

Ailing U.S. presidents

Hillary Clinton's pneumonia diagnosis has made her health a prominent issue in the U.S. election, but this is not the first time that the fitness of a president or candidate has become a central political issue



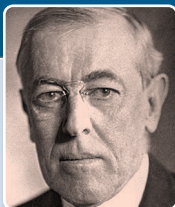
Hillary Clinton stumbles leaving 9/11 ceremony

Woodrow Wilson 1913-1921

Multiple strokes:

Paralysed down left side. Paralysis was kept secret, but once discovered, it instigated **25th**

Amendment, stating vice president will assume power in event of president's death or disability



Franklin D. Roosevelt 1933-1945

Polio: Struck down aged 39, paralysing both legs.

Personally funded research which led to creation of polio vaccine

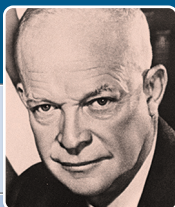
Also: Anorexia nervosa. Killed by cerebral haemorrhage in 1945



Dwight D. Eisenhower 1953-1961

Heart attack: Left him hospitalised for several weeks while in office

Also: Crohn's disease (inflammation of intestine), and light stroke that left him temporarily unable to speak



John F. Kennedy 1961-1963

Addison's disease:

Incurable adrenal gland disorder, characterised by low blood pressure, weakness and bronze discolouration of skin

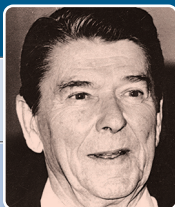
Also: Treatment for chronic back pain led to painkiller addiction



Ronald Reagan 1981-1989

Cancer: Treated for both prostate and skin cancer

Also: Urinary tract infections, arthritis, temporomandibular joint disease (dysfunction of jaw), Alzheimer's disease towards end of Administration



George H.W. Bush 1989-1993

Staphylococcal infection: Almost killed him as teen

Also: Head and lung trauma, cysts, bleeding ulcers, arthritis, abnormal heart rhythm, Graves' disease (autoimmune disease affecting thyroid)

