

Unit VII-Clinton

I. William Jefferson Clinton (1993 – 2001) –Democrat

- A. Born –Hope, Arkansas –William Jefferson Blythe IV, JFK, Education, Yale
- B. Political Career –House Run?, Attorney General, Governor of Arkansas @ 32
- C. Economic Boom, Zipper Problems, and “Slick Willie”

II. Foreign Policy of Bill Clinton

- A. Top Foreign Policy Advisers –Tony Lake (1st NSA) and Madeline Albright (2nd Sec. of State)
- B. Peacemaker –Peace Agreements and Treaties

- 1. Russia-START II –limited warheads –US (3,500) and Russia (2,997)
- 2. NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) –December 8, 1993
- 3. Oslo Accords –Palestinian self rule in West Bank and Gaza Strip
- 4. Haiti –Operation Uphold Democracy –October 15, 1994 -Jean Bertrand Aristide
- 5. North Korea –Agreed Framework -October 21, 1994
- 6. Vietnam
 - A. Embargo lifted –February 3, 1994
 - B. Recognition –July 11, 1995
- 7. Dayton Accords –November 21, 1995 –President Slobodan Milosevic
- 8. Good Friday Agreements -Northern Ireland –April 10, 1998
- 9. Kyoto Protocols signed-November 12, 1998

C. Foreign Terrorist Attacks

- 1. Saudi Arabia (Khobar Towers) –June 25, 1996 -19 K, 372 W USAF personnel
- 2. Dar es Salaam, Tanzania –August 7, 1998 -213 K, 4,000 W
- 3. Nairobi, Kenya -August 7, 1998 -11 K, 77 W
- 4. U.S.S. Cole –Adem, Yemen –October 12, 2000 –17 K, 39 W

D. Military Action

- 1. Iraq Missile Attacks
 - A. Op. Bushwhacker-June 27, 1993-in response to assassination attempt on H.W. (Cruise Missiles)
 - B. Op. Desert Strike-August 7, 1996-in response to Saddam advancing on Kurds + No Fly Zone Violations (Cruise Missiles)
 - C. Operation Desert Fox-December 16, 1998-in response to Saddam not allowing inspections
- 2. Somalia –Operation Gothic Serpent -October 3-4, 1993 -18 K, 84 W
- 3. Operation Infinite Reach -August 20, 1998 –Afghanistan and Sudan
 - A. Memorandum of Notification –gave the CIA lethal force to get bin Laden (08/20/98)
- 4. Kosovo War –Operation Allied Force –Mar. 24-June 10, 1999 –Gen. Wesley Clark
 - A. Clinton Doctrine –US military intervention will be used to stop genocide-Feb 26, 1999
- 5. Rwanda –Hutu vs. Tutsi –over 800,000 people killed in 89 days

III. Domestic Policy

A. Economic Growth -“longest economic expansion in US history –nearly 8 years”

- 1. Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act-Aug. 10, 1993-raise taxes \$241 Billion + cuts spending
- 2. Economic Indicators –economic and job growth, Stock Market, and a surplus

B. Major Domestic Initiatives

- 1. Family & Medical Leave Act-Feb. 5, 1993–unpaid leave for preg. or serious med. condition.
- 2. Brady Bill-November 30, 1993-5 day waiting period to buy a hand gun for background check
- 3. Violent Crime & Control Act-Sept. 18, 1994- death penalty to 50 fed crimes + 100,000 police
- 4. Shutdown of the Federal Govt.-November 13, 1995-over balancing budget for fiscal year 2002
- 5. 2nd Shutdown of the Federal Govt.-December 17, 1995-no passports, welfare, medicare
- 6. Increase in Minimum Wage to \$5.15-August 20, 1996
- 7. 1st Balanced Budget in 30 years-February 2, 1998
- 8. Unsuccessful domestic issues
 - A. Health care
 - B. Campaign Finance

C. Homosexuals in the military –“Don’t ask, don’t tell”

9. Contract with America –Speaker Newt Gingrich –Republican

C. Increased Domestic Terrorism

1. World Trade Center-Feb 26, 1993–6 K, 1043 W, 500 million in damages-Omar Rahman
2. Waco Massacre and Siege-April 19, 1993–leader David Koresh-89 K
3. Oklahoma City Federal Building-April 19, 1995-168 K, 850 W–McVeigh and Nichols
4. Centennial Olympic Park Atlanta, Georgia-July 27, 1996–Eric Rudolph -2 K
5. Columbine-March 20, 1999-Littleton, Colorado –Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold -13 K, 25 W

D. Impeachment and acquittal

1. Whitewater Development Corporation- Arkansas Land Development Company
2. Paula Jones lawsuit v. Bill Clinton-May 6, 1994-sexual harassment + defamation of character
 - a. Ken Starr-independent counsel
 - b. Focus on perjury and obstruction of justice (6 years/\$70 Million)
3. Testified-no sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky-Jan 17, 1998
4. Clinton testifies via videotape-August 17, 1998
5. Clinton settles with Paula Jones for \$850,000-November 13, 1998
6. House votes to impeach Clinton on perjury and obstruction of justice-December 12, 1998
7. Clinton was acquitted by the Senate February 12, 1999
8. Approval rating up to 64%!!

E. Other Domestic Events

1. “Trial of the Century”-October 3, 1995-O. J. Simpson
2. Elian Gonzalez is rescued by Florida fishermen-September 25, 1998
3. Y2K Problem-January 1, 2000