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Democrats Succeed in Charlotte

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Last week's Democratic convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, was all that President Obama and the Democratic party could have wanted. The 4-day cheerleading session went off without a hitch apart from a few exceptions. [More »](#)

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Now that both conventions have wrapped up, attention will turn to the analysis of which nominee, Mr. Romney or Mr. Obama, benefited the most from their respective party's gathering. [More »](#)

Energy Policy at the Party Conventions

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What a difference four years makes in energy policy. In 2008, the Republican presidential nominee, John McCain, had supported a cap and trade approach to reduce carbon emissions, and the party platform called for "technology-driven, market based solutions that will decrease emissions,....mitigate the impact of climate change" while delegates chanted "Drill baby, drill." [More »](#)

Both Party Platforms Emphasize the Importance of Trade - But Differ Significantly in Specifics and Tone

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The Democratic platform released last week emphasizes the need to promote international trade that is both free and fair. In particular, the platform touts Obama Administration efforts under the Trans-Pacific Partnership to create a regional free trade area in the Asia-Pacific region. The platform also highlights a desire to expand trade with Latin America, a region that accounts for three times the amount of trade as the U.S. has with China, and building on agreements that President Obama signed with Panama and Colombia. [More »](#)

Democrats and Taxes

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While the major outlines of Democratic tax policy remain the same - letting the Bush tax cuts expire for income above \$250,000 a year for married couples and above \$200,000 for individuals, raising the top capital

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gains tax rate to 23.8 percent from 15 percent - the Democratic platform seemed to move the Party towards making permanent the tax cuts for the 98% of Americans earning less than \$250,000 for married couples and individuals making less than \$200,000. [More »](#)

Bill Clinton - The Maestro Returns

William C. Talmadge

All through the summer, the Obama campaign and its allies hammered Mitt Romney with a relentless series of negative ads, the intention apparently being to divert voters' attention from the economy. But by all accounts, the message wasn't taking - Romney held steady at 47%. [More »](#)

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