

**George W. Bush**



**1946-**  
**Republican**

**Nickname:**

**"George W."  
"Dubya"**

**First Lady:**

**Laura Welch  
(married 1977)**

**Children:**

**Barbara, Jenna**

**Born:**

**July 6, 1946  
New Haven,  
Connecticut**

**Died:**

**Still living**

**43<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States.**

**Vice President: Richard Cheney**

**Presidential Years: 2001-2009**

**Main candidate defeated for Presidency:**

- **Election 2000 - Al Gore, Jr.**
- **Election 2004 - John Kerry**

**Major happenings during first term:**

- **Tax Relief** was given to many Americans in the form of rebate checks.
- **Public School Reforms** were initiated in hopes of improving public school educations.
- **September 11, 2001** the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil happened when passenger planes were hijacked and flown into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, killing thousands. President Bush declared a War on Terrorism.
- **Homeland Security** -President Bush created the Department of Homeland Security
- **National Security** - Defense spending and military research budgets were significantly increased
- **Iraq** - The United States invaded Iraq, removing Saddam Hussein from power
- **Economy**- The U.S. Stock Market remained unsteady; changes in spending were reflected in changes in the national budget.

**Interesting Fact:**

- **First son of a president to be elected to office since John Q. Adams in 1864.**

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