



*What Others Say
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THE NEW YORK TIMES New York City, New York

March 10, 1960

Story by Russell Baker

During the six nights since February 29 when most civil rights advocates were stumbling groggily through the pre-dawn hours to answer quorum calls and keep the Senate in session, three of the four leading Democratic candidates were conspicuously absent from the seige.

Only Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Democratic leader whose Presidential hopes hang on his performance record in the Senate, turned out for every call during the graveyard hours of early morning when the going was roughest.

July, 1955

Editorial

The Johnsonian leadership has been almost matchless in terms of tactical skill and in giving the Democrats a new unity on almost every high occasion.

LONDON TIMES London, England

July 28, 1955

Editorial

... For a session of considerable accomplishment and little hard feeling much of the credit must go to the skillful leadership, tact, and responsibility of Mr. Lyndon Johnson, the Democratic leader in the Senate.

MONTANA DAILY NEWS Lewistown, Montana

February 11, 1960

Editorial

... In recent weeks and months, Senator Johnson has steadily gained at the expense of other runners. We predict Senator Johnson will continue to gain. As majority leader of the Senate, he is demonstrably the ablest and best-known candidate the Democrats have.

LOUISVILLE TIMES Louisville, Kentucky

July, 1955

Editorial

... in the majority leadership, he has revealed authentic genius.

MIKE MANSFIELD (D-Montana) Senate Floor—August 13, 1958

In my opinion, he is one of the greatest leaders this country has ever produced. He has displayed sagacity, understanding and tolerance in his dealings with his colleagues on the floor.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE New York City, New York

November 19, 1958

Editorial

There are no differences within our government, between our parties or among our people. . . .

That was Lyndon Johnson, leader of the President's loyal opposition, speaking—speaking to the world, and on the specific subject of outer space. His forum; the eighty-one nations comprising the United Nations.

... Johnson's appearance and eloquent performance undoubtedly made a deep impression on the uncommitted nations.

. . . Senator Johnson is unquestionably a man of stature, a master of political statecraft and of compromise, a wizard at the maintenance of unity among warring and divergent forces.

ORLANDO SENTINEL
Orlando, Florida

July 3, 1955
Story by Henry Balch

A rangy, soft-spoken young Texan is the Democratic Moses, well on the way to leading his party out of the political wilderness.

Senator Johnson has performed the miracle which only Franklin Roosevelt could accomplish before him—the welding together of the varied and warring factions of the Democratic Party.

PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 22, 1960
Editorial

Please don't think we are crazy, but this newspaper would like to see Lyndon B. Johnson nominated for President DESPITE the fact that he is from the South.

THE RENO STATE JOURNAL
Reno, Nevada

July, 1955
Editorial

. . . One man in Congress stood head and shoulders above all others in keeping partisanship to a minimum and the country's welfare at a maximum. He was Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, of Texas. . . .

SALT LAKE TRIBUNE
Salt Lake City, Utah

July 6, 1955
Editorial

There are far too few men in public life of Senator Johnson's stature or sagacity.

ROBERT L. RIGGS

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. . . Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, William Edgar Borah, James A. Reed, Robert M. LaFollette, Arthur H. Vandenberg, and Robert A. Taft were giants who could influence the course of legislation. But neither they nor that master of legislative legerdemain Alben W. Barkley, who set a record for longtime service as party leader in the Senate, could produce the results Johnson has been able to achieve.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

The Washington News
August 19, 1958
Syndicated Column

. . . I think we all owe congratulations to Senate majority leader Lyndon Johnson and his colleagues for their great understanding of the real need for reciprocal foreign trade agreements.

WILLIAM S. WHITE

The New York Times Magazine
December 30, 1959
Story by William S. White

. . . Senator Johnson is neither young nor old, but only a furiously functioning one-man political caucus to whom age, health and many other normal concerns have an absolute and total irrelevance that must be seen to be credited.

Look Magazine
August 4, 1959

Various acts of compassion have won Johnson not only most of the Chinese-American vote, but also most of the Mexican, Negro, Jewish, Polish, Czech, German and Italian votes in Texas—all sizable minorities.

The Reporter Magazine
January 23, 1958

Article by David Demarest Lloyd

. . . Johnson brought about the passage of a civil-rights bill, imperfect though it may have been, without a Senate filibuster, and this was certainly a man-made miracle. He is one of the most remarkable Congressional leaders of our time. His very success as the master of compromise and coalition in the Senate has obscured public recognition of his gifts of intellect and personality. He dominates his fellows not only through his superior horsetrading sense but also by forceful clarity of vision and a breadth and quickness of mind.

BALTIMORE SUN

March 27, 1959

Story by Thomas O'Neill

. . . all the signs suggest that the performance upon which the Democrats go into next year's Presidential election will be clearly and unmistakably marked a Lyndon Johnson performance.

BATTLE CREEK INQUIRER & NEWS Battle Creek, Michigan

September 2, 1957

Editorial

Perhaps the most sparkling performer of all on the political stage of the 85th Congress was Senator Lyndon Johnson, Democratic Leader. The sup-

port of the gifted Texan saved foreign aid. . . . His astute manipulations brought out a civil rights law that was sufficiently acceptable to prevent a party split and which, on the other hand, afforded a minimum of credit for the Republican party. His voice, powerful now, will be even more powerful in 1960.

THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

July 12, 1955

Editorial

Lyndon Johnson is respected because he serves his country sincerely and serves his party in a gentlemanly way. He is not crazy about headlines. He does not bid for publicity with vituperation. He does not consider an opponent a skunk just because opinions differ. He is universally esteemed because he deserves universal respect.

THE ILLINOIS STATE REGISTER

August 4, 1956

Editorial

One of the truly great men of his time is Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, of Texas. Majority Leader of the United States Senate.

He typifies the best there is in politics and government. He is a great American qualified for the highest responsibility in the land—the Presidency.

WILLIAM PROXMIRE (D-Wisconsin) Senate Floor—August 3, 1958

Few men of his time can match the record of leadership of the senior Senator from Texas.

RICHARD B. RUSSELL

(D-Georgia) Senate Floor—August 3, 1953

We are very fortunate at this particular critical period of our history that we are able to find a man who possesses the qualities of leadership which the Senator from Texas has shown during this session as he led our party in this body.

. . . He has never wavered in the fundamental principles of his political creed. . . . He is a party man.

GEORGE A. SMATHERS

(D-Florida) Senate Floor—August 3, 1953

I believe the success has been due to the great ability of Lyndon Johnson to understand his fellowmen; his great ability to put himself into the position of those with whom he deals; his great ability to bind up the wounds of those of us whose pride might have been hurt by some inadvertence or mistake, imagined or actually suffered. I think it is his great ability in these respects which has enabled him to unify the Democratic Party more than it has been unified in, I should say, the past 15 or 20 years. His attention to legislative duties has aroused the admiration of the country. I know of no man who has worked more diligently, more regularly, and more attentively than has Lyndon Johnson.

RAYMOND MOLEY

Abilene Reporter News

October 1, 1959

Syndicated Column

This is no small tribute to his incredible energy, his skill as a parliamentarian, his sense of justice and balance, and his capacity to reconcile almost hopelessly divergent points of view in a party which is held together only by a long-established trade name.

JAMES RESTON

The New York Times

August 12, 1958

Story by James Reston

When the leaders of Washington, Republican and Democratic, executive and legislative, start yodeling in unison about the virtues of a single Senator, it is fair to conclude that the Senator has (a) just died, or (b) retired from the Senate, or (c) won a very special place for himself in the capital. This is what is now happening in the case of Senator Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas. The Democratic majority leader has not died or retired; he is merely coming to the end of another Congressional session in which he has managed to win approval for a lot of controversial legislation without making anybody angry.

. . . his cheering section now runs from John Foster Dulles to Dean Acheson, and from Hubert Humphrey to Herman Talmadge, and that is quite a distance.

The New York Times

November 25, 1959

Story by James Reston

. . . even his political opponents concede that he is not a segregationist, that he is not a poor health risk, that he would not favor the Texas oil interests if he were President, and that in the context of world politics, his gifts as a negotiator with Khrushchev, MacMillan and de Gaulle would serve him perhaps better than those of any other candidate.

The New York Times

March 6, 1960

Story by James Reston

Johnson, who is tagged as a conservative, has done more for liberal causes than most of his liberal detractors.

MARGARET CHASE SMITH**(R-Maine) Senate Floor—August 25, 1958**

He is the greatest majority leader the Senate has ever had in my time. He has shaped a brilliant record for the 85th Congress. To do so, he has had to keep his amazing combination of talents of penetrating intelligence, overwhelming persuasiveness, unrelenting firmness and drive, and unexcelled understanding of human nature and of the mental composition of every Member of this body . . . keep all of these remarkable talents going at full force. . . . All of us know the tremendous mental and physical courage it has taken for Lyndon Johnson to do this. . . .

PAUL H. DOUGLAS**(D-Illinois) Time Magazine—June 20, 1955**

Added Illinois' Paul Douglas: "Extraordinary political virtuosity."

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY**(D-Minnesota) Senate Floor—June 7, 1955**

The Senator from Texas is a genius in the art of legislative process. His talents, his personality, and the strength of his character are dedicated toward making the legislative process work as an effective instrument for democratic government. . . .

WILLIAM F. KNOWLAND**(R-California) Senate Floor—July 28, 1956**

I do not wish this occasion to pass without rising and paying tribute to Lyndon B. Johnson who, I believe, will go down in history as one of the greatest leaders of the Senate. . . .

I know he has carried on his heavy and burdensome duties with courage and ability and integrity and friendship, and has carried on with a knowledge of operations of the Senate which have served well the traditions and the history of the Senate. . . .

JOHN F. KENNEDY**(D-Massachusetts)****Senate Floor—August 3, 1953**

If the Democratic Party today stands united, and once more is asserting its voice throughout the land, I think that it is due to no other person.

ALBEN W. BARKLEY**(D-Kentucky) Senate Floor—July 7, 1952**

The Senator from Texas, although here for only a relatively short time, as compared to the length of time we hope he will remain in the Senate, has attained a reputation and a standing never exceeded in the same length of time by any other Member of the United States Senate.

ALAN BIBLE**(D-Nevada) Senate Floor—August 23, 1958**

. . . he is indeed that rare man who has so much to give, and so little to get. To me, this makes him a statesman. In my judgment, our majority leader has been particularly magnificent in his courage, his strength of conviction, his willingness to work and fight, and his rare quality of having time to think things through without "holding up the game."

FRANK CHURCH**(D-Idaho) Senate Floor—July 6, 1958**

I have great respect for the ability of Lyndon Johnson. I think he has been one of the most adroit and capable majority leaders that the Democratic Party has had in many years, perhaps in the whole history of the Democratic Party.

J. W. FULBRIGHT**(D-Arkansas) Senate Floor—August 2, 1955**

. . . Lyndon Johnson has wrought magnificently as leader.

GOULD LINCOLN

The Washington Star

June 9, 1959

Column by Gould Lincoln

. . . Senator Fulbright of Arkansas, Democratic chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, was extolling the Texas Senator, declaring him the best qualified man to succeed President Eisenhower. . . . Senator Johnson is highly regarded among Democrats in many parts of the country—outside of the South. . . . His ability to get things done has been little short of phenomenal. . . . it is confidently expected he will go to the Democratic National Convention as Texas' favorite-son candidate, with the Big Texas delegation firmly supporting him, not to mention delegates from other States.

The Washington Star

April 9, 1960

Column by Gould Lincoln

While Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota have held the center of the stage with their campaigning for presidential preference and delegates in Wisconsin's hectic primary, another potential Democratic nominee for President has been sawing wood right here in Washington—Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas. He has not been out shaking hands, kissing babies or buttonholing party workers. He has been engaged in the business for which he was elected to the Senate and elected to majority leadership of that body. And he has been remarkably successful. If and when he becomes a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, Senator Johnson will be able to offer a record of accomplishment as party leader. He will stand out as the man

who was able to get three civil rights measures through the Senate—the first such measures in 82 years—the Civil Rights Act of 1957, the civil rights bill of 1960, and a constitutional amendment doing away with the poll tax.

It is Senator Johnson's knowledge of Government and his ability to get things done that give him appeal. These qualifications would add to his stature as a President, should he be elected. That he would be a strong and effective Chief Executive, once in the White House, is generally admitted, even by some of those who oppose the Texan.

JOHN STENNIS

(D-Mississippi) Senate Floor—July 1, 1955

. . . One attribute which has attracted me to him is his selflessness. He is one of the most selfless men I have ever known in virtually every responsibility he is called upon to meet, but particularly so when working at a very high level of Government.

STUART SYMINGTON

(D-Missouri) Senate Floor—August 3, 1955

Lyndon Johnson has placed patriotism above partisanship; country above party. He has sought to reconcile differences, and the objective of his reconciliation has always been to preserve the security and the prosperity of these United States. . . . In this objective, he has succeeded consistently.

GEORGE D. AIKEN

(R-Vermont) Senate Floor—August 30, 1957

I have seldom seen such astute handling of legislation as has been displayed by the majority leader, the Senator from Texas, Mr. Johnson. . . .

THOMAS J. DODD

(D-Connecticut) Senate Floor—March 19, 1959

This willingness to make an extra effort, this self-sacrifice for the good of our party, are two of the qualities that have made Lyndon Johnson one of the truly great Senators in American history. I do not say this lightly, I believe that Lyndon Johnson is in the tradition of six or eight truly great Senators of American history. . . .

The Washington Post

November 2, 1959

. . . “a greater capacity for political leadership than any other American I know of.”

ALBERT GORE

(D-Tennessee) Senate Floor—August 3, 1953

. . . He has a remarkable capacity for finding the middle ground. As quickly as any man I know, he can reach the heart of an issue; and, as efficiently as any man I have ever known, he can hold the friendship, esteem, and loyalty of those with whom he finds himself in disagreement. In this way and by these talents and these attributes, he has unified the Democratic Party in the United States Senate as I have never seen it unified in the 15 years it has been my privilege to serve in the Capital City.

WAYNE MORSE

(D-Oregon) Senate Floor—July 5, 1955

When I speak of Lyndon Johnson's human qualities, I speak about a quality which all other Senators have observed time and time again—the unselfishness of the man. . . . I consider him not only a great statesman, but a good man. . . . He is a good man in the true sense of the word “good.”

THOMAS C. HENNINGS

(D-Missouri) Senate Floor—April 4, 1955

Early in the career of our distinguished majority leader, President Roosevelt recognized in Lyndon Johnson the qualities of leadership, of statesmanship, and of high political morality and purpose which have so markedly characterized his political career since that time, and which now bring into fulfillment his gift to our party and to the country, as majority leader of the Senate. . . .

NEW YORK MIRROR

New York City, New York

January 23, 1960

Closer Look at Lyndon

“. . . Lyndon Johnson, Majority Leader of the Senate, whose record has been one of statesmanship rather than partisanship despite the fact that he is outstandingly skillful as a party chieftain.”

JOSEPH ALSOP

The Washington Post

January 18, 1960

Syndicated Column

. . . most of the very same Northern Democratic leaders who say their states ‘can never vote for Johnson’ add in the next breath that he is now the biggest, most commanding figure in the Democratic Party.

MARQUIS CHILDS

St. Louis Post Dispatch

March 23, 1958

Syndicated Column

. . . Johnson has great ability and tremendous drive. In his control of the Senate he is like a composer who sits down at a concert grand piano and brings out just the harmonies he seeks.

ROSCOE DRUMMOND

New York Herald Tribune
July 18, 1958
Syndicated Column

. . . The very hallmark of Senator Johnson's leadership is that rarely, if ever, has he indulged in opposition for the fun of it, in opposition for the politics of it, in opposition for the sake of opposition.

ARTHUR KROCK

The New York Times
June 11, 1957
Syndicated Column

When a leader of the opposition to the party in power offers a public proposal which is constructive and at the same time is an effective partisan move, that is the highest type of political leadership. Such was the speech in New York Saturday night on disarmament and Soviet-American relations by Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the spokesman of the Senate Democrats.

The New York Times
March 1, 1960
Syndicated Column

. . . one of the best qualified citizens ever to aspire to this office (President): Senator Johnson of Texas.

NEW YORK JOURNAL AMERICAN New York City, New York

July 10, 1959
Editorial

"Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas deserves commendation for his political courage and acumen in piloting a reasonable foreign-aid bill through the upper house of Congress. . . ."

DES MOINES REGISTER

Des Moines, Iowa

December 10, 1959

Editorial

Johnson's Farm Solution

Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas outlined a simple approach to a solution for the farm problem in his speech at Council Bluffs Tuesday evening. He said he would get the best available minds in the nation together, put them all in the same room, supply them with a reasonable amount of food and water. Then, he said, he would lock the door, put the key in his pocket and say to them, "gentlemen, we are going out of here only when we have found the answer." That was doubtless Senator Johnson's way of saying that it is time for some more solid, constructive, unbiased thinking about the farm surplus problem that will produce better answers than we now have. With that, most farmers and nearly everyone agree.

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

San Francisco, California

May 12, 1960

A superb example of patriotic statesmanship in dealing with the spy plane incident has been shown by Democratic Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas.

LAS VEGAS SUN

Las Vegas, Nevada

April 25, 1960

By Hank Greenspun

Lyndon Johnson is no iceberg and would require little selling if he were the Democratic nominee. This man not only sells himself but could sell the entire ticket.

DENVER POST
Denver, Colorado

January 13, 1960

He also possesses the knack of handling people, picking the brains of some and rallying the support of the rest, more conspicuously than anyone since President Roosevelt."

HUGO DAILY NEWS
Hugo, Oklahoma

February 14, 1960

Editorial

... One sign of Senator Johnson's greatness is that one almost always knows where he stands on key issues. He has the courage to make this known and to fight for his convictions.

LONG BEACH INDEPENDENT
Long Beach, California

February 27, 1960

There is growing concern by the Republicans that they may face a Johnson-Kennedy combination in the November election. It is viewed as the strongest team the Democrats can place on the ticket. There is no Republican in sight for the Vice Presidency who would add as much to the Nixon ticket as would Kennedy to the Johnson candidacy. If Johnson is not nominated it is probable Nixon can break into the solid south and border states and be in a strong position to win in November election.

ORLANDO SENTINEL
Orlando, Florida

January 7, 1960

... "No one else being prominently mentioned today for the Democratic nomination has had similar training. We don't believe the Democrats can win in 1960 without Lyndon Johnson. The sooner all of us realize this the closer we'll be to victory.

MESSENGER-INQUIRER
Owensboro, Kentucky

February 28, 1960

... In fact, its sprawling width makes Texas both southern and western, and virtually midwestern as well. Its western edge is to the west of Denver, and its eastern border, touching Louisiana and Arkansas, is on a line roughly with Des Moines, Iowa and Minneapolis. It's really a little surprising that Lyndon's boys content themselves with calling him western. He's pretty close to being national.

Here is the record of the authentic political history made under the Johnson leadership:

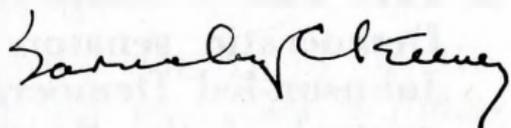
- ★ **Left with a minority of only 47 Democratic senators after 1952, Johnson-led Democrats won back control of the Senate — and the House — in the first mid-term election of the Eisenhower administration in 1954 soundly beating the GOP campaign led by Vice-President Nixon.**
- ★ **In 1956, against all odds, Democrats won again and enlarged their Senate and House majorities while the war hero Republican presidential candidate was reelected. For the first time the "opposition party" won Congress even as the "in" party held on to the White House.**
- ★ **In 1958, Democrats in the Senate piled up the largest party majority of the modern era — now totaling 65 Democratic senators. For the first time, not a single Democratic seat in the Senate was lost.**

THE PRESIDENT OF BROWN UNIVERSITY

June 1, 1959

When the executive and the legislature are divided, anything or nothing can happen. As majority leader of the Senate you have used your political strength in the national interest to make it possible for moderates of both parties to join with you to do the possible and seek the best. Your skill as a politician has been notable, but you have subordinated politics to national interest, the service for which you will best be remembered.

Ergo, auctoritate mihi commissa te ad gradum *in Legibus Doctoris* admitto, omniaque jura ac privilegia ad hunc gradum pertinentia, tibi concedo. In testimonium hoc diploma tibi gravitate summa do.



ROBERT L. RIGGS

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