

President	Domestic Agenda	Foreign Policy	Crisis Management
<b>John F. Kennedy</b> Democrat 1961-1963	<p><b>New Frontier</b> - domestic program to provide federal funding for education, medical care for the elderly, etc,</p> <p><b>Civil Rights</b> - fought to end racial discrimination</p> <p><b>Tax Reform</b> - 1963, income tax cuts, one of largest of modern times, not passed until 1964 after his death</p>	<p><b>Vietnam</b> – increased levels of troops in “advisory” role</p> <p><b>Nuclear Test Ban Treaty</b> (1963) – treaty w/ USSR to ban nuclear testing except underground</p> <p><b>Space Race</b> – committed to Apollo Program, and putting a man on the moon</p>	<p><b>Bay of Pigs Invasion</b> (1961) – botched military effort to overthrow Castro; major international embarrassment, criticism and anti-American feeling abroad</p> <p><b>Cuban Missile Crisis</b> (1962) - intermediate range ballistic missile site built by USSR in Cuba, JFK demanded that USSR leader Khrushchev dismantle the bases &amp; imposed a naval quarantine; averted nuclear war</p>
<b>Lyndon Johnson</b> Democrat 1963-1969	<p><b>Civil Rights</b> – able to get through landmark civil rights legislation through Congress (Civil Rights Act of 1964, Voting Rights Act)</p> <p><b>Great Society</b> – massive programs to end to poverty and racial injustice; included Medicare and Medicaid, Head Start, etc.</p>	<p><b>Tonkin Gulf Resolution</b> (1964) – Congress gave LBJ legal authority to escalate the conflict in Vietnam without a declaration of war</p>	<p><b>Vietnam War</b> – escalated conflict in Vietnam to full scale war</p> <p><b>Riots</b> – race riots in LA, Detroit,</p> <p><b>Anti-war Demonstrations</b></p>
<b>Richard Nixon</b> Republican 1969-1974	<p><b>Continued or Reformed many Great Society Programs</b></p> <p><b>Economic Policy</b> – tried to reduce inflation by instituting a wage-price freeze; other economic controls</p> <p><b>Civil Rights</b> - law must be “color blind”</p>	<p><b>Vietnamization</b> – turn responsibility of war over to the South Vietnamese; “peace with honor”</p> <p><b>China</b> - normalized relations with China by trip there in 1972</p> <p><b>SALT I Treaty</b> – nuclear arms limitations w/ USSR</p>	<p><b>Watergate Scandal</b> - a major domestic crisis involving break-in of DNC; led to the president’s resignation.</p> <p><b>Vietnam War</b> – bombing of Cambodia and Laos led to intense antiwar demonstrations</p> <p><b>Kent State “Massacre”</b> – 4 students killed by National Guard during antiwar protests</p>
<b>Gerald Ford</b> Republican 1974-1977		<p><b>Vietnam Ends</b> (1975) – War ends with fall of Saigon to the communists</p>	<p><b>Nixon Pardon</b> – granted Nixon full pardon thus ending Watergate mess</p>
<b>Jimmy Carter</b> Democrat 1977-1981	<p><b>Created Departments of Education &amp; Energy</b></p> <p><b>Energy Policy</b> – in response to energy crisis, attempt to end US dependence on foreign oil; energy conservation</p>	<p><b>Human Rights</b> - use moral principals in foreign policy,</p> <p><b>Camp David Accords</b> (1978) – brokered peace deal between Egypt and Israel</p> <p><b>SALT II</b> – further reduced nuclear arms</p>	<p><b>Iranian Hostage Crisis</b> (1979-1981) – Islamic extremists seized US embassy in Tehran; Carter tried unsuccessfully to negotiate release of hostages; failed rescue mission</p> <p><b>Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan</b> (1979) –US boycotted 1980 Olympics in Moscow</p> <p><b>Economic Crisis</b> – double digit inflation &amp; unemployment</p>
<b>Ronald Reagan</b> Republican 1981-1989	<p><b>Economic Policy</b> – “supply side” economics = tax cuts + deregulation to stimulate economic growth; large national debt</p> <p>Nancy Reagan’s “War on Drugs”</p> <p><b>Supreme Court</b> – appoint conservative, pro-life justices;</p>	<p><b>Reagan Doctrine</b> - the policy of supporting anti-Communist insurgents to actively push back the influence of the Soviet Union</p> <p><b>“Peace Through Strength”</b> – Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) a.k.a. “Star Wars”</p>	<p><b>Assassination Attempt</b> (1981)</p> <p><b>Iran-Contra Affair</b> – trade guns for hostages in Iran</p> <p><b>Space Shuttle Challenger Disaster</b> (1986) – “The Great Communicator” comforted a nation</p>

	Sandra Day O'Connor, first woman to SCOTUS		
<b>George H. W. Bush (41) Republican 1989-1993</b>	<p><b>“Read my lips: No new taxes” Pledge</b> - Bush pledged not to institute any new taxes. In 1990 sided with Congressional Democrats and heavily increased taxes</p> <p><b>Americans with Disabilities Act</b> - required businesses and public accommodations to be wheelchair accessible and prohibits the discrimination against the disabled.</p>	<p><b>Invasion of Panama (1989)</b> - American troops sent to Panama to overthrow military dictator Manuel Noriega</p> <p><b>NAFTA</b> – began negotiating North American Free Trade Agreement that would link Canada, the US, and Mexico in a free trade sphere.</p> <p><b>Cold War Ends</b> - fall of Berlin Wall (1989) – symbolically marked beginning of the end of the Cold War as USSR dissolves</p>	<p><b>The Persian Gulf War (1990-91)</b> – Bush assembled international coalition in response to Iraq’s invasion of Kuwait</p> <p><b>Economic Recession and Increasing Budget Deficit</b> – contributed to his failure to win re-election</p>
<b>Bill Clinton Democrat 1993-2001</b>	<p><b>Welfare Reform</b> – ended “welfare as we know it” with Welfare Reform Act of 1996</p> <p><b>“Don’t Ask Don’t Tell”</b> – policy for gays in the military</p> <p><b>Budget Surplus</b> – benefited from strong economy</p>	<p><b>War in Yugoslavia</b> – intervened with NATO in Kosovo because of “ethnic cleansing”</p> <p><b>Israeli-Palestinian Conflict</b> – unsuccessfully tried to broker permanent peace</p>	<p><b>Oklahoma City Bombing (1995)</b> - terrorist bombing of federal building in Oklahoma City</p> <p><b>Impeachment: Monica Lewinsky Scandal (1998)</b> – resulted in impeachment trial; found not guilty</p>
<b>George W. Bush (43) Republican 2001-2009</b>	<p><b>Economic Policy</b> – 3 tax cuts to stimulate growth</p> <p><b>No Child Left Behind</b> - set stringent federal standards to public schools using testing scores as an indication of school performance</p> <p><b>Stem Cell Research</b> – opposed expansion; 1<sup>st</sup> veto</p> <p><b>USA Patriot Act</b> – increases surveillance ability of federal law enforcement to fight terrorism</p>	<p><b>Bush Doctrine</b> – US has right to engage a “preemptive strike” in response to perceived threats</p> <p><b>Axis of Evil</b> – Iran, Iraq, North Korea</p> <p><b>Afghanistan</b> – (2001) offensive against the Afghani Taliban regime and Osama Bin Laden.</p>	<p><b>September 11, 2001</b> – began War on Terrorism</p> <p><b>Hurricane Katrina (2005)</b> – tragedy showed failures of federal, state and local govts to adequately respond to a natural disaster</p> <p><b>War in Iraq (2003-?)</b> – may define the Bush presidency</p>
<b>Barrack Obama Democrat 2009-</b>	<p><b>State Children’s Health Insurance Program</b> – cover additional 4 million children</p> <p><b>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act</b> – economic stimulus package</p> <p><b>GM and Chrysler Bailout</b></p> <p><b>Patient Protection &amp; Affordable Care Act</b> – health care reform act</p>	<p><b>Guantanamo Bay Executive Order-</b> -detention center closer</p> <p><b>Shift in Foreign Policy</b> – move away from unilateral FP of GWB administration</p> <p><b>Iraq War</b> – winding down</p> <p><b>War in Afghanistan</b> – 30,000 troop surge</p>	<p><b>Severe Economic Recession</b> – weak housing, banking, automobile industries, 10% unemployment</p> <p><b>Two Wars</b> – Iraq and Afghanistan</p> <p><b>Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill</b> – BP environmental disaster</p>