Changing eras of American politics

The U.S. presidency has been dominated by eras of Republican and Democratic government defined by political crises. Now, after ruling for 28 of the past 40 years, the electorate's disenchantment with the Bush administration could signal a reversal from Republican to Democratic Party dominance

THE undersigned wishes to purchase a large lot of NEGROE r the New Orleans market. I will pay 81200 to \$1250 to 1. I young men, and \$550 to \$1000 for No. I young women facet will pay more for likely accaoes,

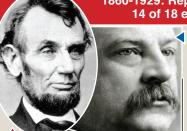
LEXINGTON, JULY 2, 1842

1854: Republican Party founded by anti-slavery activists to oppose Democrat-backed Kansas-Nebraska Act

Nearly four million slaves are owned by population of just over 12 million in 15 southern states in which slavery is legal. Act will expand

slavery to new territories

1840



1860 Abraham Lincoln elected first Republican U.S. president

1865: Lincoln assassinated three months into second term.



1861-65: American Civil War

1860-1929: Republicans win 14 of 18 elections

> 1885, 1893: Extreme conservative Democrat Grover Cleveland twice elected president

1912: Progressive Party, formed by Theodore Roosevelt splits Republican vote, letting in Democrat Woodrow Wilson



1929: Wall Street Crash

1932-64: Democrats win seven of nine elections



1929: Wall Street Crash triggers Great Depression. redefining U.S. politics



1953-61: Democrats lose to World War II hero Dwight D. Eisenhower 1963: President John F. Kennedy assassinated

1959-75: Vietnam War

1960

1968-2004: Republicans win seven of 10 elections

1968: Protests against Vietnam War and riots in over 100 cities following assassination of civil-rights leader Martin Luther King lead to worst civil unrest since American Civil War

1974: Resignation of Richard Nixon over Watergate scandal leads to election of Democrat Jimmy Carter

1992-96: Candidacy of Ross Perot splits Republican vote, leading to

election of Bill Clinton

2008: Credit Crunch

Republican

Democratic

1861-1865

1865-1869

Grover Cleveland

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William McKinley

■ Theodore Roosevelt

Benjamin Harrison

1900

1910

1920

1930

Calvin Coolidge

1940 1950 Warren G. Harding

1921-1923 1923-1929

Herbert Hoover 1929-1933 Franklin D. Roosevelt 1933-1945 Harry S. Truman 1945-1953

Dwight D. Eisenhower 1953-1961

Lyndon B. Johnson

Gerald Ford

Jimmy Carter

Bill Clinton

Ronald Reagan

George H.W. Bush

Richard M. Nixon

Abraham Lincoln* Andrew Johnson**

Ulysses S. Grant Rutherford B. Haves James A. Garfield* Chester A. Arthur

1869-1877 1877-1881 1881-1881

William H. Taft 1881-1885

Woodrow Wilson

1889-1893 1893-1897

1897-1901 1901-1909

1885-1889

1909-1913 1913-1921

John F. Kennedy*

1961-1963 1963-1969

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1969-1974

1974-1977

1977-1981

1981-1989

1989-1993

1993-2001

*Assassinated while in office. *Andrew Johnson was a Democrat, nominated vice president by Republicans and elected with Lincoln in 1864