Voters in the West African state of Ghana are choosing a new president to replace John Kufuor who has been in office for eight years.

I couldn't detect as an outsider a huge amount of ideological difference between the two parties. It's essentially a two party contest.

Your candidacy has been accepted by the commission.

Mr. Chairman we have a country where only the privileged few are enjoying, whilst the generality of the people
are wallowing in poverty. This must come to an end.

And I assure you

Atta Mills and the NDC

will provide the needed relief. May God bless us all.

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The real change is coming.

OK. From now on you are officially a candidate for the highest office of the land.

The eyes of the world are on us here in Ghana for this election.

We know what is happening on the rest of the continent.

Unfortunately incidences have been associated with elections.

It is our hope that none of that will mar the process that we have initiated this morning.

Presidents will come and go.

Governments will come and go.

But this time once again
when the people's power returns into your hands

never let it out of your grip again.

Don't ever make this mistake again.

The psychology of Ghanaians when it comes to governance or politics generally has been very much influenced by our political history and experiences.

I think Ghanaians have realized that the best way forward for this country and for that matter for Africa is to have a stable democratic government guided by the principles of good governance.

We need change so that we see a different government who will do better things for us because the youths are suffering. Now you cannot go to school anymore. — No jobs. — You people don't want to work.

That's why they say, there's no food for a lazy man. I'm a teacher.
So that jobs you are talking about, we know there are those jobs, but it's for your party people. – No. It's not for any other person apart from your party people. They look at party cards. You have to hold a party card before you will be employed as a worker. This will be the fifth election since multi-party democracy was reintroduced in 1992. And this election I think will prove a significant steppingstone towards a stabilization of a democratic culture assuming it is successful and peaceful. The election process is very well established. And I'm very optimistic that our elections will continue to be peaceful.
I do not think that overall these elections are going to be characterized by violence. I don't think so.

We were handicapped by accidents of history colonialism and neocolonialism and by strong men and dictators and so forth and so on. Where we are now yes, there are still many troubled spots but we are moving into democracy.

These elections are crucial for the people of Ghana. We want to know how we can increase food production how we can increase access to education and health. We are interested in finding out how to guarantee
security for everybody.

Welcome back to the special edition of the breakfast show.

It's time for you to hear from the presidential candidates.

And number one on the ballot paper is

Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo.

– This is the moment.
– Absolutely.

You have in me a leader who has been in the frontline of the struggle for democracy and for a regime of human rights respecting the rule of law in our country for the last 30 years.

The NPP and the NDC have dominated the political processes.

It indicates that somehow Ghana has come to that level.
almost like the Americans,
where two parties dominate

and occasionally an
independent candidate or small

group will come in.

Everybody said the CPP was dead.

But now, shaking the foundations.

Eight years of the NDC is enough.

I want to thank them
for their service.

Eight years of the NPP is enough
and I thank them too.

This is the time and
the season for the CPP.

I'm here because of you and me.

If you vote for me, there'll be peace.

I think the choices that we have ...
if you feel you're more

conservative I guess

the NPP will be suitable.

That's the government in power today.
If you think you want to be more progressive, more to the left

I think the NDC will be it.

Which today is actually the main opposition party.

NDC.

Honorable Professor

Atta Mills. His Excellency.

His Excellency.

My brothers and sisters

the elections are near.

We don't promise you the moon.

We think that politics is about human beings.

That's all. That is all.

The next president of Ghana.

One thousand Ghana Cedis.

I wish to assure Nana that we will continue to pray
in the morning, afternoon, evening and night for him.

Amen.

Is this the short version?

And in five ... four ... Good evening my fellow Ghanaians.

I am Nana Akufo-Addo.

There were so many years before the NPP that were wasted years for Ghana.

Governments that ruled by fear and by depriving you of your own rights rather than end the poverty of so many of our people.


Nana Addo is talking about
having fought for democracy

having fought for human freedom.

It is quite clear

that they are following their tradition.

Property owning democracy
so they call themselves.

That is each man for himself
and god for the select few.

My brothers and sisters

we want no violence.

We want no cheating.

We don't want any bloodshed.

I know that the good lord himself
has already blessed us.

NDC will go back.

The main party of
opposition, our principal

opponent in this election

is a party that came into being
in very strange circumstances.
Those who had been in power had seized power by the barrel of the gun.

imposed themselves on the nation for eleven, twelve years.

And that's how the National Democratic Congress came.

It's a party born out of power.

So you still have a wing of that party that is preaching the old revolutionary slogans, there's that tension in it.

Choose a government that will take us forward to a brighter future.

or choose a government ruled by agents of our dark days.

Your vote will decide our path.

Ghana has a very interesting political history in Africa.

besides the fact that Ghana is the first country to gain political independence in black Africa.

The battle
We had our independence in 1957 and Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah had a vision for Ghana and had a vision for black people. He gave us a very high level of political consciousness and so he inspired us to think that we could do whatever we wanted to do. It was only a question of putting our minds to it. In the fifties and sixties Ghana reflected the optimism and the growth of the immediate post independence period.
the excitement.

Nkrumah did great.

Nkrumah is the father of this whole nationalist movement.

What went wrong?

He didn't break those foundations of the colonial system.

The educational system was still a legacy of the colonial heritage.

The judiciary was still and is still a legacy of the colonial heritage.

He didn't dismantle them and he was trying to build an African personality on top of that.

So there was a conflict.

Again with personalities, Nkrumah himself was not perfect.

He had his limitations.

With the introduction of the one party state closing the door on the opposition.
He was overthrown by Western interest.

The CIA we all know now was involved in the coup which they admitted. Admitted even in being involved in other states in Africa.

And since then the country underwent all kinds of political convulsions.

So we've had five different military regimes and then previously three republics.

It is time for Africans to prove to the world that if given the chance they can prove that they are capable of managing their own affairs.

This was Nkrumah's quotation on Independence Day.

We are praying to see who will come out.
to help us.

To get us some skills

hand skills to do something, man power

so that we can be able

to gain something.

Up and down.

The NPP government

wants to give free education

and I want to go to school.

So surely I'll be voting for them.

Hear our president Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo.

You are attending this rally

because you want an improvement in your life.

We're really asking ourselves one question.

Are we going forward or are we coming back?
Ghanaians are complaining that they have no jobs.

Ghanaians are complaining that they cannot get good education.

I've already committed my government to free secondary education for all the people of our nation.

None of the parties is offering a paradigm shift.

All of the parties promise to do the same thing but some promise to do it better than the others.

We want to modernize agriculture bring science and technology here.

We give you fertilizer, we give you the seedlings we give you the input.
If there are dams around here, we will repair them.

Over the past 15 or so years there has been considerable aggregate growth. Unfortunately I don't think the growth has sufficiently been translated into general well-being for the people of Ghana. When people are insecure they don't know where the next meal is going to come from and they think that their situation is going to get worse tomorrow then you do not really have stability.

Why are you voting for Prof. Mills? Promised land, what does that mean?

Thank you very much for calling.
We're going to take one more call and go for a commercial break.

If every four years you go to the polling station and you put a piece of paper in a ballot box and you are not generating sufficient wealth and you're not distributing the wealth that is generated equitably and people still suffer poverty, ignorance and disease democracy is absolutely meaningless.

If you enter into the poorer region you go down nobody to save you. It's true.

He no work.

This is my wife.

She says no work.

I'm not working.

I have energy to work but where is the work?

The regional rally was attended by a large and enthusiastic crowd drawn from all the 28 constituencies
in the region.

2-30 00:02:42:06 / 00:02:46:00 00:00:03:19
The presidential candidate of the party Prof. John Evans Atta Mills

2-31 00:02:46:04 / 00:02:47:14 00:00:01:09
who addressed the gathering

2-32 00:02:47:18 / 00:02:52:23 00:00:05:05
said many Ghanaians want change due to the policies of the NPP government.

2-33 00:03:00:05 / 00:03:03:24 00:00:03:19
I have worked in the mining industry for over three decades.

2-34 00:03:04:05 / 00:03:06:15 00:00:02:09
It's been tough all throughout.

2-35 00:03:07:22 / 00:03:09:22 00:00:02:00
If you stay in the U.S.

2-36 00:03:10:17 / 00:03:13:08 00:00:02:17
how much dollars are you taking out a month

2-37 00:03:13:21 / 00:03:17:02 00:00:03:06
compared to what we are doing in this country?

2-38 00:03:18:07 / 00:03:20:00 00:00:01:18
A miner in America

2-39 00:03:20:10 / 00:03:24:03 00:00:03:18
enjoying a huge salary and the one in Ghana

2-40 00:03:24:13 / 00:03:28:02 00:00:03:15
meanwhile it's the same job, it's the same gold.

2-41 00:03:28:10 / 00:03:29:20 00:00:01:09
Why?

2-42 00:03:30:17 / 00:03:34:20 00:00:04:03
The distribution of the cake should be fair around the world.

2-43 00:04:09:09 / 00:04:11:15 00:00:02:05
I'm called Moses Imoro.

2-44 00:04:12:16 / 00:04:13:22 00:00:01:06
I'm a farmer.
– Did you go to the rally?
– No, I didn't go.

– Atta Mills was here.
– I didn't go.

What do you wish for the government to do

to make your life better?

If only they stopped to tell lies.

Because politicians they can easily say

when I become a government this is what I'm going to do

I will tar roads. I will build hospitals. I will provide food.

So before the country became better and everybody enjoys health, education and food.

We have two, three days before we stop campaigning.

We need to help the national executive

to plan the program on the platform for the final rally.

I liked the idea of the performance on stage because it gave it a bit of a carnival
feeling and kind of light thing.

But we have to be careful so people don't assume we are celebrating therefore don't go out and vote.

It should give a bit of good feeling but at the same time there should be a bit of anxiety.

Remember Obama in America when Obama was giving that, let's go out and vote and finish this contract.

We started this thing and we started out well, please go out and vote.

We need that, something similar.

Go out and vote. It's so crucial.

Is that a deal?

– It is, sir.
– Good.

– Do you want something not too cold?
– Let me see.

Give me pineapple.

I have to get back to the gym after this campaign
because you...

– His belly has tripled.
– You sort of eat a lot of junk food.

The main problem with the NDC for some people is the personality of Rawlings.

And I think also the military background or the coming into power through the barrel of the gun.

And eight of these senior officers including three former heads of state were executed.

Had this not been done I have no doubt in my mind that the officer corps would have ended up being eliminated.

It's almost as if people's minds had already been tuned up as to what had to be done to satisfy them.
When Flt. Lieutenant Rawlings had his first coup in 1979, it was the junior officers revolting against the senior officers and what they saw as their mismanagement and corruption.

We of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council during our short stay now in power have demonstrated openly that the holding of office in government in this country had in almost all cases been used to plunder the wealth of the nation. Now any kind of revolt or uprising comes with its own set of violence. People really wanted a real change. And not going back to the old system where you had politicians in power who naturally became corrupt and mismanaged things.
They wanted somebody who could address the issues and solve our problems.

Somebody who would roll up his sleeves and really get the business done.

So that's how Rawlings emerged and over the years became the dominant personality in our politics.

Since 1992 we have had successful democratic elections.

And I think that in that regard Rawlings' legacy is that he set the foundation on which the rest of us today are building.

Rawlings was still very popular.

But then his term of office ran out in 2000 and they had to pick his vice then who was Vice President Atta Mills.
as the presidential candidate for the ruling party.

– When is this?
– Today.

So soon.

I would lay down my life for you any day.

Thank you very much.

A special gratitude goes to the founder President Jerry Rawlings and his wife for the unique contribution that they made to our campaign effort.

And I tell you Atta Mills and the NDC will go back ...

Sorry could you please arrange that cup?

It's out of order.
It’s your coffee.

Thank you very much.

On behalf of President Rawlings

the former president of the Republic of Ghana

we look forward to sharing our views of the terrain and the atmosphere in Ghana as we approach our elections in December.

Thank you very much Ambassador.

Your country the trailblazer in West Africa on democratization

is going through its electoral process.

We can learn from the Ghanaian experience as we are all in the same neighborhood.
We are all in the same boat.

What happens in Ghana affects all of us positively as well as negatively.

So we are indeed delighted that we can come and have these conversations with you Mr. President.

Professor Sawyer, you're not new to some of the painful situations we've been through in the past in West Africa.

I am worried because we know that the 2004 election did not have the integrity.
that it needed.

It has created a very unpleasant political atmosphere for all of us.

Come and assess things for yourself because one little mistake in your assessment, in your report, could undermine the aspirations and the hopes of a population of 20 million Ghanaians.

We've just started. It's 7 o'clock and we've started.

So it's like as you see, the people are in the queue.

From the first table you check there you relate
you present your card

and then if we certify that the person's name is in the checklist

we allow the person to go and vote.

So that is all. We didn't want to disenfranchise anybody.

This election is very crucial so most of the voters or the electorate were at the polling stations around 3 AM.

and there were no policemen there at that time.

So it created some confusion.

But as of now voting is going on smoothly there.

– Any problem?
  – No problem sir.

– And no problem since morning?
  – No sir.

I want people
to look at my children and my children not to feel that

being African is something to be ashamed of

because Africa is always looked at as a basket case.

And more importantly I want the western world to come and learn

from what we have in Africa

because I think that we have a lot of wonderful things here

that are overlooked because we are considered to be poor

and backward and unstable

and to show that as a community we respect,

we learn, we grow together.

You see one of the guys ...

Sleeping on duty.

Wake up my friend.

– Get up.
– Yes sir.

The next station, let's go.
Whether it's true or false and I appreciate that we should not be making false allegations. However I'm saying that this is their tendency. Otherwise how do some African heads have billions of pounds in foreign accounts and you want to ask me for the evidence of their thieving?

God bless you. Bye-bye. Nothing, you know makes me sadder than when I can hear a nation like America because having emerged as the only unipolar superpower you are obliged to provide leadership not at the expense of morality.
When you undermine it, what you in effect end up doing is that you're setting in motion for other countries for despots to grow for despots in third world countries to kill with impunity because they don't have to bring people to justice anymore. So what you in effect end up doing is that you are undermining the culture of democracy. Rawlings we love you.

And you know something if America's first taste of terrorism was on September 11 I wanna tell them and they know it and I've been saying it.

We in Africa, we've had inflicted on us terrorist regimes for decades.
Before the cold war
during the cold war

and we thought things would improve

after the demise of the bipolar world.

Instead it's gotten worse.

We thought that maybe we would now see the human face of capitalism.

Do you know what Pope John Paul the late described it?

"The savagery of capitalism".

Let's talk about this subject a little bit more.

I'm sorry, am I making sense?

I hope so.

Are you happy with the process?

Well, from what we've heard from various points things seem to be going quite well.

Except that some areas are late.

But mind you, this is now the point in time when the ropes pull their
actions into motion.

Start act: 3 / 00:00:00

3-1 00:00:07:00 / 00:00:08:11 00:00:01:11
What time did you come here?

3-2 00:00:08:16 / 00:00:09:20 00:00:01:04
4 o'clock.

3-3 00:00:09:24 / 00:00:11:20 00:00:01:21
In the afternoon?

3-4 00:00:11:24 / 00:00:14:00 00:00:02:01
No, morning time.

3-5 00:00:14:05 / 00:00:15:24 00:00:01:19
10 hours, it's a long time.

3-6 00:00:16:03 / 00:00:18:11 00:00:02:08
We came here around 6 a.m.

3-7 00:00:19:16 / 00:00:21:20 00:00:02:04
We don't have enough polling stations.

3-8 00:00:21:24 / 00:00:25:23 00:00:03:24
so we want to leave and go home.

3-9 00:00:26:10 / 00:00:28:21 00:00:02:10
So should we go?

3-10 00:00:31:03 / 00:00:33:19 00:00:02:16
The last four years we faced the same problem.

3-11 00:00:33:23 / 00:00:36:24 00:00:03:01
So we thought our leaders over here can

3-12 00:00:37:03 / 00:00:38:24 00:00:01:21
correct that mistake.

3-13 00:00:39:04 / 00:00:41:01 00:00:01:22
But nothing has been done.

3-14 00:00:41:05 / 00:00:42:17 00:00:01:11
We are still here
this year too we are facing the same problem.

All of us can take part in this election.

We love our mother Ghana

so we want everybody to take part in this election.

All the people in the queue have got to vote.

Look there are no lights.

The last time ... they voted till about ten, eleven

and the others are counting.

Then they start seeing the trend

and before you're aware the whole thing's twisted.

It's terrible.

I said move.

But all the same

we'll guard the queue

till the last person who is in the queue finishes voting
before the poll will close.

That's why I asked the military to come.

They will give them light they will protect the queue and everybody will vote.

A democracy is only as strong or as weak as the participants in the process choose to make it.

We want to see everything with our eyes.

We don't want anybody to steal.

NDC.

1, 2, 3 ...

9, 10, 11 ...

64, 65, 66 ...

We count our votes at the polling station and we give every party agent
a copy of the signed results.

After that there is no counting anywhere.

The next stage is just aggregation

putting the figures together to determine the winner.

The next stage is just aggregation

Leave the boxes and the bags to the assistants

and go and declare results at the table.

At the moment the poll has come to an end.

So now they are bringing the final results

that is the declaration results form

to the final collation center.

If I don't get the results how do we declare?

Come election time we need 11,000 officials
to man the 21,000 polling stations.
How can we vouch for their neutrality?

We cannot vouch for their neutrality.

We try to recruit them very carefully.

And it's because we cannot vouch for the integrity of everybody that we have tried to build integrity into the system itself.

That is the very viability into the system.

We're going to use these fax machines to receive the results from all the regions.

And these chairs are going to be filled by all party agents to come and be here with us.

And as the results come, we show it round for them to see before it is sent to the chairman to append his signature then it's released to the public.

So that is basically what we are going to do in this room.

Saboba, haven't you received results for Saboba?

Saboba is in.

You have to be strong to be in there.
Especially when you are waiting for election results.

And you don't know what your faith is. You have to have that strength.

Kwabena move your body.

There are too many people here from the NDC.

Our candidate Nana Addo is in the lead with close to 50%.

– That is a lie.

He has no evidence of what he's saying.

– This is really unprofessional.

– What is that?

Someone granting an interview. You come from nowhere ...

– And I'm saying it's a lie.

– Were you invited?

The only person who can tell us that is the electoral commission.

He can wish for over fifty, but he cannot say he's moving towards it.

That's wishful thinking.

– Check the figures.

– We have a majority in parliament.

I just believe that ... Kwabena and I, we're friends.
It's the politics that makes it look like we're at each other's throat.

but hey we're friends, we're buddies.

Nana Akuko-Addo, he's a winner.

In the Ashanti Region

NPP

thirty one thousand

one hundred and seventy-one.

NDC

five thousand

nine hundred ...

Central Region is 36%

Greater Accra is 26%

this is 35%

34% ...

Now these are real figures. Ashanti we're about plus 750
Brong-Ahafo we'll be plus at least 60, Central Region we are minus.

At the end of the day the story has to be figures talk, figures don't lie.

People should be calm

let the electoral commission announce the results nobody should panic.

Which results are outstanding?

Ours.

Why has Bantama taken so long?

Don't believe what you're seeing on television.

There's no way NPP is winning. So don't believe that.

They are choosing what they want to put on television, believe me.

Information gathered by our agents puts professor Mills, our presidential candidate and the NDC
in a comfortable lead

and we are sure of a first round win

without any difficulty at all.

It is important to state however, that there are

ttempts to manipulate the results in favor of the NPP.

What gives you the indication that you've won

and that you are definitely on the path to victory?

Can you just take us through that specifics?

I'm not going to go into that now.

Thank you very much.

Do you have any fear that somebody might dash the results

they might be tampered around with?

Madame, this is struggle for power

and people don't simply let power go.

– Where are those figures coming from?
– Thank you very much.
The NDC believes that it has won the elections.

Of course the ruling New Patriotic Party has described the position taken by the opposition, National Democratic Congress, as irresponsible. A position that could possibly turn Ghana into the likes of Kenya, Zimbabwe and all the bad examples as far as the elections are concerned on the African continent.

The NDC says we have won. The NPP says we have won. For the past five hours or so it's been back and forth from the two leading political parties. Our evidence is sitting right here.

We're only trying to figure out what exactly we need to get across to the people out there. That's all we are doing.
Yes. We are here to obviously
manage and calm tensions.
And we want the
country to be stable.
We're trying to get 50% plus 1
which is what we need to win.
It is so close now.
So that's what we are projecting now.
You want to release
some of the results to us.
Parliamentary 4
and then NPP ...
The opposition says they have won
the incumbent says they have won, so
we don't know what is going on.
Come out, the electoral commission
come out and tell us
something. That's all.
The December 7 presidential
and parliamentary elections
have so far been conducted in an open, transparent and competitive environment.

I would like on behalf of all our mission members to urge the political parties and the people of Ghana to remain calm over the next few days and allow enough space for the electoral commission in order to produce the final results within reasonable time.

We can help. We can give ideas. We can support processes. We can tell them where we think they are going wrong but really the responsibility is for the authorities here.

The electoral commission wishes to remind all Ghanaians that it is the only body
in the country authorized by law to conduct public elections

and declare their results.

On the basis of percentages

it will not make the 50% plus 1.

OK Prof, thank you very much.

Because nobody can get the 50% and we shouldn't waste our time.

– We can get 50%.
  – You?

– Where are you going to get it from?
  – We're going to get 50 plus 1 vote.

Kwabena, don't let us waste our time.

The chairman of the electoral commission

Dr. Kwadwo Afari-Gyan.

It is clear

that no candidate

got more than 50%.

This means that there will be a 2nd round
or run-off.

The run-off election will be held on December 28.

We will definitely win this election.

Ladies and Gentlemen

we've once again shown Africa and the world that Ghana will be a positive example capable of electing our national leaders.

The election on the 28th of December is there to be won.

Mami, look at this snake it looks very poisonous.

It was like this. It is called cobra.
It's extremely dangerous.

So it means if we give these people another chance they are going to be very dangerous.

That's why we need a change.

Vote professor Atta Mills for a better Ghana.

The modern aspect of governance in our African countries is a machinery very prone to being transformed into a dictatorial machinery. Here they don't face impeachment they become corrupt with impunity etc. and nothing stops them, nothing can prevent them, nothing can hold them back. And even when the time for elections comes to be voted out they are in a position to misuse the coercive machinery to prevent it.

The African Union Commissioner
Observers for the election

they just called.

Believe it or not, they are bent on taking it by fraud or violence.

Sorry.

How to prevent the possibility of an explosion

I can only say that maybe

Ghana’s case now is going to be a test for all of us.

Is going to be a test.

This country will have a new president

in the person of

Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo.

Prof. John Evans Atta Mills.

Do we want to go forward or do we want to go back?

Do you want to move forward into selective justice?

No!

Do you want to move forward with dishonesty?
Ladies and Gentlemen

The time for talking is over.

And all I ask

protect your ballot boxes

the way you will protect and defend your mother.

The NDC campaign

of lies and deceit has failed.

So they are turning to the one instrument that they always use in difficulties.

Violence.

I know what a pack of thieves and liars the NPP are

and they will do everything possible to wanna steal
your 2008 election again.

You will have to protect the integrity of the ballot box the way you will protect your mother, your wife, your daughters, your children.

The Tamale airport we will turn it into an international airport.

So when you are traveling to Mecca, you don’t need to go to Accra. You go from Tamale to Mecca and Mecca to Tamale.

We are not going to put the destiny of our nation in the hands of these incompetent, unproductive, inefficient persons. We’re not gonna do that.

There is something phenomenal about macho men. Since morning it's all been macho men.
What about macho men?

They can pull the strings, terrify people. You realize the physique of the macho men.

The muscles. The people get terrified when they see macho men around.

What is happening?

Things are not going well.

Some of the polling stations, they say macho people.

or those muscle men.

they come down and threaten the people. When the people leave.

then they vote, before they go and the people come.

to make their queue again.

This is what they are saying.

Hey my friend, don't touch my car.

I'll touch the car. Come and beat me. Come and hit me.

He has a gun. Search him.

Take them away.
All of you please leave.

We find some members of the other party permanently stationed here. And their presence here is becoming very suspicious. Because you don't see exactly what they are doing. They are stationed here with their motorbikes and we know that when they are snatching ballot boxes they use motorbikes. And that is causing a lot of anxiety.

Are the observers not seeing, not hearing these things?

These are facts. So somebody ought to do something to stop some of these things.

The whole of Tain Constituency called off the run-off election so at the moment there is no election going on at Tain Constituency.

Room after room was searched as a security personnel looked for the alleged stolen ballot boxes. The mob was still however not satisfied
when the police found no ballot boxes in the house.

Many of our people have been brutalized. There is absolute chaos there.

You say, who saw them? The police. We were all there. They are baseless. You are here.

And you are looking at your boxes. Nobody has taken them away. And you are saying somebody has taken them.

It's quite unfortunate that some of these allegations are coming out unsubstantiated.
So we believe that it's a political game that some of them are playing.

Ladies and gentlemen this will not make it possible for the people to have their free will to vote for their choice.

Freedom can sometimes come at a cost. Justice will come at a cost. And we will have to be ready to defend freedom and justice as others did.

– No ballot boxes are missing?
– Nothing is missing. Absolutely nothing is missing.

They are all brought to the collation center here.

Something seems to be happening in this country.

For those of us who are young, I think this is the first time we are witnessing something of this sort in Ghana's
political history.

It's Ok. Just relax, we've won.

You have a good presidential candidate for 2012.

It won't be like 1992. This one we will jubilate proper.

Big party at Accra Sports Stadium.

This one is Tsunami.

It's a done deal.

Right now, don't. I'll call you later.

See the president.

Congratulations.

Congratulations Mr. President.

Ok. Let's go. Let's roll.

From all indications it appears that you have won the elections.

It's been a long but enjoyable struggle
and I'm very grateful to the people for the confidence that they have reposed in Atta Mills and in the NDC.

So thank you.

– How was it?  
– It was wonderful, Sir. Wonderful.

Stop taking us.

They started fiddling with the figures.

This is Rojo.

I'm the leader of the Atta Mills delegation to the electoral commission's strong room.

When Kwabena Agyepong walks into this room and suddenly funny things start happening.

Then they print out another fax machine result and the figure has suddenly metamorphosed into 95,000 plus.
This is ridiculous.

Kwabena, don't start this one.

Don't start this one.

All this started when you came back into this room.

– Stop that talk.
– Don't start this one.

You'll not survive it.

I'll not survive what?

This is undermining the total credibility of the electoral process.

You will not survive this.

You are doing what Robert Mugabe did.

Why shouldn't I attack you?

You are raising the issues.

You will not survive this. I am telling you.

If it has to go one on one we will go one on one.

My friend we are not accepting the Volta results.

If you don't know, what you are doing.
it will endanger the whole country.

I know Hohoe. There is no human being there

and you throw those figures like that and then you ...

...no no my friends.

Breaking news.

Don't go there.

Don't go there.

And the guys sent it at 3:45 pm.

So how come Rojo and Co. didn't see it?

We announced it to them and then he collected it.

Swame has changed.

What is all this?

You must stop the process right away.

Nobody is going to accept this nonsense.

You will not survive it.

This is not Nigeria ...
Results have already come in, it's been certified.

and then now you are bringing in new results.

I just don't care, we are not signing them.

If you don't care, you are using such language ...

Swame has gone up. From 52,000 to 67,000.

All the figures are going up. They are re-sending them.

You go ahead and run your own elections, we'll meet you on the streets.

I'm going to organize people onto the streets.

No. You're not leaving.

It's better for us to fight in here.

Let's go in!

My brother, let's go in.

Please, please.

Please, please.

We will never let these figures change.
This time my brother we will die here.

We will die here.

And

what is this duction of figures?

That beats my imagination. That boggles my imagination.

We are going to march in the streets.

I'm telling you, we are so pissed off.

The Ghanaian people have spoken and they must respect their verdict.

That's all that I have to say.

Any subversion of the will of the people will amount to a coup d'etat.

So the electoral commission and the government have a responsibility to do the right thing and to do it now.

Nana, do something before you die.

Ladies and gentlemen, if we can have some quiet.

We are not ready to accept
these new inflated results.

We are not ready to accept these new inflated results.

If others in Africa take it not Ghana.

Whenever this rubbish is happening a coup steps in.

Unlike other countries where you can get up and seize power in Ghana you can't.

You cannot seize power if people are not craving for it.

You cannot. You'll fail.

They shouldn't push the country.

They shouldn't.

The situation facing the country at the moment is a very grave one.

And if cool heads do not prevail
this country is likely
to be hit by a catastrophe.

The next thing is that some people
are going to hit the streets
and the situation will
become ungovernable.
And then somebody will
declare state of emergency
and go back again.
We don't want that.
It is time to leave the
rhetoric and focus on the future.

A peaceful transition
will be an example to
the rest of Africa and the world.
We are likely to have
a situation where the military
quote, unquote
may take over the situation.
What is the possibility of that
of which the NDC would employ
to avoid this chaotic situation?
Are they firing into the air
or they are firing at the people?

We want peace. We want peace.
We don't have time to waste.
We cannot wait.

5-3 00:01:05:05 / 00:01:08:09 00:00:03:04
The Electoral Commissioner as you can see right now live on TV3

5-4 00:01:08:14 / 00:01:11:07 00:00:02:19
is getting ready to address the press.

5-5 00:01:11:11 / 00:01:14:19 00:00:03:07
So we wait on the man in the picture there

5-6 00:01:15:07 / 00:01:18:01 00:00:02:19
and that is Dr. Kwadwo Afari-Gyan.

5-7 00:01:18:05 / 00:01:19:15 00:00:01:09
He's always calm.

5-8 00:01:19:19 / 00:01:21:05 00:00:01:11
You can just imagine how it is

5-9 00:01:21:09 / 00:01:24:00 00:00:02:16
trying to supervise a high-tension election like this

5-10 00:01:24:04 / 00:01:26:04 00:00:02:00
and you always have to remain calm.

5-11 00:01:33:23 / 00:01:35:03 00:00:01:05
Good afternoon.

5-12 00:01:35:07 / 00:01:38:09 00:00:03:02
Shall we have some silence in the hall please?

5-13 00:01:39:19 / 00:01:43:02 00:00:03:08
The chairman has a statement on the post ...

5-14 00:01:48:21 / 00:01:50:09 00:00:01:14
Thank you very much.

5-15 00:01:50:14 / 00:01:51:24 00:00:01:10
We have been

5-16 00:01:52:03 / 00:01:55:09 00:00:03:06
meeting with the representatives of the political parties

5-17 00:01:55:14 / 00:01:57:10 00:00:01:22
trying to iron out
some difficulties over the results.

And the results are as follows.

You must remember that for circumstances as we say in Ghana beyond our control we were unable to hold the elections in the Tain Constituency.

The results are so close that the result of the Tain Constituency could affect the eventual winner.

So we have decided to run the election in Tain on Friday.

Atta Mills is in the lead but as we said ...
What's he saying?

He's saying that Tain ...

We have one more constituency that is the Tain Constituency.

They have not voted

and I don't know the reason why they have not voted.

I believe there is a problem there.

And I know that this election we are going to win.

For the last time I come to this August house as President of Ghana before the dissolution of the 4th parliament of the 4th Republic. As a democrat I acknowledge the electoral commissioner's declaration.
and I therefore congratulate once more Prof. John Evans Atta Mills on his election.

I'm not downhearted by the result, of course disappointed. I had expected to win. I think most people in the country thought I was going to win. Somehow it didn't turn out that way. The official results are different. As a politician you have to take the high with the low.

Somehow it didn't turn out that way. The official results are different.

As a politician you have to take the high with the low.

Right Sir, take care. God bless.

Let the world know and see the excitement. Today is for the Prof, not for me.
were the two parties that it could have easily degenerated.

In many other countries in Africa this could have led to a civil war.

But you saw how Ghanaians by themselves without any external intervention were able to talk to each other and eventually the electoral commissioner playing a very critical role in ensuring that everything was settled.

Democracy is a learning process for us and I know that we'll continue to learn.

If some politician is not behaving they say, just let's wait four years, we'll show him thumb power.

I think it's an expression of belief in the power of democracy.
and the power of the vote.

Well I'm happy to the extent that the politicians are beginning to learn

that they have to respond to the needs and aspirations of the people.

The politicians know that the masses can change governments.

This is one African country that has been able to make it and has shown our first president's vision

that the African is capable of governing himself and can make a positive difference in the world around him.

I think there's a future and there's a hope for us in Ghana and the rest of Africa.

But we just need to understand

our past, where we come from, where we are going.

Politics is part of the human life.

It is with us in the family even with yourself
how you run your family,
how you run yourself

even your day-to-day life is politics.