Bill Clinton

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William Jefferson “Bill” Clinton (born William Jefferson Blythe III; 19 August 1946) is an American politician, 42nd President of the United States of America, and the husband of Hillary Rodham Clinton.

1 Quotes

1.1 1970s

- Mr. President, you are not leading this Nation — you’re just managing the Government. You don’t see the people enough any more. Some of your Cabinet members don’t seem loyal. There is not enough discipline among your disciples. Don’t talk to us about politics or the mechanics of government, but about an understanding of our common good. Mr. President, we’re in trouble. Talk to us about blood and sweat and tears. If you lead, Mr. President, we will follow.

- As quoted by President Jimmy Carter during his Malaise Speech, delivered on 15 July 1979.

1.2 1990s

- I feel your pain.

- Response to AIDS activist Bob Rafsky at the Laura Belle nightclub in Manhattan (March 27, 1992)

- Now, I don’t have all the answers, but I do know the old ways don’t work. Trickle-down economics has sure failed. And big bureaucracies, both private and public, they’ve failed too. That’s why we need a new approach to government, a government that offers more empowerment and less entitlement. More choices for young people in the schools they attend — in the public schools they attend. And more choices for the elderly and for people with disabilities and the long-term care they receive. A government that is leaner, not meaner; a government that expands opportunity, not bureaucracy; a government that understands that jobs must come from growth in a vi-
There is no title I will wear more proudly than that of citizen.

The loss of trust is paralyzing.

I don’t care how precise your bombs and your weapons are, when you set them off, innocent people will die.

Great rewards will come to those who can live together, learn together, work together, forge new ties that bind together.

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brant and vital system of free enterprise.


- End welfare as we know it.

- Statement during 1992 US presidential campaign

- When I was in England I experimented with marijuana a time or two -- and didn’t like it -- and didn’t inhale and never tried inhaling again.


- Our democracy must be not only the envy of the world but the engine of our own renewal. There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America.

- First inaugural address (January 20, 1993), Washington, D.C.

- Posterity is the world to come; the world for whom
There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America.

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We want to live forever, and we're getting there.

We've gotten to where we've nearly 'them'ed ourselves to death. Them and them and them. But this is America. There is no them; there's only us.

that we are unable to think about the reality of life that millions of Americans face on streets that are unsafe, under conditions that no other nation—no other nations—has permitted to exist. And at some point, I still hope that the leadership of the National Rifle Association will go back to doing what it did when I was a boy and which made me want to be a lifetime member because they put out valuable information about hunting and marksmanship and safe use of guns. But just to know of the conditions we face today in a lot of our cities and other places in this country and the enormous threat to public safety is amazing.

Let me tell you something -- wait a minute. You know one things that's wrong with this country? Everybody gets a chance to have their fair say. My budget did more to fight AIDS than any in history, and we're having to put up with this. (Applause.) Tell them to let me talk. (Applause.) If you want to give a speech -- go out there and raise your own crowd. We'll be glad to listen to you. (Applause.) So there were those -- (interruption) -- I'll make you a deal. I'll ignore them if you will. (Applause.)


The road to tyranny, we must never forget, begins with the destruction of the truth.
• Remarks at the Dedication of the Thomas J. Dodd Archives and Research Center in Storrs, Connecticut, October 15, 1995

• When we got organized as a country and we wrote a fairly radical Constitution with a radical Bill of Rights, giving a radical amount of individual freedom to Americans, it was assumed that the Americans who had that freedom would use it responsibly. That is, when we set up this country, abuse of people by Government was a big problem. So if you read the Constitution, it’s rooted in the desire to limit the ability of — Government’s ability to mess with you, because that was a huge problem. It can still be a huge problem. But it assumed that people would basically be raised in coherent families, in coherent communities, and they would work for the common good, as well as for the individual welfare.

• Television interview on MTV’s Enough is Enough (19 April 1994)

• The last time I checked, the Constitution said, ‘of the people, by the people and for the people.’ That’s what the Declaration of Independence says.

• From a campaign speech given in California. Quoted in Investor’s Business Daily October 25, 1996

• Shalom, haver.

• Hebrew שלום, חבר (“Goodbye, friend”). Eulogy at the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin, Jerusalem (February 16, 1996)

• Our rich texture of racial, religious and political diversity will be a Godsend in the 21st century. Great rewards will come to those who can live together, learn together, work together, forge new ties that bind together.

• Second inaugural address (January 20, 1997)

• Abigail, do you favor the United States Army abolishing the affirmative action program that produced Colin Powell? Yes or no? Yes or no?


• Now, I have to go back to work on my State of the Union speech. And I worked on it until pretty late last night. I want to say one thing to the American people. I want you to listen to me. I’m going to say this again. I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky. I never told anybody to lie, not a single time, never. These allegations are false, and I need to go back to work for the American people.

• Clinton denying that he had sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky.

• Remarks on the After-School Child Care Initiative, Roosevelt Room, White House Remarks on the After-School Child Care Initiative (January 26, 1998)

• Next, we must help parents protect their children from the gravest health threat that they face -- an epidemic of teen smoking, spread by multimillion dollar marketing campaigns. I challenge Congress -- let’s pass bipartisan, comprehensive legislation that will improve public health, protect our tobacco farmers and change the way tobacco companies do business forever. Let’s do what it takes to bring teen smoking down. Let’s raise the price of cigarettes by up to $1.50 a pack over the next 10 years with penalties on the tobacco industry if it keeps marketing to our children.

• 1998 State of the Union Address (January 27, 1998)

• No one wants to get this matter behind us more than I do—except maybe all the rest of the American people.

• Statement on the Monica Lewinsky affair, at Rose Garden press conference (July 31, 1998)

• It depends on what the meaning of the word ‘is’ is. If the—if he—if ‘is’ means is and never has been, that is not—that is one thing. If it means there is none, that was a completely true statement. … Now, if someone had asked me on that day, are you having any kind of sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky, that is, asked me a question in the present tense, I would have said no. And it would have been completely true.

• Grand jury testimony (August 17, 1998), answering questions about his attorney’s description of an affidavit by Monica Lewinsky

• Indeed, I did have a relationship with Miss Lewinsky that was not appropriate. In fact, it was wrong. It constituted a critical lapse in judgment and a personal failure on my part for which I am solely and
completely responsible. But I told the grand jury today and I say to you now that at no time did I ask anyone to lie, to hide or destroy evidence or to take any other unlawful action.

- Televised address on August 17, 1998 CNN transcript

- All of you know I’m having to become quite an expert in this business of asking for forgiveness. And I ---. It gets a little easier the more you do it. And if you have a family, an Administration, a Congress and a whole country to ask, you’re going to get a lot of practice. But I have to tell that in these last days it has come home to me again, something I first learned as President, but it wasn’t burned in my bones -- and that is that in order to get it, you have to be willing to give it. And all of us -- the anger, the resentment, the bitterness, the desire for recrimination against people you believe have wronged you -- they harden the heart and deaden the spirit and lead to self-inflicted wounds. And so it is important that we are able to forgive those we believe have wronged us, even as we ask for forgiveness from people we have wronged. And I heard that first -- first -- in the Civil Rights Movement. Love thy neighbor as thyself.

- On August 28, 1998 at Union Chapel in Oak Bluff, Massachusetts, speaking on the 35th anniversary of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech. Published in the August 29, 1998 edition of The New York Times.

- Whether our ancestors came here on the Mayflower, on slave ships, whether they came to Ellis Island or LAX in Los Angeles, whether they came yesterday or walked this land a thousand years ago our great challenge for the 21st century is to find a way to be One America. We can meet all the other challenges if we can go forward as One America.

- State of the Union Address (January 19, 1999)

- A hundred years from tonight, another American president will stand in this place and report on the State of the Union. He—or she—(applause)—he or she will look back on a 21st century shaped in so many ways by the decisions we make here and now. So let it be said of us then that we were thinking not only of our time, but of their time; that we reached as high as our ideals; that we put aside our divisions and found a new hour of healing and hopefulness; that we joined together to serve and strengthen the land we love.

- State of the Union Address (January 19, 1999)

- Secretary-General Annan spoke for all of us ... when he said that ethnic cleansers and mass murderers can find no refuge in the United Nations, no source of comfort or justification in its charter. We must do more to make these words real. Of course, we must approach this challenge with some considerable degree of humility. It is easy to say, “Never again,” but much harder to make it so. Promising too much can be as cruel as caring too little. But difficulties, dangers, and costs are not an argument for doing nothing. When we are faced with deliberate, organized campaigns to murder whole peoples or expel them from their land, the care of victims is important but not enough. We should work to end the violence.

- Remarks to the 54th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (September 21, 1999)

- We want to live forever, and we’re getting there.

- Millennium evening at the White House (October 1999)

1.2.1 A Place Called Hope (16 July 1992)

- (George H. W. Bush) won’t take the lead in protecting the environment and creating new jobs in environmental technologies for the 21st century, but I will. And you know what else? He doesn’t have Al Gore, and I do.

- “A Place Called Hope,” speech to the 1992 Democratic National Convention accepting the Democratic nomination for President (July 16, 1992)

- It is time to heal America. And so we must say to every American: Look beyond the stereotypes that blind us. We need each other. All of us, we need each other. We don’t have a person to waste. And yet for too long politicians have told the most of us that are doing all right that what’s really wrong with America is the rest of us. Them. Them, the minorities. Them, the liberals. Them, the poor. Them, the homeless. Them, the people with disabilities. Them, the gays. We’ve gotten to where we’ve nearly “them”ed ourselves to death. Them and them and them. But this is America. There is no them; there’s only us. One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty, and justice, for all.

- ”A Place Called Hope” (July 16, 1992)

- My grandfather just had a grade-school education. But in that country store he taught me more about equality in the eyes of the Lord than all my professors at Georgetown; more about the intrinsic worth of every individual than all the philosophers at Oxford; and he taught me more about the need for equal justice than all the jurists at Yale Law School.
"A Place Called Hope" (July 16, 1992)

I end tonight where it all began for me: I still believe in a place called Hope.

"A Place Called Hope" (July 16, 1992)

1.3 2000s

Shakespeare wrote, Einstein thought, Ataturk built.

Address to the International Trade Organization, as quoted in Hellenic Resources Net (January 5, 2000)

We are fortunate to be alive at this moment in history.

State of the Union address (January 27, 2000)

You know, if I were a single man, I might ask that mummy out. That's a good-looking mummy.

Looking at "Juanita," a newly discovered Incan mummy on display at the National Geographic museum

Yesterday is yesterday. If we try to recapture it, we will only lose tomorrow.

President Clinton’s speech at the 200th anniversary of the University of North Carolina.

This quote was later used as a sample by electronic duo Cosmic Gate in their track "Tomorrow"

History has shown us, that you can’t allow the mass extermination of people, and just sit by and watch it happen.

On the Bosnian war Time Magazine

Let me tell you what the facts are. Now, we had a hard time getting those facts into these debates, because they're so inconvenient for the other side. And I admire that about the Republicans: The evidence does not faze them. … They are not bothered at all by the facts. And you’ve got to kind of give it to them. … They know what they’re for.

Remarks at a Reception for Representative Martin T. Meehan in Lowell, Massachusetts (20 October 2000)

A preemptive action today, however well-justified, may come back with unwelcome consequences in the future. And because … I've done this. I’ve ordered these kinds of actions — I don’t care how precise your bombs and your weapons are, when you set them off, innocent people will die.

At a Labour Party conference in the UK, quoted in The Independent. “Clinton urges caution over Iraq as Bush is granted war powers” (3 October 2002)

Because Israel believes, when it comes right down to it America is the only big country that cares whether they live or die. That's why I can say, give up the West Bank, because the Israelis knew that if the Iraqi or the Iranian army came across the Jordan river, I would personally grab a rifle, get in a ditch, and fight and die, and I would.

At a benefit dinner hosted by the Canadian Jewish Congress in Toronto, Ontario, 2002 CNN Transcript

You should have disagreements with your leaders and your colleagues, but if it becomes immediately a question of questioning people’s motives, and if immediately you decide that somebody who sees a whole new situation differently than you must be a bad person and somehow twisted inside, we are not going to get very far in forming a more perfect union.

Statement (May 21, 2004)

And I think America, if we’re ever going to truly defeat terror without changing the character of our own country or compromising the future of our children, has got to not only say, “Okay, I want to shoulder my responsibilities, I want to create my share of opportunities” but we have to find a way to define the future in terms of a humanity that goes beyond our country, that goes beyond any particular race, that goes beyond any particular religion.

Statement (May 21, 2004)

I felt like a pickle stepping into history.

During the unveiling of his official portrait in the East Room of the White House (June 14, 2004)

People like you always help the far-right, because you like to hurt people, and you like to talk about how bad people are and all their personal failings.

On the emphasis in the news media on the Starr investigation and the Lewinsky affair (June 22, 2004) Panorama interview

You know, I have repeatedly defended President Bush against the left on Iraq, even though I think he should have waited until the U.N. inspections were over. I don’t believe he went in there for oil. We didn’t go in there for imperialist or financial reasons.
We went in there because he bought the Wolfowitz-Cheney analysis that the Iraqis would be better off, we could shake up the authoritarian Arab regimes in the Middle East, and our leverage to make peace between the Palestinians and Israelis would be increased.

- Interview with Time Magazine, June 2004

- Strength and wisdom are not opposing values.
  - In support of John Kerry at the Democratic National Convention, Boston, MA, July 26, 2004

- What are the needs of the world? What can I do that won't be done if I don't do it?
  - ABC Primetime Live interview during opening of his presidential library in Little Rock, Ark., November 2004

- We need a steady stream of cash. The American people have been uncommonly generous.
  - While touring tsunami-devastated areas with his presidential predecessor, George H. W. Bush, February 2005[citation needed]

- [Iraq is] not Vietnam, we have a government that has a support of the majority of the people.
  - Late Show with David Letterman, June 16, 2005

- If ever there comes a time when everyone you vote for wins and they do everything you think they should do, there will still be a gap between what is and what ought to be.
  - Interview with Jon Stewart on The Daily Show[specific citation needed]

- Former U.S. president Bill Clinton has urged newspaper editors to focus more attention on the depletion of the world's oil reserves. In a June 17 speech to the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, Clinton said a “significant number of petroleum geologists” have warned that the world could be nearing the peak in oil production. Clinton suggested that at current consumption rates (now more than 30 billion barrels per year, according to the International Energy Agency), the world could be out of “recoverable oil” in 35 to 50 years, elevating the risk of “And then finally, and I think most important of all, more important than the deficit, more important then healthcare, more important than anything, is we have got to do something about our energy strategy because if we permit the climate to continue to warm at an unsustainable rate, and if we keep on doing what we're doing ‘til we're out of oil and we haven’t made the transition, then it’s inconceivable to me that our children and grandchildren will be able to maintain the American way of life and that the world won’t be much fuller of resource-based wars of all kinds.”
  - [citation needed]

- I think it’s very interesting that all the conservative Republicans who now say I didn’t do enough claimed that I was too obsessed with Bin Laden. All of President Bush’s neo-cons thought I was too obsessed with Bin Laden. They had no meetings on Bin Laden for nine months after I left office. All the right-wingers who now say I didn't do enough, said I did too much—same people.

- [Asked if he thought he did enough to get Bin Laden] “No, because I didn’t get him. But at least I tried. That’s the difference [between] me and some, including all the right-wingers who are attacking me now. They ridiculed me for trying. They had eight months to try. They did not try. I tried.”


- So I tried and failed. When I failed, I left a comprehensive anti-terror strategy and the best guy in the country, Dick Clarke, who got demoted. So you did Fox’s bidding on this show. You did your nice little conservative hit job on me. … And you’ve got that little smirk on your face and you think you’re so clever. But I had responsibility for trying to protect this country. I tried and I failed to get bin Laden. I regret it. But I did try. And I did everything I thought I responsibly could.
• The problem with ideology is, if you’ve got an ideology, you’ve already got your mind made up. You know all the answers and that makes evidence irrelevant and arguments a waste of time. You tend to govern by assertion and attacks.
  • At an event sponsored by the Center for American Progress, October 18, 2006[citation needed]

• I learned a lot from the stories my uncle, aunts, and grandparents told me: that no one is perfect but most people are good; that people can’t be judged only by their worst or weakest moments; that harsh judgments make hypocrites of us all; that a lot of life is just showing up and hanging on; that laughter is often the best, and sometimes only response to pain.
  • My Life (2004), page 15

• Private citizens have more power to do public good and solve common problems than ever before in human history.
  • Made that statement during a conference in Ottawa, Canada, in March 2006. He concluded that a trend of international goodwill has been developing since the 2004 tsunami and said, with a hint of optimism, that the world is now at “a time of unprecedented interdependence.”
  • Source: JW.org

• I have met all the most gifted people in our generation and you’re the best.
  • To Hillary Rodham Clinton when they both attended Yale University, repeated in a 2007 campaign speech.

• Jesse Jackson won South Carolina in ’84 and ’88. Jackson ran a good campaign. And Obama ran a good campaign here.
  • January 26, 2008

• I think it would be a great thing if we had an election year where you had two people who loved this country and were devoted to the interest of this country. And people could actually ask themselves who is right on these issues, instead of all this other stuff that always seems to intrude itself on our politics.
  • March 20, 2008

• If a politician doesn’t wanna get beat up, he shouldn’t run for office. If a football player doesn’t want to get tackled or want the risk of an occasional clip he shouldn’t put the pads on.

• March 26, 2008

• The world has always been more impressed by the power of our [America’s] example than by the example of our power.
  • At the 2008 Democratic National Convention, August 27, 2008.

• I just love that rug.
  • Small chatter with George W. Bush in the Oval Office
  • Newsweek magazine[citation needed]

1.3.1 Farewell address (18 January 2001)

Farewell address (January 18, 2001)

• In the years ahead, I will never hold a position higher or a covenant more sacred than that of President of the United States. But there is no title I will wear more proudly than that of citizen.

1.4 2010s

• Americans have more freedom and broader rights than citizens of almost any other nation in the world, including the capacity to criticize their government and their elected officials. But we do not have the right to resort to violence — or the threat of violence — when we don’t get our way. Our founders constructed a system of government so that reason could prevail over fear. Oklahoma City proved once again that without the law there is no freedom.

Criticism is part of the lifeblood of democracy. No one is right all the time. But we should remember that there is a big difference between criticizing a policy or a politician and demonizing the government that guarantees our freedoms and the public servants who enforce our laws.

• Writing on the 15th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing

• An increasing number of the young people in the IDF are the children of Russians and settlers, the hardest-core people against a division of the land. This presents a staggering problem. It’s a different Israel. 16 percent of Israelis speak Russian. They’ve just got there, it’s their country, they’ve
made a commitment to the future there,” Clinton said. “They can’t imagine any historical or other claims that would justify dividing it.


- There’s never a perfect bipartisan bill in the eyes of a partisan.
  - *The Economist*, December 18, 2010, p. 74

- It’s a great thing about not being office—you can just say whatever you want.
  - Bill Clinton on Libya, Peter King, and more, March 2011.

- I am grateful that they have worked together to make it safer and stronger to build a world with more partners and fewer enemies. I’m grateful for the relationship of respect and partnership she and the president have enjoyed. And the signal that sends to the rest of the world, that democracy does not have a -- have to be a blood sport, it can be an honorable enterprise that advances the public interest.
  - 2012-09-05 Democratic National Convention Speech in Charlotte, North Carolina

- I want to leave my daughter, and my grandchildren I hope to have and all these young people, a better world. And I think the reason you should do things for other people at bottom is selfish. There is no real difference between selfish and selfless if you understand how the world works. We all tied together. [...] Everytime you cut off somebody else’s opportunity you shrink your own horizon.
  - Bill Clinton on why he helps other people., August 2013

- [After struggle with heart disease] I’ve stopped eating meat, cheese, milk, even fish. No dairy at all. I’ve lost more than 20 pounds so far, aiming for about 30 before Chelsea’s wedding. And I have so much more energy now! I feel great. … I just decided that I was the high-risk person, and I didn’t want to fool with this anymore. And I wanted to live to be a grandfather. So I decided to pick the diet that I thought would maximize my chances of long-term survival. … The main thing that was hard for me actually … was giving up yogurt and hard cheese. I love that stuff, but it really made a big difference when I did it. … [To truly change the conditions that lead to bad habits and poor health] we have to demand it by changing the way we live. You have to make a conscious decision to change for your own well-being, and that of your family and your country.


- The loss of trust is paralyzing.
  - Presidential Leadership speech (9 July 2015).

- I ran upstairs to see my wife, we literally just sat there and held each other for, like, 20 minutes.

- In an interview aired 20 years after assassination of Yitzhak Rabin (27 October 2015).

2 Attributed

- Webb, if I put you over at Justice I want you to find the answers to two questions for me. One, who killed JFK? And two, are there UFOs?
  - To Webster Hubbell during his interview for Attorney General, 1992, according to Hubbell’s book *Friends in High Places* (1997)

- A few years ago, this guy would have been getting us coffee.


- Someone should tell him that part of the art of politics is smiling when you feel like you’re swallowing a turd.

- To Alastair Campbell on David Trimble according to Campbell’s diaries, *The Blair Years* (2007)

3 Quotes about Clinton

- This guy’s a scumbag. That’s why I’m after him.

- Clinton was so smooth; he could lie his way out of anything. He could stand in front of you, right now, look you all directly in the eyes, and say ‘I am not here’.

- Frank Caliendo, as quoted in *The Late Show With David Letterman* (2006).

- Clinton was so smooth, it was almost sickening.
Frank Caliendo,

I think Bill Clinton was the best Republican president we’ve had in a while.

Alan Greenspan, as quoted in *Meet The Press* (23 September 2007).

Clinton’s an unusually good liar. Unusually good.

Bob Kerrey, *NYMag*.

You want me to fix up lyrics, while our president gets his dick sucked?


Years ago, in the middle of the Whitewater investigation, one heard the first murmurs. White skin notwithstanding, this is our first black president. Blacker than any actual black person who could ever be elected in our children’s lifetime.

Toni Morrison, as quoted in “First Black President?” (28 January 2008), *Salon*.

Bill Clinton is generally viewed as one smart politician, having been twice elected the President, helped by lackluster Robert Dole, having survived the Lewinsky sex scandal, lying under oath about sex, and impeachment. When it is all about himself, he is cunningly smart.


Right from the start, when the Bill Cosby [sexual assaults] scandal surfaced, I knew it was not going to bode well for Hillary’s campaign, because young women today have a much lower threshold for tolerance of these matters. The horrible truth is that the feminist establishment in the U.S., led by Gloria Steinem, did in fact apply a double standard to Bill Clinton’s behavior because he was a Democrat. The Democratic president and administration supported abortion rights, and therefore it didn’t matter what his personal behavior was.

But we’re living in a different time right now, and young women have absolutely no memory of Bill Clinton. It’s like ancient history for them; there’s no reservoir of accumulated good will. And the actual facts of the matter are that Bill Clinton was a serial abuser of working-class women–he had exploited that power differential even in Arkansas. And then in the case of Monica Lewinsky—I mean, the failure on the part of Gloria Steinem and company to protect her was an absolute disgrace in feminist history! What bigger power differential could there be than between the president of the United States and this poor innocent girl? Not only an intern but clearly a girl who had a kind of pleading, open look to her—somebody who was looking for a father figure.

Camille Paglia, as quoted by David Daley, “Camille Paglia: How Bill Clinton is like Bill Cosby”, Salon.com, 28 July 2015

This fellow they’ve nominated claims he’s the new Thomas Jefferson. Well, let me tell you something. I knew Thomas Jefferson. He was a friend of mine. And governor, you’re no Thomas Jefferson.


The idea of Bill Clinton back in the White House with nothing to do is something I just can’t imagine.

Mitt Romney, Republican Debates (January 25, 2008).

This whole thing about not kicking someone when they are down is BS. Not only do you kick him, you kick him until he passes out — then beat him over the head with a baseball bat, then roll him up in an old rug, and throw him off the cliff into the pounding surf below!

Michael Scanlon, in an e-mail in reference to Bill Clinton’s being politically “down” while he was called before a grand jury during the Lewinsky scandal.

One undeniable accomplishment of Bill Clinton’s presidency was that it kept Jimmy Carter from being the worst U.S. president in history.


The President was shooting bombs overseas. Yet, I’m a bad guy because I sing some rock-and-roll songs? Who’s a bigger influence, the President or Marilyn Manson? I’d like to think me, but I’m going to go with the President.


In order to overcome the Reagan ascendancy Democrats needed to advance the rights secured during the 1960s while returning to more traditional political bedrock. To a remarkable extent, Clinton delivered on that promise...Governor Clinton said in 1991: “Government’s responsibility is to create...
more opportunity for everybody, and our responsibility is to make the most of it.” These are Democratic ideas, and liberal ones. Bill Clinton reaffirmed, updated, and carried them forward into the twenty-first century.


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