



NO MUSLIM BAN?

Mr Donald Trump appears to have moderated his stand on one of his most controversial positions – a temporary ban on Muslims entering the US. Though he stressed that only those “who will support our values and love our people” should be allowed into the country, there was no talk of the ban. Instead, he had a more nuanced suggestion:

“We must immediately suspend immigration from any nation that has been compromised by terrorism until such time as proven vetting mechanisms have been put in place.”



LGBT OUTREACH

While reiterating his tough stand on terrorism, Mr Trump reached out, surprisingly, to the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) community – a clear attempt to provide a more inclusive message for the party after days of angry rhetoric.

His remarks were couched in the context of the recent attack on a gay nightclub in Orlando, but the message was unmistakable.

“I will do everything in my power to protect our LGBTQ citizens from the violence and oppression of a hateful foreign ideology. Believe me.”

“I have to say, as a Republican, it is so nice to hear you cheering for what I just said. Thank you.”



CHINA THE ENEMY

Mr Trump had made it very clear he considered China an enemy when it came to trade. And though he did not repeat calls to impose a tariff on its goods, he had some tough words for Beijing, calling it the “greatest currency manipulator ever”.

“We are going to enforce all trade violations against any country that cheats. This includes stopping China’s outrageous theft of intellectual property, along with their illegal product dumping, and their devastating currency manipulation.”



VOICE OF COMMON MAN

“I am your voice” was the main theme of Mr Trump’s speech as he repeatedly cast himself as the candidate who has heard the woes of the American people.

“I am your voice. So to every parent who dreams for their child, and every child who dreams for their future, I say these words to you tonight: I’m with you, and I will fight for you, and I will win for you.”

The world according to Trump

In a speech that ran for over an hour, Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump painted a bleak picture of the state of the United States as he pledged to be the voice of ordinary Americans. Here’s a look at some of the main themes.

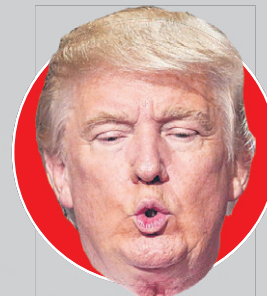


NO FREE TRADE

As he had for much of the primary campaign, Mr Trump reiterated his stand against free trade deals before a crowd normally used to being on the side of free trade.

He called for trade deals like the Trans-Pacific Partnership to be renegotiated and even threatened to walk out of existing pacts.

“Our horrible trade agreements with China, and many others, will be totally renegotiated. That includes renegotiating Nafta (North American Free Trade Agreement) to get a much better deal for America and (we) will walk away if we don’t get that kind of a deal.”



IMMIGRATION AND THE WALL

Building a wall between the US and Mexico has been a trademark of Mr Trump’s speeches on the campaign trail, and it never ceases to get supporters chanting “Build that wall”.

He did not disappoint the convention crowd.

“We are going to build a great border wall to stop illegal immigration, to stop the gangs and the violence, and to stop the drugs from pouring into our communities.”

“Peace will be restored by enforcing the rules for the millions who overstay their visas, our laws will finally receive the respect they deserve.”



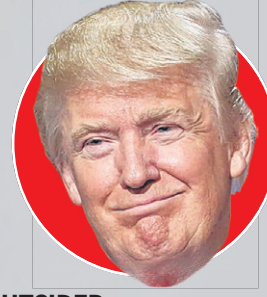
HILLARY AND OBAMA

Mr Trump launched a blistering attack on Democratic rival Hillary Clinton, hitting her on everything from the e-mail scandal to what he considered her dismal record in the Middle East as Secretary of State.

Citing the turmoil in countries like Iraq, Syria and Libya, he said: “This is the legacy of Hillary Clinton: Death, destruction and terrorism and weakness.”

He even suggested that President Barack Obama regretted giving her the job, saying:

“America is far less safe and the world is far less stable than when Obama made the decision to put Hillary Clinton in charge of America’s foreign policy. I am certain it is a decision he truly regrets.”



BEING AN OUTSIDER

Mr Trump made the most of his status as a political outsider and sought to draw a sharp line between Mrs Clinton and himself – stressing that the Democrat was part of a rigged system that has failed Americans.

“Big business, elite media and major donors are lining up behind the campaign of my opponent because they know she will keep our rigged system in place. She is their puppet, and they pull the strings.”

