

107 Days

Kamala Harris

Kamala Harris was the 49 th Vice President of the US. She was district attorney San Francisco. She was a senator before becoming Vice President. She was the first woman of color to compete for the US presidentship, a rare event.

I knew I was the candidate in the strongest position to win. The most qualified and ready. The highest name recognition.

I had proven in the mid terms that I could flip seats.

**The British songwriter Charli XCX posted :
Kamala is brat, brat meaning edgy,
imperfect, confident, embracing**

David Plouffe who ran Obama's campaign told me four things one cannot mess up – roll out, first interview, convention, debate. Nail the big moments he said.

I went tik tok for my campaign, insta for the millennials, X would be directed at political junkies, Facebook for the boomers.

The rapport between Biden and me was genuine. For two people who seemingly couldn't have been more different, our values were incredibly aligned.

David Plouffe was a realist, he told me that Bidens approval rating at 41 % was a drag. It took me too much time to acknowledge this truth.

On his worst day, Biden was more deeply knowledgeable, more capable of exercising judgement and far more compassionate than Donald Trump.

Right from the start, protestors who thought we hadn't done enough for Gazans tried to disrupt my rallies.

The Vice Presidents role will be as little or as much as the President desires.

Trumps first term had shown us that our leadership of NATO was not constant and might be fleeting.

A presidential debate is a TV event, It is not about who knows more about policy.

You need to be confident, clear and unrattled in a debate

I am a stickler for being on time, I feel it's a mark of respect. Everyone's time is valuable.

Despite what I think of Musk, Joe Biden made a mistake of not inviting Musk to a white house event in 2021 to promote EVs.

X became Musk's *personal* megaphone for boosting Trump and denigrating me.

Bill Clinton said “ don’t get distracted by phony issues and never underestimate your adversary”

I did 27 drafts of my convention speech, I knew what was riding on it.

I always felt that it was important for me to stress that I was the most qualified person, regardless of race or gender.

As the first woman, or black woman who has run for office, racism and sexism have always been present.

**We are the only country in the world where
the leading cause of death for children is
guns**

I feel sad that many Americans do not understand how important they are to the rest of the world.

You can prepare for ever, but you never know what will happen in a debate, live in front of tens of millions of people.

When the debate ended, I genuinely had no idea how I had done.

Trump stood up in the debate and spouted unfiltered nonsense about Hannibal Lecter and electric sharks. He called it “the weave”. I call it nonsense.

Immigration had surged and to some it felt like an invasion, we couldn't gaslight the people who felt that way by denying the problem.

Tim Waltz felt bad that he didn't do well in the debate. I assured him that it would not swing anything and it in fact had negligible effect on our polling.

For the candidate, the family is a source of strength and that can become a weakness in a presidential campaign.

Politics is not a genteel profession, you must be ready to brawl.

There are many things Liz Cheney and I don't agree on. We agree on many fundamental issues – free and fair elections, the rule of law and the first amendment.

When the fourth estate (the media) is taken over by corporations who put profit ahead of accurate, brave and truthful reporting, the whole edifice trembles.

Over 107 days I recognized that people wanted to know that there was a separation between me and Biden. I just didn't realize how big that was.

I've never believed that you need to elevate yourself by pulling someone else down.

Trail lawyers have a saying – there are always three closing arguments – the one you plan to give, the one you give and the one you should have given

Disappointment is a function of unreasonable expectations.

Democracy is complicated, its also easily compromised by blatant bias, downright lies and the media organizations that enable them.

Two of the trending searches after the election:

What is a tariff?

Can I change my vote?

What I did not expect to see now is the capitulation of the billionaires lining up to grovel, the big media companies, the big universities, all bending to blackmail and outrageous demands.

These days, unemployed for the first time, I have literally been unpacking my life.

107 days were in the end not enough to accomplish the task of winning the presidency.

This book is my effort to capture what I saw, experienced and learned on the campaign. This experience was almost like living the campaign in reverse, which has not been easy.

**A deepest thank you to the Americans who
voted for me.
Let us not throw up our hands, let us roll up
our sleeves.**