

America as a Hyperpower

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In the 2000 election, Democrats nominated Vice President **Al Gore**. Republicans nominated Texas Governor and son of former President Bush, George W. Bush.

What followed was the closest race in U.S. history. Gore won the popular vote by over 500,000 votes. However, the electoral vote was unclear, with crucial swing state Florida deemed too close to call.



A recount declared Bush the winner of Florida by 500 votes. Gore's campaign requested a manual recount.





President George W. Bush



The Supreme Court ruled the manual recount unconstitutional.

In a 5–4 vote, they upheld the previous findings of the recount, making George W. Bush the 43rd president of the United States.



President Bush declared his aims to privatize Social Security and cut taxes by over one trillion dollars. However, his domestic goals were soon put on hold by the September 11 attacks and the War on Terror.

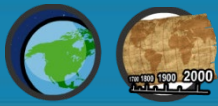




Domestically, the Bush administration made many changes to policies at home:

- Economy: President Bush created major tax cuts to big businesses in 2001 and 2003. During the **economic recession** in 2007, big American businesses were also bailed out by the federal treasury.
- Education: the government created the **No Child Left Behind Act of 2001** that required children to score well in tests in order for schools to receive federal funding.
- Environment: in 2005, President Bush signed the **Energy Policy Act of 2005** to promote the use of alternative energy resources to combat climate change.





Hurricane Katrina





By the 2008 election, many Americans were frustrated with President Bush's leadership and the ongoing wars.

After a close primary race between Senator Hillary Clinton and Senator Barack Obama, the Democrats nominated Obama as their candidate.

Republicans nominated Senator **John McCain.**

Barack Obama was elected as the United States' first black president.





The Obama administration worked to change many United States policies:

- Health care: President Obama tried to reform the **private medical care** within America to allow more people access to services. However, both Republicans and Democrats found the attempts of reform lacking.
- Military/foreign policy: under Obama the U.S military was withdrawn from Afghanistan in 2014. Furthermore, both openly gay men and women were allowed to serve in the military.



Where was the First Gulf War fought?

Iraq

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia ✓

Iran

How did President Clinton react to the Bosnian genocide?

Organised a NATO response ✓

Did not respond to the crisis

Which educational Act was implemented by President Bush in 2001?

National School Lunch Act

No Child Left Behind Act ✓

In which year was Barack Obama elected president?

2005

2006

2007

2008 ✓



