

I America and the World Economy

- A. Unlike previous Democrats, Clinton encouraged free trade agreements with other nations.
- B. The European Union saw tremendous growth at the beginning of the Twenty-First century. New members were formerly USSR controlled republics.
- C. The European Union adopts a single currency for all member nations so they can compete in international trade.
- D. The North American Free Trade agreement is established in response to the European Union.
- E. People opposed to free trade believed that international businesses would treat workers poorly.
- F. Due to technological change, modern economies shifted away from manufacturing jobs to service jobs.
- G. The US economy has seen most industrial growth in the service industries.
- H. Since 1970 US manufacturing jobs have decreased, while manufacturing jobs in China have increased.

II The George W. Bush Presidency

- A. Many thought that Bush lacked the knowledge and experience to be President.
- B. Gore was very confident, but less focused on important issues, than Bush.
- C. Bush wins the election in the Electoral College, but losses it in the popular vote. The Electoral College has precedence over the popular vote.
- D. Neither Bush nor Gore win enough Electoral Votes, so the election is decided by the Supreme Court.
- E. This Supreme Court decision effectively over turned a state law in Florida requiring a recount of votes.
- F. Bush economic planned called for tax cuts, hoping that people would spend and create jobs.
- G. The 2002 No Child Left Behind Act was to connect federal funding with academic achievement.
- H. Osama Bin Laden wanted to form Al Qaeda so Muslim reformers in other countries could take up arms.
- I. Bush refers to the 9/11 attacks as "...acts of mass murder intended to frighten our nation into chaos..."
- J. Bush's plan is to fight terrorism on multiple fronts to prevent another attack on US soil.
- K. The Patriot Act was very controversial because of the possibility that civil rights could be ignored.
- L. The war moves toward a US invasion of Iraq. This ends the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein.
- M. In Bush's 2004 re-election campaign, he paid special attention to the Latino voters because they are a large and growing population in the US.
- N. In his farewell address Bush, he wanted the US to see a link between promotion of democracy and security at home.

III The Barack Obama Presidency

- A. Obama becomes the first African American President in 2008. This accomplishment became a reality because of the many, before him, that worked for equality among all Americans.
- B. Obama's initial plan to stimulate the lagging economy was the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- C. The nomination to the Supreme Court of Sonia Sotomayor showed Obama's commitment to diversity.
- D. The nomination of Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court showed Obama's support of Civil Rights.
- E. Osama Bin Laden is captured and killed, but Obama explains that the war on terror will continue.
- F. The Tea Party movement stresses economic conservatism with an emphasis on traditional values.
- G. Republican congressmen try to repeal the Affordable Care Act because they feel that congress exceed its power when the law was originally passed.
- H. Obama is re-elected in 2012 because many voters thought he would be more responsive to their needs.
- I. Hispanics and Asians saw less than 50% show up to vote in the 2012 election.
- J. Obama warns against companies moving their operations over seas to save money.

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IV Americans Look to the Future

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- A. The Immigration Act of 1990 allowed people from nations outside of Northern and Western Europe.
- B. Because strict immigration laws are relaxed, the US has a surge of immigrants in the 1990's and 2000's.
- C. The Southeastern part of the US experiences the greatest percentage increase of immigrants.
- D. The Supreme Court case, US vs. Windsor, it shows the public's growing support of the LGBT community.
- E. Obama believes that the existence of climate change cannot be disputed.
- F. People who believe in Global Warming think that the burning of fossil fuels is the cause.
- G. The US may surpass China in the manufacturing required in the field of "Clean Energy".