

PRESIDENCY

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A. Military Commander

B. Chief Diplomat

C. Chief Executive

D. Chief Legislator

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Constitutional Powers

✦ Powers of the President alone:

- ✦ Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces
- ✦ Grant reprieves and pardons (federal offences)
- ✦ Convene Congress in special session
- ✦ Receive ambassadors (Head of State)
- ✦ ‘Take care’ that the laws are faithfully executed
- ✦ Wield the ‘executive power’ (Head of Government)
- ✦ Appoint officials to lesser offices

Constitutional Powers

- ✦ Powers shared with the Senate:
 - ✦ Make treaties
 - ✦ Appoint ambassadors, judges and high officials
- ✦ Powers shared with Congress as a whole:
 - ✦ Approve legislation



Roles of the President

✦ Military Commander

- ✦ Congress and War Powers Act (1973)

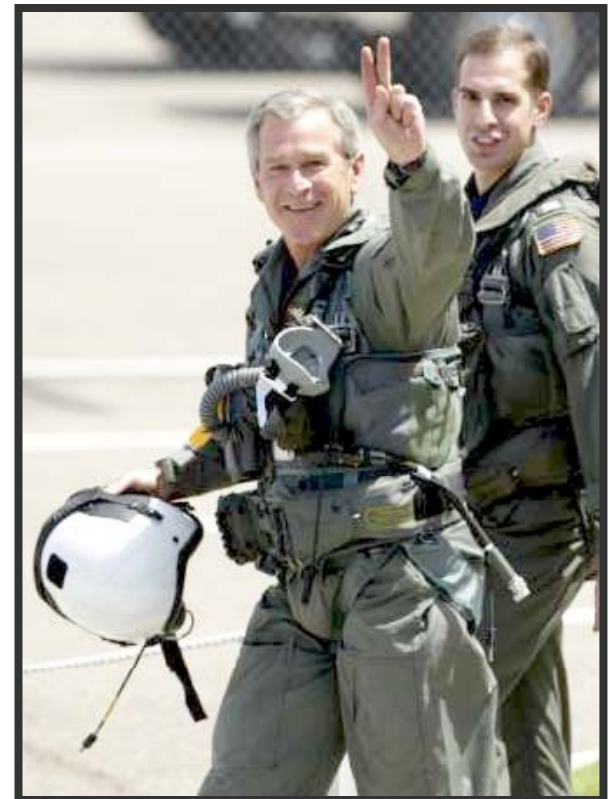
✦ Head Diplomat

- ✦ Senate Treaty Powers

✦ Chief Executive

- ✦ ‘Take care’ clause
- ✦ Executive Privilege

Taking the “Commander-in-Chief”
thing a bit too literally....



Roles of President (cont.)

✦ Legislative Leader

- ✦ Agenda Setting (State of the Union)
- ✦ Coalition Building (Influencing Members)
- ✦ Bypassing Congress (“Going Public”; Veto bargaining)

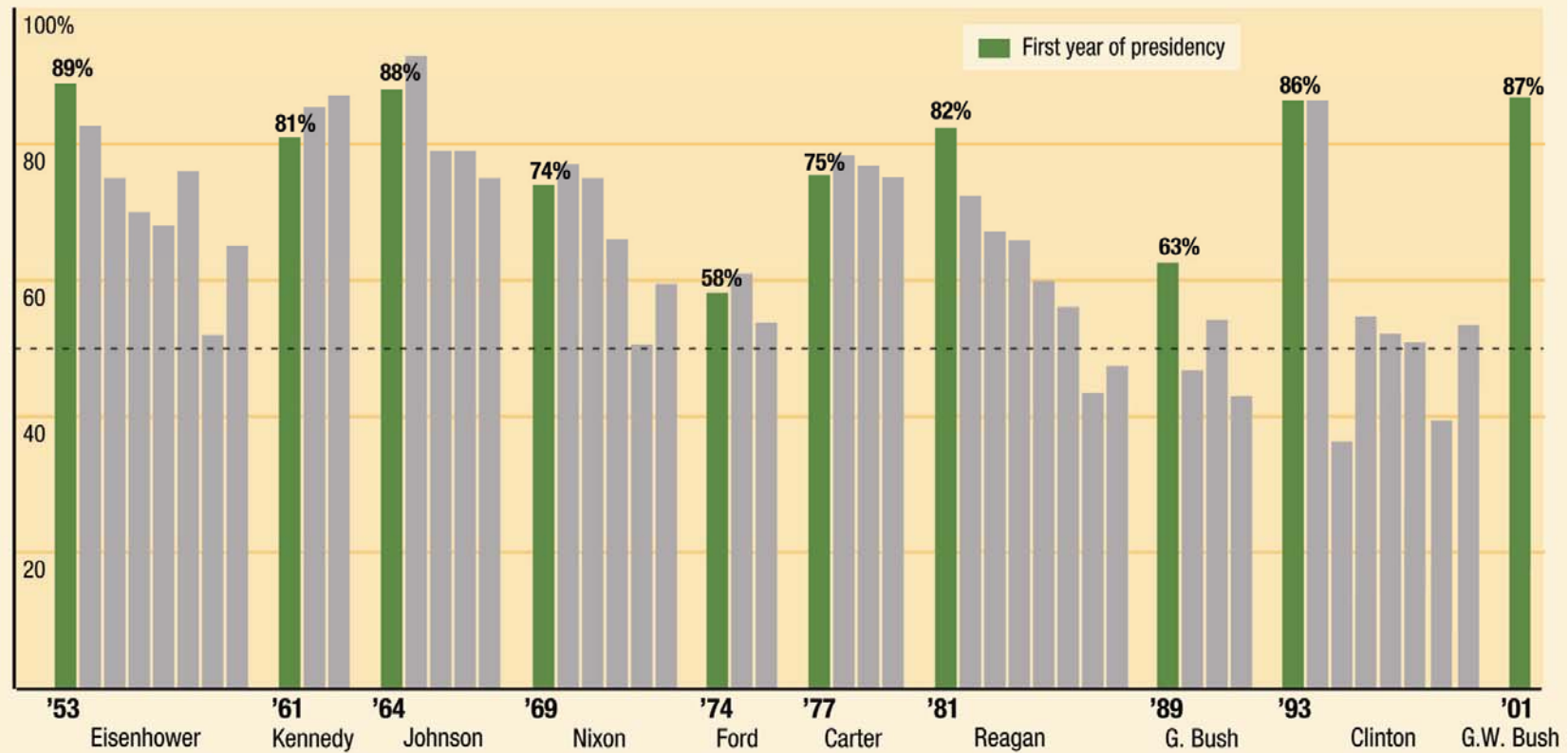
✦ Party Leader

- ✦ Coattails
- ✦ Fundraising

Bush using the
“bully pulpit”...



Presidential Success in Congress



How often the president won on roll call votes on which he took a clear position.

Development of the Modern Presidency

✦ Key powers of the President

- ✦ Power of persuasion (institutional advantage; political capital [Bush post-9/11]; personal Skill [Clinton])
- ✦ Two Presidencies (foreign vs. domestic)

✦ Rise of presidential power

- ✦ Increased Salience of Foreign Policy
- ✦ Expansion of the Federal Government
- ✦ Mass Media (especially TV)



The White House Situation Room

Executive Establishment

- ▶ Cabinet and Departments
- ▶ Vice President
- ▶ Executive Office of the President



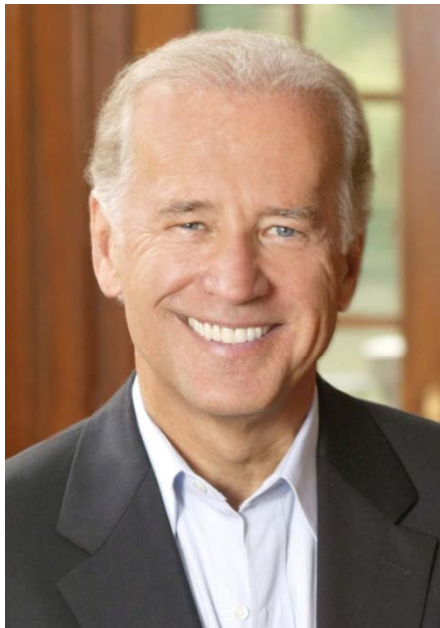
The other part of the White House
(Old Executive Office Building)

Cabinet Members (G.W. Bush)

Vice President	Transportation
State (1789)	Energy
Treasury (1789)	Education
Attorney General (Justice)	Veteran's Affairs
Defense	Homeland Security
Interior	Chief of Staff
Agriculture	Director of OMB
Commerce	US Trade Representative
Labor	Head of EPA
Health & Human Services	Head of National Drug Control Policy
Housing and Urban Development	

Vice President

Joe Biden and Sarah Palin...



Is either one worth
more than
a bucket
of warm spit???



Executive Office of the President

