The Modern Age
• Jimmy Carter (D) wins 1976 elections
• Georgia
• Informal
• Economy was bad
• Attacking one part of stagflation made the other part worse
OPEC

- Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
- raised oil prices throughout 70’s
  - 1972 gas was 35 cents
  - 1973 gas was a dollar
- 1979 – raised prices %60
Camp David Accords

• 1978 – No Arab country had recognized Israel
• Egypt – Anwar Sadat
• Israel – Menachem Begin
• Israel gives Egypt land acquired during wars
• Egypt recognizes Israel
• Hailed as a great victory that would bring peace to the middle east
Iranian Revolution

• 1979
• Radical Muslims led by the Ayatollah Khomeini overthrow the Shah of Iran
• 52 American hostages taken and held for 444 days
• Carter writes letters asking if they could please release the hostages.
• 1980 Carter tries a commando rescue – it fails badly
• Eventually freed after Carter makes some deals with Iranian government ($)
• Carters popularity down
• Gives the famous “Crises of Confidence” speech – said there was a “national malaise”
• Reagan (R) wins 1980 election
Ronald Reagan

- Brought optimism back to the USA
- Conservative
  - Smaller government and individual responsibility
  - Embraced traditional values such as family and religion
Supply-side Economics

- Called Reaganomics
- Cut taxes so businesses could invest and expand, which would create more jobs and grow the economy.
- Some spending was cut
- Defense spending increased
- “Reagonomics” has many critics, but it works very well
Foreign Policy

• Challenged the Soviets verbally and economically
• SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative)
• Aided counties in South America against the communists (sometimes “illegally”)
• 1983 - invaded Grenada to stop a communist uprising, stayed to ensure free elections.
• Russian economy is bad
• Mikhail Gorbachev institutes Perestroika (restructuring the economy) and Glasnost (political openness) to try and keep up with the USA
• Reagan is open but firm
• Berlin wall speech
Reagan’s Legacy

• His tax policy was used in many places throughout the world and brought relative prosperity – it is still hated by liberals
• Continued deficit spending
• Strengthened our military
• Brought optimism and patriotism back to America – many believed this country was great again
- 1988 election – George Bush (R) wins.
- 1989 – Soviet satellites start rejecting communism
- Berlin wall is torn down, a year later Germany reunites
- 1991 – The USSR breaks up, many sections become independent countries, Russia becomes a democracy
China

- 1989 – Tiananmen Square
- Student protesters built a mini-statue of liberty, wanted Democracy and freedom
- Chinese governments sends in the tanks to crush the protesters, many are killed
The Persian Gulf War

- August 1990 – Iraq, led by Saddam Hussein, invaded Kuwait
- January 1991 – Operation Desert Storm
- UN (mostly US) forces led by Colin Powel and Norman Schwarzkopf conducted an air campaign that bombed Iraqi forces and then a limited ground campaign to drive them out of Kuwait
- We lost less than 300 soldiers, it was very popular
- …but Iraq left mostly intact with Hussein still in charge
1992 election

- Bush had raised taxes after vowing not to
- We were in a slight recession
- Bill Clinton campaigned as a “New Democrat” (a republican)
- Ross Perot campaigned as a independent conservative
• Clinton – 43%
• Bush – 38%
• Perot – 19%
Bosnian War

• 1992-95
• Yugoslavia breaks up
• The different ethnic groups fight one another for control
• US drops a lot of bombs
• Serbs (Christian) try to wipe out the Bosniaks (Islam)
• (?)
• 1994 – republicans take over Senate and House
• 1996 – Clinton agrees to Welfare Reform
• 1996 Election
  – Bill Clinton 49%
  – Bob Dole 41%
  – Ross Perot 8%
• Clinton’s 2nd term is full of scandals
• Accused of Sexual harassment – Clinton lies under oath
• 1998 - He is impeached but not convicted
Before 9/11

- After the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, which killed six and injured 1,000;
  President Clinton promised that those responsible would be hunted down and punished.

- After the 1995 bombing in Saudi Arabia, which killed five U.S. military personnel;
  Clinton promised that those responsible would be hunted down and punished.

- After the 1996 Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia, which killed 19 and injured 200 U.S. military personnel;
  Clinton promised that those responsible would be hunted down and punished.

- After the 1998 bombing of U.S. embassies in Africa, which killed 224 and injured 5,000;
  Clinton promised that those responsible would be hunted down and punished.

- After the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole, which killed 17 and injured 39 U.S. sailors;
  Clinton promised that those responsible would be hunted down and punished.
2000 Election

• Vice President Al Gore (D)
• George W. Bush (R)
• Ralph Nader (G)
• George Bush wins but it’s close
• Bush – 271 electoral votes, 50,456,062 popular votes
• Gore – 266 electoral votes, 50,996,582
• Nader – 2,858,843 popular votes
• Other – 1,051,811 popular votes
• Some think that Nader cost Gore the victory
• Bush cuts taxes
• Foreign policy – Clinton’s Israeli-Palestinian talks imploded, so Bush intends to let Middle East deal with its own problems…
• …until 9/11 brings those problems to us.
9/11/2001

- Muslim Terrorists hijacked 4 planes
- 2 hit the World Trade Center
- 1 hit the Pentagon
- 1 brought down by passengers before it had a chance to get to its target
- Over 3000 killed
Al Qaeda

- Islamic Terrorist group behind the attacks
- Led by wealthy Saudi Arabian Osama Bin Laden
Afghanistan

- Taliban government harbored Al Qaeda
- Bush demands that they turn over Bin Laden and shut down terrorist groups, they refuse
- Oct 7, 2001 we invade
- Bush announces his war on terrorism that will be a “lengthy campaign, unlike any other we have seen.”
- “Every nation, in every region, now has a decision to make. Either you are with us or you are with the terrorists.”
Iraq

- Saddam Hussein continually ignored UN mandates that he agreed to after the 1st gulf war
- Harbored terrorists
- Had weapons of mass destruction (WMDs)
- Oct 2002 Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing the president to use force
- March 19, 2003 war begins
• Media is largely against the war
• 2004 election – George W. Bush defeats John Kerry
• Democrats retake Senate and House
Now!

- Our economy is good, but shifting towards socialism, which many fear will put a burden on the young.

**SHIFTING PRIORITIES**

Since 1956, the budget has moved from mostly defense spending to Social Security and other personal payments.

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SOURCE: Office of Management and Budget
The Washington Post
U.S. Federal Spending – Fiscal Year 2010 ($ Billion)

- Total: $3,456 B
- Social Security: $701 (20%)
- Defense Department: $689 (20%)
- Other Mandatory: $416 (12%)
- Net Interest: $197 (6%)
- Medicare & Medicaid: $793 (23%)
- Discretionary: $660 (19%)

Source Data: CBO Historical Tables
Lack of Discretion

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Source: White House Office of Management & Budget, USA Inc.


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Chart 2

USA Balance Sheet Liabilities

- Federal Debt: 9.1T
- Unfunded Social Security: 7.9T
- Unfunded Medicare: 22.8T
- Medicaid: 35.3T

Source: A Basic Summary of America's Financial Statements, USA Inc., Mary Meeker
• Immigration issues
  – Cultural
  – Defense
• Islamic terrorism many people’s chief concern
Demography

“Civilizations die from suicide, not murder.” Arnold J. Toynbee

- 2.1 = stability
- USA – 2.11
- New Zealand – 2.1
- Ireland – 1.9
- Australia – 1.7
- Canada – 1.48
- Japan – 1.32
- Europe – 1.38
- Italy – 1.2
- Spain – 1.1
- Russia – 1.14
- China – officially 1

- Socialism will cause these countries to economically implode unless changes are made
- Immigration is seen by these countries as a means to stay alive
- These immigrants are largely Muslim
• Niger – 7.46
• Mali – 7.42
• Somalia – 6.76
• Afghanistan – 6.69
• Yemen – 6.58

• A large % of the world's top baby producing countries are Islamic
Lets take a closer look

- Population under 15 years old
- Spain – 14%
- Germany – 14%
- United Kingdom – 18%
- USA – 21%
- Pakistan – 40%
- Yemen – 47%
• In USA – Bush voting states 12% higher than Kerry voting states
• Hispanics, now largest minority have healthy birth rates
• Whites at about 1.85
• Russia is a big concern because the have a lot of Chemical, Biological, and Nuclear weapons

• Many abortions

• AIDS, Hepatitis, TB, drug use huge problems in male population

• 12 out of 89 federal regions show substantial population growth – all Islamic
The New Appeasement

“When people see a strong horse and a weak horse, by nature they will like the strong horse” Osama Bin Laden

• Spain – 3/11 2004
• In Madrid, train bombings by Islamic terrorists killed over 200
• 3/14 is the election – Populist Party was leading in the polls, Socialist Party pledged to get out of Iraq
• Socialist Party wins
• London Tube Bombings – Islamic suicide bombers attack London transportation system in 2005, 52 dead, 700 injured

• British society is starting to censor itself and remove things that offend Muslims including British schools removing the Holocaust

• Dutch Cartoon Riots – over a hundred dead because of riots

• French “Youth” riots

• Many more examples…
Europe’s reaction?

- The populations of Europe are aging fast, so more immigrants will be needed to support the pensioners, and these will be largely Muslim immigrants. For this increasingly Muslim Europe to define itself against Islam would be ridiculous and suicidal…Let’s imagine, for a moment, Europe in 2025 at its possible best. A political, economic, and security community of some forty free countries and 650 million people, embracing all the lands in which the two world wars began, and producing, still, a large part of the wealth of the world. A further 650 million people, born in the most explosive parts of the early twenty-first-century globe, but now living in a great arc of partnership with this European Union, from Marrakesh, via Cairo, Jerusalem, Baghdad, and Tbilisi, all the way to Vladivostok. That would not be nothing.

  Garton Ash, Oxford professor, Expert on the EU
• “Just look at the development within Europe, where the number of Muslims is expanding like mosquitoes. Every western women in the EU is producing an average of 1.4 children. Every Muslim women in the same countries is producing 3.5 children. Our way of thinking will prove more powerful than yours.”

Norwegian Imam
Mullah Krekar
• “We are not fighting so that you will offer us something, we are fighting to eliminate you.”

Hussein Massari
North Korea

• 1994 – Bill Clinton sends Jimmy Carter to talk to Kim Il-Sung – we compromise and give them things if they promise not to build Nukes

• 2005 – Kim Jong-Il announced that they lied

• 2007 – Bush compromises and gives them things if they promise to disarm their nukes
Where are we going?