

3 Key Insights from the Trump-Putin Alaska Summit

The Trump-Putin Summit held in Anchorage, Alaska was long awaited by the entire world in hopes of a peace agreement to end the Russia and Ukraine war. However, the meeting ended without a solid peace deal. Here's three takeaways we learned following the meeting.

1. Trump and Putin came together with the hopes of bringing peace to the world.

The meeting between the two leaders began with a handshake at the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, walking along a red carpet. The meeting began at approximately 3:30 p.m. eastern time, with no definitive timeline set. It was believed that the meeting could range anywhere between four to seven hours. It ended up lasting around three hours long.

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On an X post, the White House posted both Trump and Putin together with a simple tagline: "Pursuing Peace."

This of course comes after Trump has made it his goal to be the "peace president," bringing other countries to negotiate with one another, including Armenia and Azerbaijan.

2. Trump and Putin made negotiations with aides by their side to help direct their conversation.

According to CBS News, President Trump brought Secretary of State Marco Rubio and U.S. special envoy Steve Witkoff with him to the summit. Russian President Vladimir Putin also took

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and his foreign policy adviser, Yuri Ushakova to the negotiation.

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In an interview on his way to Alaska, Trump noted that while he could not tell the media exactly what would make this meeting a success, he said he would “not be happy” if a ceasefire agreement was not reached during the summit.



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“I want to see a ceasefire. This is not to do with Europe,” says Trump. “Europe’s not telling me what to do, but they’re going to be involved in the process, obviously, as well as Zelenskyy, but I want to see a ceasefire rapidly. I don’t know if it’s going to be today, but I’m not going to be happy if it’s not today.”

3. The meeting held incredibly high stakes for both parties.

For Trump, this meeting meant receiving the recognition as the president who could bring peace to the world. Even Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stated that she would nominate him for the Nobel Peace Prize if he was able to get Russia to agree to a ceasefire. Unfortunately, no agreement has been made yet although Trump declared that the meeting was “productive.”

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On the other hand, for Putin, this meeting meant not only bringing peace to his country and Ukraine, but Russia may have

otherwise felt the pressure of financial burdens if no agreement was met.

According to NPR, eight pages regarding the meeting were found in a hotel in Alaska that were left behind on a printer.

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