilous moment, we were on his mind. His instinct was for us, for our country, to call us to something higher, to something greater, to once again be citizens who ask what our country needs of us. Now, consider what they said. They said he was a tyrant. They said he must be stopped at all costs. But how did he respond? He called for national unity, for national calm, literally right after an assassin nearly took his life.

([04:23](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=263.46))  
He remembered the victims of the terrible attack, especially the brave Corey Comperatore, who gave his life to protect his family. God bless him. And then President Trump flew to Milwaukee and got back to work. Now that’s the man I’ve gotten to know personally over the last few years. He is tough and he is, but he cares about people. He can stand defiant against an assassin one moment, and call for national healing the next.

([05:04](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=304.35))  
He is a beloved father and grandfather and of course, a once in a generation business leader. He’s the man who is feared by America’s adversaries. But two nights ago, and I’ll share a moment, said goodnight to his two boys. Told them he loved them, and made sure to give each of them a kiss on the cheek. And I will say Don and Eric squirmed, the same way my four-year-old does when his daddy tries to give them a kiss on the cheek. Sorry guys. He is all those things. But tonight we celebrate, he is our once and future President of the United States of America.

([05:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=340.95))

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Thank you. Now, never in my wildest imagination could I have believed that I’d be standing here tonight. I grew up in Middletown, Ohio, a small town where people spoke their minds, built with their hands and loved their God, their family, their community and their country with their whole hearts.

Audience ([08:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=497.94)):

Amen.

JD. Vance ([08:19](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=499.35)):

But it was also a place that had been cast aside and forgotten by America’s ruling class in Washington. When I was in the fourth grade, a career politician by the name of Joe Biden supported NAFTA, a bad trade deal that sent countless good jobs to Mexico. When I was a sophomore in high school, that same career politician named Joe Biden, gave China a sweetheart trade deal that destroyed even more good American middle-class manufacturing jobs.

([08:54](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=534.78))  
When I was a senior in high school, that same Joe Biden supported the disastrous invasion of Iraq. And at each step of the way, in small towns like mine in Ohio or next door in Pennsylvania or Michigan, in states all across our country, jobs were sent overseas and our children were sent to war.

Audience ([09:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=578.49)):

Joe must go [00:09:39].

JD. Vance ([09:41](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=581.31)):

I agree. And somehow, a real estate developer from New York City by the name of Donald J. Trump was right on all of these issues, while Biden was wrong. President Trump knew even then that we needed

JD. Vance ([10:00](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=600.3)):

… leaders who would put America first.

([10:09](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=609.78))  
Now, thanks to these policies that Biden and other out-of-touch politicians in Washington gave us, our country was flooded with cheap Chinese goods, with cheap foreign labor. And in the decades to come deadly Chinese fentanyl[[2]](#footnote-2). Joe Biden screwed up and my community paid the price. Now, I was lucky. Despite the closing factories and the growing addiction in towns like mine, in my life, I had a guardian angel by my side. She was an old woman who could barely walk, but she was tough as nails. I called her Mamaw. The name we hillbillies gave to our grandmothers. Mamaw raised me as her own … Excuse me. Mamaw raised me as my mother struggled with addiction. Mamaw was in so many ways a woman of contradiction. She loved the Lord, ladies and gentlemen. She was a woman of very deep Christian faith. But she also loved the F-word. I’m not kidding. She could make a sailor blush.

([11:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=687.75))  
Now, she once told me when she found out that I was spending too much time with a local kid who was known for dealing drugs, that if I ever hung out with that kid again, she would run him over with her car. That’s true. And she said, “JD, no one will ever find out about it.” Now, thanks to that Mamaw, things worked out for me. After 9/11, I did what thousands of other young men my age did in that time of soaring patriotism and love of country, I enlisted in the United States Marines. Semper fidelis[[3]](#footnote-3) to my fellow Marines. I left the Marines after four years and went to the Ohio State University. I’m sorry, Michigan. I had to get that in there. Come on. Come on. We’ve had enough political violence.

([13:05](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=785.22))  
Now after Ohio State, I went to Yale Law School where I met my beautiful wife, and then I started businesses to create jobs in the kind of places that I grew up in.

([13:14](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=794.67))  
Now, my work taught me that there is still so much talent and grit in the American Heartland. There really is. But for these places to thrive, my friends, we need a leader who fights for the people who built this country. We need a leader who’s not in the pocket of big business, but answers to the working man union and non-union alike. A leader who won’t sell out to multinational corporations, but will stand up for American companies and American industry. A leader who rejects Joe Biden and Kamala Harris’ Green New Scam and fights to bring back our great American factories. We need President Donald J. Trump.

Some people tell me I’ve lived the American dream, and of course they’re right and I’m so grateful for it. But the American dream that always counted most was not starting a business or becoming a senator, or even being here with you fine people though, it’s pretty awesome. My most important American dream was becoming a good husband and a good dad. Thank you. I wanted to give my kids the things that I didn’t have when I was growing up, and that’s the accomplishment that I’m proudest of, that tonight I’m joined by my beautiful wife, Usha, an incredible lawyer and a better mom. And our three beautiful kids, Ewan, who’s seven, Vivek, who’s four, and Mirabel, who’s two. Now, they’re back at the hotel and kids, if you’re watching, daddy loves you very much, but get your butts in bed. It’s 10 o’clock.

([15:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=927.6))  
But my friends, things did not work out well for a lot of kids I grew up with. Every now and then I will get a call from a relative back home who asks, “Did you know so-and-so?” And I’ll remember a face from years ago, and then I’ll hear they died of an overdose. As always, America’s ruling class wrote the checks. Communities like mine paid the price. For decades, that divide between the few with their power and comfort in Washington and the rest of us only widened. From Iraq to Afghanistan, from the financial crisis to the great recession, from open borders to stagnating wages, the people who govern this country have failed and failed again.

([16:16](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=976.65))  
That is of course, until a guy named Donald J. Trump came along. President Trump represents America’s last best hope to restore what if lost may never be found again? A country where a working class boy born far from the halls of power can stand on this stage as the next Vice President of the United States of America. But my fellow Americans here in this stage and watching at home, this moment is not about me. It’s about all of us, and it’s about who we’re fighting for. It’s about the auto worker in Michigan wondering why out of touch politicians are destroying their jobs. It’s about the factory worker in Wisconsin who makes things with their hands and is proud of American craftsmanship. It is about the energy worker in Pennsylvania and Ohio, who doesn’t understand why Joe Biden is willing to buy energy from Tin Pot[[4]](#footnote-4) dictators across the world when he could buy it from his own citizens right here in our own country. You guys are a great crowd. Wow.

Audience ([18:44](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=1124.16)):

Yes we are! Yes we are! Yes we are! Yes we are! Yes we are! Yes we are! Yes we are! Yes we are! Yes we are! Yes we are! Yes we are! Yes we are! Yes we are!

JD. Vance ([18:51](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=1131.63)):

And our movement is about single moms like mine who struggled with money and addiction, but never gave up. And I’m proud to say that tonight my mom is here 10 years clean and sober. I love you, mom.

Audience ([19:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=1143.24)):

JD’s mom! JD’s mom! JD’s mom! JD’s mom! JD’s mom! JD’s mom! JD’s mom! JD’s mom! JD’s mom!

JD. Vance ([20:06](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=1206)):

And you know mom, I was thinking it’ll be 10 years officially in January of 2025, and if President Trump’s okay with it, let’s have the celebration in the White House. And our movement, ladies and gentlemen, it’s about grandparents all across this country, who are living on social security and raising grandchildren they didn’t expect to raise.

([20:47](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=1247.79))  
And while we’re on the topic of grandparents, let me tell you another mamaw story. Now, my mamaw died shortly before I left for Iraq in 2005. And when we went through her things, we found 19 loaded handguns. Now, the thing is they were stashed all over her house, under her bed, in her closet, in the silverware drawer. And we wondered what was going on. And it occurred to us that towards the end of her life, mamaw couldn’t get around so well.

([21:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=1293.48))  
And so, this frail old woman made sure that no matter where she was, she was within arm’s length of whatever she needed to protect her family. That’s who we fight for. That’s American spirit. Now, Joe Biden has been a politician in Washington for longer than I’ve been alive, 39 years old. Kamala Harris is not much further behind. For half a century, he’s been the champion of every major policy initiative to make America weaker and poorer. And in four short years, Donald Trump reversed decades of betrayals inflicted by Joe Biden and the rest of the corrupt Washington insiders.

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We’ve heard about villains and their victims. I’ve talked a lot about that. But let me tell you about the future. President Trump’s vision is so simple and yet so powerful. We’re done, ladies and gentlemen, catering to Wall Street. We’ll commit to the working man. We are done importing foreign labor, we’re going to fight for American citizens, and their good jobs, and their good wages. We’re done buying energy from countries that hate us. We’re going to get it right here, from American workers in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and across the country.

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([27:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=1665.9))  
Together we will send our kids to war only when we must. But as President Trump showed, with the elimination of ISIS and so much more, when we punch, we’re going to punch hard. Together. We will put the citizens of America first, whatever the color of their skin, we will in short make America great again. One of the things that you hear people say sometimes is that America is an idea. And to be clear, America was indeed founded on brilliant ideas, like the rule of law and religious liberty, things written into the fabric of our constitution and our nation.

(…) And the only thing that we need to do right now, the most important thing that we can do for those people, for that American nation that we all love, is to reelect Donald J. Trump, President of the United States. Mr. President, I will never take for granted the trust you have put in me. And what an honor it is to help achieve the extraordinary vision that you have for this country. Now, I pledge to every American, no matter your party, I will give you everything I have to serve you and to make this country a place where every dream you have for yourself, your family, and your country will be possible once again.

([35:23](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=2123.19))  
And I promise you one more thing. To the people of Middletown, Ohio and all the forgotten communities in Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, and every corner of our nation, I promise you this, I will be a vice president who never forgets where he came from.

Audience ([35:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=2140.05)):

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JD. Vance ([36:04](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XRgzUcvoyFg5vgeheVWFt11OYpvbEhhm4P47qqKEo4GyVsrYFrSFuCHWjmphRXRbZqmT4s9yySEJ__akHoWZJawSbGE?loadFrom=PastedDeeplink&ts=2164.95)):

And every single day for the next four years when I walk into that White House to help President Trump, I will be doing it for you, for your family, for your future, and for this great country. Thank you. God bless all of you, and God bless our great country.

Source: <https://www.rev.com/blog/transcripts/jd-vance-speaks-at-rnc-night-3>

1. J.D. Vance refers to his wife, Usha Vance, who spoke just before him. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The synthetic opioid lead to the overdose of about 70.000 Americans in 2023. See <https://nida.nih.gov/research-topics/trends-statistics/overdose-death-rates#Fig2> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Semper fidelis: Always faithful, the Marine Corps’ motto. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Meaning minor or insignificant. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)