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First
lady Melania Trump delivered one of the longest and most personal speeches of her career
Tuesday night, using her keynote address to strike a personal note and deviate from the
Republican National Convention's more partisan attacks.

Among other things, she
spoke freely about her immigration from Slovenia, a small country that split from Yugoslavia in
the early 1990s.

◆ Growing up as a young child in Slovenia, which was under
communist rule at the time, I always heard about an amazing place called America, a place that
stands for freedom and opportunity, ◆ Trump said, speaking from the recently renovated White
House Rose Garden with her husband in the audience.

"As an immigrant and a very
independent woman, I understand what a privilege it is to live here and to enjoy the freedoms
and opportunities that we have, ◆ she added.

The soft rhetoric about immigration
marked the end point of a day in which Republicans painted a more moderate stance on the
issue than President Trump has embraced while in office. Earlier Tuesday, the GOP convention
featured a naturalization ceremony personally hosted by Trump, whose policies have
significantly reduced both illegal and legal immigration. As a candidate and as president, Trump
has frequently used caustic rhetoric to describe immigrants and their motives for coming to the
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