

PRESIDENT AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT: PRESIDENTIAL PROFILES

Presidential Profile #1

Party: Republican

Political Ideology: Traditional Conservative

Foreign Policy World View: The President believes that American should maintain a robust military to protect its national security and economic interest around the world. The President recently requested significant increases in the defense budget to fund new strategic weapons programs, maintain the military capability to fight two global wars, and secure nuclear weapons facilities in the U.S. and abroad. While the President believes in engaging other countries in diplomacy, peace is only assured through a strong military, and if necessary, the treat of military strikes. While forging international alliances to cooperate with the U.S. in a military intervention is desirable, sometimes America must be willing to act unilaterally if necessary to protect our economic interests and national security.

Similarities with “Real Presidents”: Theodore Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush

Presidential Profile #2

Party: Democrat

Political Ideology: Moderate Liberal

Foreign Policy World View: The President believes that America must maintain a strong military force around the world to protect its national security and its economic interest. However, the military and the intelligence community must adapt to 21st century circumstances and challenges. The 20th century strategic plan to be able to fight two full-scale, simultaneous wars is now obsolete with the new reality of the threat of global terrorism. Defense spending should be maintained, but greater emphasis placed in new technologies (example: drones, intelligence gathering), increased flexibility and rapid response (example: special forces like the Navy Seals and Army Rangers). Though American and its allies must be willing to leave all military options on the table and use military force when dealing with rogue states that threaten U.S. national interest and/or commit human rights atrocities like genocide. However, a multi-lateral approach with our allies and the U.N. to reach diplomatic solutions is preferable.

Similarities with “Real Presidents”: Lyndon Johnson, Bill Clinton, Barack Obama

Presidential Profile #3

Party: Republican

Political Ideology: Cautious Conservative

Foreign Policy World View: The President believes in a limited federal government with low taxes and minimal regulation (including tariffs and trade duties with other countries). He supports a relatively small, flexible military whose primary purpose is to defend American soil against invasion or terrorist attack. He/she views America as an economic power more than a global military superpower (unnecessary and expensive) with focus on problems at home rather than intervention abroad. However, the President is not entirely an isolationist, and thinks the United States should engage in diplomacy and be willing to join US allies to bring about economic and trade sanctions with rogue states. The U.S. must also have a strong intelligence gathering capability, and be willing to coordinate intelligence with its allies. However, the U.S. should avoid engaging in foreign wars unless attacked on American soil.

Similarities with “Real Presidents ”: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Dwight Eisenhower

Presidential Profile #4

Party: Democrat

Political Ideology: Traditional Liberal

Foreign Policy World View: The President believes that as the last remaining superpower, America should serve as a beacon of freedom to the world, and that it is a moral imperative for the United States to use its economic resources and military power to engage in humanitarian aid around the world to ameliorate human suffering and protect human rights. At home, with shrinking budget revenues, the President supports decreasing defense spending to offset rising cost of social programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. When conflicts with other nations arise, the President should first attempt diplomatic solutions, and only use military intervention if those fail or when lives of innocents are at risk.

Similarities with “Real Presidents”: Woodrow Wilson, John F. Kennedy, Jimmy Carter