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## Kamala, Trump agree to debate as Walz “stolen valor” controversy swirls

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An already surreal presidential campaign gets stranger as Trump announces three debates at yesterday’s presser at Mar-a-Lago—even as Kamala continues to duck the media. Meanwhile, unwelcome publicity about Tim Walz’s shady past lying about his military record is already puncturing the astroturfed illusion of support for the Harris-Walz ticket. We cover all the insanity on today’s show, from “stolen valor” to J.D. Vance’s impromptu presser with journalists who were expecting Kamala. Also on today’s show:

Things in Ukraine just got a lot more interesting—and more dangerous—thanks to Ukraine’s first outright invasion and occupation of Russian territory near the city of Kursk. Putin has issued a state of emergency as Ukrainian forces destroy Russian equipment and take Russian prisoners. Will this latest development lead to a long-feared escalation? And how are these events related to the American elections?





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