

# Woodrow Wilson



**The Question:** In the election of 1912, who should be President: Roosevelt, Taft or Wilson?

**My Life:** (Deliver in a calm, professional and formal matter. Remember: You are a professor)  
Thank you my esteemed colleagues. School is now in session! I am a college professor by trade. I was born in 1856 to a Scotch-Irish father and an English immigrant. I got my PhD. in political science from Johns Hopkins University and am a professor at Princeton University.

**My Point of View and Personality:**

- I am a white male with a liberal agenda. I have seen what Roosevelt and Taft have done and their deeds sicken me.
- This great nation of ours needs a course correction and that is exactly what I offer.
- I have a doctorate in political science so I know exactly how to get it done.

**My Argument: Why should you vote for me?**

**I offer New Freedom:**

- While Roosevelt and Taft bicker about whether antitrust laws go too far or not far enough, **I vote we create new laws that clearly define what is appropriate.**
- **I propose a clearly defined Federal Reserve as a first step to keep banks in line by regulating money.** At this time in History if a bank loses your money it's gone. There's a lot more we can do with banking but the Federal Reserve is a good start. We need clear laws in place to keep everyone in line.
- **Also, Mr. Roosevelt, calm down and take it easy.** When someone shoots you, do what everyone else does **and go to a hospital. Don't give an 84 minute speech.** With the way you get fired up, it's a wonder we haven't gotten into a war. **So uncivilized!**

**I offer peaceful diplomacy first, then military action:**

- As president, Roosevelt talked about a "new nationalism" where we expand our interests all over the world through aggressive government authority. While that may seem nice, Roosevelt did some shady things **like stealing Panama from Colombia to build his canal.** I guess theft is okay if it makes America look good.
- **And Taft, your dollar diplomacy is appalling.** We should not use American troops to support our businesses overseas. **What you did in Nicaragua was an atrocity!** You put American lives at risk to terrorize people in Latin America because they wouldn't do what you wanted.

**(SAVE FOR ACT 2) (To Roosevelt) We need to talk things out: use our words instead of big sticks, Mr. Roosevelt.** My foreign policy is sensible, not weak. Getting into wars puts American lives at risk. We should only turn to war when civilized diplomacy fails.

(To Taft) I don't expect some money crazed brutalizer of innocent countries to understand my theories. But, I am a college professor so let me reiterate: peace saves lives. War doesn't.