

# Report on the 2024 Democratic National Convention

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## Useful Links

- View speeches on DNC [YouTube channel](#)
- PDF of [Speaker Schedule](#)
- These links and this presentation will be in this weekend's newsletter



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**ONCE IN A LIFETIME**  
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**STUPENDOUS**  
 (click "play")



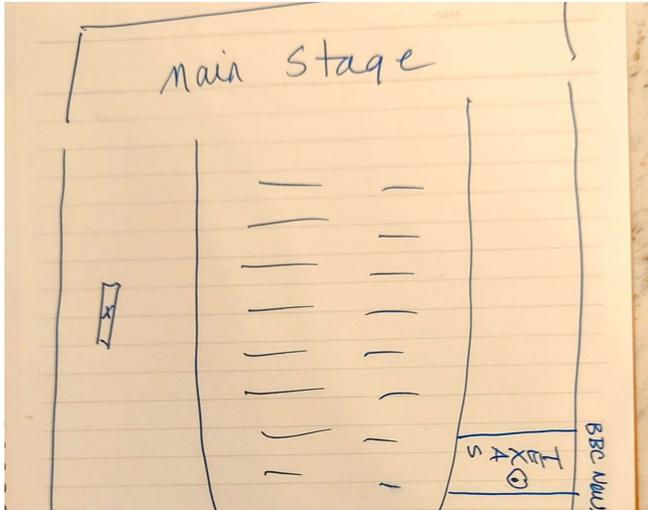

**Facebook Live: Thursday night**



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**Texas Delegation Location**

- Basketball arena
- Everything on the floor and the first tier of seating was considered "floor" and required a credential to access
- Upper three levels had media and guest passes





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### Media Booths

- Just above our section (click “play”)
- I saw Anderson Cooper and Caitlin Collins
- Also saw reporters from the BBC Arabic service and Russia (!!)



Media Booths just above us



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### Me on TV

- My sister saw me that first night on CNN
- Sadly no other reports 😞



Me on CNN



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## Who We Heard

- Three Presidents
  - One Vice President
  - Four First Ladies/Second Gentleman
  - Five sitting or former Cabinet Secretaries
  - Eleven Governors
  - Eighteen US Senators
  - 27 US Representatives
  - Countless others
- Select performances:
- Stevie Wonder
  - Patti LaBelle
  - John Legend and Sheila E
  - Pink
  - The Chicks



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## Favorite Moments

- Of all things...the Roll Call
- So enraptured I didn't take any photos at all



Texas at Roll Call  
 Courtesy C-SPAN  
 Cecile Richards, Kate Cox, TDP Chair  
 Gilberto Hinojosa



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## Favorite Speeches

- Michelle Obama
- “Don’t sit around and complain. DO something!”



Former First Lady Michelle Obama



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## Other Favorite Speeches

- Gov. Walz and his son’s tears of joy
- Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff



Gus Walz: “That’s my Dad!”  
from the DNC video



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## Other Favorite Speeches

- VP Harris (click “play”)



VP Harris speaks on the final night



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## Other Moments

- Women’s Caucus: ten rows away from Gov. Walz (click “play”)



Gov. Walz at the Women’s Caucus



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## Other Moments

- Running into Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo on the elevator



Harris County  
Judge Lina Hidalgo



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## Other Moments

- Amanda Gorman's poem "[This Sacred Scene](#)"



Amanda Gorman  
National Youth Poet Laureate



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### Other Moments

- Special “policy-related” behind-the-scenes tour at the Field Museum



“Creepy Stuff in Jars”



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### Other Moments

- Balloon drop



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## Security

- Very tight
- New credential every morning
- Protestors disrupted arrivals on Monday night but no further disruptions



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## A few disappointments

- Expo Hall
- Food
- Logistics on Monday

But the positives WAY outweighed the negatives



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**AN HONOR TO REPRESENT YOU**



**AND YES, I'LL CONSIDER GOING AGAIN  
IN 2028**

