

## **George W. Bush**

### **Introduction:**

I've chosen to write a project about George Walker Bush. The reason I chose this topic, is that I don't like Bush or his policy. I wanted to know more details about what he has done during his political career, and now I know. And there was surprisingly more than I had expected..

George W. Bush is a person who I assume most people have an opinion about. The opinions that we mostly hear about, is negative. That isn't surprising, at least not to me. All the things he has done, not only as the President of the United States of America, but also as a senator. He actually has a criminal record as well, but we'll never know what it is for.

This project has in fact been interesting, and now I know much more facts about Bush, the terror-attacks, the war in Iraq and much more.

You'll get to read facts about Bush, a biography, find out more details about everything that he has done, and other interesting things it's worth to know.

### **What did George W. Bush do before he became the President of the United States of America?**

George Walker Bush was born on July 6th, 1946, in New Haven, Connecticut, and he grew up in Midland and Houston, Texas. He is the son of former president George Bush. Bush attended Yale University, and received a bachelor's degree in 1968, then from 1968 to 1973, he was an F-102 fighter pilot in the Texas Air National Guard. In 1975, he graduated from Harvard Business School, where he received a Master of Business Administration.

In 1977, he married the former librarian and teacher Laura Welsh. They have got twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara. In the family, they have also included their cat India, and their two dogs, Spot and Barney.

Most of the 1970's and 1980's, Bush worked in the oil and gas business in Texas. But in 1978, he ran as the Republican nominee for Congress in Texas's 19th House district. He lost, and went back to the oil and gas business, and his business got into trouble. In 1987 and 1988, Bush started to work on his father's presidential campaign. After Bush Senior won the presidency, Bush Junior became a managing general partner of the baseball team Texas Rangers from 1989 to 1994.

In 1994, Bush was 48 years old. He won the election as governor of Texas with 53,5% of the vote against the Democratic nominee for governor, Ann Richards. Bush became the 46th Governor of the State of Texas. Many people believe that George W. Bush became governor mostly because of his and his father's name. On November 3rd, 1998, Bush was re-elected as governor of Texas, now with 68,6% of the vote. During the six years as governor of Texas, he

got a reputation. This reputation was that he was "a compassionate conservative who shaped public policy based on the principles of limited government, personal responsibility, strong families, and local control."

But at the same time, while Bush was the governor of Texas, he changed pollution laws for power and oil companies, and made Texas the most polluted state in the US. He also set the record for most executions by any governor in American history.

When Bush and Al Gore were the two left standing in the "Presidential Race", Bush was clearly leading the national polls. But after a little while, it seemed like his campaign lost focus, and many people thought that he would lose. It seemed like Bush was more interested in discussing the format of the candidate debates instead of the policy issues that had made him a strong candidate for the presidency in the first place. At this point, he had lost the last popular vote by over 500 000 votes. But luckily for Bush, he managed to debate really well on the first presidential candidates' debate on October 3rd, 2000. After this, Bush's poll numbers increased. At the next debate, on October 11th, Bush actually did it well when he had to answer a large number of questions about foreign policies and defense issues, which everybody knew was Bush's weak spots. The voters believed in George Bush, and he won the votes of the people who wanted to get a change after the Clinton-Gore administration. The voters regarded Bush as the candidate of change, and Gore as the candidate who represented the status quo. There were a lot of back and forth on the counting of the votes. In the end, it was the U.S. Supreme Court who decided the case in favor of Bush.

Bush is the 43rd President of the United States of America. He became president on January 20th, 2001.

What has President Bush done during his presidency?

First of all, is Bush the first president in US history with a criminal record. This is of course secretly garded, so that no one can see which crimes he actually has committed. But only few days before the election, reporters got hold of this story: Bush is convicted of drunk driving. On September 4th 1976, a state trooper saw him drive, and he got caught, and he lost his driver's license. His spokesman said that he had drunk several beers before the arrest. At the time, Bush was 30 years old. He stopped drinking when he turned 40, because he had a drinking problem. Bush denied this story when it came out in the media, and lied about being arrested. He still claims that he only got a fine and got his driver's license suspended, that he didn't get arrested.

Another thing Bush has been arrested for, is theft and vandalism, when he went in college, in 1968.

### **The conclusion of this project**

This has been the most interesting project I've ever worked on, and now I even know about things from Bush's criminal record!

He is really starting to get the tendencies to become a dictator, so I just hope that the American people will wake up and realize what kind of man he really is. He is not a kind of man I would want to rule my country, and at least not after reading all this information about him. That he has lied so much about so important things like the air quality in New York, is a completely different thing than when Bill Clinton lied about having an affair with Monica Lewinsky. But there's still one thing I'm wondering about when it comes to George W. Bush; what is going on in this guy's head, what is he thinking with when he does all these horrible things? I guess that I'll never know..