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The President's Oath of Office

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.

Article II, Section One, Clause 8, U.S. Constitution

- 1 January 1964 **In our hands have been placed the fortunes of peace and the hope of millions; it is my fervent hope that we are good stewards of that trust.**
Lyndon Johnson, New Year's message to the leaders of the Soviet Union, Nikita Khrushchev and Leonid Brezhnev
- 2 January 1960 **I have developed an image of America as fulfilling a noble and historic role as the defender of freedom in a time of maximum peril—and the American people as confident, courageous and persevering.**
Kennedy, announcing his candidacy for the presidency of the United State, U.S. Senate Caucus Room, Washington D.C.
- 3 January 2007 **I still don't know any better way to express it than the words I used almost exactly 30 years ago. For myself and for our nation, I want to thank my predecessor for all he did to heal our land.**
Carter, Extract from "Jimmy Carter Remembers Gerald Ford, CNN, 3 January 2007
- 4 January 1965 **The Great Society asks not how much, but how good; not only to create wealth but how to use it; not only how fast we are going, but where we are headed.**
Lyndon Johnson, Excerpt from State of the Union speech
- 5 January 1957 **There is no nation, great or small, with which we would refuse to negotiate, in mutual good faith, with patience and in the determination to secure a better understanding between us.**
Eisenhower, Excerpt from Eisenhower Doctrine speech to Congress
- 6 January 1941 **Every realist knows that the democratic way of life is at this moment being directly assailed in every part of the world—assailed either by arms, or by secret spreading of poisonous propaganda, by those who seek to destroy unity and promote discord in nations still at peace.**
Franklin Roosevelt, Excerpt from Message to Congress.
- 7 January 1914 **Don't expect to build up the weak by pulling down the strong.**
Coolidge, Massachusetts Senate President Acceptance Speech

7 January 1798	Harmony in the marriage state is the very first object to be aimed at. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Maria Jefferson Eppes
8 January 1758	Remember that it is the <i>actions</i>, and not the commission, that make the officer, and that there is more expected from him, than the <i>title</i>. Washington, Address to the Officers of the Virginia Regiment
8 January 1789	Whenever the people are well informed they can be trusted with their own government. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Richard Price
8 January 2002	The fundamental principle of this bill is that every child can learn, we expect every child to learn, and you must show us whether or not every child is learning. George W. Bush, No Child Left Behind Bill signing address, Hamilton, OH
9 January 1941	We must especially beware of that small group of selfish men who would clip the wings of the American Eagle in order to feather their own nests. Franklin Roosevelt, State of the Union Address
10 January 1946	I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity. Eisenhower, Address before the Canadian Club, Ottawa, Canada
11 January 1944	If ever there was a time to subordinate individual or group selfishness to the national good, that time is now. Franklin Roosevelt, 1944 State of the Union Address
12 January 1965	Education is the guardian genius of our democracy. Nothing really means more to our future. Lyndon Johnson, Remarks on "The Educational Message to Congress"
13 January 1965	A change is needed in our laws dealing with immigration. Lyndon Johnson, Extract from special message to Congress on immigration.
14 January 1941	The love of liberty is the common blood that flows in our American veins. Carter, 1981 Farewell Address to the Nation
15 January 1787	Ours are the only farmers who can read Homer. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to St. John de Crèvecoeur
15 January 1981	I have often said there is nothing small about small business in America. These firms account for nearly one-half our gross national product; over half of new technology; and much more than half of the jobs created by industry. Carter, State of the Union Address

16 January 1981	It is essential to the goal of brining America's women fully into the mainstream of American life that the ERA be ratified. Carter, State of the Union Address
17 January 1961	In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. Eisenhower, Farewell Radio and Television Address to the American People
18 January 1802	What is practicable must often control what is pure theory; and the habits of the governed determine in a great degree what is practicable. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Pierre Samuel Du Pont de Nemours
19 January 1978	Militarily, politically, economically, and in spirit, the state of our Union is sound. Carter, State of the Union Address
19 January 1953	How will the Cold War end? It will end ...someday...because of the great weakness of the Communist system. Truman, Farewell Address
20 January 1937	The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little. Franklin Roosevelt, Second Inaugural Address
20 January 1969	We cannot learn from one another until we stop shouting at one another. Nixon, Inaugural address
20 January 1981	We are a nation that has a government--not the other way around. Reagan, First Inaugural Address
20 January 2017	This is a unique office, without a clear blueprint for success, so I don't know that any advice from me will be particularly helpful. Still, let me offer a few reflections from the past 8 years. Obama, Handwritten letter left in the Oval Office for incoming President Donald Trump.
20 January 1961	And let every power know that this hemisphere intends to remain the master of its own house. Kennedy, Inaugural Address
21 January 2013	For history tells us that while these truths may be self-evident, they've never been self-executing. Obama, Inaugural Address
22 January 1821	How easily we prescribe for others a cure for their difficulties, while we cannot cure our own. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to John Adams
23 January 1979	America has the greatest economic system in the world. Let's reduce government interference and give it a chance to work. Carter, State of the Union Address

24 January 1807	The laws of humanity make it a duty for nations, as well as individuals, to succor those whom accident & distress have thrown upon them. Jefferson, extract from Thomas Jefferson to Albert Gallatin
25 January 1892	If the dignity as well as the prestige and influence of the United States are not to be wholly sacrificed, we must protect those who in foreign ports display the flag or wear the colors of this Government against insult, brutality, and death inflicted in resentment of the acts of their Government and not for any fault of their own. Benjamin Harrison, Excerpt from Message to Congress Regarding the Valparaiso Incident
26 January 1799	I am for encouraging the progress of science in all its branches. Jefferson, Extract of Thomas Jefferson to Elbridge Gerry.
27 January 1838	There is no grievance that is a fit object of redress by mob law. Lincoln, Address before the Young Men's Lyceum of Springfield, Illinois
27 January 2022	While I've been studying candidates' backgrounds and writings, I've made no decisions except one: The person I will nominate will be someone with extraordinary qualifications, character, experience, and integrity, and that person will be the first Black woman ever nominated to the United States Supreme Court. Biden, Remarks on the Retirement of Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer
28 January 2008	On matters of justice, we must trust in the wisdom of our founders and empower judges who understand that the Constitution means what it says. George W. Bush, Final Presidential State of the Union Address
29 January 1961	Today we need a nation of minute men; citizens who are not only prepared to take up arms, but citizens who regard the preservation of freedom as a basic purpose of their daily life and who are willing to consciously work and sacrifice for that freedom. Kennedy, Message to those participating in Roosevelt Day Commemoration
30 January 2018	Together, we can reclaim our building heritage. We will build gleaming new roads, bridges, highways, and waterways across our land. And we will do it with American heart, American hands, and American grit. Trump, First State of the Union address
31 January 1967	To expand our knowledge of the heavens is to seek a richer life on earth for our children, and generations of children to come. Lyndon Johnson, Letter to parents of Apollo astronaut Roger Chaffee who was killed on 27 January 1967 at Cape Kennedy
1 February 2003	The same Creator who names the stars also knows the names of the seven souls we mourn today. The crew of the shuttle Columbia did not return safely to Earth; yet we can pray that all are safely home. George W. Bush, Address to the Nation on the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia

- 2 February 1953 **I propose to use whatever authority exists in the office of the President to end segregation in the District of Columbia, including the Federal Government, and any segregation in the Armed Forces.**
Eisenhower, Annual Message to the Congress on the State of the Union
- 3 February 1917 **We do not desire any hostile conflict with the Imperial German Government. We are the sincere friends of the German people, and earnestly desire to remain at peace with the Government which speaks for them.**
Wilson, Speech to Congress Regarding Unrestricted U-Boat Warfare
- 4 February 1809 **No provision in our constitution ought to be dearer to man, than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprises of the civil authority.**
Jefferson, Address to the Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church
- 5 February 2019 **Great nations do not fight endless wars.**
Trump, State of the Union Address
- 6 February 1818 **I am not of the school which teaches us to look back for wisdom to our forefathers.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to John Wayles Eppes
- 7 February 1963 **To be moral, free nations need not be weak nor pursue the ways of weakness. The highest morality of national leadership is to create and maintain the strength essential to the preservation of our beliefs.**
- 8 February 1805 **In no case perhaps does habit attach our choice or judgment more than in climate.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Count de Volney
- 8 February 1815 **Nothing is more incumbent on the old than to know when they should get out of the way, relinquish to younger successors the honors they can no longer earn, and the duties they can no long perform.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to John Vaughan
- 9 February 1779 **Virtue is not always amiable.**
John Adams, diary
- 9 February 1961 **The health of our nation is a key to its future—to its economic vitality, to the morale and efficiency of its citizens, to our success in achieving our own goals and demonstrating to others the benefits of a free society.**
Kennedy, Special Message to Congress.
- 10 February 2007 **Look, I recognize that there is a certain presumptuousness in this, a certain audacity, to this announcement. I know that I haven't spent a lot of time learning the ways of Washington. But I've been there long enough to know that the ways of Washington must change.**
Obama, Excerpt from official announcement of candidacy for the United States presidency.

- 11 February 1918 **The power of the United States is a menace to no nation or people. It springs out of freedom and is for the service of freedom.**
Wilson, Message to Congress
- 12 February 1924 **Character is the only secure foundation of the State.**
Coolidge, Address in New York, NY
- 13 February 1961 **For I can assure you that we love our country, not for what it was, though it has always been great – not for what it is, though of this we are deeply proud – but for what it someday can, and, through the efforts of us all, someday will be.**
Kennedy, Luncheon Meeting of the National Industrial Conference Board
- 14 February 1961 **Whether I serve one of two terms in the Presidency, I will find myself at the end of that period at what might be called the awkward age—too old to begin a new career and too young to write my memoirs.**
Kennedy, Footnote, Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. "A Thousand Days: John F. Kennedy in the White House (1965).
- 14 February 1824 **The coffee bean, from it's mild, and smooth, bitter, it's essential oil & the aroma that gives it has become the favorite beverage of the civilized world.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Edmund Rogers
- 15 February 1791 **To take a single step beyond the boundaries specially drawn around the powers of Congress, is to take possession of a boundless field of power, no longer susceptible of any definition.**
Jefferson, An opinion (See Harnsberger, p. 231)
- 15 February 2000 **I judge people based on their capability, honesty, and merit.**
Trump, Interview with Paul Alexander, *The Advocate*
- 16 February 1887 **Though the people support the Government, the Government should not support the people.**
Cleveland, Message to House of Representatives
- 16 February 1899 **I know of no better or safer human tribunal than the people.**
McKinley, Speech in Boston, MA
- 17 February 1965 **From the very beginning, this country, the idea of America itself, was the promise that all would have an equal change to share in the fruits of our society.**
Lyndon Johnson, Letter to the U.S. Senate and the Speaker of the U.S. House on Stepping Up the War on Poverty
- 18 February 1958 **Let us not despair but act. 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.**
Kennedy, Speech at Loyal College Alumni Banquet, Baltimore, MD

- 19 February 1866 **The country has returned, or is returning, to a state of peace and industry, and the rebellion is in fact at an end. The measure, therefore, seems to be as inconsistent with the actual condition of the country as it is at variance with the Constitution of the United States.**
Andrew Johnson, Veto Message on Freedmen and Refugee Relief Bureau Legislation
- 20 February 1937 **To complain of the umpire is real human.**
Hoover, Hands Off the Supreme Court speech to the Union League Club, Chicago Illinois
- 21 February 1861 **The man does not live who is more devoted to peace than I am. None would do more to preserve it.**
Lincoln, Address to the New Jersey General Assembly
- 21 February 1825 **When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, a hundred.**
Jefferson, to Thomas Jefferson Smith.
- 22 February 1922 **The meaning of America is not to be found in a life without toil. Freedom is not only bought with a great price; it is maintained by unremitting effort.**
Coolidge, Address at Johns Hopkins University
- 23 February 1798 **I dare say that in time all the State governments as well as their central government, like the planets revolving round their common sun, acting and acted upon according to their respective weights and distances, will produce that beautiful equilibrium on which our Constitution is founded, and which I believe it will exhibit to the world in a degree of perfection, unexamined but in the planetary system itself.**
Jefferson, to Peregrine Fitzhugh
- 24 February 1916 **We covet peace, and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honor.**
Wilson, to Senator William J. Stone (See Harnsberger, p. 203)
- 25 February 1773 **The glow of one warm thought is to me worth more than money.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Charles McPherson
- 26 February 1965 **So the Peace Corps can no longer be viewed as just a feather in our Nation's cap. It is an essential part of our democratic program in meeting our world responsibilities and opportunities.**
Lyndon Johnson, Letter to the Senate and the Speaker of the House on the Peace Corps
- 27 February 1962 **For one true measure of a nation is its success in fulfilling the promise of a better life for each of its members. Let this be the measure of our nation.**
Kennedy

27 February 2001	America has a window of opportunity to extend and security our present peace by promoting a distinctly American internationalism. We will work with our allies and friends to be a force for good and a champion of freedom. We will work for free markets, free trade and freedom from oppression. Nations making progress toward freedom will find America is their friend. George W. Bush, Address to Joint Session of Congress, Washington, D.C.
28 February 1796	This I hope will be the age of experiments in government, and that their basis will be founded on principles of honesty, not mere force. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to John Adams
29 February 1964	I know of nothing in the President's job that is more important than being held accountable to the people, explaining to the people the reasons for his action, and telling the people something about the problems that confront them, because they are a very understanding group once they have the facts. Lyndon Johnson, Press Conference at the State Department
1 March 1962	What really counts is not the immediate act of courage or of valor, but those who bear the struggle day in and day out – not the sunshine patriots but those who are willing to stand for a long period of time. Kennedy, Remarks at White House to Members of the American Legion
2 March 1788	Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth. Washington, letter to James Madison
2 March 1806	I deem it the duty of every man to devote a certain proportion of his income. for charitable purposes. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to William Rogers and William Staughton
3 March 1970	Apart from the general public interest in providing teachers an honorable and well-paid professional career, there is only one important question to be asked about education: What do the children learn? Nixon, Special Message to the Congress on Education Reform
4 March 1865	Fondly do we hope—fervently do we pray—that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Lincoln, Second Inaugural address
4 March 1801	All too will bear in mind this sacred principle, that though the will of the majority is in all cases to prevail, that will, to be rightful, must be reasonable. Jefferson, First Inaugural Address
4 March 1881	There can be no permanent disfranchised peasantry in the United States. Garfield, Inaugural Address

5 March 1917	The thing I count upon is the unity of America—and America united in feeling, in purpose, and in its vision of duty, of opportunity, and of service. Wilson, Second Inaugural Address
6 March 1869	I don't believe in a law to prevent a man from getting rich; it would do more harm than good. So while we do not propose any war upon capital, we do wish to allow the humblest man an equal chance to get rich with everybody else. Lincoln, Speech at New Haven, CT
7 March 1957	We voluntarily joined an association [U.N.] which is to further international law and to secure peace with justice. As long as we can operate through that organism, we should do so. Eisenhower, News Conference
8 March 1968	As a Nation, we cannot continue to afford through outmoded custom or attitude the senseless waste of the capability potential of American women. Lyndon Johnson, Letter concerning the progress report by the Federal Woman's Award Study Group
9 March 1821	The great object of my fear is the federal judiciary. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Spencer Roane
10 March 1965	Pursuit of artistic achievement, and making the fruits of that achievement available to all its people, is also among the hallmarks of a Great Society. Lyndon Johnson, Statement on the proposed National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities
11 March 1809	I shall give over reading newspapers, they are so false & so intemperate that they disturb tranquility without giving information. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Levi Lincoln
12 March 1933	It has been wonderful to me to catch the note of confidence from all over the country. I can never be sufficiently grateful to the people for the loyal support they have given me in their acceptance of the judgment that has dictated our course, even though all our processes may not have seemed clear to them. Franklin Roosevelt, First Fireside Chat
12 March 1947	If we falter in our leadership we may endanger the peace of the world, and we shall surely endanger the welfare of the nation. Truman, Message to Congress
13 March 1962	Those who make peaceful revolution impossible, will make violent revolution inevitable. Kennedy, Address on the First Anniversary of the Alliance for Progress"
14 March 1877	My policy is trust, peace, and to put aside the bayonet. Hayes, Diary

- 15 March 1784 **All the world is becoming commercial.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to George Washington
- 16 March 1954 **Yes, of course they would be used [atomic weapons]. In any combat where these things can be used on strictly military targets and for strictly military purposes, I see no reason why they shouldn't be used just exactly as you would use a bullet or anything else.**
Eisenhower, Press Conference.
- 17 March 1956 **It is not my purpose to recall needlessly the unhappy memories of an age gone by. But I think that the history of the Irish – and indeed of all people, East and West – demonstrates that along with the need to worship God there has been implanted in every man's soul the desire to be free.**
Kennedy, Remarks before the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago (See John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum website at www.jfklibrary.org/archives.)
- 17 March 2022 **But the truth of the matter was that in the days when my parents and grandparents were growing up in the coal country of Scranton, being Irish was less than a badge of honor.**
Biden, Remarks at the Annual Friends of Ireland Luncheon
- 18 March 2008 **Segregated schools were, and are, inferior schools. We still haven't fixed them, 50 years after Brown versus Board of Education. And the inferior education they provided, then and now, helps explain the pervasive achievement gap between today's black and white students.**
Obama, Excerpt from "A More Perfect Union" speech delivered in Philadelphia, PA
- 19 March 1958 **The problems of juvenile delinquency will never be solved on Capitol Hill – that can be solved only in the home, the church, the school and in such agencies as the Y.M.C.A. Without that kind of effort on the local level, action by the Congress is to no avail – and could even make matters worse.**
Kennedy, Remarks of Senator Kennedy to YMCA Annual Branch Dinner, Washington, D.C.
- 20 March 1965 **May this, the conduct of all Americans, demonstrate beyond dispute that the true strength of America lies not in arms and not in force and not in the might of the military or in the police, nor in the multitudes of marshals and State troopers but in respect and obedience to law itself.**
Lyndon Johnson, Press Conference at the LBJ Ranch, regarding Alabama Governor Wallace request for federal assistance
- 21 March 1962 **There is always inequity in life. Some men are killed in war and some men are wounded, and some men never leave the country...it's very hard in the military or personal life to assure complete equality. Life is unfair.**
Kennedy, President's News Conference
- 22 March 1961 **Money spent to meet crisis situations or short-term political objectives, while helping to maintain national integrity and independence, has rarely moved the recipient nation toward greater economic stability.**
Kennedy, Special Message to Congress

23 March 1776	In politics the middle way is none at all. John Adams, letter to Horatio Gates
23 March 1962	We must think and act not only for the moment but for our time. Kennedy, Address in Berkeley at the University of California
24 March 1961	It is my determined purpose to be a prudent steward of the public funds, to obtain a dollar's worth of results for every dollar we spend. Kennedy, Message to Congress
25 March 1846	With regard to war, considered in the abstract, I held in utter abhorrence, as much so as the Roman mothers in the days of Horace and of Augustus Caesar; but, there are, and always have been as long as the race of men has existed, times and occasions of dire necessity for war. John Quincy Adams, Memoirs
26 March 1845	I must be the head of my own administration, and will not be controlled by any newspaper, or particular individual whom it serves. Polk, correspondence to Andrew Jackson
27 March 1824	The qualifications for self-government in society are not innate. They are the result of habit and long training. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Edward Everett
28 March 1961	The primary purpose of our arms is peace, not war. Our arms will never be used to strike the first blow in any attack. Kennedy, Special Message to Congress
29 March 1801	The steady character of our countrymen is a rock to which we may safely moor. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Elbridge Gerry
30 March 1796	The nature of foreign negotiations requires caution, and their success must often depend on secrecy. Washington, Message to House of Representatives
31 March 1779	And shall we at last become the victims of our own lust of gain? Forbid it Heaven! Washington, to James Warren
1 April 1965	I think our tasks are many. First, we must find cures for some diseases. We must prevent or eliminate others. We must make all citizens and all mankind the beneficiaries of this knowledge and this progress. Lyndon Johnson, remarks in observance of Cancer Control Month.

- 2 April 1908 **An Army is for war. If there were no possibility of war..and we could be guaranteed, a continuous peace, we should disband the army; but we have not yet arrived at this happy condition.**
Taft, Address at Columbus, OH
- 2 April 1917 **Property can be paid for; the lives of peaceful and innocent people cannot be. The present German submarine warfare against commerce is warfare against mankind.**
Wilson, War Message Advising Congress to Declare War on Germany
- 3 April 1958 **First, separate ground, sea, and air warfare is gone forever. If ever again we should be involved in war, we will fight it in all elements, with all services, as one single concentrated effort.**
Eisenhower, Special Message to the Congress on Reorganization of the Defense Establishment
- 4 April 1956 **We are rapidly getting to the point that no war can be won.**
Eisenhower, Letter to Richard L. Simon (Simon, Simon and Schuster, Inc.)
- 5 April 1968 **Once again, the heart of America is heavy—the spirit of America weeps—for a tragedy that denies the very meaning of our land.**
Lyndon Johnson, televised address to the nation proclaiming 7 April a day of mourning for Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 6 April 1816 **The most sacred of the duties of a government, to do equal & impartial justice to all its citizens.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson's Note for Destutt de Tracy's Treatise on Political Economy
- 7 April 1799 **To contract new debts is not the way to pay old ones.**
Washington, letter to James Welch
- 7 April 1809 **An equilibrium of agriculture, manufacturers & commerce is certainly become essential to our independence.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to James Jay
- 8 April 2013 **And yet, some folks back in Washington are already floating the idea that they may use political stunts to prevent votes on any of these reforms. Thank about that. They're not just saying they'll vote "no" on ideas that almost all Americans support. They're saying they'll do everything they can to prevent any votes on these provisions. They're saying your opinion doesn't matter. And that's not right.**
Obama, Speech on Gun Violence, in Connecticut
- 9 April 1951 **It is today this country's first aim to build up as quickly and as effectively as possible, a combined Western European military defense system sufficiently powerful to deter the Russians from resorting to force in that area.**
Kennedy, Remarks of Rep. John F. Kennedy in House of Representatives on The Italian Peace Treaty
- 10 April 1851 **Like the Christian faith, when it is genuine, good results will inevitably flow from a sincere belief in a strict constructions of the Constitution.**
Buchanan, to Central Southern Rights Association of Virginia

11 April 1865	Important principles may and must be flexible. Lincoln, Last Public Address (See Harnsberger, p. 252)
11 April 1962	The green beret is again becoming a symbol of excellence, a badge of courage, a mark of distinction in the fight for freedom. Kennedy, Letter to the United States Army.
12 April 1959	In the Chinese language, the word “crisis” is composed of two characters, one representing danger and the other, “opportunity.” Kennedy, Speech at United Negro College Fund fundraiser, Indianapolis, IN
12 April 1921	I have said to the people that we mean to have less of Government in business as well of more business in Government. Harding, Special Address to Congress.
13 April 1790	I go on the principle that a public debt is a public curse, and in a Republican Government a greater curse than in any other. Madison, to Henry Lee.
14 April 1937	The continued maintenance and improvement of democracy constitute the most important guarantee of international peace. Franklin Roosevelt, Address to Pan-American Union
15 April 1917	The supreme test of the nation has come. We must all speak and serve together. Wilson, Message to the American people
15 April 1906	But the man who never does anything else, who never thinks or speaks or writes, save of his feats with the muck rake, speedily becomes, not a help but one of the most potent forces for evil. Theodore Roosevelt, Speech given at the ceremony laying the corner stone of the Cannon Office Building in Washington, D.C.
16 April 1953	Any nation’s attempt to dictate to other nations their form of government is indefensible. Eisenhower, “The Chance for Peace” Address delivered to the American Society of Newspaper Editors
17 April 1813	The plough is to the farmer, what the wand is to the Sorcerer. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Charles Willson Peale
18 April 1806	I had laid it down as a law for my conduct while in office, and hitherto scrupulously observe, to accept of no present beyond a book, a pamphlet, or other curiosity of minor value. Jefferson, to Levett Harris.
18 April 1808	Our obligations to our country never cease but with our lives. John Adams, letter to Benjamin Rush

- 19 April 1802 **I never will, by any word or act, bow to the shrine of intolerance.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Edward Dowse
- 19 April 1817 **Without religion this world would be something not fit to be mentioned in polite company, I mean Hell.**
John Adams, letter to Thomas Jefferson
- 19 April 1899 **The army and navy are the sword and the shield which this nation must carry if she is to do her duty among the nations of the earth.**
Theodore Roosevelt, Address in Chicago, IL
- 20 April 1824 **In a republican nation whose citizens are to be led by reason and persuasion and not by force, the art of reasoning becomes of first importance.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to David Harding
- 21 April 1956 **Arms alone can give the world no permanent peace, no confident security.**
Eisenhower, Address before the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Washington, D.C.
- 22 April 1800 **I have never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to William Hamilton
- 23 April 1963 **To reach for the moon is a risk, but it is a risk we must take. Keep in mind that failure to go into space is even riskier.**
Lyndon Johnson, Address in Dallas, TX
- 24 April 1792 **The unsuccessful strugglers against tyranny have been the chief martyrs of treason laws in all countries.**
Jefferson, to William Carmichael and William Short
- 25 April 1955 **A crisis may be fatal when, by it, unstable men are stampeded into headlong panic.**
Eisenhower, Address to the Associated Press, New York, NY
- 26 April 1824 **I am one of those who do not believe that a national debt is a national blessing, but rather a curse to a republic.**
Jackson, to Dr. L.H. Colman
- 27 April 1967 **Every young American shall obtain as much education as he wants and as much training as he can absorb and can use.**
Lyndon Johnson, remarks at the dedication of the Crossland Vocational Center, Camp Springs, MD
- 28 April 1935 **The most difficult place in the world to get a clear and open perspective of the country as a whole is Washington.**
Franklin Roosevelt, Fireside Chat

29 April 1962	I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever been gathered at the White House, with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone. Kennedy, Dinner hosting Nobel Prize Winners of the western hemisphere.
29 April 1962	A man's rootage is more important than his leafage. Wilson, Speech at Baltimore, MD
30 April 1964	I am convinced that it is morally right, that it is socially just, that it is economically sensible, that it is administratively feasible to open the door of employment opportunity to handicapped Americans. Lyndon Johnson, remarks at a meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.
30 April 1789	No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than those of the United States. Washington, First Inaugural Address, to the Senate and House of Representatives, New York+
30 April 2002	Compassionate conservatism places great hope and confidence in public education. Our economy depends on higher and higher skills, requiring every American to have basic tools of learning. Every public school should be the path of upward mobility. George W. Bush, Address on Compassionate Conservatism, San Jose, CA
1 May 1794	We are sincerely anxious that war may be avoided; but not at the expense either of our faith or honor. Jefferson, to Tench Coxe
1 May 2003	The character of our military through history – the daring of Normandy, the fierce courage of Iwo Jima, the decency and idealism that turned enemies into allies – is fully present in this generation. When Iraqi civilians looked into the faces of our servicemen and women, they saw strength and kindness and goodwill. When I look at the member of the United States military, I see the best of our country, and I'm honored to be your Commander-in-Chief. George W. Bush, Announcing the end of major combat operations in Iraq on-board the USS Abraham Lincoln, San Diego, CA
1 May 2022	The First Amendment grants a free press extraordinary protection, but with it comes, as many of you know, a very heavy obligation: to seek the truth as best you can – not to inflame or entertain, but to illuminate and educate. Biden, Remarks at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner
2 May 1808	Great innovations should not be forced on slender majorities. Jefferson, to Gen. Thaddeus Kosciuszko
3 May 1968	If I will never be remembered as a patron of the arts, I should be delighted to be known as an uncle of the arts. Lyndon Johnson, remarks at the Dedication of the Smithsonian Institution's National Collection of Fine Arts
4 May 1974	I'm not qualified to talk to you about law, because in addition to being a peanut farmer, I'm an engineer and a nuclear physicist, not a lawyer. Carter, Law Day Address, University of Georgia

5 May 1787	Determine never to be idle. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Martha Jefferson (Randolph)
6 May 1778	A republican government is the best, and, in America, the only one which ought to be adopted or though of, because the morals of the people, and circumstances of the country, not only can bear it, but require it. John Adams, Diary
7 May 1965	We will use our power with restraint, and we will use it with all the wisdom that we can command. But we will use it. Lyndon Johnson, the president signed a resolution appropriating funds for the military requirements in Vietnam
7 May 1933	I have no expectation of making a hit every time I come to bat. Franklin Roosevelt, Fireside Chat
8 May 1909	I have gotten over being frightened by being told that I am forgetting the principles of the fathers. Taft, In Washington, D.C.
9 May 1967	We Democrats like to be together, and we like to fight. We always start by fighting each other. That gets us ready—it says here—to take on the other party. Lyndon Johnson, remarks at the Democratic Congressional Dinner
10 May 1818	Peace & prosperity are twin-brothers; so are war & demoralization. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Ferdinando Fairfax
11 May 1966	Surely it is not a paranoid vision of America's place in the world to recognize that freedom is still indivisible—still has adversaries whose challenge must be answered. Lyndon Johnson, remarks at the Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs, Princeton University
12 May 1964	The net effect of that bill will be to take these problems out of the streets and the back alleys and bring them into the courts to let them be judiciously determined and handled. Lyndon Johnson, remarks at a meeting of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity
13 May 1856	There is nothing stable but Heaven and the Constitution. Buchanan, (See Harnsberger, p. 41)
14 May 1817	Ignorance & bigotry, like other insanities, are incapable of self-government. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Lafayette
15 May 1826	There is not a truth existing which I fear, or would wish unknown to the whole world. Jefferson, to Henry Lee
16 May 1914	No man who thinks first of himself, and afterwards of his country can call himself an American. Wilson, Speech in Washington, D.C.

- 17 May 1923 **Honesty among nations will dissolve their differences, so that new and lasting friendships may be bound by the ties of fraternity and mutual trust.**
Harding, Address (See Harnsberger, p. 135)
- 18 May 1963 **Of those to whom much is given, much is required.**
Kennedy, 90th Anniversary Convocation of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 19 May 1809 **Nothing would do more extensive good at small expense than the establishment of a small, circulating library in every county, to consist of a few well-chosen books, to be lent to the people of the county, under such regulations as would secure their safe return in due time.**
Jefferson, to John Wyche
- 20 May 1954 **We do not keep security establishments merely to defend property or territory or rights abroad or at sea. We keep security forces to defend a way of life.**
Eisenhower, Committee for Economic Development
- 21 May 1957 **The Communist goal of conquering the world has never changed. For our nation alone to undertake to withstand and turn back Communist imperialism would impose colossal defense spending on our people. It would ultimately cost us our freedom.**
Eisenhower, Special Message to Congress
- 21 May 2001 **I have always believed that most people are mostly good, most of the time.**
Ford, Remarks upon receiving the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award
- 22 May 1964 **The purpose of protecting the life of our Nation and preserving the liberty of our citizens is to pursue the happiness of our people.**
Lyndon Johnson, Great Society Speech at the University of Michigan
- 22 May 1964 **In my book, to be published this fall, I explain: 'I have not written these chapters to say, "This is how it was," but to say, "This is how I saw it from my vantage point."**
Lyndon Johnson, speech at the dedication of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, Austin, TX
- 23 May 1963 **O God, thy sea is so great and my boat is so small.**
Kennedy, New York City at the Dedication of the East Coast memorial to the Missing at Sea.
- 24 May 1904 **A sound body is good; a sound mind is better; but a strong and clean character is better than either.**
Theodore Roosevelt, Presidential address at Groton, MA
- 25 May 1961 **Now is the time to take longer strides—time for a great new American enterprise—time for this nation to take a clearly leading role in space achievement, which in many ways may hold the key to our future on earth.**
Kennedy, Special Message to Congress

26 May 1801	Our citizens have wisely formed themselves into on nation as to others, and several states as among themselves. Jefferson, Thomas Jefferson Address to the Rhode Island General Assembly
27 May 1967	No President understood this Nation's historic role and purpose better than John F. Kennedy. Lyndon Johnson, remarks at the christening of the aircraft carrier U.S.S. John F. Kennedy.
28 May 1961	No nation can long enjoy great affluence when all the other nations are impoverished. Lyndon Johnson, <i>Man and President</i> p.107
29 May 1926	Great men are the product of a great people. They are the result of many generations of effort, toil, and discipline. They do not stand by themselves. Coolidge, Speech in Washington, D.C. (See Harnsberger, p.127)
29 May 2004	As World War II began, after a decade of economic depression, the United States was not a rich country. Far from being a great power, we had only the 17th largest army in the world. To fight and win on two fronts, Americans had to work and save and ration and sacrifice as never before. George W. Bush, National WWII Memorial Dedication Address, National Mall, Washington, D.C.
30 May 1963	Until justice is blind to color, until education is unaware of race, until opportunity is unconcerned with the color of men's skins, emancipation will be a proclamation but not a fact. Lyndon Johnson, remarks about peace and freedom in Gettysburg, PA.
31 May 1915	Character is a by-product; it is produced in the great manufacture of daily duty. Wilson, Address at Arlington, VA
1 June 1896	The unpleasant incidents which accompany the use of the veto power would tempt its avoidance if such a course did not involve an abandonment of constitutional duty and an assent to legislation for which the Executive is not willing to share the responsibility. Cleveland, To the Senate
2 June 2022	We need to ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines. And if we can't ban assault weapons, then we should raise the age to purchase them from 18 to 21. Strengthen the background checks, enact safe storage laws and "red flag" laws. Repeal the immunity that protects gun manufacturers from liability. Address the mental health crisis deepening the trauma of gun violence, and as a consequence of that violence. Biden, Speech at the White House
2 June 1897	Preparation for war is the surest guaranty for peace. Again and again we have owed peace to the fact that we were prepared for war. Theodore Roosevelt, Speech at the Naval War College

- 3 June 1947 **Was is mankind's most tragic and stupid folly.**
Eisenhower, Graduation Exercises at the United States Military Academy
- 4 June 1958 **But finally, there is one other quality I would mention among these that I believe will fit you for difficult and important posts. This is a healthy and lively sense of humor.**
Eisenhower, Address at U.S. Naval Academy Commencement
- 5 June 1958 **There is never—and I say never—any justification for the violence that tears at the fabric of our national life; that inspires such fear in peaceful citizens that they arm themselves with deadly weapons; that sets citizen against citizen or group against group.**
Lyndon Johnson, Address to nation following attack on Senator Robert F. Kennedy
- 6 June 1968 **Yet he never abandoned his faith in America. He never lost his confidence in the spiritual strength of ordinary men and women. He believed in the capacity of the young for excellence-- and in the right of the old and poor to a life of dignity.**
Lyndon Johnson, Statement on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy
- 7 June 1788 **Governments destitute of energy, will ever produce anarchy.**
Madison, Speech to Virginia Convention
- 8 June 1783 **There is an option still left to the United States of America, that it is in their choice and depends upon their conduct, whether they will be respectable and prosperous or contemptible and miserable as a Nation.**
Washington, To the Governors. See Johns C. Fitzpatrick, The Writings of George Washington, Vol XXVI. P. 486
- 9 June 1946 **The constant danger to democracy lies in the tendency of the individual to hide himself in the crowd.**
Eisenhower, extract from Speech at Northfield, VT
- 10 June 1815 **I cannot live without books.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to John Adams
- 11 June 1962 **Too often, we hold fast to the clichés of our forebears. We enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.**
Kennedy, Speech at Yale University
- 12 June 1965 **I urge every citizen to pledge once more his allegiance to our flag and to rededicate himself to the principles and ideals for which it is an inspiring tangible symbol.**
Lyndon Johnson, Proclamation on Flag Day.
- 13 June 1967 **I believe he earned that appointment; he deserves the appointment . He is best qualified by training and by very valuable service to the country.**
Lyndon Johnson, remarks following nomination of Thurgood Marshall as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

- 14 June 1956 **If more politicians knew poetry, and more poets new politics, I am convinced the world would be a little better place in which to live.**
Kennedy, Speech at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 16 June 1961 **There is no point in calling for vigorous action to protect our security if we are unwilling to pay the price and carry the burdens which are necessary to maintain that security.**
Kennedy, Remarks at National Conference on International Economic and Social Development
- 17 June 1966 **I expect you to see to it that officers and employees throughout your agency adhere firmly and without compromise to their responsibility for fair and impartial dealings with all who have business with the Government.**
Lyndon Johnson, Memorandum on ethical conduct on the part of government officers and employees.
- 18 June 1842 **I am like a taper. When nearly exhausted it will sometimes have the appearance of going out, but will blaze up again for a time.**
Jackson, correspondence to Amos Kendall
- 19 June 1964 **It is the product, not of any man or group of men, but of a broad national consensus that every person is entitled to justice, to equality, and to an even chance to enjoy the blessings of liberty.**
Lyndon Johnson, Statement made following Senate passage of the Civil Rights Bill.
- 20 June 1788 **Confidence produces the best effects.**
Madison, Speech to the Virginia Convention (See Harnsberger, p. 35)
- 21 June 1808 **Letters are not the first, but the last step in the progression from barbarism to civilization.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to James Pemberton
- 22 June 1912 **No people is wholly civilized where a distinction is drawn between stealing an office and stealing a purse.**
Theodore Roosevelt, Speech in Chicago, IL
- 23 June 1945 **Morale is the greatest single factor in successful wars.**
Eisenhower, (See Harnsberger, P. 338)
- 24 June 1953 **A democracy smugly disdainful of new ideas would be a sick democracy.
A democracy chronically fearful of new ideas would be a dying democracy.**
Eisenhower, Letter to the American Library Association
- 25 June 1963 **Let us take heart from the certainty that we are united not only by danger and necessity, but by hope and purpose as well.**
Kennedy, Speech in Frankfurt, Germany

- 26 June 1786 **What a stupendous, what an incomprehensible machine is man!**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Jean Nicolas D  meunier
- 27 June 1936 **Charity literally translated from the original meaning means love.**
Franklin Roosevelt, Acceptance of Re-nomination for Presidency
- 28 June 1920 **Satisfaction does not come from indulgence or satiety; it comes from achievement.**
Coolidge, Address at University of Vermont
- 29 June 1869 **There is scarcely a more pitiable sight than to see learned men so called who have graduated in our universities who know the whole gamut of classical learning and yet could not make out a bill of sale if the world depended upon it.**
Garfield, Address in Washington, D.C.
- 29 June 1869 **Poets may be born, but success is made.**
Garfield, Speech in Washington, D.C. (See Harnsberger, p. 304)
- 30 June 1803 **Peace is our passion.**
Jefferson, to Sir John Sinclair
- 1 July 1968 **After nearly a quarter of a century of danger and fear—reason and sanity have prevailed to reduce the danger and to greatly lessen the fear. Thus, all mankind is reassured.**
Lyndon Johnson, President Johnson signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty with 58 other countries.
- 2 July 1880 **I have always believed that what was best for the entire country was going to help both political parties in the end; for we are citizens in common of one great nation.**
Grant, Speech at Kansas City, MO
- 3 July 1776 **The second day of July, 1776 will be the most memorable Epoch, in the history of America.**
John Adams, to Abigail Adams
- 4 July 1966 **A democracy works best when the people have all the information that the security of the Nation permits. No one should be able to pull curtains of secrecy around decisions which can be revealed without injury to the public interest.**
Lyndon Johnson, Signing of the Freedom of Information Act at the LBJ Ranch in Texas.
- 4 July 1776 **For the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.**
Jefferson, extract from Preamble, Declaration of Independence

5 July 1926	In its main features the Declaration of Independence is a great spiritual document. It is a declaration not of material but of spiritual conceptions. Coolidge, Speech in Philadelphia, PA
5 July 1976	Remember that none of us are more than caretakers of this great country. Ford, Remarks during Naturalization Ceremonies at Monticello, Virginia
6 July 1848	It is against sound policy and the genius of our institutions that a public debt should be permitted to exist a day longer than the means of the Treasury will enable the Government to pay it off. Polk, Message to Congress
7 July 1775	A constitution of government, once changed from freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever. John Adams, Letter to Abigail Adams
8 July 1788	Sensibility of mind is indeed the parent of every virtue, but it is the parent of much misery, too. Jefferson, to Countess Barziza
9 July 1789	In executing the duties of my present important station, I can promise nothing but purity of intentions, and, in carrying these into effect, fidelity and diligence. Washington, Message to Congress
9 July 1813	While all other Sciences have advanced, that of Government is at a stand; little better understood; little better practiced now than three or four thousand years ago. John Adams, letter to Thomas Jefferson
10 July 1858	I leave you, hoping that the lamp of liberty will burn in your bosoms until there shall no longer be a doubt that all men are created free and equal. Lincoln, Speech at Edwardsville, Illinois
11 July 1950	Both world wars proved that we cannot change ideas in the minds of men and races with machine guns and battleships. Hoover, Speech at Emporia, KA
12 July 1788	It is neither wealth nor splendor, but tranquility & occupation which give happiness. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Anna Scott Marks
12 July 1816	I am not among those who fear the people. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to "Henry Thompson"
13 July 1916	Loyalty means nothing unless it has at heart the absolute principle of self-sacrifice. Wilson, Address in Washington D.C. (See Harnsberger, p. 172)

- 14 July 1787 **This abomination [slavery] must have an end. And there is a superior bench reserved in Heaven for those who hasten it.**
Jefferson, to Edward Rutledge
- 15 July 1808 **We could, in the United States make as great a variety of wines as are made in Europe.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Charles P. De Lasteyrie
- 15 July 1976 **Our part was built out of the sweatshops of the old Lower East Side, the dark mills of New Hampshire, the blazing hearths of Illinois, the coal mines of Pennsylvania, the hard-scrabble farms of the southern coastal plains, and the unlimited frontiers of America.**
Carter, Democratic National Convention, Nomination Acceptance Speech, Madison Square Gardens, New York, NY
- 16 July 1786 **It is an observation of one of the profoundest inquirers into human affairs that a revolution of government, successfully conducted and completed, is the strongest proof that can be given, by a people of their virtue and good sense.**
John Adams, Diary.
- 17 July 1862 **The severest justice may not always be the best policy.**
Lincoln, Message to Congress
- 18 July 1789 **Power naturally grows. Why? Because human passions are insatiable.**
John Adams, Letter to Roger Sherman
- 19 July 1961 **The vigor of our country, its physical vigor and energy, is going to be no more advanced, no more substantial, than the vitality and will of our countrymen.**
Kennedy, Remarks on Youth Fitness program
- 20 July 2006 **And I wonder sometimes – Where did they find that kind of courage? You know, when you're facing row after row of State troopers on horseback, armed with billy clubs and tear gas – when they're coming toward you spewing hatred and violence, how do you simply stop, kneed down, and pray to the Lord for Salvation?**
Obama, Excerpt from Senate floor speech on Voting Rights Act Reauthorization
- 21 July 1867 **I intend to do what's right, as nearly as I can get at it, and I won't shirk the consequences.**
Andrew Johnson, Conversation (See Harnsberger, p.280)
- 22 July 1920 **I believe in a small army, but the best in the world, with a mindfulness for preparedness which will avoid the unutterable cost of our previous neglect.**
Harding, Speech at Marion, OH
- 23 July 1851 **Is there anything in which people of this age and country differ more from than those of other lands and former times than in this—there ability to preserve order and protect rights without the aid of government?**
Hayes, Diary

- 24 July 1967 **Pillage, looting, murder, and arson have nothing to do with civil rights. They are criminal conduct.**
Lyndon Johnson, remarks to the nation after authorizing the use of federal troops in Detroit, MI
- 25 July 1850 **The Presidency, even to the most experienced politicians, is no bed of roses.**
Lincoln, Eulogy on Zachary Taylor
- 26 July 1963 **In today's world, a nation's security does not always increase as its arms increase, when its adversary is doing the same.**
Kennedy, Fifth Message to Congress
- 27 July 2004 **When we send our young men and women into harm's way, we have a solemn obligation not to fudge the numbers or shade the truth about why they're gone, to care for their families while they're gone, to tend to the soldiers upon their return, and to never ever go to war without enough troops to win the war.**
Obama, Excerpt from Democratic National Convention Keynote Address.
- 28 July 1791 **If there be one principle more deeply rooted than any other in the mind of every American, it is, that we should have nothing to do with conquest.**
Thomas Jefferson, to William Short
- 29 July 1964 **Unaccustomed as I am to welcoming men from Mars, I am very happy to see you gentlemen here this morning. As a member of the generation that Orson Wells scared out of its wits, I must confess that I am a little bit relieved that your photographs didn't show more signs of life out there.**
Lyndon Johnson, remarks upon viewing the New Mariner 4 Pictures from Mars
- 30 July 1932 **Any government, like any family, can for a year spend a little more than it earns. But you and I know that a continuance of that habit means the poorhouse.**
Franklin Roosevelt, Radio Speech
- 31 July 1846 **I do not think I could myself, be brought to support a man for office, whom I knew to be an open enemy of, and scoffer at, religion.**
Lincoln, Handbill Replying to Charges of Infidelity
- 1 August 1816 **Bigotry is the disease of ignorance, of morbid minds.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to John Adams
- 1 August 1816 **I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past. So good night!**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to John Adams
- 1 August 1963 **I can imagine a no more rewarding career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.'**
Kennedy, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD

- 1 August 1975 **We are bound together by the most powerful of all ties, our fervent love for freedom and independence, which knows no homeland but the human heart.**
Ford, Address before the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe
- 2 August 1927 **I do not choose to run.**
Coolidge, Statement regarding his decision not to run for a second term as President
- 3 August 1771 **A lively and lasting sense of filial duty is more effectually impressed on the mind of a son or daughter by reading King Lear, than by all the dry volumes of ethics and divinity that ever were written.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Robert Skipwith
- 4 August 1920 **There hasn't been a backward looking America for 300 years, but the man who faces the future with highest assurances is he who has noted the paths which made his progress secure.**
Harding, Speech at Marion, Ohio.
- 5 August 1867 **The sentiment of nationality is the sentiment of the Declaration of Independence.**
Hayes, Speech at Lebanon, OH
- 6 August 1912 **I hold that a man cannot serve the people well unless he serves his conscience.**
Theodore Roosevelt, To Progressive National Convention, Chicago, IL
- 7 August 1957 **Anything that is given me is right out on the records. I need no gifts and I never accept gifts that I believe have any personal motive whatsoever behind them. I mean any selfish motive of any kind.**
Eisenhower, News conference
- 8 August 1880 **I would rather be defeated than make Capital out of my Religion.**
Garfield, Remark at Chautauqua, NY
- 8 August 1974 **We have unlocked the doors that for a quarter of a century stood between the United States and the People's Republic of China. We must now insure that the one-quarter of the world's people who live in the People's Republic of China will be and remain, not our enemies, but our friends.**
Nixon, Resignation Speech, White House, Washington, D.C.
- 9 August 1974 **I have not sought this enormous responsibility, but I will not shirk it.**
Ford, After being sworn in as 38th President
- 9 August 1974 **I am acutely aware that you have not elected me as your President by your ballots, and so I ask you to confirm me as your President with your prayers.**
Ford, Upon assuming the presidency after President Nixon's Resignation.

9 August 2001	As we go forward, I hope we will always be guided by both intellect and heart, by both our capabilities and our conscience. George W. Bush, Television address on Stem Cell Research and the decision to authorize federal funding, Washington, D.C.
10 August 1794	Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light. Washington, letter to Charles M. Thruston
10 August 1949	A device of the advocates of gigantic spending is the manipulation of word, phrases, and slogans to convey new meanings different from those we have long-understood. These malignant distortions drug thinking. They drown it in emotion. Hoover, Address to Stanford University
11 August 1954	A preventive was, to my mind, is an impossibility today. Eisenhower, President's News Conference
12 August 1974	A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have. Ford, Address to Joint Session of Congress
12 August 1974	I am not here to make an Inaugural Address. The Nation needs action, not words. Nor will this be a formal report of the State of the Union. God willing, I will have at least three more chances to do that....I do not want a honeymoon with you. I want a good marriage.
13 August 1786	If anybody thinks that kings, nobles, priests are good conservators of the public happiness, send him [to Europe]. Jefferson, to George Wythe
14 August 1787	Agriculture...is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals & happiness. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to George Washington
14 August 1960	We celebrate the past to awaken the future. Kennedy, Speech at the 25 th Anniversary of the Signing of the Social Security Act, Hyde Park, NY
15 August 1965	As I have said, time and time again, aimless violence finds fertile ground among men imprisoned by the shadowed walls of hatred, coming of age in the poverty of the slums, facing their future without education or skills and with little hope of rewarding work. Lyndon Johnson, Statement following the restoration of order in Los Angeles, CA
16 August 1813	The new circumstances under which we are placed call for new words, new phrases, and for the transfer of old words to new objects. An American dialect will therefore be formed. Jefferson, to John Waldo

17 August 1779	Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder. Washington, to Robert Howe
18 August 1962	It's only when they join together in a forward movement that this country moves ahead. Kennedy, Groundbreaking Ceremonies for the San Luis Dam, Los Banos, CA
19 August 1785	Give up money, give up fame, give up science, give the earth itself & all it contains rather than do an immoral act. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Peter Carr
19 August 1976	To me, the Presidency and the Vice-Presidency were not prizes to be won, but a duty to be done. Ford, Remarks upon accepting the Republican Presidential Nomination, Kansas City, Missouri
20 August 1780	Had we formed a permanent army in the beginning...we never should have had to retreat with a handful of me across the Delaware in Seventy-six... Washington, to the President of Congress
21 August 1957	It is all very well to talk of "liberation" or "peaceful evolution". But until we formulate a program of concrete steps as to what this nation can do to help achieve such goals, we are offering those still hopeful partisans of freedom behind the Iron Curtain nothing but empty oratory. Kennedy, Remarks of Senator Kennedy in the Senate
22 August 1790	Conquest is not in our principles; it is inconsistent with our government. Jefferson, to William Carmichael
23 August 1785	Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to John Jay
24 August 1897	Cultivate the highest and best citizenship; for upon it rests the destiny of our government. McKinley, at G.A.R. Campfire, Buffalo, NY
25 August 1965	Our present restrictions say that Italians, Greeks, Spaniards, all the Southern European countries in particular, are not as desirable as others. What a shameful declaration. Lyndon Johnson, Letter to Speaker urging House action on the Immigration Bill.
26 August 1863	You dislike the emancipation proclamation; and perhaps, would have it retracted. You say it is unconstitutional—I think differently. Lincoln, Letter to James Conkling
27 August 1786	Beside the comfort of knowledge, every science is auxiliary to every other. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Thomas Mann Randolph
28 August 1811	Borrowed eloquence, if it contains as good stuff, is as good as own eloquence. John Adams, to Benjamin Rush

- 29 August 1796 **Beloved Cherokees, Many years have passed since the White people first came to America. In that long space of time many good men have considered how the condition of the Indian natives of the country might be improved; and many attempts have been made to effect is. But, as we see at this day, all these attempts have been nearly fruitless.**
Washington, Talk to the Cherokee Nation
- 30 August 1964 **For almost 20 years we have known the atom's terror as a weapon of war. Today, we begin to know its hope as a powerhouse of peace.**
Lyndon Johnson, Filmed message to the Third International Conference of the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy.
- 31 August 1864 **Nowhere in the world is presented a government of so much liberty and equality.**
Lincoln, Speech to the 148th Ohio Regiment
- 1 September 1901 **The ideals of yesterday are the truths of today.**
McKinley, Speech at Cincinnati, OH
- 2 September 1940 **We believe that the only whole man is a free man.**
Franklin Roosevelt, Address at dedication of Great Smoky Mountain National Park
- 2 September 2004 **My father served eight years at the side of another great American: Ronald Regan. His – His spirit of optimism and goodwill and decency are in this hall, and are in our hearts, and will always define our Party.**
George W. Bush, 2004 Republican National Convention Address, Madison Square Garden, New York, NY
- 3 September 1892 **No good cause can be promoted upon the lines of lawlessness. Mobs do not discriminate, and the punishments inflicted by them have no repressive or salutary influence.**
Benjamin Harrison, Acceptance of Renomination for Presidency
- 4 September 1964 **Nurses today are essential members of our Nation's health team. The health needs of a growing population cannot be met without their help. Yet we are critically short of the nurses that we need.**
Lyndon Johnson, Signing of the Nurse Training Act of 1964
- 5 September 1919 **Is there any man, who does not know that the seed of war in the modern world is industrial and commercial rivalry?**
Wilson, Address to veterans, St. Louis, MO
- 6 September 1919 **I tell you, fellow citizens, that the war was won by the American spirit. You know what one of our American wits said, that it took only half as long to train an American army as any other, because you only had to train them to go one way.**
Wilson, Speech at Kansas City, MO
- 7 September 1903 **No man needs sympathy because he has to work. Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.**
Theodore Roosevelt, Address at Syracuse, NY

- 8 September 1795 **I am now in that tranquil situation which is my delight, with all my family living with me, and forming a delicious society.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Angelica Schuyler
- 8 September 1974 **As we are a nation under God, so I am sworn to uphold our laws with the help of God.**
Ford, Remarks upon granting a pardon to former President Richard Nixon.
- 9 September 1919 **We [Americans] are the predestined mediators of mankind.**
Wilson, Speech at St. Paul, MN (See Harnsberger, p. 8)
- 10 September 1955 **Some politician some years ago said that bad officials are elected by good voters who do not vote.**
Eisenhower, Breakfast Meeting for Republican State Chairmen, Denver, Colorado
- 11 September 1804 **I tolerate with the utmost latitude the right of others to differ from me in opinion without imputing to them criminality.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Abigail Adams
- 11 September 1919 **America is the place where you cannot kill your government by killing the men who conduct it.**
Wilson, Address at Helena, MT
- 12 September 1956 **The essence of leadership is to get others to do something because they think you want it done and because they know it is worth while doing—that is what we are talking about.**
Eisenhower, Republican Campaign Picnic at the President's Gettysburg Farm
- 13 September 1902 **The worth of a civilization is the worth of the man at its center.**
Theodore Roosevelt, *Outlook Magazine*
- 14 September 1775 **While we are contending for our own liberty, we should be very cautious not to violate the rights of conscience in others.**
Washington, to Benedict Arnold
- 14 September 1919 **There is no right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, any time.**
Coolidge, Telegram to Samuel Gompers
- 15 September 1960 **The point I want to make is that we cannot be strong abroad, that we cannot be respected, that we cannot stop the Communist advance, unless we are strong here at home, unless we are building a better country and a better society, where all Americans regardless of their race or religion, are citizens of the United States.**
Kennedy, Remarks of Senator Kennedy at City Hall, New Brunswick, New Jersey
- 16 September 1964 **The American people and all the world can rest assured that we have taken every step that man can devise to ensure that neither a madman nor a malfunction could ever trigger nuclear war.**
Lyndon Johnson, remarks made in Seattle on the control of nuclear weapons.

- 17 September 1757 **Knowledge in military matters is to be acquired by practice and experience only.**
Washington, to Governor Robert Dinwiddie
- 17 September 1796 **Though in reviewing the incidents of my Administration I am unconscious of intentional error, I am nevertheless too sensible of my defects not to think it probable that I may have committed many errors.**
Washington, Farewell Address
- 18 September 1912 **The cure for bad politics is the same as the cure for tuberculosis. It is living in the open.**
Wilson, Speech at Minneapolis, MN
- 19 September 1796 **The name of America must always exalt the just pride of patriotism.**
Washington, Farewell Address
- 20 September 2001 **We've seen the unfurling of flags, the lighting of candles, the giving of blood, the saying of prayers in English, Hebrew and Arabic.**
George W. Bush, Address to joint session of Congress and the nation following 11 September terrorist attacks
- 20 September 1787 **The moment a person forms a theory, his imagination sees in every object only the traits which favor that theory.**
Jefferson, to Charles Thompson (See Harnsberger, p. 310)
- 21 September 1788 **Travelling is good for your health and necessary for your amusement.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Angelica Schuyler Church
- 21 September 2022 **We all must advocate for women – the rights of women and girls to use their full talents to contribute economically, politically, and socially and pursue their dreams free of violence and intimidation – from Central America to the Middle East, to Africa, to Afghanistan – wherever it appears in the world.**
Biden, Remarks before the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly
- 22 September 1952 **Peace is my passion.**
Eisenhower, Speech at Cincinnati, OH
- 23 September 1912 **The vision of America will never change.**
Wilson, Speech at Scranton PA.
- 24 September 1957 **A foundation of our American way of life is our national respect for law.**
Eisenhower, Radio and television address
- 25 September 1961 **But however close we sometimes seem to that dark and final abyss, let no man of peace and freedom despair. For he does not stand alone.**
Kennedy, Address to the U.N. General Assembly

- 26 September 1966 **Nature isn't doing this. We are. By our carelessness, by our neglect, and by our blind rush of progress, we are fouling one of the most precious resources we possess: our rivers.**
Lyndon Johnson, Signed the bill for the control of pollution in the Hudson River Basin
- 27 September 1963 **I ask particularly that those of you who are in school will prepare yourselves to bear the burden of leadership over the next 40 years here in the United States.**
Kennedy, Cheney Stadium, Tacoma WA
- 28 September 1912 **Life does not consist in thinking, it consists in acting.**
Wilson, Speech in New York, N.Y.
- 29 September 1965 **The arts and the humanities belong to the people, for it is, after all, the people who create them.**
Lyndon Johnson, Signed the Arts and Humanities Bill.
- 30 September 1934 **We count, in the future as in the past, on the driving power of individual initiative.**
Franklin Roosevelt, Fireside Chat
- 30 September 1859 **A capacity, and taste, for reading, gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others.**
Lincoln, Address before the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society
- 1 October 1935 **Democracy is not a static thing. It is an everlasting march.**
Franklin Roosevelt, Address at Los Angeles, CA
- 1 October 2008 **Now, the fact that we're even here voting on a plan to rescue our economy from the greed and irresponsibility of Wall Street and some in Washington is an outrage. It's an outrage to every American who works hard, pays their taxes, is doing their best every day to make a better life for themselves and their families.**
Obama, Excerpt from Senate floor speech in support of the Wall Street Bailout Bill
- 2 October 1789 **There is nothing which I dread so much as a division of the republic into two great parties, each arranged under its leader, and concerting measures in opposition to each other. This, in my humble apprehension is to be dreaded as the greatest political evil under our Constitution.**
John Adams, letter to Jonathan Jackson
- 2 October 1935 **To a great extent the achievements of invention, of mechanical and of artistic creation, must of necessity, and rightly, be individual rather than governmental.**
Franklin Roosevelt, Address at Sand Diego Exposition
- 3 October 1965 **Our beautiful America was built by a nation of strangers. From a hundred different places or more they have poured into an empty land, joining and blending in one mighty and irresistible tide.**
Lyndon Johnson, Signed the Immigration Act in front of the Statue of Liberty in New York.

- 4 October 1823 **I agree with you that it is the duty of every good citizen to use all the opportunities, which occur to him, for preserving documents relating to the history of our country.**
Jefferson, Extract of Thomas Jefferson to Hugh Paul Taylor
- 5 October 1786 **There is no maxim, in my opinion, which is more liable to be misapplied, and which, therefore, more needs elucidation, than the current one, that the interest of the majority is the political standard of right and wrong.**
Madison, to James Monroe
- 6 October 1930 **Real peace in the world requires something more than the documents which we sign to terminate wars.**
Hoover, Speech in Boston, MA
- 7 October 1852 **From Caesar to Cromwell, and from Cromwell to Napoleon, history presents the same solemn warning—beware of elevating to the highest civil trust the commander of your victorious armies.**
Buchanan, Speech at Greensburg, PA.
- 8 October 1890 **If I were to select a watchword that I would have every young man write above his door and on his heart, it would be that good word “fidelity.”**
Benjamin Harrison, Speech at Galesburg, IL
- 9 October 1792 **Some person of more advanced life and longer standing public trust should be selected. A person who had marked a line of conduct so decisively that you might tell what he would be hereafter by what he had been heretofore.**
Monroe, to James Madison (see Harnsberger, p. 35)
- 10 October 1909 **You can not have a decent, popular government unless the majority exercises the self-restraint that men with great power ought to exercise.**
Taft, Presidential address, Fresno, CA
- 11 October 1968 **The path to the moon takes courage, ability, and devotion to our goals. You are making a major stride on this star-studded way.**
Lyndon Johnson, Message to the Apollo 7 astronauts Walter Schirra, Donn Eisele, and Walter Cunningham
- 11 October 2001 **In New York, the terrorists chose as their target a symbol of America’s freedom and confidence. Here, they struck a symbol of our strength in the world. And the attack on the Pentagon, on that day, was more symbolic than they knew. It was on another September 11th – September 11th, 1941 – that construction on this building [The Pentagon] first began. America was just then awakening to another menace: The Nazi terror in Europe.**
George W. Bush, 9/11 Pentagon Memorial Address, The Pentagon, Arlington, VA
- 12 October 1963 **The revolution which began here in 1776 still runs—throughout the world.**
Johnson, Address at Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

13 October 1933	The danger to world peace certainly does not come from the United States of America. As a Nation, we are overwhelmingly against engaging in war. Franklin Roosevelt, Radio Address
14 October 1948	But the President cannot duck hard problems--he cannot pass the buck. Truman, Address in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
15 October 1924	Our government rests upon religion. It is from that source that we derive our reverence for truth and justice, for equality and liberty, and for the rights of mankind. Coolidge, Speech in Washington, D.C.
16 October 1854	No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent. Lincoln, Speech at Peoria, IL
17 October 1956	The only way to win the next war is to prevent it. Eisenhower, Address at a Rally in the Civic Auditorium, Seattle, Washington
18 October 1931	Time and again the American people have demonstrated a spiritual quality, a capacity for unity of action, of generosity, a certainty of results in time of emergency that have made them great in the annals of history of all nations. Hoover, (See Harnsberger, p. 9)
19 October 1950	Possibly my hatred of war blinds me so that I cannot comprehend the arguments they adduce. But in my opinion, there is no such thing as a preventive war. Eisenhower, Carnegie Institute Pittsburgh, PA
20 October 1792	Of all the animosities which have existed among mankind, those which are caused by a difference of sentiments in religion appear to be the most inveterate and distressing, and ought most to be deprecated. Washington, letter to Sir Edward Newenham
20 October 1820	The boisterous sea of liberty is never without a wave. Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Je
21 October 1965	Good luck to you. Tell all your families—your wives, your children, your mothers, and your fathers—that the President of your country is mighty proud of you. Lyndon Johnson, comments during visit to injured servicemen at Naval Hospital in Maryland who had returned from Vietnam.
22 October 1846	Being elected to Congress, though I am very grateful to our friends, for having done it, has not please me as much as I expected. Lincoln, Letter to Joshua Speed
23 October 1847	Youth, however, is a defect that she is fast getting away from and may be perhaps entirely rid of before I shall want her. Hayes, Letter to his sister Fanny Hayes Platt about his future wife Lucy Webb

24 October 1956	We must be strong at home if we are going to be strong abroad. Eisenhower, Radio and Television Broadcasts: "The Women as the President"
25 October 2005	This solitary act of civil disobedience was also the spark that ignited the beginning of the end for segregation and inspired millions around the country and ultimately around the world to get involved in the fight for racial equality. Obama, Excerpt from Speech on Senate Floor honoring the life of Rosa Parks, Washington, D.C.
26 October 1963	We must never forget that art is not a form of propaganda; it is a form of truth. Kennedy, Amherst College upon receiving an honorary degree
26 October 1963	A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers. Kennedy, Amherst College upon receiving an honorary degree
27 October 1967	If Theodore Roosevelt had wanted any memorial at all, he would have wanted it here-- in this wild little island in the center of a historic river—where the statue is sheltered in the trees. Lyndon Johnson, dedicating the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C.
28 October 1813	There is a natural aristocracy among men. The grounds of this are virtue and talents. Jefferson, to John Adams
29 October 1960	The Federal government cannot order that culture exist, but the government can and should provide the climate of freedom, deeper and wider education, and intellectual curiosity in which culture flourishes. Kennedy, "Arts in America" (See Harnsberger, p. 48)
30 October 1912	Standpatism is just as impossible in modern conditions as it is impossible for a thin crust of earth to keep its place above the force of a volcano. Wilson, Address in Burlington, NJ
31 October 1823	The equal rights of man, and the happiness of every individual are now acknowledged to be the only legitimate objects of government. Jefferson, Extract of Thomas Jefferson to Adamantios Coray
31 October 1936	We now know that organized money is just as dangerous as Government by organized mob. Franklin Roosevelt, Address at Madison Square Garden, New York City
1 November 1848	Upon each recurrence of my birthday I am solemnly impressed with the vanity & emptiness of worldly honors and worldly enjoyments, and of the wisdom of preparing for a future estate. Polk, Diary

- 2 November 1960 **We have all seen these circus elephants complete with tusks, ivory in their head and thick skins, who move around the circus ring and grab the tail of the elephant ahead of them.**
Kennedy, Speech at the Cow Palace, San Francisco, CA
- 3 November 1897 **The free man cannot be long an ignorant man.**
McKinley, Address at Pittsburgh, PA
- 4 November 1915 **The day of our country's life is still in its fresh morning.**
Wilson, Speech
- 5 November 1916 **Only governments and not people initiate wars.**
Wilson, Interview (See Harnsberger, p. 57)
- 6 November 1813 **If ever there was a holy war, it was that which saved our liberties and gave us independence.**
Jefferson, to John Wayles Eppes
Wilson, Address in New York, N.Y.
- 7 November 1967 **At its best, public television would help make our Nation a replica of the old Greek marketplace, where public affairs took place in view of all the citizens.**
Lyndon Johnson, Signing the Public Broadcasting Act which established the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.
- 8 November 2016 **We must reclaim our country's destiny and dream big and bold and daring.**
Trump, Election Victory Speech
- 9 November 1907 **I find that it is absolutely useless to try to correct untruths or misrepresentations even of the most flagrant kind in the newspapers.**
Theodore Roosevelt, to W. Emlen Roosevelt
- 10 November 2007 **Our nation is at war. The planet is in peril. The dream that so many generations fought for feels as if it's slowly slipping away. We are working harder for less. We've never paid more for health care or for college. It's harder to save and it's harder to retire.**
Obama, Excerpt from speech at Jefferson-Jackson Dinner, Des Moines, IA
- 10 November 2001 **Those names include a citizen of Gambia, whose wife spent their fourth wedding anniversary, September the 12th, searching in van for her husband. Those names include a man who supported his wife in Mexico, sending home money every week. Those names include a young Pakistani who prayed toward Mecca five times a day, and died that day trying to save others.**
George W. Bush, First Address to the United Nations General Assembly two months after the 9/11 attacks, New York, NY
- 11 November 1948 **Character is the most precious asset of our country.**
Hoover, Remarks (See Harnsberger, p. 27)

- 12 November 2006 **The length of one's days matters less than the love of one's family and friends.**
Ford, On the occasion of becoming the longest-lived president in American history
- 13 November 1815 **The fundamental article of my political creed is that despotism, or unlimited sovereignty, or absolute power, is the same in a majority of a popular assembly, an aristocratical council, an oligarchical junto, and a single emperor. Equally arbitrary, cruel, bloody, and in every respect diabolical.**
John Adams, letter to Thomas Jefferson
- 13 November 1957 **We will never be an aggressor. We want adequate security. We want no more than adequacy. But we will accept nothing less.**
Eisenhower
- 14 November 1957 **I tell this story to illustrate the truth of the statement I heard long ago in the Army: Plans are worthless, but planning is everything.**
Eisenhower, National Defense Executive Reserve Conference
- 15 November 1963 **I come here today, not just because you are doing well and because you are outstanding students, but because we expect something of you.**
Kennedy, National Convention of the Catholic Youth Organization, New York, NY
- 16 November 1961 **And we must face the fact that the United States is neither omnipotent or omniscient – that we are only six percent of the world's population – that we cannot impose our will upon the other ninety-four percent of mankind.**
Kennedy, Address at the University of Washington's 100th Anniversary Program, Seattle, WA
- 17 November 1958 **Men who have worked together to reach the stars are not likely to descend together into the depths of war and desolation.**
Lyndon Johnson, Address to the First Committee on Outer Space, United Nations, New York, NY
- 18 November 1933 **The overwhelming majority of Americans are possessed of two great qualities—a sense of humor and a sense of proportion.**
Franklin Roosevelt, Address at Savannah, GA.
- 19 November 1786 **I am never happier than when I am performing good offices for good people; and the most friendly office one can perform is to make worthy characters acquainted with one another.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Abigail Adams
- 19 November 1863 **Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.**
Lincoln, The Gettysburg Address

- 19 November 1999 **In the defense of our nation, a president must be a clear-eyed realist.**
George W. Bush, Speech at Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Simi Valley, CA
- 19 November 2003 **The last President to stay at Buckingham Palace was an idealist without questions. At a dinner hosted by King George V, in 1818, Woodrow Wilson made a pledge; with typical American understatement, he vowed that right and justice would become the predominant and controlling force in the world.**
George W. Bush, Whitehall Palace Address on Iraq Policy, London, England
- 20 November 1801 **The Constitution of the United States is the result of the collected wisdom of our country.**
Thomas Jefferson, Letter to Amos March
- 21 November 1963 **This nation has tossed its cap over the wall of space, and we have no choice but to follow it.**
Kennedy, Dedication of the Aerospace Medical Health Center, San Antonio, TX
- 22 November 1963 **We in this country, in this generation, are—by destiny rather than choice—the watchmen on the walls of world freedom.**
Kennedy, from his undelivered speech (See *Chicago Daily News*, 29 Dec 1963)
- 23 November 1797 **The consequences arising from the continual accumulation of public debts in other countries ought to admonish us to be careful to prevent their growth in our own.**
John Adams, First Address to Congress
- 23 November 1953 **If we are going to continue to be proud that we are Americans there must be no weakening of the codes by which we have lived; by the right to meet your accuser face to face, if you have one.**
Eisenhower, Extract from address (See Harnsberger, p. 11)
- 24 November 1808 **Good humor is one of the preservatives of our peace and tranquility.**
Jefferson, to Thomas Jefferson Randolph
- 25 November 1885 **Politics and law are (or rather, should be)—merely results, merely the expression of what the people wish.**
Hayes, Diary and Letters
- 26 November 1820 **Our opinions agree as to the evil, moral, political, and economical, of slavery.**
Madison, to Francis Corbin
- 27 November 1920 **It is not necessary to suppose that our civilization is perfect.**
Coolidge, Address in New York, NY
- 28 December 1933 **It is but an extension of the challenge of Woodrow Wilson for us to propose in this newer generation that from now on war by governments shall be changed to peace by peoples.**
Franklin Roosevelt, Address to Woodrow Wilson Foundation

29 November 1963	A great leader is dead; a great Nation must move on. Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is our to win or to lose. I am resolved that we shall win the tomorrows before us. So I ask you to join me in that resolve, determined that from this midnight of tragedy, we shall move toward a new American greatness. Lyndon Johnson, Thanksgiving Day Address to the Nation (President Kennedy's assassination was 22 November)
29 November 1962	I am certain that after the dust of centuries has passed over our cities, we, too, will be remembered not for victories or defeats in battle or in politics, but for our contribution to the human spirit. Kennedy, Closed-circuit television broadcast on behalf of the National Cultural Center
30 November 1959	The history of civilization – the location of all major cities – the rise and fall of ancient and modern states -- tides of peace and war of prosperity and famine – all have centered on the supply, the use and control of water. Kennedy, Remarks, Democratic Dinner, Grand Junction, CO
1 December 1834	The mischiefs and dangers which flow from a national bank far overbalance its advantages. Jackson, Sixth Annual Message to Congress
2 December 1919	The instrument of all reform in America is the ballot. Wilson, Seventh Annual Message to Congress
2 December 1829	In Republics, the great danger is, that the majority may not sufficiently respect the rights of the minority. Madison, Speech to Virginia State Convention
2 December 1923	It is only when our rights are invaded or seriously menaced that we resent injuries or make preparations for our defense. Monroe, State of the Nation Address, Proclaiming the Monroe Doctrine, To the Senate and House of Representatives
3 December 1901	The American people are slow to wrath, but when their wrath is once kindled it burns like a consuming flame. Theodore Roosevelt, First Annual Message to Congress
4 December 1770	Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence. John Adams, Argument in Defense of the British Soldiers in the Boston Massacre
4 December 1788	I am led to reflect how much more delightful to an undebauched mind is the task of making improvements on the earth, than all the vain glory which can be acquired from ravaging it, by the most uninterrupted career of conquests. Washington, Letter to Arthur Young
5 December 1961	We have become more and more not a nation of athletes but a nation of spectators. Kennedy, National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Banquet
6 December 1892	Admission to our country and to the high privileges of its citizenship should be more restricted and more careful. Benjamin Harrison, Fourth Annual Message

- 6 December 1973 **I am a Ford, not a Lincoln.**
Ford, Remarks after being sworn in as Vice President of the United States
- 7 December 1903 **There can be no crime more serious than bribery. Other offenses violate one law while corruption strikes at the foundation of all law.**
Theodore Roosevelt, Third Annual Message to Congress
- 8 December 1806 **We must use a good deal of economy in our wood, never cutting down new, where we can make the old do.**
Jefferson, Extract of Thomas Jefferson to Edmund Bacon
- 8 December 1861 **It has been said that one bad general is better than two good ones, and the saying is true if taken to mean no more than that an army is better directed by a single mind, though inferior, than by two superior ones at variance and cross-purposes with each other.**
Lincoln, First Annual Message to Congress
- 8 December 1941 **Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger.**
Theodore Roosevelt, Message Asking Congress to Declare War on Japan, Washington, D.C.
- 9 December 1930 **Prosperity cannot be restored by raids upon the public treasury.**
Hoover, Press Conference
- 10 December 1784 **You shall find with me a room, bed & plate, with a hearty welcome.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe
- 11 December 1823 **Man is fed with fables through life, and leaves in the believe he knows something of what has been passing, when in truth he has known nothing but what has passed under his own eye.**
Jefferson, to Thomas Cooper.
- 11 December 2018 **It's hard to impeach somebody who hasn't done anything wrong and who's created the greatest economy in the history of our country.**
Trump, responding to question during Reuters interview, The White House, Washington, D.C.
- 12 December 1848 **We have a country as well as a party to obey.**
Polk, Diary (See Harnsberger, p. 221)
- 13 December 2000 **I will be guided by President Jefferson's sense of purpose, to stand for principle, to be reasonable in manner, and above all, to do great good for the cause of freedom and harmony.**
George W. Bush, 2000 Victory Speech

- 13 December 2000 **Vice President Gore and I put our hearts and hopes into our campaigns. We both gave it our all. We shared similar emotions, so I understand how difficult this moment must be for Vice President and his family. He has a distinguished record of service to our country as a congressman, a senator, and a vice president. This evening I received a gracious call from the vice president. We agreed to meet early next week in Washington, and we agreed to do our best to heal our country after this hard-fought contest.**
George W. Bush, 2000 Victory Speech
- 14 December 1962 **It is increasingly clear that no matter what party is in power, so long as our national security needs keep rising, an economy hampered by restrictive tax rates will never produce enough jobs or enough profits.**
Kennedy, Address at the Economics Club of New York
- 15 December 2005 **Giving law enforcement the tools they need to investigate suspicious activities is one thing and it's the right thing; but doing it without any real oversight seriously jeopardizes the rights of all Americans and the ideals America stands for.**
Obama, Excerpt from Senate Floor Speech on the reauthorization of the Patriot Act
- 16 December 1815 **Wine from long habit has become an indispensable for my health.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to John F. Oliveira
- 17 December 1963 **Peace is a journey of a thousand miles, and it must be taken one step at a time.**
Lyndon Johnson, United Nations General Assembly
- 18 December 1962 **The life of the arts, far from being an interruption, a distraction, in the life of a nation, is very close to the center of a nation's purpose...and is a test of the quality of a nation's civilization.**
Kennedy, Look Magazine, 'The Arts in America'
- 19 December 1869 **I will stand by the Constitution of the country as it is, and by all its guaranties.**
Andrew Johnson, to the Senate
- 20 December 1801 **Every honest man will suppose acts to flow from honest principles, and the rogues may rail without intermission.**
Jefferson, to Benjamin Rush (See Harnsberger, p. 135)
- 21 December 1808 **Nobody can acquire honor by doing what is wrong.**
Jefferson, to Manchot, War Chief of The Potawatomes
- 22 December 1787 **Ignorance of the law is no excuse in any country. If it were, the laws would lose their effect, because it can be always pretended.**
Jefferson, to M. Limozin (See Harnsberger, p. 155)

- 23 December 1791 **I would rather be exposed to the inconvenience attending to too much liberty, than those attending too small a degree of it. It is important to strengthen the State governments.**
Jefferson, Letter to Archibald Stuart
- 24 December 1775 **We must make the best of Mankind as they are, since we cannot have them as we wish.**
Washington, to Major General Philip Schuyler
- 25 December 1816 **Say nothing of my religion. It is known to my god and myself alone.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Joseph Delaplaine
- 26 December 1786 **The good sense of the people is the strongest army our government can ever have. It will not fail them.**
Jefferson, to William Carmichael
- 27 December 1796 **There is a debt of service due from every man to his country, proportioned to the bounties which nature & fortune have measured to him.**
Jefferson, Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Edward Rutledge
- 28 December 1794 **I read my eyes out and can't read half enough.... The more one reads the more one sees we have to read.**
John Adams, letter to Abigail Adams
- 28 December 1926 **The progress of civilization depends in large degree upon "the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." We must add to knowledge, both for intellectual and for the spiritual satisfaction that comes from widening the range of human understanding.**
Hoover, Speech (See Harnsberger, p. 151)
- 29 December 1940 **We must be the great arsenal of Democracy.**
Franklin Roosevelt, Fireside Chat
- 30 December 1929 **We get the fundamental confusion that government, since it can correct much abuse, can also create righteousness.**
Hoover, to William O. Thompson.
- 31 December 1862 **He who does something at the head of one Regiment, will eclipse him who does nothing at the head of a hundred.**
Lincoln, Letter to David Hunter

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