GEORGE H. W. BUSH

(1989 - 1993)
BEFORE HE BECAME PRESIDENT...

- U.S. Congressman
- Ambassador to the United Nations
- Chairman of the Republican National Committee
- Chief of the U.S. Liaison Office to China
- Director of the C.I.A.
- Vice President under Ronald Reagan
CHEIF LEGISLATOR

Promises

- “Kinder and gentler nation”
  - Persuaded Gorbachev to let Germany join NATO
- “Read my lips: no new taxes”
  - increased taxes
  - "unity, diversity, and generosity." Work well with congress
  - he vetoed forty-four bills during his tenure, and Congress

In this area, he gets a(n) C
“Operation just Cause”

Noriega’s military forces had killed a U.S Serviceman and attacked a serviceman’s wife.

Saddam Hussein wanted to invade Kuwait because of its natural resources but it violated international law and the Bush administration was alarmed at the prospect of Iraq controlling it Kuwait's oil resources. "Operation Desert Shield" went into action Iraq was kicked out of Kuwait but US left. Hussein as dictator of Iraq.

In this area, he gets a(n) A
Appointments

- 2 Supreme Court Justices, 42 US Courts of Appeals judges, & 148 judges to US district courts
- Controversies: 11 nominees for 10 federal appellate judgeships not processed by Senate Judiciary Committee

In this area, he gets a(n) B
HEAD OF STATE

Reaction towards recession

- Did create more benefits for unemployed
- New taxes resulted from choice to create more benefits though

Image

- Criticized for “lack of familiarity with details of life in America” due to scanner technology surprise
- Scapegoat for recession after excitement of Persian Gulf War

In this area, he gets a(n) C+
Mentioned in Guardian of Economy - Senate was Democratic-dominated = trouble!!!

Republicans felt betrayed, so many went against presidents’ position on legislation

In this area, he gets a(n) D
Raised taxes to curb deficits from Reagan’s term

Republicans defeated Bush’s proposal that could have used spending cuts and tax increases to reduce the deficit.

Gave more benefits to unemployed during mini-recession

In this area, he gets a(n) B+
In 1989, Chinese military stopped a pro-democracy movement by killing people. US only put limited sanctions on China. Bush later sent Brent Scowcroft and Lawrence Eagleburger to China to try to repair the damaged, but not destroyed, relationship.

In this area, he gets a(n) A.
OVERALL, HE DESERVES A C

While his foreign policies were excellently executed, he had much trouble regarding his domestic policies in general. Legislation was difficult to pass and the economy declined rapidly.


