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Is Trump's unwillingness to accept the election results really unprecedented?



On Nov. 3, 1992, I badly needed a job. The same went for all the appointees in the George H.W. Bush White House. Despite being numb from shock, we all expeditiously went about our tasks of attending to long-standing White House tradition: preparing to leave our posts with dignity. This tradition began with our first president, George Washington, who rejected a crown in favor of free and fair elections and peaceful transfer of power.

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's unwillingness to say that he will absolutely accept the outcome of an election is an affront to our democracy and a personal attack on me and my fellow Republicans.

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