

Speaker Ryan: 'The American people are better off now'

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Summary: Today, Republican leaders talked about how the American people are [Better Off Now](#) because of the House Republican agenda that has ushered in an economic resurgence and strengthened communities. While there is more work to be done, Speaker Ryan shared how policies passed during this speakership have put the country back on the path to a future full of promise.

Speaker Ryan's Opening Statement:

"This is a really, really good story to tell. It's about hard work and the resilience of the American people.

"In 2016, we offered the American people a positive agenda. We offered, in 2016, the American people A Better Way.

"We said, here is what we need to do to get the country back on track.

"And we have delivered on these promises. And the American people are better off now. The country is on a better path now.

"At home, tax reform has opened the door for an economic resurgence that we are now witnessing.

"Unemployment is at historic lows. Just yesterday, we saw that new hires hit the highest level in 17 years.

"Wages are growing. Workers are seeing more money in their paychecks. All of this fuels more confidence and it fuels more economic growth.

"We're encouraging people to come off the sidelines and join the workforce.

"We are making communities safer and stronger as well.

"We have put unprecedented resources toward fighting the opioid epidemic from all sides.

"We have worked to end human trafficking. We have worked to end—the target of human trafficking because this is modern slavery in the 21st century.

"We are targeting dangerous criminals, we're making schools safer.

"And, after years of being hollowed out, our military is finally getting the resources that it needs to rebuild itself.

"This also means recognizing the sacrifice of service: from giving our troops the biggest pay raise they've received in over nine years, to giving our veterans better care through the much-needed VA reforms that are now the law of the land.

"More work remains, and we will continue to work on our agenda, to help get people on a better path, on the path of their lives, so that they can reach their destinies.

"The American people are better off now. And we have a good reason to be optimistic that better days are ahead.

"So I'm pleased to be able to say, just go to [better.gop](https://www.better.gop) and learn more.

"You've heard us talk about this website before—it was when we were proposing these ideas. Now that these ideas are the law of the land, we are seeing the results of these ideas.

"The country is better off, people are better off. Go to [better.gop](https://www.better.gop)."