



## Resilient America: Electing Nixon In 1968, Channeling Dissent, And Dividing Government.

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University Press of Kansas, Lawrence, 2014. Hardcover. Condition: New. American Presidential Elections Series.. 360 pages. Hardcover with dustjacket. New book. UNITED STATES PRESIDENTS. To look at the partisan polarization that paralyzes Washington today is to see what first took shape with the presidential election of 1968. This book explains why. Urban riots and the Tet Offensive, the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, the politics of outrage and race—all pointed to a reordering of party coalitions, of groups and regions, a hardening and widening of an ideological divide—and to the historical importance of the 1968 election as a watershed event. Resilient America captures this extraordinary time in all its drama—the personalities, the politics, the parties, the events and the circumstances, from the shadow of 1964 through the primaries to the general election that pitted Richard Nixon against Hubert Humphrey, with George Wallace and Eugene McCarthy as the interlopers. Where most accounts of this pivotal year—and the decade that followed—emphasize the coming apart of the nation, this book focuses on the fact that because of measures taken after the election the country actually held together. An esteemed scholar of the American presidency, Michael Nelson turns our attention...



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The 1968 presidential campaign of Richard Nixon, the 36th Vice President of the United States, began when Nixon, the Republican nominee of 1960, formally announced his candidacy, following a year's preparation and five years' political reorganization after defeats in the 1960 presidential election and the 1962 California gubernatorial election. En route to the Republican Party's presidential nomination, Nixon faced challenges from Governor George Romney of Michigan, Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York, and Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota. Michael Nelson, *Resilient America: Electing Nixon in 1968, Channeling Dissent, and Dividing Government*, (United States: University of Kansas Press, 2014), p. 5. 18 Ibid, p. 35. This being the case, Nixon used back channel communication to get in contact with South Vietnamese leader Ngy Thieu, telling him to hold up discussion until he won the election. Urban riots and the Tet Offensive, the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, the politics of outrage and race-all pointed to a reordering of party coalitions, of groups and regions, a hardening and widening of an ideological divide-and to the historical importance of the 1968 election as a watershed event. *Resilient America* captures this extraordinary time in all. Conventional political processes-peaceful demonstrations, congressional legislation, executive initiatives, Supreme Court decisions, party reforms, and presidential politics-were flexible enough to absorb most of the dissent that tore America deeply in 1968 and might otherwise have torn it apart. Television Broadcast: November 30, 2014. *Resilient America: Electing Nixon in 1968, Channeling Dissent, and Dividing Government*. When. Sunday, November 30, 2014 6:00AM - 7:00AM (EST). *Resilient America. Electing Nixon in 1968, Channeling Dissent, and Dividing Government*. By: Michael Nelson. Publisher: University Press of Kansas.