Speeches and Public Speaking
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(MA), John Sweeney (AFL-CIO President), Sen. Joseph Biden (DE), Gen. Wesley Clark, Sen. Joe Lieberman (CT), Rep. Nancy Pelosi (CA), Madeline Albright (Former Secretary of State: Clinton Administration), Alfre Woodard, Andre Heinz, Alex Kerry, Vanessa Kerry, Jim Rassman (Vietnam Veteran), Max Cleland (Former US Senator, GA), Sen. John Kerry (MA, Presidential Nominee). Media Services Off-Air tape

The American University centennial convocation President Clinton address. 1993. (73 min.). In the first major foreign trade speech of his new administration, President Bill Clinton proposes a five-step plan: strengthen the domestic economy; tie trade to security concerns; lead the major financial powers to coordinate global economic growth; promote economic growth in the developing countries; and support democracy and economic reforms in Russia and other former Soviet republics. VHS 2299

Be prepared to speak the step-by-step video guide to public speaking. 1985. (27 min.). Demonstrates techniques for preparing and practicing speeches. Follows one speaker's progress through the process of speech writing, speech presentation, and control of stage fright. VHS 1082

Carter speeches. 1980. (66 min.). This videotape was prepared by the Vanderbilt Television News Archive. The speeches on it appear as broadcast and as recorded off the air, the first speech was taped from the CBS broadcast on January 23, 1979 and the second speech was taped from the NBC broadcast on January 23, 1980. President Jimmy Carter is shown addressing the 96th Congress on the state of the union. VHS 6926

Confident public speaking. p1989. (170 min.). Teaches you how to overcome your fears of public speaking, how to relax before the speech, how to find good stories, and how to plan successful presentations. VHS 3563

Ford and Carter speeches. 1978. (93 min.). This videotape was prepared by the Vanderbilt Television News Archive. The speeches on it appear as broadcast and as recorded off the air, the first speech was taped from the ABC broadcast on January 12, 1977, the second speech was taped from the NBC broadcast on January 19, 1978. Presidents Ford and Carter are shown addressing the 95th Congress on the state of the union. VHS 6925

Ford speeches. 1976. (91 min.). This videotape was prepared by the Vanderbilt Television News Archive. The speeches on it appear as broadcast and as recorded off the air, the first speech was taped from the NBC broadcast on January 15, 1975 and the second speech was taped from the NBC broadcast on January 19, 1976. President Ford is shown addressing the 94th Congress on the state of the union. VHS 6924

Great speeches. 1991. (ca. 120 min.). Presents famous speeches, each with an introduction detailing the time, place and events surrounding it. Mountain top speech at Memphis, TN (1968 ; 20 min.) / Martin Luther King, Jr. -- Two short speeches on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: (1) 1948 at the United Nations General Assembly in Paris; (2) 1950 speech at Carnegie Hall in New York City (8 min.) / Eleanor Roosevelt -- Rationale for U.S. defense of Saudi Arabia (1980 ; 11 min.) / George Bush -- 1973 Watergate speech (24 min.) / Richard Nixon -- Truth and tolerance in America speech given at Liberty Baptist College (29 min.) / Edward Kennedy. VHS 6412

Great speeches. 1992. (ca. 120 min.). Presents famous speeches, each with an introduction detailing the time, place and events surrounding it. Communism and the role of America (1951: 25 min.) / Fulton Sheen -- Ich bin ein Berliner = I am a Berliner (1963 ; 11 min.) / John Kennedy -- Whistle stop campaign (1948 ; 20 min.) / Harry Truman -- 1988
Democratic National Convention keynote (31 min.) / Ann Richards -- Hell no, we ain't going (1966 ; 29 min.) / Stokeley Carmichael. VHS 6413


Great speeches. 2004. (142 min.). Presents famous speeches, each with an introduction detailing the time, place and events surrounding it. Democracy is hypocrisy / Malcolm X (6 min.) -- Scripps College Commencement / Naomi Wolf (23 min.) -- Presidential Concession / Al Gore (7 min.) -- Inaugural Address & "9/11" Speech / George W. Bush (50 min.) -- A Time for Choosing / Ronald Reagan (28 min.). DVD 1880

Great speeches. 2004. (112 min.). Presents famous speeches, each with an introduction detailing the time, place and events surrounding it. USC commencement / John McCain -- 2004 DNC keynote / Barack Obama -- Eulogy of Ronald Reagan / Margaret Thatcher -- "On the brink of war" / Robert Byrd -- Health care address / Carol Moseley Braun -- "I will not run" / Lyndon B. Johnson. DVD 1881

Great speeches. 2005. (90 min.). Presents famous speeches, each with an introduction detailing the time, place and events surrounding it. First inaugural address [and] Declaration of war / Franklin D. Roosevelt (29 min.) -- 1965 Voting Rights Act / Lyndon B. Johnson (48 min.) -- Tribute to the Challenger astronauts / Ronald Reagan (6 min.) -- Eulogy of Martin Luther King, Jr. / Robert Kennedy (6 min.). DVD 1879

Great speeches. 1987. (154 min.). Presents famous speeches, each with an introduction detailing the time, place and events surrounding it. 1984 Democratic Convention keynote (33 min.) / Mario Cuomo -- 1980 Presidential acceptance (40 min.) / Ronald Reagan -- 1976 Democratic Convention keynote (23 min.) / Barbara Jordan -- 1964 Vice-Presidential acceptance (22 min.) / Hubert H. Humphrey -- 1960 speech to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association (36 min.) / John F. Kennedy. VHS 6411

I have a dream. 1986. (ca. 28 min.). Recording of Martin Luther King's televised speech given on August 28, 1963, to the civil rights marchers at the Lincoln Memorial. VHS 318

The legacy of Barbara Jordan: four speeches. 1996. (75 min.). Barbara Jordan was the first black woman elected to the House of Representatives from the South. She served three terms in that office, and became known for her speeches. She was an attorney and later an educator in Houston, Texas. VHS 3824

Martin Luther King commemorative collection. 1988. (115 min.). Documentary look at the work and life of Martin Luther King. "In remembrance of Martin" is composed of testimonies by his family, associates, and government leaders, and includes archival footage. VHS 1208

Nixon speeches. 1974. (114 min.). This videotape was prepared by the Vanderbilt Television News Archive. The speeches on it appear as broadcast and as recorded off the air, the first speech was taped from the ABC broadcast on January 22, 1971, the second speech was taped from the NBC broadcast on January 20, 1972, and the third speech was...
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taped from the ABC broadcast on January 30, 1974. President Nixon is shown addressing the 92nd Congress on the state of the union. VHS 6923

**Playing Shakespeare.** 1979-1984. (ca. 50 min. ea.). John Barton guides Royal Shakespeare Company actors as they explore facets of Shakespeare's work: language, meter, and verse; the force of blank verse, broken lines and heightened language; how characters are defined; irony and ambiguity; clues to Shakespeare's emphasis and meaning; soliloquies and choric speeches, etc. VHS 301-311


**President Clinton at American University, September 9, 1997.** 1997. (ca. 40 min.). President Clinton briefly looks at the accomplishments in his presidency to date and then looks ahead to what he hopes to accomplish in conjunction with Congress in the next three months. Issues he touches on include: equal access to education, Pell Grants, setting national educational standards, ensuring the survival of Social Security and Medicare, improving trade, strengthening the American family, environmental issues, improving government efficiency, building strong relationships with other countries of the world and building a strong and unified America. VHS 4985

**President Clinton news conference.** 1996. (67 min.). President Clinton opens the news conference with an announcement of an international trade agreement on information technology. He introduces new appointments for his second term: William Daley as Secretary of Commerce, Bill Richardson as Ambassador to the UN, and Gene Sperling as Chairman of the National Economic Council. He also announces the retention of Janet Reno, Robert Rubin, Donna Shalala and Carol Browner as cabinet-level officials. Following brief statements by the new appointees, the President answers questions about his appointments and other matters relevant to his second term. VHS 4298

**President Clinton's speech at the American University Convocation.** 1993. (ca. 60 min.). President Clinton, in a speech delivered at a convocation in honor of American University's centennial celebration, talks about the imperative of American leadership in the face of global change - focusing on "the economic leadership [that must be exerted] at home and abroad as a new global economy unfolds .... " Clinton offers five steps that constitute an agenda for American action in a global economy: (1) get the U.S. economic house in order; (2) make trade a priority; (3) exercise leadership among the major financial powers to improve U.S. coordination on behalf of global economic growth; (4) promote the expansion of growth in the developing world and (5) support democratic reforms in the former Soviet Union. VHS 5140
The real Malcolm X: an intimate portrait of the man. 1992. (60 min.). CBS News examines the facts of the extraordinary life of Malcolm X in exclusive, never-before-shown footage and excerpts from some of his most important speeches. Family, friends, and contemporary artists discuss his legacy in the black community. VHS 1956

Speech communication group tape. 1993. (32 min.). Justice Anthony Kennedy addresses the American Bar Association about how to collect data and present arguments in a way that gives a sense of "voice" and continues to resonate in the future. Linda Ellerbee speaks at Vanderbilt about the status of women: "Feminism means equality between women and men -- and that is all it means." Molly Yard expresses concern for minority rights and for the possible overturn of Roe vs. Wade. Louis Farrakhan believes that Blacks should emulate Jews in cultural unity and in using group cohesiveness and self-help to improve their economic situation. Senator Jesse Helms speaks on behalf of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun objects. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Howell Heflin support her. VHS 2528

The speeches of Adolf Hitler. 1990. (50 min.). Anthology of speeches delivered by Adolf Hitler. Shows the propaganda oratory techniques that helped Hitler hold a hypnotic grip over the German masses. VHS 1212

The speeches of Dwight D. Eisenhower. 1988. (60 min.). Program focuses on Dwight Eisenhower as a public orator using excerpts from speeches made during World War II and later during his presidency. VHS 1211

The speeches of famous women. The speeches collection. 1995. (56 min.). Traces the progression of the women's movement with speeches from suffragettes through senators, including Eleanor Roosevelt, Betty Ford, who endorses the Equal Rights Act, and leaders Betty Friedan, Senator Carol Moseley-Braun and Barbara Boxer. VHS 3790

The speeches of Franklin D. Roosevelt. 1988. (40 min.). Franklin D. Roosevelt was one of our country's most extraordinary leaders. Be it campaign speech, state address, fire-side chat, or wartime exhortation, the speeches of FDR are filled with an ease of confidence, a sense of manifest destiny. Program focuses on Franklin Roosevelt as a public orator using excerpts from these speeches. VHS 1210

The speeches of Harry S. Truman. 1990. (55 min.). Bring back the "Give 'em Hell" president, Harry S. Truman, and hear his speeches about the decision to drop the first atomic bomb, the spread of communism in Asia, the unionization of industry, his firing of MacArthur, and more. VHS 1213

The speeches of John F. Kennedy. 1988. (60 min.). Covers the 1960 campaign and Kennedy's 3 years in office, and gives segments of every important address he made. VHS 1214

The speeches of Richard M. Nixon. 1990. (55 min.). You can hear his infamous "Checkers" speech, his historic explanation of American involvement in Vietnam, his ground-breaking trip to Communist China, his speech to the Soviet people, his denials of any wrong-doing in the Watergate scandal, his final resignation press conference. VHS 1215

The speeches of Winston Churchill. 1990. (30 min.). Program focuses on Winston Churchill as a public orator using excerpts from his addresses to the public, to the House of Commons, and to the United States Congress. VHS 1209

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Triumph des Willens = The triumph of the will. 1935. Videocassette (110 min.) or videodisc (120 min.). A film commissioned by Adolph Hitler as an official record of the Nuremberg Nazi Party rally of 1934 that was designed both to introduce the new German leaders to the nation and impress foreign audiences. Considered a classic in movie making, editing techniques, and in motivational propaganda, this film shows troops of Hitler youth at play, ranks of laborers, parades of storm troopers, close-ups of Hitler, and an exaltation of Nazi unity in Germany. It also features policy speeches by Goebbels, Goering, Streicher, Himmler, and Hess. VHS 19, DVD 351