

Nixon's "Checkers Speech": Pat Ryan's Irish Heritage and Propensity for Quitting

"I don't believe that I ought to quit, because I am not a quitter. And, incidentally, Pat's not a quitter. After all, her name was Patricia Ryan and she was born on St. Patrick's Day, and you know the Irish never quit."

MP: Someone with an Irish name is Irish.

MP: Someone born on St. Patrick's Day is Irish.

mp: Patricia Ryan has an Irish name.

mp: Patricia Ryan was born on St. Patrick's Day.

C: Patricia Ryan is Irish.

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The diagram consists of two vertical lines. The left vertical line starts from the horizontal line of the first 'C' statement and ends with an arrow pointing to the 'mp' statement. The right vertical line starts from the horizontal line of the second 'C' statement and ends with an arrow pointing to the 'mp' statement.

mp: Patricia Ryan is Irish.

C: Patricia Ryan never quits ("is not a quitter.")