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A review of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization with House Speaker Scribba25.

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This interview was conducted live. The following is a transcript.



Al E. Gator: *"House Minority Leader Scribba! It's an honor to interview you for insignia. Oops, my mistake. Mr. Speaker*!"

Scribba25: "*It's my honor to speak with a news organization that prides itself in honest and fair news reporting. I look forward to speaking about NATO today. And no worries! I didn't expect to get called that until after the midterms."*

Al E. Gator: *"You believe the Democrats can drum up support to retake the House with a majority?"*

Scribba25: *"Most definitely. Our elections strategy with the Greens was marred in miscommunication. Several districts went unopposed off the bat.*

Al E. Gator: *"If you don't mind, I want to address another elephant, or lack thereof, in the room. You're the speaker again! The Far-Right wing media is falsely pointing at you stealing power, the Far-Left wing media wants you to be aggressive in supporting socialist policies. What are your thoughts on all this?"*

Scribba25: *"First off, it was a shock to say the least. When voting day came, only fifteen House Republicans showed, while all sixteen Democrats came. I kept a close eye on the doorway and as the last ballot was cast, I couldn't help but smile as I was formally elected House Speaker in the minority. The sad part is, we only achieved this by showing up to do our jobs: Vote. There wasn't any major scheme. The Democratic Party came to work."*

Al E. Gator: *"It's a fascinating development that we will definitely have to follow up on. Anyway, for the reason you're here: NATO! This first question*

is odd, but given how Former president trump was a vocal dissenter of the Alliance, what are your thoughts?"

Scribba25: *"As we near the end of 2022, the alliance has increased by eighteen member states from the original twelve in 1949, bringing the grand total to thirty nations dedicated to the safety and security of the North Atlantic Region. NATO is as important now as during its founding, especially with the resurgence of the Russian bear."*

Al E. Gator: *"Could you point to some examples of this resurgence?"*

Scribba25: *"Sure. Russia regularly violates and probes the airspaces of nations like Sweden and Finland to test response times. Russia. Russia has even violated American airspace at times. And of course, you know about Russia's troop build up on the Ukrainian border."*

Al E. Gator: *"Has there been significant updates on the latter?"*

Scribba25: *" I'm currently not at liberty to speak on those matters. I will say that in consultation with the Gang of Eight, the President is looking into the matters."*

Al E. Gator: *"Alright. Support for NATO has typically been high. President Trump's attack on the political and military alliance did little to polling. Our own internal review revealed that the average American doesn't know what NATO does for them. Could you explain some of the "perks?"*

Scribba25: *"Collective defense, Article five. An attack on one is an attack on all. This founding doctrine, though only officially activated by the United States in the wake of 9/11, this one section has prevented war. My fellow Americans must also keep in mind that NATO is a fighter of terrorist elements that would seek to do harm to us."*

Al E. Gator: *"So the American people should continue supporting NATO because?"*

Scribba25: *"Because it makes America safer."*

Al E. Gator: *"What about some of the Former President's concerns about Member states military spending level?"*

Scribba25: *"Only nine states achieve the desired goal agreed upon in Wales in 2014. Out of thirty, that may seem huge, but you must keep in mind that these other nations have a deep care for their citizens. The choice presented between them is more military funding, or cutting back on essential healthcare services. In addition, there is a cost sharing plan based on National income. The annual spending for NATO is three Billion dollars. The United States provides around sixteen percent of that, alongside Germany."*

Al E. Gator: "*In layman's terms?*"

Scribba25: "*The United States pays a proportionate amount of money to the alliance based on income. We are a large, wealthy nation and we pay our fair share.*"

Al E. Gator: "Mr. Speaker, thank you for your time today. I really appreciate it."

Scribba25: "Thank you for the opportunity."