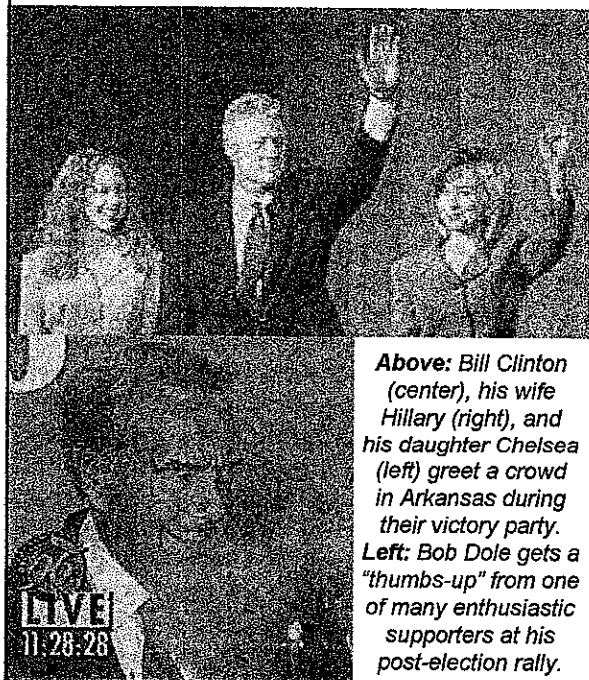


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It's a day for the Democrats

Clinton wins re-election; Franks ousted; Johnson in trouble



Above: Bill Clinton (center), his wife Hillary (right), and his daughter Chelsea (left) greet a crowd in Arkansas during their victory party. Left: Bob Dole gets a "thumbs-up" from one of many enthusiastic supporters at his post-election rally.

The "Republican Revolution" of 1994 became a distant memory last night as Bill Clinton swept to a convincing victory over Bob Dole across the nation, and Democrats in Connecticut made major gains in both the state legislature and the Congress.

In Congressional surprises here in Connecticut, Democrat Jim Maloney beat incumbent Republican Gary Franks in the Fifth House district, and Republican incumbent Nancy Johnson faced a stunningly tough challenge from Democratic longshot Charlotte Koskoff. The final results of the Johnson-Koskoff race were not known when this edition was printed.

And although the Republicans were expected to hold on to both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House, Democrats had apparently swept into the majority of Connecticut's State Senate, according to unofficial results reported by WTNH, Channel 8.

However, the biggest win of the night, if not the most surprising, was President Bill Clinton's rout of GOP challenger Bob Dole. Clinton won easily,

just as had been expected, and was elected to his second term in office. He was declared the winner at 9:00 PM Eastern Time.

In his victory speech, Clinton proclaimed, "We've got a bridge to build, and I'm ready if you are."

President Clinton said he is deeply honored to be re-elected, and thanked the American people for that honor. He also thanked Senator Dole, leading the crowd in a round of applause for Dole and his "lifetime of service to the United States."

"This victory is your victory," he said. "I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

In his gracious concession speech, delivered amid chants of "We love Bob" and "Thank you Bob," Dole joked that "Tomorrow will be the first time in my life that I don't have anything to do."

Stating that he is "still the most optimistic man in America," Dole announced his future plans: "I'm going to sit back for a few days, and then I'm going to start standing up for what's right for America and what's right for you."