

# The Legacy of George W Bush's Presidency

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## The Country He Inherited, The Country He Leaves Behind

<b>THE ECONOMY</b>	<b>JANUARY 20, 2001</b>	<b>TODAY UNDER BUSH</b>
<b>REAL GDP GROWTH<sup>1</sup></b>	4.09% Over Prior 8 Years	2.65% Over Prior 7 Years
<b>NATIONAL DEBT<sup>2</sup></b>	\$5.7 Trillion	\$9.2 Trillion
<b>BUDGET DEFICIT/SURPLUS<sup>3</sup></b>	\$431 Billion Surplus over the Previous Three Budget Years	\$734 Billion Deficit over the Previous Three Budget Years
<b>NEW PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS CREATED<sup>4</sup></b>	1.76 Million Jobs Per Year Over Previous 8 Years	369,000 Jobs Per Year Over Previous 7 Years
<b>AMERICANS IN POVERTY <sup>5</sup></b>	31.6 Million	36.5 Million
<b>QUALITY OF LIFE</b>	<b>JANUARY 20, 2001</b>	<b>TODAY UNDER BUSH</b>
<b>AMERICANS UNINSURED &amp; CHANGE IN UNINSURED LEVEL<sup>6</sup></b>	38 Million Uninsured 4.5 Million Less in 2 Years	47 Million Uninsured 8.5 Million More in 6 Years
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL PREMIUM COST<sup>7</sup></b>	\$6,230 for Family Premium	\$12,106 for Family Premium
<b>MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME &amp; CHANGE IN MEDIAN INCOME<sup>8</sup></b>	\$49,163 \$6,000 Increase in 8 Years	\$48,023 \$1,100 Decrease in 6 Years
<b>PRICE OF GAS<sup>9</sup></b>	\$1.39/Gallon	\$3.07/Gallon
<b>COST OF COLLEGE<sup>10</sup></b>	\$3,164 per year	\$5,192 per year
<b>PERSONAL SAVINGS RATE<sup>11</sup></b>	+2.3%	-0.5%
<b>CONSUMER CREDIT DEBT<sup>12</sup></b>	\$7.65 Trillion	\$12.8 Trillion
<b>UNITED STATES &amp; THE WORLD</b>	<b>JANUARY 20, 2001</b>	<b>TODAY UNDER BUSH</b>
<b>U.S. TRADE DEFICIT<sup>13</sup></b>	\$380 Billion	\$759 Billion
<b>STRENGTH OF U.S. DOLLAR<sup>14</sup></b>	1.07 Euros per Dollar	0.68 Euros Per Dollar
<b>COMBAT READINESS<sup>15</sup></b>	All Active Duty Army Divisions Were Rated At The Highest Readiness Levels	Not A Single Active Duty Or Reserve Brigade In The U.S. Considered "Fully Combat Ready."
<b>FOREIGN OIL DEPENDENCY<sup>16</sup></b>	52.75% of U.S. Liquid Fuel Consumption is Imported	60.38% of U.S. Liquid Fuel Consumption is Imported
<b>VIEW OF AMERICA ABROAD<sup>17</sup></b>	58.3% Viewed America Favorably	39.2% Viewed America Favorably
<b>GREAT BRITAIN'S VIEW OF U.S.</b>	83% Favorable	56% Favorable
<b>INDONESIA'S VIEW OF U.S.</b>	75% Favorable	30% Favorable
<b>TURKEY'S VIEW OF U.S.</b>	52% Favorable	12% Favorable
<b>GERMANY'S VIEW OF U.S.</b>	78% Favorable	37% Favorable

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- <sup>1</sup> Bureau of Economic Analysis
  - <sup>2</sup> Department of Treasury
  - <sup>3</sup> Congressional Budget Office
  - <sup>4</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics
  - <sup>5</sup> United States Census Bureau
  - <sup>6</sup> United States Census Bureau
  - <sup>7</sup> Kaiser Study of Employer Health Care Benefits
  - <sup>8</sup> United States Census Bureau
  - <sup>9</sup> Energy Information Administration
  - <sup>10</sup> Higher Education Coordinating Board of Washington State
  - <sup>11</sup> Bureau of Economic Analysis
  - <sup>12</sup> Insurance Information Institute
  - <sup>13</sup> United States Census Bureau
  - <sup>14</sup> OANDA.com: The Currency Website
  - <sup>15</sup> Speaker of the House Fact Sheet, 11/29/07
  - <sup>16</sup> Energy Information Administration
  - <sup>17</sup> Testimony of Andrew Kohut; President, Pew Research Center ; 3/17/07