







- 1  **Clinton's First Term**
- 2  **Election of 1992**
  - ❖ Democrat Bill Clinton governor of Arkansas challenges Republican George Bush whose popularity was still good despite economy
  - ❖ Clinton born 1946, studied law at Yale University, met President Kennedy in 1963
    - ❖ Influenced him to become a politician
  - ❖ Clinton became nations youngest Governor, married Hillary Rodham, was a baby boomer
    - ❖ Hillary very influential as first lady of Arkansas
- 3  **Election of 1992**
  - ❖ Ross Perot a billionaire from Texas ran as an independent, had big effect on election
  - ❖ Perot promised to reform government spending and balance the budget, also cut influence of political lobbyists
  - ❖ Perot gets 19% of popular vote, most ever for 3<sup>rd</sup> party since Teddy Roosevelt in 1912
- 4  **Election of 1992**
  - ❖ Clinton wins election 43% popular vote, 370 electoral votes
  - ❖ Creates a very diverse cabinet
  - ❖ Clinton suffers early setbacks, failed health care reform efforts died in Congress
  - ❖ Economically successful, passed a budget act that increased taxes and cut spending
    - ❖ By 1996 deficit dropped to \$107 billion less than half that of 1992
  - ❖ Unemployment down to 5.4% lowest since 1989, and inflation at 3%, stock market boomed
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- 6  **Clinton's First Term**
  - ❖ 1994 congressional elections approached, Americans frustrated with slow recovery efforts
  - ❖ Republicans gain control of both houses for first time since 1952 elections
  - ❖ Clinton tries to settle violence b/w Israeli's and Palestinian's, sign agreement in 1993 at White House, does not last long,

1995 violence erupts again

- ❖ Terrorism is on the rise both internationally and domestically
  - ❖ Oklahoma City, truck bomb kills 168 people, destroys federal building
  - ❖ 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, bomb kills 1 and injures more than 100

#### 7 **Clinton's First Term**

- ❖ Many hope to see United Nations take a larger role in maintaining peace as Cold War ended
- ❖ UN had peace keeping forces serving all over the world in Cambodia, Somalia, and Bosnia
- ❖ Clinton steps in to try and help end Bosnian ethnic war
- ❖ Gets both sides to sign Dayton Accords in 1996, which required war crimes trials, public elections, and a multiethnic Bosnian Federation

#### 8 **Clinton's Second Term**

- ❖ Bob Dole is 73 and runs as the Republican Candidate, many concerned about age
- ❖ Clinton dominates, economy booming and Dole is overpowered
- ❖ Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve Chairman, does great job in helping continued economic growth
  - ❖ Low interest rates, unemployment, and inflation
- ❖ Race relations are very heated during both of Clinton's terms, L.A. Race Riots and James Byrd Jr.

#### 9 **Clinton's Second Term**

- ❖ Scandals rock Clinton's Second Term, sexual harassment claim, affair with Monica Lewinsky, perjury, witness tampering
- ❖ Sexual harassment suit is dismissed by Judge
- ❖ Clinton undergoes impeachment on the grounds that his actions had violated his constitutional oath of office
- ❖ Clinton is impeached by the House but acquitted by the Senate, becomes only 2<sup>nd</sup> president to be impeached

#### 10 **Society of the 1990's**

- ❖ Kosovo crisis erupts as mainly Serbian country of Yugoslavia began a crackdown on Albanian Kosovo who demanded independence

- ❖ NATO came to the defense of Kosovo and launched airstrikes against Serbia, airstrikes work and Serbia backs down
- ❖ Technology booms during the 1990's, makes up 1/3 of real U.S. economic growth in late 1990's
- ❖ Bill Gates of Microsoft leads the charge in the computer revolution
- ❖ Scientists in Switzerland developed the world wide web

#### 11 **Society of the 1990's**

- ❖ Internet had been around since the 1960's as a Defense Department communications project
- ❖ Congress passes the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which tried to regulate indecency on the Internet
  - ❖ Federal courts quickly struck down key parts of law, why??
    - ❖ Has to do with a certain Amendment.....
- ❖ 1997 Scottish scientists successfully clone a mammal, an adult sheep named Dolly
- ❖ Y2K, AAAAAAHHHHHHH!!! Had to deal with computer programmers skipping digits 1 and 9 and fear that 00 would reset the computer systems and everything would crash!  
Read 1900 instead of 2000

#### 12 **Society of 1990's**

- ❖ American popular culture becomes one of our most profitable exports, McDonalds to movies to music to clothes
- ❖ American household begins to change as well, single parent households become a norm
- ❖ 60% of married women worked outside the home up 30% since 1960

#### 13 **Global Economy**

- ❖ European Union (EU), European trading bloc, formed in 1993, designed to allow capital, labor, and goods to move freely b/w member nations
  - ❖ In 2004 EU expanded from 15 to 25 member nations
- ❖ By 1993 US concerned about economic competition and ratifies NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)
  - ❖ Provided a lowering of tariffs and other trade barriers b/w US, Canada, and Mexico
    - ❖ Many hoped NAFTA would increase trade and help US

free-enterprise system to compete

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### **Environment and Population**

- ❖ In 2001 US exports to Canada and Mexico - \$135 billion more than in 1993
  - ❖ US imports from Canada and Mexico - \$209 billion
- ❖ Multinational corporations dominate global economy
  - ❖ Companies who invest money in a variety of business ventures around the world
- ❖ In 2000 amount of energy used is equivalent to 69 billion barrels of oil, US accounts for 25% of world's energy consumption
- ❖ Recycling becomes huge by 2000's, reuses scarce natural resources

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### **Election of 2000**

- ❖ Democrat Al Gore vs. Republican George W. Bush
- ❖ Gore campaigned on using government surplus to help pay the national debt, & increase funding of education and health care
- ❖ Bush campaigned to return the government surplus to the people of US in form of tax cuts
- ❖ Tightest election in US history
- ❖ Comes down to the state of Florida and its 25 electoral votes
- ❖ Bush leads by fewer than 2000 votes out of 6 million cast in Florida, since such a small margin, Florida law requires an automatic recount

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### **Election of 2000**

- ❖ Disputes soon arise and both parties took their cases to court
- ❖ For 5 weeks state and federal courts debated merits of machine counts, hand recounts, & absentee ballots
- ❖ Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 2000 US Supreme Court in Bush vs. Gore ruled that hand recounts in several Florida counties were not valid
- ❖ As a result with lead of 537 popular votes Bush wins Florida and 25 electoral votes
- ❖ Florida electoral votes give Bush 271 total (need 270 to become President)

- ❖ Gore wins national popular vote with over 48%
- ❖ Bush becomes first president in over 100 yrs to win electoral vote but lose popular vote

18  **Bush's Early Days as President**

- ❖ In first weeks sent an education reform package through
- ❖ House of Reps Republicans slight advantage, Senate equal split 50-50 with VP Cheney holding tie-breaking vote
- ❖ Bush also proposed tax cut that was passed in late May, first major tax cut in 20 years
- ❖ Over 10 years taxes would be cut by \$1.35 trillion
- ❖ One week later Jim Jeffords a senator leaves Republican party and becomes an independent giving Democrats control of the Senate for first time since 1994
- ❖ In foreign affairs Bush proposed missile defense system similar to Reagan's, also rejected treaty aimed at decreasing global warming (feared it would impact US jobs)