

■ Essential Question:

- In what ways did the 2000 election & the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks impact America during the presidency of George W Bush?

■ Warm-Up Question:

- What caused the 9/11 attacks?

America by 2000

- By the late 1990s, the U.S. was changing
 - The economic boom was slowing down & the “tech bubble” was about to burst
 - Party politics was increasingly hostile, especially after the Republican-led impeachment of Clinton
 - New terrorist attacks threatened American safety at home & abroad

The Election of 2000

The election of 2000 was one of the closest & most controversial elections in U.S. history

Republicans
nominated
conservative Texas
governor George
W Bush

Democrats
nominated
Clinton's
Vice President
Al Gore

Consumer &
environmental
advocate Ralph
Nader ran as an
independent



The Election of 2000

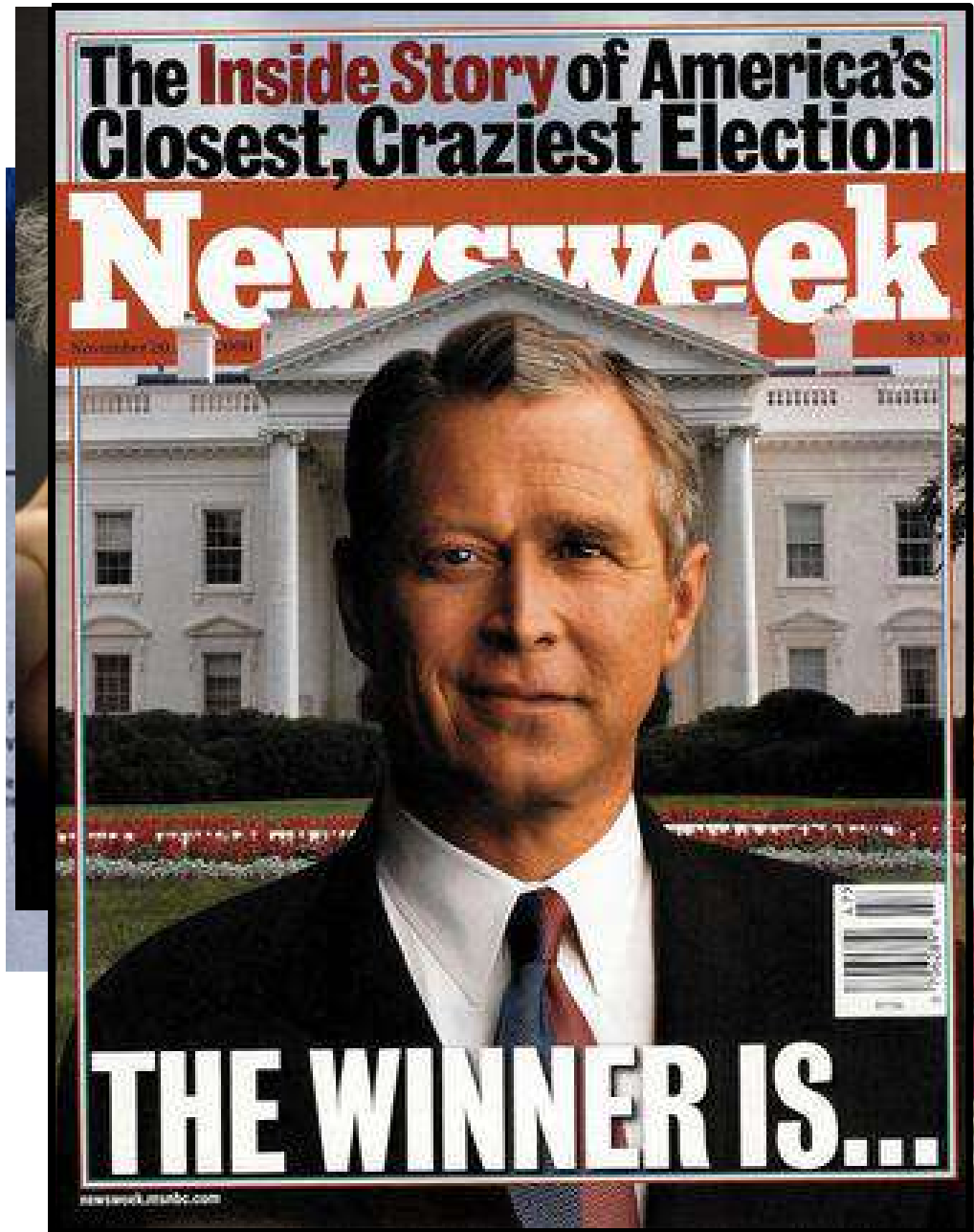
The election was so close that which ever candidate won Florida would gain enough electoral votes to win the presidency



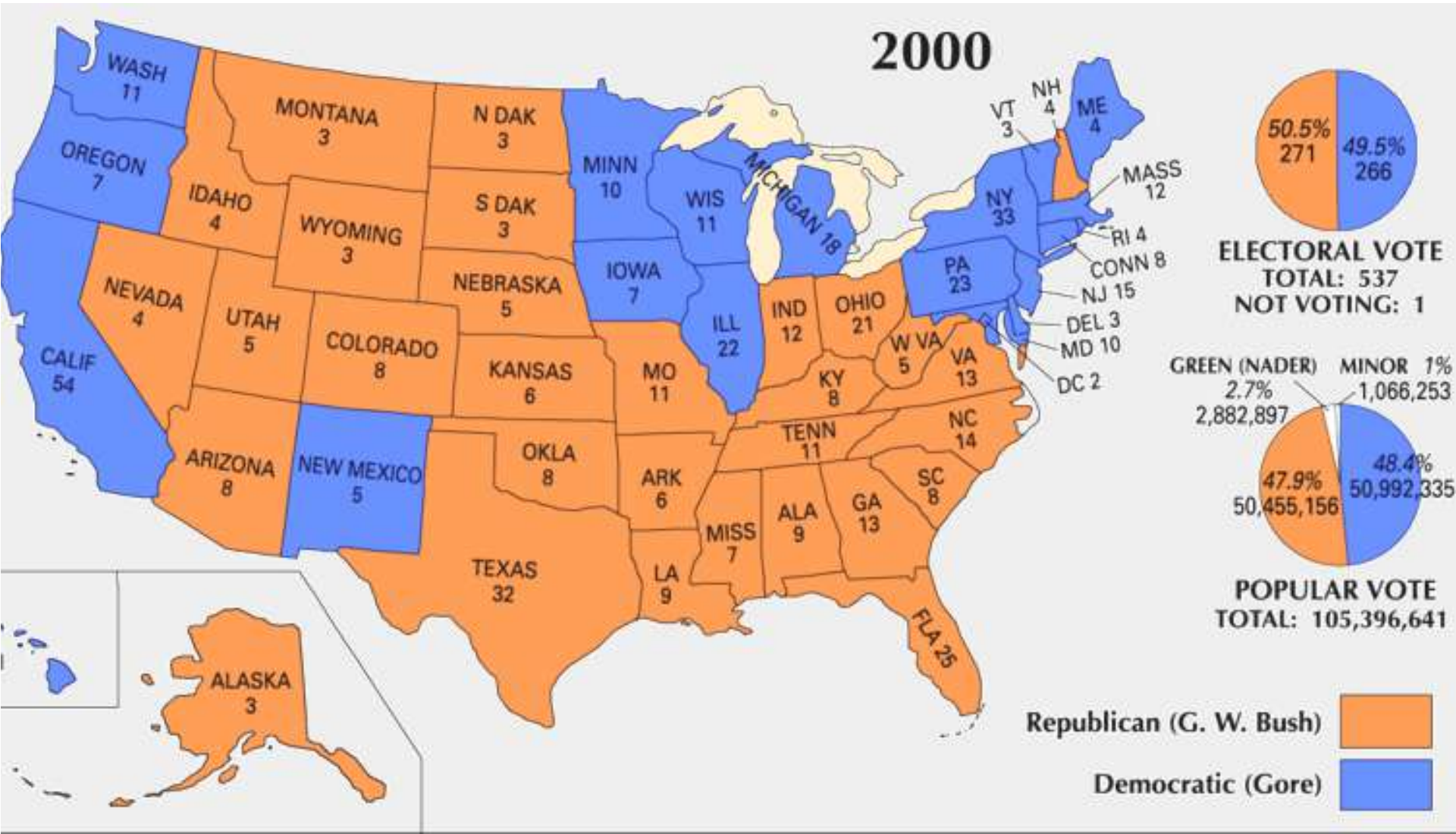
The Election of 2000

But, determining which candidate won in Florida was contested due to voting irregularities

The state supreme court ordered a recount of ballots in some districts



In December 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a 5-4 decision to stop the recount & Bush was declared the winner of the election

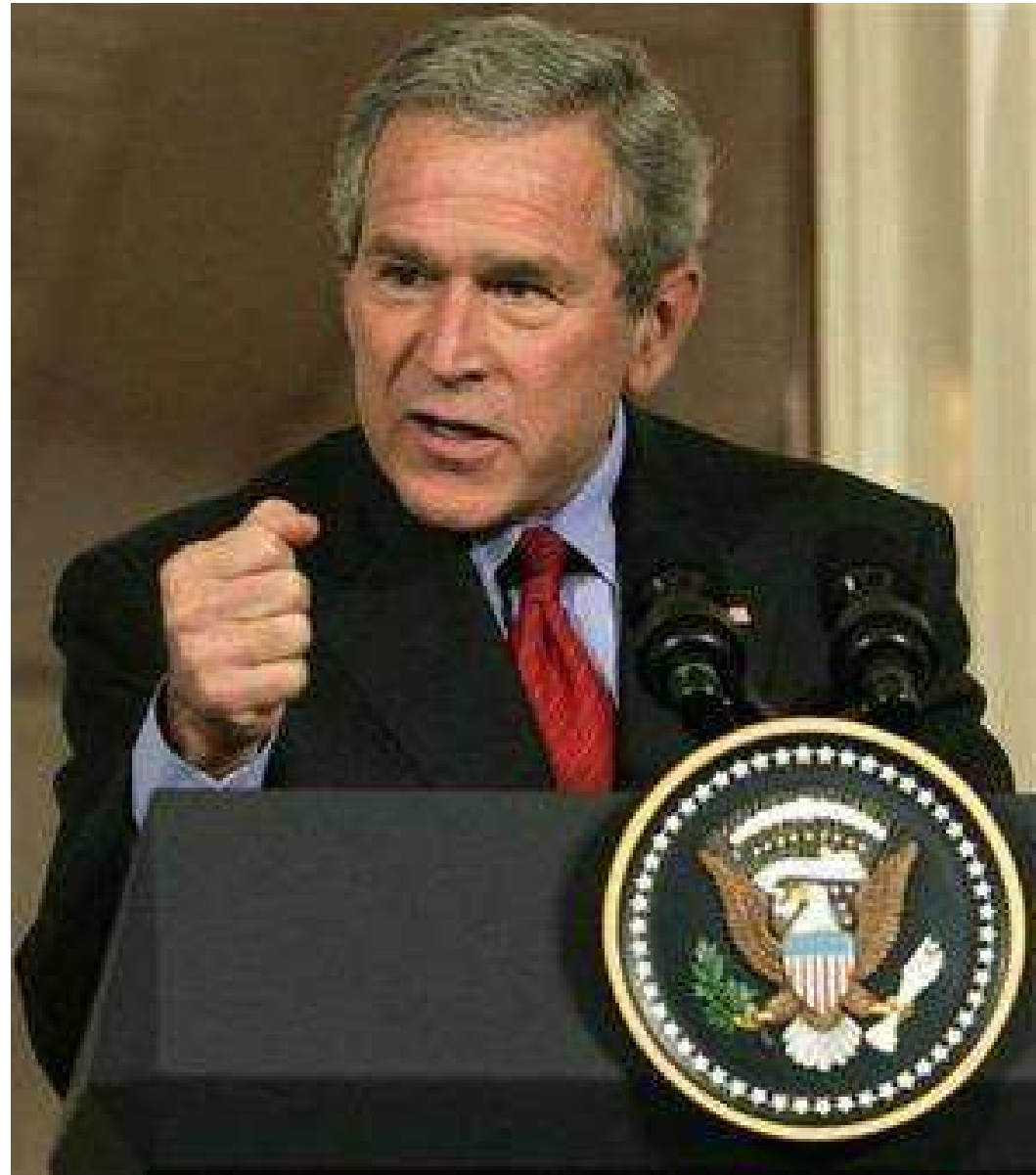


The Presidency of George Bush

In his first year,
Bush worked with
Congress to:

Create a 1.35 trillion
dollar tax cut

Reform education
through the No Child
Left Behind Act



September 11, 2001

Everything changed on September 11, 2001 when an al-Qaeda terrorist plot led to the hijacking of 4 airplanes & attacks on the World Trade Center & the Pentagon

After 9/11, President Bush declared a “War on Terrorism”

The New York Times
Late Edition
New York, Today, 50c; a few other-
more hours. Low \$1. Tomorrow, sat-
-ten (clouds, High \$1). Yesterday, high
\$1, low \$1. Weather map, Page C13.

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HIJACKED JETS DESTROY TWIN TOWERS AND HIT PENTAGON IN DAY OF TERROR

A CREEPING HORROR
Buildings Burn and Fall
as Onlookers Search
for Elusive Safety

By N. B. KLEINFELD

It kept getting worse.
The horror arrived in episodic
bursts of chilling disbelief, signaled
first by trembling floors, sharp snap-
shots, cracked windows. There was
the actual unshakable realization
of a gaping, flaming hole in first one
of the tall towers, and then the same
thing all over again in its twin. There
was the horrific sight of bodies
helplessly scattering out, some of
them in flames.

Finally, the mighty towers them-
selves were reduced to nothing.
These plumes of smoke raced
through the downtown canyon,
courting between the buildings,
shaped like torpedoes on their sides.
If every second was rife with alarms,
a plane appeared overhead. Was an-
other one coming? No, it was a light-
er jet. But was it friend or enemy?
People scrambled for their lives, but
they didn't know where to go. Should
they go north, south, east, west? Stay
outside, go indoors? People hid be-
hind cars and each other. Some
contemplated jumping into the river.

For those trying to find the very
opposite of the collapsing World
Trade Center towers, the most hor-
rid thought of all finally dawned on
them: nowhere was safe.

For several pain-stricken hours
yesterday morning, people in Lower
Manhattan witnessed the impres-
sionable, the incomprehensible, the
unthinkable. "I don't know what the
gates of hell look like, but it's got to
be like this," said John Marz, a
security director for an Internet firm
in the trade center. "It is a combat
zone. Vietnam, and I never see
anything like this."

The first warnings were small
ones. Blocks away, Jim Farmer, a
film composer, was having breakfast
at a small restaurant on West Street
when he heard the sound of a jet. An
old sound — too loud, it seemed, to be

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**A Somber Bush
Says Terrorism
Cannot Prevail**

**President Vows to Exact
Punishment for 'Evil'**

By SERGE SCHIRMANN

Hijackers rammed jetliners into each of New York's World Trade
Center towers yesterday, toppling both in a hail of glass, steel,
smoke and leaping victims, while a third jetliner crashed into the
Pentagon in Virginia. There was no official count, but President Bush
said thousands had perished, and in the immediate aftermath the
calamity was already being ranked the worst and most audacious
terror attack in American history.

The attacks seemed carefully coordinated. The hijacked planes
were all en route to California, and therefore geared with fuel, and
their departures were spaced within an hour and 45 minutes. The first,
American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767 out of Boston for Los
Angeles, crashed into the
north tower at 8:48 a.m.
Eighteen minutes later,
United Airlines Flight 175,
also headed from Boston to
Los Angeles, plowed into the
south tower.

Then an American Air-
lines Boeing 757, Flight 77,
left Washington's Dulles In-
ternational Airport bound
for Los Angeles, but instead
hit the western part of the
Pentagon, the military
headquarters where 24,000
people work, at 9:40 a.m.
Finally, United Airlines
Flight 93, a Boeing 737 fly-
ing from Newark to San
Francisco, crashed near
Pittsburgh, raising the pos-
sibility that its hijackers had
fallen in whatever their mission was.

There were indications that the hijackers on at least two of the
planes were armed with knives. Attorney General John Ashcroft told
reporters in the evening that the suspects on Flight 11 were armed
that way. And Barbara Olson, a television commentator who was
traveling on American Flight 77, managed to reach her husband,
Senator General Theodore Olson, by cell phone and to tell him that the
hijackers were armed with knives and a box cutter.

In all, 266 people perished in the four planes and several score
more were known dead elsewhere. Numerous firefighters and
police officers and other rescue workers who responded to the initial disaster
in Lower Manhattan were killed or injured when the buildings col-
lapsed. Hundreds were treated for cuts, broken bones, burns and
smoke inhalation.

But the real carnage was concealed for now by the rain-soaked,
smoking, ash-choked carcasses of the twin towers, in which thousands
of people used to work on a building. The collapse of the towers caused
another World Trade Center building to fall 7 hours later, and several

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Awaiting the Aftershocks
Washington and Nation Plunge Into Fight
With Enemy Hard to Identify and Punish

War on Terrorism Video

The video was removed because it cannot be linked on the website, but it can be viewed with a site license at



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Search “War on Terrorism”
video segment (it is 7:33 minutes)

The War on Terrorism

Domestic changes in response to 9/11



TERRORIST ATTACKS

LOW

LOW RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

Foreign policy in response to 9/11



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gas pipelines

Existing

Projected

500 1000 km

Iran, Iraq, & North Korea form an "Axis of Evil"

Taiwan government

Global Terrorism Strikes, 1998



New York car bomb: What happened?

May 2, 2010 10:46 a.m. EDT



Location

Around 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, a T-shirt vendor in New York saw smoke coming from a box inside a dark green vehicle on 45th Street near Seventh Avenue in the Times Square area. The vendor notified a police officer, who identified the smell of gunpowder coming from the unoccupied Nissan Pathfinder, left with its engine running and hazard lights flashing.



NYC car bomb: What happened?

HIDE CAPTION

Location

Evacuation

Inside the SUV

Investigation

Arrest



■ Essential Question:

- Are we winning the War on Terrorism & what other foreign policy issues does America face?

■ Warm-Up Question:

- What was the American response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks?

Assessing the War on Terrorism

■ Are We Winning the War on Terrorism?

Quick class discussion: Read the introduction & the memo

from Defense Secretary Rumsfeld

What are the goals in the War on Terrorism? What are the challenges?

How will we know when we have won?

— Answer the questions provided

— Be prepared to discuss your answers



Terrorism: How Should We Respond?

- Examine the 4 policy options that frame the current debate in the U.S. over terrorism:
 - These are not a “menu” of choices, but an overview of various policy approaches
 - After you have read all 4 options, develop your own policy to win the War on Terror; Your option can heavily borrow from one option or can combine ideas from several
 - What will this mean for U.S. policy in Iraq & Afghanistan in the coming months?

Can the United States Do It All?

- Read the Upfront article “America & the World: The Challenges Ahead”
 - After reading the article, rank order the 7 challenges presented from most (#1) to least (#7) important to the United States
 - Be prepared to discuss your list
 - Consider your top 3 ranked challenges:
 - What can/should the USA do about it?
 - What obstacles stand in the way