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| <p>1981 MTV and CNN start broadcasting as cable channels</p> <p>1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act addresses concerns about illegal aliens</p> <p>1987 Allan Bloom publishes <i>The Closing of the American Mind</i></p> <p>1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act allows Indian tribes to operate gambling establishments
George Bush is elected president
Terrorist attack on Pam Am plane over Lockerbie, Scotland</p> <p>1989 Tiananmen Square demonstration in China
Communist authority collapses in Eastern Europe</p> <p>1990 August: Iraqi invasion of Kuwait leads to massive U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf</p> <p>1991 January–February: Operation Desert Storm forces Iraq out of Kuwait
Operation Rescue launched in Wichita, Kansas
Soviet Union dissolves into Commonwealth of Independent States</p> <p>1992 Rodney King verdict sparks rioting in Los Angeles
UN holds first Earth Summit
Bill Clinton is elected president</p> <p>1993 Terrorist bombing of World Trade Center kills six people
Federal agents conduct seige of Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas
Clinton administration introduces comprehensive health-care reform, but it fails to win passage in Congress
Congress approves the North American Free Trade Agreement</p> | <p>1994 Republicans win control of Senate and House for first time in forty years
Congress approves the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
Congress passes the Comprehensive AIDS Revenue Emergency Act
Congress passes "Defense of Marriage" Act
California voters approve Proposition 187</p> <p>1995 Bombing of Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City kills 168 people
Clinton announces Dayton Accords to mediate civil war in Bosnia</p> <p>1996 Congress passes Welfare Reform Act
Congress enacts the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act
President Bill Clinton is reelected</p> <p>1997 Kyoto Protocol endorsed by European Union but not United States</p> <p>1998 U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania bombed by terrorists
House of Representatives votes to impeach President Clinton, but vote fails in Senate</p> <p>1999 U.S. joins NATO forces in Kosovo
Protesters disrupt meetings of the World Trade Organization in Seattle</p> <p>2000 USS <i>Cole</i> bombed by terrorists</p> <p>2001 George W. Bush becomes president after contested election
Terrorists attack World Trade Center and Pentagon
U.S. begins military campaign in Afghanistan</p> |
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