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**Excerpts from the Signature Event featuring 2014 Election Panel:
with Mike Allen, Chief White House Correspondent, Politico;
Charles E. Cook, Jr., Editor and Publisher, The Cook Political
Report; and Judy Woodruff, Co-Ancor and Managing Editor, PBS
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“... the message is, and it’s the one we’ve been hearing all along, is that people are sick of Washington not doing what they think it was sent here to do, and that is solve problems and fix things. They’re sick of hearing nothing but negativity out of this city. ... For all the anger on the part of, I think, many Republicans who don’t want any cooperation with the President, McConnell is saying the first thing we need to do is look for areas of agreement – trade bills, tax reform. Now probably corporate tax reform is going to have a much better shot than I think doing anything about individual taxes.” ~ *Judy Woodruff, Co-Anchor and Managing Editor, “The PBS NewsHour”*

“We know that many Republicans, worried about 2016, believe they’ve got to come up with a position on immigration that helps them with the Latino group.” ~ *Judy Woodruff, Co-Anchor and Managing Editor, “The PBS NewsHour”*

“It wasn’t that long ago that they used to call Social Security the third rail of American politics. Well, immigration is the third rail for Republican politics. It didn’t go unnoticed that that was a key issue in Eric Cantor’s loss (*R-VA, former Majority Leader of the House*). I mean, I agree with Judy that Republicans need to do something about the Latino vote. They’ve got to do something. But at the same time, I think they have to take baby steps, or their base will go crazy.” ~ *Charles Cook, Jr., Editor and Publisher, The Cook Political Report*

“... Democratic voters just stayed home from coast to coast. I mean, they were depressed, demoralized. A lot of them felt like they had nothing to vote for.” ~ *Charles Cook, Jr., Editor and Publisher, The Cook Political Report*

“It was a really close race for who was going to be the worst Republican candidate. Certainly Senator Roberts (*R-KS*), who won, was in that derby. But David Perdue (*R-GA*) was definitely right up there head and shoulder-to-shoulder with him. And that was the reason that people thought that Michelle Nunn (*D-GA*) ... would do well. She never lived up to what people thought, given her family.” ~ *Mike Allen, Chief White House Correspondent, POLITICO*

“...Democracy works, people turn out and they express their views and our government changes. We don’t shoot each other in the street; we don’t have blood flowing.” ~ *Judy Woodruff, Co-Anchor and Managing Editor, “The PBS NewsHour”*

“One very instructive element of North Carolina is ... Obamacare faded as an issue, but ... one of the reasons it was the most expensive state was that the Koch network, Americans for Prosperity, very early in that race did very heavy Obamacare ads and it really hurt Kay Hagan (*former Democratic Senator*). In a number of these states, they really softened up the Democratic incumbents right at the time that healthcare.gov was such a problem, and it put them all back on their heels. So it wasn’t an issue at the close, but it really made a difference.” ~ *Mike Allen, Chief White House Correspondent, POLITICO*