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Clinton Presidency

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Introducing Bill and Hilary Clinton

Bill Clinton (1946---

Bill Clinton 1993 Presidential photo

2nd youngest President at 45



Delivers economic success
..10 years growth, Balances budget
..US at Peace. Global impact

Delivers profound social change
...50% reduction violent crime
....Aids epidemic contained

Contaminated by scandal
And impeachment

Leaves office with highest
Popularity rating ever at 60%

Bill Clinton, as seen by others

- “When Bill Clinton talks to you, he makes you feel like you’re the only person in the room — like you’re the most important person in the world.” ..Joe Klein Biographer
- “He listens like he’s starving for what you have to say. That’s what makes people trust him — even when they shouldn’t.” ..Bill Curry, advisor
- “He can look a waitress in the eye and make her feel as important as the President of France.....James Carville, advisor
- “He is an unusually good liar, unusually good”Bob Kerry, political rival

Arkansas

Arkansas



- Rural landlocked state
 - Population 1990 2 million,
 - Biggest city “Little Rock” 200,000 people
 - Low education , low income (48/50)
- Isolated from main business centres
- “Good old boy” culture
 - Informal networks
 - Culture of cronyism, anti education
 - Absence of central authority
- Frontier of “Old South”...highly segregated till 60’s
- Benefiting from industry “move south”
.....low cost, no unions, little/no regulation

Bill Clinton childhood

**A REALISTIC APPROACH
TO
STUDENT GOVERNMENT**



BILL CLINTON

CANDIDATE

PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

MAR. 8 1967

Born Hope Arkansas

...father car crash 3 months before birth

...grandparents 1-4 mother nurse training

...segregated schooling

Stepfather "charming when sober
violent when drunk.

Brilliant student

...saxophonist but not good enough

...debating club ...trial of Cicero

Seminal moment...trip to Washington

.... Boys Brigade ...Christian Scouts

...hears MLK "I have dream speech"

...photo op with JFK

Clinton meeting the man he would like to be



From University graduate to Rhodes Scholar

Bill Clinton Oxford 1968



Scholarship to Georgetown University
.....intern to Senator /social interest
...elected class president

Professor: "unique in as interested in
How as much as What needs to be done

Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford 1968

Political activist...anti Vietnam war
...secures deferment of draft
...popular, promiscuous

Returns to US w/o degree

...Law School for political career
...draft number high..no risk
...scholarship/ loans Yale Law school

Hilary Bonham Clinton (1947----

Born Chicago

...father small textile company

...mother homemaker..2 brothers

...Methodist/ Conservative

Brilliant popular student

...vice president school..loses President

...Joins Young Republicans..Goldwater

...Private girls Welsley College

.....leaves GOP "veiled racists Nixon"

Year camping across Alaska

...washing dishes

Attends Yale Law school

....focus on law on children

...Harvard Review, Senator aide



Law student and birth of partnership

Bill and Hillary Yale Law School 1972



Library meeting

...lives together with Bill

...to Texas McGovern 1972

...Hillary: advanced law degree

Hilary refuses marriage

...To California....Washington

....Works on Nixon impeachment

...seen as rising star

Bill to Arkansas

....professor of law

...runs for congress 1974...I

...wants Hilary to join him

Hilary "followed heart, not mind....fails DC bar exam, passes AK..joins Bill

The partnership

Bill and Hillary wedding day 1975



Bill Political career

... loses congressional race

....state Attorney General

...competent, non ideological

Married October 1975

.. leaves work join Carter campaign

...Appointed to Legal Standards Committee

Bill & Hilary invest in Whitewater

Bill runs for Governor AK 1978

...wins 2 year term

...Hillary abandons career

...1st lady of Arkansas

Bill Clinton as Governor

First term 1978--1980

- ▶ Known as “Boy Governor” at 32...focus education reform
- ▶ Hilary heads committee on Health Reform for AK school children
- ▶ Unpopular tax increases... loses election 1980
- ▶ Joins law firm.....1980-1982.
- ▶ Re-elected 1980....stays in office till 1992
 - ▶ Hilary chair Education committee....children's & boosts teacher salaries
 - ▶ Democratic Conservative...progressive taxation and reduced size of government
 - ▶ Supports Civil Rights while reintroducing death penalty

Considered “up and coming” Democrat
..... alternate to 3 consecutive failing “Liberals” Republican landslide

The Decision to run for President

At the Governor's Ball with Reagan 1987



Popular, youthful
...sees Bush as vulnerable
Despite high approval

One of 5 Democrat
Candidates
...Vietnam veteran
...Traditional Liberals

Advocates "Third Way"
..."Democratic centralist"
....becomes Front runner

....And then the scandals

Trooper Gate & Gennifer Flowers

Gennifer Flowers news conference



“Trooper Gate”

...4 ex police claim procure women
...funded by Republican donors
...claims get withdrawn

Gennifer Flowers

....Intern state Attorney General
...claims 12 year affair
...Clinton denies

Response mixed

Republicans....Evangelicals attack
South.... “Good old boy” behaviour

Moral issues overshadowed by financial
Issue....”Whitewater”

Whitewater Controversy

White-water Arkansas



Typical real estate deal
... Clinton \$20,000 deposit
... rest loan... secured by loan to
S&L owned McDougal 1978
... Clinton "friend"

Outcome

... lots do not sell/ sold at loss 1980
... Clintons lose \$40,000
... McDougal S&: bankrupt 1985

Bill decides to run for President

Republicans fish for fraud

.... claim Bill used role as Governor

.... Launch "fishing expedition"

Clinton labelled "Slick Willy"



1992 Election Campaign

President HW Bush achieves record at 80% popularity
.....victory parade 1st Gulf War June 1991



March 1992: HW Bush cruising to landslide

- ▶ Bush at 80% approval rating:
 - ▶ victor of Gulf War, perceived as “competent”
 - ▶ inflation at 3%, growth at 3%, unemployment high at 7.5% but declining,
 - ▶ S&L Crisis managed....but by increasing taxes top rate 28% to 31%
- ▶ Democrats in chaos with 5 competing candidates
 - ▶ Clinton lead candidate but tainted by Gennifer & Whitewater scandals
 - ▶ Other candidates plagued by gaffes, poor comms, “liberal” image

Then two “shocks”a riot, rise of 3rd Party---Ross Perot

Rodney King beating

Rodney King arrest...and beating



Rodney King:violent criminal,
.....2 years violent robbery

Night out drinking April 1991
...stopped by police, 3 white 1 Hispanic
....beaten up after attacking police

Video taped....broadcast on tv

Officers put on trial
...all white jury, black prosecutor

April 20, 1992: Officers acquitted

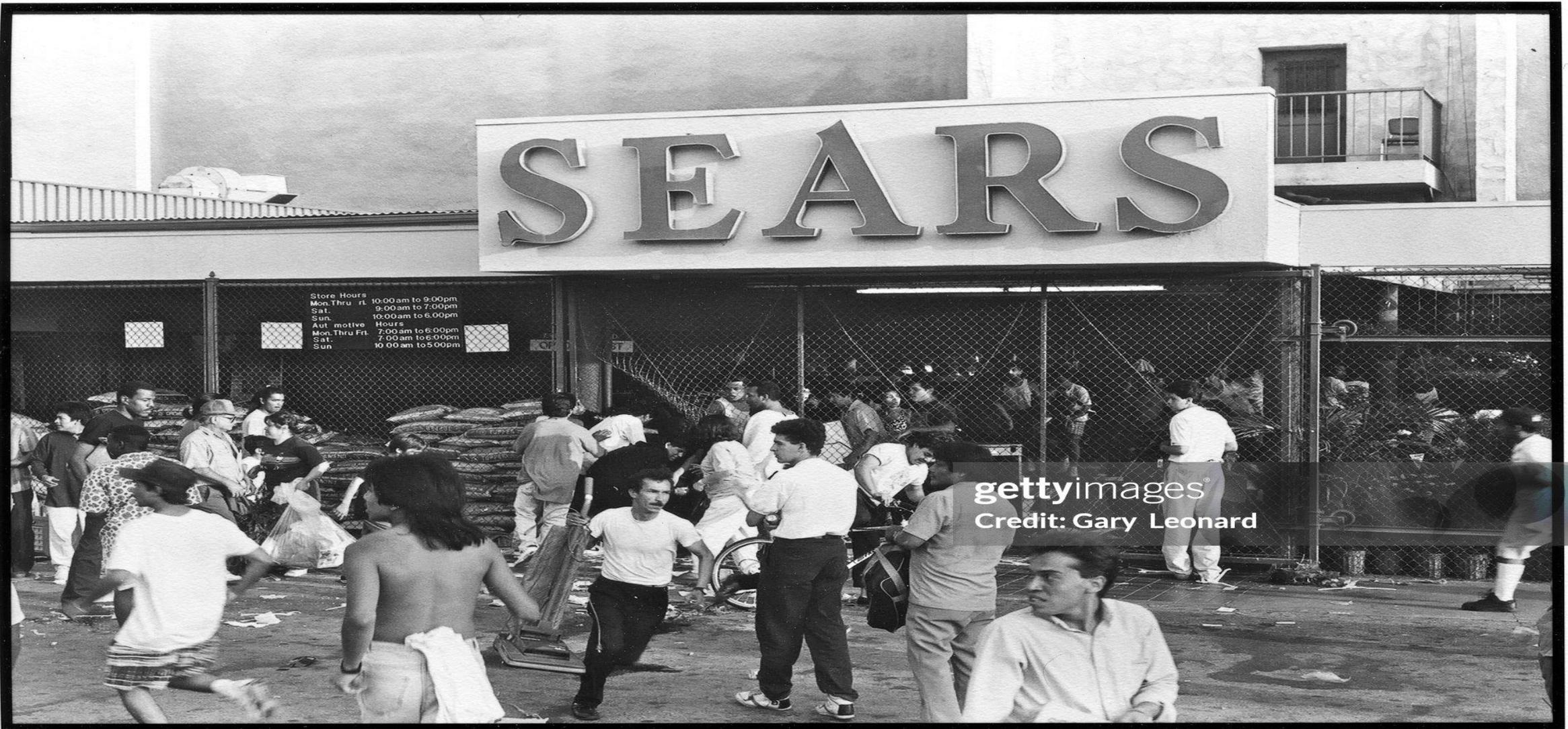
Verdict Triggers acts of violence in downtown
.....Anyone not black a target



Riots spread across city



....orgy of looting....Hispanic and Black
.....Tv commentated looters follow news
police inaction... leaders at fund raiser!



Rioters move to Korea town
..... residents object to looting



Gun battles Koreans vs Black & Hispanic looters



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City of Angels gone mad

Me



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Night of burning and shootings



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Bush declares Insurrection...National Guard arrives
....order in place day 3



LA Riot impact

- ▶ Short term...shock...first major riot since 1960's
 - ▶ People: 63 deaths, 35 from gunshots, 2,500 injured, 12,000 arrests
 - ▶ Over 1,000 buildings burned, 3,000 businesses, \$1Bn damage
- ▶ Long term
 - ▶ accelerated death of inner cities..factories move to Mexico
 - ▶ Police methods discredited
 - ▶ Change police leadership, training, community awareness
- ▶ Impact on 1992 election
 - ▶ HW Bush---"law and order" problem caused by minorities...seen as out of touch
 - ▶ Clinton....law and order but also inequality, police incompetence

Ross Perot (1930-2019)



Dirt poor family from Texas
..joins navy...multiple shoes

Becomes IBM salesman
...highly successful
...found EDS Systems 1962
...organise rescue of employees
From Iran....made into movie

Sells EDS to GM 1984
...2nd richest man in USA
...found Perot Systems

Decides to fund 3rd Party
....Bush..not controlling deficit
...Clinton...inexperienced
...funds election 50 states

Ross Perot Campaign

- Congress incompetent....business leader needed
- Bush a liar and supporter of big government
 - Relents on promise of no more taxes: “Read my lips” speech
 - Expanding federal budget, increasing deficit
- Commits to balancing budget
 - Cut Social Security/ End most welfare programmes
 - End outsourcing of jobs to Mexico and Far East
- Promise to revolutionise government: introduce electronic voting

Leads the opinion polls July 1992...39% of vote

Ross Perot Rally...mass support



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Ross---explaining the deficit
...lectures public....over bearing, too serious



Presidential election campaign July - November

Perot campaign collapses:

- ▶ fights with campaign manager & leaves race July
- ▶ Re-joins race October...built support collapses

▶ HW Bush: wins Republican nomination: “entitled to victory”

▶ Weakened by Right Wing.....Pat Buchanan vs tax increases

▶ Remote...reluctant to engage, Gulf War/ competence:

▶ Clinton ---”Democrat Centralist”..Wins Democratic Nomination

▶ Picks Al Gore (TN environmentalist) unite Conservatives & Progressives

▶ Ignores International affairs, denies scandals, man of the people

Clinton message:“It’s the economy, stupid”

HW Bush "looking at watch "during debate
.....detached..bored....indifferent



Clinton...appeal to patriotism



Campaigning...man of all the people



Serenading the crowd

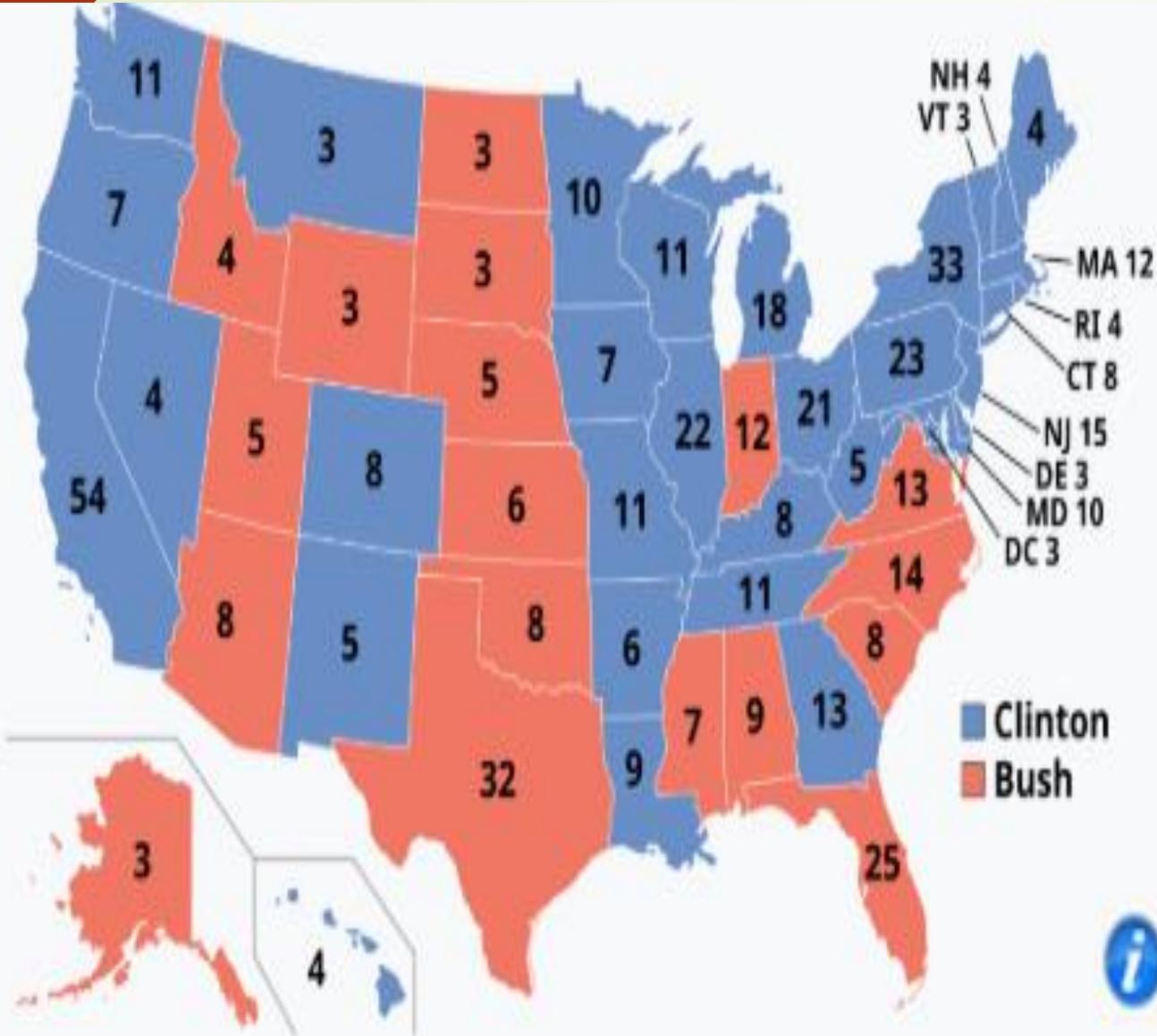


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Bill and Hilary partnership



1992 Presidential Election



Clinton/ Gore win 43% vote
HW Bush 38%, Perot 19%

Clinton 370 electoral votes
Vs Bush 168 ..Perot zero
Delegates...thinly spread

Breaks "Solid South"
..Perot vote GA. LA

Democrats retain control
of Congress

Senate 53-47
House 258-176

The Clinton election night victory



Bill and Hilary...Pennsylvania Avenue Inauguration day January 1993



The New President

- Governor of small state of 3 million ---most powerful man in world
- Zero international experienceapart from time as student
- “Marmite” President
 - Hated by Evangelists (social policies) & Republicans (tax increases)
 - Popular in South (“one of us, another “Good Old Boy”, secular Middle Class

45 Years Old, brilliant mind, brilliant wife, control of Congress
....dawn of a New Age....the Camelot of the Kennedy’s retrieved?



Intermission



Introducing Democratic Conservatism

The Clinton Cabinet

...more ethnically diverse, first female Attorney General, younger, from academia not business



Clinton Agenda 1993-95

- ▶ International Affairs....lower priority. Continue Bush policies (Talk 49)
 - ▶ Prevent economic collapse of Russia
 - ▶ Secure Congress approval for North America Free Trade (NAFTA)
 - ▶ Peace keeping Somalia
- ▶ Domestic Affairs...”do everything simultaneously”
 - ▶ Passed Budget via tax increase/ welfare cuts
 - ▶ Passed Crime Bill. Hired 100,000 more police and prison construction
 - ▶ Passed **unpaid** medical leave and removed abortion restrictions/ access

Then....the first mistake....meet commitments to Progressive on “Gay Rights”

Clinton and Gay Rights

Gay Rights USA 1990's

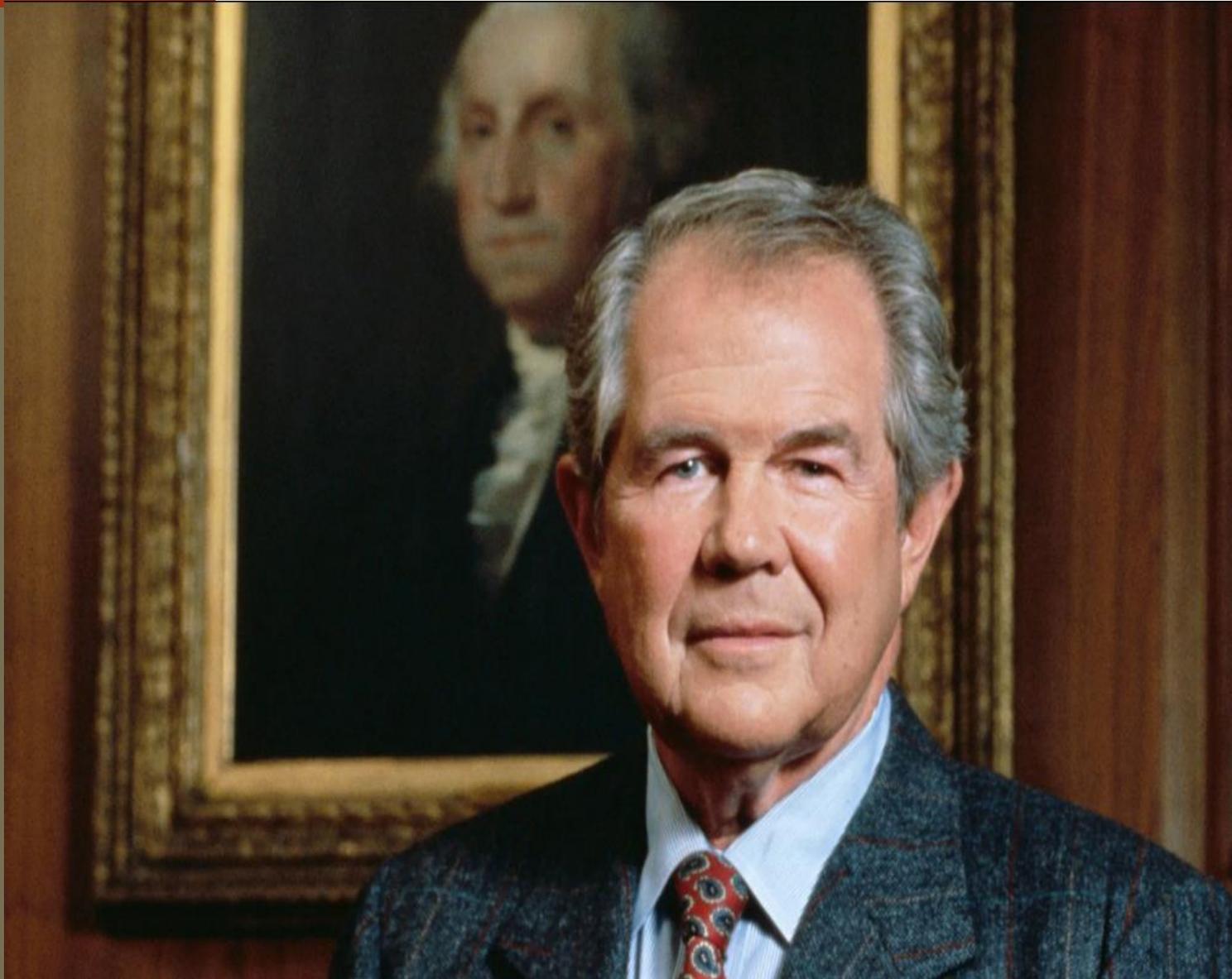
- Illegal most states...criminal act
- Universal discrimination, banned from military, basis for dismissal
- Aids epidemic rampant...widespread fear

- Clinton determed to meet election commitments to Progressives
 - Provide equal rights in military and government
 - End discrimination in public/ private employment
 - Appoints openly gay individuals to office

- Considered his approach incremental & conservative

Triggers passionate opposition by Evangelical Christians
....Mega Churches and Cable TV....leader Pat Robinson

Pat Robinson (1930-2023)



Son of US Senator
.....Korean Veteran
... "Born Again" 1959

Founds Christian Broadcasting
Network1 million viewers 1990

Founds Christian Coalition
.....funds Republicans

Attacks Bush

.....Abortion, civil rights, welfare

Transforms Evangelicals
.... From Radical...civil rights
.....To "Family Values"

Pat Robinson response to Clinton “Gay Rights”

“Just like what Nazi Germany did to the Jews, so liberal America is now doing to the evangelical Christians! It's no different! It is the same thing! It is happening all over again! It is the Democratic Congress, the liberal-based media and the homosexuals who want to destroy the Christians! Wholesale abuse and discrimination and the worst bigotry directed toward any group in America today! More terrible than anything suffered by any minority in history!”

“Homosexuals want to come into churches and disrupt church services and throw blood all around and try to o give people AIDS and spit in the face of ministers.”

“Gay Rights” and Clinton Presidency

- Dominates media: offsets Budget & Crime successes
- Triggers anti Clinton alliance Evangelicals and Conservatives
- Clinton retreats to “Don’t Ask Don’t tell”
 - Reduces overt discrimination
 - Enables firing of indiscretion, covert discrimination
 - Rejects “Same Sex Marriage” 1996

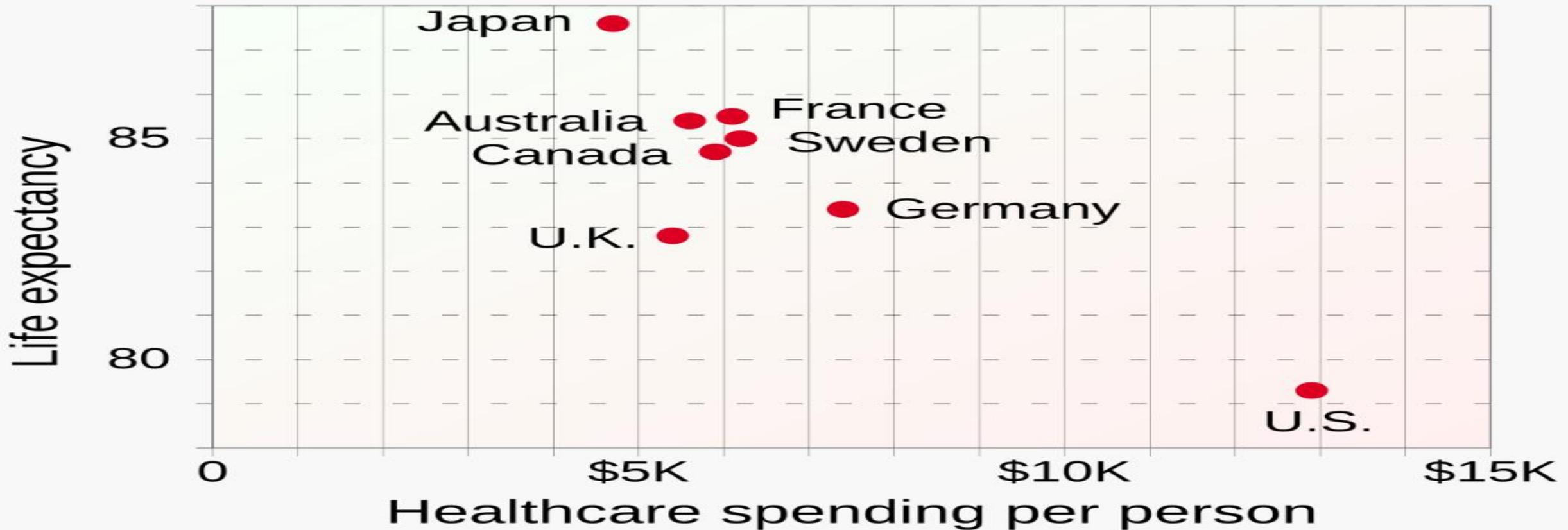
Clinton credibility with public weakened as he launches major initiative
Health Care Reform

US Health Care 1990's (and today!)

...highest cost, lowest outcomes, #1 cause bankruptcy

...30m uninsured 1990 (25% population)

Life expectancy vs. healthcare spending



Data is for 2020...but status has not changed!

Bill Clinton & Health Care Vision 1993

“Millions of Americans are just a pink slip away from losing their health insurance, and one serious illness away from losing all their savings. Millions more are locked into the jobs they have now just because they or someone in their family has once been sick and they have what is called the pre-existing condition. And on any given day, over 37 million Americans—most of them working people and their little children—have no health insurance at all.

And in spite of all this, our medical bills are growing at over twice the rate of inflation, and the United States spends over a third more of its income on health care than any other nation on Earth.”

Needs effort to deliver reform led by trusted ally immune to politics
....Hillary Clinton

Clinton Health Care Plan: ...launched Sept 1993



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The Health Plan

- Single Insurer (US Government)
- No exemptions
- Mandatory enrolment
- National Health Care Card
- Government imposed pricing

On a mission for change ...unprecedented role for 1st Lady



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The Backlash

- Coalition of Insurers, for profit Hospitals, American Medical Association
- Anti Plan Media campaign
 - Republicans.....creeping Socialism
 - “Harry and Louise” Advertising campaign
- Legal challenges vs Hilary Right to Lead
- Creeping complexity...(20,000 providers, 20% economy)
 - 1,300 pages of detail
 - Insurance complexities
 - Price control mechanism

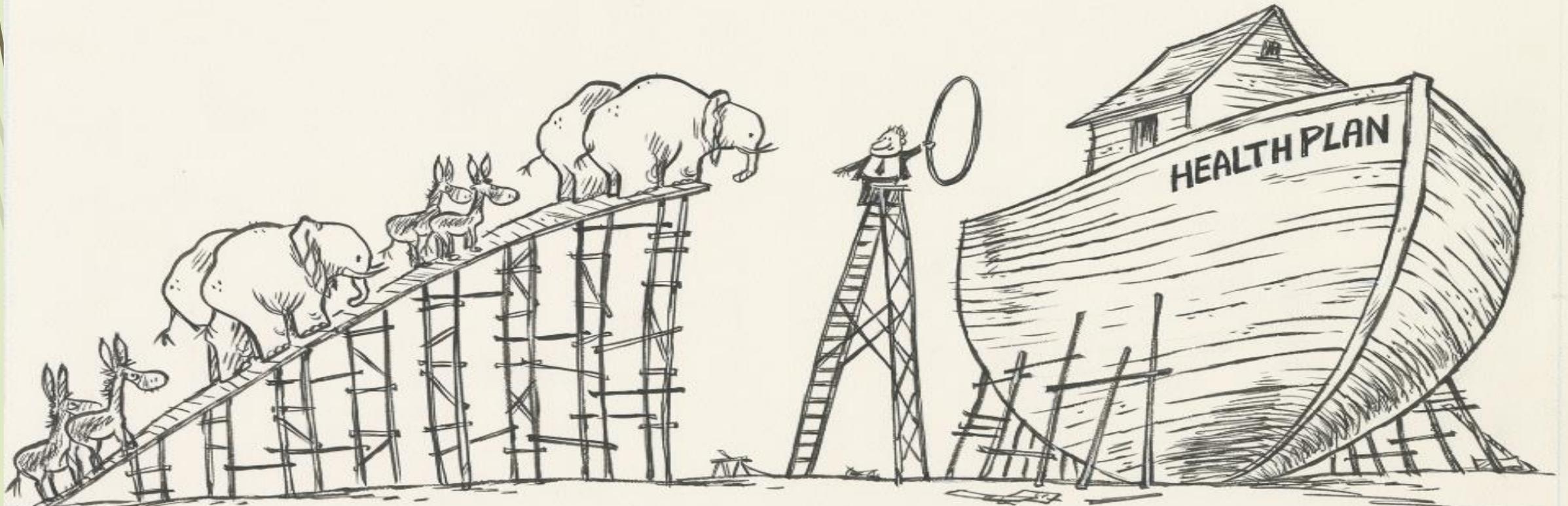
And then “The Card”

Hilary and The Health Card (looking defeated)



Plan opposed by Republicans (Socialism!)
Democrats (Insurers keep too much power)

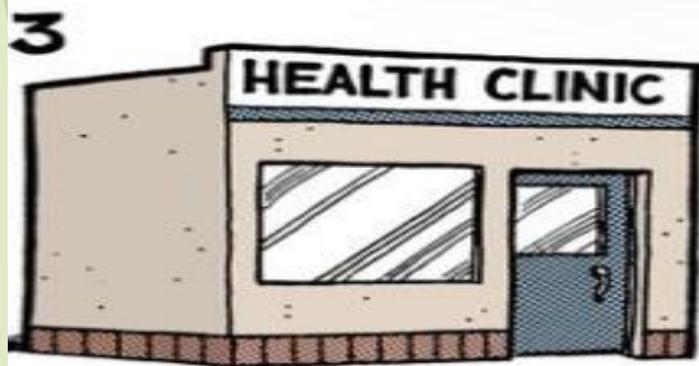
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Plan rejected....reverted to committee
....redesigned, debated, forgotten for 20 years

THE DEMOCRATS' CHANGING EXPECTATIONS FOR A HEALTH CARE PLAN

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Failure ignites rise to power of "Newt Gingrich

Newt Gingrich (1943--)

Newt Gingrich 1995



Born Pennsylvania..father army
...attends Christian college/ Phd History
...secures deferment vs Vietnam

3 attempts to run for congress as
Republicanwins on attempt

Minority Whip 1989-1995...

...leads effort to remove Speaker. Book deal
...feigns outrage at corruption of Democrats
...forms strategy to secure Congress

Considered originator of partisan politics
..Dems: "radical, traitors, sick" vs family
..Reps: "opportunity, courage principled"

Creates political alliance with Robinson .

WACO incident...February- April 1993

Military assault....M1 Tank deployed



- Branch Davidians
 - Religious cult..Apocalypse due any time
 - Gather members preparing for end
 - Accumulate assault weapons
- Law Enforcement
 - Rumours financed by methadone
 - Child molestation allegations
 - Leader sexual license on “spiritual wives”
- Attempt to investigate...shoot out 4 FBI killed
- Final Assault..after 51 day siege
 - Clinton okays final assault (children in danger)
 - Use of army, tanks, televised
 - 76 Davidians killed, most suicide..28 children

WACO incident impact

Anti Government demonstration Texas



- Initial reaction positive...appropriate
- Investigations ...no drugs, evidence of molestation
- Conservative media claim conspiracy
- New Gingrich...Leader of Republicans seizes opportunity....Big Government at work: ““There is in rural America ... a genuine fear of the federal government and of Washington, D.C., as a place that doesn’t understand their way of life and doesn’t understand their values.”

Clinton image further damaged by arrival to SpotlightPaula Jones

Paula Jones (1966...)

Paula Jones 1998



Arkansas Civil Servant. Secretary
Bill Clinton AK office of industry

Sues Clinton 1994
...sexual harassment
...Clinton denies

Case dismissed due to lack of
Evidence....Clinton humiliated

Centrepiece of Republican 1994
campaign to take Congress

1994 Mid-Terms

Alliance Conservatives and Televangelist Evangelicals

- Democrats depicted as “Socialists, homosexuals, anti-God,
- Clintons as immoral, greedy, “liberals”

- Newt Gingrich: “Contract with America”...
 - No gay rights, anti abortion, low taxes, private health care
 - Reforms to Congress...term limits, neutral audits, zero based budget
 - Legislation plan...balanced budget, tax decreases, welfare reductions, kill Health

- Republicans take over Senate and House (first time since 1930’s)

Clinton appears “finished”.....lame duck President
.....all power to Newt Gingrich



The Comeback Kid 1996-1998

Bill Clinton Response: “Partnership”!

- ▶ Accepts responsibility for defeat
 - ▶ Overambitious. Alienated both Conservatives & Liberals
 - ▶ Health Care....too hard to deliver
 - ▶ Abandons fight for “Gay Rights”
- ▶ Commits to working with Republican Congress: one issue at a time
- ▶ Policy of “Triangulation”...finding “Common Ground”
 - ▶ Evangelical/Conservatives (Gingrich/ Robinson)
 - ▶ Liberal Progressives (Teddy Kennedy)
 - ▶ Democratic Conservatives

Hilary moved into background....advisor but no formal role

Working with the “enemy to finding Common Ground
...photo taken while Gingrich expanding investigation



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Bi-Partisan meetings...instead of attacks



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Newt Gingrich & Common Ground



Triangulation in practice



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The Comeback 1996-1998

Authorises Commission of Investigation

- ▶ Defuses attacks....no evidence of fraud Whitewater, "Troopers" admit bribes
- ▶ Focuses on Economy:
 - ▶ Proposes tax increases for wealthy / moderate welfare cuts
 - ▶ Job training and child care schemes
- ▶ Gingrich "over-reach"
 - ▶ Demands large welfare cuts
 - ▶ Shuts down government in 1995 and 1996 by refusing to approve budget
 - ▶ Public blames Gingrich...Clinton achieves compromise

Incident in Oklahoma changes views on government

Oklahoma bombing conspiracy

Alfred P Murray Federal Building



- Absence of security
 - Internal security focused on Muslims
 - 1993 World Trade Centre : 6 killed
 - Terrorism seen as foreign threat only
 - 800 far right domestic militant groups
- Perpetrators domestic
 - 2 Army veterans + 2 accomplices
 - Revenge for WACO
 - “Conspiracy theory” inspired
 - ..Government plot for black takeover
 - ...fuelled by Evangelical/ Gingrich language

The bombing ..April 1995

Day Care targeted to maximise deaths



Worse act of terror by domestic terrorists

...168 deaths, including 19 children at Day Care



Oklahoma City impact

Memorial by demolished building site



Immediate response
...assumed Muslim attack
...racist attacks

Perpetrators captured
....Timothy McVeigh +3
...unrepentant
...children “collateral damage”
...executed 2001

National revulsion vs right
Wing terrorist groups
..Gingrich called act “evil”
...tones down “traitor”

Clinton with Oklahoma City bombing families “Consolor in chief”avoids blaming Gingrich..



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1996 Election Campaign

➤ Economy improving

- Unemployment reduced to 5%
- Growth at 3%, inflation 3%
- Budget Deficit shrinks...on track for balance!

➤ Crime Reducing

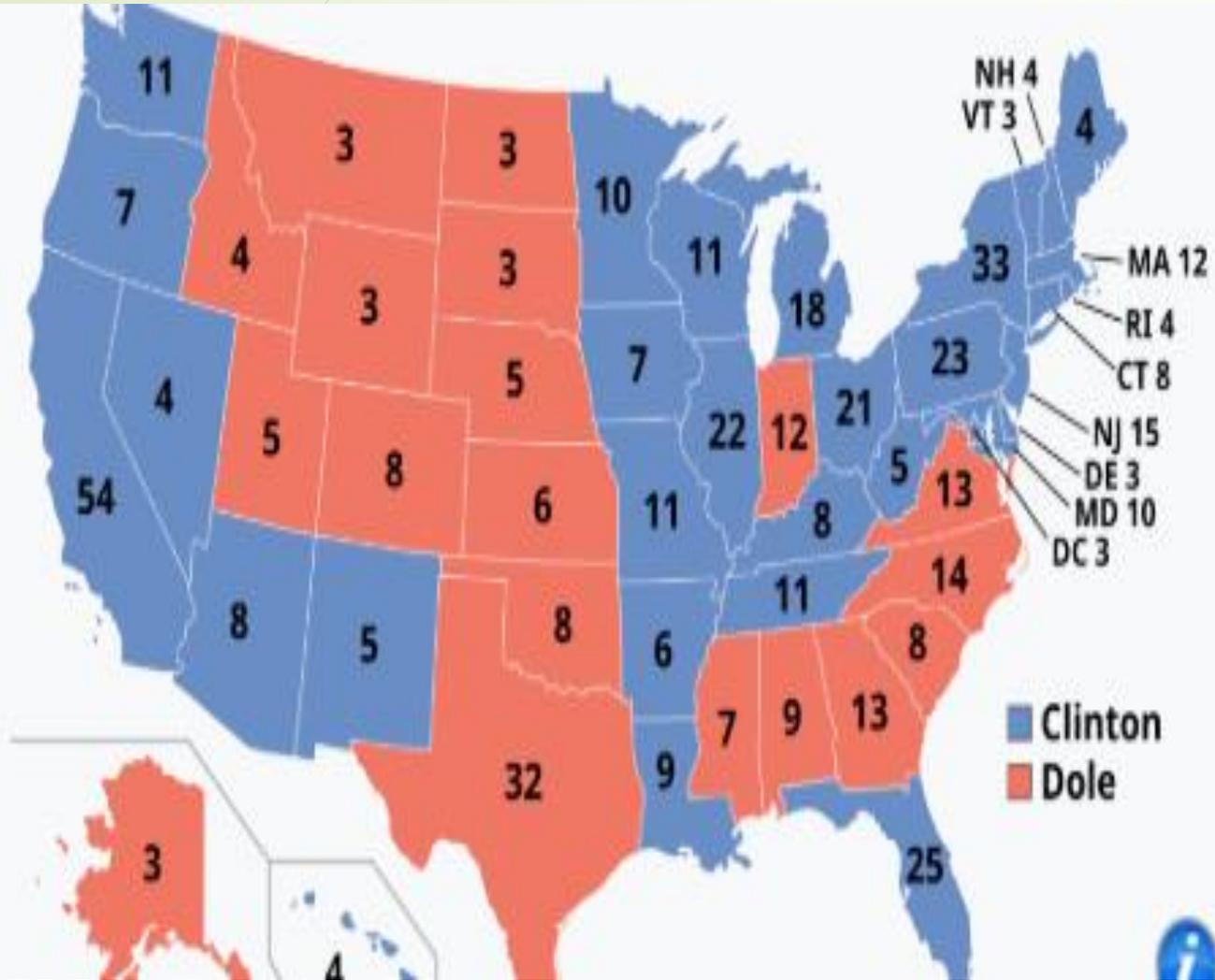
- Demographic change
- Increasing prosperity
- High incarceration rate

➤ International Peace (Talk 49)...US intervention in Bosnian war without loss

➤ Clinton investigations going nowhere

Gingrich/ Robinson predicts Republican “revolution”

1996 Presidential Election



Republicans split radical vs moderate
...pick worthy but dull ww2 veteran
(Bob Dole)

Clinton & Gore credible & young:
win 49% vote vs 41%..379 vs 159

Republicans retain Senate (+2)
And House (lose 4) ..no change
....no “revolution”

Gingrich humiliated by failure
to get “landslide” determined
to remove Clinton



Impeachment and 2nd Term

Second Term ...1996-1998

➤ Clinton

- “Supply side liberalism”. Improve economy to fund reforms
- Introduce Environmental Regulations (Al Gore Vice President)
- Shift focus to international affairs (Talk 49)

➤ Gingrich

- Secure credit for “Conservative” legislation/ expand Republican control
- Clinton: “enemy of normal Americans” ...”President Clinton [has degraded] the presidency to a level of disrespect and decadence that should appal every American.”
- Alleges suicide of Hilary aide “suspicious”(without evidence)

Gingrich encourage expansion of Clinton investigations

.....rumours Clinton involved with intern

Kenneth Starr: independent

Kenneth Starr



Highly regarded lawyer

... Evangelical Christian

...meticulous, zealous

...4 year investigation started 1994

Original Remit: Whitewater/ Troopergate

Gingrich urges expansion,

Commission separate from Congress

3 judge panel (2 Republicans)

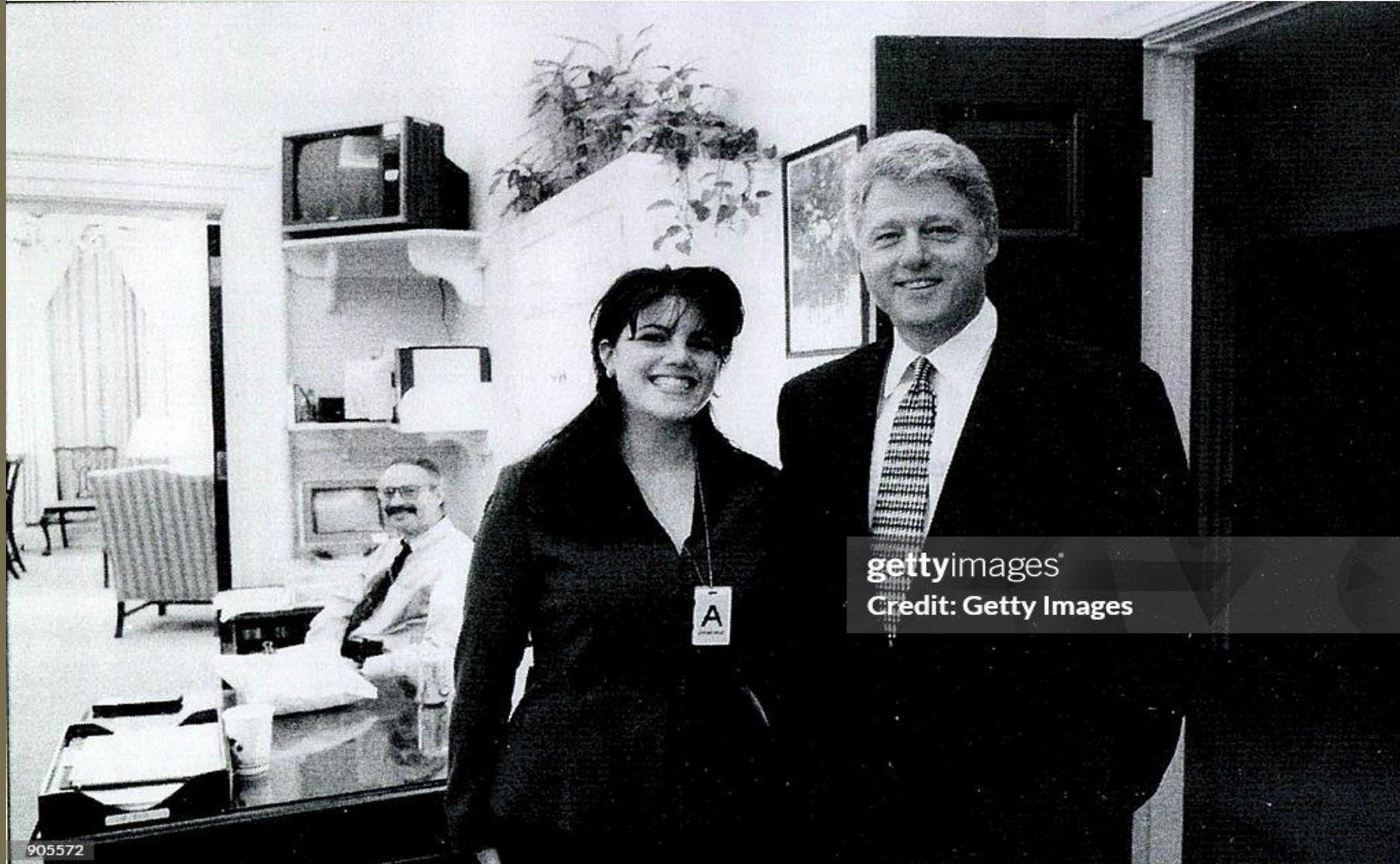
Zero results Whitewater: Trooper Gate,

Vince Foster....suicide...not murder

Gossip....Clinton and a Monica Lewinsky

Monica Lewinsky (1973.....)

Christmas photo for the new Intern



Wealthy Jewish
Family Los Angeles

BA Psychology
Private University

Family connection
....Intern to White House

“Affair with Clinton
1997-1998

...transferred to
Pentagon 1998

..supervisor..”too close”

Bill and Monica at 1996 Political Rally



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The President and the Intern



From “affair to Impeachment”

1997...Supreme Court rules investigation into Paula Jones can proceed.

.....President not immune...Green light to Starr to widen investigation

- 1997-1998 Starr Commission interviews White House staff...fishing for evidence
.....Clinton asks Monica to deny relationship
- January 1998... Clinton makes deposition “I did not have sex with this woman”
- Spring 1998 Monica confides with “friend” Linda Tripp ...who tapes conversation
.....stained blue dress to Starr Commission/ Monica secures immunity & testifies
- August 1998...Clinton “confesses”...relationship inappropriate

Starr Report published September 1988...Recommends impeachment

The Denial "I did not have sex with that woman" live TV
.....Hilary: "hysterical conspiracy". Stands by Bill



Texas cartoon...Clinton & ladies

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ALL THE PRESIDENTS' WOMEN

★ THOMAS JEFFERSON ★ SALLY HEMMINGS ★ ANDREW JACKSON ★ PEGGY EATON ★
★ GROVER CLEVELAND ★ MARIA HALPIN ★ WARREN G. HARDING ★ NAN BRITTON ★
★ FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT ★ LUCY MERCER ★ DWIGHT EISENHOWER ★ KAY SUMMERSBY ★
★ JOHN F. KENNEDY ★ JUDITH EXNER ★ FIDDLE & FADDLE ★ MARILYN MONROE ★
★ BILL CLINTON ★ GENNIFER FLOWERS ★ PAULA JONES ★ MONICA LEWINSKY ★



Affair dominates news

... (non evangelical) public support Clinton remains high



24/7 Media orgy of ridicule



Clinton admits "inappropriate relationship "with Monica
....Hillary shocked (?), orders Bill to confess to daughter Chelsea



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The Impeachment Process

- Constitution: **Article II, Section 4**

*“The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, **Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors**”*

- Process: Majority in House to Impeach, 2/3 Majority Senate to convict
.....removal from office only

- Starr Report accusations

- Perjury

- Obstruction of Justice

- Tampering with a witness

- Abuse of power

House approves articles of Impeachment

.....Perjury and Obstruction of Justice

... October 1998...Gingrich predicts “wipe out term” elections



Impeachment Trial..Senators taking oath



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The Verdict December 1988 : Not guilty Perjury 45 vs 55, Obstruction 50 vs 50



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Clinton after Impeachment Acquittal



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Clinton final years 1998-2000

- Completes Reagan de-regulation legislation: basis for 2008 Financial Crash
 - Repeals 1930's laws separating investment and retail banks
 - Deregulates sales of Derivatives (stocks for commodities)
 - Deregulates Communications"....allow free access any company anywhere
- Environment legislation pursued on emissions
- International Affairs (Talk 49)
 - Peace Treaties East Europe....support Good Friday Ireland
 - Kyoto protocol....commitment to sustainability. Rejected by Senate

Most significant event (according to Clinton): Columbine Massacre

Columbine Massacre (April 1999)

..13 Kindergartners murdered by 2 students seeking celebrity



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Columbine Memorial Service



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Columbine Massacre & birth of “Culture Wars

First mass school shooting of Kindergarten in USAunprecedented

- Conspiracy theories ...broadcast by unregulated Media & believed by millions
 - New Right Government “false flag” : effect Government use of mind altering drugs
 - Government plan to use as excuse to “take away our guns”.
- The New Right
 - Pat Robinson/ Newt Gingrich....caused by moral decay, absence of religion in schools
 - Jerry Falwell (Mega Church) “I believe that we have had the ACLU, the People for the American Way, the homosexuals, and the feminists who have all tried to secularize America. I point the finger in their face and say, ‘You helped this happen.’”
- Clinton attempts to pass gun control legislation blocked by Republican Congress

Precedent set for copy cat killings yet to come....normalisation
irreconcilable “Culture War”

Clinton leaves office January 2001controversial election (Talk 51)

- Highest popularity rating ever recorded (60%)
- "Goldilocks Economy"
 - Low inflation, unemployment, poverty reduced
 - Deficit reduced, annual budget balanced
- Crime all types reduced by more than 50%
- Nation at Peace

Clinton rated as successful ...lucky and not challenged by major crisis
..... "Presidency" devalued by personal behaviour
.....cultural divisions fuelled.....tranquillity about to be ended



Bill and Hilary's White House Life

White House Life during Clinton

➤ The Partnership

- Two highly educated ambitious driven with shared goals
- Hilary "full partner" and "most trusted advisor....beyond romantic attachment"
- She...intellectual process focused, he communicator, concept focused

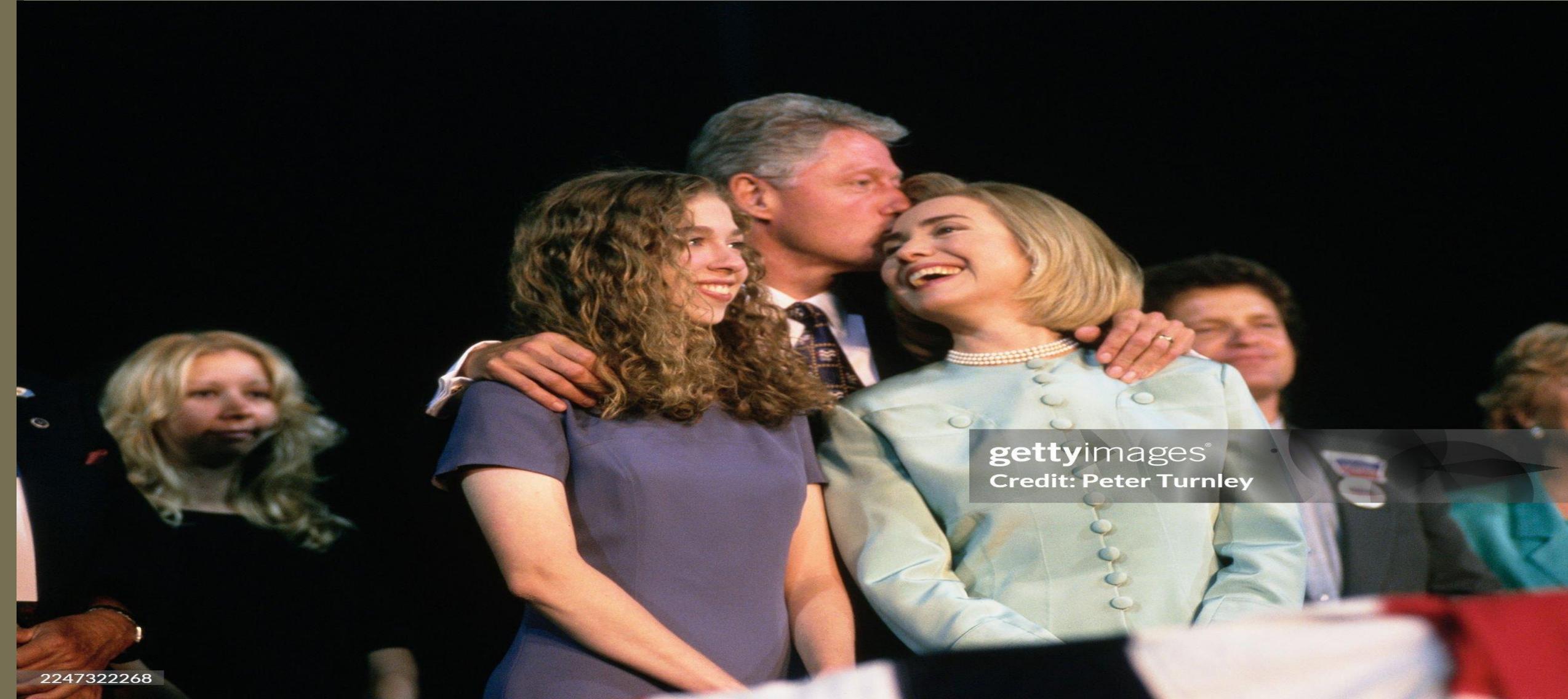
➤ Hilary retains key role throughout Presidency

- High Profile policy maker during Health Care Plan 1994-1996
- Reverts to traditional role and supporter of Bill
- Advises in background....furious arguments, always resolved

➤ Scandals damage Presidency and Hilary future more than marriage

- Denial, loyalty: scandals ."vast right wing conspiracies",
- Media depiction: Hilary "ambitious and overbearing", "political operator"
- Lewinsky scandal humiliating...bringing his behaviour "inside the house" & lying

Bill, Hilary and daughter Chelsea 1996 Democratic Nomination



Hilary...watching Bill deny Lewinski affair
.....will admit



Hilary and Lewinsky Affair Impact

- Compels Bill to explain “affair” to daughter...”hardest thing I ever had to do”
- Rejects “abuse of power”....Lewinsky consenting adult
- “I believed what my husband did was morally wrong. So was lying to me and misleading the American people about it.”
- I could hardly breathe. Gulping for air, I started crying and yelling at him, ‘What do you mean? What are you saying? Why did you lie to me?’ I was furious

Bill reputation perpetually tarnished to American public

Hilary perpetually typecast as “political operator” ...easy target for future



Epilogues

Gingrich.....fall from grace

Portrait of Gingrich



Revelations past life emerge early 2000's
....1980 divorce....wife in hospital uterine cancer
....thrown out of room "She's not young enough
or pretty enough to be the wife of the President.
And besides, she has cancer."...Finance Mgr

...Reprimanded by Ethics committee: 84 violations
....misuse of funds...claim illegal tax exemptions

Affair in 1993-97..with 20 year old White house staff
....during Monica Lewinsky/ Clinton affair

Divorces 2nd wife after diagnosis for multiple
Sclerosis...and her refusal for "open marriage"

Becomes Catholic...repents "inappropriate behavior"
...remarries, consulting business, Trump supporter
remains a certified green

Monica Lewinsky

Monica 2025 (Aged 53)



- Aftermath....celebrity
 - Book sale. Interviews Designer handbags/ TV Show
 - "I'm kind of known for something that's not so great to be known for."
- Retreats to UK
 - Student LSE England 2005/2006
- Social Activist
 - Anti Cyber Bullying
 - Me Too Movement

Never married, .no children
.....despises Clinton

Clinton leaving Presidency 2001



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Bill Clinton Quotes

- “There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America”
- “When our memories outweigh our dreams, we’ve grown old.”
- ““The old debates that pit the left against the right, government versus the market, are obsolete. The Third Way is about creating opportunity, demanding responsibility, and building a community for the 21st century.”

**Self Image....a new JFK/ FDR
...not how he will be remembered**

Clinton: Life after Presidency

- Produces memoirs...My Life...best seller, deeply analytical but self serving
- Speech making tours...earning £100,000 + per speech
- Clinton Foundation: Global consulting, peace talks
- Epstein association...extent remains unclear
- Supports Hilary's career as Senator and Presidential Candidate in 2022

Bill and Hilary 2025still fighting and together





Next Talk...Pax Americana
....Clinton and world 1992-2000