

Promises Made, Promises Broken

Promise: He kept us out of war. (Implied that he would continue to do so.)	Who made it: Woodrow Wilson.	What happened: America entered WWI
Promise: A chicken in every pot and a car in every garage.	Who made it: Herbert Hoover	What happened: the Great Depression
Promise: I have said this before, but I shall say it again and again and again: Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars.	Who made it: Franklin Delano Roosevelt	What happened: America entered WWII
Promise: We are not about to send American boys nine or ten thousand miles from home to do what Asian boys ought to be doing for themselves.	Who made it: Lyndon Johnson	What happened: American troops sent to Vietnam
Promise: We did not—repeat, did not—trade weapons or anything else for hostages, nor will we.	Who made it: Ronald Reagan	What happened: details of Iran-Contra Affair emerge
Promise: Read my lips, no new taxes.	Who made it: George H. W. Bush	What happened: 1990 budget increased taxes