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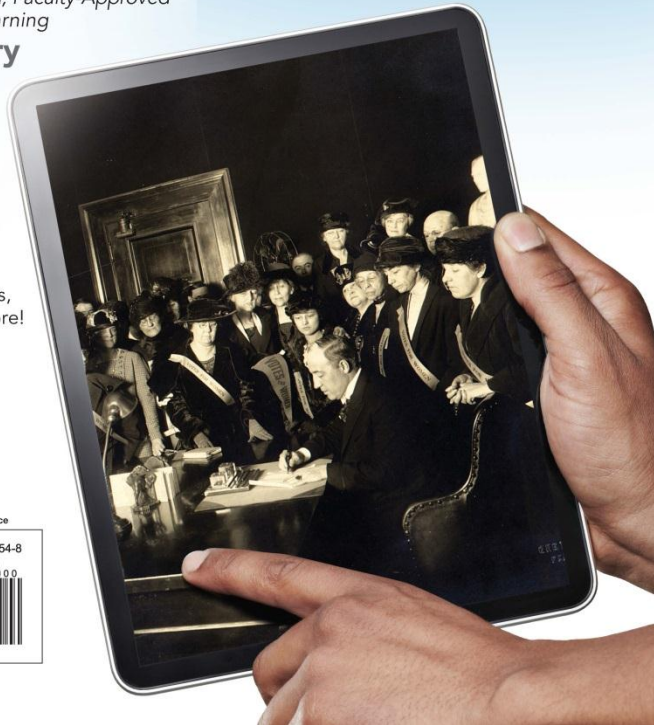
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Chapter 28 America in the Information Age



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What do **you** think?

Clinton's unabashed advocacy for opening up trade is a central legacy of his presidency.

Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

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The New Political Center

- Centrism

The Fall of Bush

- Clarence Thomas
- “Culture Wars”
- L.A. Riots

1998 Ben Sakoguchi





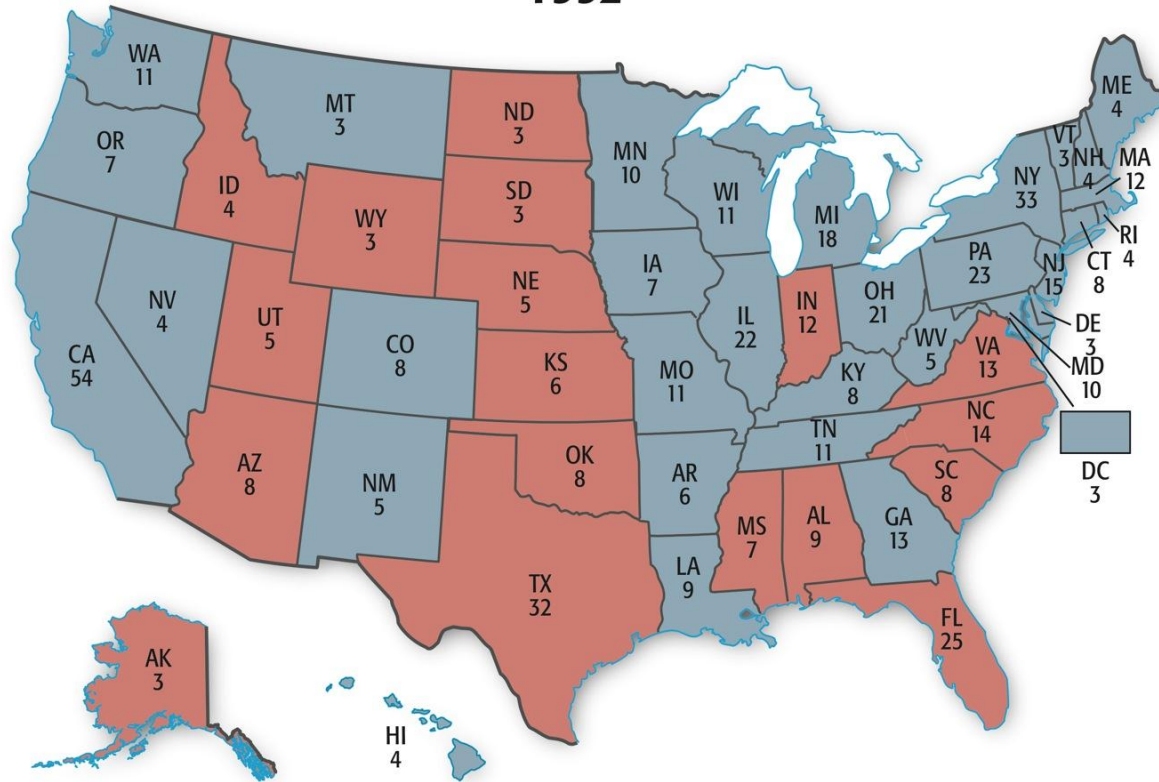
The Rise of Bill Clinton

- Outside Challengers
- A Divided Electorate

Bill Clinton, Free Trader

- Clinton's "Third Way"
- Free Trade
- Deficit Reduction

1992



Candidate (Party)	Electoral Vote	Popular Vote
Clinton (Democrat)	370 68.8%	44,908,233 43.0%
Bush (Republican)	168 31.2%	39,102,282 37.4%
Perot (Independent)	0 0.0%	19,741,048 18.9%



Map 28.1. The Election of 1992



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Post–Cold War Foreign Policy

- Somalia
- No intervention in Rwanda
- The Balkans



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The Republican Surge

- Policy Missteps
- The “Contract with America”

Clinton's Recovery

- Closing Down the Government
- The 1996 Election

The Information Revolution

- Clinton was aided by a solid economic rebound, largely caused by a revolution in information technology

Economic Rebound

- In 1993, the United States' real annual growth rate in GDP was a healthy 2.7 percent
- It ran more than 4 percent per year between 1997 and 1999

The Digital Age

- The Internet and Information Technologies
- Other Communications
- Costs
- Benefits



Consolidation and Globalization

- Corporate Consolidation
- Globalization
- Critics of Globalization



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Multiculturalism

- By the 1990s there were more than a million immigrants coming to the country *each year*
- Hispanics had become the country's largest minority group
- Racial and ethnic diversity became accepted as a positive good
- 10 million illegal immigrants living in the United States during the first years of the twenty-first century

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TIME

Take a good look
at this woman.
She was created by
a computer from a
mix of several
races. What you see
is a remarkable
preview of ...

THE NEW FACE OF AMERICA

How Immigrants Are Shaping the World's
First Multicultural Society



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Two Americas

- By the turn of the century, “two Americas” had formed, one that tended to vote Republican, the other Democratic

Discontent

- Oklahoma City
- James Byrd, Jr.
- Matthew Shepard
- Columbine

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Political Polarization

- Lewinsky Episode
- Rebuking the Republicans

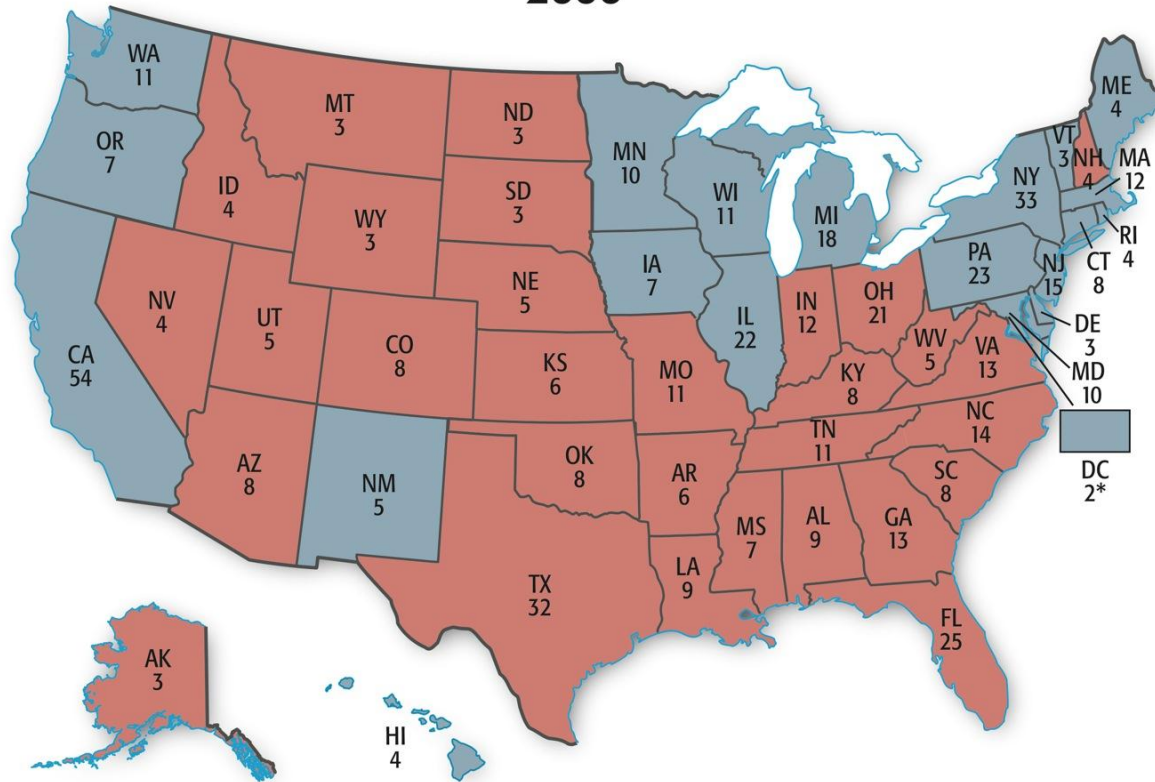


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The 2000 Election

- The Candidates
- The Vote
- The Controversy

2000



Candidate (Party)	Electoral Vote	Popular Vote
Bush (Republican)	271 50.4%	50,465,169 47.79%
Gore (Democrat)	266 49.4%	50,996,062 48.29%
Nader (Green)	0 0.0%	2,529,871 2.40%

* One elector from the District of Columbia abstained.



Map 28.2. The Election of 2000



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What else was happening . . .

1996

As an April Fool's joke, Taco Bell runs a full-page ad in newspapers, including the *New York Times*, claiming that the fast-food chain has just bought the Liberty Bell for \$1 million. The joke goes on to say that there are plans to rename it the "Taco Liberty Bell." For a full day, it is taken as a legitimate news event.

1997

Nevada becomes the first state to pass legislation categorizing Y2K data disasters as "acts of God," protecting the state from lawsuits that might be brought against it by residents in the year 2000.

1997

Scientists at Roslin Institute in Scotland clone a sheep, Dolly.

1997

Princess Di is killed in a car crash in Paris.