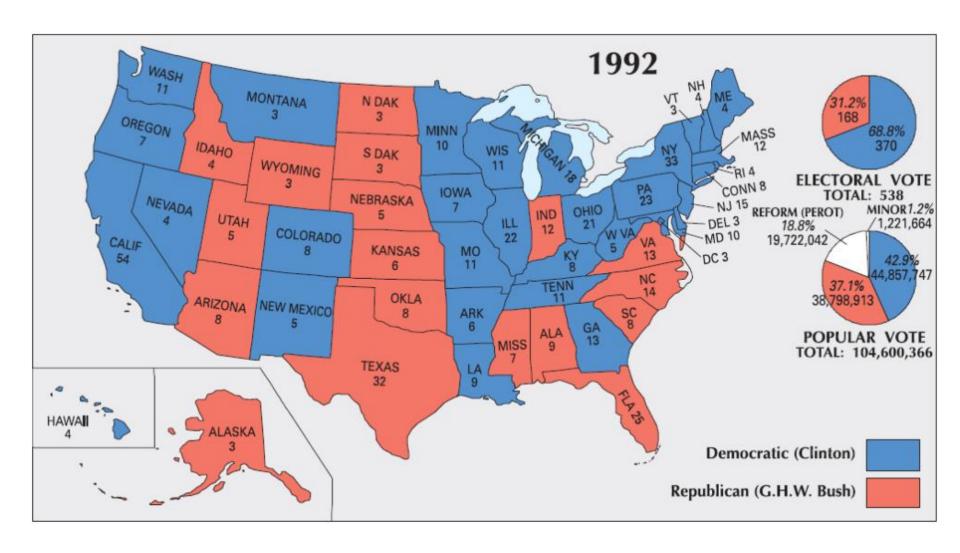
# The Age of Bill Clinton

1992-2000





### 1992 Election

- The Election of 1992 was a 3 way race between President Bush, Democrat Bill Clinton and Independent Ross Perot
- Clinton appeared youthful and symbolized the youth and excitement of the 90's.
  - Moderate Democrat
- In the general election Perot split the conservative vote and allowed Clinton to win
  - ▶ 43% of vote







### Anti Government Events (Waco, TX)

### February, 1993

- FBI, ATF, and other agencies acting on weapon violations and allegations of child abuse raided the Branch Davidian cult compound to arrest leader David Koresh.
- The heavily armed Davidians fought off agents, killing 4 and wounding 20.
- ▶ 51 day standoff ensued. In April, '93 agents raided the compound again.
- Koresh ordered his followers to burn the compound and commit mass suicide.
- Many believe that the raid was an infringement of religious liberty and property rights.







## Anti Government Events (Oklahoma City)

### • April, 1995

- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Waco raid
- Timothy McVeigh bombed the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.
- McVeigh was a member of a rightist fringe and white supremacy movement
- ▶ 168 Killed
  - Worst <u>domestic</u> terrorist event in American history.







### NAFTA

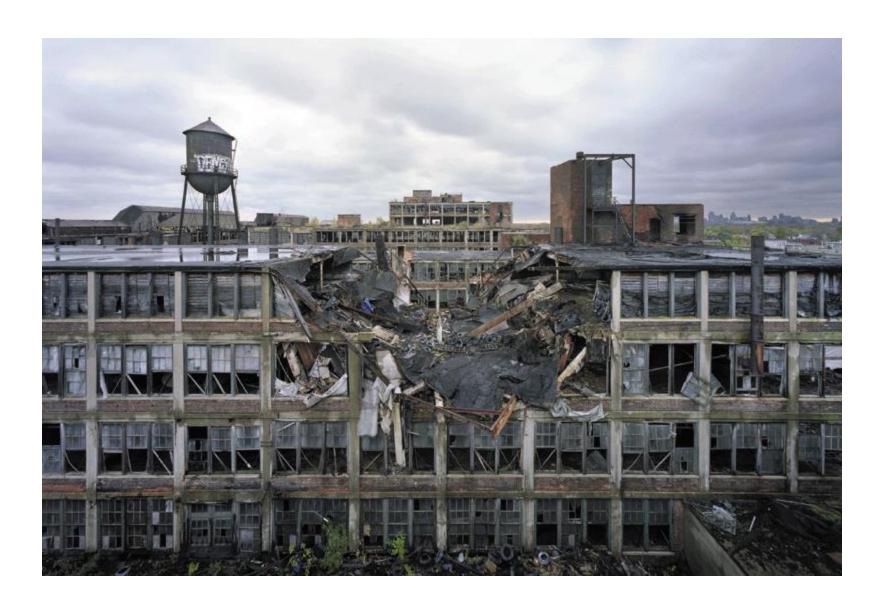
### North American Free-Trade Agreement

- ▶ January, 1994
- The governments of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico sign free a trade agreement.
- Treaty removed restrictive tariffs on much of the trade passed between the three nations.
- ▶ Encouraged the easing of trade between the three countries





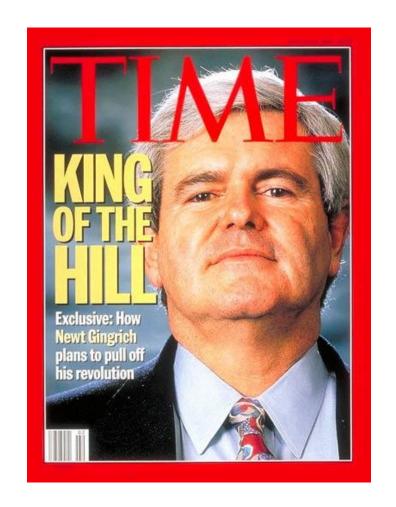




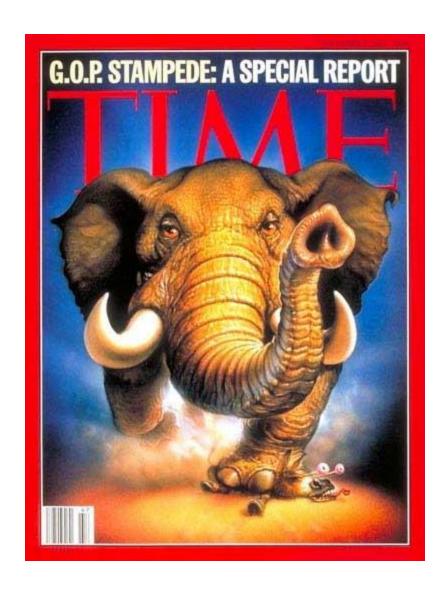


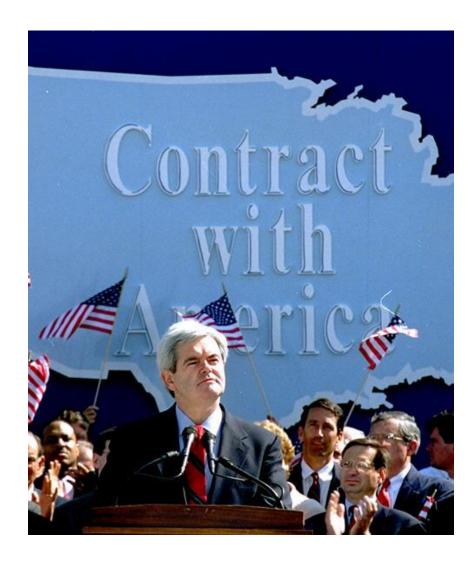
### "Contract with America" '94 GOP Midterm Election Sweep

- In 1994, Republicans took the majority in the House for the first time in 40 years.
- Under Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-GA), GOP campaigned on "Contract with America."
- The Contract nationalized the campaign, turning the election into a referendum on Democratic leadership













### Views of Clinton, Gingrich Before and After Shutdown Fight

Clinton job	Dec 1994	Oct 1995	March 1996
approval	%	%	%
Approve	41	48	55
Disapprove	47	42	38
Don't know	12	10	<u>7</u>
	100	100	100
Gingrich favorability	Jan 1995	Nov 1995*	March 1996
Favorable	34	25	25
Unfavorable	37	57	58
Can't rate/DK	29	19	18
	100	100	100

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Gingrich favorability data from Gallup/CNN/USA Today.





<sup>\*</sup> Survey conducted Nov. 6-8, 1995, prior to shutdown. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

### 1996 Election

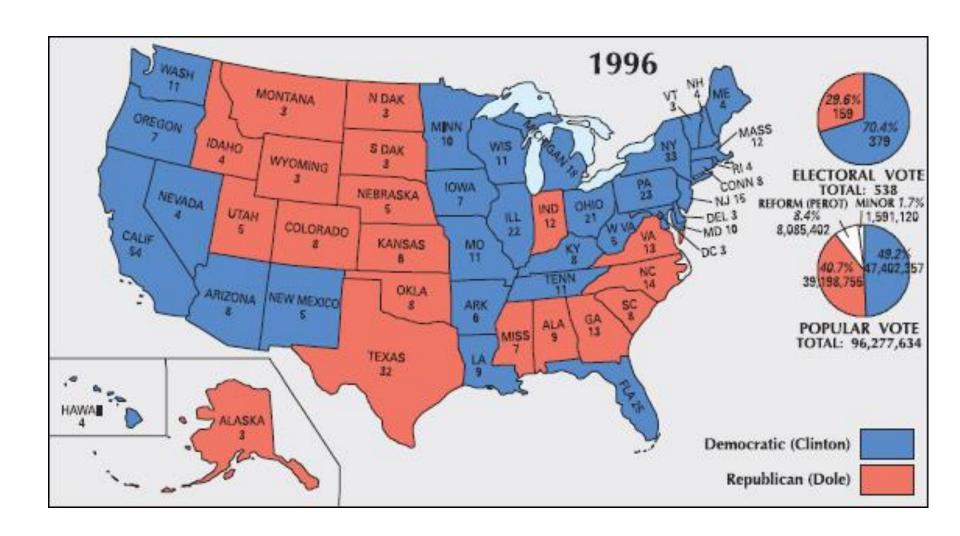
- President Bill Clinton vs. Senator Bob Dole
- Senator Dole displayed an inability to connect with the voters
  - Age
  - Personality
- ▶ The economy was relatively good and the country wasn't at war.
- Republicans blamed for Government shutdown in 1995.
- ▶ Clinton easily wins reelection.







Source: Walt Handelsman, The Times-Picayune (adapted)



# Clinton Impeached

House Approves Articles Charging Perjury, Obstruction

Livingston Quits As Designated House Speaker

#### Clinton Vows to Finish Out Term

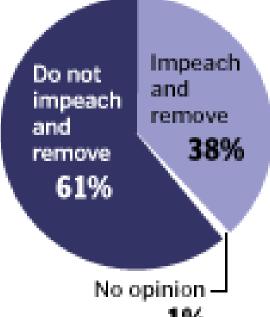
President Seys He Will Keep Working to 'the Last Hoor of the Last Day'



Mostly Partisan Vote Shifts Drama to Senate

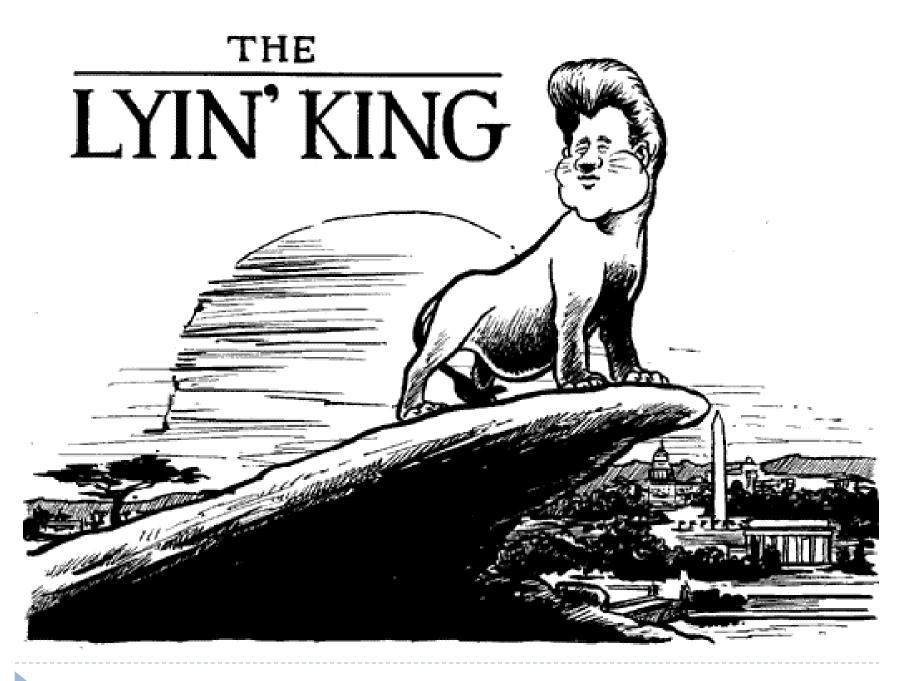
# Poll Results

Q: Based on what you know, do you think Congress should or should not impeach Clinton and remove him from office?



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## Impeachment

- August, 1998
  - Clinton testified during a federal jury and denied having a relationship with intern Monica Lewinsky
- December, 1998
  - After admitting on Television to a "improper relationship" with Lewinsky, the House votes for Impeachment.
- ▶ January, 1999
  - Impeachment trial begins in the Senate. Clinton later acquitted on all charges







## Other Major Events of the 90s

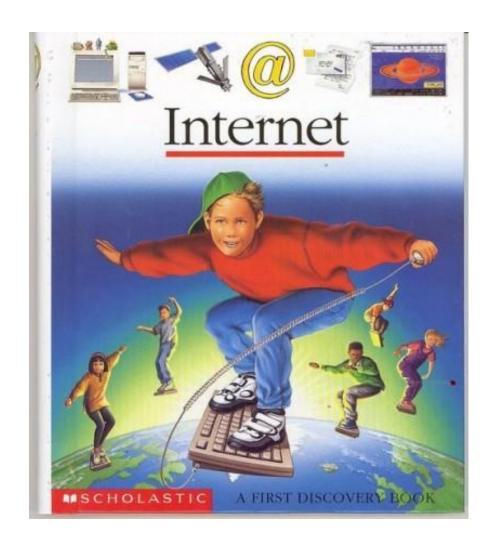
- **1992-1995** 
  - Bosnian War
- **1993** 
  - ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> World Trade Center bombing
- **1994** 
  - Rwandan Genocide
- **1997** 
  - ▶ OJ Simpson Murder Trial
- 1999
  - Columbine Massacre

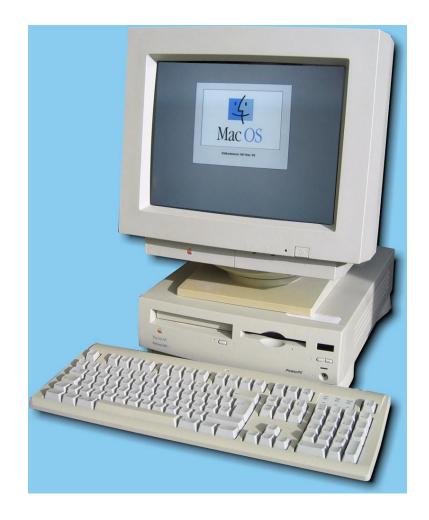














# Technology in the 90s

- ▶ The World Wide Web launches in 1990.
  - Microsoft launches web browser and operation systems
  - "Dot-Com" businesses grow
    - Millions of jobs and helps the economy during the 1990s

### **▶** Telecommunications Act-1996

- Merged radio, movie, television, and newspaper companies into large conglomerates.
  - Creation of massive media outlets:
    - □ Time Warner, Disney-ABC Television Group, Clear Channel, Newscorp, Comcast Corporation etc
- ▶ Home Computer sales grow
- ▶ Cell Phone use grows in the 90s
  - ▶ 400 Million users by 2000.
    - Cost & Availability





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