



GROVER CLEVELAND AND DONALD TRUMP COMPARED

**BOTH PRESIDENTS WERE ELECTED
TO TWO
NON-CONSECUTIVE TERMS**



Anti-Corruption and Civil Service Reform.

Cleveland's presidency was marked by his crusade against political corruption, a reputation that helped him gain national prominence even before his election. As the former mayor of Buffalo and governor of New York, he was known for opposing party bosses and patronage-driven politics.

As president, he championed civil service reform by ensuring that government jobs were awarded based on merit rather than party loyalty. Cleveland built upon the foundations of the Pendleton Civil Service Act of 1883, a key piece of legislation aimed at reducing corruption in federal appointments.

By refusing to give in to the demands of political insiders, he cemented his image as a reformer committed to honest and efficient government.

Opposed High Tariffs and Championed Free Trade.

Cleveland was a vocal opponent of high protective tariffs, which he believed unfairly benefited industrialists at the expense of consumers and farmers. He argued that tariffs drove up the cost of everyday goods and stifled economic growth.

His commitment to tariff reform was most evident in his 1887 State of the Union Address, in which he dedicated the entire speech to advocating for lower tariffs. This move was controversial but highlighted his willingness to take principled stances on economic issues.

Although his push for lower tariffs contributed to his defeat in the 1888 election, Cleveland's advocacy laid the groundwork for future tariff reforms and cemented his legacy as a champion of free trade.

Restored Confidence in the Presidency.

Cleveland entered office at a time when public trust in the presidency had been eroded by scandals, particularly those associated with the administrations of Ulysses S. Grant and Chester A. Arthur.

Through his personal integrity, dedication to reform, and strict adherence to the principles of honesty and accountability, Cleveland helped restore the credibility of the executive branch. He was known for avoiding political favoritism and for making decisions based on what he believed was right, even if it meant alienating members of his own party.

His leadership style and commitment to ethical governance set a standard for future presidents and earned him the respect of many Americans.

Cleveland Legacy:

During the administrations of Grover Cleveland, the municipal, state, and federal governments adopted numerous new laws, anticipating the reforms of the Progressive Era.

Cleveland asserted his independence from Congress with an unprecedented number of vetoes and forceful use of presidential authority in his second term. These actions prepared the way for the rise of autonomous presidential leadership, laying the foundation for the modern presidency fully realized by Theodore Roosevelt.

Cleveland's failure to deal with the economic depression during his second term instigated the greatest realignment of voters since the Civil War, in which Democrats lost support everywhere but in the Deep South.

Trump....so far in February/March 2025

Has ignited a Tariff war with Canada, Mexico and China.

Has stated that President of Ukraine is 'a dictator'

Has stated that Ukraine started their war with Russia.