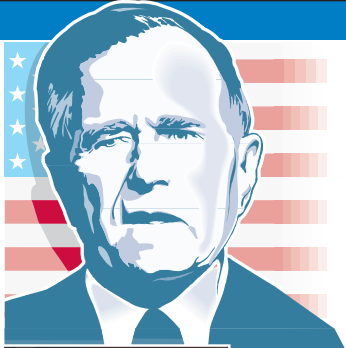


Bush bids farewell



George Bush will be remembered primarily for his involvement in foreign affairs. The Bush administration coincided with a rapidly changing world order in which the fragmentation of the Soviet Union left the United States the sole world superpower

Panama

1989, May: Bush orders 2,000 more troops to Panama after General Noriega rigs election. **September:** Severs relations with Panama. **December:** U.S. invasion ousts Noriega



Gulf conflict

1990, August: Iraqi forces enter Kuwait. Bush orders economic sanctions. America's biggest overseas military force since Vietnam war sent to Saudi Arabia.

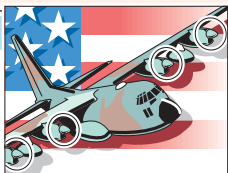
1991, January: Operation 'Desert Storm' begins as U.S.-led coalition forces attack Iraq. **February:** Bush

announces liberation of Kuwait. Ceasefire declared. **1993, January:** U.S. aircraft attack Iraqi missile sites in response to violations of UN restrictions. U.S. warships launch cruise missiles in controversial attack on Iraqi 'nuclear plant'. Further attacks on Iraqi military installations led by RAF Tornados anger Arab nations

Foreign aid

1992, April: Bush proposes major U.S. involvement in \$24bn aid package to former Soviet Union states.

December: Bush orders U.S. troops into Somalia in major famine relief operation. Bush visits Somalia to witness devastation first-hand



Soviet Union and Eastern Europe

1990, November: Attends Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE). Cold War officially declared over. **1991, July:** Bush and Gorbachev sign arms reduction treaty in Moscow summit. **December:**

Soviet Union disbands, Gorbachev resigns. Bush recognises new republics. **1992, July:** Agrees massive arms reductions with Boris Yeltsin. **1993, January:** Bush and Yeltsin sign START-2 long-range missile pact

Drug enforcement

1989, September: Proposes \$7.86bn plan to halve drug use in U.S. by year 2000. **1990, February:** Bush ignores death-threats to attend drug summit in Colombia.

1992, February: Bush hosts summit to persuade drug exporting countries to wage war on traffickers



U.S. economy

1990, March: Campaign tax promises falter as new tax measures announced. **June:** Bush backs away from 'no new taxes' vow. **October:** Congress agrees \$500m tax increase. **December:** 6.1 per cent unemployment rate highest for three years. **1991, February:** Quick recovery

from recession forecast. **1992, January:** Bush tours Australia and Asia to promote trade. Illness at dinner hosted by Japanese PM Kiichi Miyazawa contributes to doubts over success of trip. **February:** 'Affordable' health care proposals unveiled. **December:** North American Free Trade Agreement signed to end trade barriers between U.S., Mexico and Canada. **1993, January:** Budget for 1994 delivered to Congress but decisions left to incoming Clinton administration. Deficit – \$292bn