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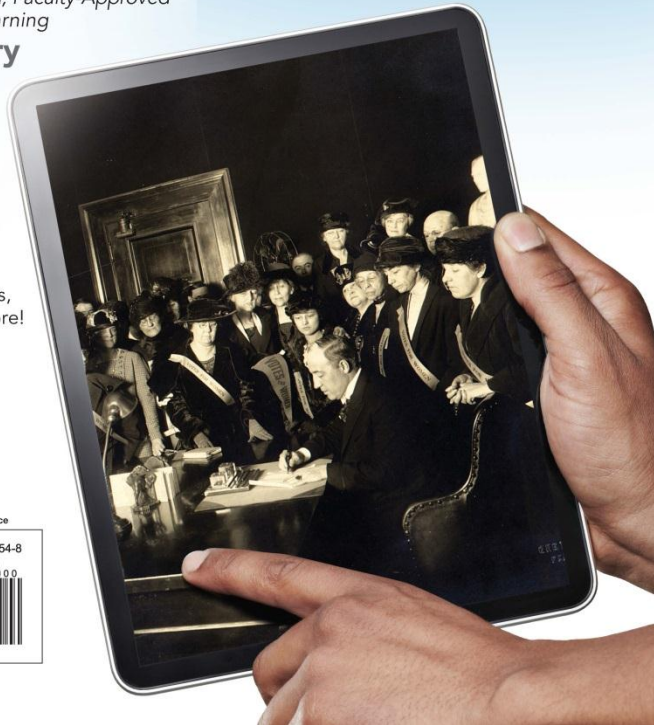
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## Chapter 29

# Globalization and Its Discontents



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# What do **you** think?

**The role of government is not only to keep its citizens safe from terrorist attacks but also to keep them safe from bizarre financial products and investment schemes.**

*Strongly Disagree*

*Strongly Agree*

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# George W. Bush

- Bush came to office with no mandate
- He pressed ahead with his conservative agenda
- Centerpiece of his agenda was a large tax cut for wealthy Americans

# September 11

- Terrorists hijacked four U.S. airliners, flew them into World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon
- On the fourth jet, passengers overtook the hijackers, and the jet crashed into a field in Pennsylvania
- More than 3,000 people died in the attacks



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# War in Afghanistan and War on Terror

- Bush doctrine

# USA PATRIOT Act

- The USA PATRIOT Act allowed the federal government to monitor—without judicial warrants—libraries, bookstores, banks, and even people's homes



# Remaking the Middle East?

- Bush decided to use his recently declared right to “preemptive action” in the war on terror

# Regime Change in Iraq

- March 2003, 250,000 American and 45,000 British troops invaded Iraq, overtaking the capital of Baghdad less than three weeks later

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# A Democratic Middle East?

- In early 2005, Iraqis voted for members of a constitutional convention
- May 2005, the convention elected its first prime minister and cabinet
- The aggressively violent insurgency continues

# Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay

- U.S. Army prison guards had tortured suspected terrorists in the Iraqi prison of Abu Ghraib
- The detention camp at Guantanamo Bay resided outside international law and thus could be used to bring alleged criminals and not grant them the benefit of a trial



## Map 29.1. Iraq in Transition

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# Domestic Woes

- The information technology companies that had sustained much of the 1990s growth began to consolidate

# Corporate Scandals

- Enron Corporation: twenty thousand employees lost much of their pensions

# The Election of 2004

- The Candidates
- The Election

# Hurricane Katrina

- The federal government was slow to respond to the Katrina disaster
- Around 1,900 people lost their lives

# The Great Recession

- Financial bailout in October 2008, offering as much as \$750 billion of taxpayers' money to ease the credit crunch

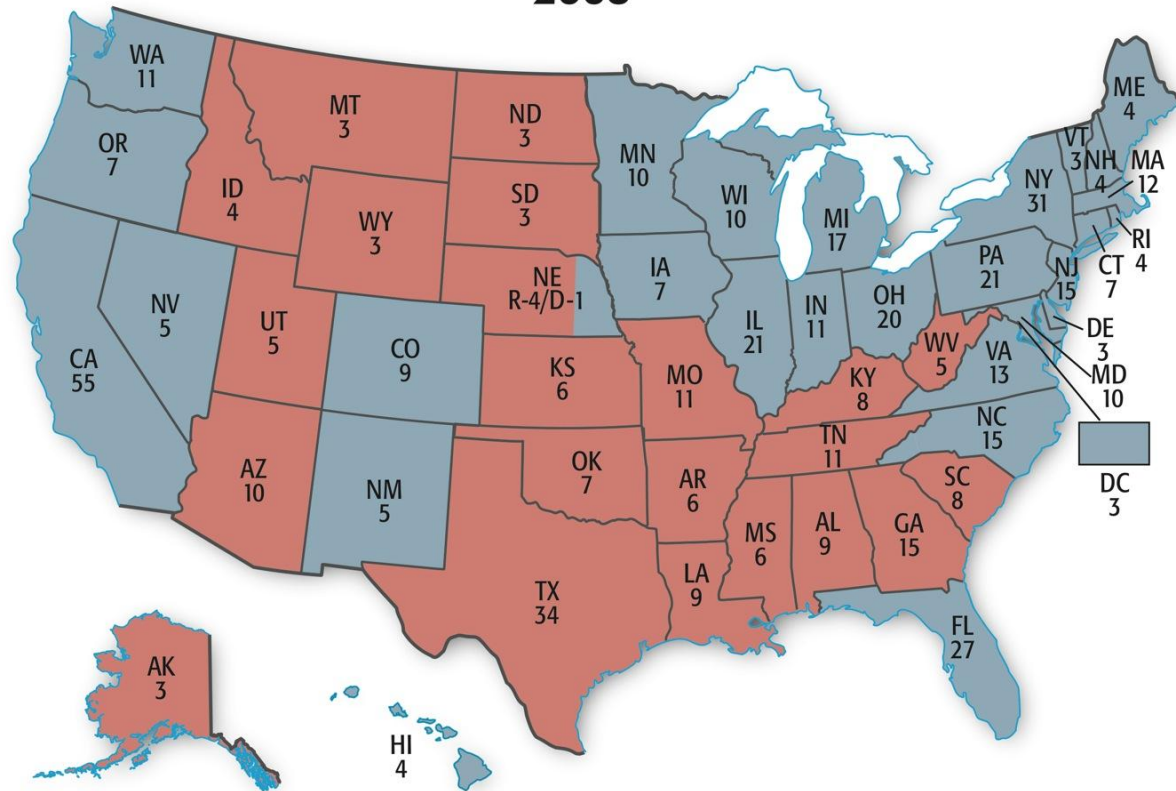


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# President Obama

- Democrats sensed they could win back the White House and, perhaps, stop the conservative ascendancy that had been mounting since the 1970s

# 2008



Candidate (Party)	Electoral Vote	Popular Vote
Obama (Democrat)	365 68%	69,498,459 52.9%
McCain (Republican)	173 32%	59,948,283 45.6%



**Map 29.2.** The Election of 2008



# The Election of 2008

- Democrat candidate Barack Obama, a mixed-race senator from Illinois
- Republican candidate Vietnam War veteran and senator, John McCain
- The race was not a close one, with Obama handily winning

# Obama's Presidency

- Drawing Down the War on Terror
- The Health Care Act
- The Great Recession



*"This one's for not asking, and this one's for not telling."*



JIM YOUNG/Reuters/Landov



# Backlash from the Right and Left

- Tea Party
- Republicans won back control of the House of Representatives
- Occupy Wall Street Movement

# Election of 2012

- Mitt Romney the Republican candidate
- Obama won a relatively easy victory
- Changing electorate





## What else was happening . . .

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|-------------|---|
| <b>2000</b> | Reality TV shows experience an explosion of popularity, beginning with <i>Big Brother</i> and <i>Survivor</i> .               |
| <b>2001</b> | Apple launches the iPod, revolutionizing the music industry.  |
| <b>2004</b> | A partially eaten, ten-year-old grilled cheese sandwich said to bear the image of the Virgin Mary sells on eBay for \$28,000. |
| <b>2005</b> | Video-sharing website YouTube is launched by three former PayPal employees.   |