

# Verbatim

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: being in or following the exact words : WORD-FOR-WORD  
// a *verbatim* report of life at Cardigan

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## Inauguration on Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

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Photo by The Wall Street Journal

On Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the 46<sup>th</sup> United States President Joe Biden and Vice president Kamala Harris were sworn in at Washington DC.

In his inauguration ceremony held on Capitol Hill, Biden, at the age of 78, gave a 20-minute inauguration speech. In his inauguration speech, he addressed his hope in the incoming 4 years,

*“So now on this hallowed ground where just a few days ago violence sought to shake the Capitol’s very foundation, we come together as one nation, under God, indivisible, to carry out the peaceful transfer of power as we have for more than two centuries. We look ahead in our uniquely American way — restless, bold, optimistic — and set our sights on the nation we know we can be and we must be.”*

He also mentioned the challenges the United States is facing currently.

*“Millions of jobs have been lost. Hundreds of thousands of businesses closed. A cry for racial justice some 400 years in the making moves us. The dream of justice for all will be deferred no longer. A cry for survival comes from the planet itself, a cry that can’t be any more desperate or any more clear. And now, a rise in political extremism, white supremacy and domestic terrorism that we must confront and we will defeat.”*

He called on to urge unity.

*“To overcome these challenges — to restore the soul and secure the future of America — requires so much more than words. It requires the most elusive of all things in a democracy: unity. Unity. [...] My whole soul is in it. Today, on this January day, my whole soul is in this: Bringing America together, uniting our people and uniting our nation.”*

He said he is going to be “a president for all Americans”. To keep this promise in the incoming 4 years, Biden looked ready at the moment.

Because of the shocking event that happened in the Capitol on January 6<sup>th</sup> and COVID-19, the attendees of the inauguration ceremony have largely reduced. However, former president Obama, Clinton and Bush made it to the ceremony. Many of the celebration activities are cancelled or held virtually. Former president Donald Trump did not attend the ceremony, he flew to Florida on the morning of Jan 20<sup>th</sup> instead.



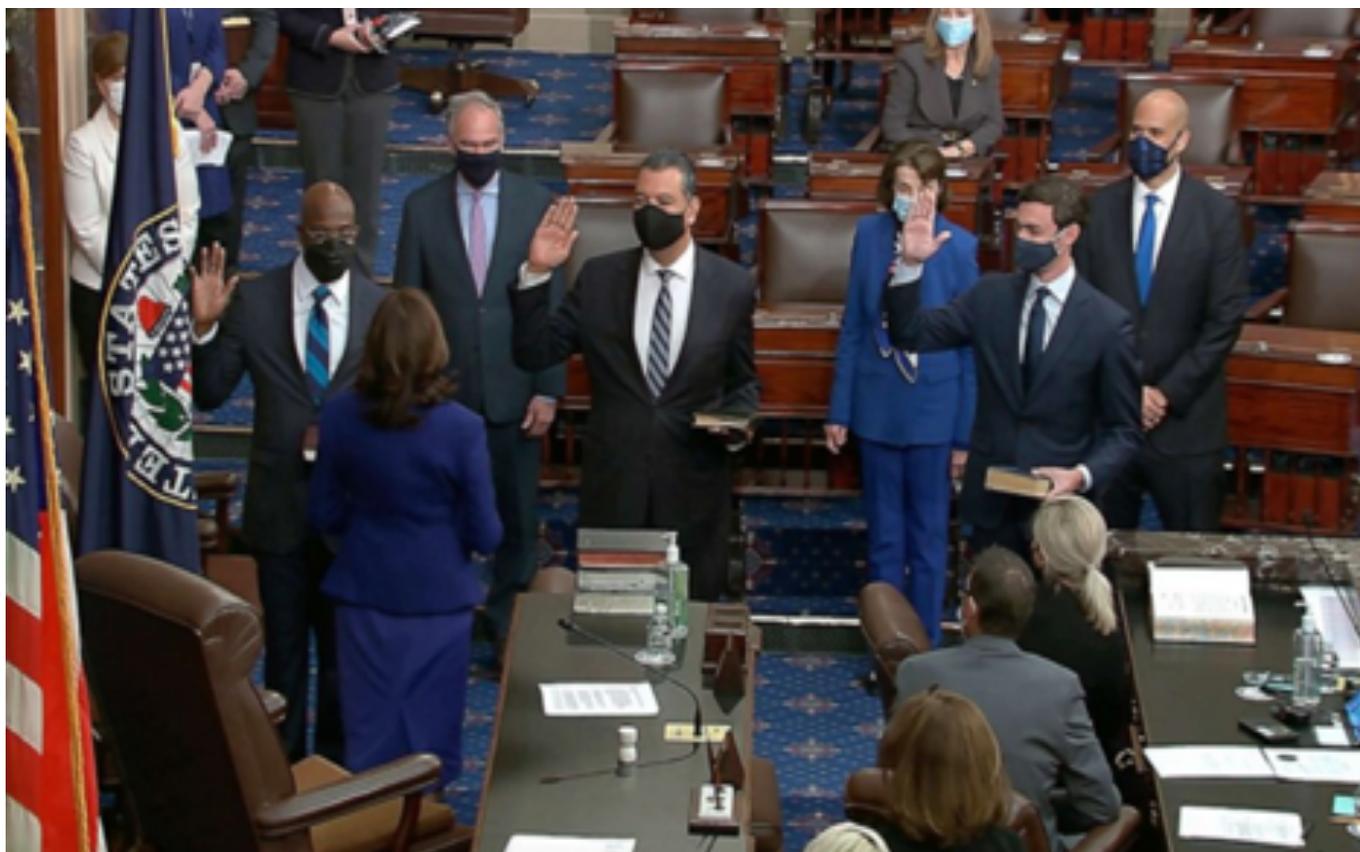
Photo by CNN

# Culture

## The World According to Mr. Gartner

Mr. Gartner | *Ph.D. in Knowledge*

- 1) Birds fly for fun.
- 2) There are more human bite attacks than shark attacks.
- 3) Drinking saltwater prevents muscle cramps.
- 4) Solar panels generate more power on cloudy days.
- 5) Any knife is a bread knife if you're cutting bread.
- 6) The elevator in the Empire State Building goes up 73 flights per minute.
- 7) Sound only travels in one direction.
- 8) Rock always wins.
- 9) Restaurant spaghetti never runs out.
- 10) NFL kickers have to buy their uniforms from a costume store.



Rev. Raphael Warnock (left), Jon Ossoff (right), and Alex Padilla (middle) taking oath under Harris' administration  
Photo by Associated Press

## Kamala Harris Smiles

Editor-in-Chief | Harrison Huang

“I lay before the senate two certificates of election for the state of Georgia, and a certificate of appointment to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former senator Kamala D. Harris of California... (Laugh)... That was very weird... (Laugh)... Ok. All certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate. If there be no objection, the reading of the certificates will be waived, and they will be printed in full in the record.”

Moments after Kamala Harris is sworn in as the 49<sup>th</sup> Vice President of the United States by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor during the inauguration ceremony, Harris departed for the Capitol Hill for further proceedings. Previous to the presidential election, Harris was the Senator of California and had resigned the seat Monday, weeks after the election results were last confirmed. The successor of her position as Senator is Alex Padilla, who served as the 32<sup>nd</sup> secretary of state preceding Harris' resignation.

Two of Georgia's new senators were sworn into office under her administration amidst the proceedings Rev. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff, both Democratic senator-elects, assumed office on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January.

Kamala Harris' smile amidst the proceedings reflects several present and upcoming key advancements of the Democratic party. First, a historical moment to witness Democrats officially taking back control of the Senate after 7 years, winning 4 more seats compared to 2014 (Colorado 1, Arizona 1, Georgia 2). Second, being proud of her service to California's people in a moment with excessive qualm. As she later told the San Francisco Chronicle, “These have not been easy times by any stretch. I am proud that, through it all, my office has maintained its focus, working tirelessly for the people of California.”

In the meantime, it is a poignant reminder for the administration that there is no merit that never ends, it is only with endless virtue and understanding will the two parties negotiate on decisions for the country. Being the tiebreaker of the Senate for Kamala Harris is the starting point, yet finding common grounds and doing work for the country and its people may sustain the political ideals put forward and upheld.