

Recent Presidents

Issues	Richard Nixon (1969-74)	Jimmy Carter (1977-1981)	Ronald Reagan (1981-89)	George Bush (1989-1993)	Bill Clinton (1993-2001)	George W. Bush (2001-09)
Domestic Issues	<p>Signed into law Title IX which is intended to ensure that educational institutions treat men and women equally</p> <p>Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created.</p> <p>-Clean Air Act passed</p> <p>-Clean Water Act passed</p>	<p>Stagflation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High Unemployment and High inflation <p>Energy Crisis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -continued dependence on Middle Eastern Oil -Movement towards solar and nuclear power 	<p>Reaganomics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supply-Side (Trickle Down economic theory) - Tax cuts - Reduced regulations on business - Economic growth followed as did growing wealth inequality and a growing national debt 	<p>Recession</p> <p>Negotiated NAFTA – free trade agreement with Mexico and Canada. (ratified during Clinton Administration</p>	<p>Balanced federal budget – first time since 1960s</p> <p>Attempted to pass universal healthcare bill.</p> <p>Embraced some Republican ideas like Welfare reform</p>	<p>Tax Cuts – Passed significant tax cuts</p> <p>Hurricane Katrina – disaster struck New Orleans in 2005. Weak federal response</p> <p>Financial Collapse of 2008 – worst since 1929. Responded with “bail-out” of banks</p>
Foreign Policy	<p>-Vietnam Withdrew from Vietnam (after expanding war into Cambodia)</p> <p>Détente</p> <p>Relaxing of tensions with the Soviet Union and China</p> <p><u>SALT</u> – first treaty to limit nuclear weapons</p> <p>OPEC Oil Embargo – Oil shipments cut off to U.S. after U.S supported Israel in Yom Kippur War; Nixon encouraged conservation efforts</p>	<p>Camp David Peace Accords – Peace agreement between Egypt and Israel (attempt to bring peace to the Middle East)</p> <p>Iranian Hostage Crisis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -55 Americans held in U.S. embassy in Iran for 444 days. Carter’s rescue attempt and other efforts to win their release failed. Release minutes after Reagan was inaugurated President 	<p>Military Buildup – early in administration; included Star Wars – effort to build missile defense shield</p> <p>Increased tensions with Soviet Union. Called the “evil empire”; In a speech in Berlin, demanded that Soviet leader Gorbachev “tear down this wall”</p>	<p>Persian Gulf War</p> <p>Iraq invaded Kuwait. Formed coalition of countries to expel Iraq from Kuwait.</p>	<p>Military Intervention in the former Yugoslavia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Led bombings of Serbia to prevent “ethnic cleansing” of Bosnian Muslims; <p>Rwanda – did not intervene during genocide that led to deaths of 500,000 people</p>	<p>9-11 attacks War in Afghanistan (2001-present) – Purpose - Overthrow Taliban, capture Bin Laden other Al Qaeda leaders (didn’t capture Bin Laden)</p> <p>War in Iraq (2003-present) rid Iraq of Weapons of Mass Destruction (didn’t find any)</p> <p>Patriot Act – Expanded governments powers to conduct surveillance</p>
Scandals and other Controversies	<p>Watergate – president Nixon involved in cover-up to protect advisors involved in burglary of Democratic Party offices. Nixon resigned from office</p> <p><u>United States v. Nixon</u> (Supreme court said President is not above law – must turn over tapes.</p>		<p>Iran-Contra Affair – Sold weapons to Iran to free hostages in Lebanon. \$ from sale was given to Contras – a revolutionary group trying to overthrow communist government in Nicaragua.</p>		<p>Monica Lewinsky Scandal – lied under oath in an effort to conceal an affair. Led to his impeachment</p>	<p>Election of 2000. Al Gore won popular vote. Dispute over Florida’s votes. Supreme Court ruled that disputed ballots in Florida could not be recounted.</p>

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