



White House responds to Mellencamp's Gulf of America comments

Description

The White House has reacted strongly after John Mellencamp criticised President Donald Trump's plan to rename the Gulf of Mexico to the "Gulf of America." Mellencamp made this remark during his concert in Holmdel, New Jersey, over the weekend. He paused his performance to mock the executive order by Trump.

On Monday, Davis Ingle, a spokesman for the White House, told Fox News Digital that people do not care what "out-of-touch, woke Hollywood celebrities" think. During the show, Mellencamp was singing his popular song "Pink Houses" when he made his comments. He asked the audience sarcastically if the Gulf of Mexico was not actually the Gulf of America, calling the name change a "stupid" idea.

After this comment, Mellencamp continued singing. The song "Pink Houses," released in 1983, became a well-known hit and reached number 8 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. While many people feel it is a patriotic song, Mellencamp says it actually highlights problems like class inequality and the gap between the American dream and reality.

Vocabulary List:

1. **criticised** //ˈkrɪtɪsaɪzd// (verb): said that something was wrong or bad
2. **executive** //ɪgˈzɛkjətɪv// (adjective): related to people who run a government or company
3. **spokesman** //ˈspɒksmən// (noun): a person who speaks for a group
4. **sarcastically** //sərˈkæstɪkli// (adverb): said in a way that shows the opposite
5. **inequality** //ˌɪnɪˈkwələti// (noun): difference where some people have less than others
6. **patriotic** //ˌpeɪtriˈɒtɪk// (adjective): showing love or strong support for your country

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What did John Mellencamp criticize about President Trump's plan?

Option: Renaming the Gulf of Mexico to Gulf of America

Option: Building a wall

Option: Tax reform

Option: Healthcare changes



2. Where did Mellencamp make his remarks?

- Option: Holmdel, New Jersey
- Option: Los Angeles, California
- Option: New York City, New York
- Option: Chicago, Illinois

3. What is the title of the song Mellencamp was singing during his comments?

- Option: Jack and Diane
- Option: Crumblin' Down
- Option: Pink Houses
- Option: Hurts So Good

4. In what year was the song 'Pink Houses' released?

- Option: 1980
- Option: 1983
- Option: 1985
- Option: 1990

5. What position did Davis Ingle hold?

- Option: President
- Option: Spokesman for the White House
- Option: Senator
- Option: Ambassador

6. What did Mellencamp call the idea of changing the Gulf's name?

- Option: Brilliant
- Option: Innovative
- Option: Stupid
- Option: Patriotic

True-False

7. Mellencamp's comments were made while he was giving a speech.

8. The song 'Pink Houses' reached number 8 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

9. Davis Ingle is a celebrity from Hollywood.



10. Mellencamp paused his performance to make a critical remark about Trump.

11. The White House supports the name change proposed by Trump.

12. Mellencamp believes 'Pink Houses' is a patriotic song.

Gap-Fill

13. Mellencamp criticized President Trump's plan to rename the Gulf of Mexico to the 'Gulf of _____'.

14. Davis Ingle stated that people do not care about what 'out-of-touch, woke Hollywood _____' think.

15. The song 'Pink Houses' was released in the year _____ 1983.

16. During his performance, Mellencamp asked the audience if the Gulf of Mexico was actually the Gulf of _____.

17. Mellencamp's comments were made during a concert in _____ New Jersey.

18. Mellencamp believes that 'Pink Houses' highlights problems like class _____ and the American dream.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Renaming the Gulf of Mexico to Gulf of America 2. Holmdel, New Jersey 3. Pink Houses 4. 1983 5. Spokesman for the White House 6. Stupid

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. America 14. celebrities 15. in 17. Holmdel 18. inequality

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