Sportico Q&A, Kiawah, South Carolina, 11 April

1) Given Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and Xi’s consolidation of power in China, with dozens of countries subject to their influence and interference, are we living through a new global age of autocracy?

2) Turning to Ukraine, given the progress of the war to date, is military victory possible for the Ukrainians? And how does this war end?

3) How and why did you develop such a personal passion for the Ukrainian cause? Tell us about your personal relationship with President Zelenskyy?

4) You’ve written a biography of Winston Churchill. President Bush called Zelenskyy “the Winston Churchill of our time”. Do you agree with former President Bush’s comparison?

5) Last year, this dinner featured former President George Bush interviewed by his brother Jeb. Can you talk about the transatlantic relationship, especially your own experiences, with two U.S. Presidents. What is so special about the ‘special relationship’ and where do you see the US and UK working together most in the future?

6) A huge change for the UK and the world was the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. You had many meetings with her over the years, can you tell us what you think about the impact of her passing and also the accession of King Charles?

7) The global economic situation is at front of mind - not only for businesses but for families - particularly in Europe given the ongoing energy crisis there. What is the solution to the energy crisis?

8) Interest rates continue to rise in the US and globally. In challenging times what can and should politicians and business leaders, including the people here this evening, do about these challenges?

9) There are bright spots - particularly for many industries in the US. And healthcare and health research continues to thrive. Can you talk to us about your vision on health, science and bio and biomedical science?

10) You saw so much during your Prime Ministerial term, Covid-19, the Ukraine war, Brexit - how has it been transitioning to this new phase in your career and noting that in the fall of 2022 you did run to be Prime Minister again following Liz Truss’s resignation. What are your plans for the future?