Bubeck English 1310 In-class 15: Appeals to Logos in Reagan` & Obama Page 1 of 2 For both Obama’s and Reagan’s speeches, find and quote as much evidence as you can for appeals to logos.

For each evidence you quote, write a signal phrase that specifies to which part of logos is being appealed (Reagan claims, “Blah blah blah... or Obama’s evidence is, “Blah blah blah...). Construct two topic sentences, each of which claims, “Reagan appeals to logos” or “Obama appeals to logos.” Under each topic sentence, fill out a bullet-point analysis using the following prompts.

Create a Reagan/logos topic sentence here: compose a topic sentence that says Reagan appeals to logos and then identifies what you think is Reagan’s overall claim (e.g., Reagan’s central (or main, or thesis) claim is that “blah blah blah blah”):

Reagan used logos to argue that freedom is critical, and the destruction of the berlin wall needs to occur if Germany desires freedom.0020Ob

• Topic claim 1: use a signal phrase with “claim” in it and quote (or paraphrase) his topic claim (cite). {e.g., Reagan claims, “Blah blah blah blah” (635).}:

* Reagan claims that only a country with economic freedom can advance and flourish into the future.
* Evidence: use a signal phrase with “evidence” and quote as many pieces of evidence as you can identify that support his topic claim (cite). {e.g., Reagan’s evidence for this is that “blah blah blah blah” (635).}
  + “As long as this gate is closed, as long as this scar of a wall is permitted to stand, it is not the German question alone that remains open, but the question of freedom for all mankind” (634)
  + “Leaders understood the practical importance of liberty--- that just as truth can flourish only when the journalist is given freedom of speech, so prosperity can come about only when the farmer and businessman enjoy economic freedom” (635)
  + “Freedom leads to prosperity. Freedom replaces the ancient hatreds among the nations with comity and peace. Freedom is the victor” (635)
  + Reagan’s evidence to argue for freedom is that the Soviets still cannot provide basic products and are failing as a country and cannot compete with the advancement made by the countries that provide economic freedom.

– Reasoning: use a signal phrase with “reasons” or “illustrates” and either quote or  
 summarize/paraphrase relevant reasoning that explains why his evidence proves the claim (cite).{e.g., Reagan reasons, “Blah blah blah blah” (636).}, or . . .{e.g., Reagan illustrates with the example of blah blah blah blah (637).}

* “Where four decades ago there was rubble, today in West Berlin there is the greatest industrial output of any city in Germany--- busy office blocks, fine homes and apartments, proud avenues, and the spreading lawns of park land…Where there was want, today there’s abundance---food, clothing, automobiles--- the wonderful goods of the Ku’damm.” (635)
* “From utter ruin, you Berliners have, in freedom, rebuilt a city that once again ranks as one of the greatest on Earth” (635)
* Reagan reasons that freedom plays a crucial part in the flourishment of countries and cities because West Berlin, with freedom, rebuild and made one of the greatest cities in the world, but in West Berlin, without freedom, there are falling behind, moving backwards, and can barley function as a city.

Do the same for each of the rest of Reagan’s topic claims . . .  
• Topic claim 2:

* Reagan claims that destroying the berlin wall will benefit the cause for freedom and peace.

-Evidence:

* “There is one sign the Soviets can make that would be unmistakable, that would advance dramatically the cause of freedom and peace. General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization: Come here to this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!” (635)

-Reasoning:

* The fall of the Berlin wall will allow the East and West countries to unite easier, Reagan hopes that Berlin will be a place where the United Nations hold their meetings and world conferences that determine the rights for all mankind. Berlin will be at the center of what we determine the future to be. (637)

Topic claim 3:

Reagan claims freedom should be brought to all in the East because it is a universal right.

-Evidence:

* “In the Philippines, in South and Central America, democracy has been given a rebirth. Throughout the Pacific, free markets are working miracle after miracle of economic growth.
* “And freedom itself is transforming the globe”

-Reasoning:

* Reagan reasons that the freedom created in the west allows struggling countries to become great countries and cities that play a part in the rest of the world, like Berlin
* The Soviets are falling behind every other country and the sole reason is because of their lack of freedom

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Create an Obama/logos topic sentence here: compose a topic sentence that says Obama appeals to logos and then identifies what you think is Obama’s overall claim (e.g., Obama’s central (or main, or thesis) claim is that “blah blah blah blah”):

In Obama’s speech *A More Perfect Union*, Obama applied logos to argue that The United States must start looking ahead and come together as one, if we wish for America to advance into the future.  
• Topic claim 1: use a signal phrase with “claim” in it and quote (or paraphrase) his topic claim (cite). {e.g., Obama claims, “Blah blah blah blah” (635).}:

Obama claims that America is stuck focusing on past injustices instead of problems affecting America right now.

– Evidence: use a signal phrase with “evidence” and quote as many pieces of evidence as you can identify that support his topic claim (cite). {e.g., Obama’s evidence for this is that “blah blah blah blah” (635).}

* Obama’s evidence for his claim is that decades later, America still has racial disputes.
* “And if we walk away now, if we simply retreat into our respective corners, we will never be able to come together and solve challenges like health care, or education, or the need to find good jobs for every American” (19)
  + Obama’s evidence here is that rascal inequality stop America from solving these pressing issues
* “The past isn’t dead or buried. In fact, it isn’t even past.” (19)
* “But we do need to remind ourselves that so many of the disparities that exist in the African American community today can be directly traced to inequalities passed on from an earlier generation that suffered under the brutal legacy of slavery and Jim Crow. “(19-20)
* “Even for those blacks who did not make it, questions of race, and racism, continue define their worldview in fundamental ways”. (20)
* “That anger is not always productive; indeed, all too often it distracts attention from solving real problems; it keeps us from squarely facing our own complicity in our condition, and prevents the African-American from forging the alliance it needs to bring about real change. (20)

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* Obama reasons that race has no part in America because he was able to be where he is, even as a black man.
  + “I will never forget that in no other country on Earth is my story even possible” (17)

• Topic claim 2:

Obama claims that the present issues can only be solve if America unifies as one entity.

Obama claims that the present issues in America can only be solved with unification.   
– Evidence:

* “… I believe deeply that we cannot solve the challenges of out time unless we solve them together--- unless we perfect our union by understanding that we may have different stories, but we hold common hopes: that we many not look the same and we may not have come from the same place, nut we all want to move in the same direction”(17)
* “Segregated schools were, and are inferior schools; we still haven’t fixed them, fifty years after Brown vs Board of Education, and the inferior education they provided, then and now, help explain the pervasive achievement gap between today’s blacks and while students
  + Shows that issues cannot be fully solved without the support of the entire nation, still stuck on diversity

– Reasoning:

• Topic claim 3:

Obama claims that only when America unifies as one, can we begin advance into the future.   
– Evidence:

– Reasoning: