



Newt Gingrich

Former Speaker of the House of Representatives who is seen as one of the Republicans' most creative thinkers

■ **Jun 17, 1943: Newton Leroy McPherson** born Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. His mother marries Robert Gingrich in 1946

■ **Education:** History degree from Emory University in 1968, doctorate in modern European history from Tulane University in 1971. Student deferment during Vietnam War

■ **Career:** Teaches at West Georgia College from 1970-78

■ **Political career:** Enters Congress in 1978, representing Georgia's 6th district. Wins election as House Minority Whip in 1989 and House Speaker in 1995. Fined \$300,000 by ethics committee in 1997

■ **Religion:** Born-again Catholic

■ **Family:** Twice-divorced, Gingrich is now married to **Callista Bisek**