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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: America Decides; Protester Attacked at Trump Rally in Ohio]

GAYLE KING: Turning to politics with three weeks to Election Day — three weeks — President Trump is working very hard to rally his voters in Republican states. The President spent part of Columbus Day with supporters in Ohio stumping for the Senate candidate there, and it was another raucous rally for the President where protesters caused a disturbance in the crowd. Nancy Cordes is at the White House with more on the President's campaigning. Nancy, good morning. Got very rowdy there.

NANCY CORDES: It was quite a scene, Gayle. And, you know, when Trump went back to Ohio last night, it was the second time in nine days he stumped there. Today, he is going all the way to Alaska. He is working in both states to try to prevent GOP Senate seats from changing hands next month. At a raucous rally in Youngstown, Ohio last night, attendees were captured on camera punching and violently pulling the hair of one protester before that protester was mocked by the President.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: You know, he's got to go on a diet. He's a fat guy.

CORDES: Over the course of the night, at least three protesters were removed. The President tried selling Ohio voters on Senator Jon Husted's physique.

TRUMP: I don't do it with men very often. I started examining his body because I didn't know he was a great athlete, and I looked and I watched up and down. I looked at his ass. [SCREEN WIPE] And I got it. You are a great athlete.

CORDES: Trump also used the rally to rail against immigration.

TRUMP: If you want to stop Ohio from being plundered, ransacked, and destroyed like Minnesota is being destroyed, we're going to stop it. Just like we did with Springfield, we're going to stop it. We're not going to let it happen.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: America Decides; Elon Musk Dones \$250M+ to GOP Groups]

CORDES: Recent polls show former Democratic Senator Sherrod Brown pulling ahead of Husted. Republicans in Ohio and elsewhere are hoping a cash infusion from the world's richest man will help fend off a blue wave. CBS News has confirmed Elon Musk gave more than a quarter of a billion dollars to GOP groups, including his own super PAC, just since the start of July, making him the largest known single donor by far in the midterm elections. Musk was one of many big-name conservatives who amplified false rumors this week about the whereabouts of Texas Democratic Senate candidate James Talarico, who returned to the campaign trail this

weekend after he was sidelined by illness all last week.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: America Decides; Sen. Candidate Talarico Dispels Online Rumors]

TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE JAMES TALARICO (D): I got the flu — uh — and I'm feeling much better.

CORDES: In a bid to quash those false GOP rumors, Talarico's campaign actually sent CBS News and other outlets security images showing he was, in fact, recuperating from the flu at home last week and not getting treatment at a facility in Ohio, Vlad.

VLADIMIR DUTHIERS: Nancy, thank you very much.