



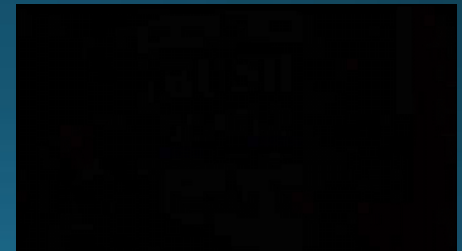


# Presidents of the 90s

- George H.W. Bush (1989-1993)



- Bill Clinton (1993-2001)



# Foreign Affairs

- 1989-1991 The Collapse of the USSR & the end of the Iron Curtain across Europe
- Est. of “New World Order”
  - After fall of USSR, US stood as sole superpower.
- Bush promised a new era of global interdependence - nations of the world would work together cooperatively to solve conflicts

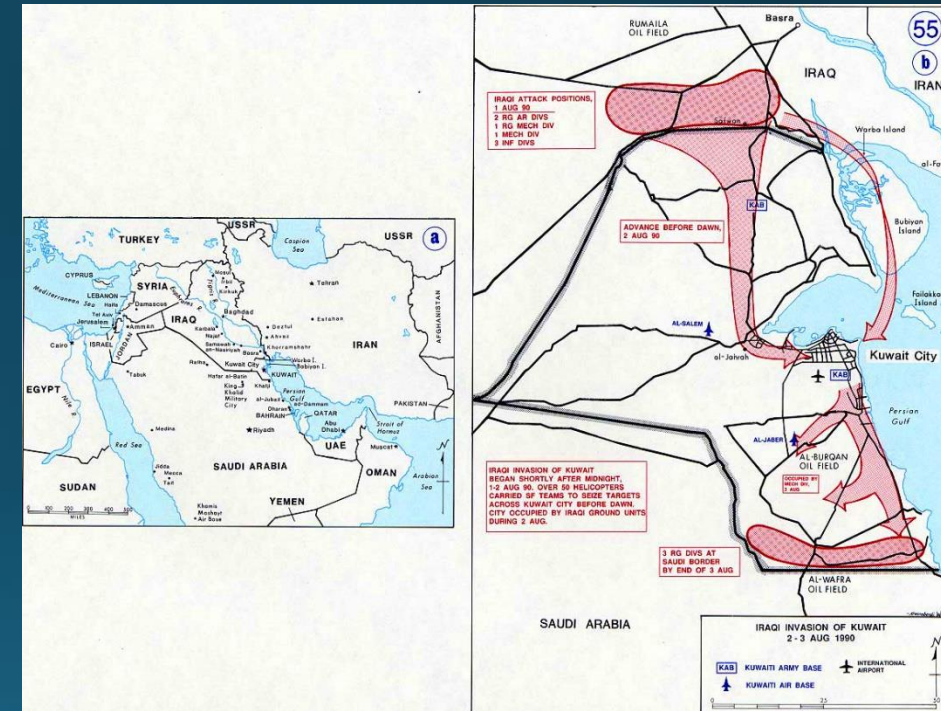




# Persian Gulf War (1990-1991)

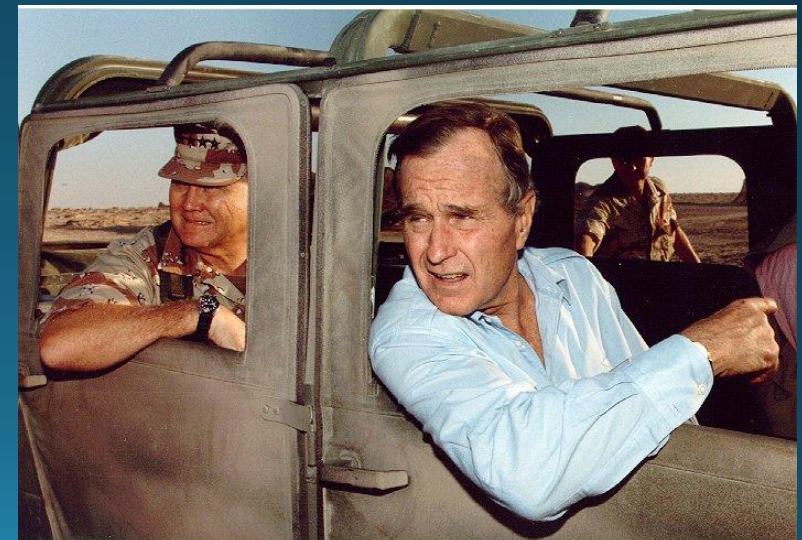
- Causes:

- Iraq invades Kuwait
- Kuwait-large oil reserves, Saddam gets it he will be the largest oil producing country in the Middle East
- (1) Saddam Hussein seen as an Aggressor
  - Killed thousands of Kurds, & he may have WMDs
- (2) Fear of an Iraqi invasion of Saudi Arabia
  - Largest oil producing country in the ME
- (3) Fear of Iraqi control over ME Oil & OPEC-
  - Bush viewed this as an issue of national security



# Persian Gulf War (1990-1991)

- UN coalition led by Gen. Colin Powell & Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf
- 1. Operation Desert Shield: 8/7/90
  - Defense of Kuwait and halting of Iraqi attack
- 2. Operation Desert Storm: 1/17/91
  - Massive air strikes against Baghdad & Iraqi military targets
  - Massive ground attacks
- Iraq forced to withdraw from Kuwait (2/28/91)





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- Iraq agreed to eliminate all poison gas & WMDs
- Iraq had to agree to all UN inspectors inspecting weapons –storage sites
- UN imposed economic sanctions after Hussein fails to comply



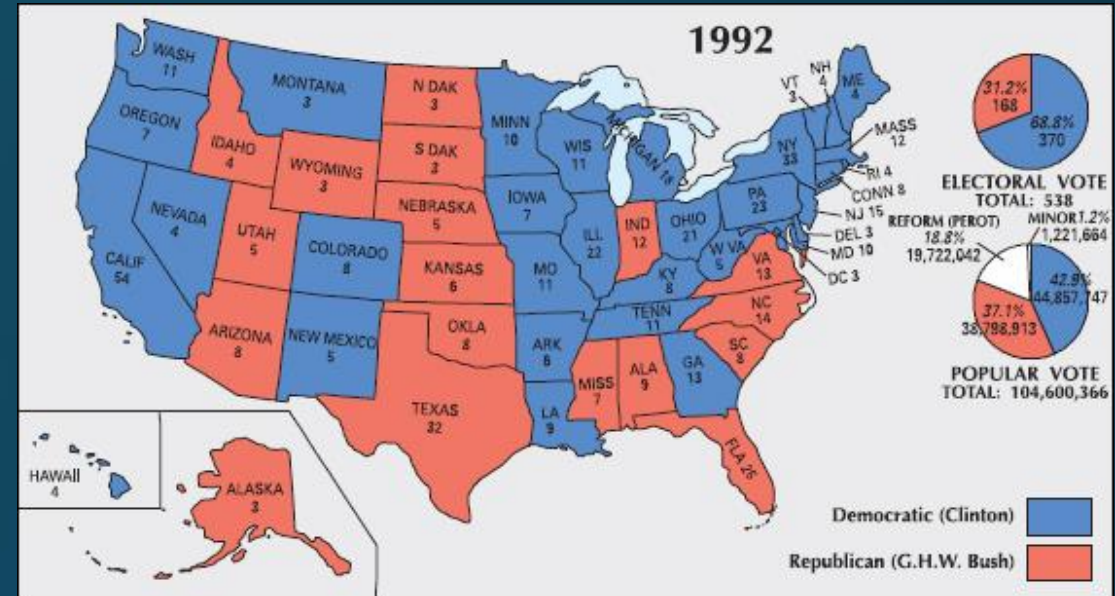
“Highway of Death” into Baghdad



Saddam Hussein

# Domestic Politics

- Globalization- increasing world-wide integration of markets for goods, services and capital
- After the war in Iraq, Pres. Bush's approval rating soared
- On the home-front, the US is in a recession-this will hurt Bush's re-election bid
- Election of 1992- George Bush, Bill Clinton & Ross Perot

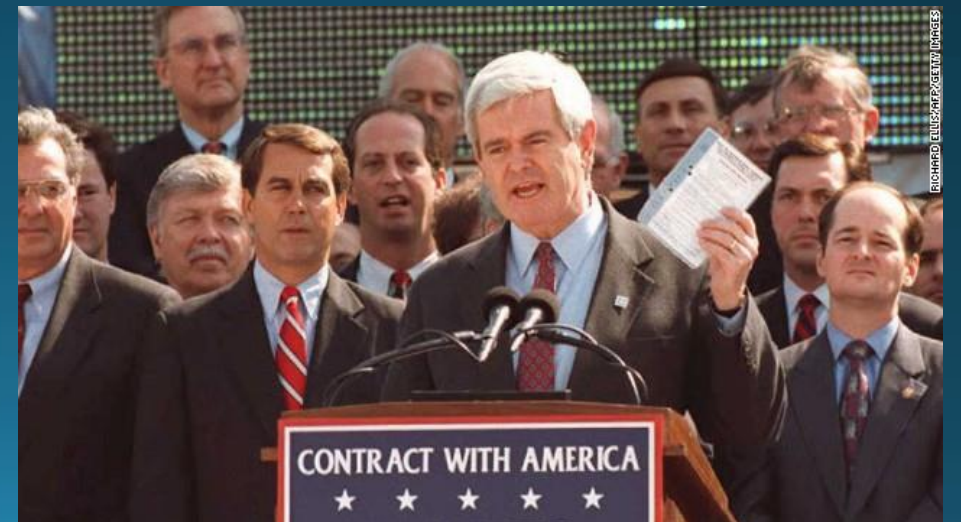




# Election of Bill Clinton

- Attempts at Bipartisanship in DC
  - 1994 Contract with America – Newt Gingrich
  - Crime reform, Budget reform, Welfare reform, Legal reform
- Health care & Social Security reform blocked by Conservatives
- Passage of higher minimum wage bill
- “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy in the military

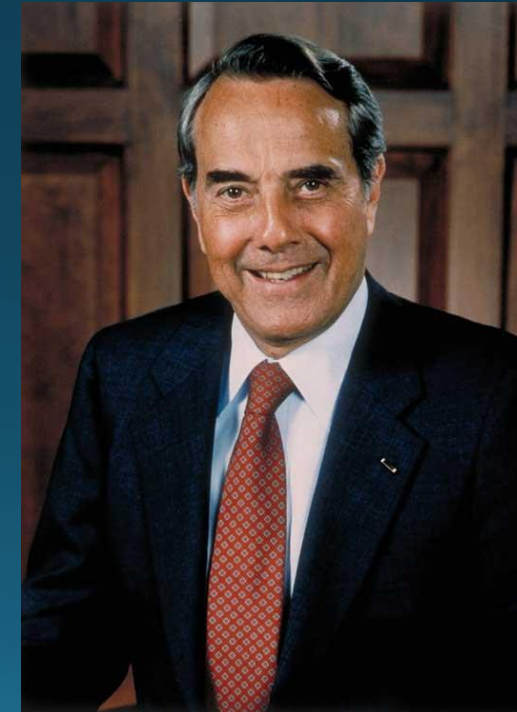
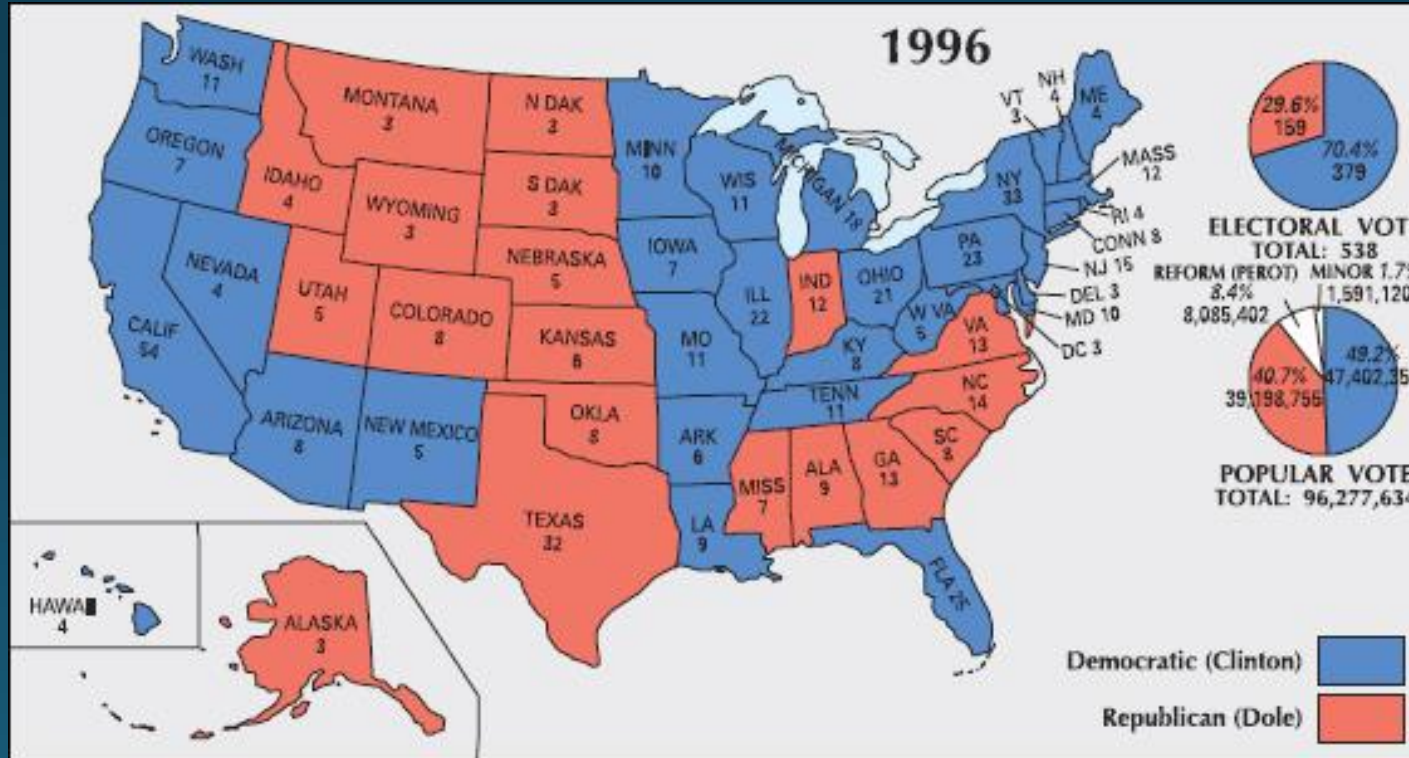
Newt Gingrich  
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# Re-Election of Clinton 1996

- Clinton (D) v. Bob Dole (R)
  - Ross Perot ran once again as a third party candidate – less successful



Bob Dole

# The Lewinsky Scandal

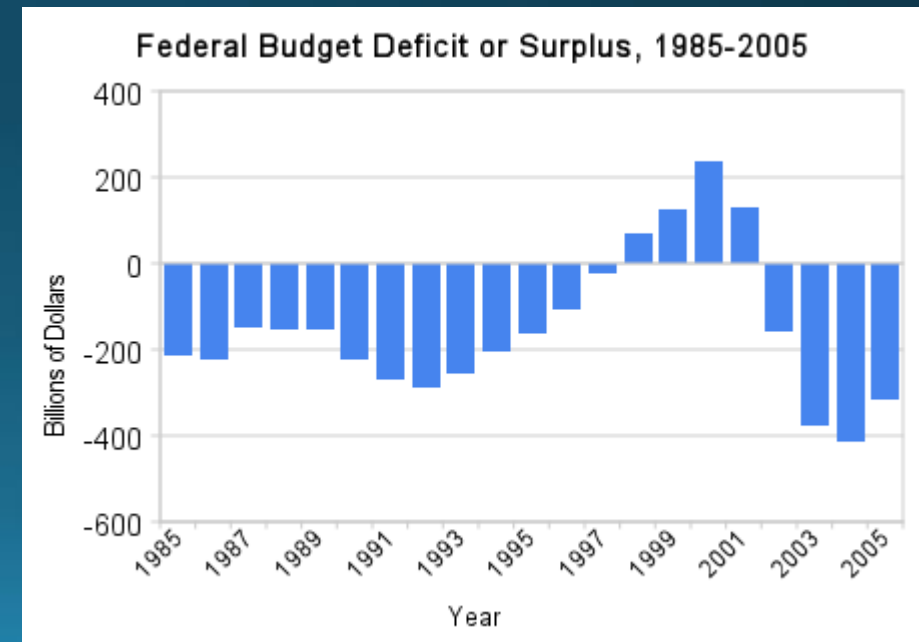
- Investigation of the relationship between Clinton & a young White House Intern, Monica Lewinsky
- Polls showed that a majority of Americans didn't support impeachment
- 12/19/98-HR impeached Clinton for perjury (lying under oath) & obstruction of justice
- The issue was whether Clinton's offense qualified as "high crimes and misdemeanors," the constitutional requirement for the conviction of a President.
- Clinton eventually acquitted by the Senate





# Economics of the 90s

- Continuing upward trend in the economy from the 80s – minor recessions, but nothing major
- Reduced unemployment
- Approval of NAFTA - 1993
  - North American Free Trade Agreement - US, Canada & Mexico to eliminate trade barriers and lower tariffs
- Gov't reached its first budget surplus since 1962
- Longest period of economic growth in its history



# Social Developments

- Supreme Court nominees
  - Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Stephen Breyer
- Limits to student rights - *New Jersey v. T.L.O.*
- First laws legalizing marijuana for medicinal use
- Laws further defining separation of church and state - *Westside Community School District v. Mergens*
- Race Relations – Rodney King (1991), O.J. Simpson Trial (1995)





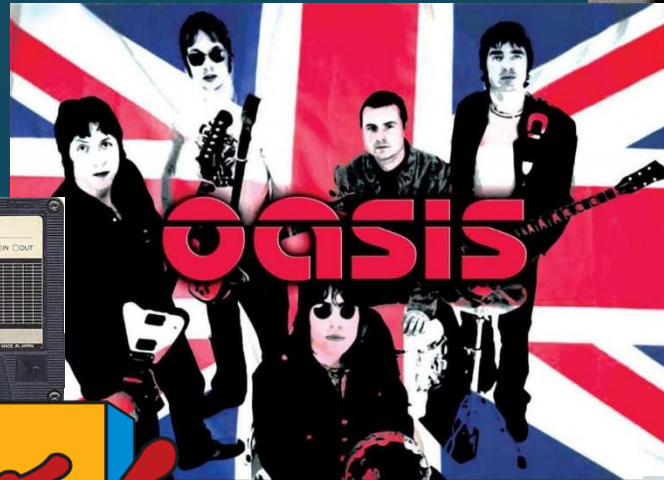
# Culture of the 90s

- Generation X – The Children of the Baby Boomers
  - “The Baby ‘Bust’
  - Most independent of all previous generations – higher divorce rates of parents
  - Well-educated
  - Defined by general skepticism as well as apathy towards many issues

Century	Generation	Sub-Generations	Time Table	Notable Occurrences
20 <sup>th</sup> century	Greatest Generation	G.I. Generation	1901 - 1924	<i>Experienced WWII in adulthood</i>
		Silent Generation	1925 - 1945	<i>Experienced WWII in childhood, Civil Rights Movement</i>
	Baby Boomers	Boom Generation / Hippie	1946 - 1964	<i>Space Exploration, First Modern "counterculture"</i>
	Generation X	Baby Busters	1965 - 1980	<i>Experienced Vietnam War/Cold War</i>
		MTV Generation / Boomerang Generation	1975 - 1985	<i>Rise of Mass Media/end of the Cold War</i>
		Generation Y	Echo Boom (Generation McGuire)	1978 - 1990
21 <sup>st</sup> century	Generation Z	New Silent Generation	1995 - 2007	<i>Rise of the Information Age/Internet/dot com bubble Digital Globalization</i>

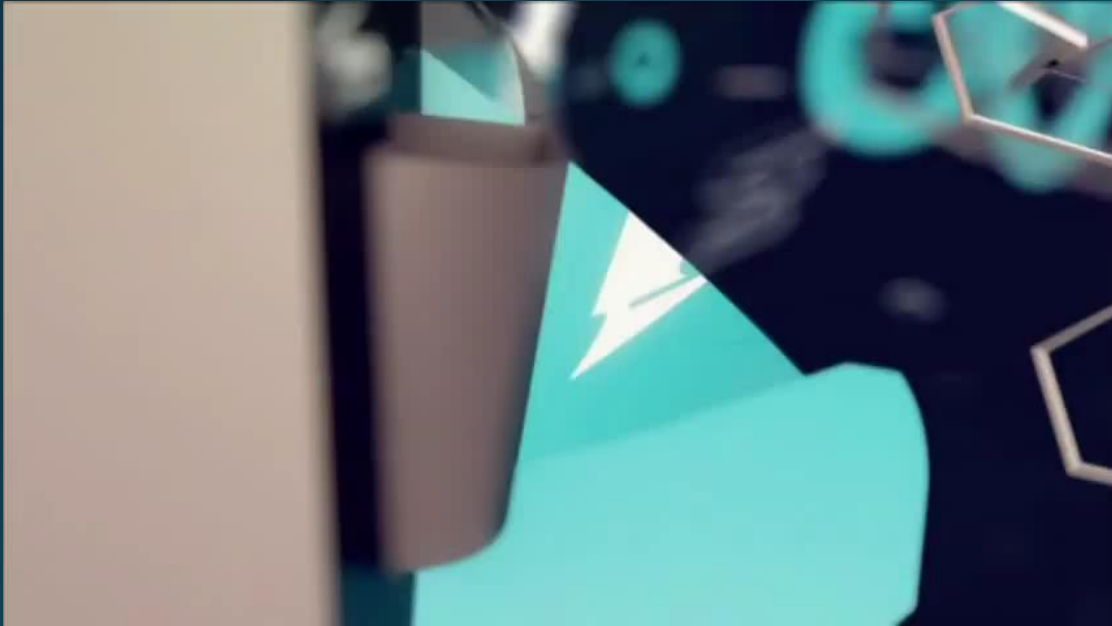
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- The MTV Generation
  - Grew up with many new technologies – video games, cassette tapes, cable TV, and personal computers
- Music – Alternative Rock, Pop Music, Popularization of Rap
- Movies – Classics from Forest Gump, to Titanic, to The Matrix





# Culture of the 90s



TV Shows



Music