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On January 21, 2013, our forty-fourth president Barack H. Obama was sworn into office for the second time in our country's fifty-seventh Inauguration ceremony. Performances by Kelly Clarkson and Beyoncé received a plethora of media attention due to technical difficulties, but the most important aspect of the Inauguration was not overshadowed. It was clear that our President had a goal in mind for his second term of presidency, which he laid out in detail during his inaugural speech.

After introducing himself to the public, President Obama started his speech off with a famous quote from the Declaration of Independence that says, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." This quote is very important to our President, and all citizens of the United States, because these are the values that our

country claims to live by. As we all know, the history of the United States shows that we have not lived up to these values. However, becoming the first black President has highlighted the fact that all men are indeed equal.

Late in the President's speech, he brings up different points emphasizing how he wishes to rebuild America creating a loving, collective force of people, and not a divided country. Topics such as the economy, markets, foreign policy, environment, and rights to people are all issues that, if resolved, would bring our country back to what we all know America is supposed to be, "The Land of The Free." Speaking about the economy, our president said, "Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America."

We as Americans have the best opportunity to make our country the way, and President Barack Obama plans on fixing this country.