



## **A firm grasp of reality**

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I grew up during the Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon years, when unwise and unconstitutional actions drove two presidents from office.

The most important qualifications for a president are: first, good character, including a realization that a president is not a king; second, a recognition and acceptance of the Constitution's limitations on the power of the president, the executive branch, and the federal government; and third, a firm grasp of reality, from the laws of economics to the difficulties of waging war in Asia, the Middle East, or elsewhere.

Those seem like minimal standards, but they're apparently hard to find in people who seek the presidency.

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