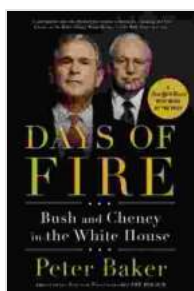


# Bush and Cheney in the White House: A Watershed Moment in American History

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## The Rise of Bush and Cheney

George W. Bush was born in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1946. He is the eldest son of former President George H. W. Bush. Bush graduated from Yale University and Harvard Business School. He then worked in the oil industry before entering politics. In 1978, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1994, he was elected Governor of Texas.



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Dick Cheney was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1941. He graduated from Yale University and the University of Wyoming Law School. Cheney then worked as a lawyer and businessman. In 1975, he was appointed Deputy Assistant to the President by President Gerald Ford. He later served as White House Chief of Staff under President George H. W. Bush.

In 2000, Bush and Cheney were elected President and Vice President of the United States. They took office in January 2001.

### **The 9/11 Attacks**

On September 11, 2001, the United States was attacked by terrorists. The attacks killed nearly 3,000 people and caused billions of dollars in damage. The attacks had a profound impact on the United States, both domestically and internationally.

In the wake of the attacks, Bush and Cheney launched the War on Terror. The War on Terror is a global campaign against terrorism. It has included military action in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other countries. The War on Terror has also led to increased security measures in the United States, including the creation of the Department of Homeland Security.

### **The Invasion of Iraq**

In March 2003, the United States invaded Iraq. The invasion was based on the claim that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction. However, no such weapons were ever found. The invasion of Iraq was controversial, and it led to the deaths of thousands of Iraqi civilians.

The war in Iraq also had a significant impact on the United States. The war cost billions of dollars and led to the deaths of thousands of American

soldiers. The war also damaged the reputation of the United States abroad.

## **Hurricane Katrina**

In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast of the United States. The hurricane caused widespread flooding and damage. The federal government's response to the hurricane was widely criticized.

The Hurricane Katrina disaster exposed the weaknesses of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA is responsible for coordinating disaster relief efforts. However, FEMA was overwhelmed by the magnitude of the disaster. The federal government's slow response to the hurricane led to widespread suffering and death.

## **The Legacy of Bush and Cheney**

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The War on Terror and the invasion of Iraq are two of the most controversial aspects of Bush and Cheney's legacy. The war in Iraq was a major foreign policy blunder. It cost the United States billions of dollars and led to the deaths of thousands of American soldiers and Iraqi civilians.

The Hurricane Katrina disaster also damaged the legacy of Bush and Cheney. The federal government's slow response to the hurricane exposed the weaknesses of FEMA and led to widespread suffering and death.

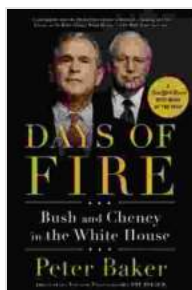
Bush and Cheney left office in January 2009. Their presidency will be debated for years to come. However, there is no doubt that they were two

of the most consequential presidents in American history.

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## Further Reading

\* [The 9/11 Commission Report](https://www.9-11commission.gov/report/911Report\_Exec.htm) \* [The Iraq War] (https://www.britannica.com/event/Iraq-War) \* [Hurricane Katrina] (https://www.history.com/topics/natural-disasters-and-environment/hurricane-katrina)



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