

1994. "Contract with America"
 Newt Gingrich - Republican
 control of Congress

The Clinton Presidency, 1993-2001



Health Care Reform:
 • Attempted to overhaul healthcare reform but never passed
 • 2009 - Obamacare "Affordable Healthcare Act"

Scandal and Impeachment:
 • Presidency riddled with marital scandal.
 • Monica Lewinsky scandal led to great partisanship and he facing impeachment for perjury - never convicted

Foreign Policy: (NAFTA, Serbia, Middle East, China)
 NAFTA - North American Free Trade Agreement - stimulate trade + counter European Union
 Serbia + Bosnia - send troops to stop ethnic cleansing + remove Milosovic.

Economy does well in 1990s"

The George W. Bush Presidency, 2001-2009



2000 Presidential Election
 Bush v. Gore - Gore wins popular vote, Bush wins electoral after recount in Florida

Taxes and Economy:
 Cuts For Wealthy

2004 Election:
 Bush v. Kerry

Educational Reform:
 No Child Left Behind

DOMESTIC POLICIES

Social Security:
 • Privatization - of old age pensions threatens safety net, Never changed

Mass Acts of Violence:
 9/11 by Al Qaeda
 • Department of Homeland Sec.
 • Patriot Act - Civil Liberties during War
 • Wars in Afghanistan + Iraq

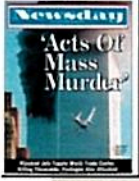
Immigration Issues:
 • Attempts Amnesty Program for illegals - shot down by members of own party

Why? Fear that the "Graying of America" (Baby Boomers) would put a strain on social security system

Foreign Policies

September 11th:

Terrorist group Al Qaeda attack world trade center, Pentagon and crash a plane into tower 2000



Middle East:

Rise of Islamic Jihadist creates War on Terror

War in Iraq:

Saddam Hussein believed to have WMD



Iran:

Iran has been attempting to get nuclear weapons U.S. opposes that

North Korea:

Communist govt with Nuclear weapons

Afghanistan:

U.S. goes after Taliban (extremist) who aided Al Qaeda.



Pakistan:

Terrorists hide out in hills of West Pakistan

Africa:

Rise of "Boko Haram" terrorist group

Cuba:

U.S. agrees to normalize relations in 2014.

Important Supreme Court Cases:

Engel v. Vitale, 1962

Separation of church + state

Tinker v. Des Moines, 1969

Freedom of Speech does not end at the school house door. Students have freedom of speech

Miranda v. Arizona, 1966

Accused must have their rights read to them when arrested

United States v. Nixon, 1974

Presidents are not above the law. No executive privilege

Veronia School District v. Acton, 1995

Upheld random drug testing in school

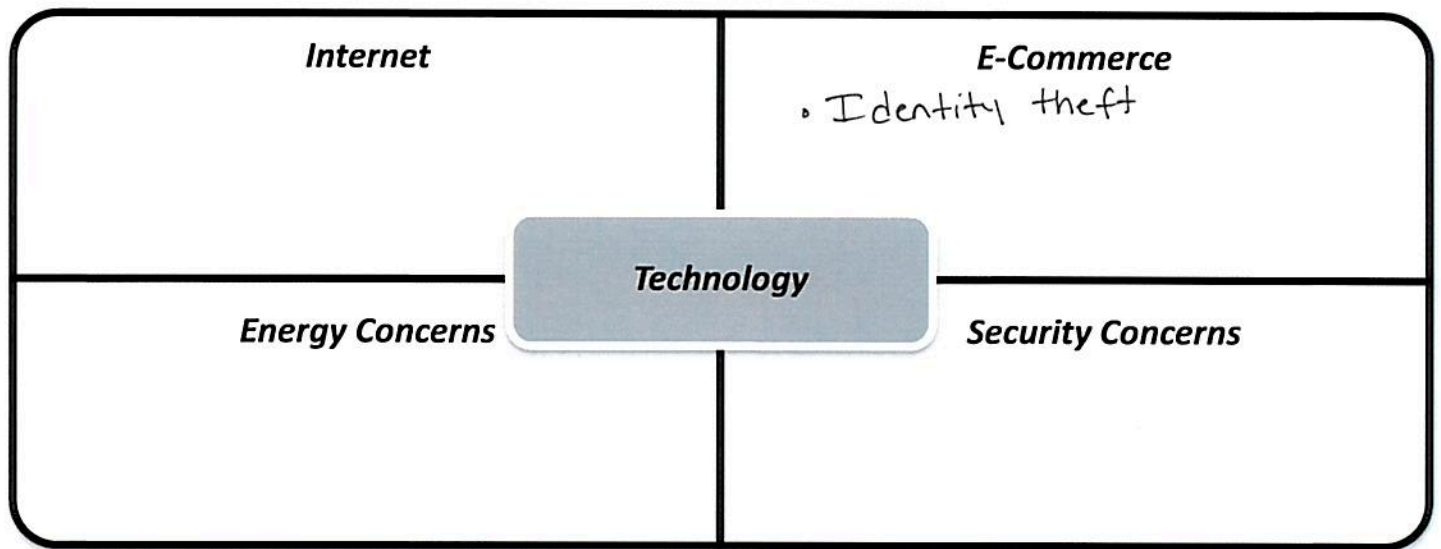
N.J. v. TLO, 1985

Students bags + lockers may be searched in school w/o a warrant

Bush v. Gore, 2000

Stopped the Florida recount of votes giving FL 27 electoral votes to Bush

Living in a Global Age



Contemporary Problems

