WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, seeking a second term, Tuesday night defeated a fierce, fast-financed challenge from Mitt Romney, prevailing in the face of a brutal national campaign as voters cast ballots.

The election emerged as a referendum on a divided government — whether it ousts a majority, front-row figure from America's bi-partisan background as a background for bi-partisan enterprise and antiprosperity.

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We live in a country where we debate as a large part of our history in a conscious decision.

Now that we have made that decision, we must stand responsible.

We have got to past the gridlock that our government has become increasingly over the years and support the press that we can.

Have you wondered if Obama Romney? This is a call for respect and civility in debates and political decisions. The election is over, and we will live with these decisions (for the next four years).

It's time to stop bickering and change the flame for electoral decisions that ultimately don't matter. It's time to move past these rifts in society that will mend our history in a conscious decision.

1965? Or that the state of Arizona defended the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965? That the state of Arkansas would have elected the first African American president. It will turn out the mythic past never was.
Birdwell wins District 22

By Jessica Chris

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A: Australia was definitely open to it. They have Rodeos and they have these festivals and they were really open to it. I was really surprised at the reception.
Q: You got up listening to every- thing. I have a love for music, but I don't want to make the same album over and over again.
A: I do sing a song like "Blown Away" and then version around a song like "Cupid's Got a Shot- gun". I have an amazing country line with the music that I'm singing. I'm not gonna try to make it something that it's not. I'm not gonna make it "country" by say- ing more harmonies and solo parts.
Q: As a singer, you talk about the audience singing my song back to us. Did this tour have that energy?
A: Oh my gosh, it was really great. Everywhere we went, people were singing along. I think that we don't need all the bells and whistles either.
Q: "Nashville" is your new guilty pleasure. Have you gotten a chance to watch it?
A: I did. We got a copy before- hand. I know a lot of people that work on the show and they wanted me to know what I was thinking. I thought Nudie is such a great town and I think there is so much that they can get into about the music industry. I'm excited for us as a community that we can shine some more light on Nashville. It seems that people want to get into Nashville more, and that's fun for us.
Q: If Bravo called, would you do it?
A: No. I feel like my time on "(American) Idol" there were so many cameras on us all the time I don't think I'd be able to do it. I love that I can sing a song and we have a lot of fun toys and know how people get used to having cameras on them in their daily lives. I'm a private person too and we don't ever use anything in our home because it's off lim- its. I like letting people see you messy house.
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The Oval Office is deserving of someone who never thinks in the face of adversity.

The president of the United States has to be someone who has overcome obstacles, never failed for failure, and someone who can be ruled upon when the going gets rough.

I submit that of all the professional athletes out there, Manning would be the one best suited to take the office of the president of the United States.

Manning's work ethic is legendary.

His teammates tell tales of him arriving for work in the early hours of the morning, before 5 a.m. at times.

He forces his wide receivers to stay and continue to work on drills long after practice ends.

In the off-season, Manning works from before sunrise to after sunset.

Nobody in the NFL works harder than Peyton Manning.

Along with his work ethic, Manning's character is also unquestioned.

He has never been involved in any scandal or any sort of legal trouble.

Manning is a generous man who has made considerable donations to charity and helping local causes in the cities he has played for, Indianapolis and now Denver.

In fact, in Indianapolis, the local children's hospital was named after him because his foundation made a $4.3 million donation.

Manning's work ethic and character make him a perfect candidate for the office of the president of the United States.

Manning is an intelligent man.

He graduated from the University of Tennessee in only three years, but he stayed for his senior season to work on his master's degree (much like our very own Rob Grifffis III).

The main reason Manning would make a perfect president is because heraised the level of performance of everyone around him.

Manning has the ability to make people perform at their highest level.

Manning will not accept mediocrity and neither should America.

That's why Peyton Manning would be the perfect professional athlete to serve as president of the United States of America.
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