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Leading Democratic Women Excoriate Trump During Fiery DNC Speeches

CHICAGO — At the Democratic National Convention, a cadre of leading Democratic women took the stage, unleashing a barrage of critiques against Donald Trump and J.D. Vance, framed by the Republicans’ notorious record on women’s issues. The stark differences in vision and values of the twice-impeached and 34-times convicted former president, his vice presidential nominee, and Vice President Kamala Harris and her surrogates were on full display in Chicago.

Hillary Clinton opened with a searing take on Trump’s legal woes. “Donald Trump fell asleep at his own trial,” Clinton recounted to an amused crowd. “When he woke up, he’d made his own kind of history — the first person to run for president with 34 felony convictions.” The statement sparked a wave of laughter and wild applause, leading to chants of “Lock him up!” echoing the irony of Trump’s previous attacks on her.



Rep. Jasmine Crockett, Dallas, Texas speaking at the DNC on Monday, August 19. Photo Credit: NNPA Files

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“We have him on the run now,” Clinton declared. “But Continue **Women** Page 4

Transcript: Barack Obama’s Speech at the 2024 Democratic National Convention

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Former President Barack Obama speaking at the Democratic National Convention on Tuesday, August 20. Photo Credit: NNPA Files.

It’s good to be home. It is good to be home. And I don’t know about you, but I’m feeling fired up. I am feeling ready to go even if I am the only person stupid enough to speak after Michelle Obama. I am feeling hopeful because this convention has always been pretty good to kids with funny names who believe in

a country where anything is possible; because we have a chance to elect someone who has spent her entire life trying to give people the same chances America gave her, someone who sees you and hears you and will get up every single day and fight for you, the next President of the United States of America, Kamala

Harris. It’s been 16 years since I had the honor of accepting this party’s nomination for President. And I know that’s hard to believe, because I have not aged a bit. But it’s true. And looking back, I can say, without question, that my first big decision as

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Former First Lady Michelle Obama speaking at the Democratic National Convention on Tuesday, August 20. Photo Credit: TV Screenshot.

Hello, Chicago! Something, something wonderfully magical is in the air, isn’t it? Yeah. You know, we’re feeling it here in this arena, but it’s spreading all across this country we love. A familiar feeling that’s been buried too deep for far too long. You know what I’m talking about. It’s the contagious

power of hope, the anticipation, the energy, the exhilaration of once again being on the cusp of a brighter day. The chance to vanquish the demons of fear, division, and hate that have consumed us and continue pursuing the unfinished promise of this great nation. The dream that our parents and grandparents fought and

died and sacrificed for. America, hope is making a comeback. But, to be honest, I am realizing that until recently, I have mourned the dimming of that hope. And maybe you’ve experienced the same feelings—it’s that deep pit in my stomach, a

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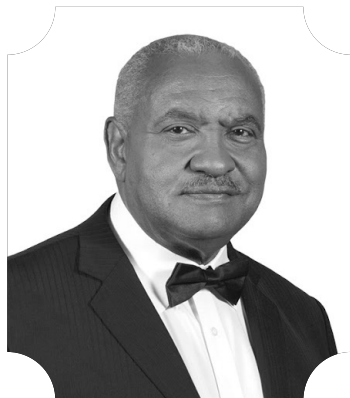
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EDITORIAL PAGE

Race: Stronger Than Criminal Convictions & Indictments

By Dr. John E. Warren

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Dr. John E. Warren

Why is it that when one hears the political polls, projections, and discussions about who is ahead in the coming Presidential Election, there is no discussion about Donald Trump's fitness to hold office as President of the United States? There is little or no discussion about his 34 felony convictions,

100 plus criminal indictments, and pending trials. Why is there so much discussion and concern about Vice President Kamala Harris's background while ignoring the fact that she was not only a prosecutor in San Francisco, sending criminals to jail, but also the first Black woman Attorney General for the largest state in the union as well as an elected U.S. Senator from that state?

How does an ultra-conservative section of this nation support Trump the criminal while attempting to degrade a U.S. Senator, former State Attorney General, and District Attorney as well as Vice President of the United States? The unspo-

ken elephant in the room is racism, plain and simple. Donald Trump represents "The Great White Hope" at a time when there is more concern about the growing numbers of people of color than the actual issues confronting America. Racism says, "We don't really care about the issues. We don't really care about saving democracy if it is not for a "White" America in charge of everything. We don't really care that over 1 million people died of COVID-19 under Trump's Presidency and that only under Biden did we get relief both medically and economically. This is the belief system of the Republican Party with enough intellect to

embrace a "Project 2025" agenda with full knowledge of its attack on our Constitution and all that it stands for.

We, the people, must keep the debate focused on policy issues and who can best serve America going forward with a proven track record. Clearly, that person is not Donald Trump, who should be headed for an Orange Jumpsuit instead of the White House. Let's not let the mainstream media, with questions and comments designed to boost their ratings rather than give Americans a real examination of the issues, direct the people involved in this coming election at all levels, especially the presidency.

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Momentum Happens In Politics Too, and Vice President Kamala Harris Has It

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.



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It's not where you start, it's where you finish. Bend but don't break. These are two expressions that have been a part of the American folklore for many years.

As we have made our way through trials and tribulations, we have had moments where we were almost out of commission. We were on a bent knee, not a broken knee.

Sports have given rise to any number of do-or-die moments. For example, being down a match point in a tennis match is daunting, but we've watched enough matches to know that players recover and win those matches. You pick a sport, and you have watched similar scenarios unfold.

There are illnesses too that challenge us, yet we

overcome them. We don't give up, and we don't give in to them. So, everyday life can sometimes give us a fit, but we persevere and get better.

When we do get better and get victory over our circumstances, we begin to soar. A boom replaces doom. A can-do attitude replaces a can't-do attitude. It's simply called momentum. When you get it, nothing can stop you.

I believe Vice President Harris has this poem by Maya Angelou with her on the campaign trail. You do remember Still I Rise By Maya Angelou? "You may write me down in history with your bitter, twisted lies; you may tread me in the very dirt. But still, like dust, I'll rise. Does my sassiness upset you? Why are you beset with gloom? 'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells pumping in my living room."

These poetic words by Dr. Maya Angelou, in some ways, mirror what is happening now in the race for president. The Harris-Walz ticket has created unprecedented momentum. They are riding a wave of big crowds and wide-scale enthusiasm

among would-be voters.

Looking at this momentum, they have wrestled away from the other side, which is unlike anything we have ever seen in American politics. One month ago, the Biden-Harris team was on the outside looking in without much hope. Now, they are inside with renewed vigor and vitality. They have, in the words of this generation, kicked the other side to the curb.

This wave of good fortune means they will be in good shape as the Democratic National Convention begins in Chicago. The DNC is scheduled August 19th-22nd. It is safe to say that the delegates will have 4 days of high energy, high hopes and unbridled joy.

They are going into this convention believing they can win the general election in the Fall. They have the momentum and aren't letting go of it. Now, there are so many groups that have formed that are supporting Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz.

The Obamas and the Clintons will be there making their presence

known. President Joe Biden will make a speech on Monday night that will pass the torch to Vice President Harris.

On last Friday, in Raleigh NC, Vice President Harris outlined her economic agenda. She said, "Our economy is the strongest that it has ever been. We will build an opportunity economy. An economy where everyone will be able to compete. America will define the future and lead the world. The middle class is one of our basic strengths. When the middle class is strong, America is strong."

She added, "Bringing down costs will be a top priority of my administration. I will go after the bad actors. I will work on passing a federal ban on price gouging on food".

The Republicans are in the oven and burning up. They have been overcooked. They want to hurt and harm Americans. For example, they want to repeal the Affordable Healthcare Act. Our mandate is to vote for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz in the upcoming election. Let's keep the momentum.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

RELIGIOUS/NEWS

Instructions Regarding Various Groups in the Church

I Timothy 4:1-16



Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

At the outset of our lesson, many of us contend that there is a vital distinction between worship and service. We think that worship is only when we present ourselves publicly in our churches; moreover, we conclude that our presence on Sundays only serves as the basis of worship. Whereas, it is highly noble that we worship corporately (Hebrews 10:25); however, our whole life should be dedicated to the desired end that God would be glorified, regardless of wherever we are. Even in our secular affairs, we should be serving God, for true worship of God truly inspires service. Genuine service to others is a true reflection of our worship of God.

I Timothy 5:1-25 may be outlined as follows: I. Service In Relation to Human Relationships - I Timothy 5:1-2; II. Service In Relation to Widows - I Timothy 5:3-16; III. Service In Relation to Elders - I Timothy 5: 17-25.

I. Service In Relation to Human Relationships - I Timothy 5:1-2

In I Timothy 5:1-2, Paul, a master biblical counselor, will instruct Timothy with regard to his social relationships with others. These various groups must be dealt with wisely, for Timothy needed to have a profitable relationship with them. The first group that

Paul will admonish Timothy to deal wisely with is the Elder or older, not necessarily mature, man. Timothy was admonished by Paul not to “rebuke” or censure him. He should exhort or appeal to him rather than censure him. He was to treat the Elder as a father. Next, Timothy was exhorted to treat the “younger men as brothers” (verse 1). With respect to the older women, Timothy was exhorted by Paul to treat them like mothers. He is to treat them with gentle respect. With respect to younger women, he was to treat them as sisters, with all purity. As Timothy deals with the young members of the opposite sex, he must exercise complete purity, not giving any appearance of evil (I Thessalonians 5:22).

II. Service In Relation to Widows - I Timothy 5:3-16

In verses 3-8, Paul will instruct Timothy with respect to his service to widows. These verses supply the church with how we should support the widows. In verse 3, the church needs to render “honor to widows that are widows indeed.” The expression, “widow indeed” relates to those who really have no other means of support. These certainly need to be esteemed among the church, as well as, provided with some means of support. However, the widows in

verse 4 who have relatives can provide financial support. The word “nephew” can refer to “grandchildren or descendants.” These relatives should render support, for in so doing, they will be showing their religious responsibility for what their relative have done for them.

Honoring and esteeming parents is always pleasing to God, for one of the Ten Commandments enjoins us to do so (Exodus 20:12). Paul goes on to depict what a widow is in verses 5-7. She is one who has no provided means of support, and whose “trust is in God.” She also is one who is a prayer warrior- one who makes “supplications and entreaties night and day.” In total contrast to the “widow indeed,” is the widow who was noted to live a life of pleasure (verse 6). To such a widow, the church is not obligated to support! In verse 7, Timothy was charged with the responsibility to carry out the instructions given regarding widows. As another note regarding this subject of widows, Paul issued a serious charge that Christian relatives should not disregard their duty to care for their widow relatives, for doing so, they have “denied the faith,” and they are “worse than an infidel” (verse 8).

In verses 9-10, Paul cites those widows who meet the condition of being a widow indeed (v. 3) with the following qualifications: (1) she must be at least sixty (60)

years old; (2) she must have been faithful to her husband; (3) she must be well-known for her good deeds. Paul will cite five examples of good deeds that she is noted for that included her involvement with child-raising, hospitality, washing saints’ feet, helping people in trouble, and various other deeds of kindness.

In verses 11-12, younger widows were not to be placed on the list. For one thing, the younger widows would pledge faithfulness to serve Christ and the church but would then start looking for husbands. In verse 13, furthermore, with the young women growing cold spiritually, they will stop serving others and will start getting into trouble. In verse 14, Paul’s counsel was that younger women would marry, raise a family, manage their homes, so that they would not give the enemy no opportunity for slander.

In verse 15, Paul had indicated that some young women were already guilty of turning away to follow Satan; thus, such behavior will bring reproach upon the name of Christ and the witness of the church. In verse 16, Paul admonished that relatives should take care of their own needy members, that the church be not burdened (charged).

“May God Bless!”

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palpable sense of dread about the future. And for me, that mourning has also been mixed with my own personal grief. The last time I was here in my hometown was to memorialize my mother, the woman who showed me the meaning of hard work and humility and decency. The woman who set my moral compass high and showed me the power of my own voice. Folks, I still feel her loss so profoundly. I wasn’t even sure if I’d be steady enough to stand before you tonight, but my heart compelled me to be here because of the sense of duty that I feel to honor her memory and to remind us all not to squander the sacrifices our elders made to give us a better future.

You see, my mom in her steady quiet way, lived out that striving sense of hope every single day of her life. She believed that all children, all people have value. That anyone can succeed if given the opportunity. She and my father didn’t aspire to be wealthy—in fact, they were suspicious of folks who took more than they needed. They understood that it wasn’t enough for their kids to thrive if everyone else around us was drowning. So my mother volunteered at the local school. She always looked out for the other kids on the block. She was glad to do the thankless, unglamorous work that, for generations, has strengthened the fabric of this nation. The belief that if you do unto others, if you love thy neighbor, if you work and scrape and sacrifice, it will pay off—if not for you, then maybe for your children or your grand-

children.

You see, those values have been passed on through family farms and factory towns, through tree-lined streets and crowded tenements, through prayer groups and national guard units and social studies classrooms. Those were the values my mother poured into me until her very last breath.

Kamala Harris and I built our lives on those same foundational values. Even though our mothers grew up an ocean apart, they shared the same belief in the promise of this country. That’s why her mother moved here from India at 19. It’s why she taught Kamala about justice, about the obligation to lift others up, about our responsibility to give more than we take. She’d often tell her daughter: “Don’t sit around and complain about things. Do something.”

So, with that voice in her head, Kamala went out and she worked hard in school, graduating from an HBCU, earning her law degree at a state school. And then she went on to work for the people fighting to hold law breakers accountable, strengthening the rule of law, fighting to get folks better wages, cheaper prescription drugs, a good education, decent healthcare, childcare, elder care. From a middle-class household, Kamala worked her way up to become Vice President of the United States of America.

My girl, Kamala Harris, is more than ready for this moment. She is one of the most qualified people ever to seek the office of the presidency. And she is one of the most dignified—a tribute to her mother, to my mother, and to your mother too. The embodiment of the stories we tell our-

selves about this country. Her story is your story. It’s my story. It’s the story of the vast majority of Americans trying to build a better life.

Look, Kamala knows, like we do, that regardless of where you come from, what you look like, who you love, how you worship, or what’s in your bank account, we all deserve the opportunity to build a decent life. All of our contributions deserve to be accepted and valued. Because no one has a monopoly on what it means to be an American. No one.

Kamala has shown her allegiance to this nation, not by spewing anger and bitterness, but by living a life of service and always pushing the doors of opportunity open to others. She understands that most of us will never be afforded the grace of failing forward. We will never benefit from the affirmative action of generational wealth. If we bankrupt the business or choke in a crisis, we don’t get a second, third, or fourth chance. If things don’t go our way, we don’t have the luxury of whining or cheating others to get further ahead. No. We don’t get to change the rules, so we always win. If we see a mountain in front of us, we don’t expect there to be an escalator waiting to take us to the top. No. We put our heads down. We get to work. In America, we do something.

(Crowd chants: “Do something!”)

And throughout her entire life, that’s what we’ve seen from Kamala Harris, the steel of her spine, the steadiness of her upbringing, the honesty of her example, and yes, the joy of her laughter and her light.

It couldn’t be more obvi-

ous: Of the two major candidates in this race, only Kamala Harris truly understands the unseen labor and unwavering commitment that has always made America great.

Now, unfortunately, we know what comes next. We know folks are going to do everything they can to distort her truth. My husband and I, sadly, know a little something about this. For years, Donald Trump did everything in his power to try to make people fear us. See, his limited, narrow view of the world made him feel threatened by the existence of two hardworking, highly educated, successful people who happen to be Black.

Wait, I want to know: Who’s going to tell him that the job he’s currently seeking might just be one of those “Black jobs”?

Look, it’s his same old con: doubling down on ugly, misogynistic, racist lies as a substitute for real ideas and solutions that will actually make people’s lives better. Look, because cutting our healthcare, taking away our freedom to control our bodies, the freedom to become a mother through IVF like I did—those things are not going to improve the health outcomes of our wives, mothers, and daughters. Shutting down the Department of Education, banning our books—none of that will prepare our kids for the future. Demonizing our children for being who they are and loving who they love—look, that doesn’t make anybody’s life better.

Instead, it only makes us small. And let me tell you this: Going small is never the answer. Going small is the

opposite of what we teach our kids. Going small is petty, it’s unhealthy, and quite frankly, it’s unrepresentational.

So, why would any of us accept this from anyone seeking our highest office? Why would we normalize that type of backward leadership? Doing so only demeans and cheapens our politics. It only serves to further discourage good, big-hearted people from wanting to get involved at all. America, our parents taught us better than that, and we deserve so much better than that.

That’s why we must do everything in our power to elect two of those good, big-hearted people. There is no other choice than Kamala Harris and Tim Walz. No other choice.

But, as we embrace this renewed sense of hope, let us not forget the despair we have felt. Let us not forget what we are up against. Yes, Kamala and Tim are doing great now. We’re loving it. They’re packing arenas across the country. Folks are energized. We are feeling good. But remember there are still so many people who are desperate for a different outcome, who are ready to question and criticize every move Kamala makes, who are eager to spread those lies, who don’t want to vote for a woman, who will continue to prioritize building their wealth over ensuring that everyone has enough.

So, no matter how good we feel tonight or tomorrow or the next day, this is going to be an uphill battle. So, folks, we cannot be our own worst enemies. No. See, because the minute something goes wrong, the minute a lie takes hold, folks, we cannot start

wringing our hands. We cannot get a Goldilocks complex about whether everything is just right. And we cannot indulge our anxieties about whether this country will elect someone like Kamala instead of doing everything we can to get someone like Kamala elected.

Kamala and Tim, they have lived amazing lives, and I am confident that they will lead with compassion, inclusion, and grace. But they are still only human. They are not perfect. And like all of us, they will make mistakes. But luckily y’all, this is not just on them. No, uh-uh. This is up to us, all of us, to be the solution that we seek. It’s up to all of us to be the antidote to the darkness and division. Look, I don’t care how you identify politically—whether you’re a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or none of the above. This is our time to stand up for what we know in our hearts is right. To stand up, not just for our basic freedoms but for decency and humanity; for basic respect, dignity, and empathy; for the values at the very foundation of this democracy.

It’s up to us to remember what Kamala’s mother told her: “Don’t just sit around and complain. Do something.” So, if they lie about her—and they will—we’ve got to do something. If we see a bad poll—and we will—we’ve got to put down that phone and do something. If we start feeling tired, if we start feeling that dread creeping back in, we gotta pick ourselves up, throw water on our face, and what?

(Crowd chants: “Do something!”)

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HEALTH

It's time for back-to-school vaccines

Summer is still in full swing in Texas, but the first day of school is right around the corner. That means it's time for Dallas County parents to get their students ready to return to the classroom. Topping the to-do list is making sure students have the proper vaccines before classes start in August.

"Vaccines are one of the most important steps you can take to protect the health of your child," said Cesar Termulo, MD, Associate Medical Director at Parkland. "Vaccines keep children healthy by preventing infectious diseases. Children miss fewer days of school and parents miss fewer days of work. When parents do not vaccinate their children, they put everyone at risk – their own children, their classmates and their teachers – for diseases that are easily prevented but that can be devastating."

Parkland offers vaccines to help you get your children ready for the school year with Walk-In Wednesdays. Parents can bring their children to any of Parkland's Community Oriented Primary Care health centers (COPCs) throughout Dallas County for vaccines any Wednesday without an appointment.

In Texas, children must have the following vaccines before kindergarten:

- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (boosters if they are older students)
- Polio
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Hepatitis A and B
- Varicella
- Meningococcal (For older students)

Children in daycare must also be vaccinated.

Walk-in-Wednesday immunizations are available at Parkland's network of COPC health centers from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

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no matter what the polls say, we can't give up."

Rep. Jasmine Crockett of Texas highlighted the divergent paths of Harris and Trump. "One candidate worked at McDonald's while she was in college at an HBCU. The other was born with a silver spoon in his mouth and helped his daddy in the family business: Housing discrimination," Crockett said, sparking boisterous applause from the audience. She continued, "She became a career prosecutor, while he became a career criminal, with 34 felonies, two impeachments, and one porn star to prove it."

Reflecting on her early days in Congress, Crockett shared a personal testimony about Harris' influence. "When I first got to Congress, I wasn't sure I made the right decision," she admitted. "That chaos caucus couldn't elect a speaker, and the Oversight Committee was unhinged."

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-

Cortez of New York also critically panned Trump's priorities. "We know Trump would sell this country for a dollar if it meant lining his own pockets and greasing palms of his Wall Street friends," Ocasio-Cortez asserted. Her speech vividly championed Harris as a beacon for working Americans. "To love this country is to fight for its people — all people, working people, everyday Americans like bartenders and factory workers and fast-food cashiers who punch a clock and are on their feet all day in some of the toughest jobs out there."

Ocasio-Cortez then stirred the thousands of delegates with a forward-looking promise: "America, when we knock on our neighbor's door, organize our communities, and elect Kamala Harris to the presidency on November 5, we will send a loud message that the people of this nation will not go back. We choose a new path and open the door to a new day: one that is for the people and by the people."

Quinn Minute

Proper attire is important

By Rix Quinn

A well-dressed person can go a long way in life. A naked person can't go nearly as far...especially in snow.

That's because the right garment selection can (1) impress others, (2) display your sense of style and taste, (3) make others think you know lots more than you do.

Would you borrow money from a bank officer dressed like a clown? (Personally, I would borrow from anyone.) But most folks would avoid both a banker clown or funny money.

When I board a plane, I expect the pilot to wear a captain's hat, uniform, and tie and to display her

wings above the jacket's pocket.

However, I will leave immediately if her wings are shoulder-mounted or if they flap spontaneously. Because many uniforms are historically traditional, professionals should never exchange them. A chef's hat looks great in a fine restaurant,

but you don't want to see it on a funeral director.

Nor would you likely share theological thoughts with a preacher dressed as a pirate.

The older you get, the more you appreciate individual fashion. Sometimes, I dress as a referee so I can call penalties on everybody I see.

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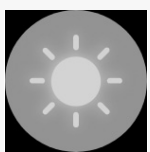
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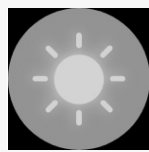
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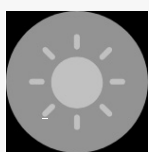
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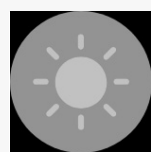
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your nominee turned out to be one of my best. And that was asking Joe Biden to serve by my side as Vice President.

Other than some common Irish blood, Joe and I come from different backgrounds. But we became brothers. And as we worked together for eight—sometimes pretty tough—years, what I came to admire most about Joe wasn't just his smarts, his experience; it was his empathy and his decency and his hard-earned resilience, his unshakeable belief that everyone in this country deserves a fair shot. And over the last four years, those are the values America has needed most.

At a time when millions of our fellow citizens were sick and dying, we needed a leader with the character to put politics aside and do what was right. At a time when our economy was reeling, we needed a leader with the determination to drive what would become the world's strongest recovery: 15 million jobs, higher wages, lower health-care costs. At a time when the other party had turned into a cult of personality, we needed a leader who was steady and brought people together and was selfless enough to do the rarest thing there is in politics: putting his own ambition aside for the sake of the country.

History will remember Joe Biden as an outstanding President who defended democracy at a moment of great danger. And I am proud to call him my President, but I am even prouder to call him my friend. Now, the torch has been passed. Now, it is up to all of us to fight for the America we believe in. And make no mistake, it will be a fight. For all the incredible energy we've been able to generate over the last few weeks, for all the rallies and the memes, this will still be a tight race in a closely divided country. A country where too many Americans are still struggling, where a lot of Americans don't believe government can help. And as we gather here tonight, the people who will decide this election are asking a very simple question: Who will fight for me? Who's thinking about my future, about my children's future, about our future together?

One thing is for certain: Donald Trump is not losing sleep over that question. Here's a 78-year-old billionaire who has not stopped whining about his problems since he rode down his golden escalator nine years ago. It has been a constant stream of gripes and grievances that's actually been getting worse now that he is afraid of losing to Kamala. There's the childish nicknames, the crazy conspiracy theories, this weird obsession with crowd sizes.

It just goes on and on and on. The other day, I heard someone compare Trump to the neighbor who keeps running his leaf blower outside your window every minute of every day. Now, from a neighbor, that's exhausting. From a President, it's just dangerous.

The truth is, Donald Trump

sees power as nothing more than a means to his ends. He wants the middle class to pay the price for another huge tax cut that would mostly help him and his rich friends. He killed a bipartisan immigration deal written in part by one of the most conservative Republicans in Congress that would've helped secure our southern border, because he thought trying to actually solve the problem would hurt his campaign. He doesn't—

Do not boo. Vote.

He doesn't seem to care if more women lose their reproductive freedom, since it won't affect his life. And most of all, Donald Trump wants us to think that this country is hopelessly divided: between us and them, between the real Americans who—of course—support him and the outsiders who don't. And he wants you to think that you'll be richer and safer if you will just give him the power to put those other people back in their place. It is one of the oldest tricks in politics, from a guy whose act has—let's face it—gotten pretty stale.

We do not need four more years of bluster and bumbling and chaos. We have seen that movie before, and we all know that the sequel is usually worse.

America's ready for a new chapter. America's ready for a better story. We are ready for a President Kamala Harris.

And Kamala Harris is ready for the job. This is a person who has spent her life fighting on behalf of people who need a voice and a champion. As you heard from Michelle, Kamala was not born into privilege. She had to work for what she's got. And she actually cares about what other people are going through. She's not the neighbor running the leaf blower. She's the neighbor rushing over to help when you need a hand.

As a prosecutor, Kamala stood up for children who had been victims of sexual abuse. As an Attorney General of the most populous state in the country, she fought big banks and for-profit colleges, securing billions of dollars for the people they had scammed. After the whole mortgage crisis, she pushed me and my Administration hard to make sure homeowners got a fair settlement. It didn't matter that I was a Democrat, didn't matter that she had knocked on doors for my campaign in Iowa—she was going to fight to get as much relief as possible for the families who deserved it.

As Vice President, she helped take on the drug companies to cap the cost of insulin, lower the cost of healthcare, give families with kids a tax cut. And she is running for President with real plans to lower costs even more and protect Medicare and Medicaid and sign a law to guarantee every woman's right to make her own health-care decisions.

In other words, Kamala Harris won't be focused on her problems, she'll be focused on yours. As

President, she won't just cater to her own supporters and punish those who refuse to kiss the ring or bend the knee. She'll work on behalf of every American. That's who Kamala is.

And in the White House, she will have an outstanding partner in Governor Tim Walz. Let me tell you something. I love this guy. Tim is the kind of person who should be in politics born in a small town, served his country, taught kids, coached football, took care of his neighbors. He knows who he is, and he knows what's important. You can tell those flannel shirts he wears don't come from some political consultant; they come from his closet, and they have been through some stuff. They have been through some stuff. That's right.

Together, Kamala and Tim have kept faith with America's central story: a story that says, "We are all created equal." All of us endowed with certain inalienable rights. That everyone deserves a chance. That even when we don't agree with each other, we can find a way to live with each other. That's Kamala's vision. That's Tim's vision. That's the Democratic Party's vision. And our job over the next 11 weeks is to convince as many people as possible to vote for that vision.

Now, it won't be easy. The other side knows it's easier to play on people's fears and cynicism. It always has been. They will tell you that government is inherently corrupt, that sacrifice and generosity are for suckers, and since the game is rigged it's okay to take what you want and just look after your own. That's the easy path.

We have a different task. Our job is to convince people that democracy can actually deliver. And, and in doing that, we can't just point to what we've already accomplished. We can't just rely on the ideas of the past. We need to chart a new way forward to meet the challenges of today. And Kamala understands this. She knows, for example, that if we want to make it easier for more young people to buy a home, we need to build more units and clear away some of the outdated laws and regulations that made it harder to build homes for working people in this country. That is a priority. And she's put out a bold new plan to do just that.

On healthcare, we should all be proud of the enormous progress that we've made through the Affordable Care Act, providing millions of people access to affordable coverage, protecting millions more from unscrupulous insurance practices. And I'd noticed, by the way, that since it's become popular, they don't call it Obamacare no more.

But Kamala knows we can't stop there, which is why she'll keep working to limit out-of-pocket costs. Kamala knows that if we want to help people get ahead, we need to put a college degree within reach of more Americans. But

she also knows college shouldn't be the only ticket to the middle class. We need to follow the lead of governors like Tim Walz, who said, if you've got the skills and the drive, you shouldn't need a degree to work for state government.

And in this new economy, we need a President who actually cares about the millions of people all across this country, who wake up every single day to do the essential, often thankless work: to care for our sick, to clean our streets, to deliver our packages. We need a President who will stand up for their right to bargain for better wages and working conditions. And Kamala will be that President.

Yes, she can.

(Crowd chants: "Yes, she can!") Yes, she can.

A Harris-Walz administration can help us move past some of the tired, old debates that keep stifling progress. Because at their core, Kamala and Tim understand that when everybody gets a fair shot, we are all better off. They understand that when every child gets a good education, the whole economy gets stronger. When women are paid the same as men for doing the same job, all families benefit. They understand that we can secure our borders without tearing kids away from their parents. Just like we can keep our streets safe while also building trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve and eliminating bias that will make it better for everybody.

Donald Trump and his well-heeled donors, they don't see the world that way. For them, one group's gains is necessarily another group's loss. For them, freedom means that the powerful can do pretty much what they please, whether it's fire workers trying to organize a union or put poison in our rivers or avoid paying taxes like everybody else has to do.

Well, we have a broader idea of freedom. We believe in the freedom to provide for your family if you're willing to work hard. The freedom to breathe clean air and drink clean water and send your kids to school without worrying if they'll come home. We believe that true freedom gives each of us the right to make decisions about our own life, how we worship, what our family looks like, how many kids we have, who we marry. And we believe that freedom requires us to recognize that other people have the freedom to make choices that are different than ours. That's okay.

That's the America Kamala Harris and Tim Walz believe in: an America where "we, the people" includes everyone. Because that's the only way this American experiment works. And despite what our politics might suggest, I think most Americans understand that. Democracy isn't just a bunch of abstract principles and dusty laws in some book somewhere. It's the values we live by. It's the way we treat each other, including those

who don't look like us or pray like us or see the world exactly like we do.

That sense of mutual respect has to be part of our message. Our politics have become so polarized these days that all of us across the political spectrum seem so quick to assume the worst in others unless they agree with us on every single issue. We start thinking that the only way to win is to scold and shame and out-yell the other side. And after a while, regular folks just tune out, or they don't bother to vote.

Now that approach may work for the politicians who just want attention and thrive on division, but it won't work for us. To make progress on the things we care about, the things that really affect people's lives, we need to remember that we've all got our blind spots and contradictions and prejudices. And that if we want to win over those who aren't yet ready to support our candidates, we need to listen to their concerns and maybe learn something in the process.

After all, if a parent or grandparent occasionally says something that makes us cringe, we don't automatically assume they're bad people. We recognize that the world is moving fast, that they need time and maybe a little encouragement to catch up. Our fellow citizens deserve the same grace we hope they'll extend to us. That's how we can build a true Democratic majority, one that can get things done.

And by the way, that does not just matter to the people in this country. The rest of the world is watching to see if we can actually pull this off. No nation, no society has ever tried to build a democracy as big and as diverse as ours before. One that includes people that, over decades, have come from every corner of the globe. One where our allegiances and our community are defined not by race or blood but by a common creed. And that's why when we uphold our values, the world's a little brighter. When we don't, the world's a little dimmer—and dictators and autocrats feel emboldened, and over time, we become less safe.

We shouldn't be the world's policeman and we can't eradicate every cruelty and injustice in the world. But America can be and must be a force for good: discouraging conflict, fighting disease, promoting human rights, protecting the planet from climate change, defending freedom, brokering peace. That's what Kamala Harris believes and so do most Americans.

(Crowd chants: "Yes, we can!")

I know these ideas can feel pretty naive right now. We live in a time of such confusion and rancor, with a culture that puts a premium on things that don't last: money, fame, status, likes. We chase the approval of strangers on our phones. We build all manner of walls and fences around ourselves, and then we won-

der why we feel so alone. We don't trust each other as much because we don't take the time to know each other. And in that space between us, politicians and algorithms teach us to caricature each other and troll each other and fear each other.

But here's the good news, Chicago: All across America, in big cities and small towns, away from all the noise, the ties that bind us together are still there. We still coach Little League and look out for our elderly neighbors. We still feed the hungry in churches and mosques and synagogues and temples. We share the same pride when our Olympic athletes compete for the gold. Because the vast majority of us do not want to live in a country that's bitter and divided. We want something better. We want to be better. And the joy and the excitement that we're seeing around this campaign tells us we're not alone.

You know, I've spent a lot of time thinking about this these past few months because, as Michelle mentioned, this summer we lost her mom, Ms. Marian Robinson. And I don't know that anybody has ever loved their mother-in-law any more than I love mine. Mostly it's because she was funny and wise and the least pretentious person I knew. That and she always defended me with Michelle when I messed up. (Crowd laughs.) I'd hide behind her.

But I also think one of the reasons Marian and I became so close was she reminded me of my grandmother, the woman who helped raise me as a child. And on the surface, the two of them did not have a lot in common. One was a Black woman from right here, south side of Chicago, right down the way—(Crowd cheers.)—went to Englewood High School. The other was a little old white lady born in a tiny town called Peru, Kansas. (Crowd cheers.) Now I know there aren't that many people from Peru. (Crowd laughs.)

And yet they shared a basic outlook on life. They were strong, smart, resourceful women, full of common sense, who, regardless of the barriers they encountered—and women growing up in the '40s and '50s and '60s, they encountered barriers—they still went about their business without fuss or complaint and provided an unshakeable foundation of love for their children and their grandchildren. In that sense, they both represented an entire generation of working people, who through war and depression, discrimination, and limited opportunity, helped build this country. A lot of them toiled every day at jobs that were often too small for them and didn't pay a lot. They willingly went without just to keep a roof over their family's heads, just to give their children something better.

But they knew what was true. They knew what mattered: things like honesty and integrity, kindness, and hard

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Dallas ISD kicks off new school year with a ‘Make It Happen’ attitude

By Molly Schrader / The HUB



Imagine walking through a tunnel of cheers and high-fives, welcoming you into the first day of the 2024-2025 school year. John J. Pershing Elementary School did just that as the campus welcomed students back to school Aug. 12. Across the district, more than 140,000 stu-

dents were greeted in a variety of ways at their campuses prior to the first bell of the day. Campus cheerleaders, drumlines, principals, mascots, and special guests were at their school’s entrance ready to make it happen for students of all grade levels.

Superintendent Stephanie S. Elizalde, Ed.D. set the tone for the school year by visiting students at Pershing Elementary, followed by Hillcrest High School.

“Look around at the excitement this day brings. Our bus drivers are ready, our teachers are eager to meet their new students and our principals stand ready to serve you. Thank you for continuing to be the best part in what makes our district so special. Let’s make it a great year,” she said.

At Royce West Leadership Academy, Mavericks CEO Cynt Marshall and the Mavs ManiAACs visited students to kick off the school year. The Mavericks organization adopted the school for the 2024-2025 academic year, promising exciting opportunities and support for students and team members. Students were greeted with free school supplies and back-to-school swag. Other campuses celebrated the first day of school in their new home, thanks to the completion of the Bond 2020 program.

From the cheers at John J. Pershing Elementary to the exciting partnerships at Royce West Leadership Academy, each campus embraced the district’s ‘Make It Happen’ attitude.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY

TxDOT reminds drivers to stay focused in and around school zones and to be aware of school bus safety.

It’s time for back-to-school vaccines

Summer is still in full swing in Texas, but the first day of school is right around the corner. That means it’s time for Dallas County parents to get their students ready to return to the classroom. Topping the to-do list is making sure students have the proper vaccines before classes start in August.

“Vaccines are one of the most important steps you can take to protect the health of your child,” said Cesar Termulo, MD, Associate Medical Director at Parkland. “Vaccines keep children healthy by preventing infectious diseases. Children miss fewer days of school and parents miss fewer days of work. When parents do not vaccinate their children, they put everyone at risk – their own children, their classmates and their teachers – for diseases that are easily prevented but that can be devastating.”

Parkland offers vaccines to help you get your children ready for the school year with Walk-In Wednesdays. Parents can bring their children to any of Parkland’s Community Oriented Primary Care health centers (COPCs) throughout Dallas County for vaccines any Wednesday without an appointment.

In Texas, children must have the following vaccines before kindergarten:

- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (boosters if they are older students)
- Polio
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Hepatitis A and B
- Varicella
- Meningococcal (For older students)

Children in daycare must also be vaccinated.

Walk-in-Wednesday immunizations are available at Parkland’s network of COPC health centers from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

Find your nearest COPC by visiting www.parklandhealth.org/locations. For more information about Parkland services, visit www.parklandhealth.org.

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work. They weren’t impressed with braggarts or bullies. They didn’t think putting other people down lifted you up or made you strong. They didn’t spend a lot of time obsessing about what they didn’t have. Instead, they appreciated what they did. They found pleasure in simple things: a card game with friends, a good meal and laughter around the kitchen table, helping others, and, most of all, seeing their children do things and go places that they would’ve never imagined for themselves.
Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican or somewhere in between, we have all had people like that in our lives. People like

Kamala’s parents, who crossed oceans because they believed in the promise of America. People like Tim’s parents, who taught him about the importance of service. Good, hardworking people, who weren’t famous or powerful but who managed in countless ways to leave this country just a little bit better than they found it.
As much as any policy or program, I believe that’s what we yearn for: a return to an America where we work together and look out for each other. A restoration of, what Lincoln called on the eve of civil war, our “bonds of affection.” An America that taps what he called “the better angels of our nature.”
That is what this election is about. And I believe that’s

why, if we each do our part over the next 77 days, if we knock on doors, if we make phone calls, if we talk to our friends, if we listen to our neighbors, if we work like we’ve never worked before, if we hold firm to our convictions, we will elect Kamala Harris as the next President of the United States and Tim Walz as the next Vice President of the United States. We will elect leaders up and down the ballot who will fight for the hopeful, forward-looking America we all believe in. And together, we too will build a country that is more secure and more just, more equal, and more free. So let’s get to work.
God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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We only have two and a half months, y’all, to get this done. Only 11 weeks to make sure every single person we know is registered and has a voting plan. So we cannot afford for anyone, anyone, anyone, America, to sit on their hands and wait to be called. Don’t complain if no one from the campaign has specifically reached out to you to ask you for your support. There is simply no time for that kind of foolishness. You know what you need to do.
So, consider this to be your official ask: Michelle Obama is asking you—no, I’m telling y’all—to do something.
(Crowd chants: “Do

something!”)
Because, y’all, this election is gonna be close. In some states, just a handful—listen to me—a handful of votes in every precinct could decide the winner. So we need to vote in numbers that erase any doubt. We need to overwhelm any effort to suppress us. Our fate is in our hands. In 77 days, we have the power to turn our country away from the fear, division, and smallness of the past. We have the power to marry our hope with our action. We have the power to pay forward the love, sweat, and sacrifice of our mothers and fathers and all those who came before us.
We did it before, y’all, and we sure can do it again. Let us work like our lives depend on it, and let us keep

moving our country forward and go higher—yes, always higher—than we’ve ever gone before, as we elect the next President and Vice President of the United States, Kamala Harris and Tim Walz.
Thank you all. God bless.
Now, before I go, I have one more job tonight. Yeah, one more job. You all, thank you for all the love, but it is now my honor to introduce somebody who knows a whole lot about hope, someone who has spent his life strengthening our democracy—and let me tell you, as someone who lives with him, he wakes up every day, every day, and thinks about what’s best for this country. Please welcome America’s 44th President and the love of my life, Barack Obama.