

A portrait of Ebrahim Raisi, an Iranian politician and cleric. He is wearing a black turban, glasses, and a white beard. He is dressed in a white shirt and a dark jacket. The background is slightly blurred, showing some colorful patterns on the left.

Today in History

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▲ **Ebrahim Raisi, Iran's hardline Chief Justice who was close to the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, was elected president, succeeding Hassan Rouhani**

1905: The first Nickelodeon, a small theatre converted to show films, opened in the U.S. city of Pittsburgh

1989: Solidarity, the Polish workers' party, swept to victory in elections to the National Assembly

2007: An environmental study indicated that China's greenhouse gas emissions had overtaken those of the U.S.

2018: Canada became the second country, after Uruguay, to legalise the recreational use of cannabis