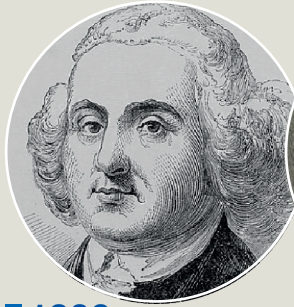
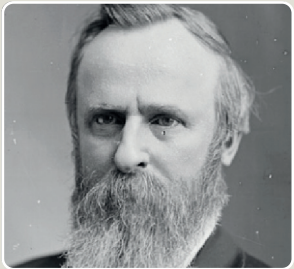


A short history of campaign dirty tricks



1800 Sensationalize. President **John Adams** (left) finds himself running against Vice President **Thomas Jefferson**. Jefferson's campaign alleges Adams is a hermaphrodite, while Adams' supporters accuse Jefferson of fathering several children with his young slave, **Sally Hemings**. **Jefferson defeats Adams**



1876 Electoral College controversy. Democrat **Samuel J. Tilden** (right) wins popular vote, and has 184 **Electoral College votes** – one shy of majority needed – to Republican **Rutherford B. Hayes**' 165. 20 votes remain uncounted. In Florida, Louisiana and South Carolina, fraud and ballot-rigging results in each state sending two sets of electoral votes to Congress, with both sides claiming victory. **After bitter battle, 20 remaining votes go to Hayes, just two days before inauguration**



2000 Vicious rumours. Sen. **John McCain** (right) wins New Hampshire primary, beating **George W. Bush**. McCain now turns his focus to South Carolina, where Bush campaign uses tried and true strategy – a fake poll – to spread falsehoods about McCain. Phone calls to Republican voters ask “**Would you be more or less likely to vote for John McCain... if you knew he had fathered an illegitimate black child?**” McCain and his wife **Cindy** had adopted a dark-skinned girl from Bangladesh in 1991 and that child, **Bridget**, was campaigning with them in South Carolina



1828 Nastiest contest. Slurs fly back and forth between war veteran General **Andrew Jackson** (left) and **John Quincy Adams**, with Adams accused of being a pimp. Jackson's mother is labelled a prostitute, and his wife, **Rachel**, a slut. **Jackson wins election. Inauguration party descends into drunken brawl**



1992 Sex and morals. Leading into New Hampshire primaries, **Gennifer Flowers** (right) – former model and one-time cabaret dancer – nearly wrecks Democratic candidate **Bill Clinton**'s run for presidency. Flowers claims she had a 12-year affair with Clinton while he was governor of Arkansas. Clinton aggressively denies Flowers' allegation and goes on to defeat President **George H.W. Bush** in November



2016 Pizzagate. Social media spreads conspiracy theory that hacked Democratic email accounts contain coded messages referring to human trafficking and child sex ring run by **Hillary Clinton** and other high-ranking Democrats. **Donald Trump wins presidency**

2020 Postal votes. Upsurge in Democrats voting by mail due to coronavirus – Republicans favour in-person voting. In battleground states, election-night results may not indicate ultimate winner. **Trump could use slower postal vote count to cast doubt on results or even declare himself winner on election night**