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Your Thoughts on Kerry's Speech -- Open Thread

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My first impression: a number of little stumbles over words, especially when evoking his mother and father early on. Fascinating to see his biggest applause lines: a dig at the Saudi Royal family, promising not to politicize the Constitution, and quoting Abraham Lincoln on God (we shouldn't claim God is on our side but rather humbly pray that we are on His). Most important, he was very passionate and human and convincing in calling our nation to its better angels. He was strong on specifics and almost Reaganesque in evoking the optimism and promise of what can be accomplished when Americans come together. Not great rhetoric, perhaps, but a great image booster for him.



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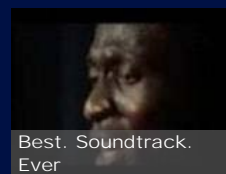
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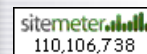
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