

CONVENTION SPEECHES -- 2012

Transcript of Mitt Romney’s speech at the RNC

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<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/08/30/transcript-mitt-romney-speech-...>

**Symbolized**

**Main Conclusion:** Obama has broken so many promises that you should vote for me (Romney). **R**

**Premises:**

- 1. Obama broke his promise to keep unemployment below 8%. **U**
- 2. Obama has broken his promise to ensure that college graduates will get jobs. **G**
- 3. Obama has broken his promise to deal with the problems of immigration. **I**

**Fallacy: Sweeping Generalization** (President Obama did put on hold the deportation of young illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. as children so they will be able to work or serve in the military).

- 4. Obama has broken his promise to cut the deficit. Our deficit is now 16 trillion dollars. **C**

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**(R . U . G . I . C) ⊃ B**

**B ⊃ R**

**∴ R**

Text of President Barack Obama's address, as prepared for delivery, to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C. – September 6, 2012

<http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2012/09/06/text-of-obamas-address-to-the...>

### Symbolized

**Main Conclusion:** You should vote for me (Qbama) so I can finish reaching my goals to create jobs and rebuild the economy. **O**

**Fallacies: Special Pleading; Appeal to Pity**

#### Premises:

1. We have saved the auto industry. Our goal is to create one million manufacturing jobs in the next 4 years. **S . M**
2. We have made the United States less dependent on foreign oil, and we will open more a cres for exploration. **L . A**
3. We will continue to reduce the carbon pollution and protect our planet. **R . P**

**Fallacy: Hasty Generalization**

4. We will train the best teachers and build the best schools. **T . B**

**Fallacy: Hasty Generalization**

5. You can choose tested and proven leadership in a world of new threats and new challenges. **C**

∴ You should vote for me (Qbama). **O**

**Fallacy: Black and White Fallacy**

**[(S . M) . (L . A) . (R . P) . (T . B) . C]  $\supset$  O**

**$\therefore$  O**

Comparing these speeches:

Romney cites all Obama's broken promises while Obama argues that he should be given a chance to complete his work. Obama argues that he has made progress on the main issues and should be re-elected to finish the jobs. What Romney will do for the next 4 years is unknown. Obama will continue with his policies of the past 4 years.

Which arguments are more persuasive?