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Grey House Publishing Announces the Ninth Title in the *Opinions Throughout History Series: Presidential Authority*

Presidential Authority is the ninth volume in the new series, *Opinions Throughout History*. Each volume in the series is designed to follow the evolution of public opinion on a current and controversial topic that has changed throughout history. Each volume discusses both primary and secondary documents such as newspaper and magazine articles, speeches, court decisions and other legislation. Accompanied by expert commentary and analysis, these documents showcase the changing attitudes on these important issues of public interest over time.

This new edition starts with a detailed Introduction that highlights the unique characteristics of the U.S. presidency as defined by the Framers of the Constitution and briefly outlining the development and expansion of the executive office. A comprehensive Historical Timeline follows, highlighting significant events related to presidential authority from the election of George Washington in 1789 to the impeachment of Donald Trump in 2019.

Following the Timeline are 29 chapters covering every president who has served in the chief executive position of the United States. This book examines the waxing and waning of the influence of the presidency by exploring how each president approached his term in office. The checks and balances of the legislative and judicial branches are examined, as is the ability of individual presidents to gain the support of the American people.

Public opinion, which this series chronicles, plays a distinctive role with regard to presidential authority, often determining the success or failure of a president's agenda, particularly against an opposition Congress. A fundamental tenet of our government system is that the president represents the people—all the people—and the Framers hoped that the president would serve as the embodiment of the popular will. Few presidents achieve this, and the most successful are those who are able to galvanize the public and to build coalitions with members of all parties in Congress. The balance sought by the Framers between a figurehead president and one with significant authority, between possible anarchy and tyranny, is still in play today. The current impeachment proceedings against Donald Trump provide a rare and highly visible window into the system of checks and balances in action.

Each chapter starts with a brief Introduction, List of Topics Covered, and the source document discussed in the chapter. The body of the chapter includes analysis of the source document, which is reprinted in its entirety (with a few exceptions) and clearly distinguished by a shaded title bar. Dozens of photos, charts and other images support the text. Pull-quotes and other visual elements increase accessibility. Each chapter ends with a brief conclusion, thoughtful discussion questions, and list of works used.

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