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## George H.W. Bush & Bill Clinton Notes #1:

### George H.W. Bush (AKA, Bush Sr., 41)



- In 1989, George H.W. Bush became the 41st president
- Over the course of the previous 32 years, Bush had been a **Congressman**, an **ambassador**, and \_\_\_\_\_ **of the CIA**
- Prior to that, he had worked in the \_\_\_\_\_ **business in Texas** and had been a \_\_\_\_\_ **pilot in WWII**

### The Persian Gulf War



- In the 1980s, Iraq had a \_\_\_\_\_ war with **Iran**, over 1 million people died on each side
  - The U.S. helped arm both sides at different times in the way
- At the end of the war in 1988, Iraq had a lot of debt, especially to its rich neighbors, **Saudi Arabia &** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Iraqi president **Saddam Hussein** asked **Saudi Arabia & Kuwait** to \_\_\_\_\_ Iraq's debt - they refused
- **Hussein** starting making various complaints against **Kuwait**, saying that they should belong to Iraq and that **they were exceeding OPEC** \_\_\_\_\_ and other charges

### The Persian Gulf War Cont'



- Hussein demanded \$10 billion in \_\_\_\_\_ from Kuwait
  - Kuwait responded by offering \$9 billion
- 1990: Iraq leader, **Saddam Hussein**, \_\_\_\_\_ **Kuwait** and **refused the U.N.'s request to withdraw**
- U.N. sent forces (under the leadership of the U.S.) to Iraq
- Within 12 hours, Kuwait was essentially \_\_\_\_\_
  - The U.N. made various resolutions against Iraq, culminating in an order for Iraq to leave Kuwait by January 15, 1991, or **face military force**

## Desert Storm & Desert Shield



- **Operation Desert Shield:**
    - On August 7, 1990, **U.S. forces massed on the border between Saudi Arabia & \_\_\_\_\_**
    - Meant to protect the valuable Saudi \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the people of Kuwait
    - Lasted 6 months and ended when Hussein agreed to **remove all Iraqi troops and pay Kuwait for damages**
  - The U.S. then began building a coalition of forces from 34 different countries (eventually 900,000 troops)
  - **Operation Desert Storm, an air campaign** began on January 17, 1991
    - Followed by a **full scale invasion** on February 24th
      - **100 hours later**, President Bush called a \_\_\_\_\_-fire, **the war was over**
    - On February 25th, **Kuwait was officially** \_\_\_\_\_ **from Iraq**
    - The coalition did not go on to conquer Iraq
- \* Helped **ease some wounds to American pride after Vietnam**

## Gulf War & Media

- The Gulf War was the **first “televised” war**, allowing people around the world to see **actual footage of** \_\_\_\_\_
- CNN was catapulted to success by being the only news network able to broadcast from within Iraq during the initial bombing campaign
- Unlike Vietnam, **the U.S. military exercised** \_\_\_\_\_ **control over the media - hand-picking journalists** to visit the front lines
  - Made sure most of their information came from **military briefings**
  - Even \_\_\_\_\_ **some reports before they could get back to the U.S.**

### Humanitarian Aid to Somalia, Africa



- 1992: President Bush began a \_\_\_\_\_ **airlift of food and supplies to war-torn Somalia** in N.E. Africa where millions faced \_\_\_\_\_
- When warlords and bandits continued to steal and threaten food shipments, Bush sent in U.S. troops in his final month of presidency
- Regarded as a \_\_\_\_\_ as **it created a protected environment for conducting humanitarian operations**

### 1992 Election



- 1992 candidates: **George H.W. Bush, Ross Perot, & Bill Clinton**
- **Voters \_\_\_\_\_ Bush for raising taxes, the budget, and post-war recession**
- H. Ross Perot (3rd party)
  - Wealthy Texas businessman ran as an independent party
  - Argued he was \_\_\_\_\_ by election system
- People became **DISCONTENT** with major political parties
- **Voters mobilized to support a THIRD party**
- **Third party becomes competition (Bush lost votes to Perot)**
- **Major parties address ISSUES from third party**

### Americans with Disabilities Act



- Mandates were created over states and private businesses
- Deals with individuals with \_\_\_\_\_ in **all areas of life**

### William "Bill" Jefferson Clinton



- Ex-governor of Arkansas
- Came from a single-parent home
- **1st baby-boomer president**
  - 1st Southern Democrat since Civil War
  - Avoided Vietnam draft
  - Drug use
  - Played saxophone

## Clinton's Domestic Policy



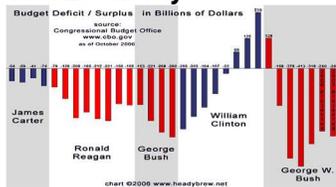
- **Contract with America (1994):**
  - Newt Gingrich led Republican takeover of Congress
    - 1st Republican Congress since before the Great Depression
  - **Republicans signed pledges to achieve their \_\_\_\_\_**
    - Balanced federal budget
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - Middle-class tax cuts
    - Congressional term-limits
    - Less federal \_\_\_\_\_
    - Flag burning amendment
  - Clinton and Republicans \_\_\_\_\_ each other for much of the rest of Clinton's presidency

## The Third Way



- Bill Clinton's political philosophy was often called the "Third Way"
  - It is a \_\_\_\_\_ **Conservative economic policies with liberal social policies**
    - For instance, Clinton \_\_\_\_\_ **reforming the welfare system so that it was less of a hand-out**, but also pushed for a universal healthcare program

## The Economy



- Clinton presided over the **longest period of peacetime economic expansion** in American history
- During his last 3 years of office, **the U.S. government actually ran a \_\_\_\_\_ SURPLUS instead of a deficit: \$69 billion** in 1998, \$126 billion in 1999, & \$236 billion in 2000

## Foreign Policy: Kosovo



- **Kosovo (1993):**
  - Communist Yugoslavia collapsed in 1991
    - Broke up into \_\_\_\_\_ factions
  - Slavs in Bosnia begin to commit \_\_\_\_\_ **on Muslims** (200,000 are murdered)
- **Clinton helped negotiate a peace in Bosnia**, then spearheaded the use of NATO air strikes against Serbia to stop attacks in Kosovo
  - Clinton's intervention led to a \_\_\_\_\_

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>peace and an end to the bloodshed and killing</b></p>
<p><b>NAFTA</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The <b>North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)</b> was signed into law by President Clinton in 1994</li> <li>● <b>The agreement was between the U.S., Canada, and Mexico</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It _____ <b>or removes trade barriers</b> between the nations, making it _____ for each country to <b>sell its goods to the others</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>World Trade Organization (WTO)</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1995: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ _____</li> <li>○ Has helped China adopt more democratic reforms</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Accomplishments</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Normalized trade with China</li> <li>● Family Medical Leave Act: _____ large employers to <b>allow employees unpaid medical leave</b></li> <li>● Don't Ask, Don't Tell - made it somewhat easier for gays to serve in the military</li> <li>● Launched first presidential website, whitehouse.gov</li> <li>● _____: five day waiting period to buy handguns</li> <li>● Led NATO attack to free Kosovo from genocide with zero combat casualties</li> <li>● First Democratic president since FDR to be elected twice</li> <li>● Had the highest outgoing approval rating since FDR (68%)</li> </ul>

## THE Scandal and Impeachment



- Throughout his years of public service, Clinton was **periodically the subject of** \_\_\_\_\_, most of them being sexual
- The **biggest scandal** occurred in 1998, involving a **White House** \_\_\_\_\_ named Monica Lewinsky
- During a sexual harassment lawsuit filed against Clinton by Paula Jones, Lewinsky and Clinton both testified that they had **NOT** not had sex with each other - **both lied under oath**

## Impeachment



- Clinton was impeached on charges of \_\_\_\_\_ and **obstruction of justice**
  - Clinton then admitted that he had an inappropriate relationship with Lewinsky but maintained that he hadn't technically lied
  - The Senate found him **NOT** guilty on both charges and so he remained president