

# He Tried to ‘Walk the Line Between Elder Statesman and Queen Maker’: The Best and Worst Moments From Night Two of the Convention

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**Liam Donovan**, senior political strategist with Bracewell’s PRG, again joined *The New York Times*’ opinion writers to break down the highs and lows of night two of the [Democratic National Convention](#), which included an address by former President Barack Obama.

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## Best Moment

**Donovan:** In a parade of speakers peddling predictable anti-Trump talking points, Emhoff gave us the first speech making the pitch for Kamala Harris, the person. Disarming, self-deprecating, humanizing, it was the most effective speech yet for normies at home.

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## Worst Moment

**Donovan:** Few things were more surreal than seeing Pritzker, a hotel heir, wield his net worth as a cudgel against Trump minutes after Sanders gave him the stage.

## What Else Caught Your Eye

**Donovan:** The roll call was evidence both of the party’s unmistakable enthusiasm for this ticket and of the palpable relief everyone in the convention hall is feeling this week. Surprisingly fun to watch, if only for the walk-up music.