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This day, 1862:

Abraham Lincoln fired, for the second time, Gen. George McClellan as commander of the Union Army. Lincoln was frustrated that McClellan seemed unable to engage Confederate General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia (more) <https://t.co/9FlqQNXDjJ>



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Lincoln gave McClellan two chances, and the General capitalized on neither of them. It was the second instance that particularly infuriated Lincoln. At Antietam, Maryland, on Sept. 17, 1862—still the single bloodiest day in American history—McClellan, (more)

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despite knowing Lee's plan and having a superior force at his disposal, fought Lee to a standstill but failed to defeat him. He also failed to pursue Lee's forces as they withdrew across the Potomac River to Virginia. McClellan, Lincoln famously said, has a "case of the slows"

This Day, 1872:

Ulysses S. Grant was re-elected. The 18th president, a Republican, won 55.6% of the popular vote and 286 electoral votes to Democrat Horace Greeley's 43.8% and 66 electoral votes <https://t.co/X3IBzeGU6m>

# Election of 1872



Ulysses S. Grant  
Republican



Horace Greeley  
Liberal Republican\*

Electoral votes

286      66

Greeley, also the Democratic candidate, died before the electoral vote, and his votes were split between others.

This Day, 1912:

In one of the most extraordinary elections in U.S. history, Woodrow Wilson beat sitting president William Howard Taft and former president Theodore Roosevelt, along with Socialist candidate Eugene Debs. Wilson got 41.8% of the popular vote but 435 electoral votes <https://t.co/nVdCEy676M>

## The Presidential Election of 1912



Woodrow  
Wilson

vs.



Theodore  
Roosevelt

vs.



William  
Taft

vs.



Eugene  
Debs

This day, 1940:

Franklin D. Roosevelt won a third term. The 32d president beat Wendell Willkie with 54.7% of the popular vote and 449 electoral votes. The third term for FDR broke the unwritten rule established by George Washington that limited presidents to two terms in office <https://t.co/PKVUX4gpDZ>



This Day, 1946:

Look at this extraordinary photo. The first postwar election saw two future presidents win seats in Congress. They were close friends for many years - then, in 1960, rivals <https://t.co/UFdleSSJBk>



This Day, 1968:

Capping one of the most turbulent years in American history, Richard Nixon was elected the 37th president, defeating VP Hubert Humphrey. Nixon won 43.4% of the vote and 301 electoral votes (more) <https://t.co/TidmaMx6PW>



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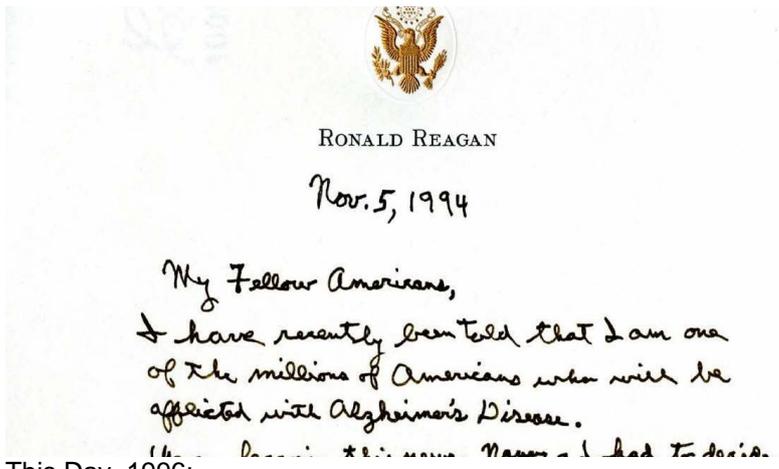
"Why don't we all get a member of the press and beat them up," Nixon said half an hour after winning the presidency. It set the tone for the next 5 1/2 years. Yet Nixon took the indoor pool and turned it into our briefing room (to get reporters further from the West Wing)

Happy anniversary to George W. Bush and Laura Welch - married this day 1977. That other good looking couple in the photo were married an incredible 73 years - and the Carters just celebrated their 74th. Amazing! <https://t.co/a78DURjdip>



This day, 1994:

Sad news from former President Reagan. He announced that he had Alzheimer's disease. He passed nearly a decade later <https://t.co/hB7CbHh3V>



This Day, 1996:

Bill Clinton was re-elected. He became the first Democrat since Franklin D. Roosevelt to win a second term <https://t.co/d3VVWpMbzD>

"All the News That's Fit to Print"

# The New York Times

Late Edition  
New York, Today: Clouded sun, possible showers. High 62, tonight, mostly cloudy, mid. Low 55. Tomorrow, cloudy, showers late. High 64; Tuesday, High 59, low 45. Details, page B25.

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## CLINTON ELECTED TO A 2D TERM WITH SOLID MARGINS ACROSS U.S.; G.O.P. KEEPS HOLD ON CONGRESS

### Democrats Fail to Reverse Right's Capitol Hill Gains

By DAVID E. ROSENBAUM

With close races all across the country, Republicans retained control of the Senate and the House in yesterday's elections.

The votes in several states were still in doubt early today, but Republicans were questioned of having at least 51 Senate seats in the next Congress. And several U.S. House of Representatives proclaimed that his party had retained control of the House. (Page B3)

The Republicans won in the Senate by holding most of their own seats and picking up at least two seats in states where popular Democratic Senators are retiring.

In one of the most compelling political contests of the year, Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts was re-elected. All other Democratic incumbents who were running also won.

But only one Republican Senator lost, and Republican newcomers won in Nebraska and Alabama, replacing retiring Democrats.

Republicans began Election Day with a 20-seat lead, and that could afford to lose a net of two seats and still have a majority in the 100-member Senate.

Among the Republican Senators who were re-elected were Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Trent Lott of Mississippi, the only Senator running for re-election who lost. He was defeated by Representative Tim Wirth of Colorado.

The House, now the state's only Congress.

Early this night, Senator Robert C. Smith of New Hampshire seemed likely to be defeated by his Democratic challenger, former Represent-

### PEROT A FAR THIRD

#### President's Success Lay in Ability to Co-opt Republican Issues

By RICHARD L. BERKE

William Jefferson Clinton was re-elected President of the United States yesterday, capping a yearlong political renaissance that made him the first Democrat since Franklin D. Roosevelt to win a second term as President.

Mr. Clinton built a landslide in the Electoral College and won a decisive victory in the popular vote, overwhelming Bob Dole in all regions of the country except the South and the High Plains, where the Republican sweep carried to California, where Mr. Dole, in an enormous gamble, diverted millions of dollars from oth-