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THE LEGACY OF GEORGE W. BUSH'S PRESIDENCY

The Country He Inherited, The Country He Leaves Behind

THE ECONOMY	JANUARY 20, 2001	TODAY UNDER BUSH
REAL GDP GROWTH¹	4.09% Over Prior 8 Years	2.65% Over Prior 7 Years
NATIONAL DEBT²	\$5.7 Trillion	\$9.2 Trillion
BUDGET DEFICIT/SURPLUS³	\$431 Billion Surplus over the Previous Three Budget Years	\$734 Billion Deficit over the Previous Three Budget Years
NEW PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS CREATED⁴	1.76 Million Jobs Per Year Over Previous 8 Years	369,000 Jobs Per Year Over Previous 7 Years
AMERICANS IN POVERTY⁵	31.6 Million	36.5 Million
QUALITY OF LIFE	JANUARY 20, 2001	TODAY UNDER BUSH
AMERICANS UNINSURED & CHANGE IN UNINSURED LEVEL⁶	38 Million Uninsured 4.5 Million Less in 2 Years	47 Million Uninsured 8.5 Million More in 6 Years
ANNUAL TOTAL PREMIUM COST⁷	\$6,230 for Family Premium	\$12,106 for Family Premium
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME & CHANGE IN MEDIAN INCOME⁸	\$49,163 \$6,000 Increase in 8 Years	\$48,023 \$1,100 Decrease in 6 Years
PRICE OF GAS⁹	\$1.39/Gallon	\$3.07/Gallon
COST OF COLLEGE¹⁰	\$3,164 per year	\$5,192 per year
PERSONAL SAVINGS RATE¹¹	+2.3%	-0.5%
CONSUMER CREDIT DEBT¹²	\$7.65 Trillion	\$12.8 Trillion
UNITED STATES & THE WORLD	JANUARY 20, 2001	TODAY UNDER BUSH
U.S. TRADE DEFICIT¹³	\$380 Billion	\$759 Billion
STRENGTH OF U.S. DOLLAR¹⁴	1.07 Euros per Dollar	0.68 Euros Per Dollar
COMBAT READINESS¹⁵	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."
FOREIGN OIL DEPENDENCY¹⁶	52.75% of U.S. Liquid Fuel Consumption is Imported	60.38% of U.S. Liquid Fuel Consumption is Imported
VIEW OF AMERICA ABROAD¹⁷	58.3% Viewed America Favorably	39.2% Viewed America Favorably
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GREAT BRITAIN'S VIEW OF U.S.	83% Favorable	56% Favorable
INDONESIA'S VIEW OF U.S.	75% Favorable	30% Favorable
TURKEY'S VIEW OF U.S.	52% Favorable	12% Favorable
GERMANY'S VIEW OF U.S.	78% Favorable	37% Favorable

¹ Bureau of Economic Analysis

² Department of Treasury

³ Congressional Budget Office

⁴ Bureau of Labor Statistics

⁵ United States Census Bureau

⁶ United States Census Bureau

⁷ Kaiser Study of Employer Health Care Benefits

⁸ United States Census Bureau

⁹ Energy Information Administration

¹⁰ Higher Education Coordinating Board of Washington State

¹¹ Bureau of Economic Analysis

¹² Insurance Information Institute

¹³ United States Census Bureau

¹⁴ OANDA.com: The Currency Website

¹⁵ Speaker of the House Fact Sheet, 11/29/07

¹⁶ Energy Information Administration

¹⁷ Testimony of Andrew Kohut; President, Pew Research Center; 3/17/07