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Remarks Announcing the End of Presidential Campaign Activities in Daniel Island, South Carolina				
Good morning. Just over a year ago, I launched my campaign for president. When I began, I said the campaign was grounded in my love for our country. Just last week, my mother, a first-generation immigrant, got to vote for her daughter for president. Only in America.				
	0.5	Nikki Haley	3/6/2024	11/5/2024
I am filled with the gratitude for the outpouring of support we've received from all across our great country. But the time has now come to suspend my campaign. I said I wanted Americans to have their voices heard. I have done that.	0.3	Nikki Haley	3/6/2024	11/5/2024
I have no regrets. And although I will no longer be a candidate, I will not stop using my voice for the things I believe in. Our national debt will eventually crush our economy. A smaller federal government is not only necessary for our freedom, it is necessary for our survival.	-0.1	Nikki Haley	3/6/2024	11/5/2024
The road to socialism is the road to ruin for America. Our Congress is dysfunctional and only getting worse. It is filled with followers, not leaders. Term limits for Washington politicians are needed now more than ever.	-0.3	Nikki Haley	3/6/2024	11/5/2024
Our world is on fire because of America's retreat. Standing by our allies in Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan is a moral imperative. But it's also more than that. If we retreat further, there will be more war, not less.	0.2	Nikki Haley	3/6/2024	11/5/2024
As important, while we stand strong for the cause of freedom, we must bind together as Americans. We must turn away from the darkness of hatred and division. I will continue to promote all those values, as is the right of every American.	0.5	Nikki Haley	3/6/2024	11/5/2024
I sought the honor of being your president. But in our great country, being a private citizen is privilege enough in itself. And that's a privilege I very much look forward to enjoying. In all likelihood, Donald Trump will be the Republican nominee when our party convention meets in July.	0.3	Nikki Haley	3/6/2024	11/5/2024
I congratulate him and wish him well. I wish anyone well who would be America's president. Our country is too precious to let our differences divide us. I have always been a conservative Republican and always supported the Republican nominee.	0.1	Nikki Haley	3/6/2024	11/5/2024
But on this question, as she did on so many others, Margaret Thatcher provided some good advice when she said, quote, "Never just follow the crowd. Always make up your own mind." It is now up to Donald Trump to earn the votes of those in our party and beyond it who did not support him.	-0.2	Nikki Haley	3/6/2024	11/5/2024
And I hope he does that. At its best, politics is about bringing people into your cause, not turning them away. And our conservative cause badly needs more people. This is now his time for choosing.	0.3	Nikki Haley	3/6/2024	11/5/2024
I end my campaign with the same words I began it, from the Book of Joshua. I direct them to all Americans, but especially to so many of the women and girls out there who put their faith in our campaign: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged. For God will be with you wherever you go." In this campaign I've seen our country's greatness. From the bottom of my heart, thank you, America. God bless you.	0.8	Nikki Haley	3/6/2024	11/5/2024
And thank you, thank you, thank you And I know you know—know this guy—this guy named Clyburn, you know him here? [Laughter] I am President of the United States of America for one reason—not a joke—Jim Clyburn We hit rock bottom—and all of you He came down, and he said we're going to win South Carolina, and we won in the primary in every single county	0.5	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
Well, Jim, thank you very, very much Thank you And, by the way, you know, I know—I see—I know talent when I see it, and I—soon as he—his term as mayor came up, I stole him You know this guy right here—Benjamin—Steve Benjamin	0	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
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Well, look, folks, you know, I came, basically, to say—start off say, "Thank you " You've had my back You've had my back And I believe—I hope I've had yours	0.5	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
And—[applause] You know, when I ran for President in 2020, what made me do it was there—remember that situation down in Charlottesville, Virginia, with those folks coming out of the fields carrying torches and Nazi flags? I mean, for real—Nazi banners and White supremacists, and they were—and they were marching in the night And a young woman was killed A young woman who was a witness was killed	-1	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
I spoke to her mom And the guy I'm running against this time was asked—the sitting President—he said, what—he said—was asked, "What did you think?" He said, "There were very good people on both sides " Some things are not debatable No, I mean it	-1	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
And when I ran, I realized I got criticized for saying that one of the main reasons I was running was—and I meant it sincerely—to restore the soul of America—no, I mean it—and to bring us back together Look, folks, one of the things we don't talk a lot about—but I've been talking a lot about, and I think most people are observing it—Black, White, Hispanic, no matter what—is that, you know, our democracy is at stake No, it really is at stake for the first time in a long time Jim knows and read a lot and spoken a lot about de Tocqueville, who wrote about America early on and why America was so strong	0.5	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024

And he didn't say it was strong because of our military He—I'll get—I'll get right to it: He said it was strong because of our churches, because of our faith No, I mean it I'm—I'm sincere	0	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
He talked about how our voices—that, you know, we're unyielding, and we were a people who believed in integrity, believed in decency My dad used to have an expression He'd say, at the dinner table—my dad was a hard-working guy, never got a chance to go to college, but my dad was a really decent, honorable man, a well-read man And the dinner table was a place where we—we had conversation and, incidentally, ate—[laughter]—before my dad would go back to work	0.5	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
He'd come home and then go back to work And he'd say: "Joey, a job is about a lot more than a paycheck It's about a person's dignity It's about respect	0.5	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
" This—I swear to God, this is what he would say, my word as a Biden: "It's about dignity It's about respect It's about being able to look your kid in the eye and say, 'Honey, it's going to be okay It's going to be okay	0.5	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
" But it's only okay if our system is adhered to; if we abide by our democratic principles; if we, in fact, don't try to undermine the very Constitution And the fellow I'm running against has—has made no bones about it: He thinks we should be able to rip it apart—not—not a joke He talked about being able to even ignore the Constitution By the way, I love his one thing that he should be able to use his special forces to kill somebody if he thought it was a problem	-1	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
[Laughter] In my church, we say, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned " [At this point, the President made the sign of the cross] What the—[laughter] But all kidding aside, there's a great deal at stake	0	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
I'm not going to take a lot of your time But you know, the Bible teaches that we shall know the truth, and the truth shall set us free Well, I think we do know the truth We do know the truth	0.5	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
We do know what the choice is here It's pretty stark And it's about dignity, respect; it's about whether we believe— You know, we're the—I'll get right to it We're the most unique nation in the world	0	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
Now, everybody says those kinds of things about their country, but every other country is organized based on ethnicity, based on geography, based on religion But we're the only Nation in the world based on an idea—literally, an idea—an idea contained in our Constitution that says, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights"—life, liberty, et cetera We've never fully lived up to it, but we've never walked away from it Every generation, we get closer; until now, it's at stake	0.5	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
It literally is at stake And, folks, it's important, not just for the African American community, but for every community in this country It's about who we are It's about what—think about it—how the world looks at us	0.5	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
I've been doing foreign policy for a long, long time I was a chairman of those committees and the like And that's why Barack asked me be on his ticket And I know every one of those heads of state, and I've known them for a while	0	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
And every meeting I go to internationally, I—as they're walking out—this is the God's truth; I can say this in front of the press—virtually every one of them pull me aside and say: "You've got to win We can't let that happen again You can't let that happen again You can't let that happen again	-1	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
" Folks, this is about a—the campaign is a lot bigger than me, you, and all of us It's about who we are as a country And, by the way, you know, what we—we're—the thing about us is we believe in those basic principles We don't always practice them as a nation, but we—we do believe in honesty and decency	0.5	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
We do believe that people should be treated with respect We don't live up to it We don't live up to it all the time, but we don't walk away from it And you know, a question I have—and I want to cut through all these notes I have here to get to the end because I don't want to keep you	0	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
Look, one of the things in my church—I spent an awful lot of time in African American churches—Black churches I come from a State that, like South Carolina, had the shame of being a slave State—Delaware Although it fought on the side of the North, it was a slave State We have all the vestiges of what that—all—still living that down	-1	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
That's why I got involved in public life And what I used to do, I used to go to 7—I'm a practicing Catholic, and I used to go to 7:30 Mass at St Joe's, and then I'd go to Reverend Beaman's church at 10:30, be—and we'd prepare for going out and marching and doing the things we were going to do And it really taught me that—I'm not trying to be overly religious here, but I think the elements of our faith really matter as to what we believe, what we do	0.5	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
And you know, as I said, the Bible teaches us that we shall know the truth, and the truth shall set us free And we've got to focus on it We've got to focus on it And we—in my church, we've taken the 21st Psalm, and we've turned it into a refrain in one of the hymns we sing	0.5	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
You know the Psalm And it's my—this is my wish for all of you The Psalm goes, "May he raise you up on eagle's wings and bear you on the breath of dawn and make the sun to shine on you and hold you in the palm of his hand " That's my prayer for you	1	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
Because you are and every other religious organization in this country is about saving people, about caring about people It's hard to do, but we know we should do it And my prayer for you is that we're able to do that And one last thing	0.5	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024

I want to point out that we had a tough day last night in the Middle East We lost three brave souls in an attack on one of our bases And I'd ask you for a moment of silence for all three of those fallen soldiers [The President observed a moment of silence	-1	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
] And we shall respond God bless you all Thank you for allowing me to be here And I wish I didn't have to go	0	Joe Biden	1/28/2024	11/5/2024
Address Conceding the 2000 Presidential Election				
Good evening Just moments ago, I spoke with George W Bush and congratulated him on becoming the 43rd president of the United States And I promised him that I wouldn't call him back this time	-0.5	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000
I offered to meet with him as soon as possible so that we can start to heal the divisions of the campaign and the contest through which we've just passed Almost a century and a half ago, Senator Stephen Douglas told Abraham Lincoln, who had just defeated him for the presidency, "Partisan feeling must yield to patriotism I'm with you, Mr President, and God bless you	0.8	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000
Well, in that same spirit, I say to President-elect Bush that what remains of partisan rancor must now be put aside, and may God bless his stewardship of this country Neither he nor I anticipated this long and difficult road Certainly neither of us wanted it to happen Yet it came, and now it has ended, resolved, as it must be resolved, through the honored institutions of our democracy	0.25	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000
Over the library of one of our great law schools is inscribed the motto, "Not under man but under God and law " That's the ruling principle of American freedom, the source of our democratic liberties I've tried to make it my guide throughout this contest, as it has guided America's deliberations of all the complex issues of the past five weeks Now the U	0.5	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000
S Supreme Court has spoken Let there be no doubt, while I strongly disagree with the court's decision, I accept it I accept the finality of this outcome which will be ratified next Monday in the Electoral College	-0.5	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000
And tonight, for the sake of our unity as a people and the strength of our democracy, I offer my concession I also accept my responsibility, which I will discharge unconditionally, to honor the new President-elect and do everything possible to help him bring Americans together in fulfillment of the great vision that our Declaration of Independence defines and that our Constitution affirms and defends Let me say how grateful I am to all those who supported me and supported the cause for which we have fought Tipper and I feel a deep gratitude to Joe and Hadassah Lieberman, who brought passion and high purpose to our partnership and opened new doors, not just for our campaign but for our country	0.5	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000
This has been an extraordinary election But in one of God's unforeseen paths, this belatedly broken impasse can point us all to a new common ground, for its very closeness can serve to remind us that we are one people with a shared history and a shared destiny Indeed, that history gives us many examples of contests as hotly debated, as fiercely fought, with their own challenges to the popular will Other disputes have dragged on for weeks before reaching resolution	0.5	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000
And each time, both the victor and the vanquished have accepted the result peacefully and in a spirit of reconciliation So let it be with us I know that many of my supporters are disappointed I am too	0.5	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000
But our disappointment must be overcome by our love of country And I say to our fellow members of the world community, let no one see this contest as a sign of American weakness The strength of American democracy is shown most clearly through the difficulties it can overcome Some have expressed concern that the unusual nature of this election might hamper the next president in the conduct of his office	0.25	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000
I do not believe it need be so President-elect Bush inherits a nation whose citizens will be ready to assist him in the conduct of his large responsibilities I, personally, will be at his disposal, and I call on all Americans -- I particularly urge all who stood with us -- to unite behind our next president This is America	0.5	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000
Just as we fight hard when the stakes are high, we close ranks and come together when the contest is done And while there will be time enough to debate our continuing differences, now is the time to recognize that that which unites us is greater than that which divides us While we yet hold and do not yield our opposing beliefs, there is a higher duty than the one we owe to political party This is America and we put country before party; we will stand together behind our new president	0.5	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000
As for what I'll do next, I don't know the answer to that one yet Like many of you, I'm looking forward to spending the holidays with family and old friends I know I'll spend time in Tennessee and mend some fences, literally and figuratively Some have asked whether I have any regrets, and I do have one regret: that I didn't get the chance to stay and fight for the American people over the next four years, especially for those who need burdens lifted and barriers removed, especially for those who feel their voices have not been heard	0	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000
I heard you And I will not forget I've seen America in this campaign, and I like what I see It's worth fighting for and that's a fight I'll never stop	0.75	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000
As for the battle that ends tonight, I do believe, as my father once said, that "No matter how hard the loss, defeat might serve as well as victory to shape the soul and let the glory out " So for me this campaign ends as it began: with the love of Tipper and our family; with faith in God and in the country I have been so proud to serve, from Vietnam to the vice presidency; and with gratitude to our truly tireless campaign staff and volunteers, including all those who worked so hard in Florida for the last 36 days Now the political struggle is over and we turn again to the unending struggle for the common good of all Americans and for those multitudes around the world who look to us for leadership in the cause of freedom In the words of our great hymn, "America, America": "Let us crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea	0.75	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000

And now, my friends, in a phrase I once addressed to others: it's time for me to go Thank you, and good night, and God bless America	0.5	ALBERT GORE, JR.	12/13/2000	9/7/2000
Radio Address to the Nation				
My fellow Americans, after the many long months and miles of this campaign, in three days this election will be in your hands You will face a choice I believe it's time to give this country we love a fresh start And this morning, I would like to give you as a plainly as I can the summary of my case on how – together – we can change America	0.5	JOHN F. KERRY	10/30/2004	11/2/2004
I believe we begin by moving our economy, our government, and our society back in line with our best values In three days, you can choose a president who will defend this nation and fight for the middle class And if you give me the chance, I will be that President In Iraq, I will bring our allies to our side and train Iraqis so that we can succeed and bring our troops home	0.5	JOHN F. KERRY	10/30/2004	11/2/2004
I will fight a tougher, smarter, more effective war on terror We will hunt down, capture, and kill the terrorists wherever they are I defended this country as a young man and I will defend it as president But a president has to be able to do more than one thing at a time	-0.5	JOHN F. KERRY	10/30/2004	11/2/2004
We can bring back good-paying jobs for middle-class families so that they don't just get by – they get ahead We can bring down the cost of health care and child care and tuition so that you can pay the bills and give your children the same chance at life that your parents gave you This can be our future But first we must choose	0.75	JOHN F. KERRY	10/30/2004	11/2/2004
It's a choice between four more years of George Bush's policy to ship jobs overseas and give tax breaks to the companies that do it -- or a President who will reward the companies that create and keep good jobs here in the United States of America On Tuesday, you'll face a choice between four more years of George Bush's giveaways to the big drug companies and the big HMOs -- or a President who will finally make health care a right, and not a privilege, for every American On Tuesday, you will choose between four more years of tax giveaways for millionaires along with a higher tax burden for you -- or a President who will cut middle-class taxes, raise the minimum wage, and guarantee women an equal day's pay for an equal day's work On Tuesday, America faces a choice between four more years of an energy policy of, by, and for the big oil companies -- or a President who finally makes America independent of Mideast oil in ten years	-1	JOHN F. KERRY	10/30/2004	11/2/2004
I believe that America should rely on our own ingenuity and innovation, not the Saudi Royal family You can choose a fresh start And when I'm President, that's what you'll get In the end, I believe that the only way to do all this is by coming together as One America	0.5	JOHN F. KERRY	10/30/2004	11/2/2004
It is time for America to put the politics of polarization behind us It is time to appeal to the best instincts of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike I see an America of rising opportunity And I believe hope, not fear is our future	1	JOHN F. KERRY	10/30/2004	11/2/2004
In three days, we can change the course of our country I ask for your vote and I ask for your help When you go to the polls next Tuesday, bring your friends, your family, your neighbors No one can afford to stand on the sidelines or sit this one out	0.5	JOHN F. KERRY	10/30/2004	11/2/2004
In three days, this campaign will end The election is in your hands You can vote now and every day until Election Day And if you believe we need a fresh start in Iraq	0	JOHN F. KERRY	10/30/2004	11/2/2004
if you believe we can create and keep good jobs here in America	0.5	JOHN F. KERRY	10/30/2004	11/2/2004
if you believe we need to get health care costs under control	0	JOHN F. KERRY	10/30/2004	11/2/2004
if you believe in the promise of stem cell research	0.5	JOHN F. KERRY	10/30/2004	11/2/2004
if you believe our deficits are too high and we're too dependent on Mideast oil then I ask you to join me and together we'll change America	0.5	JOHN F. KERRY	10/30/2004	11/2/2004
Thank you and God bless America	1	JOHN F. KERRY	10/30/2004	11/2/2004
Address Broadcast from San Diego to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago				
I have already indicated to you why I accept the nomination that you have offered me—in spite of my desire to retire to the quiet of private life You in this Convention are aware of what I have sought to gain for the Nation, and you have asked me to continue It seems wholly likely that within the next four years our armed forces, and those of our allies, will have gained a complete victory over Germany and Japan, sooner or later, and that the world once more will be at peace—under a system, we hope that will prevent a new world war In any event, whenever that time comes, new hands will then have full opportunity to realize the ideals which we seek	0.5	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
In the last three elections the people of the United States have transcended party affiliation Not only Democrats but also forward-looking Republicans and millions of independent voters have turned to progressive leadership- a leadership which has sought consistently—and with fair success—to advance the lot of the average American citizen who had been so forgotten during the period after the last war I am confident that they will continue to look to that same kind of liberalism to build our safer economy for the future I am sure that you will understand me when I say that my decision, expressed to you formally tonight, is based solely on a sense of obligation to serve if called upon to do so by the people of the United States	0.5	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944

I shall not campaign, in the usual sense, for the office In these days of tragic sorrow, I do not consider it fitting And besides, in these days of global warfare, I shall not be able to find the time I shall, however, feel free to report to the people the facts about matters of concern to them and especially to correct any misrepresentations	-0.5	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
During the past few days I have been coming across the whole width of the continent, to a naval base where I am speaking to you now from the train As I was crossing the fertile lands and the wide plains and the Great Divide, I could not fail to think of the new relationship between the people of our farms and cities and villages and the people of the rest of the world overseas- on the islands of the Pacific, in the Far East, and in the other Americas, in Britain and Normandy and Germany and Poland and Russia itself For Oklahoma and California, for example, are becoming a part of all these distant spots as greatly as Massachusetts and Virginia were a part of the European picture in 1778 Today, Oklahoma and California are being defended in Normandy and on Saipan; and they must be defended there—for what happens in Normandy and Saipan vitally affects the security and well-being of every human being in Oklahoma and California	0.5	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
Mankind changes the scope and the breadth of its thought and vision slowly indeed In the days of the Roman Empire eyes were focused on Europe and the Mediterranean area The civilization in the Far East was barely known The American continents were unheard of	-1	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
And even after the people of Europe began to spill over to other continents, the people of North America in Colonial days knew only their Atlantic seaboard and a tiny portion of the other Americas, and they turned mostly for trade and international relationship to Europe Africa, at that time, was considered only as the provider of human chattels Asia was essentially unknown to our ancestors During the nineteenth century, during that era of development and expansion on this continent, we felt a natural isolation—geographic, economic, and political—an isolation from the vast world which lay overseas	-1	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
Not until this generation—roughly this century—have people here and elsewhere been compelled more and more to widen the orbit of their vision to include every part of the world Yes, it has been a wrench perhaps—but a very necessary one It is good that we are all getting that broader vision For we shall need it after the war	0.5	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
The isolationists and the ostriches who plagued our thinking before Pearl Harbor are becoming slowly extinct The American people now know that all Nations of the world- large and small- will have to play their appropriate part in keeping the peace by force, and in deciding peacefully the disputes which might lead to war We all know how truly the world has become one- that if Germany and Japan, for example, were to come through this war with their philosophies established and their armies intact, our own grandchildren would again have to be fighting in their day for their liberties and their lives Some day soon we shall all be able to fly to any other part of the world within twenty-four hours	0.5	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
Oceans will no longer figure as greatly in our physical defense as they have in the past For our own safety and for our own economic good, therefore -if for no other reason- we must take a leading part in the maintenance of peace and in the increase of trade among all the Nations of the world And that is why your Government for many, many months has been laying plans, and studying the problems of the near future—preparing itself to act so that the people of the United States may not suffer hardships after the war, may continue constantly to improve their standards, and may join with other Nations in doing the same There are even now working toward that end, the best staff in all our history- men and women of all parties and from every part of the Nation	0.5	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
I realize that planning is a word which in some places brings forth sneers But, for example, before our entry into the war it was planning which made possible the magnificent organization and equipment of the Army and Navy of the United States which are fighting for us and for our civilization today Improvement through planning is the order of the day	0.5	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
Even in military affairs, things do not stand still An army or a navy trained and equipped and fighting according to a 1932 model would not have been a safe reliance in 1944 And if we are to progress in our civilization, improvement is necessary in other fields—in the physical things that are a part of our daily lives, and also in the concepts of social justice at home and abroad I am now at this naval base in the performance of my duties under the Constitution	0.25	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
The war waits for no elections Decisions must be made- plans must be laid—strategy must be carried out They do not concern merely a party or a group They will affect the daily lives of Americans for generations to come	-1	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
What is the job before us in 1944? First, to win the war—to win the war fast, to win it overpoweringly Second, to form worldwide international organizations, and to arrange to use the armed forces of the sovereign Nations of the world to make another war impossible within the foreseeable future And third, to build an economy for our returning veterans and for all Americans—which will provide employment and provide decent standards of living The people of the United States will decide this fall whether they wish to turn over this 1944 job—this worldwide job—to inexperienced or immature hands, to those who opposed lend-lease and international cooperation against the forces of aggression and tyranny, until they could read the polls of popular sentiment; or whether they wish to leave it to those who saw the danger from abroad, who met it head-on, and who now have seized the offensive and carried the war to its present stages of success—to those who, by international conferences and united actions have begun to build that kind of common understanding and cooperative experience which will be so necessary in the world to come	0.5	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944

They will also decide, these people of ours, whether they will entrust the task of postwar reconversion to those who offered the veterans of the last war breadlines and apple-selling and who finally led the American people down to the abyss of 1932; or whether they will leave it to those who rescued American business, agriculture, industry, finance, and labor in 1933, and who have already planned and put through much legislation to help our veterans resume their normal occupations in a well-ordered reconversion process They will not decide these questions by reading glowing words or platform pledges—the mouthings of those who are willing to promise anything and everything—contradictions, inconsistencies, impossibilities—anything which might snare a few votes here and a few votes there They will decide on the record—the record written on the seas, on the land, and in the skies They will decide on the record of our domestic accomplishments in recovery and reform since March 4, 1933	0.5	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
And they will decide on the record of our war production and food production- unparalleled in all history, in spite of the doubts and sneers of those in high places who said it cannot be done They will decide on the record of the International Food Conference, of U N R	0.5	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
R A , of the International Labor Conference, of the International Education Conference, of the International Monetary Conference And they will decide on the record written in the Atlantic Charter, at Casablanca, at Cairo, at Moscow, and at Teheran	0	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
We have made mistakes Who has not? Things will not always be perfect Are they ever perfect, in human affairs? But the objective at home and abroad has always been clear before us Constantly, we have made steady, sure progress toward that objective	0.5	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
The record is plain and unmistakable as to that—a record for everyone to read The greatest wartime President in our history, after a wartime election which he called the "most reliable indication of public purpose in this country," set the goal for the United States, a goal in terms as applicable today as they were in 1865—terms which the human mind cannot improve: "	0.75	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the Nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan- to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all Nations "	0.8	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	7/20/1944	11/7/1944
Address in Philadelphia Upon Accepting the Nomination of the Democratic National Convention				
I am sorry that the microphones are in the way, but I must leave them the way they are because I have got to be able to see what I am doing--as I am always able to see what I am doing I can't tell you how very much I appreciate the honor which you have just conferred upon me I shall continue to try to deserve it I accept the nomination	0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
And I want to thank this convention for its unanimous nomination of my good friend and colleague, Senator Barkley of Kentucky He is a great man, and a great public servant Senator Barkley and I will win this election and make these Republicans like it--don't you forget that! We will do that because they are wrong and we are right, and I will prove it to you in just a few minutes This convention met to express the will and reaffirm the beliefs of the Democratic Party	0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
There have been differences of opinion, and that is the democratic way Those differences have been settled by a majority vote, as they should be Now it is time for us to get together and beat the common enemy And that is up to you	0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
We have been working together for victory in a great cause Victory has become a habit of our party It has been elected four times in succession, and I am convinced it will be elected a fifth time next November The reason is that the people know that the Democratic Party is the people's party, and the Republican Party is the party of special interest, and it always has been and always will be	0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
The record of the Democratic Party is written in the accomplishments of the last 16 years I don't need to repeat them They have been very ably placed before this convention by the keynote speaker, the candidate for Vice President, and by the permanent chairman Confidence and security have been brought to the people by the Democratic Party	1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
Farm income has increased from less than \$2 ¼ billion in 1932 to more than \$18 billion in 1947 Never in the world were the farmers of any republic or any kingdom or any other country as prosperous as the farmers of the United States; and if they don't do their duty by the Democratic Party, they are the most ungrateful people in the world! Wages and salaries in this country have increased from 29 billion in 1933 to more than \$128 billion in 1947 That's labor, and labor never had but one friend in politics, and that is the Democratic Party and Franklin D Roosevelt	0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
And I say to labor what I have said to the farmers: they are the most ungrateful people in the world if they pass the Democratic Party by this year The total national income has increased from less than \$40 billion in 1933 to \$203 billion in 1947, the greatest in all the history of the world These benefits have been spread to all the people, because it is the business of the Democratic Party to see that the people get a fair share of these things This last, worst 80th Congress proved just the opposite for the Republicans	-0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
The record on foreign policy of the Democratic Party is that the United States has been turned away permanently from isolationism, and we have converted the greatest and best of the Republicans to our viewpoint on that subject The United States has to accept its full responsibility for leadership in international affairs We have been the backers and the people who organized and started the United Nations, first started under that great Democratic President, Woodrow Wilson, as the League of Nations The League was sabotaged by the Republicans in 1920	0	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948

And we must see that the United Nations continues a strong and growing body, so we can have everlasting peace in the world We removed trade barriers in the world, which is the best asset we can have for peace Those trade barriers must not be put back into operation again We have started the foreign aid program, which means the recovery of Europe and China, and the Far East	0.75	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
We instituted the program for Greece and Turkey, and I will say to you that all these things were done in a cooperative and bipartisan manner The Foreign Relations Committees of the Senate and House were taken into the full confidence of the President in every one of these moves, and don't let anybody tell you anything else As I have said time and time again, foreign policy should be the policy of the whole Nation and not the policy of one party or the other Partisanship should stop at the water's edge; and I shall continue to preach that through this whole campaign	0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
I would like to say a word or two now on what I think the Republican philosophy is; and I will speak from actions and from history and from experience The situation in 1932 was due to the policies of the Republican Party control of the Government of the United States The Republican Party, as I said a while ago, favors the privileged few and not the common everyday man Ever since its inception, that party has been under the control of special privilege; and they have completely proved it in the 80th Congress	-1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
They proved it by the things they did to the people, and not for them They proved it by the things they failed to do Now, let's look at some of them--just a few Time and time again I recommended extension of price control before it expired June 30, 1946	-1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
I asked for that extension in September 1945, in November 1945, in a Message on the State of the Union in 1946; and that price control legislation did not come to my desk until June 30, 1946, on the day on which it was supposed to expire And it was such a rotten bill that I couldn't sign it And 30 days after that, they sent me one just as bad I had to sign it, because they quit and went home	-1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
They said, when OPA died, that prices would adjust themselves for the benefit of the country They have been adjusting themselves all right! They have gone all the way off the chart in adjusting themselves, at the expense of the consumer and for the benefit of the people that hold the goods I called a special session of the Congress in November 1947--November 17, 1947--and I set out a 10-point program for the welfare and benefit of this country, among other things standby controls I got nothing	-1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
Congress has still done nothing Way back 4 1/2 years ago, while I was in the Senate, we passed a housing bill in the Senate known as the Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill It was a bill to clear the slums in the big cities and to help to erect low-rent housing That bill, as I said, passed the Senate 4 years ago	-1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
It died in the House That bill was reintroduced in the 80th Congress as the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill The name was slightly changed, but it is practically the same bill And it passed the Senate, but it was allowed to die in the House of Representatives; and they sat on that bill, and finally forced it out of the Banking and Currency Committee, and the Rules Committee took charge, and it still is in the Rules Committee	-1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
But desperate pleas from Philadelphia in that convention that met here 3 weeks ago couldn't get that housing bill passed They passed a bill they called a housing bill, which isn't worth the paper it's written on In the field of labor we needed moderate legislation to promote labor-management harmony, but Congress passed instead that so-called Taft-Hartley Act, which has disrupted labor-management relations and will cause strife and bitterness for years to come if it is not repealed, as the Democratic platform says it ought to be repealed On the Labor Department, the Republican platform of 1944 said, if they were in power, that they would build up a strong Labor Department	-1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
They have simply torn it up Only one bureau is left that is functioning, and they cut the appropriation of that so it can hardly function I recommended an increase in the minimum wage What did I get? Nothing	-1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
Absolutely nothing I suggested that the schools in this country are crowded, teachers underpaid, and that there is a shortage of teachers One of our greatest national needs is more and better schools I urged the Congress to provide \$300 million to aid the States in the present educational crisis	0	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
Congress did nothing about it Time and again I have recommended improvements in the social security law, including extending protection to those not now covered, and increasing the amount of benefits, to reduce the eligibility age of women from 65 to 60 years Congress studied the matter for 2 years, but couldn't find the time to extend or increase the benefits But they did find time to take social security benefits away from 750,000 people, and they passed that over my veto	-1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
I have repeatedly asked the Congress to pass a health program The Nation suffers from lack of medical care That situation can be remedied any time the Congress wants to act upon it Everybody knows that I recommended to the Congress the civil rights program	0	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
I did that because I believed it to be my duty under the Constitution Some of the members of my own party disagree with me violently on this matter But they stand up and do it openly! People can tell where they stand But the Republicans all professed to be for these measures	-0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
But Congress failed to act They had enough men to do it, they could have had cloture, they didn't have to have a filibuster They had enough people in that Congress that would vote for cloture Now everybody likes to have low taxes, but we must reduce the national debt in times of prosperity	-0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
And when tax relief can be given, it ought to go to those who need it most, and not those who need it least, as this Republican rich man's tax bill did when they passed it over my veto on the third try The first one of these was so rotten that they couldn't even stomach it themselves They finally did send one that was somewhat improved, but it still helps the rich and sticks a knife into the back of the poor Now the Republicans came here a few weeks ago, and they wrote a platform	-1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948

I hope you have all read that platform They adopted the platform, and that platform had a lot of promises and statements of what the Republican Party is for, and what they would do if they were in power They promised to do in that platform a lot of things I have been asking them to do that they have refused to do when they had the power The Republican platform cries about cruelly high prices	-0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
I have been trying to get them to do something about high prices ever since they met the first time Now listen! This is equally as bad, and as cynical The Republican platform comes out for slum clearance and low-rental housing I have been trying to get them to pass that housing bill ever since they met the first time, and it is still resting in the Rules Committee, that bill	-1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
The Republican platform favors educational opportunity and promotion of education I have been trying to get Congress to do something about that ever since they came there, and that bill is at rest in the House of Representatives The Republican platform is for extending and increasing social security benefits Think of that! Increasing social security benefits! Yet when they had the opportunity, they took 750,000 off the social security rolls! I wonder if they think they can fool the people of the United States with such poppycock as that! There is a long list of these promises in that Republican platform	-1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
If it weren't so late, I would tell you all about them I have discussed a number of these failures of the Republican 80th Congress Every one of them is important Two of them are of major concern to nearly every American family	-1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
They failed to do anything about high prices, they failed to do anything about housing My duty as President requires that I use every means within my power to get the laws the people need on matters of such importance and urgency I am therefore calling this Congress back into session July 26th On the 26th day of July, which out in Missouri we call "Turnip Day," I am going to call Congress back and ask them to pass laws to halt rising prices, to meet the housing crisis--which they are saying they are for in their platform	-0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
At the same time I shall ask them to act upon other vitally needed measures such as aid to education, which they say they are for; a national health program; civil rights legislation, which they say they are for; an increase in the minimum wage, which I doubt very much they are for; extension of the social security coverage and increased benefits, which they say they are for; funds for projects needed in our program to provide public power and cheap electricity By indirection, this 80th Congress has tried to sabotage the power policies the United States has pursued for 14 years That power lobby is as bad as the real estate lobby, which is sitting on the housing bill I shall ask for adequate and decent laws for displaced persons in place of this anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic law which this 80th Congress passed	-0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
Now, my friends, if there is any reality behind that Republican platform, we ought to get some action from a short session of the 80th Congress They can do this job in 15 days, if they want to do it They will still have time to go out and run for office They are going to try to dodge their responsibility	-1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
They are going to drag all the red herrings they can across this campaign, but I am here to say that Senator Barkley and I are not going to let them get away with it Now, what that worst 80th Congress does in this special session will be the test The American people will not decide by listening to mere words, or by reading a mere platform They will decide on the record, the record as it has been written	-0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
And in the record is the stark truth, that the battle lines of 1948 are the same as they were in 1932, when the Nation lay prostrate and helpless as a result of Republican misrule and inaction In 1932 we were attacking the citadel of special privilege and greed We were fighting to drive the money changers from the temple Today, in 1948, we are now the defenders of the stronghold of democracy and of equal opportunity, the haven of the ordinary people of this land and not of the favored classes or the powerful few	-0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
The battle cry is just the same now as it was in 1932, and I paraphrase the words of Franklin D Roosevelt as he issued the challenge, in accepting nomination in Chicago: "This is more than a political call to arms Give me your help, not to win votes alone, but to win in this new crusade to keep America secure and safe for its own people " Now my friends, with the help of God and the wholehearted push which you can put behind this campaign, we can save this country from a continuation of the 80th Congress, and from misrule from now on	0.5	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
I must have your help You must get in and push, and win this election The country can't afford another Republican Congress	1	HARRY S TRUMAN	7/15/1948	11/2/1948
Address Accepting the Presidential Nomination at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania				
Speaker Martin and fellow Republicans: You, the elected representatives of our Republican Party, have again given to me the highest honor you can bestow—your nomination for President of the United States I thank you with all my heart for your friendship and your confidence I am profoundly sensible of the responsibility that goes with this nomination I pray God that I may deserve this opportunity to serve our country	0.5	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
In all humility, I accept the nomination I am happy to be able to say to you that I come to you unfettered by a single obligation or promise to any living person I come free to join with you in selecting to serve our nation the finest men and women in the country, free to unite our party and our country in meeting the grave challenge of our time United we can match this challenge with depth of understanding and largeness of spirit; with a unity which is above recrimination, above partisanship, and above self-interest	1	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
These are articles of faith from which the greatness of America has been fashioned Our people are eager to know again the upsurging power of that faith They are turning to us to put such a faith at the heart of our national life That is what we are called upon to do, and that is what we will do	1	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
In this historic Convention, you have had placed before you six other candidates, all high-minded men of character and ability and deeply devoted to their country—Senator Raymond E Baldwin, General Douglas MacArthur, Governor Harold E Stassen, Senator Robert A Taft, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, and Governor Earl Warren	0.5	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948

Never has any party produced so many fine, able, distinguished, and patriotic men I am deeply moved and grateful for the generous and gracious statements they have made in this hall tonight I hope that I may be worthy of the trust This has been a difficult choice in an honorable contest	0.75	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
It has been a stirring demonstration of the life and vitality and ideals of our Republican Party There has been honest contention, spirited disagreement, and I believe considerable hot argument But do not let anybody be misled by that You have given here in this hall a moving and dramatic proof of how Americans, who honestly differ, close ranks and move forward, for the Nation's well-being, shoulder to shoulder	1	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
Let me assure you that beginning next January 20, there will be teamwork in the Government of the United States of America The responsibility and the opportunity that have come to our party are the greatest in the history of free government For tonight our future — our peace, our prosperity, the very fate of freedom—hangs in a pre-carious balance Mere victory in an election is not our purpose, it is not our task	0	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
Our task is to fill our victory with such meaning for mankind everywhere, yearning for freedom, that they will take heart and move forward out of this desperate darkness of today into the light of freedom's promise Our platform proclaims the guideposts that will mark our steadfast and certain endeavor in a fearful world This magnificent statement of principles is concise and to the point You unanimously adopted it, and I am very proud to support it	0.75	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
That platform will be the heart of the message I will take to the country After January 20th, it will be the cornerstone of our Republican Administration Fortunately, we are a united party Our nation stands tragically in need of that same unity	0.5	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
Our people are turning away from the meaner things that divide us, and they have a yearning to move to higher ground, to find a common purpose in the finer things which unite us We, the Republican Party, must be the instrument of achieving that aspiration We must be the means by which America's full powers are released and this uncertain future filled again with opportunity That is our pledge	0.8	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
That will be, for the American people, the fruit of our victory If this unity is to be won and kept, it must have great dimensions Its boundaries must be far above and beyond politics Freedom can be saved —it can only be saved—if free men everywhere make this unity their common cause	0.5	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
Unity in such a cause must be the chief cornerstone of peace A peace won at the expense of liberty is a peace too dearly bought Such a peace would not endure Above all other purposes, we must labor by every peaceful means to build a world order founded upon justice and righteousness	0.8	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
That kind of world will have peace That kind of peace will be worth having That is the crowning responsibility that our people have laid upon us in this solemn hour That is the crowning task to which we here dedicate ourselves	1	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
The unity we seek is more than material It is more than a matter of things and measures It is most of all spiritual Our problem is not outside ourselves	0.5	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
Our problem is within ourselves We have found the means to blow this world of ours apart, physically We have not yet found the spiritual means to put together the world's broken pieces, to bind up its wounds, to make a good society, a community of men of good will that fits our dreams We have devised noble plans for a new world	0	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
Without a new spirit, our noblest plans will come to nought We pray that, in the days ahead, a full measure of that spirit may be ours The next Presidential term will see the completion of the first half of the twentieth century So far it has been a century of amazing progress and of terrible tragedy	0	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
We have seen the world transformed We have seen man-kind's age-long struggle against nature crowned by extraordinary success Yet our triumphs have been darkened by bitter defeats in the equally ancient struggle of men to live together in peace, security and understanding For this age of progress, this twentieth century, has been dominated by two terrible world wars and, between the wars, the worst economic depression in the history of mankind	-0.5	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
We must learn to do better The period that is drawing to a close has been one of scientific achievement The era that is opening before us must be a period of human and spiritual achievement We propose, in this Convention, and as a party, and as a government, to continue to carry forward the great technological gains of our age	0.5	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
We shall harness the unimaginable possibilities of atomic energy, to bring men and women a larger, fuller life But there is something more important than all this With all the energy, intelligence and determination which mortal heart and mind can summon to the task, we must solve the problem of establishing a just and lasting peace in the world, and of securing to our own and other like-minded people the blessings of freedom and of individual opportunity To me, to be a Republican in this hour is to dedicate one's life to the freedom of men	0.5	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
As long as the world is half free and half slave, we must peacefully labor to help men everywhere to achieve liberty We have declared our goal to be a strong and free America in a free world of free men—free to speak their own minds, free to develop new ideas, free to publish whatever they believe, free to move from place to place, free to choose their occupations, free to enjoy and to save and to use the fruits of their labor, and free to worship God, each according to his own concept of His grace and His mercy When these rights are secure in this world of ours, the permanent ideals of the Republican Party shall have been realized The ideals of the American people are the ideals of the Republican Party	1	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948
We have tonight, and in these days which preceded, here in Philadelphia lighted a beacon, in this cradle of our own independence We have lighted a beacon to give eternal hope that men may live in liberty with human dignity and before God, and loving Him, stand erect and free	1	THOMAS DEWEY	6/24/1948	11/2/1948

Address of Senator Nixon to the American People: The "Checkers Speech"				
My Fellow Americans: I come before you tonight as a candidate for the Vice Presidency and as a man whose honesty and integrity has been questioned Now, the usual political thing to do when charges are made against you is to either ignore them or to deny them without giving details I believe we've had enough of that in the United States, particularly with the present Administration in Washington, D C	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
To me the office of the Vice Presidency of the United States is a great office, and I feel that the people have got to have confidence in the integrity of the men who run for that office and who might obtain it I have a theory, too, that the best and only answer to a smear or to an honest misunderstanding of the facts is to tell the truth And that's why I am here tonight I want to tell you my side of the case	0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
I'm sure that you have read the charge, and you've heard it, that I, Senator Nixon, took \$18,000 from a group of my supporters Now, was that wrong? And let me say that it was wrong I am saying it, incidentally, that it was wrong, just not illegal, because it isn't a question of whether it was legal or illegal, that isn't enough The question is, was it morally wrong? I say that it was morally wrong -- if any of that \$18,000 went to Senator Nixon, for my personal use	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
I say that it was morally wrong if it was secretly given, and secretly handled And I say that it was morally wrong if any of the contributors got special favors for the contributions that they made And now to answer those questions let me say this: not one cent of the \$18,000 or any other money of that type ever went to me for my personal use Every penny of it was used to pay for political expenses that I did not think should be charged to the taxpayers of the United States	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
It was not a secret fund As a matter of fact, when I was on "Meet the Press"-- some of you may have seen it last Sunday -- Peter Edson came up to me after the program, and he said, "Dick, what about this fund we hear about?" And I said, "Well, there is no secret about it Go out and see Dana Smith who was the administrator of the fund " And I gave him [Edson] his [Smith's] address	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
And I said you will find that the purpose of the fund simply was to defray political expenses that I did not feel should be charged to the Government And third, let me point out -- and I want to make this particularly clear -- that no contributor to this fund, no contributor to any of my campaigns, has ever received any consideration that he would not have received as an ordinary constituent I just don't believe in that, and I can say that never, while I have been in the Senate of the United States, as far as the people that contributed to this fund are concerned, have I made a telephone call for them to an agency, or have I gone down to an agency on their behalf And the records will show that, the records which are in the hands of the administration	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Well, then, some of you will say, and rightly, "Well, what did you use the fund for, Senator? Why did you have to have it?" Let me tell you in just a word how a Senate office operates First of all, a Senator gets \$15,000 a year in salary He gets enough money to pay for one trip a year, a round trip, that is, for himself, and his family between his home and Washington, D C	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
And then he gets an allowance to handle the people that work in his office to handle his mail And the allowance for my State of California, is enough to hire 13 people And let me say, incidentally, that that allowance is not paid to the Senator It is paid directly to the individuals that the Senator puts on his pay roll	-0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
But all of these people and all of these allowances are for strictly official business; business, for example, when a constituent writes in and wants you to go down to the Veteran's Administration and get some information about his GI policy -- items of that type, for example But there are other expenses that are not covered by the Government And I think I can best discuss those expenses by asking you some questions Do you think that when I or any other senator makes a political speech, has it printed, should charge the printing of that speech and the mailing of that speech to the taxpayers? Do you think, for example, when I or any other Senator makes a trip to his home State to make a purely political speech that the cost of that trip should be charged to the taxpayers? Do you think when a Senator makes political broadcasts or political television broadcasts, radio or television, that the expense of those broadcasts should be charged to the taxpayers? Well I know what your answer is	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
It's the same answer that audiences give me whenever I discuss this particular problem: The answer is no The taxpayers shouldn't be required to finance items which are not official business but which are primarily political business Well, then the question arises, you say, "Well, how do you pay for these and how can you do it legally?" And there are several ways that it can be done, incidentally, and it is done legally in the United States Senate and in the Congress The first way is to be a rich man	-0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
I don't happen to be a rich man, so I couldn't use that one Another way that is used is to put your wife on the pay roll Let me say, incidentally, that my opponent, my opposite number for the Vice Presidency on the Democratic ticket, does have his wife on the pay roll and has had her on his pay roll for the past ten years Now let me just say this: That's his business, and I'm not critical of him for doing that	-0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
You will have to pass judgment on that particular point But I have never done that for this reason: I have found that there are so many deserving stenographers and secretaries in Washington that needed the work that I just didn't feel it was right to put my wife on the pay roll My wife's sitting over here She is a wonderful stenographer	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
She used to teach stenography and she used to teach shorthand in high school That was when I met her And I can tell you folks that she's worked many hours at night and many hours on Saturdays and Sundays in my office, and she's done a fine job, and I am proud to say tonight that in the six years I have been in the House and the Senate of the United States, Pat Nixon has never been on the Government pay roll What are other ways that these finances can be taken care of? Some who are lawyers, and I happen to be a lawyer, continue to practice law, but I haven't been able to do that	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952

I am so far away from California that I have been so busy with my senatorial work that I have not engaged in any legal practice, and, also, as far as law practice is concerned, it seemed to me that the relationship between an attorney and the client was so personal that you couldn't possibly represent a man as an attorney and then have an unbiased view when he presented his case to you in the event that he had one before Government And so I felt that the best way to handle these necessary political expenses of getting my message to the American people and the speeches I made -- the speeches I had printed for the most part concerned this one message of exposing this Administration, the Communism in it, the corruption in it -- the only way that I could do that was to accept the aid which people in my home State of California, who contributed to my campaign and who continued to make these contributions after I was elected, were glad to make And let me say I am proud of the fact that not one of them has ever asked me for a special favor I am proud of the fact that not one of them has ever asked me to vote on a bill other than my own conscience would dictate	0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
And I am proud of the fact that the taxpayers by subterfuge or otherwise have never paid one dime for expenses which I thought were political and shouldn't be charged to the taxpayers Let me say, incidentally, that some of you may say, "Well, that is all right, Senator, that's your explanation, but have you got any proof?" And I'd like to tell you this evening that just an hour ago we received an independent audit of this entire fund I suggested to Governor Sherman Adams, who is the chief of staff of the Dwight Eisenhower campaign, that an independent audit and legal report be obtained, and I have that audit in my hands It's an audit made by the Price Waterhouse & Co	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
firm, and the legal opinion by Gibson, Dunn, & Crutcher, lawyers in Los Angeles, the biggest law firm, and incidentally, one of the best ones in Los Angeles I am proud to be able to report to you tonight that this audit and this legal opinion is being forwarded to General Eisenhower And I'd like to read to you the opinion that was prepared by Gibson, Dunn, & Crutcher, and based on all the pertinent laws and statutes, together with the audit report prepared by the certified public accountants: "It is our conclusion that Senator Nixon did not obtain any financial gain from the collection and disbursement of the fund by Dana Smith; that Senator Nixon did not violate any federal or state law by reason of the operation of the fund; and that neither the portion of the fund paid by Dana Smith directly to third persons, nor the portion paid to Senator Nixon, to reimburse him for designated office expenses, constituted income to the Senator which was either reportable or taxable as income under applicable tax laws " (signed) Gibson, Dunn, & Crutcher, by Elmo H	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Conley Now that, my friends, is not Nixon speaking, but that's an independent audit which was requested, because I want the American people to know all the facts, and I am not afraid of having independent people go in and check the facts, and that is exactly what they did But then I realized that there are still some who may say, and rightly so -- and let me say that I recognize that some will continue to smear regardless of what the truth may be -- but that there has been understandably, some honest misunderstanding on this matter, and there are some that will say, "Well, maybe you were able, Senator, to fake the thing How can we believe what you say? After all, is there a possibility that maybe you got some sums in cash? Is there a possibility that you might have feathered your own nest?" And so now, that I am going to do -- and incidentally this is unprecedented in the history of American politics -- I am going at this time to give to this television and radio audience, a complete financial history, everything I've earned, everything I've spent, everything I own And I want you to know the facts	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
I'll have to start early I was born in 1913 Our family was one of modest circumstances, and most of my early life was spent in a store out in East Whittier It was a grocery store, one of those family enterprises	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
The only reason we were able to make it go was because my mother and dad had five boys, and we all worked in the store I worked my way through college, and, to a great extent, through law school And then in 1940, probably the best thing that ever happened to me happened I married Pat who is sitting over here	0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
We had a rather difficult time after we were married, like so many of the young couples who may be listening to us I practiced law She continued to teach school Then, in 1942, I went into the service	-0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Let me say that my service record was not a particularly unusual one I went to the South Pacific I guess I'm entitled to a couple of battle stars I got a couple of letters of commendation	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
But I was just there when the bombs were falling And then I returned -- returned to the United States, and in 1946, I ran for the Congress When we came out of the war -- Pat and I -- Pat during the war had worked as a stenographer, and in a bank, and as an economist for a Government agency -- and when we came out, the total of our savings, from both my law practice, her teaching and all the time I was in the war, the total for that entire period was just a little less than \$10,000 -- every cent of that, incidentally, was in Government bonds Well that's where we start, when I go into politics	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Now, what have I earned since I went into politics? Well, here it is I've jotted it down Let me read the notes First of all, I have had my salary as a Congressman and as a Senator	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Second, I have received a total in this past six years of \$1,600 from estates which were in my law firm at the time that I severed my connection with it And, incidentally, as I said before, I have not engaged in any legal practice and have not accepted any fees from business that came into the firm after I went into politics I have made an average of approximately \$1,500 a year from nonpolitical speaking engagements and lectures And then, fortunately, we have inherited little money	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Pat sold her interest in her father's estate for \$3,000, and I inherited \$1,500 from my grandfather We lived rather modestly For four years we lived in an apartment in Parkfairfax, in Alexandria Virginia The rent was \$80	-0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
00 a month And we saved for the time that we could buy a house Now, that was what we took in What did we do with this money? What do we have today to show for it? This will surprise you because it is so little, I suppose, as standards generally go of people in public life	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952

First of all, we've got a house in Washington, which cost \$41,000 and on which we owe \$20,000 We have a house in Whittier, California which cost \$13,000 and on which we owe \$3,000 My folks are living there at the present time I have just \$4,000 in life insurance, plus my GI policy which I've never been able to convert, and which will run out in two years	-0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
I have no life insurance whatever on Pat I have no life insurance on our two youngsters Tricia and Julie I own a 1950 Oldsmobile car We have our furniture	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
We have no stocks and bonds of any type We have no interest of any kind, direct or indirect, in any business Now, that's what we have What do we owe? Well in addition to the mortgage, the \$20,000 mortgage on the house in Washington, the \$10,000 one on the house in Whittier, I owe \$4500 to the Riggs Bank in Washington, D	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
C , with interest 4 and 1/2 percent I owe \$3,500 to my parents, and the interest on that loan, which I pay regularly, because it's a part of the savings they made through the years they were working so hard -- I pay regularly 4 percent interest And then I have a \$500 loan, which I have on my life insurance	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Well, that's about it That's what we have And that's what we owe It isn't very much	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
But Pat and I have the satisfaction that every dime that we've got is honestly ours I should say this, that Pat doesn't have a mink coat But she does have a respectable Republican cloth coat, and I always tell her she'd look good in anything One other thing I probably should tell you, because if I don't they'll probably be saying this about me, too	0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
We did get something, a gift, after the election A man down in Texas heard Pat on the radio mention the fact that our two youngsters would like to have a dog And believe it or not, the day before we left on this campaign trip we got a message from Union Station in Baltimore, saying they had a package for us We went down to get it	0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
You know what it was? It was a little cocker spaniel dog, in a crate that he had sent all the way from Texas, black and white, spotted, and our little girl Tricia, the six year old, named it Checkers And you know, the kids, like all kids, love the dog, and I just want to say this, right now, that regardless of what they say about it, we're gonna keep it It isn't easy to come before a nationwide audience and bare your life, as I've done But I want to say some things before I conclude, that I think most of you will agree on	0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Mr Mitchell, the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, made this statement that if a man couldn't afford to be in the United States Senate, he shouldn't run for the Senate And I just want to make my position clear I don't agree with Mr	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Mitchell when he says that only a rich man should serve his Government in the United States Senate or in the Congress I don't believe that represents the thinking of the Democratic Party, and I know that it doesn't represent the thinking of the Republican Party I believe that it's fine that a man like Governor Stevenson, who inherited a fortune from his father, can run for President But I also feel that it's essential in this country of ours that a man of modest means can also run for President, because, you know, remember Abraham Lincoln, you remember what he said: "God must have loved the common people -- he made so many of them	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
And now I'm going to suggest some courses of conduct First of all, you have read in the papers about other funds, now, Mr Stevenson apparently had a couple One of them in which a group of business people paid and helped to supplement the salaries of State employees	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Here is where the money went directly into their pockets, and I think that what Mr Stevenson should do should be to come before the American people, as I have, give the names of the people that contributed to that fund, give the names of the people who put this money into their pockets at the same time that they were receiving money from their State government and see what favors, if any, they gave out for that I don't condemn Mr Stevenson for what he did, but until the facts are in there is a doubt that will be raised	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
And as far as Mr Sparkman is concerned, I would suggest the same thing He's had his wife on the pay roll I don't condemn him for that, but I think that he should come before the American people and indicate what outside sources of income he has had	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
I would suggest that under the circumstances both Mr Sparkman and Mr Stevenson should come before the American people, as I have, and make a complete financial statement as to their financial history, and if they don't it will be an admission that they have something to hide And I think you will agree with me -- because, folks, remember, a man that's to be President of the United States, a man that's to be Vice President of the United States, must have the confidence of all the people	-0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
And that's why I'm doing what I'm doing And that's why I suggest that Mr Stevenson and Mr Sparkman, since they are under attack, should do what they're doing	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Now let me say this: I know that this is not the last of the smears In spite of my explanation tonight, other smears will be made Others have been made in the past And the purpose of the smears, I know, is this, to silence me, to make me let up	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Well, they just don't know who they're dealing with I'm going to tell you this: I remember in the dark days of the Hiss case some of the same columnists, some of the same radio commentators who are attacking me now and misrepresenting my position, were violently opposing me at the time I was after Alger Hiss But I continued to fight because I knew I was right, and I can say to this great television and radio audience that I have no apologies to the American people for my part in putting Alger Hiss where he is today And as far as this is concerned, I intend to continue to fight	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952

Why do I feel so deeply? Why do I feel that in spite of the smears, the misunderstanding, the necessity for a man to come up here and bare his soul as I have? Why is it necessary for me to continue this fight? And I want to tell you why Because, you see, I love my country And I think my country is in danger And I think the only man that can save America at this time is the man that's running for President, on my ticket -- Dwight Eisenhower	-0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
You say, "Why do I think it is in danger?" And I say, look at the record Seven years of the Truman-Acheson Administration, and what's happened? Six hundred million people lost to Communists And a war in Korea in which we have lost 117,000 American casualties, and I say to all of you that a policy that results in the loss of 600 million people to the Communists, and a war that cost us 117,000 American casualties isn't good enough for America And I say that those in the State Department that made the mistakes which caused that war and which resulted in those losses should be kicked out of the State Department just as fast as we get them out of there	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
And let me say that I know Mr Stevenson won't do that because he defends the Truman policy, and I know that Dwight Eisenhower will do that, and that he will give America the leadership that it needs Take the problem of corruption You've read about the mess in Washington	-0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Mr Stevenson can't clean it up because he was picked by the man, Truman, under whose Administration the mess was made You wouldn't trust the man who made the mess to clean it up That's Truman	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
And by the same token you can't trust the man who was picked by the man who made the mess to clean it up and that's Stevenson And so I say, Eisenhower, who owes nothing to Truman, nothing to the big city bosses -- he is the man that can clean up the mess in Washington Take Communism I say that as far as that subject is concerned the danger is great to America	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
In the Hiss case they got the secrets which enabled them to break the American secret State Department code They got secrets in the atomic bomb case which enabled them to get the secret of the atomic bomb five years before they would have gotten it by their own devices And I say that any man who called the Alger Hiss case a red herring isn't fit to be President of the United States I say that a man who, like Mr	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Stevenson, has pooh-poohed and ridiculed the Communist threat in the United States -- he said that they are phantoms among ourselves He has accused us that have attempted to expose the Communists, of looking for Communists in the Bureau of Fisheries and Wildlife I say that a man who says that isn't qualified to be President of the United States And I say that the only man who can lead us in this fight to rid the Government of both those who are Communists and those who have corrupted this Government is Eisenhower, because Eisenhower, you can be sure, recognizes the problem, and he knows how to deal with it	-1	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Now let me that finally, this evening, I want to read to you just briefly excerpts from a letter which I received, a letter which after all this is over no one can take away from us It reads as follows: Dear Senator Nixon, "Since I am only 19 years of age, I can't vote in this presidential election, but believe me if I could you and General Eisenhower would certainly get my vote My husband is in the Fleet Marines in Korea He' a corpsman on the front lines and we have a two month old son he's never seen	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
And I feel confident that with great Americans like you and General Eisenhower in the White House, lonely Americans like myself will be united with their loved ones now in Korea I only pray to God that you won't be too late Enclosed is a small check to help you in your campaign Living on \$85 a month it is all I can afford at present, but let me know what else I can do	0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Folks, it's a check for \$10, and it's one that I will never cash And just let me say this: We hear a lot about prosperity these days, but I say why can't we have prosperity built on peace, rather than prosperity built on war? Why can't we have prosperity and an honest Government in Washington, D C , at the same time? Believe me, we can	0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
And Eisenhower is the man that can lead this crusade to bring us that kind of prosperity And now, finally, I know that you wonder whether or not I am going to stay on the Republican ticket or resign Let me say this: I don't believe that I ought to quit, because I'm not a quitter And, incidentally, Pat's not a quitter	0.25	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
After all, her name was Patricia Ryan and she was born on St Patrick's day, and you know the Irish never quit But the decision, my friends, is not mine I would do nothing that would harm the possibilities of Dwight Eisenhower to become President of the United States	-0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
And for that reason I am submitting to the Republican National Committee tonight through this television broadcast the decision which it is theirs to make Let them decide whether my position on the ticket will help or hurt And I am going to ask you to help them decide Wire and write the Republican National Committee whether you think I should stay on or whether I should get off	0	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
And whatever their decision is, I will abide by it But just let me say this last word Regardless of what happens, I'm going to continue this fight I'm going to campaign up and down in America until we drive the crooks and the Communists and those that defend them out of Washington	-0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
And remember folks, Eisenhower is a great man, believe me He's a great man And a vote for Eisenhower is a vote for what's good for America	0.5	RICHARD NIXON	9/23/1952	11/4/1952
Statement Following the Presidential Election				
Assuming that the early returns are wholly dependable, I do not hesitate to say that I am pleased, of course I am happy to utter my	0	Warren G.	10/2/1920	11/2/1920
It is a renewed expression of confident Americanism and a national call to the Republican Party It is all so serious, the obligations are so	0.5	Warren G.	10/2/1920	11/2/1920
Address at Sea Girt, New Jersey Accepting the Democratic Nomination for President				
I cannot accept the leadership and responsibility which the National Democratic Convention has again, in such generous fashion, asked me	0.5	Woodrow	9/2/1916	11/7/1916

Least of all are they likely to substitute those who promised to render them particular services and proved false to that promise for those	1	Woodrow	9/2/1916	11/7/1916
But there can be no violation of good taste in calling attention to the manner in which those promises have been carried out or in adverting	1	Woodrow	9/2/1916	11/7/1916
The Democrats either have or have not understood the varied interests of the country The test is contained in the record What is that record? What were the Democrats called into power to do? What things had long waited to be done, and how did the Democrats do them? It is a record of extraordinary length and variety, rich in elements of many kinds, but consistent in principle throughout and susceptible of brief recital The Republican Party was put out of power because of failure, practical failure and moral failure; because it had served special interests and not the country at large; because, under the leadership of its preferred and established guides, of those who still make its choices, it had lost touch with the thoughts and the needs of the nation and was living in a past age and under a fixed illusion, the illusion of greatness	-1	Woodrow Wilson	9/2/1916	11/7/1916
It had framed tariff laws based upon a fear of foreign trade, a fundamental doubt as to American skill, enterprise, and capacity, and a very tender regard for the profitable privileges of those who had gained control of domestic markets and domestic credits; and yet had enacted anti-trust laws which hampered the very things they meant to foster, which were stiff and inelastic, and in part unintelligible It had permitted the country throughout the long period of its control to stagger from one financial crisis to another under the operation of a national banking law of its own framing which made stringency and panic certain and the control of the larger business operations of the country by the bankers of a few reserve centers inevitable; had made as if it meant to reform the law but had faint-heartedly failed in the attempt, because it could not bring itself to do the one thing necessary to make the reform genuine and effectual, namely, break up the control of small groups of bankers It had been oblivious, or indifferent, to the fact that the farmers, upon whom the country depends for its food and in the last analysis for its prosperity, were without standing in the matter of commercial credit, without the protection of standards in their market transactions, and without systematic knowledge of the markets themselves; that the laborers of the country, the great army of men who man the industries it was professing to father and promote, carried their labor as a mere commodity to market, were subject to restraint by novel and drastic process in the courts, were without assurance of compensation for industrial accidents, without federal assistance in accommodating labor disputes, and without national aid or advice in finding the places and the industries in which their labor was most needed The country had no national system of road construction and development	-1	Woodrow Wilson	9/2/1916	11/7/1916
Little intelligent attention was paid to the army, and not enough to the navy The other republics of America distrusted us, because they found that we thought first of the profits of American investors and only as an afterthought of impartial justice and helpful friendship Its policy was provincial in all things; its purposes were out of harmony with the temper and purpose of the people and the timely development of the nation's interests So things stood when the Democratic Party came into power	-1	Woodrow Wilson	9/2/1916	11/7/1916
How do they stand now? Alike in the domestic field and in the wide field of the commerce of the world, American business and life and industry have been set free to move as they never moved before The tariff has been revised, not on the principle of repelling foreign trade, but upon the principle of encouraging it, upon something like a footing of equality with our own in respect of the terms of competition, and a Tariff Board has been created whose function it will be to keep the relations of American with foreign business and industry under constant observation, for the guidance alike of our business men and of our Congress American energies are now directed towards the markets of the world The laws against trusts have been clarified by definition, with a view to making it plain that they were not directed against big business but only against unfair business and the pretense of competition where there was none; and a Trade Commission has been created with powers of guidance and accommodation which have relieved business men of unfounded fears and set them upon the road of hopeful and confident enterprise	1	Woodrow Wilson	9/2/1916	11/7/1916
By the Federal Reserve Act the supply of currency at the disposal of active business has been rendered elastic, taking its volume, not from a fixed body of investment securities, but from the liquid assets of daily trade; and these assets are assessed and accepted, not by distant groups of bankers in control of unavailable reserves, but by bankers at the many centers of local exchange who are in touch with local conditions everywhere Effective measures have been taken for the re-creation of an American merchant marine and the revival of the American carrying trade indispensable to our emancipation from the control which foreigners have so long exercised over the opportunities, the routes, and the methods of our commerce with other countries The Interstate Commerce Commission is about to be reorganized to enable it to perform its great and important functions more promptly and more efficiently We have created, extended and improved the service of the parcels post	0.75	Woodrow Wilson	9/2/1916	11/7/1916
So much we have done for business What other party has understood the task so well or executed it so intelligently and energetically? What other party has attempted it at all? The Republican leaders, apparently, know of no means of assisting business but "protection " How to stimulate it and put it upon a new footing of energy and enterprise they have not suggested For the farmers of the country we have virtually created commercial credit, by means of the Federal Reserve Act and the Rural Credits Act	0.5	Woodrow Wilson	9/2/1916	11/7/1916

They now have the standing of other business men in the money market We have successfully regulated speculation in "futures" and established standards in the marketing of grains By an intelligent Warehouse Act we have assisted to make the standard crops available as never before both for systematic marketing and as a security for loans from the banks We have greatly added to the work of neighborhood demonstration on the farm itself of improved methods of cultivation, and, through the intelligent extension of the functions of the Department of Agriculture, have made it possible for the farmer to learn systematically where his best markets are and how to get at them	0.8	Woodrow Wilson	9/2/1916	11/7/1916
The workingmen of America have been given a veritable emancipation, by the legal recognition of a man's labor as part of his life, and not a mere marketable commodity; by exempting labor organizations from processes of the courts which treated their members like fractional parts of mobs and not like accessible and responsible individuals; by releasing our seamen from involuntary servitude; by making adequate provision for compensation for industrial accidents; by providing suitable machinery for mediation and conciliation in industrial disputes; and by putting the Federal Department of Labor at the disposal of the workingman when in search of work We have effected the emancipation of the children of the country by releasing them from hurtful labor We have instituted a system of national aid in the building of highroads such as the country has been feeling after for a century We have sought to equalize taxation by means of an equitable income tax	0.8	Woodrow Wilson	9/2/1916	11/7/1916
We have taken the steps that ought to have been taken at the outset to open up the resources of Alaska We have provided for national defense upon a scale never before seriously proposed upon the responsibility of an entire political party We have driven the tariff lobby from cover and obliged it to substitute solid argument for private influence This extraordinary recital must sound like a platform, a list of sanguine promises; but it is not	0.5	Woodrow Wilson	9/2/1916	11/7/1916
It is a record of promises made four years ago and now actually redeemed in constructive legislation These things must profoundly disturb the thoughts and confound the plans of those who have made themselves believe that the Democratic Party neither understood nor was ready to assist the business of the country in the great enterprises which it is its evident and inevitable destiny to undertake and carry through The breaking up of the lobby must especially disconcert them: for it was through the lobby that they sought and were sure they had found the heart of things The game of privilege can be played successfully by no other means	-1	Woodrow Wilson	9/2/1916	11/7/1916
This record must equally astonish those who feared that the Democratic Party had not opened its heart to comprehend the demands of social justice We have in four years come very near to carrying out the platform of the Progressive Party as well as our own; for we also are progressives There is one circumstance connected with this program which ought to be very plainly stated It was resisted at every step by the interests which the Republican Party had catered to and fostered at the expense of the country, and these same interests are now earnestly praying for a reaction which will save their privileges, for the restoration of their sworn friends to power before it is too late to recover what they have lost	-0.5	Woodrow Wilson	9/2/1916	11/7/1916
They fought with particular desperation and infinite resourcefulness the reform of the banking and currency system, knowing that to be the citadel of their control; and most anxiously are they hoping and planning for the amendment of the Federal Reserve Act by the concentration of control in a single bank which the old familiar group of bankers can keep under their eye and direction But while the "big men" who used to write the tariffs and command the assistance of the Treasury have been hostile, all but a few with vision, the average business man knows that he has been delivered, and that the fear that was once every day in his heart, that the men who controlled credit and directed enterprise from the committee rooms of Congress would crush him, is there no more, and will not return, unless the party that consulted only the "big men" should return to power, the party of masterly inactivity and cunning resourcefulness in standing pat to resist change The Republican Party is just the party that cannot meet the new conditions of a new age It does not know the way and it does not wish new conditions	-1	Woodrow Wilson	9/2/1916	11/7/1916
It tried to break away from the old leaders and could not They still select its candidates and dictate its policy, still resist change, still hanker after the old conditions, still know no methods of encouraging business but the old methods When it changes its leaders and its purposes and brings its ideas up to date it will have the right to ask the American people to give it power again; but not until then A new age, an age of revolutionary change, needs new purposes and new ideas	-1	Woodrow Wilson	9/2/1916	11/7/1916
Remarks Accepting the Presidential Nomination of the Republican Party				
I accept the nomination which you tender I do so with profound gratitude to the Republican Party, which has thus honored me twice I accept it as an approval of what I have done under its mandate, and as an expression of confidence that in a second administration I will serve the public well The issue presented to the Convention, over which your Chairman presided with such a just and even hand, made a crisis in the party's life	0.5	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/2/1912	11/5/1912

A faction sought to force the party to violate a valuable and time-honored national tradition by entrusting the power of the Presidency for more than two terms to one man, and that man, one whose recently avowed political views would have committed the party to radical proposals involving dangerous changes in our present constitutional form of representative government and our independent judiciary This occasion is appropriate for the expression of profound gratitude at the victory for the right which was won at Chicago By that victory, the Republican Party was saved for future usefulness It has been the party through which substantially all the progress and development in our country's history in the last fifty years has been finally effected	0.5	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/3/1912	11/5/1912
It carried the country through the war which saved the Union, and through the greenback and silver crazes to a sound gold basis, which saved the country's honor and credit It fought the Spanish war and successfully solved the new problems of our island possessions It met the incidental evils of the enormous trade expansion and extended combinations of capital from 1897 until now by a successful crusade against the attempt of concentrated wealth to control the country's politics and its trade It enacted regulatory legislation to make the railroads the servants and not the masters of the people It has enforced the anti-trust laws until those who were not content with anything but monopolistic control of various branches of industry are now acquiescent in any plan which shall give them scope for legitimate expansion and assure them immunity from reckless prosecution	0.8	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/4/1912	11/5/1912
The Republican Party has been alive to the modern change in the view of the duty of government toward the people Time was when the least government was thought the best, and the policy which left all to the individual, unmolested and unaided by government, was deemed the wisest Now the duty of government by positive law to further equality of opportunity in respect of the weaker classes in their dealings with the stronger and more powerful is clearly recognized It is in this direction that real progress toward the greater human happiness is being made It has been suggested that under our Constitution, such tendency to so-called paternalism was impossible	0.5	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/5/1912	11/5/1912
Nothing is further from the fact The power of the Federal Government to tax and expend for the general welfare has long been exercised, and the admiration one feels for our Constitution is increased when we perceive how readily that instrument lends itself to wider governmental functions in the promotion of the comfort of the people The list of legislative enactments for the uplifting of those of our people suffering a disadvantage in their social and economic relation enacted by the Republican Party in this and previous administrations is a long one, and shows the party sensitive to the needs of the people under the new view of governmental responsibility Thus there was the pure-food law and the meat-inspection law to hold those who dealt with the food of millions to a strict accountability for its healthful condition	0.5	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/6/1912	11/5/1912
The frightful loss of life and limb to railway employees in times past has now been greatly reduced by statutes requiring safety appliances and proper inspection, of which two important ones were passed in this administration The dreadful mining disasters in which thousands of miners met their death have led to a Federal mining bureau and generous appropriations to further discovery of methods of reducing explosions and other dangers in mining The statistics as to infant mortality and as to the too early employment of children in factories have prompted the creation of a children's bureau, by which the whole public can be made aware of actual conditions in the States and the best methods of reforming them for the saving and betterment of the coming generation The passage of time has brought the burdens and helplessness of old age to many of those veterans of the Civil War who exposed their lives in the supreme struggle to save the Nation, and, recognizing thus, Congress has added to previous provision which patriotic gratitude had prompted, a substantial allowance, which may be properly characterized as an old men's pension	0.5	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/7/1912	11/5/1912
By the white-slave act we have sought to save unfortunates from their own degradation, and have forbidden the use of interstate commerce in promoting vice In the making of the contract of employment between a railway employee and the company, the two do not stand on an equality, and the terms of the contract which the common law implied were unfair to the employee Congress, in the exercise of its control over interstate commerce, has re-formed the contract to be implied and has made it more favorable to the employee Indeed, a more radical bill, which I fully approve, has passed the Senate and is now pending in the House which requires interstate railways in effect to insure the lives of their employees and to make provision for prompt settlement of the amount due under the law after death or injury has occurred	0	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/8/1912	11/5/1912
By the railroad legislation of this administration, shippers have been placed much nearer an equality with the railroads whose lines they use, than ever before Rates can not be increased except after the Interstate Commerce Commission shall hold the increase reasonable Orders against railways which under previous acts might be stayed by judicial injunction that involved a delay of two years can now be examined and finally passed on by the Commerce Court in about six months Patrons of express, telegraph, and telephone companies may now secure reasonable rates by complaint to the commission	0.5	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/9/1912	11/5/1912

Many millions are spent annually by the Agricultural Department to investigate the best methods of treating the soil and carrying on agriculture and to publish the results We are now looking into the question of the best system for securing such credit for the farmer at reasonable rates as will enable him better to equip his farm and to follow the rules of good farming, which we must encourage Our platform, I am glad to say, specifies this is a reform to which the party is pledged The necessity for stimulating greater production of foodstuffs per acre becomes imperative as the vacant lands available for the extension of acreage are filling up and the supply of foodstuffs as compared with the demand is growing less each year	0.25	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/10/1912	11/5/1912
Congress has sought to encourage the movement toward eight hours a day for all manual labor by the recent enactment of a new law on the subject more stringent in its provisions, regarding works on government contracts One of the great defects in our present system of government is the delay and expense of litigation, which of course works against the poor litigant The Supreme Court is now engaged in a revision of the equity rules to minimize delay and expense as to half our Federal litigation The workmen's compensation act will relieve our courts of law of a very heavy part of the present dockets on the law side of the court and give the court more opportunity to speed the remaining causes	0.5	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/11/1912	11/5/1912
The last Congress codified the Federal court provisions, and we may look for, and should insist upon, a reform in the law procedure so as to promote dispatch of business and reduction in costs We have adopted in this administration, after very considerable opposition, the postal savings banks, which work directly on the promotion of thrift among the people By reason of the payment of only 2 per cent, interest on deposits, they do not compete with the savings banks But they do attract those who fear banks and are unwilling to trust their funds except to a governmental agency	0.5	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/12/1912	11/5/1912
Experience, however, leads depositors to a knowledge of the importance of interest, and then seeking a higher rate, they transfer their accounts to the savings banks In this way the savings-bank deposits, instead of being reduced, are increased, and there is thus available a much larger fund for general investment For some years the administration has been recommending the parcels post, and now I am glad to say a measure will probably be adopted by Congress authorizing the government to avail itself of the existing machinery of the Post Office Department to carry parcels at a reasonably low rate, so that the communication between the city and the country in ordinary merchandise will be proportionately as low priced and as prompt as the newspaper and letter delivery through the post offices now This must contribute greatly to reducing the cost and increasing the comfort of living	0.5	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/13/1912	11/5/1912
We are considering the changing needs of the people in the disposition of our public lands and their conservation As those lands owned by the government and useful for agricultural purposes which remain are as a whole less desirable as homesteads than those which have been already settled, it has been properly thought wise to reduce the time for perfecting a homestead claim from five years to three, and this whether on land within the rain area or in those arid tracts within the reclamation districts Again, a bill has passed the Senate and is likely to pass the House which will not compel the settlers on reclamation lands to wait ten years and until full payment of what they owe the government before they receive a title, but which gives a title after three years with a first government lien On the other hand, the withdrawal of coal lands, phosphate lands, and oil lands and water-power sites is still maintained until Congress shall provide, on the principles of proper conservation, a system of disposition which will attract capital on the one hand and retain sufficient control by the government on the other to prevent the evil of concentrating absolute ownership in a few persons of those sources for the production of necessities	0	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/14/1912	11/5/1912
POPULAR UNREST In the work of rousing the people to the danger that threatened our civilization from the abuses of concentrated wealth and the power it was likely to exercise, the public imagination was wrought upon and a reign of sensational journalism and unjust and unprincipled muckraking has followed, in which much injustice has been done to honest men Demagogues have seized the opportunity further to inflame the public mind and have sought to turn the peculiar conditions to their advantage We are living in an age in which by exaggeration of the defects of our present conditions, by false charges of responsibility for it against individuals and classes, by holding up to the feverish imagination of the less fortunate and the discontented the possibilities of a millennium, a condition of popular unrest has been produced	-1	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/15/1912	11/5/1912

New parties are being formed, with the proposed purpose of satisfying this unrest by promising a panacea In so far as inequality of condition can be lessened and equality of opportunity can be promoted by improvement of our educational system, the betterment of the laws to insure the quick administration of justice, and by the prevention of the acquisition of privilege without just compensation, in so far as the adoption of the legislation above recited and laws of a similar character may aid the less fortunate in their struggle with the hardships of life, all are in sympathy with a continued effort to remedy injustice and to aid the weak, and I venture to say that there is no national administration in which more real steps of such progress have been taken than in the present one But in so far as the propaganda for the satisfaction of unrest involves the promise of a millennium, a condition in which the rich are to be made reasonably poor and the poor reasonably rich by law, we are chasing a phantom; we are holding out to those whose unrest we fear a prospect and a dream, a vision of the impossible In the ultimate analysis, I fear, the equal opportunity which is sought by many of those who proclaim the coming of so-called social justice involves a forced division of property, and that means socialism	-0.5	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/16/1912	11/5/1912
In the abuses of the last two decades it is true that ill-gotten wealth has been concentrated in some undeserving hands, and if it were possible to redistribute it on any equitable principle to those from whom it was taken without adequate or proper compensation, it would be a good result to bring about But this is obviously impossible and impracticable AH that can be done is to treat this as one incidental evil of a great expansive movement in the material progress of the world and to make sure that there will be no recurrence of such evil In this regard we have made great progress and reform, as in respect to secret rebates in railways, the improper conferring of public franchises, and the immunity of monopolizing trusts and combinations	0.25	WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT	8/17/1912	11/5/1912
Statement Conceding the Presidential Election				
The election has gone against us by a decisive majority The returns are not all in, and it is impossible at the present time to analyze them or to say what causes contributed most to the Republican victory We made our fight upon a platform which embodied what we believed to be good for the American people, but it is for the people themselves to decide what laws they desire and what methods of Government they prefer I have faith that the publicity which we asked for will yet commend itself to the American people; that the election of Senators by the people will be secured; that the iniquities of the trusts will arouse an opposition that will result in the elimination of the principle of private monopoly	-0.5	William Jennings Bryan	11/5/1908	11/3/1908
I am confident that the people will see the necessity for the labor legislation and the tariff reduction which our platform demanded I am confident, too, that the educational work done in this campaign will result in securing greater protection to bank depositors The above are the most prominent reforms for which we labored, and I believe that these reforms will yet come together with more effective regulations and railroads and independence for the Filipinos I desire to commend the work of our National Committee	0.75	William Jennings Bryan	11/6/1908	11/3/1908
I am entirely satisfied with Mr Mack as the Chairman and with the members of the committee I do not see what they could have done more than they did, and as for myself, I put forth every effort in my power to secure victory for our cause The nomination came from the hands of the voters, I have obeyed their command and have led as best I could	1	William Jennings Bryan	11/7/1908	11/3/1908
Words will not express my gratitude for the devotion which has been shown by millions of Democrats during the last twelve years Neither am I able to adequately express my appreciation for the kind words which have been spoken since the election If I could regard the defeat as purely a personal one, I would consider it a blessing rather than a misfortune, for I am relieved of the burdens and responsibilities of an office that is attractive only in proportion as it gives an opportunity to render a larger public service But I shall serve as willingly in a private capacity as in a public one	0.2	William Jennings Bryan	11/8/1908	11/3/1908
God does not require great things of us He only requires that we improve the opportunities that are presented, and I shall be glad to improve the opportunities for service presented by private life In this hour of National defeat I find some consolation in the cordial support given by my neighbors, by the citizens of Lincoln and by the people of the State of Nebraska With a Democratic Governor and a Democratic Legislature we shall be able to put into practice so much of the Denver platform as relates to State legislation, and I trust that our State will set an example that will be an influence for good in the Nation	0.5	William Jennings Bryan	11/9/1908	11/3/1908
Remarks Accepting the Republican Nomination for President				

I am deeply sensible of the honor conferred upon me by the representatives of the Republican party assembled in convention, and I accept the nomination for the Presidency with solemn realization of the obligations I assume I heartily approve the declaration of principles which the Republican National Convention has adopted, and at some future day I shall communicate to you, Mr Chairman, more at length and in detail a formal written acceptance of the nomination Three years ago I became President because of the death of my lamented predecessor	0.8	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	7/27/1904	11/8/1904
I then stated that it was my purpose to carry out his principles and policies for the honor and the interest of the country To the best of my ability I have kept the promise thus made If next November my countrymen confirm at the polls the action of the convention you represent, I shall, under Providence, continue to work with an eye single to the welfare of all our people A party is of worth only in so far as it promotes the national interest, and every official, high or low, can serve his party best by rendering to the people the best service of which he is capable	0.5	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	7/28/1904	11/8/1904
Effective government comes only as the result of the loyal co-operation of many different persons The members of a legislative majority, the officers in the various departments of the administration and the legislative and executive branches as toward each other must work together, with subordination of self to the common end of successful government We who have been intrusted with power as public servants during the last seven years of administration and legislation now come before the people content to be judged by our record of achievement In the years that have gone by we have made the deed square with the word; and if we are continued in power we shall unswervingly follow out the great lines of public policy which the Republican party has already laid down; a public policy to which we are giving, and shall give, a united, and there fore an efficient support	0.75	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	7/29/1904	11/8/1904
In all of this we are more fortunate than our opponents, who now appeal for confidence on the ground, which some express and some seek to have confidentially understood, that, if triumphant, they may be trusted to prove false to every principle which in the last eight years they have laid down as vital, and to leave undisturbed those very acts of the administration because of which they ask that the administration itself be driven from power Seemingly, their present attitude as to their past record is that some of them were mistaken and others in sincere We make our appeal in a wholly different spirit We are not constrained to keep silent on any vital question; we are divided on no vital question; our policy is continuous, and is the same for all sections and localities	0	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	7/30/1904	11/8/1904
There is nothing experimental about the government we ask the people to continue in power, for our performance in the past, our proved governmental efficiency, is a guarantee as to our promises for the future Our opponents, either openly or secretly, according to their several temperaments, now ask the people to trust their present promises in consideration of the fact that they intend to treat their past promises as null and void We know our own minds and we have kept of the same mind for a sufficient length of time to give to our policy coherence and sanity In such a fundamental matter as the enforcement of the law we do not have to depend upon promises, but merely to ask that our record be taken as an earnest of what we shall continue to do	0.5	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	7/31/1904	11/8/1904
In dealing with the great organizations known as trusts we do not have to explain why the laws were not enforced, but point out that they actually have been enforced and that legislation has been enacted to increase the effectiveness of their enforcement We do not have to propose to "turn the rascals out," for we have shown in very deed that whenever by diligent investigation a public official can be found who has betrayed his trust he will be punished to the full extent of the law, without regard to whether he was appointed under a Republican or a Democratic administration This is the efficient way to turn the rascals out and to keep them out, and it has the merit of sincerity Moreover, the betrayals of trust in the last seven years have been insignificant in number when compared with the extent of the public service	0.2	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/1/1904	11/8/1904
Never has the administration of the government been on a cleaner and higher level; never has the public work of the nation been done more honestly and efficiently Assuredly, it is unwise to change the policies which have worked so well and which are now working so well Prosperity has come at home The national honor and interest have been upheld abroad	1	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/2/1904	11/8/1904
We have placed the finances of the nation upon a sound gold basis We have done this with the aid of many who were formerly our opponents, but who would neither openly support nor silently acquiesce in the heresy of unsound finance; and we have done it against the convinced and violent opposition of the mass of our present opponents, who still refuse to recant the unsound opinions which for the moment they think it inexpedient to assert We know what we mean when we speak of an honest and stable currency We mean the same thing from year to year	0	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/3/1904	11/8/1904

We do not have to avoid a definite and conclusive committal on the most important issue which has recently been before the people, and which may at any time in the near future be before them again Upon the principles which underlie the issue the convictions of half of our number do not clash with those of the other half So long as the Republican party is in power the gold standard is settled, not as a matter of temporary political expediency, not because of shifting conditions in the production of gold in certain mining centres, but in accordance with what we regard as the fundamental principles of national morality and wisdom Under the financial legislation which we have enacted there is now ample circulation for every business need; and every dollar of this circulation is worth a dollar in gold	0.5	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/4/1904	11/8/1904
We have reduced the interest bearing debt, and in still larger measure the interest on that debt All of the war taxes imposed during the Spanish war have been removed with a view to relieve the people and to prevent the accumulation of an unnecessary surplus The result is that hardly ever before have the expenditures and income of the government so closely corresponded In the fiscal year that has just closed the excess of income over the ordinary expenditures was \$ 9,000,000	0.75	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/5/1904	11/8/1904
This does not take account of the \$ 50,000,000 expended out of the accumulated surplus for the purchase of the Isthmian Canal It is an extraordinary proof of the sound financial condition of the nation that instead of following the usual course in such matters and throwing the burden upon posterity by an issue of bonds, we were able to make the payment outright, and yet after it to have in the Treasury a surplus of \$ 161,000,000 Moreover, we were able to pay this \$ 50,000,000, out of hand without causing the slightest disturbance to business conditions We have enacted a tariff law under which during the last few years the country has attained a height of material wellbeing never before reached	0.75	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/6/1904	11/8/1904
Wages are higher than ever before That whenever the need arises there should be a readjustment of the tariff schedules is undoubted; but such changes can with safety be made only by those whose devotion to the principle of a protective tariff is beyond question; for otherwise the changes would amount not to readjustment but to repeal The readjustment when made must maintain and not destroy the protective principle To the farmer, the merchant, the manufacturer, this is vital; but perhaps no other man is so much interested as the wage workers in the maintenance of our present economic system, both as regards the finances and the tariff	0.25	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/7/1904	11/8/1904
The standard of living of our wage workers is higher than that of any other country, and it cannot so remain unless we have a protective tariff which shall always keep as a minimum a rate of duty sufficient to cover the difference between the labor cost here and abroad Those who, like our opponents, denounce protection as a robbery thereby commit themselves to the proposition that if they were to revise the tariff no heed would be paid to the necessity of meeting this difference between the standards of living for wage workers here and in other countries; and therefore on this point their antagonism to our position is fundamental Here again we ask that their promises and ours be judged by what has been done in the immediate past We ask that sober and sensible men compare the workings of the present tariff law and the conditions which obtain under it, with the workings of the preceding tariff law of 1894 and the conditions which that tariff of 1894 helped to bring about	-0.5	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/8/1904	11/8/1904
We believe in reciprocity with foreign nations on the terms outlined in President McKinley's last speech, which urged the extension of our foreign markets by reciprocal agreements whenever they could be made without injury to American industry and labor It is a singular fact that the only great reciprocity treaty recently adopted—that with Cuba was finally opposed almost alone by the representatives of the very party which now states that it favors reciprocity And here, again, we ask that the worth of our words be judged by comparing their deeds with ours On this Cuban reciprocity treaty there were at the outset grave differences of opinion among ourselves; and the notable thing in the negotiation and ratification of the treaty, and the legislation which carried it into effect, was the highly practical manner in which, without sacrifice of principle, these differences of opinion were reconciled	0.5	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/9/1904	11/8/1904
There was no rupture of a great party, but an excellent practical outcome, the result of the harmonious co-operation of two successive Presidents and two successive Congresses This is an illustration of the governing capacity which entitles us to the confidence of the people, not only in our purposes, but in our practical ability to achieve those purposes Judging by the history of the last twelve years, down to this very month, is there justification for believing that under similar circumstances and with similar initial differences of opinion our opponents would have achieved any practical result? We have already shown in actual fact that our policy is to do fair and equal justice to all men, paying no heed to whether a man is rich or poor; paying no heed to his race, his creed or his birthplace We recognize the organization of capital and the organization of labor as natural outcomes of our industrial system	0.5	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/10/1904	11/8/1904

Each kind of organization is to be favored so long as it acts in a spirit of justice and of regard for the rights of others Each is to be granted the full protection of the law, and each in turn is to be held to a strict obedience to the law; for no man is above it and no man below it The humblest individual is to have his rights safeguarded as scrupulously as those of the strongest organization, for each is to receive justice, no more and no less The problems with which we have to deal in our modern industrial and social life are manifold; but the spirit in which it is necessary to approach their solution is simply the spirit of honesty, of courage and of common sense In inaugurating the great work of irrigation in the West, the administration has been enabled by Congress to take one of the longest strides ever taken under our government toward utilizing our vast national domain for the settler, the actual home maker	0.75	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/11/1904	11/8/1904
Ever since this continent was discovered the need of an isthmian canal to connect the Pacific and the Atlantic has been recognized, and ever since the birth of our nation such a canal has been planned At last the dream has become a reality The Isthmian Canal is now being built by the government of the United States We conducted the negotiation for its construction with the nicest and most scrupulous honor, and in a spirit of the largest generosity toward those through whose territory it was to run	0.5	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/12/1904	11/8/1904
Every sinister effort which could be devised by the spirit of faction or the spirit of self-interest was made in order to defeat the treaty with Panama and thereby prevent the consummation of this work The construction of the canal is now an assured fact, but most certainly it is unwise to intrust the carrying out of so momentous a policy to those who have endeavored to defeat the whole undertaking Our foreign policy has been so conducted that, while not one of our just claims has been sacrificed, our relations with all foreign nations are now of the most peaceful kind; there is not a cloud on the horizon The last cause of irritation between us and any other nation was removed by the settlement of the Alaskan boundary	0.5	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/13/1904	11/8/1904
In the Caribbean Sea we have made good our promises of independence to Cuba, and have proved our assertion that our mission in the island was one of justice, and not of self-aggrandizement; and thereby no less than by our action in Venezuela and Panama we have shown that the Monroe Doctrine is a living reality, designed for the hurt of no nation, but for the protection of civilization on the Western continent and for the peace of the world Our steady growth in power has gone hand in hand with a strengthening disposition to use this power with strict regard for the rights of others and for the cause of international justice and good will We earnestly desire friendship with all the nations of the New and Old Worlds; and we endeavor to place our relations with them upon a basis of reciprocal advantage instead of hostility We hold that the prosperity of each nation is an aid and not a hindrance to the prosperity of other nations	0.75	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/14/1904	11/8/1904
We seek international amity for the reasons that make us believe in peace within our own borders; and we seek this peace not because we are afraid or unready, but because we think that peace is right as well as advantageous American interests in the Pacific have rapidly grown American enterprise has laid a cable across this, the greatest of oceans We have proved in effective fashion that we wish the Chinese Empire well and desire its integrity and independence	0.75	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/15/1904	11/8/1904
Our foothold in the Philippines greatly strengthens our position for trade of the East; but we are governing the Philippines in the interest of the Philippine people themselves We have already given them a share in their government, and our purpose is to increase this share as rapidly as they give evidence of increasing fitness for the task The great majority of the officials of the islands, whether elective or appointive, are already native Filipinos We are now providing for a legislative assembly	0.5	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/16/1904	11/8/1904
This is the first step to be taken in the future and it would be eminently unwise to declare what our next step will be until this first step has been taken and the results are manifest To have gone faster than we have already gone in giving the islanders a constantly increasing measure of self-government would have been disastrous At the present moment to give political independence to the islands would result in the immediate loss of civil rights, personal liberty and public order as regards the mass of the Filipinos, for the majority of the islanders have been given these great boons by us, and only keep them because we vigilantly safeguard and guarantee them To withdraw our government from the islands at this time would mean to the average native the loss of his barely won civil freedom	-1	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/17/1904	11/8/1904
We have established in the islands a government by Americans, assisted by Filipinos We are steadily striving to transform this into self-government by the Filipinos, assisted by Americans The principles which we uphold should appeal to all our countrymen, in all portions of our country Above all, they should give us strength with the men and women who are the spiritual heirs of those who upheld the hands of Abraham Lincoln for we are striving to do our work in the spirit with which Lincoln approached his	0.5	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/18/1904	11/8/1904
During the seven years that have just passed, there is no duty, domestic or foreign, which we have shirked; no necessary task which we have feared to undertake or which we have not performed with reasonable efficiency We have never pleaded impotence We have never sought refuge in criticism and complaint instead of action We face the future with our past and our present as guarantors of our promises, and we are content to stand or to fall by the record which we have made and are making	1	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	8/19/1904	11/8/1904

Address Accepting the Republican Presidential Nomination				
<p>Senator Thurston and Gentleman of the Notification Committee of the Republican National Convention—To be selected as their presidential candidate by a great party convention representing so vast a number of the people of the United States is a most distinguished honor, for which I would not conceal my high appreciation, although deeply sensible of the great responsibilities of the trust and my inability to bear them without the generous and constant support of my fellow countrymen Great as is the honor conferred, equally arduous and important is the duty imposed, and in accepting the one I assume the other, relying upon the patriotic devotion of the people to the best interests of our beloved country and the sustaining care and aid of Him without whose support all we do is empty and vain Should the people ratify the choice of the great convention for which you speak, my only aim will be to promote the public good, which in America is always the good of the greatest number, the honor of our country and the welfare of the people The questions to be settled in the national contest this year are as serious and important as any of the great governmental problems that have confronted us in the last quarter of a century</p>	0.75	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
<p>If anything exceeds the honor of the office of President of the United States it is the responsibility which attaches to it Having been invested with both, I do not underappraise either Any one who has borne the anxieties and burdens of the Presidential office, especially in time of National trial, cannot contemplate assuming it a second time without profoundly realizing the severe exactions and the solemn obligations which it imposes, and this feeling is accentuated by the momentous problems which now press for settlement If my Countrymen shall confirm the action of the convention at our National election in November I shall, craving Divine guidance, undertake the exalted trust, to administer it for the interest and honor of the country and the well-being of the new peoples who have become the objects of our care</p>	0.5	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
<p>The declaration of principles adopted by the convention has my hearty approval At some future date I will consider its subjects in detail and will by letter communicate to your Chairman a more formal acceptance of the nomination On a like occasion four years ago I said: "The party that supplied by legislation the vast revenues for the conduct of our greatest war, that promptly restored the credit of the country at its close; that from its abundant revenues paid off a large share of the debt incurred by this war; and that resumed specie payments and placed our paper currency upon a sound and enduring basis, can be safely trusted to preserve both our credit and currency with honor, stability, and inviolability The American people hold the financial honor of our Government as sacred as our flag, and can be relied upon to guard it with the same sleepless vigilance</p>	0.5	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
<p>They hold its preservation above party fealty and have often demonstrated that party ties avail nothing when the spotless credit of our country is threatened "The dollar paid to the farmer, the wage-earner, and the pensioner must continue forever equal in purchasing and debt paying power to the dollar paid to any Government creditor "Our industrial supremacy, our productive capacity, our business and commercial prosperity, our labor and its rewards, our National credit and currency, our proud financial honor, and our splendid free citizenship, the birthright of every American, are all involved in the pending campaign, and thus every home in the land is directly and intimately connected with their proper settlement Our domestic trade must be won back and our idle working people employed in gainful occupations at American wages</p>	0.5	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
<p>Our home market must be restored to its proud rank of first in the world, and our foreign trade, so precipitately cut off by adverse National legislation, reopened on fair and equitable terms for our surplus agricultural and manufacturing products Public confidence must be resumed and the skill, energy and capital of our country find ample employment at home The Government of the United States must raise money enough to meet both its current expenses and increasing needs Its revenues should be so raised as to protect the material interests of our people, with the lightest possible drain upon their resources and maintaining that high standard of civilization which has distinguished our country for more than a century of its existence</p>	0.5	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
<p>The National credit, which has thus far fortunately resisted every assault upon it, must and will be upheld and strengthened If sufficient revenues are provided for the support of the Government there will be no necessity for borrowing money and increasing the public debt " Three and one-half years of legislation and administration have been concluded since these words were spoken Have those to whom was confided the direction of the Government kept their pledges? The record is made up</p>	0	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
<p>The people are not unfamiliar with what has been accomplished The gold standard has been reaffirmed and strengthened The endless chain has been broken, and the drain upon our gold reserve no longer frets us The credit of the country has been advanced to the highest place among all nations</p>	1	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
<p>We are refunding our bonded debt-bearing 3 and 4 and 5 per cent , interest at 2 per cent , a lower rate than that of any other country, and already more than \$300,000,000 have been funded, with a gain to the Government of many millions of dollars Instead of 16 to 1, for which our opponents contended four years ago, legislation has been enacted which, while utilizing all forms of our money, secures one fixed value for every dollar, and that the best known to the civilized world</p>	0.5	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900

A tariff which protects American labor and industry and provides ample revenues has been written in public law We have lower interest and higher wages; more money and fewer mortgages The world's markets have been opened to American products, which go now where they have never gone before We have passed from a bond-issuing to a bond-paying Nation; from a Nation of borrowers to a Nation of lenders; from a deficiency in revenue to a surplus; from fear to confidence; from enforced idleness to profitable employment	1	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
The public faith has been upheld; public order has been maintained We have prosperity at home and prestige abroad Unfortunately the threat of 1896 has just been renewed by the allied parties without abatement or modification The Gold bill has been denounced and its repeal demanded	0.25	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
The menace of 16 to 1, therefore, still hangs over us with all its dire consequences to credit and confidence, to business and industry The enemies of sound currency are rallying their scattered forces The people must once more unite and overcome the advocates of repudiation, and must not relax their energy until the battle for public honor and honest money shall again triumph A Congress which will sustain and, if need be, strengthen the present law, can prevent a financial catastrophe which every lover of the Republic is interested to avert	-0.5	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
Not satisfied with assaulting the currency and credit of the Government, our political adversaries condemn the tariff enacted at the extra session of Congress in 1897, known as the Dingley act, passed in obedience to the will of the people expressed at the election in the preceding November, a law which at once stimulated our industries, opened the factories and mines, and gave to the laborer and to the farmers fair returns for their toil and investment Shall we go back to a tariff which brings deficiency in our revenues and destruction to our industrial enterprises? Faithful to its pledges in these internal affairs, how has the Government discharged its international duties? Our platform of 1896 declared "the Hawaiian Islands should be controlled by the United States, and no foreign power should be permitted to interfere with them " This purpose has been fully accomplished by annexation, and delegates from those beautiful islands have participated in the declaration for which you speak today In the great conference of nations at The Hague, we reaffirmed before the world the Monroe doctrine and our adherence to it and our determination not to participate in the complications of Europe	0.5	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
We have happily ended the European alliance in Samoa, securing to ourselves one of the most valuable harbors in the Pacific Ocean, while the open door in China gives to us fair and equal competition in the vast trade of the Orient Some things have happened which were not promised, nor even foreseen, and our purposes in relation to them must not be left in doubt A just war has been waged for humanity, and with it have come new problems and responsibilities Spain has been ejected from the Western Hemisphere and our flag floats over her former territory	0.5	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
Cuba has been liberated and our guarantees to her people will be sacredly executed A beneficent government has been provided for Porto Rico The Philippines are ours and American authority must be supreme throughout the archipelago There will be amnesty broad and liberal but no abatement of our rights, no abandonment of our duty	0.25	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
There must be no scuttle policy We will fulfill in the Philippines the obligations imposed by the triumphs of our arms and by the treaty of peace; by international law, by the Nation's sense of honor, and, more than all, by the rights, interests, and conditions of the Philippine people themselves No outside interference blocks the way to peace and a stable government The obstructionists are here, not elsewhere	0	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
They may postpone, but they cannot defeat the realization of the high purpose of this Nation to restore order to the islands and to establish a just and generous Government, in which the inhabitants shall have the largest participation for which they are capable The organized forces which have been misled into rebellion have been dispersed by our faithful soldiers and sailors and the people of the islands, delivered from anarchy, pillage and oppression, recognize American sovereignty as the symbol and pledge of peace, justice, law, religious freedom, education, the security of life and property and the welfare and prosperity of their several communities We reassert the early principle of the Republican Party, sustained by unbroken judicial precedents, that the Representatives of the people in Congress assembled have full legislative power over territory belonging to the United States, subject to the fundamental safeguards of liberty, justice, and personal rights, and are vested with ample authority to act "for the highest interests of our Nation and the people intrusted to its care " This doctrine, first proclaimed in the cause of freedom, will never be used as a weapon for oppression	0.5	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
I am glad to be assured by you that what we have done in the Far East has the approval of the country The sudden and terrible crisis in China calls for the gravest consideration, and you will not expect from me now any further expression than to say that my best efforts shall be given to the Immediate purpose of protecting the lives of our citizens who are in peril, with the ultimate object of the peace and welfare of China, the safeguarding of all our treaty rights, and the maintenance of those principles of impartial intercourse to which the civilized world is pledged I cannot conclude without congratulating my countrymen upon the strong National sentiment which finds expression in every part of our common country and the increased respect with which the American name is greeted throughout the world We have been moving in untried paths, but our steps have been guided by honor and duty	0.5	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
There will be no turning aside, no wavering, no retreat No blow has been struck except for liberty and humanity, and none will be We will perform without fear every National and international obligation The Republican Party was dedicated to freedom forty-four years ago	0.5	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900

It has been the party of liberty and emancipation from that hour; not of profession, but of performance. It broke the shackles of 4,000,000 slaves and made them free, and to the party of Lincoln has come another supreme opportunity, which it has bravely met in the liberation of 10,000,000 of the human family from the yoke of imperialism. In its solution of great problems, in its performance of high duties, it has had the support of members of all parties in the past and confidently invokes their cooperation in the future. Permit me to express,	1	William McKinley	7/12/1900	11/6/1900
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They command our sober judgment and a settlement free from partisan prejudice and passion, beneficial to ourselves and befitting the honor and grandeur of the republic. They touch every interest of our common country. Our industrial supremacy, our productive capacity, our business and commercial prosperity, our labor and its rewards, our national credit and currency, our proud financial honor and our splendid free citizenship, the birthright of every American, are all involved in the pending campaign, and thus every home in the land is directly and intimately connected with their proper settlement. Great are the issues involved in the coming election, and eager and earnest are the people for their right determination.	0.5	William McKinley	6/29/1896	11/3/1896
Our domestic trade must be won back and our idle working people employed in gainful occupations at American wages. Our home market must be restored to its proud rank of first in the world, and our foreign trade, so precipitately cut off by adverse national legislation, reopened on fair and equitable terms for our surplus agricultural and manufacturing products. Protection and reciprocity, twin measures of a true American policy, should again command the earnest encouragement of the government at Washington. Public confidence must be resumed and the skill the energy and the capital of our country find ample employment at home, sustained, encouraged and defended against the unequal competition and serious disadvantages with which they are now contending.	0.5	William McKinley	6/29/1896	11/3/1896
The government of the United States must raise money enough to meet both its current expenses and increasing needs. Its revenues should be so raised as to protect the material interests of our people, with the lightest possible drain upon their resources, and maintaining that high standard of civilization which has distinguished our country for more than a century of its existence. The income of the government, I repeat, should equal its necessary and proper expenditures. A failure to pursue this policy has compelled the government to borrow money in a time of peace to sustain its credit and pay its daily expenses.	0	William McKinley	6/29/1896	11/3/1896
This policy should be reversed, and that, too, as speedily as possible. It must be apparent to all, regardless of past party ties or affiliations, that our paramount duty is to provide adequate revenue for the expenditures of the government, economically and prudently administered. This the Republican party has heretofore done, and this I confidently believe it will do in the future, when the party is again intrusted with power in the executive and legislative branches of our government. The national credit, which has thus far fortunately resisted every assault upon it, must and will be upheld and strengthened.	0.5	William McKinley	6/29/1896	11/3/1896
If sufficient revenues are provided for the support of the government there will be no necessity for borrowing money and increasing the public debt. The complaint of the people is not against the administration for borrowing money and issuing bonds to preserve the credit of the country, but against the ruinous policy which has made this necessary, owing to the policy which has been inaugurated. The inevitable effect of such a policy is seen in the deficiency in the United States treasury, except as it is replenished by loans, and in the distress of the people who are suffering because of the scant demand for either their labor or the products of their labor. Here is the fundamental trouble, the remedy for which is Republican opportunity and duty.	-0.5	William McKinley	6/29/1896	11/3/1896

During all the years of Republican control following resumption, there was a steady reduction of the public debt, while the gold reserve was sacredly maintained, and our currency and credit preserved without depreciation, taint or suspicion If we would restore this policy that brought us unexampled prosperity for more than thirty years under the most trying conditions ever known in this country, the policy by which we made and bought more goods at home and sold more abroad, the trade balance would be quickly turned in our favor, and gold would come to us and not go from us in the settlement of all such balances in the future The party that supplied, by legislation, the vast revenues for the conduct of our greatest war, that promptly restored the credit of the country at its close, that from its abundant revenues paid off a large share of the debt incurred in this war, and that resumed specie payments, and placed our paper currency upon a sound and enduring basis, can be safely trusted to preserve both our credit and currency with honor, stability and inviolability The American people hold the financial honor of our government as sacred as our flag, and can be relied upon to guard it with the same sleepless vigilance	1	William McKinley	6/29/1896	11/3/1896
They hold its preservation above party fealty, and have often demonstrated that party ties avail nothing when the spotless credit of our country is threatened The money of the United States, and every kind or form of it, whether of paper, silver or gold, must be as good as the best in the world It must not only be current at its full face value at home, but it must be counted at par in any and every commercial center of the globe The sagacious and far-seeing policy of the great men who founded our government, the teachings and acts of the wisest financiers at every stage in our history, the steadfast faith and splendid achievements of the great party to which we belong and the genius and integrity of our people have always demanded this and will ever maintain it	1	William McKinley	6/29/1896	11/3/1896
The dollar paid to the farmer, the wage earner and the pensioner must continue forever equal in purchasing and debt paying power to the dollar paid to any government creditor The contest this year will not be waged upon lines of theory and speculation, but in the light of severe practical experience and new and dearly acquired knowledge The great body of our citizens know what they want and that they intend to have They know for what the Republican party stands and what its return to power means to them	0.5	William McKinley	6/29/1896	11/3/1896
They realize that the Republican party believes that our work should be done at home and not abroad, and everywhere proclaim their devotion to the principles of a protective tariff, which, while supplying adequate revenues for the government, will restore American production and serve the best interests of American labor and development Our appeal, therefore, is not to a false philosophy or vain theorists, but to the masses of the American people, the plain, practical people whom Lincoln loved and trusted and whom the Republican party has always faithfully striven to serve The platform adopted by the Republican national convention has received my careful consideration and has my unqualified approval	0.5	William McKinley	6/29/1896	11/3/1896
It is a matter of gratification to me, as I am sure it must be to you and Republicans everywhere and to all our people, that the expressions of its declaration of principles are so direct, clear and emphatic They are too plain and positive to leave any chance for doubt or question as to their purport and meaning But you will not expect me to discuss its provisions at length or in any detail at this time It will, however, be my duty and pleasure at some future day to make to you, and through you to the great party you represent, a more formal acceptance of the nomination tendered me	0.5	William McKinley	6/29/1896	11/3/1896
No one could be more profoundly grateful than I for the manifestation of public confidence of which you have so eloquently spoken It shall be my aim to attest this appreciation by an unsparing devotion to what I esteem the best interests of the people, and in this work I ask the counsel and support of you, gentlemen, and of every other friend of the country The generous expressions with which you, sir, convey the official notice of my nomination are highly appreciated and as fully reciprocated, and I thank you and your associates of the notification committee and the great party and convention at whose instance you come for the high and exceptional distinction bestowed upon me	1	William McKinley	6/29/1896	11/3/1896
Remarks to Members of the Notification Committee of the Democratic National Convention Accepting the Presidential Nomination				
Mr Chairman and Gentlemen—The message you deliver from the National Democracy arouses within me emotions which would be well nigh overwhelming if I did not recognize here assembled the representatives of a great party who must share with me the responsibility your mission invites I find much relief in the reflection that I have been selected merely to stand for the principles and purposes to which my party is pledged, and for the enforcement and supremacy of which all who have any right to claim Democratic fellowship must constantly and persistently labor Our party responsibility is indeed great	0.5	Grover Cleveland	7/20/1892	11/8/1892
We assume a momentous obligation to our countrymen when, in return for their trust and confidence, we promise them a rectification of their wrongs and a better realization of the advantages which are due to them under our free and beneficent institutions But, if our responsibility is great, our party is strong It is strong in its sympathy with the needs of the people, in its insistence upon the exercise of governmental powers strictly within the constitutional permission the people have granted, and in its willingness to risk its life and hope upon the people's intelligence and patriotism Never has a great party, intent upon the promotion of right and justice, had better incentive for effort than is now presented to us	0.8	Grover Cleveland	7/20/1892	11/8/1892

Turning our eyes to the plain people of the land, we see them burdened as consumers with a tariff system that unjustly and relentlessly demands from them in the purchase of the necessities and comforts of life, an amount scarcely met by the wages of hard and steady toil—while the exactions thus wrung from them build up and increase the fortunes of those for whose benefit this injustice is perpetuated We see the farmer listening to a delusive story that fills his mind with visions of advantage, while his pocket is robbed by the stealthy hand of high protection Our workingmen are still told the tale, oft repeated in spite of its demonstrated falsity, that the existing protective tariff is a boon to them, and that under its beneficent operation their wages must increase, while, as they listen, scenes are enacted in the very abiding place of high protection that mock the hopes of toil and attest the tender mercy the workingman receives from those made selfish and sordid by unjust governmental favoritism We oppose earnestly and stubbornly the theory upon which our opponents seek to justify and uphold existing tariff laws	-1	Grover Cleveland	7/20/1892	11/8/1892
We need not base our attack upon questions of constitutional permission or legislative power We denounce this theory upon the highest possible grounds when we contend that in present conditions its operation is unjust and that laws enacted in accordance with it are inequitable and unfair Ours is not a destructive party We are not at enmity with the rights of any of our citizens	0	Grover Cleveland	7/20/1892	11/8/1892
All are our countrymen We are not recklessly heedless of any American interests, nor will we abandon our regard for them; but invoking the love of fairness and justice which belongs to true Americanism, and upon which our constitution rests, we insist that no plan of tariff legislation shall be tolerated which has for its object and purpose a forced contribution from the earnings and income of the mass of our citizens, to swell directly the accumulations of a favored few; nor will we permit a pretended solicitude for American labor, or any other specious pretext of benevolent care for others, to blind the eyes of the people to the selfish schemes of those who seek, through the aid of unequal tariff laws, to gain unearned and unreasonable advantages at the expense of their fellows We have also assumed, in our covenant with those whose support we invite, the duty of opposing to the death another avowed scheme of our adversaries, which, under the guise of protecting the suffrage, covers, but does not conceal, a design thereby to perpetuate the power of a party afraid to trust its continuance to the untrammelled and intelligent votes of the American people We are pledged to resist the legislation intended to complete this scheme, because we have not forgotten the saturnalia of theft and brutal control which followed another Federal regulation of State suffrage; because we know that the managers of a party which did not scruple to rob the people of a President would not hesitate to use the machinery created by such legislation to revive corrupt instrumentalities for partisan purposes; because an attempt to enforce such legislation would rekindle animosities where peace and hopefulness now prevail; because such an attempt would replace prosperous activity with discouragement and dread throughout a large section of our country, and would menace, everywhere in the land, the rights reserved to the States and to the people, which underlie the safe-guards of American liberty	-0.5	Grover Cleveland	7/20/1892	11/8/1892
I shall not attempt to specify at this time other objects and aims of Democratic endeavor which add inspiration to our mission True to its history and its creed, our party will respond to the wants of the people within safe lines and guided by enlightened statesmanship To the troubled and impatient within our membership we commend continued, unswerving allegiance to the party whose principles in all times past have been found sufficient for them, and whose aggregate wisdom and patriotism, their experience teaches, can always be trusted In a tone of partisanship which befits the occasion, let me say to you, as equal partners in the campaign upon which we to-day enter, that the personal fortunes of those to whom you have intrusted your banners are only important as they are related to the fate of the principles they represent and to the party which they lead	0.25	Grover Cleveland	7/20/1892	11/8/1892
I cannot, therefore, forbear reminding you and all those attached to the Democratic party or supporting the principles which we profess that defeat in the pending campaign, followed by the consummation of the legislative schemes our opponents contemplate, and accompanied by such other incidents of their success as might more firmly fix their power, would present a most discouraging outlook for future Democratic supremacy and for the accomplishment of the objects we have at heart Moreover, every sincere Democrat must believe that the interests of this country are deeply involved in the victory of our party in the struggle that awaits us Thus patriotic solicitude exalts the hope of partisanship, and should intensify our determination to win success This success can only be achieved by systematic and intelligent effort on the part of all enlisted in our cause	0.2	Grover Cleveland	7/20/1892	11/8/1892
Let us tell the people plainly and honestly what we believe and how we propose to serve the interests of the entire country, and then let us, after the manner of true Democracy, rely upon the thoughtfulness and patriotism of our fellow countrymen It only remains for me to say to you, in advance of a more formal response to your message, that I obey the command of my party, and confidently anticipate that an intelligent and earnest presentation of our cause will insure a popular endorsement of the action of the body you represent	0.5	Grover Cleveland	7/20/1892	11/8/1892
Remarks to the Republican Club of Danville, Indiana on Receiving the Republican Nomination for President in Indianapolis, Indiana				
Gentlemen—I am very much obliged to my Hendricks County friends for this visit The trouble you have taken to make this call so soon after information of the result at Chicago reached you induces me to say a word or two, though you will not, of course, expect any reference to politics or any extended reference to the result at Chicago I very highly appreciate the wise, discreet and affectionate interest which our delegation and the people of Indiana have displayed in the convention which has just closed at Chicago [Cries of "Good!" "Good!" and cheers] I accept your visit to-day as an expression of your confidence and respect, and I thank you for it	1	Benjamin Harrison	6/25/1888	11/6/1888

Remarks to Members of the Notification Committee of the Democratic National Convention Accepting the Presidential Nomination				
Mr Chairman, and Gentlemen of the Committee: Your formal announcement does not, of course, convey to me the first information of the result of the Convention lately held by the Democracy of the Nation And yet when, as I listen to your message, I see about me representatives from all parts of the land of the great party which, claiming to be the party of the people, asks them to entrust to it the administration of their government, and when ' I consider, under the influence of the stern reality which present surroundings create, that I have been chosen to represent the plans, the purposes and the policy of the Democratic party, I am profoundly impressed by the solemnity of the occasion and by the responsibility of my position Though I gratefully appreciate it, I do not at this moment congratulate myself upon the distinguished honor which has been conferred upon me, because my mind is full of an anxious desire to perform well the part which has been assigned to me	0	Grover Cleveland	7/28/1884	11/4/1884
Nor do I at this moment forget that the rights and interests of more than fifty millions of my fellow citizens are involved in our efforts to gain Democratic supremacy This reflection presents to my mind the consideration which more than all others gives to the action of my party in Convention assembled its most sober and serious aspect The party and its representatives which ask to be entrusted at the hands of the people with the keeping of all that concerns their welfare and their safety should only ask it with the full appreciation of the sacredness of the trust, and with a firm resolve to administer it faithfully and well I am a Democrat because I believe that this truth lies at the foundation of true Democracy	0.5	Grover Cleveland	7/28/1884	11/4/1884
I have kept the faith because I believe, if rightly and fairly administered and applied, Democratic doctrines and measures will insure the happiness, contentment and prosperity of the people If, in the contest upon which we now enter, we steadfastly hold to the underlying principles of our party creed, and at all times keep in view the people's good, we shall be strong, because we are true to ourselves, and because the plain and independent voters of the land will seek by their suffrages to compass their release from party tyranny where there should be submission to the popular will, and their protection from party corruption where there should be devotion to the people's interests These thoughts lend a consecration to our cause; and we go forth, not merely to gain a partisan advantage, but pledged to give to those who trust us the utmost benefit of a pure and honest administration of national affairs No higher purpose or motive can stimulate us to supreme effort, or urge us to continuous and earnest labor and effective party organization	0.75	Grover Cleveland	7/28/1884	11/4/1884
Let us not fail in this, and we may confidently hope to reap the full reward of patriotic services well performed I have thus called to mind some simple truths; and trite though they are, it seems to me we do well to dwell upon them at this time I shall soon, I hope, signify in the usual formal manner my acceptance of the nomination which has been tendered to me In the meantime, I gladly greet you all as co-workers in a noble cause	0.8	Grover Cleveland	7/28/1884	11/4/1884
Remarks to the Notification Committee of the Republican National Convention Accepting the Presidential Nomination				
I can only express my gratitude for so signal an honor, and my desire to prove worthy of the great trust reposed in me In accepting the nomination, as I now do, I am impressed, I might almost say oppressed, with a sense of the labor and responsibility which attach to my position The burden is lightened, however, by the host of earnest men who support my candidacy, many of whom add, as does your honorable committee, the cheer of personal friendship to the pledge of political fealty A more formal acceptance will naturally be expected, and will in due season be communicated	0.5	James G. Blaine	6/21/1884	11/4/1884
It may, however, not be inappropriate at this time to say that I have already made a careful study of the principles announced by the National Convention, and in whole and in detail they have my heartiest sympathy and meet my unqualified approval Apart from your official errand, gentlemen, I am extremely happy to welcome you all to my home With many of you I have already shared the duties of the public service, and have enjoyed the most cordial friendship I trust your journey from all parts of the great Republic has been agreeable, and that during your stay in Maine you will feel that you are not among strangers, but among friends	1	James G. Blaine	6/21/1884	11/4/1884
Invoking the blessing of God upon the great cause which we jointly represent, let us turn to the future without fear, and with manly hearts	0.5	James G. Blaine	6/21/1884	11/4/1884
Remarks to the Notification Committee of the Republican Convention Accepting the Presidential Nomination				
I will endeavor in a very short time to write you a letter accepting the trust you have imposed upon me. Expressing my gratitude for the confidence you have placed in me I will now say but little orally, and that is to thank you for the unanimity with which you have selected me as a candidate for the Presidential office. I can say in addition I looked on during the progress of the proceedings at Chicago with a great deal of interest, and am gratified with the harmony and unanimity which seem to have governed the deliberations of the Convention. If chosen to fill the high office for which you have selected me I will give to its duties the same energy, the same spirit, and the same will, that I have given to the performance of all duties which have devolved upon me heretofore. Whether I shall be able to perform these duties to your entire satisfaction, time will determine. You have truly said, in the course of your address, that I shall have no policy of my own to interfere against the will of the people.	0.75	Ulysses S. Grant	5/29/1868	11/3/1868

Remarks to Committee of the Republican National Convention Accepting the Presidential Nomination				
Mr Chairman and gentlemen of the committee, I tender [to] you, and through you [to] the Republican National Convention, and all the people represented in it, my profoundest thanks for the high honor done me, which you now formally announce. Deeply, and even painfully sensible of the great responsibility which is inseparable from that [this high] honor---a responsibility which I could almost wish had fallen upon some one of the far more eminent men and experienced statesmen whose distinguished names were before the Convention, I shall, by your leave, consider more fully the resolutions of the Convention, denominated the platform, and without unseasonable [unnecessary or unreasonable] delay, respond to you, Mr Chairman, in writing---not doubting now, that the platform will be found satisfactory, and the nomination [gratefully] accepted	0.5	Abraham Lincoln	5/19/1860	11/6/1860
And now, I will not longer defer the pleasure of taking you, and each of you, by the hand	0.5	Abraham Lincoln	5/19/1860	11/6/1860

Good evening. I'd like to provide the American people with an update on our efforts to protect the integrity of our very important 2020 election. If you count the legal votes, I easily win. If you count the illegal votes, they can try to steal the election from us. : [0.13150549]

If you count the votes that came in late—we're looking at them very strongly. But a lot of votes came in late. I've already decisively won many critical States, including massive victories in Florida, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, to name just a few. We won these and many other victories despite historic election interference from big media, big money, and big tech. : [0.1302075]

As everybody saw, we won by historic numbers. And the pollsters got it knowingly wrong. They got it knowingly wrong. We had polls that were so ridiculous, and everybody knew that at the time. : [0.23636087]

There was no blue wave that they predicted. They thought there was going to be a big blue wave; that was false. That was done for suppression reasons. But instead, there was a big red wave. : [0.23383029]

And it's been properly acknowledged, actually, by the media. They were, I think, very impressed, but that was after the fact. That doesn't do us any good. We kept the Senate, despite having twice as many seats to defend as Democrats. : [0.27158733]

And in a really—much more competitive States, we've—we did a fantastic job with the Senate. I think we're very proud of what's happened there. We had many more seats to defend. They spent almost \$200 million on Senate races in South Carolina and Kentucky alone—two races—and hundreds of millions of dollars overall against us. : [0.28032565]

At the national level, our opponent's major donors were Wall Street bankers and special interests. Our major donors were police officers, farmers, everyday citizens. Yet, for the first time ever, we lost zero races in the House. I was talking to Kevin McCarthy today. : [0.02557232]

He said he couldn't believe it: zero races. Very unusual thing. Zero. And actually won many new seats with, I think, many more on the way. : [0.00813865]

This was also the year of the Republican woman. More Republican women were elected to Congress than ever before. That's a great achievement. I won the largest share of non-White voters of any Republican in 60 years, including historic numbers of Latino, African American, Asian American, and Native American voters—the largest ever in our history. : [0.2860966]

We grew our party by 4 million voters, the greatest turnout in Republican Party history. Democrats are the party of the big donors, the big media, the big tech, it seems. And Republicans have become the party of the American worker, and that's what's happened. And we're also, I believe, the party of inclusion. : [0.19867748]

As everyone now recognizes, media polling was election interference, in the truest sense of that word, by powerful special interests. These really phony polls—I have to call them phony polls, fake polls—were designed to keep our voters at home, create the illusion of momentum for Mr. Biden, and diminish Republicans' ability to raise funds. They were what's called "suppression polls. : [0.24329311]

* Everyone knows that now. And it's never been used to the extent that it's been used on this last election. To highlight just a few examples: The day before election, Quinnipiac—which was wrong on every occasion that I know of—had Joe Biden up by 5 points in Florida, and they were off by 8 4 points. : [0.22886668]

And I won Florida easily. Easily. So they had me losing Florida by a lot, and I ended up winning Florida by a lot. Other than that, they were very accurate. : [0.12568259]

They had him up 4 points in Ohio, and they were off by 12 2 points. And I also won Ohio—the great State of Ohio—very easily. The Washington Post had Biden up 17 points in Wisconsin, and it was basically even. : [0.268836]

They were off by about 17 points, and they knew that. They're not stupid people. They knew that. Suppression. : [0.24608561]

There are now only a few States yet to be decided in the Presidential race. The voting apparatus of those States are run, in all cases, by Democrats. We were winning in all the key locations by a lot, actually. And then, our numbers started miraculously getting whittled away in secret, and they wouldn't allow legally permissible observers. : [0.1441754]

We went to court, in a couple of instances, and we were able to get the observers put in. And when the observers got there, they wanted them 60, 70 feet away, 80 feet, 100 feet away—or outside the building to observe people inside the building. And we won a case—a big case. And we have others happening. : [0.15928099]

There are a lot of—lots of litigation. Even beyond our litigation, there's tremendous amount of litigation generally because of how unfair this process was, and I predicted that. I've been talking about mail-in voting for a long time. It's really destroyed our system. : [0.18477669]

It's a corrupt system. And it makes people corrupt even if they aren't by nature, but they become corrupt; it's too easy. They want to find out how many votes they need, and then they seem to be able to find them. They wait and wait, and then they find them. : [0.15458118]

And you see that on election night. We were ahead in votes in North Carolina by a lot—tremendous number of votes. And we're still ahead by a lot, but not as many, because they're finding ballots all of a sudden. "Oh, we have some mail-in ballots. : [0.02148028]

* It's amazing how those mail-in ballots are so one-sided too. I know that it's supposed to be to the advantage of the Democrats, but in all cases, they're so one-sided. We were up by nearly 700,000 votes in Pennsylvania. I won Pennsylvania by a lot, and that gets whittled down to—I think they said now we're up by 90,000 votes. : [0.28698566]

And they'll keep coming and coming. They find them all over. And they don't want us to have any observers, although we won a court case. The judge said you have to have observers. : [0.02902767]

Likewise, in Georgia—and they're appealing. Actually, they're appealing. We won a case that we want people to watch, and we want observers, and they're actually appealing, which is sort of interesting. I wonder why they'd appeal—that all we want to do is have people watch as they do the vote tabulations. : [0.14317304]

Likewise, in Georgia, I won by a lot—a lot—with a lead of over—getting close to 300,000 votes on election night in Georgia. And by the way, got whittled down, and now it's getting to be to a point where I'll go from winning by a lot to perhaps being even down a little bit. In Georgia, a pipe burst in a faraway location, totally unrelated to the location of what was happening, and they stopped counting for four hours, and a lot of things happened. The election apparatus in Georgia is run by Democrats. : [0.08339876]

We also had margins of 300,000 in Michigan. We were way up in Michigan, won the State. And in Wisconsin, we did likewise fantastically well. And that got whittled down. : [0.17029044]

Every—in every case, they got whittled down. Today we're on track to win Arizona. We only need to carry, I guess, 55 percent of the remaining vote—55 percent margins. And that's a margin that we've significantly exceeded. : [0.22608097]

So well! We see what happens with that, but we're on track to do okay in Arizona. Our goal is to defend the integrity of the election. We'll not allow the corruption to steal such an important election or any election, for that matter. And we can't allow silence—anybody to silence our voters and manufacture results. : [0.03306668]

I've never had—I've been doing a lot of public things for a long time; I've never had anything that's been as inspirational by people—calling, talking, sending things to us. I've never seen such—such love and such affection and such spirit as I've seen for this. People know what's happening, and they see what's happening, and it's before their eyes. And there are many instances which will be reported very shortly. : [0.10286771]

There's tremendous litigation going on. And this is a case where they're trying to steal an election, they're trying to rig an election, and we can't let that happen. Detroit and Philadelphia—known as two of the most corrupt political places anywhere in our country, easily—cannot be responsible for engineering the outcome of a Presidential race—a very important Presidential race. In Pennsylvania, Democrats have gone to the State Supreme Court to try and ban our election observers and very strongly. : [0.05693862]

Now, we won the case, but they're going forward. They don't want anybody in there. They don't want anybody watching them as they count the ballots, and I can't imagine why. There's absolutely no legitimate reason why they would not want to have people watching this process, because if it's straight, they would be—they should be proud of it. : [0.16218635]

Instead, they're trying, obviously, to commit fraud. There's no question about that. In Philadelphia, observers have been kept far away—very far away—so far that people are using binoculars to try and see, and there's been tremendous problems caused. They put paper on all of the windows so you can't see in, and the people that are banned are very unhappy and become somewhat violent. : [0.23564132]

The 11th Circuit ruled that, in Georgia, the votes have been in by election day—that they should be in by election day, and they weren't. Votes are coming in after election day. And they had a ruling already that you have to have the votes in by election day. To the best of my knowledge, votes should be in by election day, and they didn't do that. : [0.09748349]

Democrat officials never believed they could win this election honestly. I really believe that. That's why they did the mail-in ballots, where there's tremendous corruption and fraud going on. That's why they mailed out tens of millions of unsolicited ballots without any verification measures whatsoever. : [0.29668791]

And I've told everybody that these things would happen, because I've seen it happen. I watched a lot of different elections before they decided to go with this big, massive election with tens of millions of ballots going out to everybody, in many cases, totally unsolicited. This was unprecedented in American history. This was by design. : [0.01883653]

Despite years of claiming to care about the election security, they refuse to include any requirement to verify signatures, identities, or even determine whether they're eligible or ineligible to vote. People are walking in that they have no idea, they're just taking numbers. They're writing down things—the workers—and doing a lot of bad things. And we have a lot of information coming and litigation that you'll see that will shake even you people up, and you've seen it all. : [0.00404562]

The officials overseeing the counting in Pennsylvania and other key States are all part of a corrupt Democrat machine that you've written about—and, for a long time, you've been writing about the corrupt Democrat machine. I went to school there, and I know a lot about it. It hasn't changed. It's a long time ago, and it hasn't changed. : [0.2795975]

It's gotten worse. In Pennsylvania, partisan Democrats have allowed ballots in the State to be received 3 days after the election, and we think much more than that. And they are counting those without even postmarks or any identification whatsoever. So you don't have postmarks; you don't have identification. : [0.03781227]

There have been a number of disturbing irregularities across the Nation. Our campaign has been denied access to observe any counting in Detroit. Detroit is another place. So you don't have postmarks; you don't have identification. : [0.3215931]

There have been a number of disturbing irregularities across the Nation. Our campaign has been denied access to observe any counting in Detroit. Detroit is another place—and I wouldn't say has the best reputation for election integrity. Poll workers in Michigan were duplicating ballots. : [0.47374226]

But when our observers attempted to challenge the activity, those poll workers jumped in front of the volunteers to block their view so that they couldn't see what they were doing, and it became a little bit dangerous. One major hub for counting ballots in Detroit covered up the windows, again, with large pieces of cardboard. And so they wanted to protect and block the counting area. They didn't want anybody seeing the counting, even though these were observers who are legal observers that were supposed to be there. : [0.22465661]

In Detroit, there were hours of unexplained delay in delivering many of the votes for counting. The final batch did not arrive until 4 in the morning and—even though the polls closed at 8 o'clock. So they brought it in, and the batches came in, and nobody knew where they came from. We've also been denied access to observe in critical places in Georgia. : [0.27117571]

In multiple swing States, counting was halted for hours and hours on election night, with results withheld from major Democrat-run locations, only to appear later. And they certainly appeared, and they all had the name "Biden" on them or just about all—I think almost all. They all had the name "Biden" on them, which is a little strange. I challenge Joe and every Democrat to clarify that they only want legal votes. : [0.22022928]

Because they talk about votes, and I think they should use the word "legal"—"legal votes." "We want every legal vote counted." And I want every legal vote counted. We want openness and transparency—no secret court rooms, no mystery ballots, no illegal votes being cast after election day. : [0.21503957]

You have election day, and the laws are very strong on that. You have an election day. And they don't want votes cast after election day, and they want the process to be an honest one. It's so important. : [0.00623182]

We want an honest election, and we want an honest court, and we want honest people working back there because it's a very important job. So that's the way this country is going to win. That's the way the United States will win. And we think we will win the election very easily. : [0.13853733]

We think there's going to be a lot of litigation, because we have so much evidence, so much proof. And it's going to end up, perhaps, at the highest court in the land. We'll see. But we think there'll be a lot of litigation because we can't have an election stolen by—like this. : [0.3221758]

And I tell you, I would—I have been talking about this for many months with all of you. And I've said very strongly that mail-in ballots are going to end up being a disaster. Small elections were a disaster. Small, very easy-to-handle elections were disastrous. : [0.26075582]

This is a large-scale version, and it's getting worse and worse every day. We're hearing stories that are horror stories—absolute horror stories. And we can't let that happen to the United States of America. It's not a question of who wins—Republican, Democrat; Joe, myself. : [0.05168072]

We can't let that happen to our country. We can't be disgraced by having something like this happen. So it will be, hopefully, cleared up, maybe soon; I hope soon. But it will probably go through a process—a legal process. : [0.10069205]

And, as you know, I've claimed certain States, and he's claiming States. So we can both claim the States, but ultimately, I have a feeling judges are going to have to rule. But there's been a lot of shenanigans, and we can't stand for that in our country. Thank you very much. : [0.52047024]

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