

## Presidential Moments: Campaigns



*If you think the mudslinging is bad in the 2008 campaign, look to the past. U.S. Presidential elections have never been warm, friendly events. Identify the candidate who received the following criticism:*

1. Accused of adultery, gambling, bigamy, drunkenness, theft, lying, and murder:
  - Theodore Roosevelt
  - Andrew Jackson
  - Martin Van Buren
  - Bill Clinton
2. Accused of using his father's money to buy votes during the election. He responded publicly in a speech with these words: "I just received the following wire from my generous Daddy: 'Don't buy a single vote more than necessary. I'll be damned if I'm going to pay for a landslide.'"
  - John F. Kennedy
  - Franklin Delano Roosevelt
  - George W. Bush
  - Woodrow Wilson
3. Accused of being a despot, liar, thief, braggart, buffoon, usurper, monster, ignoramus, scoundrel, perjurer, robber, swindler, tyrant, fiend, and butcher:
  - Richard Nixon
  - James Buchanan
  - Abraham Lincoln
  - Herbert Hoover
4. Accused of cheating creditors, robbing an old widow of her pension, behaving like a coward during war, being an atheist. It was said that if he became president, surely he would confiscate all Bibles in the land and have them burned, tear down all churches, and dissolve the institution of marriage:
  - Ulysses S. Grant
  - Gerald Ford
  - William Harrison
  - Thomas Jefferson



5. Accused of being a fool, hypocrite, criminal, tyrant, bald, blind, crippled, toothless man who aimed to become King of America and align with Britain:

- John Adams
- John Quincy Adams
- George Washington
- James Madison

Source:

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