

Presidency

The hyper-partisan environment means that any American president will be a symbol with double meaning. She will be an icon of American leadership for half the country and an icon of oppression and illegitimacy for the other half.

Symbolism matters.

Countries live and die by symbols. No American president of either party, now and for the foreseeable future, can be an icon of unity, only of division.

Stephen Marche, *The Next Civil War* [2022]