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Today in Politics and Policy Rob Portman has had a prolific career in politics, serving in two presidential administrations, three terms as a U.S. Senator, and six terms in the House, and putting forth more than 220 bills that were signed into law. In this talk, he leads a comprehensive conversation on how current events are shaping the American political landscape, as well as the potential impact of current and future policy decisions on business and society. Portman offers audiences an insider's perspective on issues ranging from political polarization and international relations and trade to economic reform and our Nation's infrastructure. He points to his experiences working across the aisle prioritizing results over party to offer sensible solutions and ideas for bridging partisan divides and driving policies that act in the interest of our Nation as a whole.

The Benefits of Bipartisanship and Civility in Politics In this keynote, Rob Portman, who previously served as a U.S. Senator and in two presidential administrations, reflects on his experiences as a public servant to discuss the importance of civility in politics and share thought-provoking viewpoints on how polarization impedes our ability to drive meaningful decisions that benefit our Nation. He pulls examples from his own career, during which he maintained a reputation for working with both sides to address a number of issues, and opens audiences' eyes to the ways in which a move towards increased bipartisanism can lead to better outcomes for American people and businesses. Portman shares proven strategies for restoring a culture of respect and collaboration, as well as balanced solutions for how we can overcome differences in ideologies to put people over politics and achieve impactful results for our Nation.

Russia, China, and the Great Power Competition As new world powers emerge and become increasingly influential in international trade, security, and diplomacy, the U.S. must examine its relationships with these countries, and the challenges and opportunities they present — especially as it relates to Russia and China. In this talk, Rob Portman, a political leader and former U.S. Trade Representative under the George W. Bush Administration, explores the complexities of the U.S.'s relationships with Russia, China, and other Nations — tying historical events to what's happening in the present day as he discusses the ideological differences and competing interests, and the implications of these, and other factors, on foreign policy, and the U.S. and global economies. Portman expertly zeroes in on the evolving dynamic between the U.S. and Russia/China, and also helps groups make sense of the roles of other key players and what it all means from a global lens.

Trade, Innovation, and the Move Toward a More Resilient Economy A former U.S. Senator and Trade Representative, Rob Portman possesses keen insights into economic and trade policy, and is sought-after by government and business leaders for guidance on the current state of global trade

and why it matters for organizations and their industries. In this talk, Portman explores key issues, including the shifting dynamics of global supply chains and the importance of trade agreements in fostering economic growth, and provides an all-encompassing analysis of the current economic outlook, as well as the challenges and opportunities of the current and future National and global marketplaces. Portman's insights and strategies are valuable to any organization looking to best position themselves for success while navigating economic volatility.