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DONALD L. FOWLER

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Don Fowler, National Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has been involved in Democratic politics at the state and national levels for three decades.

He served as Chairman of the South Carolina Democratic Party from 1971 to 1980 and President of the Association of State Democratic Chairs from 1975-1977.

A member of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) since 1971, Fowler also served as the Chief Executive Officer of the 1988 Democratic National Convention in Atlanta. He spent 14 years on the Executive Committee of the DNC and chaired the Rules and By-Laws Committee for 10 years.

Fowler was actively involved in the 1992 Democratic National Convention that nominated President Clinton. He sat on the Site Selection Committee and was the Campaign Coordinator for the Platform, Rules and Credentials Convention standing committees.

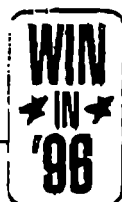
Fowler was elected National Chairman of the Democratic National Committee in January, 1995. In this position, he promotes the election of Democratic candidates at every level of government, from the state house to the White House.

Fowler headed his own advertising and public relations firm, Fowler Communications, Inc., in Columbia, South Carolina, and was also a professor at the University of South Carolina.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Wofford College in South Carolina as well as a Master's degree in Public Administration and a Doctorate in Political Science from the University of Kentucky.

In 1987, he retired as a Colonel in the United States Army Reserve. During his active and reserve duty, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit.

He is married to Septima Briggs Fowler and they have two children, Donald L. Jr. and Cynthia.



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CHRISTOPHER J. DODD

UNITED STATES SENATOR AND GENERAL CHAIRMAN, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

CHRISTOPHER JOHN DODD, Democrat, was born in Willimantic, Connecticut on May 27, 1944.

First elected to the Senate in 1980, Mr. Dodd is serving his third term as Senator in the 104th Congress. Senator Dodd is a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations and ranking member of its Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Peace Corps Affairs. As a member of the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, he serves as ranking member on the Subcommittee on Securities. He serves on the Committee on Labor and Human Resources and is ranking member on its Subcommittee on Children and Families. Senator Dodd is also a member of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Rules and Administration. In 1983, he founded the Senate Children's Caucus.

Prior to his tenure in the Senate, Mr. Dodd served in the 94th, 95th and 96th Congresses, representing the Second District of Connecticut in the House of Representatives. As a member of the House, he served on the Rules Committee, the Judiciary Committee and the Science and Technology Committee. He was also appointed to the Select Committee on the Outer Continental Shelf and the Select Committee on Assassinations. Mr. Dodd is the son of the late Senator Thomas J. and Grace Murphy Dodd. After graduating from Providence College in 1966, he entered the Peace Corps, serving two years in the Dominican Republic. He enlisted in the Army in 1969, fulfilled his obligation in reserve status, and was honorable discharged in 1975. He graduated from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1972, was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 1973, and practiced law in New London until his election to Congress in 1974, his first bid for public office. Senator Dodd is the youngest person ever elected to the U.S. Senate in Connecticut history and the first Connecticut son to follow his father to the upper chamber of Congress.

In January 1995, Senator Dodd was elected the General Chairman of the Democratic National Committee for a two-year term.

Senator Dodd lives in East Haddam, Connecticut.

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1996 DNC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

General Accomplishments

- ✓ The DNC raised more than \$120 million from over 1 million donations, a new fundraising record.
- ✓ The DNC's direct mail program added over 700,000 new donors to our contributor rolls in the past two years. In 1996, new donors brought in under the DNC's direct mail program contributed \$25 million.
- ✓ The DNC's first-ever National Precinct Leadership Program, co-chaired by Senator Barbara Boxer, Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Mayor Dennis Archer, recruited over 30,000 leaders to organize local efforts in targeted base and persuasion precincts.
- ✓ Fourteen DNC Training Academies trained over 3,000 Democratic activists, many of whom were then placed in campaigns around the country.



- ✓ We booked 721 surrogate interviews via satellite on television stations around the country. Over 1,800 radio interviews were booked and over 1,000 radio actualities were fed to radio news programs around the country.
- ✓ The DNC was the first political party to develop a web site. We received an estimated 30,000 hits per day with a total of 10 millions hits for the year. The DNC's Web page was an important tool for conveying ideas as well as receiving offers for financial and volunteer help.

1996 DNC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Election Results

- ✓ President Clinton was re-elected. This marks the first time in 60 years that a Democratic President has been reelected to a second term.
- ✓ Democrats made a net gain of 9 seats in the House of Representatives, closing the gap on the Republican majority.
- ✓ Democratic Governors won 7 out of 11 races for the State House, including New Hampshire.
- ✓ Democrats regained control of 7 State Legislative chambers.

Other Campaign Accomplishments

- ✓ For the first time in history, voter files were built in every state. Coordinated campaign plans were written, approved and executed in a record number of states and the District of Columbia.
- ✓ There were 3.6 million highly targeted voter identification/persuasion phone calls, 7.4 million get-out-the-vote/base vote mobilization phone calls in 41 states, and approximately 15.62 million door-to-door visits in high performance precincts.
- ✓ Over two million voter guides were distributed to targeted areas in 14 states.
- ✓ Over one million specialty signs and bumper stickers were distributed to increase visibility among key Democratic voting blocs. Our first-ever, paid specialty media program used print media, television and radio to reach women and ethnic and minority communities.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS TO THE DNC
WASHINGTON, DC
JANUARY 21, 1997**

First, let me thank all of you for the tremendous job you did in seeing to it that Al Gore and I could return to the White House for four more years. I especially want to thank Chris Dodd and Dan Fowler for their outstanding leadership over the past two years. They took office at a very difficult time. They both sacrificed much by agreeing to serve for two years. And they helped us right our ship. Not only did they spearhead the first re-election of a Democratic presidential ticket in 60 years, but they also helped strengthened our numbers in the House. And they have energized our members as never before. Our state parties are stronger than ever and the DNC now has 1 million small donors across the country. That is a record they should be proud of and we all should applaud them for.

I want to congratulate their successors: Roy Romer and Steve Grossman. Chris Dodd was the first General Chairman in the history of the DNC. And he did so well, that you have decided to keep the job. I am pleased that you have selected a fellow governor and my good friend, Roy Romer as your new General Chairman. Governor Romer has a deep understanding of the world outside the Washington beltway. He has been a national leader in standing up for working families and the education of our children. And his renown consensus-building skills will be well tested in his new role.

I have been impressed with Steve Grossman's tenacity and leadership on behalf of America and the Democratic Party for more than a decade. I want to thank him for working with us to move the Middle East peace process forward when he served as President of AIPAC. And we were all amazed when, as leader of the Massachusetts Democratic Party during 1991 and 1992, he sent an entirely Democratic delegation to Congress for the first time since 1872. Needless to say, he has made Massachusetts a model of state Democratic Party organizations. I welcome his leadership as the new National Chairman and I know that he and Roy Romer will build on our progress of the past two years.

This week has given Al Gore and me a fresh start in our determination to help all Americans face the challenges of a new century and a new millennium together. Today, the Democratic Party has also undertaken a fresh start with the choice of its new leadership. As I said yesterday, This is a moment that will define our course and our character for decades to come. Together we can make America a land of new promise.

What we have done in the first term and what we are about the business of doing in the second term is to reverse so much of what the other party left for us as their legacy when they held the power of the presidency. Their approach was to divide the country -- ours must be to unite the country and bring us together. We have reversed their trickle down economics which divided our country and we have replaced it with invest and grow economics -- bringing the deficit down, increasing investments in our people, living within our means.

Whereas they used issues like welfare, crime, and our racial and religious differences as wedges to drive us apart, we have sought to move beyond that, treating these matters as problems to be solved not issues to be exploited. And our approach is working. Working in concert with the American people we are gaining ground against our most vexing social problems. Crime is down. The welfare rolls are down. Teen pregnancy is down. And we are standing firm against attempts to turn back the clock on racial progress and our treatment of legal immigrants. By working together, we are taking the political sting out of these complex issues.

Another way they have sought to divide us is by making people hate government. As I said yesterday, we have forged a new consensus about the proper role of government. We have agreed that government is not the problem nor is it the solution. We, the people, are the solution. That is why we need a new government -- humble enough not to try to solve all our problems for us, but strong enough to give us the tools to solve our problems for ourselves. Over the last four years, our approach to government has made a real difference in the lives of every day, working Americans. We have created 11 million new jobs -- the most new jobs created during a single administration in our nation's history. Our deficit is down more than 60 percent. Home ownership is at an all-time high. And American businesses and technology are once again the envy of the world. But there is much more to do.

In the next four years, we must be the party that balances its budget, but never loses the balance of its values. We must continue to lead the fight for education. We must keep working hard to help parents succeed at work and at home. We must insist that every citizen, every business, every house of worship in this country take personal responsibility for turning America's permanent underclass into a growing middle class. And we must continue to stand strong for peace and freedom, at home and around the world.

But our vision of America as the land of new promise cannot be realized until we extinguish forever the burning embers of racial animosity that continue to singe our national soul. This is essentially a problem of the heart that every American must grapple with. But we can lead by our example and by our commitment to the ideals of Dr. King and other great healers, past and present.

And we must be willing to admit that we do not have all the answers. We are a pluralistic society, which means we must give voice and respect to many different points of view. As scripture tells us, "We must be repairers of the breach." That is why I have called on the Congress to put aside petty bickering and extreme partisanship so we can do the people's business.

As part of that, one of the first things we need to do is political reform....

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