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BANNON WATCH -- STEVE BANNON predicted Tuesday night that Trump will appoint four justices to the Supreme Court as president and that Clarence Thomas may retire so that the president could pick someone to replace him, according to two people at his speech at the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia.

He also said in front of the 250 people gathered at the Loews Hotel that Trump will run in 2020; but if he doesn't, a Nikki Haley/Mike Pompeo slate would be a winning ticket. Bannon's a fan of Ocasio-Cortez and said he admires her "grit." He also said that the U.S. economic war with China is just starting (and that he believes the U.S. is winning) and will grow to encompass more than just trade disputes. *[Pic](#)*