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Assistant Trust Director, is leaving
Tina Middleton, do we want to
thank her for her service?

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SENATORIAL TRUST
STATE FLOOR/WHISE HOUSE
THURSDAY OCTOBER 3, 1991
4:30 P.M.

I want to thank my good Texas friend Phil Gramm for that introduction. As head of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, Phil is going to help us do to opponents what Nolan Ryan does to his. //

~~Let me also salute another Texan -- my good friend Bobby Holt.~~ / A special thanks to RNC Chairman Clayton Yeutter, who could not be with us. / But most of all, my appreciation to you members of the Senatorial Trust who give of your time and money to a cause larger than yourselves. //

It's great to be here near the start of the 1992 Campaign. ((I begin with high hopes. With democracy asserting itself all over the world, it's wonderful to see the emergence of the two-party system. Today Moscow -- tomorrow, the Congress.)) //

I'm sure you remember the last time we controlled at least one house of the Congress. Remember those days -- 1981 through '86? How we had Republican committee chairmen -- won party-line votes -- how committees acted on <u>our</u> agenda? //

I may be 67, but like you, I remember it well. We recall how Senate support launched more than 15 million new jobs. / We know how Republicans made American strength unparalleled around the world. / The Senate also set the stage for our current

domestic agenda -- making government serve the people --not the other way around. //

((Last week, I was down in New Orleans, where the football Saints are off to their fastest-ever start. I recalled how a few years back, things were so lean Saints' fans wore paper bags over their head. / Well, after next year the only ones doing that will be Democrats.)) / The reason: GOP stands for growth, opportunity, and prosperity. //

Our domestic agenda can achieve those goals -- but only if we change a Congress bent on giving people the business -- not doing the people's business. // As I told the Eagles luncheon ~~two~~ 3 weeks ago, "There's something wrong when it's easier to get Iraqi forces out of Kuwait than it is for the Administration to get domestic programs through Congress." // If Congress won't clean up its act, we have to clean up the Congress. //

Look at crime and transportation. Last March 6, I said we could pass bills in both fields in 100 days. It's 212 days later, and Congress still hasn't acted. We introduced the most comprehensive crime package in our nation's history -- and Congress hasn't passed it. We introduced a transportation package that would let states decide how to use their own money -- and Congress hasn't passed it.

Look at capital gains -- which would unleash a new wave of opportunity. The Democratic leadership wouldn't even permit a vote -- unless we would raise income taxes.

The list, sadly, is endless -- almost a dishonor roll. Education. For two years we have urged Congress to pass our Educational Excellence Act -- asking it to help make America No. 1 by the year 2000. Where's Congress? It's been on recess. /

Civil rights. I want a bill that promotes true equality. Democrats want a quota bill. /

The environment. Recently, I signed into law the Clean Air Act. Yet Congress refuses to go further by funding our America the Beautiful Program. //

Energy. Our energy package encourages innovation and conservation. But a Congress that talks about action, won't act.

Ours is an agenda to shout about -- an agenda to be proud of. It's not just a record to stand upon. It's a record for America to build upon. /

Yes, we need to elect a Republican President next year. / I'm not saying who, mind you. ((Incidentally, someone asked Barbara if she minded Tom Harkin constantly referring to me as "George Herbert Walker Bush." She said no, because she was sure no one would ever refer to him as "Mr. President.")) //

Yet the Presidency is not enough. Our domestic agenda can't be enacted through Presidential vetoes alone. We need a Republican Senate to give the American people laws they want -- laws that advance their lives. / We need a Republican Senate to oppose an agenda of special interests -- and support the general interest of the greatest Nation in the world. //

We need a Republican Senate to confirm qualified candidates for important positions. //

We must make the most of our strength. In 1986, 35,000 more Republican votes in the six tightest Senate races would have given us a 51-49 majority. Next year, by defining the issues -- by running campaigns that are hard fought, well-led, and, yes, amply financed -- we can give the Senate back to the American people. In the end, it's all up to us. /

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So let's do what must be done to ensure a Republican majority. / We have superb Senate candidates. We have a magnificent agenda. We have <u>you</u> -- the greatest team any party could ever have. Thank you for your support, and God bless the United States of America.

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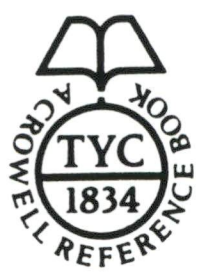

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POLITENESS
See 194. Courtesy; 559. Manners

704. POLITICAL PARTIES

See also 175. Conservatism; 533. Liberalism; 667. Partisanship; 705. Politics and Politicians; 770. Radicalism

1. All political parties die at last of swallowing their own lies. JOHN ARBUTHNOT, quoted in Richard Garnett's *Life of Emerson* (1887).

2. Those who think that all virtue is to be found in their own party principles push matters to extremes; they do not consider that disproportion destroys a state. ARISTOTLE, *Politics* (4th c. B.C.), 5.9, tr. Benjamin Jowett.

3. Whin a man gets to be my age, he ducks pol-itical meetin's, an' r-reads th' papers an' weighs th' ividence an' th' argymints,—pro-argymints an' con-argymints,—an' makes up his mind ca'mly, an' votes th' Dimmycratic ticket. FINLEY PETER DUNNE, "On the Hero in Politics," *Mr. Dooley in Peace and in War* (1898).

4. I often think it's comical / How Nature always does contrive / That every boy and every gal, / That's born into the world alive, / Is either a little Liberal, / Or else a little Conservative! W. S. GILBERT, *Iolanthe* (1882), 2.

5. If your heart is on the left, don't carry your portfolio on the right. Graffito written during French student revolt, May 1968.

6. He serves his party best who serves the country best. RUTHERFORD B. HAYES, Inaugural Address, March 5, 1877.

7. Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future. JOHN F. KENNEDY, address, Loyola College Alumni Banquet, Baltimore, Md., Feb. 18, 1958.

8. Under democracy one party always devotes its chief energies to trying to prove that the other party is unfit to rule—and both commonly succeed, and are right. H. L. MENCKEN, *Minority Report* (1956), 330.

9. The amount of effort put into a campaign by a worker expands in proportion to the personal benefits that he will derive from his party's victory. MILTON RAKOVE, *The Virginia Quarterly Review*, Summer 1965.

10. The more you read and observe about this Politics thing, you got to admit that each party is worse than the other. The one that's out always looks the best. WILL ROGERS, "Breaking into the Writing Game," *The Illiterate Digest* (1924).

11. There is a hundred things to single you out for promotion in party politics besides ability. WILL ROGERS, *The Autobiography of Will Rogers* (1949), 13.

12. Every Harvard class should have one Democrat to rescue it from oblivion. WILL ROGERS, *The Autobiography of Will Rogers* (1949), 19.

13. Even more important than winning the election is governing the nation. That is the test of a political party—the acid, final test. ADLAI STEVENSON, acceptance speech, Democratic National Convention, July 26, 1952.

14. An independent is the guy who wants to take the politics out of politics. ADLAI STEVENSON, "The Art of Politics," *The Stevenson Wit* (1966).

15. The elephant has a thick skin, a head full of ivory, and as everyone who has seen a circus parade knows, proceeds best by grasping the tail of his predecessor. ADLAI STEVENSON, "The Art of Politics," *The Stevenson Wit* (1966).

16. Every prince who puts himself at the head of a party, and succeeds, is sure of being praised to all eternity, if the party lasts that long. VOLTAIRE, "Theodosius," *Philosophical Dictionary* (1764).

705. POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

See also 130. Citizens; 169. Congress; 230. Demagoguery; 393. Government; 496. International Relations; 614. Nation; 645. Officialism; 704. Political Parties; 724. Presidency; 755. Public Office; 923. State; 924. Statesmen and Statesmanship; 1030. Voting

1. When the political columnists say "Every thinking man" they mean themselves, and when the candidates appeal to "Every intelligent voter" they mean everybody

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1 To sit back hoping that someday, someway, someone will make things right is to go on feeding the crocodile, hoping he will eat you last—but eat you he will.
News summaries 7 Nov 74

2 Politics I supposed to be the second-oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.
LA *Herald-Examiner* 3 Mar 78

3 With our eyes fixed on the future, but recognizing the realities of today. . . . we will achieve our destiny to be as a shining city on a hill for all mankind to see.
To Conservative Political Action Conference 17 Mar 78

4 I was alarmed at my doctor's report: He said I was sound as a dollar.
As Republican presidential nominee 17 Jul 80

5 I believe Moses was 80 when God first commissioned him for public service.
On running for president at age 73, address at Dixon IL 6 Feb 84

6 Thomas Jefferson once said, "We should never judge a president by his age, only by his works." And ever since he told me that I stopped worrying.
ib

7 There were so many candidates on the platform that there were not enough promises to go around.
On Democratic presidential primary debate in New Hampshire, *Newsweek* 6 Feb 84

8 Republicans believe every day is the Fourth of July, but Democrats believe every day is April 15.
NY *Times* 10 Oct 84

9 If I had as much make-up on as he did, I'd have looked younger, too.
On "age issue" during television debates with Walter F Mondale, *Wall Street Journal* 11 Oct 84

10 Shouldn't someone tag Mr Kennedy's bold new imaginative program with its proper age? Under the tousled boyish haircut is still old Karl Marx—first launched a century ago. There is nothing new in the idea of a government being Big Brother.
1960 letter to Richard M Nixon disclosed in final weeks of 1984 presidential campaign, NY *Times* 27 Oct 84

11 I'll be like Scarlett O'Hara—I'll think about it tomorrow.
Refraining from endorsement of Vice President George Bush for 1988 Republican presidential nomination, *ib* 12 Feb 85

12 Die-hard conservatives thought that if I couldn't get everything I asked for, I should jump off the cliff with the flag flying—go down in flames. No, if I can get 70 or 80 percent of what it is I'm trying to get . . . I'll take that and then continue to try to get the rest in the future.
On criticism of early political compromises, *ib* 6 Oct 85

13 You know, it was only a generation ago that actors couldn't be buried in the churchyard.
Expressing belief that people underestimated him because of his acting background, *ib*

14 Recession in when your neighbor loses his job. Depression is when you lose yours. And recovery is when Jimmy Carter loses his.
1980 campaign remark recalled when Reagan participated in dedication of Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta, *ib* 2 Oct 86

JAMES RESTON

15 Half circus and half Supreme Court.
On national political conventions, NY *Times* 12 Jul 60

16 How Kennedy knew the precise drop in milk consumption in 1960, the percentage rise in textile imports from 1957 to 1960 and the number of speeches cleared by the Defense Department is not quite clear, but anyway, he did. He either overwhelmed you with decimal points or disarmed you with a smile and a wisecrack.
On President John F Kennedy's press conferences, quoted by Ralph G Martin *A Hero for Our Time* Macmillan 83

17 An election is a bet on the future, not a popularity test of the past.
NY *Times* 10 Oct 84

ELLIOT L RICHARDSON

18 Washington is . . . a city of cocker spaniels. It's a city of people who are more interested in being petted and admired, loved, than rendering the exercise of power.
NY *Times* 13 Jul 82

ALAN RICHMAN

19 She enjoys driving her restless mind in the express lane.
On Senator Paula Hawkins of Florida, *People* 20 Oct 86

HYMAN G RICKOVER

20 If you're going to sin, sin against God, not the bureaucracy. God will forgive you but the bureaucracy won't.
Quoted by William A Clinkscales Jr after Senate committee delayed confirming him as director of the Selective Service System, NY *Times* 3 Nov 86

PAT ROBERTSON

21 The first words I spoke as a baby were *Mommy, Daddy* and *constituency*.
On growing up in a prominent Virginia political family, NY *Times* 12 Feb 87

ANDY ROONEY

22 The only people who say worse things about politicians than reporters do are other politicians.
60 Minutes CBS TV 7 Oct 84

23 I just wish we knew a little less about his urethra and a little more about his arms sales to Iran.
On press coverage of President Ronald Reagan's prostate operation, *ib* 11 Jan 87

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

24 Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home—so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any map of the world.
Quoted in NY *Times* 26 Dec 65

ETHEL AND JULIUS ROSENBERG

25 We are the first victims of American fascism.
Letter released by their attorney on the day they were electrocuted for espionage, news summaries 19 Jun 53

JOHN G DIEFENBAKER, Prime Minister of Canada

1 The Liberals are the flying saucers of politics. No one can make head nor tail of them and they never are seen twice in the same place.
Address at London, Ontario, 5 May 62

LLOYD DOGGETT

2 Sometimes when you get in a fight with a skunk, you can't tell who started it.
On his opponent for a seat in the Texas legislature, *Time* 5 Nov 84

ROBERT J DOLE, US Senator

3 History buffs probably noted the reunion at a Washington party a few weeks ago of three ex-presidents: Carter, Ford and Nixon—See No Evil, Hear No Evil and Evil.
To Washington Gridiron Club dinner 26 Mar 83

4 We'll all be riding that streetcar of desire.
On 1988 Republican National Convention in New Orleans, NY *Times* 24 Jan 87

SEAN DONLON, Irish Ambassador to US

5 Democrats give away their old clothes; Republicans wear theirs. Republicans employ exterminators; Democrats step on the bugs. Democrats eat the fish they catch; Republicans stuff 'em and hang 'em on the wall.
Quoted in Washington *Post* 23 Oct 81

T C DOUGLAS, leader of Canadian New Democratic Party

6 The Liberals talk about a stable government but we don't know how bad the stable is going to smell.
News summaries 30 Oct 65

MAUREEN DOWD

7 His House colleagues still call him "Jackie One Note"—joking that if you ask him how to solve the problem of teenage pregnancy, he'll tell you to cut taxes.
"Is Jack Kemp Mr Right?" NY *Times* 28 Jun 87

MARK DUFFY

8 In Louisiana we don't bet on football games . . . We bet on whether a politician is going to be indicted or not.
On winning wager that Governor Edwin W Edwards would be charged with racketeering and fraud, NY *Times* 3 Mar 85

JOHN P EAST, US Senator

9 The average American doesn't know the difference between a Contra and a caterpillar or between a Sandinista and a sardine.
Opposing House-Senate conference agreement to continue ban on covert aid to Nicaraguan Contras, NY *Times* 12 Oct 84

EDMONTON JOURNAL

10 The eyes are Paul Newman blue. His hair has the swoop of the Robert Redford style and the voice the resonance of a Lorne Greene school of broadcasting. The jaw is by Gibraltar.
On Brian Mulroney, newly elected prime minister of Canada, quoted in NY *Times* 6 Sep 84

EDWIN W EDWARDS, Governor of Louisiana

11 [He's] so slow that he takes an hour and a half to watch *60 Minutes*.
On 1983 Republican opponent David C Treen, NY *Times* 22 Oct 83

12 People say I've had brushes with the law. That's not true. I've had brushes with overzealous prosecutors.
On 12th grand jury probe in a decade, *ib* 24 Oct 83

13 [I could not lose unless I was] caught in bed with a dead girl or a live boy.
On 1983 race against David C Treen, recalled on his grand jury indictment for racketeering and fraud, *Time* 11 Mar 85

JOHN EHRLICHMAN, White House special assistant

14 I think we ought to let him hang there, let him twist slowly, slowly in the wind.
To presidential counsel John Dean on acting FBI Director L Patrick Gray, taped conversation 7 Mar 73

15 I was under the assumption that it would be conducted as a normal investigation, not as some kind of a second-story job.
On break-in of office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist after Ellsberg's leak of the Pentagon Papers, Washington *Post* 26 Jul 73

DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, 34th US President

16 Neither a wise man nor a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him.
Presidential campaign speech, quoted in *Time* 6 Oct 52

17 We are tired of aristocratic explanations in Harvard words.
1952 campaign remark that was recalled after more than a dozen Harvard men were named to high positions in the Eisenhower administration, *ib* 26 Jan 53

18 I thought it completely absurd to mention my name in the same breath as the presidency.
Recalling his initial reaction to suggestions that he run for office, *Mandate for Change* Doubleday 63

19 [I despise people who] go to the gutter on either the right or the left and hurl rocks at those in the center.
Time 25 Oct 63

20 I shall make that trip. I shall go to Korea.
1952 campaign promise that was credited with winning the election, quoted in *Life* 5 Jul 68

SAM ERVIN, US Senator

21 Divine right went out with the American Revolution and doesn't belong to the White House aides. What meat do they eat that makes them grow so great?
News conference during Watergate investigation, *Time* 16 Apr 73

22 I'm not going to let anybody come down at night like Nicodemus and whisper something in my ear that no one else can hear. That is not executive privilege; it is poppycock.
At Senate Watergate hearings, *US News & World Report* 28 May 73

23 If the many allegations made to this date are true, then the burglars who broke into the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee at the Watergate were, in effect, breaking into the home of every citizen.
ib

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The fact that a believer is happier than a skeptic is no more to the point than the fact that a drunken man is happier than a sober one.
—George Bernard Shaw

REPUBLICAN PARTY / REPUBLICANS

The Republican Party either corrupts its liberals or it expels them.
—Harry S Truman

Every Republican candidate for President since 1936 has been nominated by the Chase National Bank. —Robert A. Taft

The Republican Convention [1928] opened with a prayer. If the Lord can see his way clear to bless the Republican Party the way it's been carrying on, then the rest of us ought to get it without even asking. —Will Rogers

The Republicans have a habit of having three bad years and one good one, and the good one always happens to be election year.
—Will Rogers

The trouble with the Republican Party is that it has not had a new idea for thirty years. —Woodrow Wilson

RESPONSIBILITY

The price of greatness is responsibility. —Winston Churchill

Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him, and to let him know that you trust him.
—Booker T. Washington

Our responsibility: every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty. —John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

I feel the responsibility of the occasion. Responsibility is proportionate to opportunity. —Woodrow Wilson

To let oneself be bound by a duty from the moment you see it approaching is part of the integrity that alone justifies responsibility.
—Dag Hammarskjöld

The ability to accept responsibility is the measure of the man.
—Roy L. Smith

Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will—his personal responsibility in the realm of faith and morals. —Albert Schweitzer

The upper classes are . . . a nation's past; the middle class is its future. —Ayn Rand

In every well-governed state wealth is a sacred thing; in democracies it is the only sacred thing. —Anatole France

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Where the earth is underpopulated and there is an economic demand for men, democracy is inevitable. That state of things cannot be permanent. Therefore, democracy cannot last. It contains no absolute and *eternal* truths. —William Graham Sumner

I have the happiness to know that it [democracy] is a rising, and not a setting sun. —Benjamin Franklin (1706–1790)

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We have watched American democracy at close hand for many years and we believe few governments are institutionally so susceptible to dictatorship as this one. —Gerald Johnson

Democracy is a device that insures we shall be governed no better than we deserve. —George Bernard Shaw

DEMOCRATIC PARTY / DEMOCRATS

Thomas Jefferson founded the Democratic Party; Franklin Roosevelt dumbfounded it. —Dewey Short

Republicans sleep in twin beds—some even in separate rooms. That is why there are more Democrats. —Will Stanton

The Democratic Party is like a mule—without pride of ancestry or hope of posterity. —Edmund Burke (1729–1797)

I belong to no organized political party—I am a Democrat.
—Will Rogers

Its [the Democratic Party's] leaders are always troubadors of trouble; crooners of catastrophe . . . A Democratic President is doomed to proceed to his goals like a squid, squirting darkness all about him.
—Clare Boothe Luce

If the person you are trying to diagnose politically is some sort of intellectual, the chances are two to one he is a Democrat.
—Vance Packard

[illegible] be relied on to make a damn fool

When a leader is in the Democratic Party he's a boss; when he's in the Republican Party he's a leader. —Harry S Truman

If the Republicans will stop telling lies about the Democrats, we will stop telling the truth about them. —Adlai Stevenson

DESTINY

Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.
—William Jennings Bryan

There is a destiny that makes us brothers, none goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own.
—Edwin Markham

I am the master of my fate;/I am the captain of my soul.
—William E. Henley

Anatomy is destiny. —Sigmund Freud

Trend is not destiny. —Lewis Mumford

Man knows at last that he is alone in the universe's unfeeling immensity. His destiny is nowhere spelled out, nor is his duty.
—Jacques Monod

There is no fate that cannot be surmounted by scorn.
—Albert Camus

Fate is nonawareness. —Jan Kott

Man blames fate for other accidents, but feels personally responsible when he makes a hole in one. —*Horizons* magazine

Intellect annuls fate. So far as a man thinks, he is free.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803–1882)

He that is born to be hanged shall never be drowned.
—Thomas Fuller (1608–1661)

We have mastered a destiny which broke another man [Napoleon] a hundred and thirty years ago.
—Adolf Hitler (Owner of a somewhat clouded crystal ball)

The future is hidden even from the men who made it.
—Anatole France

DEVIL

May you get to Heaven a half hour before the Devil knows you're [illegible] Irish Proverb

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Republican Party

1599 I am a Republican, a black, dyed in the wool Republican, and I never intend to belong to any other party than the party of freedom and progress.

Attributed to FREDERICK DOUGLASS. Unverified.

1600 I knew that however bad the Republican party was, the Democratic party was much worse. The elements of which the Republican party was composed gave better ground for the ultimate hope of the success of the colored man's cause than those of the Democratic party.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS, *Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*, chapter 47, p. 579 (1941).

1601 I recognize the Republican party as the sheet anchor of the colored man's political hopes and the ark of his safety.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS, letter to men from Petersburg, Virginia, August 15, 1888.—Douglass papers, Library of Congress.

The Petersburg men had written Douglass seeking advice about supporting John M. Langston as their Republican candidate for Congress. He would be their first black representative, but earlier he had worked against the Republican party. Douglass called him a trickster and said not to support anyone "whose mad ambition would imperil the success of the Republican party."

1602 Indeed there are some Republicans I would trust with anything—anything, that is, except public office.

ADLAI E. STEVENSON, governor of Illinois, campaign speech, Illinois state fair, Springfield, Illinois, August 14, 1952.—*Major Campaign Speeches of Adlai E. Stevenson, 1952*, p. 14 (1953).

Responsibility

1603 A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life are based on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.

ALBERT EINSTEIN, "The World as I See It," *Ideas and Opinions*, trans. Sonja Bargmann, p. 8 (1954).

1604 For of those to whom much is given, much is required. And when at some future date the high court of history sits in judgment on each of us—recording whether in our brief span of service we fulfilled our responsibilities to the state—our success or failure, in whatever office we hold, will be measured by the answers to four questions:

First, were we truly men of courage—with the courage to stand up to one's enemies—and the courage to stand up, when necessary, to one's associates—the courage to resist public pressure, as well as private greed?

Secondly, were we truly men of judgment—with perceptive judgment of the future as well as the past—of our mistakes as well as the mistakes of others—with enough wisdom to know what we did not know and enough candor to admit it.

Third, were we truly men of integrity—men who never ran out on either the principles in which we believed or the men who believed in us—men whom neither financial gain nor political ambition could ever divert from the fulfillment of our sacred trust?

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DEMOCRACY also see EQUALITY; LIBERTY; POLITICS

:mocracy, like any noncoercive relationship, rests on a shared under-
inding of limits.
ELIZABETH DREW, *Washington Journal,* 1975

)mpromise is a noble word that sums up democracy.
SAUL ALINSKY

:mocracy begins with a free discussion of our sins.
W. H. AUDEN, quoted on "Bill Moyers' Journal," PBS, June 5, 1973

) democracy is possible without friction.
NICHOLAS VON HOFFMANN, *Make-Believe Presidents,* 1978

s a lot of people pulling together who hate each other's guts.
"CALUCCI'S DEPARTMENT," CBS-TV, Sept. 8, 1973

:mocracy is the most difficult of all forms of government, since it re-
ires the widest spread of intelligence, and we forgot to make our-
ves intelligent when we made ourselves sovereign.
WILL AND ARIEL DURANT, *The Lessons of History,* 1968

:mocracy is not merely an electoral parade, but is a sincere effort to
ep in step with the slowest soldier in the battalion.
GIUSEPPE PREZZOLINI, *Machiavelli,* introduction to Italian edition, 1927

)licies are rarely made in a democracy; they emerge.
GARTH L. MANGUM, *Annals of American Academy of Political and Social Science,* Sept. 1969

)e weakness of democracy—the reason why Karl Marx and others
)st be laughing in their graves—is precisely that it's about winning
tes. No government can afford to have a survival strategy because
at means losing votes.
ANDREW KNIGHT, *Newsweek,* Jan. 13, 1975

)e reason democracy doesn't work is that, while bribing of individual
ters is illegal, the bribing of whole classes of voters is not.
Dublin Opinion, from *Quote,* Oct. 29, 1967

emocracy is shaking my nerves to pieces.
HENRY ADAMS, *Democracy,* 1880

Democracy may not prove in the long run to be as efficient as other forms of government, but it has one saving grace: it allows us to know and say that it isn't.
BILL MOYERS, *Newsweek,* June 3, 1975

So Two Cheers for Democracy: one because it admits variety and two because it permits criticism. Two cheers are quite enough: there is no occasion to give three. Only Love, the Beloved Republic, deserves that.
E. M. FORSTER, *Two Cheers for Democracy,* 1951

DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC PARTY also see REPUBLICANS/REPUBLICAN PARTY

The Democratic Party is not one—but two—political parties with the same name. They unite only once every two years—to wage political campaigns.
ATTRIBUTED TO DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

You can never underestimate the ability of the Democrats to wet their finger and hold it to the wind.
RONALD REAGAN, quoted in *Newsweek,* July 10, 1978

Have you ever tried to split sawdust?
EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, when accused of splitting the party, *Quote,* May 19, 1968

Listening to Democrats complain about inflation is like listening to germs complain about disease.
SPIRO AGNEW, quoted in *Newsweek,* July 20, 1970

There are only six Democrats in all of Hinsdale County and you, you son of a bitch, you ate five of them.
ATTRIBUTED TO COLORADO JUDGE SENTENCING ALFRED E. PACKER FOR CANNIBALIZING FIVE MEMBERS OF PROSPECTING PARTY, 1874, quoted in *Newsweek,* Aug. 22, 1977

THE DEPRESSION: ECONOMIC also see DECADE: 1930–1939

There's a lot of nostalgia for the Depression, though obviously by people who didn't live through it.
HILTON KRAMER, *New York Times,* Dec. 26, 1972

It is . . . that cluster of memories and myths, hopes and images, rites and customs that pulls together the life of a person or group into a meaningful whole.
HARVEY COX, *The Seduction of the Spirit,* 1973

There is only one religious problem—being religious.
SOLON B. COUSINS, *Quote,* Oct. 2, 1966

Being religious means asking passionately the question of the meaning of our existence and being willing to receive answers, even if the answers hurt. Such an idea of religion makes religion universally human, but it certainly differs from what is usually called religion.
PAUL TILLICH, *Saturday Evening Post,* June 14, 1958

Organized religion is most efficient when it serves the status quo.
WILLIAM CUTTER, speech at Central Conference of American Rabbis, June 1969

We must respect the other fellow's religion . . . to the extent that we respect his theory that his wife is beautiful.
H. L. MENCKEN, *Minority Report,* 1956

Faith is, at one and the same time, absolutely necessary and altogether impossible.
STANISLAW LEM, *The Star Diaries,* 1976

The enormous fatigue of trying to live without religion.
DONALD BARR, *Who Pushed Humpty Dumpty?,* 1971

REPUBLICANS/REPUBLICAN PARTY also see DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC PARTY

An endangered species.
SIDNEY VERBA, quoted in *Newsweek,* Aug. 23, 1976

If Jerry Brown says we have to cut down on big government, that's regarded as a liberal coup. If a Republican says that, he's considered as a first-class sonofabitch.
WILLIAM STEIGER, congressman, quoted in *Newsweek,* Aug. 23, 1976

Republicans never have mastered the knack, as Democrats seem to have, of winking while knifing an opponent's jugular.
JAMES M. NAUGHTON ON INTRA-PARTY CONFLICTS, *New York Times,* May 9, 1976

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It seems to be a law of nature that Republicans are more boring than Democrats.
STEWART ALSOP, *Newsweek,* Dec. 30, 1968

For some goddam reason Republicans can't write.
HENRY R. LUCE ON WHY SO MANY LIBERALS WERE ON HIS STAFF, quoted in W. A. Swanberg, *Luce and His Empire,* 1972

Brains, you know, are suspect in the Republican Party.
WALTER LIPPMANN, obituary in *New York Times,* Dec. 15, 1974

Now you can't make the Republican Party pure by more contributions because contributions are what got it where it is today.
WILL ROGERS, four decades before Watergate, quoted in Richard Ketchum, *Will Rogers,* 1973

True Republicanism requires . . . that every American shall be free to become as unequal as he can.
How to Behave, 1850 etiquette book

RESEARCH

Research is the process of going up alleys to see if they're blind.
MARSTON BATES, *Quote,* Nov. 5, 1967

The chance of the bread falling butter-side-down is directly proportional to the cost of the project.
ANONYMOUS

You can't make a baby in a month by getting nine women pregnant.
RESEARCHER ON CRASH PROJECTS, quoted in *Forbes,* Oct. 15, 1974

Since one must publish to get grants, and promotion in many institutions hinges on the size of the grants, publication and grants rather than discovery become the goals in the laboratory.
ERNEST BOREK, *New York Times,* Jan. 22, 1975

Among advocates of any group—black, white or Oriental—social research is welcome only to the degree that it can be used to advance a desired cause.
WALTER GOODMAN, *New York Times,* June 17, 1979

Ninety percent of the historical researcher's time is spent at the intellectual level of collecting postage stamps.
LAWRENCE STONE, quoted in *Princeton Alumni Weekly,* Oct. 18, 1971

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Democratic Party

If the Republicans will stop telling lies about the Democrats, we will stop telling the truth about them.

Adlai Stevenson

I belong to no organized party—I am a Democrat.

Will Rogers

Republicans sleep in twin beds—some even in separate rooms. That is why there are more Democrats.

William Stanton

You have to have been a Republican to know how good it is to be a Democrat.

Jacqueline Onassis

The Democratic party is like a man riding backward in a carriage. It never sees a thing until it has gone by.

Benjamin Butler

We do not promise what we know cannot be delivered by man, God, or the Democratic party.

Lawrence O'Brien

I never said all Democrats were saloonkeepers. What I said was that all saloonkeepers were Democrats.

Will Rogers

Republican Party

The Republicans have a habit of having three bad years and one good one, and the good one always happens to be election years.

Will Rogers

The trouble with the Republican Party is that it has not had a new idea for thirty years.

Woodrow Wilson

Republicans are for both the man and the dollar, but in case of conflict the man before the dollar.

Abraham Lincoln

Every Republican candidate for President since 1936 has been nominated by the Chase National Bank.

Robert A. Taft

The people are wise—wiser than the Republicans think.

Adlai Stevenson

The Republican Convention [1928] opened with a prayer. If the Lord can see his way to bless the Republican Party the way it's been carrying on, then the rest of us ought to get it without even asking.

Will Rogers

The Republican Party either corrupts its liberals or it expels them.

Harry S Truman

The function of liberal Republicans is to shoot the wounded after battle.

Eugene McCarthy

The Republicans have their splits after the election and Democrats have theirs just before an election.

Will Rogers

Republicans no longer worship at the shrine of a balanced budget.

Jack Kemp

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2.
" 'Can't make it.' 'Can't make it.' That's all I ever hear from you. It used to be because my husband was your friend. Well, he's dead. He's been dead for six months. What's wrong with me now? Why can't you make it?"

—Ida Lupino pressuring George Raft for some attention in Raoul Walsh's *They Drive by Night*
(Screenplay by Jerry Wald and Richard Macaulay; based on LONG HAUL, a novel by A. I. Bezzerides)

3.
"Explain! Explain! That's all I've ever done is explain. I'm tired of explaining, sick and tired of it. I don't want to have to explain—not to you. You're my son. You're in with me. My flesh and blood. You wear my clothes, eat my food, live in my home. I don't have to explain to you. If I'm guilty, then you're guilty, too. You understand me? You're guilty, too."

—Edward G. Robinson resenting Burt Lancaster's questions about a wartime crime in Irving Reis's *All My Sons*
(Screenplay by Chester Erskine; based on the play by Arthur Miller)

ALSO SEE: Appearances-6; Stupid-1.

REPUBLICANS

1.
(a) "It's so spooky down here. Do you believe in reincarnation—you know that dead people come back?"
(b) "You mean like the Republicans?"

—(b) Bob Hope neutralizing the ominous question of (a) Nydia Westman in Elliott Nugent's *The Cat and the Canary*
(Screenplay by Walter De Leon and Lynn Starling; based on the play by John Willard)

2.
"Don't tell me it's subversive to kiss a Republican."

—John Lund romancing an Iowa congresswoman (Jean Arthur) in Billy Wilder's *A Foreign Affair*
(Screenplay by Charles Brackett, Billy Wilder and Richard L. Breen; adaptation by Robert Harari; based on an original story by David Shaw)

ALSO SEE: Indecision-3; Lies-4.

RESPECT

1.
"You know, on the—on the screen, I'm a—you know; in private life, I'm a—well, you know! But, whatever I do, I—I still respect lovely things. And you're lovely. You understand?"

—Fredric March leveling with Janet Gaynor in William A. Wellman's *A Star Is Born*
(Screenplay by Dorothy Parker, Alan Campbell and Robert Carson; based on an original story by William A. Wellman and Robert Carson)

2.
"Oh, you mistake me, my dear. I have the highest respect for your nerves. I have heard you mention them with consideration for the last 20 years."

—Edmund Gwenn calming his excitable wife (Mary Boland) in Robert Z. Leonard's *Pride and Prejudice*
(Screenplay by Aldous Huxley and Jane Murfin; based on the play by Helen Jerome and novel by Jane Austen)

3.
"Hello. I told you never to call me here; don't you know where I am? Now look, baby, I—I can't talk to you now, the—my President needs me. Of course, Bucky would rather be there with you. Of course, it isn't only physical. I deeply respect you as a human being. Someday I'm going to make you Mrs. Buck Turgidson. All right, now listen, hon, you can go back to sleep now—Bucky'll be back there just as soon as he can. All right. Listen, suge: don't forget to say your prayers."

—George C. Scott getting a less-than-pressing phone call from his girlfriend (Tracy Reed) during a War Room crisis in Stanley Kubrick's *Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned To Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*
(Screenplay by Stanley Kubrick, Terry Southern

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3176. For a workingman or woman to vote Republican this year is the same as a chicken voting for Colonel Sanders. —Walter F. Mondale, *Rolling Stone*, Nov 4, 1976

3177. My answer to why did I choose the Democratic Party is that I spent three years in Washington under a Republican administration. —Dixy Lee Ray, *Wall Street Journal*, Mar 15, 1976

3178. There's nothing wrong with the Republican Party that double-digit inflation won't cure. —Richard Scammon, *Guardian Weekly*, Nov 12, 1978

3179. (Republicans are) men of narrow vision who are afraid of the future and whose leaders are inclined to shoot from the hip. —Jimmy Carter, *Time*, Jul 28, 1980

3180. Thou shalt not criticize other Republicans. —Ronald Reagan, *Time*, Jul 28, 1980

3181. We're the party that wants to see an America in which people can still get rich. —Ronald Reagan, remarks at a Republican fundraising dinner in Washington, D.C., May 4, 1982

3182. Republicians believe every day is the Fourth of July, but Democrats believe every day is April 15. —Ronald Reagan, *The New York Times*, Oct 10, 1984

REVOLUTION

3183. Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft. —Bible, *1 Samuel*, ca. 800 B.C.

3184. Is it not a simple fact that in any form of government revolution always starts from the outbreak of internal dissension in the ruling class? The constitution cannot be upset so long as that class is of one mind, however small it may be. —Plato, *The Republic*, ca. 390 B.C.

3185. A desperate disease requires a dangerous remedy. —Guy Fawkes, to James I, Nov 5, 1605

3186. The surest way to prevent seditions ... is to take away the matter of them. For if there be fuel prepared, it is hard to tell whence the spark shall come that shall set it on fire. —Sir Francis Bacon, "Of Seditions and Troubles", *Essays*, 1625

3187. When the people are in movement, it's not possible to see how calm will be restored; when they're quiet, you can't see how the calm will be destroyed. [*Quand le peuple est en mouvement, on ne comprend pas par où le calme peut y entrer; et quand il est paisible, on ne voit pas par où le calme peut en sortir.*] —Jean de La Bruyère, "Du souverain ou de la république", *Les Caractères*, 1688

3188. If the abuse be enormous, nature will rise up, and claiming her original rights, overturn a corrupt political system. —Samuel Johnson, quoted by James Boswell, *Life of Samuel Johnson*, Jul 6, 1763

3189. The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions, that I wish it to be always kept alive. It will often be exercised when wrong but better so than not be exercised at all. I like a little rebellion now and then. It is like a storm in the atmosphere. —Thomas Jefferson, letter to Abigail Adams, Feb 22, 1787

3190. I hold it, that a little rebellion now and then, is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical. ... It is a medicine for the sound health of government. —Thomas Jefferson, letter to James Madison, Jan 30, 1787

3191. Insurrection is the most sacred of duties. —Marie Joseph, Marquis de Lafayette, speech to the National Assembly, Feb 20, 1790

3192. Every successful revolt is termed a revolution, and every unsuccessful one a rebellion. —Joseph Priestly, letter to Edmund Burke, 1791

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3160. I hope that no American ... will waste his franchise and throw away his vote by voting either for me or against me solely on account of my religious affiliation. It is not relevant. —John F. Kennedy, *Time*, Jul 25, 1960

3161. Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's own beliefs. Rather it condemns the oppression or persecution of others. —John F. Kennedy, letter to the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Oct 10, 1960

3162. The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. —Martin Luther King Jr., *Strength to Love*, 1963

3163. If we get the federal government out of the classroom, maybe we'll get God back in. —Ronald Reagan, *Washingtonian*, Jul, 1976

3164. I think the government ought to stay out of the prayer business. —Jimmy Carter, *The New York Times*, Apr 8, 1979

3165. The government must pursue a course of complete neutrality toward religion. —John Paul Stevens, majority opinion, *Wallace v. Jaffree*, Jun 4, 1985

REPUBLICAN PARTY

3166. I knew that however bad the Republican party was, the Democratic party was much worse. The elements of which the Republican party was composed gave better ground for the ultimate hope of the success of the colored man's cause than those of the Democratic party. —Frederick Douglass, *Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*, 1881

3167. I recognize the Republican party as the sheet anchor of the colored man's political hopes and the ark of his safety. —Frederick Douglass, letter to men of Petersburg, Virginia, Aug 15, 1888

3168. Th' raypublican party broke ye, but now that ye're down we'll not turn a cold shoulder to ye. come in an' we'll keep ye - broke. —Finley Peter Dunne, "Mr. Dooley Discusses", *Mr. Dooley's Opinion*, 1900

3169. The trouble with the Republican Party is that it has not had a new idea in 30 years. I am not speaking as a politician; I am speaking as an historian. —Woodrow Wilson, speech in Indianapolis, Indiana, Jan 8, 1915

3170. Indeed there are some Republicans I would trust with anything—anything, that is, except public office. —Adlai E. Stevenson Jr., campaign speech in Springfield, Illinois, Aug 14, 1952

3171. It (the Republican Party) is an ancient political vehicle, held together by soft soap and hunger and with front-seat drivers and back-seat drivers contradicting each other in a bedlam of voices, shouting "go right" and "go left" at the same time. —Adlai E. Stevenson Jr., *The New York Times*, Nov 15, 1952

3172. I have been tempted to make a proposal to our Republican friends: that if they stop telling lies about us, we would stop telling the truth about them. —Adlai E. Stevenson Jr., quoted, *Human Behavior*, May, 1978

3173. The elephant has a thick skin, a head full of ivory, and as everyone who has seen a circus parade knows, proceeds best by grasping the tail of his predecessor. —Adlai E. Stevenson Jr., "The Art of Politics", *The Stevenson Wit*, 1966

3174. Brains, you know, are suspect in the Republican Party. —Walter Lippmann, recalled on his death, Dec 14, 1974

3175. I think the Republican Party is only going to be an effective party if it reflects the best interests of the American people, and traditionally that is in the center. That is where our country has always been. That is where the Republican Party has won. —Nelson A. Rockefeller, *Time*, Nov 17, 1975

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Ronald Reagan (1911–): *Governor of California and fortieth president*

Once you've seen one redwood tree, you've seen them all.

(Alleged remark at a press conference, 1966, later denied)

I am very proud to be called a pig. It stands for pride, integrity, and guts.

(At a press conference, 1970)

This would be a good time for a botulism epidemic.

(Remark when kidnappers of Patricia Hearst demanded free canned goods be distributed to the poor, May 1974)

We are told that détente is our best hope for a lasting peace. Hope it may offer, but only so long as we have no illusions about it. . . . When the stakes are war and peace, we can bargain successfully only if we are strong militarily and only if we are willing to defend ourselves if necessary. We must also have a sense of unity and a national purpose in our foreign policy.

(Speech at Phillips Exeter Academy, 10 February 1974)

Double—no triple—our troubles and we'd still be better off than any other people on earth.

It is time that we recognized that ours was, in truth, a noble cause.

(On the Vietnam War, speech in Boston, August 1980)

We are threatened with an economic calamity of tremendous proportions, and the old business-as-usual treatment can't save us.

(Speech in Washington, 5 January 1981)

I hope you're all Republicans.

(Remark to physicians when he was wounded in an assassination attempt by the son of an oil man, 1981)

They came home without a victory not because they had been defeated but because they had been denied permission to win.

(On Vietnam speech in Washington, 24 February 1981)

I could see where you could have the exchange of tactical [nuclear] weapons against troops in the field without it bringing either of the major powers to pushing the button.

(Interview, 16 October 1981)

George Frisbie Hoar (1826–1904): *Senator from Massachusetts*

The men who do the work of piety and charity in our churches . . . the men who own and till their own farms . . . the men who went to war . . . and saved the nation's honor . . . by the natural law of their being find their place in the Republican Party. While the old slave owner and slave driver, the saloon keeper, the ballot box stuffer . . . the criminal class of the great cities, the men who cannot read or write, by the natural law of their being find their congenial place in the Democratic Party.

(Speech in Boston, 1888)

Harold Hobson (1904–): *British critic*

The United States, I believe, are under the impression that they are twenty years in advance of this country; whilst, as a matter of actual verifiable fact, of course, they are just about six hours behind it.

(*The Devil in Woodford Wells,* 1948)

James "Jimmy" Hoffa (1913–?): *Labor leader*

I do unto others what they do unto me, only worse.

(Interview with reporters, 1957)

Eric Hoffer (1902–): *Popular philosopher*

To the intellectual, America's unforgivable sin is that it has revolutions without revolutionaries, and achieves the momentous in a matter-of-fact way.

(Syndicated newspaper column, 9 February 1968)

Eisenhower sat on his ass and we were a thousand times better off.

(Interview in *People,* 16 January 1978)

Abbott "Abbie" Hoffman (1936–): *Leader of "the Yippies"*

They nominate a president and he eats the people. We nominate a president and the people eat him.

(On the nomination of a pig as Youth International Party presidential candidate, Chicago, August 1968)

Roscoe Conkling (1829–1888): *Senator from New York and corporation lawyer*

This angry man, dizzy with the elevation to which assassination has raised him, frenzied with power and ambition, does not seem to know that not he but the men who made the Constitution placed it in the people's hands. They placed Andrew Johnson in the people's hands also; and when those hands shall drop their votes into the ballot box, Andrew Johnson and his policy of arrogance and usurpation will be snapped like a willow wand.

(Speech in New York, August 1866)

We are told the Republican party is a machine. Yes. A government is a machine; a church is a machine; an army is a machine; an order of Masons is a machine; the common-school system of the State of New York is a machine; a political party is a machine.

(Speech in New York, September 1876)

I do not know how to belong to a party a little.

(Attributed)

He will hew to the line of right, let the chips fall where they may.

(Of President Grant, June 1880)

How can I speak into a grave? How can I battle with a shroud? Silence is a duty and a doom.

(On hearing of the death by assassination of his political rival, President James A. Garfield, September 1881)

I have but one annoyance with the administration of President Arthur, and that is, that, in contrast with it, the Administration of Hayes becomes respectable, if not heroic.

(Attributed, 1883)

Cyril Connolly (1903–1975): *Irish author*

I came to America tourist Third with a cheque for ten pounds and I leave plus five hundred, a wife, a mandarin coat, a set of diamond studs, a state room and bath, and a decent box for the ferret. That's what everybody comes to America to do and I don't think I've managed badly for a beginner.

(Letter to Noel Blakiston, 2 April 1930)

Morris A. Adelman (1917–): *Economist*

Those fellows are not considerate and they're not malicious. They're just trying to do the best for themselves, squeezing the goose without killing it.

(On OPEC's increase in the price of petroleum, December 1978)

Spiro T. Agnew (1918–): *Vice-president under Nixon*

To some extent, if you've seen one city slum you've seen them all.

(Speech in Detroit, 18 October 1968)

Now anybody who knows me, or has taken the trouble to read what I have to say, knows that I respect the right of dissent.

(Speech in Washington, 3 December 1969)

The day when the network commentators and even gentlemen of the *New York Times* enjoyed a form of diplomatic immunity from comment and criticism of what they said—that day is past. . . . I do not seek to intimidate the press, the networks or anyone else from speaking out. But the time for blind acceptance of their opinions is past. And the time for naive belief in their neutrality is gone.

(Speech in Montgomery, 29 November 1969)

It is not an easy thing to wake up in the morning to learn that some prominent man or institution has implied that you are a bigot, a racist, or a fool.

(Ibid.)

We seem to be approaching the age of the gross.

(Speech in New Orleans, 19 October 1969)

The Republican Party has a place for every American who believes that flag waving is better than flag burning.

(Ibid.)

Bronson Alcott (1799–1888): *Transcendentalist philosopher*

I consider it the best part of an education to have been born and brought up in the country.

(Attributed)

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LANGSTON HUGHES, "The Black Man Speaks," in *Jim Crow's Last Stand,* 1943.

37 The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference, and undernourishment.

ROBERT M. HUTCHINS, *Great Books,* 1954.

38 The animosities of sovereigns are temporary and may be allayed; but those which seize the whole body of a people, and of a people, too, who dictate their own measures, produce calamities of long duration.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in a letter to Charles William Frederick Dumas, May 6, 1786.

39 If any of our countrymen wish for a king, give them Aesop's fable of the frogs who asked a king; if this does not cure them, send them to Europe. They will go back good republicans.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in a letter to Dr. David Ramsay, August 4, 1787.

40 [The people] are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in a letter to James Madison, December 20, 1787.

41 Every government degenerates when trusted to the rulers of the people alone. The people themselves therefore are its only safe depositories.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in a letter to Abbé Arnoud, July 19, 1789.

42 The republican is the only form of government which is not eternally at open or secret war with the rights of mankind.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in a letter to William Hunter, March 11, 1790.

43 Some honest men fear that a republican government can not be strong, that this government is not strong enough; but would the honest patriot, in the full tide of successful experiment, abandon a government which has so far kept us free and firm, on the theoretic and visionary fear that this government, the world's best hope, may by possibility want energy to preserve itself?

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in his first inaugural address, March 4, 1801.

44 Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he, then, be trusted with the government of others? Or have we found angels in the forms of kings to govern him? Let history answer this question.

Ibid.

45 A republican government is slow to move, yet when once in motion, its momentum becomes irresistible.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in a letter to Francis C. Gray, March 4, 1815.

46 I am not among those who fear the people. They, and not the rich, are our dependence for continued freedom.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in a letter to Samuel Kercheval, July 12, 1816.

47 I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in a letter to William C. Jarvis, September 28, 1820.

48 The constitutions of most of our States assert that all power is inherent in the people.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in a letter to John Cartwright, June 5, 1824.

49 All eyes are opened or opening to the rights of man. The general spread of the light of science has already laid open to every view the palpable truth, that the mass of mankind has not been born with saddles on their backs, nor a favored few booted and spurred, ready to ride them legitimately, by the grace of God.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in a letter to Roger C. Weightman, June 24, 1826.

50 Humble as I am, plebeian as I may be deemed, permit me in the presence of this brilliant assemblage to enunciate the truth that courts and cabi-

3 No hardier republicanism was generated in New England than in the slave states of the South, which produced so many great statesmen of America.

WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE, "Kin Beyond the Sea," published in the *North American Review*, September, 1878.

4 Southerners can never resist a losing cause.

MARGARET MITCHELL, *Gone with the Wind*, 1936.

5 In the South the war is what A.D. is elsewhere; they date from it.

MARK TWAIN, *Life on the Mississippi*, 1883.

6 O magnet-South! O glistening, perfumed South! my South!
O quick mettle, rich blood, impulse and love!
Good and evil! O all dear to me!

WALT WHITMAN, "O Magnet-South," 1860.

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1 Animis opibusque parati (Prepared in mind and resources).
Dum spiro spero (While I breathe, I hope).

State mottoes.

2 South Carolinians are among the rare folk in the South who have no secret envy of Virginians.

Robert E. Lee: farewell to his army, April 10, 1865

The surrender of General Robert E. Lee to General Ulysses S. Grant on the day before had been marked by generosity. Grant allowed all soldiers to keep their horses and the officers to keep their sidearms as well. The Civil War was over.

After four years of arduous service, marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources. I need not tell the survivors of so many hard-fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to this result from no distrust of them; but, feeling that valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss that would have attended the continuation of the contest, I have determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen.

By the terms of the agreement, officers and men can return to their homes and remain there until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed; and I earnestly pray that a merciful God will extend to you His blessing and protection.

With an increasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your country, and a grateful rememberance of your kind and generous consideration of myself, I bid you an affectionate farewell.

Who, in the fear of God, didst bear
The sword of power, a nation's trust!

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT, "Abraham Lincoln," April, 1865.

7 O Uncommon Commoner! may your name
Forever lead like a living flame!
Unschooled scholar! how did you learn
The wisdom a lifetime may not earn?

EDMUND VANCE COOKE, "The Uncommon Commoner."

8 In Washington the most striking thing is the absence of personal loyalty to the President. It does not exist. He has no admirers, no enthusiastic supporters, none to bet on his head. If a Republican convention were to be held tomorrow, he would not get the vote of a state.

RICHARD HENRY DANA, JR., in a letter to Charles Francis Adams, March, 1863.

9 Lincoln is one of those peculiar men who perform with admirable skill everything which they undertake.

STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS, in the first Lincoln-Douglas debate, Ottawa, Illinois, August 21, 1858.

10 I am sure if this man had ruled in a period of less facility of printing, he would have become mythological in a very few years, like Aesop or Pilpay, or one of the Seven Wise Masters, by his fables and proverbs.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON, "Abraham Lincoln," 1865, published in *Miscellanies,* 1884.

11 His heart was as great as the world, but there was no room in it to hold the memory of a wrong.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON, "Greatness," *Letters and Social Aims,* 1876.

12 I should be glad if I could flatter myself that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion in two hours as you did in two minutes.

EDWARD EVERETT, in a note to Abraham Lincoln the day after Lincoln delivered his famous address at Gettysburg, Pa., November 20, 1863. (Lincoln responded to Everett's note, "In our respective parts yesterday, you could not have been excused to make a short address, nor I a long one. I am pleased to know that, in your judgment, the little I did say was not entirely a failure." Everett was the featured speaker at Gettysburg, but Lincoln's address is the one remembered.)

13 Lincoln had faith in time, and time has justified his faith.

BENJAMIN HARRISON, in an address on Lincoln Day, Chicago, 1898.

14 The President last night had a dream. He was in a party of plain people and as it became known who he was they began to comment on his appearance. One of them said, "He is a common-looking man." The President replied, "Common-looking people are the best in the world: that is the reason the Lord makes so many of them."

JOHN HAY, diary entry, December 23, 1863.

15 It is absurd to call him a modest man. No great man was ever modest. . . . I consider Lincoln republicanism incarnate—with all its faults and all its virtues.

JOHN HAY, on Abraham Lincoln, quoted in William H. Herndon, *Lincoln: The True Story of a Great Life,* 1889.

16 He ought to hang somebody, and get up a name for will or decision—for character. Let him hang some child or woman, if he has not courage to hang a man.

WILLIAM H. HERNDON, junior partner in Lincoln's law firm, in a letter to Lyman Trumbull, November 20, 1861.

17 Lincoln was not a type. He stands alone—no ancestors, no fellows, no successors.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL, "Abraham Lincoln," 1894.

18 Strange mingling of mirth and tears, of the tragic and grotesque, of cap and crown, of Socrates and Rabelais, of Aesop and Marcus Aurelius—Lincoln, the gentlest memory of the world.

Ibid.

19 Hundreds of people are now engaged in smoothing out the lines on Lincoln's face—forcing all features to the common mold—so that he may be

249. WEALTH

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, *Poor Richard's Almanack,* 1740.

24 He who multiplies Riches multiplies Cares.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, *Poor Richard's Almanack,* 1744.

25 If your Riches are yours, why don't you take them with you to t'other World?

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, *Poor Richard's Almanack,* 1751.

26 Many a Man would have been worse, if his Estate had been better.

Ibid.

27 Wealth is not without its advantages and the case to the contrary, although it has often been made, has never proved widely persuasive.

JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH, *The Affluent Society,* 1958.

28 Wealth can be accumulated but to a slight degree, and . . . communities really live, as the vast majority of individuals live, from hand to mouth. Wealth will not bear much accumulation; except in a few unimportant forms it will not keep.

HENRY GEORGE, *Progress and Poverty,* 1879.

29 Nature laughs at a miser. He is like the squirrel who buries his nuts and refrains from digging them up again.

Ibid.

30 Great wealth always supports the party in power, no matter how corrupt it may be. It never exerts itself for reform, for it instinctively fears change.

HENRY GEORGE, *Social Problems,* 1884.

31 The ideal social state is not that in which each gets an equal amount of wealth, but in which each gets in proportion to his contribution to the general stock.

Ibid.

32 Their vices are probably more favorable to the prosperity of the state, than those of the indigent; and partake less of moral depravity.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON, on the rich, in a speech at the New York Ratifying Convention, Poughkeepsie, June 21, 1788.

33 It is almost as difficult to reconcile the principles of republican society with the existence of billionaires as of dukes.

Attributed to Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

34 It cannot be repeated too often that the safety of great wealth with us lies in obedience to the new version of the Old World axiom—*Richesse oblige.*

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, SR., *A Mortal Antipathy,* 1855.

35 There is that glorious Epicurean paradox, uttered by my friend, the Historian, in one of his flashing moments:—"Give us the luxuries of life, and we will dispense with its necessaries."

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, SR., quoting John Lothrop Motley, in *The Autocrat of the Breakfast-Table,* 1858.

36 Wealth: A cunning device of Fate whereby men are made captive, and burdened with responsibilities from which only Death can file their fetters.

ELBERT HUBBARD, *The Roycroft Dictionary and Book of Epigrams,* 1923.

37 Few rich men own their own property. The property owns them.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL, in a speech in New York City, October 29, 1896.

38 The opposition between the men who have and the men who are is immemorial.

WILLIAM JAMES, *The Varieties of Religious Experience,* 1902.

39 Misplaced emphasis occurs . . . when you think that everything is going well because your car drives so smoothly, and your new suit fits you so well, and those high-priced shoes you bought make your feet feel so good; and you begin to believe that these things, these many luxuries all around, are the really important matters of your life.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., *Daddy King,* 1980.

ment—unless and until a particular policy appears a failure.

NICHOLAS D. KATZENBACH, in the *New York Times Book Review,* February 18, 1973.

72 Politics is property.

MURRAY KEMPTON, quoted by Norman Mailer in *Miami and the Siege of Chicago,* 1968.

73 The secret of the Kennedy successes in politics was not money but meticulous planning and organization, tremendous effort, and the enthusiasm and devotion of family and friends.

ROSE FITZGERALD KENNEDY, *Times to Remember,* 1974.

74 In politics it is difficult sometimes to decide whether the politicians are humorless hypocrites or hypocritical humorists.

FRANK RICHARDSON KENT, in the *Baltimore Sun,* July 24, 1932.

75 The brains trust.

JAMES M. KIERAN, characterizing the group of Columbia University professors who advised Franklin D. Roosevelt on his campaign speeches, in a conversation with Roosevelt, 1932. (The phrase caught on and soon became "brain trust.")

76 The public life of every political figure is a continual struggle to rescue an element of choice from the pressure of circumstance.

HENRY KISSINGER, *White House Years,* 1979.

77 The outsider thinks in terms of absolutes; for him right and wrong are defined in their conception. The political leader does not have this luxury. He rarely can reach his goal except in stages; any partial step is inherently morally imperfect and yet morality cannot be approximated without it.

Ibid.

78 I've never belonged to any political party for more than fifteen minutes.

FIORELLO H. LAGUARDIA, quoted in John Gunther, *Inside U.S.A.,* 1947.

79 Why do good public servants break with political parties? It's so simple. The political people never ask you to do anything that's right—and that's what you're going to do anyway! No. What they want you to do is all the things that are wrong.

Ibid.

80 What this country needs is more unemployed politicians.

EDWARD LANGLEY, quoted by Charles McCabe in the *San Francisco Chronicle,* October 24, 1980.

81 Mr. Chairman, this work is exclusively the work of politicians; a set of men who have interests aside from the interests of the people, and who, to say the most of them, are, taken as a mass, at least one long step removed from honest men. I say this with the greater freedom, because, being a politician myself, none can regard it as personal.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, speaking in the Illinois legislature against a proposed investigation of the management of the state bank, January 11, 1837.

82 Republicans . . . are for both the *man* and the *dollar;* but in cases of conflict, the man *before* the dollar.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, in a letter to H.L. Pierce et al., April 6, 1859.

83 What is conservatism? Is it not adherence to the old and tried, against the new and untried?

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, in a speech at Cooper Union, New York City, February 27, 1860.

84 I do not allow myself to suppose that either the convention or the League have concluded to decide that I am either the greatest or the best man in America, but rather they have concluded that it is not best to swap horses while crossing the river, and have further concluded that I am not so poor a horse that they might not make a botch of it in trying to swap.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, speaking to a delegation of the National Union League, on his renomination as President, June 9, 1864.

85 I have not been able to convince myself that one policy, one party, one class, or one set of tactics, is as fertile as human need.

WALTER LIPPMANN, *Drift and Mastery,* 1914.

86 The effort to calculate exactly what the voters want at each particular moment leaves out of account the fact that when they are troubled the thing the voters most want is to be told what to want.

WALTER LIPPMANN, "The Bogey of Public Opinion," *Vanity Fair* magazine, December, 1931.

87 In a political fight, when you've got nothing in favor of your side, start a row in the opposition camp.

HUEY P. LONG, quoted in T. Harry Williams, *Huey Long,* 1969.

88 I understand the rules of war in politics. No one has practiced them more.

HUEY P. LONG, speaking to reporters, July, 1933, quoted in T. Harry Williams, *Huey Long,* 1969.

89 The man who pulls the plow gets the plunder in politics.

HUEY P. LONG, in a speech in the U.S. Senate, January 30, 1934.

90 Ez to my princerples, I glory
In hevin' nothin' o' the sort;
I aint a Whig, I aint a Tory,
I'm jest a canderdate, in short.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, *The Biglow Papers,* First Series, 1848.

91 At present, trust a man with making constitutions on less proof of competence than we should demand before we gave him our shoe to patch.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, "On a Certain Condescension in Foreigners," published in the *Atlantic Monthly,* January, 1869.

92 It is the mark of the successful politician that he faces the inevitable, and then takes credit for it. Jumping on the bandwagon can be made to look like leadership if the move is made dexterously enough.

CHARLES MCCABE, quoted in Edmund G. Brown, *Reagan: The Political Chameleon,* 1976.

93 Our differences are policies, our agreements principles.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY, in a speech in Des Moines, Iowa, 1901.

94 There is always some basic principle that will ultimately get the Republican party together. If my observations are worth anything, that basic principle is the cohesive power of public plunder.

A.J. MCLAURIN, in a speech in the U.S. Senate, May, 1906.

95 Politics quarantines one from history; most of the people who nourish themselves in the political life are in the game not to make history but to be diverted from the history which is being made.

NORMAN MAILER, *Some Honorable Men: Political Conventions, 1960–1972,* 1976.

96 A political convention is after all not a meeting of a corporation's board of directors; it is a fiesta, a carnival, a pig-rooting, horse-snorting, band-playing, voice-screaming medieval get-together of greed, practical lust, compromised idealism, career-advancement, meeting, feud, vendetta, conciliation, of rabble-rousers, fist fights (as it used to be), embraces, drunks (again as it used to be) and collective rivers of animal sweat.

Ibid.

97 Socialism, indeed, is simply the degenerate capitalism of bankrupt capitalists. Its one genuine object is to get more money for its professors; all its other grandiloquent objects are afterthoughts, and most of them are bogus.

H.L. MENCKEN, *Prejudices,* Third Series, 1922.

98 The believing mind reaches its perihelion in the so-called Liberals. They believe in each and every quack who sets up his booth on the fair-grounds, including the Communists. The Communists have some talents too, but they always fall short of believing in the Liberals.

H.L. MENCKEN, "Sententiae," in *The Vintage Mencken,* 1955.

99 A good [politician] is quite as unthinkable as an honest burglar.

H.L. MENCKEN, quoted in *Newsweek* magazine, September 12, 1955.

100 Any party which takes credit for the rain must not be surprised if its opponents blame it for the drought.

pursuit of happiness. A man may choose to sit and fish instead of working—that's his pursuit of happiness. He does not have the right to force his neighbors to support him in his pursuit because that interferes with their pursuit of happiness.

RONALD REAGAN, *Sincerely, Ronald Reagan,* 1976.

114 Government exists to protect us from each other. We can't afford the government it would take to protect us from ourselves.

RONALD REAGAN, quoted in Laurence I. Barrett, *Gambling with History—Reagan in the White House,* 1983.

115 The best system is to have one party govern and the other party watch, and on general principles I think it would be best for us to govern and the Democrats watch.

THOMAS BRACKETT REED, in a debate in the House of Representatives, April 22, 1880.

116 Whereas a tightly centralized government tends, by its disproportionate weight and power, to stifle diversity and creativity in both the public and private sectors, a federal system provides room for both infinite variety and creativity in all sectors of national life. This is equally true for political organizations, philanthropic associations, social institutions, or economic enterprises.

NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, *The Future of Federalism,* 1962.

117 Grand ideas of government—lofty abstract principles, even the wisest constitutions and laws—depend for their very life and meaning on the willingness of citizens and leaders to apply them and to improve them.

Ibid.

118 If we do not halt this steady process of building commissions and regulatory bodies and special legislation like huge inverted pyramids over every one of the simple constitutional provisions, we shall soon be spending many billions of dollars more.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, in a radio address, March 2, 1930. (Roosevelt had just noted that the annual federal budget had reached $3,500,000,000.)

119 The only sure bulwark of continuing liberty is a government strong enough to protect the interests of the people, and a people strong enough and well enough informed to maintain its sovereign control over its government.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, in a radio address, April 14, 1938.

120 The government is us; we are the government, you and I.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, in a speech in Asheville, North Carolina, September 9, 1902.

121 I do not believe in government ownership of anything which can with propriety be left in private hands, and in particular I should most strenuously object to government ownership of railroads.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, in a speech in Raleigh, North Carolina, October 19, 1905.

122 There is something to be said for government by a great aristocracy which has furnished leaders to the nation in peace and war for generations; even a democrat like myself must admit this. But there is absolutely nothing to be said for government by a plutocracy, for government by men very powerful in certain lines and gifted with the "money touch," but with ideals which in their essence are merely those of so many glorified pawnbrokers.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, in a letter to Edward Grey, November 15, 1913.

123 Everything is un-American that tends either to government by a plutocracy, or government by a mob. To divide along the lines of section or caste or creed is un-American. All privilege based on wealth, and all enmity to honest men merely because they are wealthy, are un-American—both of them equally so. Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood—the virtues that made America. The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, in a letter to S. Stanwood Menken, January 10, 1917.

31 The works of the great poets have never yet been read by mankind, for only great poets can read them. They have only been read as the multitude have read the stars, at most astrologically, not astronomically.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU, "Reading," *Walden,* 1854.

32 That may be very good Dutch Flat poetry, but it won't do in the metropolis. It is too smooth and blubbery; it reads like buttermilk gurgling from a jug.

MARK TWAIN, "Answers to Correspondents," *Sketches New and Old,* 1875.

33 I think there is no such thing as a long poem. If it is long it isn't a poem; it is something else. A book like *John Brown's Body,* for instance, is not a poem—it is a series of poems tied together with cord. Poetry is intensity, and nothing is intense for long.

E.B. WHITE, "Poetry," *One Man's Meat,* 1944.

34 I love the old melodious lays
Which softly melt the ages through,
The songs of Spenser's golden days,
Arcadian Sidney's silver phrase,
Sprinkling our noon of time with freshest morning dew.

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER, in the proem to *Poems,* 1849.

187. POLITICS

See also CONGRESS; CONSTITUTION; DEMOCRACY; DIPLOMACY; ELECTIONS; GOVERNMENT

1 Will it play in Peoria?

Traditional rhetorical question of American politics (implying that a political action, in order to work, must have the support of the citizens of the so-called average American town).

2 A mugwump is a fellow with his mug on one side of the fence and his wump on the other.

Political saying, describing Republicans who crossed party lines and supported Grover Cleveland, the Democratic candidate, in the presidential election of 1884.

3 The trend of Democracy is toward socialism, while the Republican party stands for a wise and regulated individualism. Socialism would destroy wealth; Republicanism would prevent its abuse. Socialism would give to each an equal right to take; Republicanism would give to each an equal right to earn. Socialism would offer an equality of possession which would soon leave no one anything to possess; Republicanism would give equality of opportunity.

Plank of the Republican Party national platform, 1908.

4 Liberals! They're not leaders! If they were real leaders they'd understand that their style of politicking and self-aggrandizement is what's destroying the capacity of any of us to get anywhere.

BELLA ABZUG, quoted in Mel Ziegler, *Bella!* 1972.

5 The establishment is made up of little men, very frightened.

Ibid.

6 Knowledge of human nature is the beginning and end of political education.

HENRY ADAMS, *The Education of Henry Adams,* 1907.

7 Modern politics is, at bottom, a struggle not of men but of forces.

Ibid.

8 I agree with you that in politics the middle way is none at all.

JOHN ADAMS, in a letter to Horatio Gates, March 23, 1776.

9 No sooner has one Party discovered or invented an Amelioration of the Condition of Man or the order of Society, than the opposite Party belies it, misconstrues it, misrepresents it, ridicules it, insults it, and persecutes it.

JOHN ADAMS, in a letter to Thomas Jefferson, July 9, 1813.

10 Politics, *n.* A strife of interests masquerading as a contest of principles. The conduct of public affairs for private advantage.

AMBROSE BIERCE, *The Devil's Dictionary,* 1906.

11 Politician, *n.* An eel in the fundamental mud upon which the superstructure of organized society is reared. When he wriggles he mistakes the agitation of his tail for the trembling of the edifice. As compared with the statesman, he suffers the disadvantage of being alive.

Ibid.

12 Stalwart Republicans.

JAMES G. BLAINE, describing a faction within the Republican Party known for political patronage and domination of the civil service, 1877.

13 A liberal is a man who leaves the room when the fight starts.

HEYWOOD BROUN, quoted in Robert E. Drennan, *The Algonquin Wits,* 1968.

14 It is into the hands of the parties that the working of the government has fallen. Their ingenuity, stimulated by incessant rivalry, has turned many provisions of the Constitution to unforeseen uses, and given to the legal institutions of the country no small part of their present color.

JAMES BRYCE, *The American Commonwealth,* 1888.

15 The American parties now continue to exist, because they have existed. The mill has been constructed, and its machinery goes on turning, even when there is no grist to grind.

Ibid.

16 Blindfold me, spin me about like a top, and I will walk up to the single liberal in the room without zig or zag and find him even if he is hiding behind the flowerpot.

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR., "Notes Toward an Empirical Definition of Conservatism," October, 1963.

17 We are Republicans, and don't propose to leave our party and identify ourselves with the party whose antecedents have been Rum, Romanism, and Rebellion.

SAMUEL D. BURCHARD, to James G. Blaine, October 29, 1884.

18 The Democratic party is like a man riding backward in a carriage. It never sees a thing until it has gone by.

Attributed to Benjamin F. Butler, c.1870.

19 [Ronald] Reagan is different from me in almost every basic element of commitment and experience and promise to the American people, and the Republican party now is sharply different from what the Democratic party is. And I might add parenthetically that the Republican party is sharply different under Reagan from what it was under Gerald Ford and Presidents all the way back to Eisenhower.

JIMMY CARTER, speaking in Independence, Missouri, September 2, 1980.

20 We shall not note our increase of virtue too much by seeing more crooks in Sing Sing, as by seeing fewer of them in drawing rooms.

JOHN JAY CHAPMAN, in the periodical *The Political Nursery,* published between 1897–1901.

21 A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman thinks of the next generation.

Attributed to James Freeman Clarke.

22 The other side can have a monopoly of all the dirt in this campaign.

GROVER CLEVELAND, comment made while destroying documents gathered to smear James G. Blaine, during the 1884 Presidential campaign, quoted in Allan Nevins, *Grover Cleveland,* 1932.

23 Party honesty is party expediency.

GROVER CLEVELAND, quoted in the *New York Commercial Advertiser,* September 19, 1889.

24 Contact with the affairs of state is one of the most corrupting of the influences to which men are exposed.

JAMES FENIMORE COOPER, *The American Democrat,* 1838.

25 The demagogue is usually sly, a detractor of others, a professor of humility and disinterestedness, a great stickler for equality as respects all

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ADLAI E. STEVENSON, on a London television program in July, 1959, in reply to a query about the quality he would emphasize if he were able to write his own epitaph. (*Contemporary Forum,* ed. by ERNEST J. WRAGE AND BARNET BASKERVILLE, p. 354)

1
The demagogue is the curse of the modern world; and of all the demagogues, the worst are those financed by well-meaning wealthy men who sincerely believe that their wealth is likely to be safer if they can hire men with political "it" to change the signposts and lure the people back into slavery of the most degraded kind.

HENRY A. WALLACE, Address to Free World Association, New York City, 8 May, 1942.

2
Tin-horn politicians.

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, Editorial, Emporia (Kan.) *Gazette,* 25 Oct., 1901.

IV—Parties

3
This party comes from the grass roots. It has grown from the soil of the people's hard necessities.

ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE, Address at Bull Moose Convention in Chicago, 5 Aug., 1912.

4
Stalwart Republicans.

JAMES G. BLAINE, in 1877, in describing the Congressional group who fought to sustain the privileges of the Republicans in the South.

5
Any well-established village in New England or the northern Middle West could afford a town drunkard, a town atheist, and a few Democrats.

D. W. BROGAN, *The American Character.*

6
Party honesty is party expediency.

GROVER CLEVELAND, Interview, New York *Commercial Advertiser,* 19 Sept., 1889.

7
"I don't like a rayformer," said Mr. Hennessy.
"Or anny other raypublican," said Mr. Dooley.

FINLEY PETER DUNNE, *Observations by Mr. Dooley: Reform Administration.*

8
The party should be a knight in shining armor on a white charger.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, Interview, New York *Times,* 13 Sept., 1965, p. 29. Referring to the Republican party.

9
The vice of our leading parties in this country is that they do not plant themselves on the deep and necessary grounds to which they are respectively entitled, but lash themselves to fury in the carrying of some local and momentary measure, nowise useful to the commonwealth. Of the two great parties which at this hour almost share the nation between them, I should say that one has the best cause, and the other contains the best men.

EMERSON, *Essays, Second Series: Politics.*

10
The Democratic party is the party of the Poor marshalled against the Rich. . . . But they are always officered by a few self-seeking deserters from the Rich or Whig party.

EMERSON, *Journals,* 1857.

11
All free governments are party governments.

JAMES A. GARFIELD, Remarks on the death of Oliver H. P. Morton, U.S. House of Representatives, 18 Jan., 1878.

12
You cannot in this game of politics fight your own party. It just doesn't work.

BARRY M. GOLDWATER, News Conference, Scottsdale, Ariz., 4 Nov., 1964, at which he conceded defeat in the presidential contest. He was obviously unhappy about lukewarm support given by some Republicans during the campaign.

13
He serves his party best who serves the country best.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES, Inaugural Address, 5 Mar., 1877.

14
Yes, I am a Democrat still—very still.

DAVID B. HILL, reaffirming his party affiliation rather faintly after the nomination of William Jennings Bryan in 1896.

15
If I could not go to heaven but with a party, I would not go there at all.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, Letter to Francis Hopkinson, 1789.

16
I think that it is very important that we have a two-party country. I am a fellow that likes small parties, and the Republican party is about the size I like.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, Press Conference, Washington, D.C., 21 Apr., 1964.

17
There is no Republican way or Democratic way to clean the streets.

FIORELLO H. LA GUARDIA, while mayor of New York City. Quoted by John V. Lindsay during his campaign for the same post in 1965.

18
Is there a distinct and coherent political

movement, . . . a political philosophy with a clear set of principles, which one might perhaps call the New Republicanism?

ARTHUR LARSON, *A Republican Looks at His Party,* ch. 1 (1956). President Eisenhower and his supporters used the term New Republicanism on numerous occasions thereafter.

1
He was earnest about these objects. They were of eternal importance, like baseball or the Republican Party.

SINCLAIR LEWIS, *Babbitt,* ch. 1.

2
A headless torso that must find a central nervous system.

JOHN V. LINDSAY, defining the Republican party after its decisive defeat in the 1964 presidential election, in a speech to the Women's National Press Club, Washington, D.C., 15 Dec., 1964.

3
Our differences are policies, our agreements principles.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY, Speech in Des Moines, Ia., 1901.

4
There is always some basic principle that will ultimately get the Republican party together. If my observations are worth anything, that basic principle is the cohesive power of public plunder.

A. J. MCLAURIN, Speech in U.S. Senate, May, 1906.

5
My father was a Democrat; my mother was a Republican; I am an Episcopalian.

GEORGE C. MARSHALL, on his stand in the 1952 presidential election.

6
Any party which takes credit for the rain must not be surprised if its opponents blame it for the drought.

DWIGHT W. MORROW, Speech, Oct., 1930.

7
A good party is better than the best man that ever lived.

THOMAS B. REED. (W. A. ROBINSON, *Life of Reed*)

8
The Democratic party is like a man riding backward in a railroad car; it never sees anything until it has got past it.

THOMAS B. REED. (W. A. ROBINSON, *Life of Reed*)

9
The Republicans have their splits right after election and Democrats have theirs just before an election.

WILL ROGERS, Syndicated Column, 29 Dec., 1930.

10
I am not a member of any organized political party. I am a Democrat.

Attributed to WILL ROGERS.

11
The Democratic party is like a mule—without pride of ancestry or hope of posterity.

EMORY STORRS, Speech during the campaign of 1888. Also attributed to William C. Linton, Ignatius Donnelly, and Judge Gay Gordon.

12
They are sort of like Nixon Democrats.

HARRY S TRUMAN, Reply upon being asked to define a "Truman Republican," 15 Mar., 1964.

13
Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party.

CHARLES E. WELLER, Sentence devised to test the practicability of the first typewriter, constructed in Milwaukee by Christopher Latham Sholes in 1867. Weller was a court reporter and friend of Sholes. The sentence, which covers a wide range of the keyboard, was inspired by a political campaign then in progress. It is still widely used.

V—Liberals, Conservatives, and Others

See also Conservatism

14
A liberal is a man who cultivates the skills that make freedom operational. He is always a man on special assignment.

MAX ASCOLI, *The Reporter,* 30 Jan., 1964.

15
The true liberal is liberal in human relations and conservative in his economics. He seeks to conserve a capitalistic system characterized by free enterprise and the profit motive because it is essential to liberty.

HARRY J. CARMAN, Letter to the Editor, St. Louis *Post-Dispatch,* 10 Aug., 1964. Carman was speaking as chairman of the American Liberal Association.

16
For all the partisan uses to which the term has been put lately, the "mainstream" does stand for something real. It is a shorthand description of the American political mind or, more accurately, the minds of tens of millions of voters and citizens who form the broad base of our political system.

ANDREW HACKER, *What's the Mainstream?; New York Times Magazine,* 6 Sept., 1964, p. 5.

17
One of the greatest tragedies would be to have two political parties made up just of the right and the left.

ALBERTIS HARRISON, JR., speaking as Governor of Virginia. (New York *Times,* 30 Aug., 1964, p. 11E, "Ideas and Men.")

18
He's a working liberal and not a talking liberal.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, speaking admiringly

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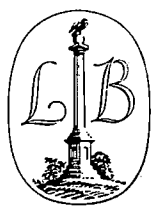

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1 Wanting is—what?
Summer redundant,
Blueness abundant,
—Where is the blot?
Wanting Is—What?[1] *[1883]*

2 Out of the wreck I rise. *Ixion [1883]*

3 Never the time and the place
And the loved one all together!
Never the Time and the Place [1883]

4 Help me with knowledge—for Life's Old —Death's New!
Epitaph on Levi Lincoln Thaxter, 1824–1884

5 But little do or can the best of us:
That little is achieved through Liberty.
Why I Am a Liberal [1885], l. 9

6 A minute's success pays the failure of years.
Apollo and the Fates [1886], st. 42

7 One who never turned his back but marched breast forward,
Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed though right were worsted, wrong would triumph,
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake.
Asolando [1889]. Epilogue, st. 3

Samuel Dickinson Burchard
1812–1891

8 We are Republicans, and don't propose to leave our party and identify ourselves with the party whose antecedents have been Rum, Romanism, and Rebellion.
Speaking for a deputation of clergymen calling upon James G. Blaine, the Republican presidential candidate, in New York [October 29, 1884]

Charles Dickens
1812–1870

9 A smattering of everything, and a knowledge of nothing.
Sketches by Boz [1836–1837]. Tales, ch. 3

10 He had used the word [humbug] in its Pickwickian sense.
Pickwick Papers [1836–1837], ch. 1

11 "An observer of human nature, sir," said Mr. Pickwick. *Ib. 2*

12 "It wasn't the wine," murmured Mr. Snodgrass, in a broken voice. "It was the salmon." *Ib. 8*

13 I wants to make your flesh creep. *Ib.*

14 Can I unmoved see thee dying
On a log
Expiring frog! *Ib. 15*

15 Tongue; well that's a wery good thing when it an't a woman's. *Ib. 19*

16 Mr. Weller's knowledge of London was extensive and peculiar. *Ib. 20*

17 I took a good deal o' pains with his eddication, sir; let him run in the streets when he was very young, and shift for hisself. It's the only way to make a boy sharp, sir. *Ib.*

18 Be wery careful o' vidders all your life. *Ib.*

19 The wictim o' connubiality, as Blue Beard's domestic chaplain said, with a tear of pity, ven he buried him. *Ib.*

20 Dumb as a drum vith a hole in it, sir. *Ib. 25*

21 Eccentricities of genius. *Ib. 30*

22 Keep yourself *to* yourself. *Ib. 32*

23 Poetry's unnat'ral; no man ever talked poetry 'cept a beadle on Boxin' Day. *Ib. 33*

24 She'll wish there was more, and that's the great art o' letter-writin'. *Ib.*

25 Never mind the character, stick to the alleybi. *Ib.*

26 She knows wot's wot, she does. *Ib. 37*

27 *They* don't mind it; it's a regular holiday to them—all porter and skittles.[2] *Ib. 41*

28 Anythin' for a quiet life, as the man said wen he took the sitivation at the lighthouse. *Ib. 43*

29 Right as a trivet. *Ib. 50*

30 Oliver Twist has asked for more!
Oliver Twist [1837–1838], ch. 2

31 "The artful Dodger." *Ib. 8*

[1] Browning is—what? / Riddle redundant, / Baldness abundant, / Sense, who can spot?—ANONYMOUS, in *Punch* [April 21, 1883]

[2] Life is with such all beer and skittles; / They are not difficult to please / About their victuals.—CHARLES STUART CALVERLEY [1831–1884], *Contentment*
Life ain't all beer and skittles, and more's the pity.—GEORGE DU MAURIER, *Trilby* [1894], *pt. I*
See Hughes, 590:10.

1 Make [your employers] understand that you are in their service as workers, not as women.[1]

The Revolution (woman suffrage newspaper), October 8, 1868

2 Join the union, girls, and together say *Equal Pay for Equal Work.*[1]

Ib. March 18, 1869

3 Woman must not depend upon the protection of man, but must be taught to protect herself.

Speech in San Francisco [July 1871]

4 I shall work for the Republican party and call on all women to join me, precisely . . . for what that party has done and promises to do for women, nothing more, nothing less.

Letter to Elizabeth Cady Stanton [autumn 1872]

5 Here, in the first paragraph of the Declaration [of Independence], is the assertion of the natural right of all to the ballot; for how can "the consent of the governed" be given, if the right to vote be denied?

Is It a Crime for a Citizen of the United States to Vote? Speech [1873] before her trial for voting

6 Marriage, to women as to men, must be a luxury, not a necessity; an incident of life, not all of it. And the only possible way to accomplish this great change is to accord to women equal power in the making, shaping and controlling of the circumstances of life.

Speech on Social Purity [spring 1875]

7 Failure is impossible.

At her eighty-sixth birthday celebration [February 15, 1906]

Lucretia Peabody Hale
1820–1900

8 At last Elizabeth Eliza said, "They say that the lady from Philadelphia, who is staying in town, is very wise. Suppose I go and ask her what is best to be done."

The Peterkin Papers [1880]

Jean Ingelow
1820–1897

9 There's no dew left on the daisies and clover,
There's no rain left in heaven:
I've said my "seven times" over and over,
Seven times one are seven.

Songs of Seven. Seven Times One, st. 1

[1]See Friedan, 898:6.

Theodore O'Hara
1820–1867

10 On Fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And Glory guards, with solemn round,
The bivouac of the dead.

The Bivouac of the Dead[2] *[1847], st. 1*

11 Sons of the dark and bloody ground.[3]

Ib. st. 9

George Frederick Root
1820–1895

12 Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! the boys are marching,
Cheer up, comrades, they will come,
And beneath the starry flag
We shall breathe the air again
Of the free land in our own beloved home.

Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! [1862]

13 Yes, we'll rally round the flag, boys, we'll rally once again,
Shouting the battle cry of Freedom.

The Battle Cry of Freedom [1863]

Sir William Howard Russell
1820–1907

14 The Russians dashed on towards that thin red-line streak tipped with a line of steel.[4]

To The Times of London from the Crimea, describing the British infantry at Balaklava [October 25, 1854]

William Tecumseh Sherman
1820–1891

15 You cannot qualify war in harsher terms than I will. War is cruelty, and you cannot refine it.

Letter to James M. Calhoun, mayor of Atlanta, and others [September 12, 1864]

[2]Written to commemorate Americans slain in the battle of Buena Vista [February 22–23, 1847].

[3]Translation of the Indian name Kentucky.

[4]Soon the men of the column began to see that though the scarlet line was slender, it was very rigid and exact. —A. W. KINGLAKE [1809–1891], *Invasion of the Crimea, vol. III, p. 455*

It's "Thin red line of 'eroes" when the drums begin to roll. —KIPLING [1865–1936], *Tommy, st. 3*

See Kipling, 708:3.

since the introduction of Christianity, have been burnt, tortured, fined, imprisoned; yet we have not advanced one inch towards uniformity. What has been the effect of coercion? To make one half the world fools, and the other half hypocrites. *Ib.*

1 Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just. *Ib. 18*

2 Those who labor in the earth are the chosen people of God, if ever he had a chosen people, whose breasts He has made His peculiar deposit for substantial and genuine virtue. *Ib. 19*

3 He who permits himself to tell a lie once, finds it much easier to do it a second and third time, till at length it becomes habitual; he tells lies without attending to it, and truths without the world's believing him. This falsehood of the tongue leads to that of the heart, and in time depraves all its good dispositions.

Letter to Peter Carr [August 19, 1785]

4 The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

Letter to Colonel Edward Carrington [January 16, 1787]

5 Experience declares that man is the only animal which devours his own kind; for I can apply no milder term to the governments of Europe, and to the general prey of the rich on the poor. *Ib.*

6 I hold it, that a little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical.

Letter to James Madison [January 30, 1787]

7 What country before ever existed a century and a half without a rebellion? . . . The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.[1] It is its natural manure.

Letter to William Stevens Smith [November 13, 1787]

8 The republican is the only form of government which is not eternally at open or secret war with the rights of mankind.

Letter to William Hunter [March 11, 1790]

9 We are not to expect to be translated from despotism to liberty in a featherbed.

Letter to Lafayette [April 2, 1790]

10 Let what will be said or done, preserve your *sang-froid* immovably, and to every obstacle, oppose patience, perseverance, and soothing language.

Letter to William Short [March 18, 1792]

11 Delay is preferable to error.

Letter to George Washington [May 16, 1792]

12 We confide in our strength, without boasting of it; we respect that of others, without fearing it.

Letter to William Carmichael and William Short [1793]

13 The second office of the government is honorable and easy, the first is but a splendid misery.[2]

Letter to Elbridge Gerry [May 13, 1797]

14 Offices are as acceptable here as elsewhere, and whenever a man has cast a longing eye on them, a rottenness begins in his conduct.

Letter to Tench Coxe [May 21, 1799]

15 I have sworn upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.

Letter to Dr. Benjamin Rush [September 23, 1800]

16 We are all Republicans—we are all Federalists. If there be any among us who would wish to dissolve this Union or to change its republican form, let them stand undisturbed as monuments of the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it.[3]

First Inaugural Address [March 4, 1801]

17 But would the honest patriot, in the full tide of successful experiment, abandon a government which has so far kept us free and firm, on the theoretic and visionary fear that this government, the world's best hope, may by possibility want energy to preserve itself? *Ib.*

18 Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he, then, be trusted with the government of others? Or have we found angels in the forms of kings to govern him? Let history answer this question. *Ib.*

[2] See John Adams, 381:16.

1 Let us therefore animate and encourage each other, and show the whole world that a Freeman, contending for liberty on his own ground, is superior to any slavish mercenary on earth.

General Orders, Headquarters, New York [July 2, 1776]

2 The time is now near at hand which must probably determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their houses and farms are to be pillaged and destroyed, and themselves consigned to a state of wretchedness from which no human efforts will deliver them. The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die.

Address to the Continental Army before the battle of Long Island [August 27, 1776]

3 There is nothing that gives a man consequence, and renders him fit for command, like a support that renders him independent of everybody but the State he serves.

Letter to the president of Congress, Heights of Harlem [September 24, 1776]

4 To place any dependence upon militia, is, assuredly, resting upon a broken staff.

Ib.

5 Without a decisive naval force we can do nothing definitive. And with it, everything honorable and glorious.[1]

To Lafayette [November 15, 1781]

6 If men are to be precluded from offering their sentiments on a matter which may involve the most serious and alarming consequences that can invite the consideration of mankind, reason is of no use to us; the freedom of speech may be taken away, and dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.

Address to officers of the Army [March 15, 1783]

7 The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the republican model of government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked, on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people.

First Inaugural Address [April 30, 1789]

8 Happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.

Letter to the Jewish congregation of Newport, Rhode Island [1790]

9 To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.[2]

First Annual Address [to both houses of Congress, January 8, 1790]

10 The basis of our political system is the right of the people to make and to alter their constitutions of government.

Farewell Address [September 17, 1796]

11 Let me now . . . warn you in the most solemn manner against the baneful effects of the spirit of party. *Ib.*

12 Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all. . . . The Nation which indulges toward another an habitual hatred or an habitual fondness is in some degree a slave. It is a slave to its animosity or to its affection, either of which is sufficient to lead it astray from its duty and its interest. *Ib.*

13 'Tis our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances, with any portion of the foreign world. *Ib.*

14 There can be no greater error than to expect or calculate upon real favors from nation to nation. *Ib.*

15 It is well, I die hard, but I am not afraid to go. *Last words [December 14, 1799]*

Joseph Priestley[3]

1733–1804

16 It was ill policy in Leo the Tenth to patronize polite literature. He was cherishing an enemy in disguise. And the English hierar-

[1] See Themistocles, 70:19; Bacon, 181:11; Waller, 276:3; Mahan, 642:8; and Morison, 800:11.

[2] See Aristotle, 87:24; Vegetius, 128:25; Robert Burton, 259:13; Fénelon, 316:12; and Lowell, 568:9.

[3] See the Bentham footnote to Francis Hutcheson, 342:19. Bentham credits Priestley's *Essay on Government* [1768] — or the work of Cesare Bonesana, Marchese di Beccaria [1738–1794] — with inspiring his concept of "the greatest happiness of the greatest number."

1 Hold the fort! I am coming![1]
Signal from Kenesaw Mountain to General John Murray Corse at Allatoona Pass [October 5, 1864]

2 The legitimate object of war is a more perfect peace.
Speech at St. Louis [July 20, 1865]

3 War is at best barbarism. . . . Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell.[2]
Attributed to a graduation address at Michigan Military Academy [June 19, 1879]. From the National Tribune, Washington, D.C. [November 26, 1914]

4 I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected.[3]
Message to Republican National Convention [June 5, 1884]

Herbert Spencer
1820–1903

5 Progress, therefore, is not an accident, but a necessity. . . . It is a part of nature.
Social Statics [1851], pt. I, ch. 2

6 Education has for its object the formation of character. *Ib. II, 17*

7 The poverty of the incapable, the distresses that come upon the imprudent, the starvation of the idle, and those shoulderings aside of the weak by the strong, which leave so many "in shallows and in miseries,"[4] are the decrees of a large, farseeing benevolence.
Ib. III, 25

8 Opinion is ultimately determined by the feelings, and not by the intellect.
Ib. IV, 30

9 Morality knows nothing of geographical boundaries or distinctions of race. *Ib.*

10 No one can be perfectly free till all are free; no one can be perfectly moral till all are moral; no one can be perfectly happy till all are happy. *Ib.*

11 Architecture, sculpture, painting, music, and poetry, may truly be called the efflorescence of civilized life.
Essays on Education [1861]. Education: What Knowledge Is of Most Worth?

12 Every cause produces more than one effect.
Ib. On Progress: Its Law and Cause

13 The tyranny of Mrs. Grundy[5] is worse than any other tyranny we suffer under.
Ib. On Manners and Fashion

14 Old forms of government finally grow so oppressive that they must be thrown off even at the risk of reigns of terror. *Ib.*

15 Music must take rank as the highest of the fine arts—as the one which, more than any other, ministers to human welfare.
Ib. On the Origin and Function of Music

16 We too often forget that not only is there "a soul of goodness in things evil,"[6] but very generally a soul of truth in things erroneous.
First Principles [1861]

17 The fact disclosed by a survey of the past that majorities have been wrong must not blind us to the complementary fact that majorities have usually not been entirely wrong. *Ib.*

18 Volumes might be written upon the impiety of the pious. *Ib.*

19 We have unmistakable proof that throughout all past time, there has been a ceaseless devouring of the weak by the strong.
Ib.

20 This survival of the fittest which I have here sought to express in mechanical terms, is that which Mr. Darwin has called "natural selection, or the preservation of favored races in the struggle for life."[7]
Principles of Biology [1864–1867], pt. III, ch. 12

21 The Republican form of government is the highest form of government: but because of this it requires the highest type of human nature—a type nowhere at present existing.
Essays [1891]. The Americans

22 The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools.
Ib. State Tamperings with Money Banks

[1] He actually said: "Hold out. Relief is coming." General Corse replied: "I am short a cheekbone and an ear, but am able to whip all hell yet."
See Philip Bliss, 635:22.
[2] See Robert E. Lee, 509:8.
[3] The familiar version is: If nominated I will not run; if elected I will not serve.
[4] See Shakespeare, 217:5.
[5] See Thomas Morton, 416:10.
[6] See Shakespeare, 208:3.
[7] See Darwin, 514:15.

1 [To a young diplomat] Don't be eager![1]
From CHARLES AUGUSTIN SAINTE-BEUVE, *Portraits de Femmes [1858]. Madame de Staël*

2 War is much too serious a matter to be entrusted to the military.[2]
Attributed. Quoted by Briand to Lloyd George during World War I. Also attributed to Clemenceau

Benjamin Waterhouse
1754–1846

3 Tobacco is a filthy weed,
That from the devil does proceed;
It drains your purse, it burns your clothes,
And makes a chimney of your nose.
From OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES *[1809–1894], who was vaccinated by Dr. Waterhouse*

Bertrand Barère de Vieuzac
1755–1841

4 The tree of liberty only grows when watered by the blood of tyrants.[3]
Speech in the National Convention [January 16, 1793]

5 It is only the dead who do not return.
Speech [1794]

Anthelme Brillat-Savarin
1755–1826

6 Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you what you are.[4]
Physiologie du Goût [1825], ch. 4

7 A dessert without cheese is like a beautiful woman with only one eye. *Ib. 14*

8 A meal without wine is like a day without sunshine. *Ib.*

Nathan Hale
1755–1776

9 I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.[5]
Last words, before being hanged by the British as a spy [September 22, 1776]

[1] Pas de zèle!
[2] La guerre! C'est une chose trop grave pour la confier à des militaires.
Sometimes quoted as: War is much too serious to leave to the generals.
[3] See Tertullian, 126:3, and Jefferson, 388:7.
[4] See Ruskin, 573:5.
[5] See Addison, 326:1.

Alexander Hamilton
1755–1804

10 A national debt, if it is not excessive, will be to us a national blessing.[6]
Letter to Robert Morris [April 30, 1781]

11 I believe the British government forms the best model the world ever produced. . . . This government has for its object public strength and individual security.
Debates of the Federal Convention [May 14–September 17, 1787].[7] *June 18, 1787*

12 All communities divide themselves into the few and the many. The first are the rich and wellborn, the other the mass of the people. . . . The people are turbulent and changing; they seldom judge or determine right. Give therefore to the first class a distinct, permanent share in the government. They will check the unsteadiness of the second, and as they cannot receive any advantage by a change, they therefore will ever maintain good government. *Ib.*

13 We are now forming a republican government. Real liberty is neither found in despotism or the extremes of democracy, but in moderate governments.
Ib. June 26, 1787

14 Let Americans disdain to be the instruments of European greatness. Let the thirteen States, bound together in a strict and indissoluble Union, concur in erecting one great American system, superior to the control of all transatlantic force or influence, and able to dictate the terms of the connection between the old and the new world!
The Federalist [1787–1788], no. 11

15 Government implies the power of making laws. It is essential to the idea of a law, that it be attended with a sanction; or, in other words, a penalty or punishment for disobedience. *Ib. 15*

16 Why has government been instituted at all? Because the passions of men will not conform to the dictates of reason and justice, without constraint. *Ib.*

17 Every power vested in a government is in its nature sovereign, and includes by force of

[6] At the time we were funding our national debt, we heard much about "a public debt being a public blessing." —THOMAS JEFFERSON, *Letter to John W. Epps* [November 6, 1813]
See Webster, 450:12.
[7] At which the Constitution was written.

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ıd Silence like a poultice comes
› heal the blows of sound.
Dr Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)
American writer, physician

een breaking silence these twenty-three
ıd have hardly made a rent in it.
H. D. Thoreau (1817-1862)

›ften repented speaking, but never of
my tongue.
Xenocrates (396-315 BC)
Greek philosopher

ıs the virtue of fools.
Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

fool, when he holdeth his peace, is
l wise.
Bible, Proverbs

›st silent people are generally those who
ıost highly of themselves.
William Hazlitt (1778-1830)
English essayist

nay be other reasons for a man's not
g in publick than want of resolution:
have nothing to say.
Dr Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

:mies might have said before that he
rather too much; but now he has
nal flashes of silence, that make his
›ation perfectly delightful.
Sydney Smith (1771-1845)
English clergyman, writer
of Macaulay

ıan's silence is wonderful to listen to.
Thomas Hardy (1840-1928)

SEE Emerson on APPLAUSE;
Chesterton on CONVERSATION;
Heine on The ENGLISH; Stevenson
on LYING; Eliot on MODESTY

·ak will sink a ship, and one sin will
a sinner.
John Bunyan (1628-1688)

hich we call sin in others, is experiment

R. W. Emerson (1803-1882)
American essayist, poet, philosopher

part of mankind is angry not with the
ıt with the sinners.
Seneca (c. 5-65)
Roman writer, philosopher, statesman

g makes one so vain as being told that
ı sinner.
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

it a sin twice and it will not seem a

Rabbinical saying

To sin is in itself excusable; to be taken is a crime.
John Fletcher (1579-1625)
English dramatist

No matter how hard the times get, the wages of sin are always liberal and on the dot.
Kin (F. McKinney) Hubbard (1868-1930)
American humorist, journalist

There are only two sorts of men: the one the just, who believe themselves sinners; the other sinners, who believe themselves just.
Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)

He that falls into sin is a man; that grieves at it, is a saint; that boasteth of it, is a devil.
Thomas Fuller (1608-1661)
English cleric

It makes a great difference whether a person is unwilling to sin, or does not know how.
Seneca (c. 5-65)
Roman writer, philosopher, statesman

To abstain from sin when a man cannot sin is to be forsaken by sin, not to forsake it.
Saint Augustine (354-430)

Many are saved from sin by being so inept at it.
Mignon McLaughlin
American author

For God's sake, if you sin, take pleasure
in it,
And do it for the pleasure. . .
Gerald Gould (1885-1936)
British poet

When we sin, we are all ashamed at the presence of our inferiors.
John Chrysostom (345-407)
Greek ecclesiast and hermit

Few love to hear the sins they love to act.
Pericles, *Pericles*
William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Should we all confess our sins to one another we would all laugh at one another for our lack of originality.
Kahlil Gibran (1883-1931)
Syrian mystic, poet

A private sin is not so prejudicial in the world as a public indecency.
Miguel de Cervantes (1547-1616)

When the righteous man turneth away from his righteousness that he hath committed and doeth that which is neither quite lawful nor quite right, he will generally be found to have gained in amiability what he has lost in holiness.
Samuel Butler (1835-1902)
English author

Christ died for our sins. Dare we make his martyrdom meaningless by not committing them?
Jules Feiffer (b. 1929)
American cartoonist

Sin writes histories, goodness is silent.
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832)

SEE Wilson on The CHURCH OF
ENGLAND; Milton on CRIME;
de Madariaga on The ENGLISH;
Marlowe on MITIGATION; Crane
on PARTNERSHIPS; Twain on
PREACHING; France, Marlowe on
RELIGION; Billings, Dryden on
REPENTANCE; Bierce, Wilde on
SAINTHOOD; Molière on SCANDAL;
Butler on SENSE OF HUMOUR

Sincerity

It is dangerous to be sincere unless you are also stupid.
George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

Most remarks that are worth making are commonplace remarks. The thing that makes them worth saying is that we really mean them.
Robert Lynd (1879-1949)
Anglo-Irish essayist, journalist

I only desire sincere relations with the worthiest of my acquaintance, that they may give me an opportunity once in a year to speak the truth.
H. D. Thoreau (1817-1862)

Do not wonder if the common people speak more truly than those of higher rank; for they speak with more safety.
Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

SEE La Rochefoucauld on SOCIABILITY

The Sixties

All that Swinging Sixties nonsense, we all thought it was passé at the time.
David Bailey (b. 1938)
British photographer

I was appalled when the San Francisco ethic didn't mushroom and envelope the whole world into this loving community of acid freaks. I was very naïve.
Grace Slick (b. 1939)
American rock singer

Slander

No character, however upright, is a match for constantly reiterated attacks, however false.
Alexander Hamilton (1755-1804)
American statesman

I will make a bargain with the Democrats. If they will stop telling lies about Republicans we will stop telling the truth about them.
Chauncey Depew (1834-1928)
American Republican politician

British parents are very ready to call for a system of education which offers equal opportunity to all children except their own.

Lord Eccles (b. 1904)
British Conservative politician

True education makes for inequality; the inequality of individuality, the inequality of success, the glorious inequality of talent, of genius.

Felix E. Schelling (1858-1945)
American educator

Workers of England be wise, and then you *must* be free, for you will be *fit* to be free.

Charles Kingsley (1819-1875)
English author, clergyman

Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern but impossible to enslave.

Lord Brougham (1778-1868)
Scottish Whig politician

It is not the insurrections of ignorance that are dangerous, but the revolts of intelligence.

J. R. Lowell (1819-1891)
American poet

Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.

H. G. Wells (1866-1946)

When a man's education is finished, he is finished.

E. A. Filene (1860-1937)
American businessman, financier

SEE Shaw on CLASS; Chesterton on FOREIGNERS; Hughes on PLAY; PRIVATE EDUCATION; Trevelyan on READING; SCHOOL; STUDENTS; TEACHERS; UNIVERSITY

Egoism

Man can be defined as the animal that can say 'I', that can be aware of himself as a separate entity.

Erich Fromm (1900-1980)
American psychologist

The great act of faith is when a man decides that he is not God.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes (1841-1935)
American jurist

Egotist. A person of low taste, more interested in himself than me.

Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914)
American author

Talk to a man about himself and he will listen for hours.

Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881)

A self-made man; who worships his creator.

John Bright (1811-1889)
English Radical politician
of Benjamin Disraeli

The idea that egotism is the basis of the general welfare is the principle on which competitive society has been built.

Erich Fromm (1900-1980)
American psychologist

An inflated consciousness is always egocentric and conscious of nothing but its own existence. It is incapable of learning from the past, incapable of understanding contemporary events, and incapable of drawing right conclusions about the future. It is hypnotized by itself and therefore cannot be argued with. It inevitably dooms itself to calamities that must strike it dead.

Carl Jung (1875-1961)

Edith was a little country bounded on the north, south, east and west by Edith.

Martha Ostenso (1900-1963)
American author

SEE Wilding on ACTORS; Fuller on BORES; Webb on GENIUS; SELF

Elections

There's small choice in rotten apples.

Hortensia, *The Taming of the Shrew*
William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Vote for the man who promises least. He'll be the least disappointing.

Bernard Baruch (1870-1965)
American financier

I never vote for anyone. I always vote against.

W. C. Fields (1879-1946)

It doesn't matter who you vote for, the government always gets in.

graffito in London, 1970s

Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.

George Jean Nathan (1882-1958)
American critic

I just received the following wire from my generous Daddy: 'Dear Jack, Don't buy a single vote more than necessary. I'll be damned if I'm going to pay for a landslide'.

John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)

The Republicans have a 'me too' candidate running on a 'yes but' platform, advised by a 'has been' staff.

Adlai Stevenson (1900-1965)
American Democratic politician

Indeed, you won the elections, but I won the count.

Anastasio Somoza (1896-1956)
dictator of Nicaragua
to an opponent accusing him of rigging the election

SEE Pope on GOVERNMENT

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1
A pair of female slacks represents the triumph of moral courage over vanity.
Cream of Wit, compiled by ROD ASKELL.

2
The Big Baboon
The Big Baboon is found upon
The plains of Cariboo;
He goes about with nothing on
(A shocking thing to do.)
But if he dressed respectably
And let his whiskers grow
How like this Big Baboon would be
To Mister So and So!
HILAIRE BELLOC.

3
It has the subtle flavor of an old pair of sox.
WILLIAM COWPER BRANN, *The Iconoclast.*

4
God makes and the tailor shapes.
JOHN BULWER, *Anthropomet.*

5
This same Miss McFlimsey of Madison Square,
The last time we met was in utter despair,
Because she had nothing whatever to wear!
WILLIAM ALLEN BUTLER, *Nothing to Wear.*

6
He was old-fashioned enough to be a trifle shocked on beholding a grandmother with one leg in the grave and the other in knee-pants.
IRWIN S. COBB, *If I Were a Woman.*

7
One of our unfavorite sights is a mini skirt on a maxi mum.
HAROLD COFFIN, *San Francisco Examiner.*

8
Trousers, trousers, why do women—with the lovely shape which God has given them—want to wear trousers?
LORD CURZON, quoted by LEONARD MOSLEY in *The Glorious Fault.*

9
Some women grow old gracefully—others wear stretch pants.
ROGER DEVLIN, *Tulsa Tribune.*

10
Your age and my discretion.
MARY GARDEN, to Chauncey Depew when he asked her what was holding up her daringly low-cut gown. (*Time,* Jan. 13, 1967.)

11
The more a feller really amounts to th' worse his clothes fit.
FRANK MCKINNEY (KIN) HUBBARD, *Abe Martin's Primer.*

12
Z stands fer Zanibar, in th' tropical zone Where th' belles dress as scantily as our girls here at home.
FRANK MCKINNEY (KIN) HUBBARD, *Abe Martin's Primer.*

13
A man made by God and not by a tailor.
ANDREW JACKSON, referring to Sam Houston. (MCELROY, *Grover Cleveland.*)

14
Once at a banquet the Apostolic Nuncio to France [later Pope John XXIII] found himself seated next to an elegant lady in a dress cut overgenerously low in the neck. When the dessert was served, he invited her to take the apple which he held out to her. Since the lady showed surprise at this gesture, Msgr. Roncalli added:
"Do take it, Madame, please do. It was only after Eve ate the apple that she became aware of how little she had on!"
From *Wit and Wisdom of Good Pope John,* compiled by HENRI FESQUET.

15
Tell him to go ahead with the blue suit. We can use that no matter what happens.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON, *Reply* to a query from a tailor from whom Johnson had ordered two suits shortly before the latter was stricken with a severe heart attack in July, 1955. While Johnson was in a Washington hospital, the tailor called to inquire whether he should proceed with the order. (HENRY A. ZEIGER, *Lyndon B. Johnson: Man and President,* p. 59.)

16
The uniform 'e wore
Was nothin' much before,
An' rather less than 'arf o' that be'ind.
RUDYARD KIPLING, *Gunga Din.*

17
A sensational event was changing from the brown suit to the gray the contents of his pockets. He was earnest about these objects. They were of eternal importance, like baseball or the Republican Party.
SINCLAIR LEWIS, *Babbitt.*

18
I can not contribute to the end in view.
ABRAHAM LINCOLN, *Reply* to a request to contribute to buying a Bloomington man a new pair of pants. From *The Humorous Mr. Lincoln* by KEITH W. JENNISON.

19
The miniskirt is a functional thing. It enables young ladies to run faster—and because of it they may have to.
JOHN V. LINDSAY, quoting *Time.*

20
I have a hankering to go back to the Orient

1
More recently one United States Senator said of another: "There's no use telling that fellow anything. It just goes in one head and out the other."
GEORGE E. ALLEN, *Presidents Who Have Known Me.*

2
He's certain to get the divorce vote, and remember that's one in four these days.
CLEVELAND AMORY, NBC-TV, April 6, 1962.

3
The presidential campaign speech is, like jazz, one of the few truly American art forms. It is not, of course, unknown in other democratic countries, but nowhere else has it achieved the same degree of virtuosity; nowhere else is it so accurate a reflection of national character: by turns solemn or witty, pompous or deeply moving, full of sense or full of wind.
ANONYMOUS, *American Heritage,* Aug., 1964.

4
As Maine goes, so goes the nation.
ANONYMOUS, political saying that gained currency after Benjamin Harrison's victory in 1888. See also FARLEY in this section.

5
All political parties die at last of swallowing their own lies.
JOHN ARBUTHNOT, quoted by RICHARD GARNETT, *Life of Emerson.*

6
Esthetically speaking, Presidential Inaugurations have begun to go the way of the Hollywood biblical epic. Both are afflicted by the national passion for overproducing the simplest of dramas.
RUSSELL BAKER, *The New York Times,* Jan. 21, 1965.

7
I defined a bureaucrat as "a Democrat who holds some office that a Republican wants."
ALBEN W. BARKLEY, *That Reminds Me.*

8
When I was in the House, I was told that the difference between the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was that the Senators were too old to have affairs. They only have relations.
ALBEN W. BARKLEY, quoted by PEGGY MCEVOY, *Reader's Digest,* Feb., 1951.

9
A political leader must keep looking over his shoulder all the time to see if the boys are still there. If they aren't still there, he's no longer a political leader.
BERNARD M. BARUCH, quoted in his obituary, *The New York Times,* June 21, 1965.

10
Vote for the man who promises least. He'll be the least disappointing.
BERNARD M. BARUCH, quoted in *Meyer Berger's New York.*

11
The Payne tariff bill has also shown that the Republicans are expert mathematicians. They can add, subtract, multiply, and divide all in one operation. They can add to the wealth of the rich, subtract from the substance of the poor, multiply millionaires, and divide themselves—all in one bill.
REPRESENTATIVE JACK BEALL OF TEXAS, 1910.

12
Let the hand of discipline smite the leprous lips which utter the profane heresy, *All is fair in politics.*
HENRY WARD BEECHER, quoted in *Henry Ward Beecher: An American Portrait,* by PAXTON HIBBEN.

13
Dr. Beer . . . had distinguished himself for having described the Eisenhower era as a period of "glacial immobility—the Ike age."
VICTOR LASKY, *J.F.K.: The Man and the Myth.*

14
Disraeli cynically expressed the dilemma when he said: "I must follow the people. Am I not their leader?" He might have added: "I *must* lead the people. Am I not their servant?"
EDWARD L. BERNAYS, *Propaganda.*

15
Politics is the art of the next best.
OTTO VON BISMARCK, quoted in *The New York Times,* Aug. 11, 1957.

16
Mr. Lincoln is like a waiter in a large eating house where all the bells are ringing at once; he cannot serve them all at once, and so some grumblers are to be expected.
JOHN BRIGHT, *Cincinnati Gazette,* 1864.

17
In several ways, the [political] convention is a peculiar institution. Like an impatient Brigadoon, it comes to life every four years; it is master of its own rules, and its decisions are as irrevocable as a haircut. Yet, the convention isn't even mentioned in the Constitution or in any law ever passed by Congress. In this sense, it might be described as the most unofficial official (or most official unofficial) gathering in politics.
DAVID BRINKLEY, *The Way It's Been; The New York Times,* July 12, 1964, sec. 11, p. 3.

tactics. That is like the Observatore Romano criticizing the Pope.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, from *The Quotable Mr. Kennedy,* ed. by GERALD GARDNER.

1

Whenever, he said, a politician means to give you the knife at a convention, the last thing he'll say to you, as he leaves the room, is: "Now look, Jack, if there's *anything* I can do for you, you just let me know!" That's the euphemism for "You're dead."

JOHN F. KENNEDY, quoted by GORE VIDAL in *Rocking the Boat: Politics,* 1962.

2

Mr. Nixon may be very experienced in kitchen debates. So are a great many other married men I know.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, *Speech* in Alexandria, Va., Aug. 24, 1960. The reference is to Richard Nixon's debate with Khrushchev.

3

In the Soviet Union he [Richard Nixon] argued with Mr. Khrushchev in the kitchen, it is true, pointing out that while we may be behind in space, we were ahead in color television.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, *Speech* in Alexandria, Va., Aug. 24, 1960.

4

It is, I think, a source of concern to us all that the first dogs carried around in outer space were not named Rover and Fido but instead were named Belka and Strelka. It was not named Checkers either.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, *Speech* in Muskegon, Mich., Sept. 5, 1960. Checkers was the dog owned by Kennedy's opponent, Richard M. Nixon.

5

Question: Senator, when does the moratorium end on Nixon's hospitalization and your ability to attack him?

Mr. Kennedy: Well, I said I would not mention him unless I could praise him until he got out of the hospital, and I have not mentioned him.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, *Speech* in Burbank, Calif., Sept. 9, 1960, during the presidential campaign.

6

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my understanding that the last candidate for the presidency to visit this community in a presidential year was Herbert Hoover in 1928. President Hoover initiated on the occasion of his visit the slogan "Two chickens for every pot," and it is no accident that no presidential candidate has ever dared come back to this community since.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, *Speech* in Bristol, Tenn., Sept. 21, 1960.

7

What are we going to do with the Republicans? They can point to Benjamin Harrison, who according to legend saw a man forced by the depression to eat grass on the White House lawn and had only one suggestion for him—that he go around to the back where the grass was longer.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, *Speech* in Springfield, Ill., Oct. 3, 1960.

8

I want to express my great appreciation to all of you for your kindness in coming out and giving us a warm Hoosier welcome. I understand that this town suffered a misfortune this morning when the bank was robbed. I am confident that the *Indianapolis Star* will say, "Democrats Arrive and Bank Robbed." But we don't believe that.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, *Campaign speech* in Anderson, Ind., Oct. 5, 1960.

9

Mr. [Harold] Stassen announces he will run for Governor of Pennsylvania. He has already been Governor of Minnesota. That leaves only forty-six states still in jeopardy.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, *Speech* in San Francisco, Nov. 2, 1960.

10

I understand Tom Dewey has just joined Dick Nixon out on the Coast, to give him some last-minute strategy on how to win an election.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, *Speech* in New York City, Nov. 5, 1960.

11

Mr. Nixon in the last seven days has called me an economic ignoramus, a Pied Piper, and all the rest. I've just confined myself to calling him a Republican, but he says that is getting low.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, *Speech* in New York City, Nov. 5, 1960.

12

It's a big job. It isn't going to be so bad. You've got time to think. You don't have all those people bothering you that you had in the Senate—besides, the pay is pretty good.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, *Statement* about the presidency, Georgetown, Dec., 1960.

13

What a lousy, fouled-up job this has turned out to be.

JOHN F. KENNEDY to Senator Barry Goldwater after Kennedy's election as President. Quoted by VICTOR LASKY in *J.F.K.: The Man and the Myth.*

14

I know that when things don't go well they like to blame the Presidents, and that is one

who's against you, then you're in the wrong line of work.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, quoted by BOOTH MOONEY in *The Lyndon Johnson Story.*

1
I seldom think of politics more than eighteen hours a day.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, *Speech* to a Texas audience, 1958. (HENRY A. ZEIGER, *Lyndon B. Johnson: Man and President,* p. 68.)

2
Good-by, Culpeper. God bless you, Culpeper! What did Dick Nixon ever do for Culpeper?

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, *Speech* (conclusion) in Culpeper, Va., during the 1960 campaign. This is the best-remembered example of Johnson's whistle-stop technique during an intensive tour of the South in behalf of the Kennedy-Johnson ticket.

3
Jack was out kissing babies when I was passing bills.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON. The reference is to John F. Kennedy.

4
They've been peddling eyewash about themselves and hogwash about Democrats. What they need is a good mouthwash.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, charging his opponents with slurring John F. Kennedy's patriotism, Oct. 23, 1960.

5
I want to be progressive without getting both feet off the ground at the same time. . . . If I had to place a label on myself, I would want to be a progressive who is prudent.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, *Interview* televised nationally from Washington, D.C., Mar. 15, 1964.

6
I think that it is very important that we have a two-party country. I am a fellow that likes small parties, and the Republican party is about the size I like.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, *Press Conference,* Washington, D.C., Apr. 21, 1964.

7
Talking to Democrats about the qualities of our party—and the shortcomings of the opposition—is like the preacher telling the people who are already in their pews what a sin it is not to come to church.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, *Speech,* Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner.

8
The irresponsibles win elections—but always for the other party.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, commenting on his role as Senate majority leader during the Eisenhower Administration, when he was frequently criticized by fellow Democrats for not following a more aggressively partisan course. (HENRY A. ZEIGER, *Lyndon B. Johnson: Man and President,* p. 61.)

9
"In politics," he drummed into his protégé's [John F. Kennedy] head, "you have no friends, only co-conspirators."

JOSEPH KANE, quoted by VICTOR LASKY in *J.F.K.: The Man and the Myth.*

10
"I have always found Roosevelt [Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jr.] an amusing fellow," commented the irrepressible Murray Kempton, "but I would not employ him, except for reasons of personal friendship, as a geek in a common carnival."

VICTOR LASKY, *J.F.K.: The Man and the Myth.*

11
There is one piece about how I felt when Eisenhower beat Stevenson which I have kept because I feel the same way even now. I quit voting after 1956, the second time Stevenson lost; I could not think of a better time to stop.

MURRAY KEMPTON, *America Comes of Middle Age.*

12
A political convention is just not a place where you can come away with any trace of faith in human nature.

MURRAY KEMPTON, *America Comes of Middle Age.*

13
Jack and Bob will run the show,
While Ted's in charge of hiding Joe.

Couplet in reference to John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, and Ted Kennedy. Joe is Joseph Kennedy, their father. The accusation had been made that Kennedy senior was kept under wraps during J.F.K.'s campaign because he had views different from those of the presidential candidate.

14
This district [Brooklyn] was the first district to endorse me as a candidate for President . . . My own family had not even endorsed me when you endorsed me.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, from *The Quotable Mr. Kennedy,* ed. by GERALD C. GARDNER.

15
Mr. Nixon, like the rest of us, has had his troubles in this campaign. At one point even the Wall Street Journal was criticizing his