

1997

1. 1997.....President Clinton.....Appoints the 1st female Secretary of State:

A) Madeleine Albright.

2. 1997.....Oregon.....Passes a law:

A) Is okay for Doctors to prescribe lethal doses of drugs for terminally ill patients.

3. 1997.....Congress.....Law:

A) Bans the use of Federal Funds to support assisted suicides.

4. 1997.....The U.S. agrees to support The Kyoto Agreement:

A) Combat Global Warming.

April 1997
Andrew Cunanan

1. Andrew Cunanan:

- A) Born...1970.**
- B) Grows up...La Jolla, California.**
- C) Homosexual.**
- D) Works as a male prostitute.**
- E) Illegally deals in prescription drugs.**

2. April 1997:

- A) Goes to Minneapolis, Minnesota.**
- B) To home of former lover, David Madson.**

3. April 27, 1997:

- A) Cunanan lures former lover, Jeff Trail, to Madson's house:**
 - I. Caves in his skull with a claw-hammer.**

4. May 1, 1997:

- A) Cunanan and Madson drive to a lake north of Minneapolis:**
 - I. Cunanan shoots him to death with a pistol.**

5. He drives Madson's vehicle to Chicago.

6. May 4, 1997:

- A) Breaks into the home of Lee Miglin:**

- I. Ties him up.**
- II. Asks for money.**
- III. Stabs him many times with garden shears.**
- IV. Cuts his throat with a SAW!!**

7. May 9, 1997:

- A) New Jersey.**
- B) Murders William Reese.**

8. June 15, 1997:

- A) Miami Beach, Florida.**
- B) Murders fashion designer, Gianni Versace.**
- C) Takes refuge on Versace's houseboat.**

9. June 23, 1997:

- A) Discovered:**
 - I. Police called.**
 - II. Surrounded.**
- B) Shoots himself in the head...Suicide.**
- C) Has murdered 5.**

1998

1. 1998.....The size of the Federal Budget is reduced:

A) Shows a surplus!!

B) YET, the Weekly Earnings (Buying Power) of U.S. workers is less than in 1970!

2. 1998.....University of Wyoming.....Laramie, Wyoming:

A) Gay student, Matthew Shepard:

I. Beaten.

II. Robbed.

III. Tied to a fence post.

IV. Pistol-whipped and killed.

B) The 2 Homophobic men responsible are caught:

I. Tried.....Convicted.....Prison.

3. 1998.....Yugoslavia:

A) Province of Kosovo.

B) Yugoslav Troops & Serbs.

C) Start “Ethnic Cleansing” of Albanians:

I. Butchery!

II. 800,000 flee.

1998 – August

1. August 7, 1998 – African Nations of Kenya & Tanzania – U.S. Embassies:

A) Bombed.

B) 207 killed...12 are Americans!

C) 5,000 injured.

D) Who?...Al Queda Terrorists working for:

I. Islamic Fundamentalist Extremist, Osama Bin Laden!!

E) U.S. retaliates:

I. Missile strikes against Terrorist Camps in Afghanistan and the Sudan.

1999

1. 1999 – American immigrant population reaches 26.3 million:

A) 10% of the total population.

B) Primary countries that are sources of immigration:

I. Mexico:

(1) Over ¼ of the immigrant population are from here.

II. The Philippines.

III. China.

IV. Cuba.

V. Jamaica.

VI. El Salvador.

VII. Poland.

VIII. (What was) East Germany.

C) Majority settle in:

I. California.

II. Florida.

III. New York.

IV. Texas.

V. Illinois.

VI. New Jersey.

2. 1999 – Electronics revolution:

A) Pagers.

B) Cellular Telephones.

- C) High Speed Fiber Optic Cables.**
- D) Satellite Dishes.**
- E) Expansion of Telephone and Television Systems.**

3. 1999 – Computers:

- A) Smaller – Faster – More Powerful.**
- B) Over ½ of America's households have at least 1.**
- C) The Internet:**
 - I. Communications network linking computer users with the nation and the world.**
- D) Computers provide:**
 - I. Communication.**
 - II. Research.**
 - III. Art.**
 - IV. Music.**
 - V. E-Commerce:**
 - (1) Buying and selling on-line.**

4. 1999 – Major Corporations:

- A) Microsoft.**
- B) Oracle.**
- C) Dell Computers.**
- D) Intel.**
- E) Amazon.Com.**
- F) E-Bay.**
- G) America On-Line.**

5. 1999 – The Computer Industry – Has created:

A) A new crop of Millionaires & Billionaires are created:

I. Like.....Bill Gates:

(1) He creates “Microsoft”:

a. Becomes the wealthiest American since John D. Rockefeller.

6. 1999.....The Seattle Protest against “Globalization”:

A) Microsoft has developed “Windows”:

I. Is used in most of the world’s computers.

B) Symbolizes “Globalization”.....The

process of people, investments, goods, information, and culture flowing over national boundaries:

I. Thus, decisions affecting daily lives of millions of people are made by:

(1) The World Trade Organization.

(2) International Monetary Fund.

(3) The World Bank.

(4) Multinational Corporations(Which operate without any democratic input).

C) Poses the question:

What is the relationship between

Globalization, economic justice, and freedom?

7. 1999.....Congress repeals the Glass-Steagall Act of the New Deal:

A) Banks start engaging in all sorts of corrupt activities:

I. Feel the Government will HAVE to bail them out if they start to fail!

8. 1999.....Kosovo in Yugoslavia:

A) Serbian forces under Slobodan Milosevic:

I. Attack the Albanians.

B) NATO will conduct a 2 month war against Milosevic:

I. NATO and U.S. forces are sent to Kosovo.

1999 – March

1. Kosovo:

- A) U.S. joins forces with N.A.T.O.!!**
- B) Air War vs. Milosevic.**
- C) Lasts 78 days.**
- D) Ends in June of 1999.**
- E) 3,000 of Milosevic's men are killed.**
- F) NO casualties suffered by the N.A.T.O. Forces!!**

1999 – April

1. April 20, 1999 – Littleton, Colorado – Columbine High School – Suburb of Denver, Colorado:

A) Dylan Klebold & Eric Harris:

I. 2 students.

II. Armed to the teeth with:

(1) Semi-Automatic Handguns.

(2) Shotguns.

(3) Pipe Bombs.

B) Enter...Start carnage:

I. Murder 1 Teacher & 12 Students!

C) Both will commit suicide!

2000

- 1. 2000.....Population.....281,421,906**
- 2. 2000.....Over 400,000 Americans have died from AIDS.**
- 3. 2000.....The American Indian population has reached 4 million:
A) Sign of population growth & new pride:
I. BUT.....are still the lowest ethnic group on the economic ladder.**
- 4. 2000.....Asians make a big jump in immigrant numbers:
A) From Korea, India, Japan, Cambodia, China, Vietnam, Etc.**
- 5. 2000.....Largest immigrant group in America are the Latinos:
A) Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Spanish-Speaking Caribbean Islands of Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic.**
- 6. 2000.....Unemployment is below 4%:**

A) All mass produced and at affordable prices:

I. VCR's.

II. Handheld Video Games.

III, Cell Phones.

IV. Digital Cameras.

12. 2000.....AOL(America on Line) buys out Time-Warner Corporation.

13. 2000.....Federal ruling:

A) Microsoft has violated the Sherman Anti-Trust Act:

I. Have forced computer manufacturers to use Microsoft software:

(1) Microsoft is ordered to be “broken-up.”

14. 2000.....Supreme Court decision:

A) Upholds the right of The Boy Scouts of America:

I. To dismiss a gay troop leader in New Jersey.

B) DESPITE the state law of New Jersey recognizing gay rights.

15. 2000.....Stock Market is in a frenzied boom like the 1920's.

16. 2000.....Majority of U.S. households:

A) Own stocks or invest in Mutual Funds.

B) Invest in Pension & Retirement Companies.

17. 2000.....Fueled by fraud:

A) Large companies like:

I. Arthur Anderson.

II. J.P. Morgan.

III. Chase.

IV. Citigroup.

V. Enron.

B) Lawyers pocket enormous fees from devising schemes to push up companies stock prices by hiding the true financial situation.

18. 2000.....Enron of Houston, Texas:

A) Buys and sells electricity rather than producing it:

I. Lose billions!!

April 14, 2000
The Stock Market Drop

1. The financial bubble bursts!

A) Is the largest 1 day fall of stock prices since the Great Depression.

2. Will go on till 2002.

3. Americans lose billions of dollars in net worth and pension funds!

4. Many of the stock fraud schemes are the direct result of repealing the Glass-Steagall Act of the New Deal!

November 2000

The Presidential Election

- 1. Republican, George W. Bush (Jr.) vs. Democrat, Al Gore.**

- 2. State of Florida is in question:**
 - A) Confusion all over the state dealing with irregularities in counting ballots.**

- 3. Vote counting and re-counts go on for weeks after the election.**

- 4. The Gore Committee demands hand re-counts in questionable counties.**

- 5. Becomes a legal suit:**
 - A) Case first goes to the Florida Supreme Court.**
 - B) Case then goes to the U.S. Supreme Court.**

- 6. December 12, 2000 – Supreme Court rules, 5 to 4:**
 - A) Orders a halt to the re-count.**

B) Allow the Governor of Florida, Jeb Bush, brother to George, to certify a winner.

7. Governor declares George Bush the winner of the Florida vote:

A) Swings the election to George Bush!

B) He wins the electoral vote 271-266.

C) Gore has won the popular vote by over 550,000 votes!!

8. Republican, George W. Bush (Jr.), has won his 1st term as the 43rd President.

January 2000

- 1. January 20th – 54 year old, Republican, George W. Bush (Jr.), is inaugurated as the 43rd President:**
 - A) 1st term.**
 - B) Became a teetotlar in 1986.**

- 2. The economy slips into a recession:**
 - A) Textile firms close Southern plants and move to China and India:**
 - I. Why?.....Cheap labor!**
 - B) Maytag closes it's plant in Galesburg, Illinois:**
 - I. Goes to Mexico:**
 - (1) Why?.....Cheap labor.**

- 3. The Bush Administration announces the U.S. will not abide by the Kyoto Protocol of 1997 to combat Global Warming:**
 - A) AN AGREEMENT AGREED TO AND SUPPORTED BY 180 NATIONS!!!**

- 4. Bush convinces Congress to pass the largest tax cut in American history:**

**A) BUT, almost the entire cut benefits who?
I. The Wealthy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**5. The Bush Administration is determined to
get rid of Hussein:**

A) The primary Anti-Hussein Group is:

**I. President Bush – Vice President, Dick
Cheney – Secretary of Defense, Donald
Rumsfeld – and Deputy Defense
Secretary, Paul Wolfowitz.**

February 2001

1. Iraqi Jets violate “No-Fly Zones” in the Mid-East:

A) In retaliation – Bush orders missile attacks against Iraq.

September 11, ~~2001~~ ²⁰⁰¹

“9/11”

1. Four planes are hijacked by terrorists using knives and box cutters:
 - A) Militant Muslims – Of the Al Queda Sect.
 - B) Leader is Osama Bin Laden – Saudi exile:
 - *** Lives among and is supported by The Taliban in Afghanistan.
 - *** Irony – U.S. has armed and supplied the Taliban in overthrowing the Russian backed regime!
 - C) One plane will target the Pentagon!
 - D) One Plane will target the White House:
 - *** Will never get there!
 - *** Is diverted by brave passengers.
 - *** Crashes near Pittsburgh killing all on board!
 - E) Two Planes will target the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

2. 8:46 – Morning – Manhattan, New York:
 - A) 1st Plane hits one of the Twin Towers!
 - B) 9:01 – 2nd Plane hits the other Twin Tower!
 - C) Collapse.
 - D) 2,801 people from 80 countries perish!
 - E) 346 Firefighters are killed!
 - F) 75 Police Officers are killed!
 - G) 246 people on the four planes are all killed!

3. First time since the War of 1812 – Foreigners have attacked U.S. soil:
 - A) Have targeted symbols of American capitalism and government.

September 20, 2001
Bush Addresses Congress

1. Joint session of Congress.

2. Will become known as “The Bush Doctrine”:

A) New Foreign Policy:

I. Main principle.....A war on terrorism!

3. U.S. is not bound by International Law in dealing with the war on terrorism!

A) U.S. will not abide by the Geneva Convention & International Convention:

I. Bans torture!

II. Bans mental & physical abuse!

III. Provides rules for treatment of POW's.

October 26, 2001

Congress Passes the USA Patriot Act

**1. Gives unbelievable powers to C.I.A.,
F.B.I., down to local Law
Enforcement Agencies:**

A) To combat “Domestic Terrorism”:

**I. On ANY citizen without
notification:**

(1) Can wiretap!

(2) Can spy on!

(3) Can open letters of!

(4) Can read e-mails of!

**(5) Can get personal records on
from a 3rd party!**

**II. ALL without evidence of a crime
being committed!!**

**2. Bush.....Personally.....Puts many of
these provisions into effect:**

A) He claims the authority to ignore

**laws that restrict his power as
Commander-In-Chief!**

The Afghan War
(October 2001 to January 2004)
(2 years and 2 months)

1. Afghanistan:

A) Home to the Islamic Fundamentalist Taliban:

I. Protect Osama Bin Laden and members of Al Queda.

B) After 9-11:

I. Taliban refuses to turn over Bin Laden to the United States.

2. Plans for war are drawn up by:

A) Army General, Tommy Franks.

B) Marine General, Michael "Rifle" DeLong.

C) Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld.

3. President George Bush Jr.:

A) Gives American commanders a lot of confidence, support, trust, and leeway to fight the war.

4. Coalition Force is assembled:

A) 70 nations:

I. Called "The Northern Alliance."

B) 1st troops in are American and British Special Forces.

C) Later...Troops from:

- I. Canada.**
- II. Australia.**
- III. New Zealand.**
- IV. Germany.**
- V. France.**
- VI. Others.**

D) Naval support from:

- I. United States.**
- II. England.**
- III. Italy.**
- IV. France.**
- V. Germany.**
- VI. Canada.**
- VII. Australia.**
- VIII. Japan.**
- IX. Baharain.**

E) Air support from:

- I. United States.**
- II. England.**
- III. Denmark.**
- IV. Norway.**
- V. Others.**

5. October 7, 2001 – Operation Enduring Freedom starts:

A) Bombing campaign:

- I. American and British planes.**

B) Targets:

- I. Air Defenses.**

II. Taliban Terrorist Training Camps.

III. Taliban strongholds and areas of troop concentrations.

6. November 2001 – Taliban Deserters start going over to the Coalition Forces.

7. November 10, 2001 – Battle of Mazar-e-Sharif:

A) Fought by U.S. Special Forces – Afghan Forces – and U.S. Air Power:

I. 1st major Coalition victory.

8. November 13, 2001 – Coalition Forces enter the capital of Kabul:

A) The Taliban starts to collapse.

9. November 25, 2001 – Konduz surrenders.

10. December 17, 2001 – Kandahar falls:

A) Taliban leader, Mullah Mohammed escapes.

11. Same Day..... – Tora Bora falls:

A) Al Queda leader, Osama Bin Laden:

I. Escapes.

12. End of December 2001 – The Taliban Regime has been driven from power:

A) By.....The Northern Alliance (Afghans against the Taliban), Air Strikes, and Ground Assaults.

13. March 2002 – Operation Anaconda:

A) To shatter regrouping Taliban & Al Queda fighters:

I. Is totally an American operation.

B) Mountain fighting.

C) U.S. Army Ranger....Pat Tillman (Arizona Cardinals):

I. Killed by friendly fire.

D) Navy SEAL.....Neil Roberts (Legendary Hero):

I. From California.

II. Night operation.

III. Chopper hit by a rocket propelled grenade.

IV. He falls out of the chopper.....UNNOTICED!

V. Later.....Discovered.....He is gone!

VI. Special Forces go back to get him:

- (1) They will lose 6 killed & 11 wounded in doing so.**

VII. Find his body:

- (1) Gallant 1 man “Alamo” stand!**
(2) Surrounded by the bodies of dozens of dead Al Queda fighters he has killed before being killed!!

14. January 2004 – Afghanistan becomes a Constitutional Democratic Republic:

- A) Elect a President.**

15. October 2001 to April of 2005.....U.S. loses 180 Americans killed.

16. Monday – May 2, 2011 – Abbottabad, Pakistan – Just after 1:00 in the morning:

- A) Operation Neptune Spear:**

I. C.I.A. Operation.

II. “Go” is given by President Barack Obama.

III. Carried out by a Navy SEAL Team.

- B) Osama Bin Laden’s compound:**

I. Firefight.

II. Bin Laden is killed!!

January 2002

1. Bush's State of the Union Address:

A) Accuses Iraq, Iran, and North Korea of:

I. Harboring terrorists.

II. Developing weapons of mass destruction:

(1) Nuclear – Chemical – and Biological.

B) Says “these are potential threats to the United States.”

2. Justice Department statement:

A) Rules of warfare do not apply to captured Al Qaeda because they are “unlawful combatants.”

3. C.I.A. gets involved:

A) Set up a series of jails in foreign countries outside the chain of military command:

I. In Egypt – Yemen – Syria – and

Communist Countries in Eastern Europe:

(1) Purpose.....TORTURE!

B) Take part in kidnappings!

C) Take part in torture!

4. Military personnel:

**A) In.....Afghanistan, at Abu Ghrab in Iraq,
and Guantanamo Bay in Cuba:**

I. Electric shock!

II. Almost drowning!

III. Dog attacks!

IV. Sleep nude on top of other prisoners!

**B) Some prisoners die of malnutrition or from
the torture!**

Late 2002

1. Many countries around the World:

A) Fear the U.S. is “claiming the right to act as a world policeman if International Law is violated.”

2003

1. Secretary of State, Colin Powell addresses the United Nations:

A) Claims Hussein has a mobile chemical lab to produce Weapons of Mass Destruction!

2. Bush asks for and gets a law to cut taxes by \$320 billion!!

A) Who gets the cuts?.....The wealthy and corporations!

I. The middle and lower classes are still “footing the bill” in America!!!

3. The Bush Administration is creating a rapidly mounting Federal Deficit!

The Iraqi War

2003

1. Causes and events leading up to war:

A) Saddam Hussein & Iraq:

I. Attack allied planes patrolling the no-fly zone.

II. Testing of chemical sprayers.

III. Have been working with the terrorist group...Al Queda...Since 1997.

B) Reports of Iraq stockpiling weapons of mass destruction.

C) China has installed fiber-optic cables for the Iraqi Military:

I. For their military command control communicating systems.

2. February 27, 2003 – Hussein is not cooperating with United Nations inspectors:

A) Looking for evidence of weapons of mass destruction.

3. March 17, 2003 – Pres. George Bush Jr.:

A) Gives Hussein a choice:

I. Get out of Iraq or the U.S. will force him out.

B) Hussein refuses!!

4. March 19, 2003 – Coalition forces bomb Baghdad!

**BUSH CALLS WAR: OPERATION
IRAQI FREEDOM!**

- 5. Coalition Air & Ground war opens at the same time:
A) Operation Iraqi Freedom.**
- 6. Am. Commander is Gen. Tommy Franks.**
- 7. U.S. 1st Marines & British Commandos secure the oil fields.**
- 8. Special Forces disarm the Scud Missiles in western Iraq.**
- 9. Special Forces & Kurds secure the oil wells in northern Iraq.**
- 10. Regular Iraqi Army is quickly destroyed.**
- 11. Main opposition is:
A) Fedayeen...Irregulars.
B) Terrorists...Fight disguised as civilians.**
- 12. Stockpiles of chemical warfare suits & antidotes are found.**
- 13. April 4, 2003 – Saddam International Airport is taken.**
- 14. April 5, 2003 – U.S. Troops start entering Baghdad/**
- 15. April 9, 2003 – Baghdad falls.**

16. Entire campaign has lasted 21 days:

A) March 20, 2003 to April 9, 2003.

17. Immediately after...Muamar Gadafi...Libya:

A) Surrenders weapons of mass destruction.

18. Saddam Hussein is caught hiding in a Spider Hole:

A) Looks like a bearded bum.

19. By 2005 – Rebuilding effort in Iraq:

A) 3 National, peaceful, free, and fair elections are held:

I. Elect a Democratic/Constitutional Government.

** LATE 2006 = HUSSEIN IS TRIED
AND EXECUTED.*

June 2003

1. Supreme Court Decision.....Lawrence vs. ✓

Texas:

A) 6-3 vote.

B) Unconstitutional to make homosexual acts a crime:

I. Triumph for Gays & Feminists.

2004

1. Federal Deficit exceeds \$400 billion!!

June 2004

1. After Hussein has been toppled from power:

A) In Iraq:

I. Looting & chaos.

II. Insurgency movement against the U.S. forces and Iraqis who helped the United States.

III. Sectarian violence:

(1) Shiite Muslims vs. Sunni Muslims.

2. June 22nd – Iraq – Islamic Militants:

A) Video:

I. Behead a Korean!

B) He is the 3rd foreigner to be done so in this way.

2004 - July

**1. July 1, 2004 – 1st Pictures from the Cassini
Spacecraft:**

A) Saturn's Rings!!!

2. July 1, 2004 – Los Angeles, California:

A) At age 80 – Actor, Marlon Brando – Dies!

November 2004

1. Presidential Election:

A) Bush is elected to his 2nd term:

I. Defeats Democrat, Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts.

2005

1. Population.....296,410,404

2. 16% of the people in America are without health insurance.

3. Congress:

A) Passes the Defense Appropriations Act:

I. Insert a measure drawn up by Senator John McCain of Arizona:

(1) Bans torture of prisoners.

August 29, 2005
Hurricane Katrina ✓

1. Hits New Orleans:

A) Almost wipes the city off the map.

**2. Becomes a man-made fiasco of ineptitude
from the local level to the White House:**

**A) FEMA (Federal Emergency Management
Agency) has the responsibility for disaster
planning and relief in the United States:**

I. Headed by Michael Brown.

**II. WAS warned by the National Weather
Service!**

III. Made hardly ANY preparations!

**IV. Government will not even be aware of
1,000's without food, water, or shelter!**

V. Bodies are floating in the streets!

**VI. People are dying in hospitals and
nursing homes.**

3. \$80 billion in damage!!

A) 1,500 dead!

B) 2/3's of the city are homeless!

4. By September the Oil Refining on the Gulf Coast is totally shut down:

A) Leads to.....Rise in oil prices!

B) That leads to.....Jump in gas prices!

C) That leads to.....American Automobile Manufacturers losing big time because:

I. Americans quit buying pickups & SUV's:

(1) Start buying fuel efficient foreign – made autos(mostly Japanese).

June 2006

1. Supreme Court Decision.....Hamdan vs. Rumsfeld:

- A) Is unconstitutional to rebuke the Geneva Convention on the grounds that captured terrorists are not part of a regular Army!**
- B) Is unconstitutional for the President to set up his own secret Military Tribunals!**
- C) Is unconstitutional for the President to take it upon himself to personally deny defendants most of their rights!**
- D) Is unconstitutional to claim the Constitution does not apply at Guantanamo Bay!**

December 2006

1. Overbuilding causes home prices to start falling:

- A) Homeowners now owe more than their homes are worth!**
- B) Borrowers default.....Can't make their mortgage payments!**
- C) Banks now have billions of dollars of worthless investments on their books!**

2007

1. The Housing bubble bursts:

A) The entire U.S. financial system is on the brink of failure.

B) Why?.....Misconduct by the banks!!!

I. Bush, and later Obama, will have to spend billions to save those banks.

January - 2007

1. Democrat, Nancy Pelosi, of California:

A) 1st female Speaker of the House in U.S. history.

2007 - August

1. August 1, 2007 – Minneapolis, Minnesota –

Evening rush hour:

A) Interstate 35W Bridge:

I. Collapses into the river!

II. 13 killed.

December - 2007

1. Major recession starts!

2008

- 1. There are 23 million people in American prisons:**
 - A) 10 times more than 1970.**
 - B) Of all the inmates in the world.....The U.S. has 1/4 of them.**

 - 2. The American Banking System is on the brink of total failure:**
 - A) Businesses are going under!**
 - B) The Stock Market almost collapses!**
 - I. Lowest since 1931.**
 - II. Shareholders lose \$7 trillion!**
 - III. Lehman Brothers(Investment House) loses \$2.3 billion.....Goes bankrupt:**
 - (1) Largest in history.**
 - C) 2.5 million Americans will lose their jobs in 2008!**
 - D) Consumer indebtedness rise!**
 - E) Americans cut back on spending!**
 - F) Unemployment keeps rising!**
- **All brought on by:
Public & private policies favoring economic speculation – free-wheeling spending – and get-rich-quick schemes.**

2008 - January

1. January 29, 2008 – Former Marine, Raymond Jacobs – At age 82 – Dies:

A) Was the Radioman in the famous 1st Iwo Jima Flag Raising Pictures taken!

I. Last of all the men in either of the Flag Raisings to die!

June - 2008

- 1. Average Family Income is \$50 thousand:**
 - A) Owe \$80 thousand for a Home Mortgage.**
 - B) Owe \$14 thousand for Automobile & Student loans.**
 - C) Owe \$8,500.00 in Credit Cards.**
 - D) Owe \$10 thousand in Home Equity Loans.**
 - E) Translation.....Owe \$118,500.00!!!**

2008 - July

**1. July 15, 2008 – President George W. Bush –
Speech:**

**“The Nation’s financial system is basically
sound. Congress should enact legislation to
prop up mortgage giants ‘Fannie Mae’ and
‘Freddie Mac’!”**

September - 2008

1. The Bush Administration has no solution to the financial crisis!

A) Persuade Congress to spend \$700 billion to bail out firms like:

I. A.I.G.

II. Bank of America.

III. Citigroup.

IV. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac”).

V. Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae”).

B) Translation.....Taxpayers of America take temporary ownership absorbing massive losses for THE MISDEEDS OF THOSE COMPANIES!!!

November - 2008

1. Presidential Election – Democrat, Barack Obama – 44th President:

A) America's 1st Black President.

2. The U.S. & Iraq reach an agreement:

A) All American Troops out by 2011.

December - 2008

1. Wall Street Firms:

A) Have fired 240,000 employees in '08!!

I. YET, have paid out \$20 billion in bonuses to top executives.

2. Bernard “Bernie” Madoff:

A) Wall Street Investor.

B) Ponzi Scheme.

C) Collapses!

D) Investors lose \$50 billion!

E) In 2009 he will plead guilty to fraud:

I. 150 years in prison.

3. Secret Government Documents are released:

A) Torture of prisoners was NOT by “a few bad apples” as the Administration has claimed:

I. BUT approved at the highest levels of Government!

(1) By Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld.

(2) By Attorney General, Alberto Gonzales.

(3) And.....Others.

B) They have authorized the torture over the objections of the Military!!!

4. Bush's standing with the American people is at an all-time low.....22% approval (lowest since the mid-twentieth century):

A) Chaos in Iraq.

B) Fighting in Afghanistan.

C) Scandals involving Republican Congressmen & White House personnel.

D) Vice President Cheney's Chief of Staff is convicted of perjury.

E) House Majority Leader, Tom DeLay, is indicted by a Texas Grand Jury for violating campaign finance laws.

F) The Economic Crisis.

****Summary.....He inherited a Federal Budget with a surplus:**

In 8 years it is at a huge deficit!!!!!!

2009 - January

1. January 20, 2009 – Inauguration Day:

A) Democrat, Barack Obama – 44th President.

B) America's 1st Black President.

Jan. thru March - 2009

1. Obama:

- A) Closes prison at Guantanamo Bay.**
- B) Bans the use of torture.**
- C) Launches an effort to restore relations with the Muslim World.**
- D) Abandons Bush's rhetoric of having "The God-given right to spread freedom throughout the world!"**
- E) Restores women's "choice of reproduction rights" which had been limited by Bush.**

April - 2009

1. The longest recession since The Great Depression continues!

June - 2009

- 1. The 1st time in U.S. history.....More women than men hold paying jobs.**
- 2. June 27th – Age 87 – Actress, Gale Storm dies.**
- 3. June 28th – Age 50 – Promoter, Billy Mays dies.**
- 4. June 29th – Age 96 – Actress, Katherine Hepburn dies.**

2009 - July

- 1. July 1, 2009 – At age 97 – Actor, Karl Malden – Dies.**
- 2. July 6, 2009 – At age 93 – Former Secretary of Defense, Robert McNamara – Dies.**
- 3. July 17, 2009 – At age 92 – Newsman, Walter Cronkite – Dies.**

August - 2009

- 1. Sonia Sotomayor is confirmed to the Supreme Court:**
 - A) 3rd Female Justice to serve.**
 - B) 1st Hispanic on the Court.**

- 2. Lynette “Squeaky” Fromme is paroled.**

- 3. August 26th – Age 77 – Senator, Ted Kennedy dies of brain cancer:**
 - A) 47 years in the Senate.**

2010

1. Population.....308,745,538

2. Elena Kagan to Supreme Court:

A) 4th Woman to serve.