Themes in Inaugural Addresses

Digital Humanities

**Written Aspects**

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**Overview:**

After decisive campaigns for the United States presidency, elected officials must unite everyone during times of controversy and division. Through their first speech to the public, their Inaugural Address, the newly elected president sets a standard for their coming term in order to make change and grow as a country. Without harsh opinions to upset groups of citizens, the president must craft a speech that typically follows common themes that will earn the trust of every American. By analyzing each inaugural address beginning in 1901 with President William McKinley and continuing to modern day with President Joe Biden, topics that each speech discusses were tagged in order to show political trends in relation to time. Furthermore, aspects of each president were noted in order to find correlation between topics discussed and qualities such as pollical party. Through careful analysis and markup, our digital humanities team has discovered various themes and relationships in Presidential Inaugural Addresses.

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