

# The American Yawp

## Chapter 30 – The Recent Past

### Quiz

- George H. W. Bush defeated Michael Dukakis by doing all of the following EXCEPT
  - Promising to continue the conservative work of the Reagan administration
  - Using his son to solidify his relationship with the religious right
  - Appealing to racial resentment among white voters
  - Updating New Deal programs for a new era
- Which of the following best describes global economic trends in the early 1990s?
  - Liberalized economic laws and rising international investment
  - A final resurgence of global communism
  - Spiraling trade wars
  - Massive economic growth inspired by government investment and war
- Which of the following instigated the First Gulf War, also known as Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm?
  - This was not a war as Congress never authorized military action
  - Iraq's invasion of Kuwait
  - Soaring gas prices
  - All of the above
- The wave of politicians, called New Democrats, advocated all of the following EXCEPT
  - Free trade
  - Tax cuts
  - Welfare reform
  - The end of mass incarceration
- Which of the following took place in the 1990s, representing a new trend in immigration?
  - Increased immigration to the American South
  - Declining immigration from Latin America
  - The decline of anti-immigrant sentiment
  - All of the above
- Why did President Clinton fail to secure universal healthcare?
  - Resistance from conservatives
  - Attack ads funded by the healthcare industry
  - Hesitancy among Democrats in congress
  - All of the above
- All of the following occurred during the Clinton administration EXCEPT
  - Allowing openly gay men and women to serve in the military
  - Restricting access to welfare benefits
  - Significant economic growth

- d. Passage of NAFTA
8. The 2000 presidential election was decided when
- a. The Florida recount concluded that George W. Bush had received 863 more votes
  - b. The Supreme Court ruled that the automatic recount had to cease immediately
  - c. Al Gore conceded privately to George W. Bush
  - d. A recalculation of electoral college votes from Pennsylvania tipped the scale
9. Which of the following best describes the so-called Bush Doctrine?
- a. Cutting taxes will increase government revenue
  - b. The United States should act unilaterally and preemptively to fight terrorism
  - c. Contact between the executive and legislative branches should occur via the Vice President's office
  - d. Financial services firms deemed "too big to fail" should be rescued with federal funds
10. What was the primary rationale used to justify the Iraq War?
- a. The expansion of democracy and alleviation of human rights abuses
  - b. The defeat of al-Qaeda cells
  - c. Saddam Hussein's alleged possession of weapons of mass destruction
  - d. Reduction of global gas prices
11. According to economists at JPMorgan Chase, was the greatest factor in the unprecedented profit margins of the early 2000s?
- a. Improved communication systems
  - b. The exploding cost of medical care
  - c. Reductions in wages and benefits
  - d. A more educated workforce
12. The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) mimicked policy proposals but all of the following politicians EXCEPT
- a. Bill Clinton
  - b. Newt Gingrich
  - c. Mitt Romney
  - d. Richard Nixon
13. Which of the following best describes the ruling of *Citizens United v. FEC*?
- a. No limits could be placed on political spending by corporations, unions, and nonprofits
  - b. Judicial oversight does not have authority over partisan gerrymandering
  - c. Federal officials must verify the citizenship status of all individuals counted in the decennial census
  - d. The torture that occurred at Guantanamo Bay violated both the U. S. Constitution and international human rights law
14. All of the following distinguish millennials from earlier generations EXCEPT
- a. More liberal
  - b. Less likely to have traveled

- c. Less religious
  - d. More burdened by debt
15. In 2012, nearly \_\_\_\_\_ of all Americans were immigrants or the sons or daughters of immigrants.
- a. one half
  - b. one fourth
  - c. one fifth
  - d. one eighth