

# BILL CLINTON

## I. BEFORE PRESIDENCY ; BIOGRAPHY OF CLINTON



### EDUCATION

- AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, HE PLAYED SAXOPHONE, WAS A BOYS NATION DELEGATE AND MET FORMER US PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.
- HE WENT TO GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY WHERE HE WORKED AS AN INTERN FOR SEN. J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT, AND THEN HE GRADUATED WITH A DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.
- IN 1968, HE WON A RHODES SCHOLARSHIP TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY
- HE GRADUATED WITH A LAW DEGREE FROM YALE LAW SCHOOL

### POLITICAL ACTIVITY

- IN 1974 HE RAN UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR A SEAT IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
- IN 1976, HE WAS ELECTED A YORNER GENERAL OF ARKANSAS
- IN 1978 HE WON THE GOVERNORSHIP, BECOMING THE YOUNGEST GOVERNOR THE COUNTRY HAD SEEN IN 40 YEARS.
- CLINTON FAILED IN HIS REELECTION BID IN 1980, HOWEVER HE REGAINED THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IN 1982
- DURING HIS 12 YEARS IN OFFICE, GOVERNOR CLINTON EARNED NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR HIS PROGRESSIVE PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY HIS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.
- HE EVENTUALLY WON THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN 1992.

## II. DURING PRESIDENCY OF BILL CLINTON



### PRESIDENCY

- FIRST TERM (1993-1996) - SECOND TERM (1997-2001)
- HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST DEMOCRATS TO SERVE TWO CONSECUTIVE PRESIDENTIAL TERMS.
- HIS POLICY FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AND CENTRISM.
- HE WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT ELECTED AFTER THE COLD WAR, SYMBOLIZING A MAJOR POLITICAL CHANGE.
- CLINTON SUCCEEDED IN RALLYING BROAD SUPPORT AS A NEW DEMOCRAT, THUS MARKING A SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL TRANSITION.

### DIPLOMACY

- HE PLAYED ROLE ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE, SEEKING PEACE.
- ACTIVE INTERVENTION IN THE BOSNIA AND KOSOVO CONFLICTS
- SUPPORTS THE EXPANSION OF NATO.
- RATIFICATION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (NAFTA)

### CHALLENGES DURING THE PRESIDENCY

- IN 1994, THE "REPUBLICAN REVOLUTION": REPUBLICANS TOOK CONTROL OF CONGRESS.
- THE REPUBLICANS ARE SEEKING TO WEAKEN BILL CLINTON'S POSITION
- IN 1998, THE MONICA LEWINSKY AFFAIR AND THE IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS

## III. POST- PRESIDENCY ; CLINTON'S HERITAGE



### WRITING

- "MY LIFE" (2004)
- "GIVING: HOW EACH OF US CAN CHANGE THE WORLD" (2007) IN WHICH HE ENCOURAGED READERS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN VARIOUS WORTHY CAUSES
- "BACK TO WORK: WHY WE NEED SMART GOVERNMENT FOR A STRONG ECONOMY" (2011)
- UPCOMING : « CITIZEN: MY LIFE AFTER THE WHITE HOUSE » ; MEMOIR ABOUT HIS LIFE AFTER SERVING TWO TERMS IN OFFICE.

### ACTIVISM

- IN 2001 HE FOUNDED THE WILLIAM J. CLINTON FOUNDATION, A PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATION THAT ADDRESSED VARIOUS GLOBAL ISSUES
- IN 2004, HE FOUNDED THE WILLIAM J. CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM OPENED IN LITTLE ROCK.
- HE SERVED AS A SPECIAL ENVOY FOR RELIEF EFFORTS AFTER A TSUNAMI IN THE INDIAN OCEAN
- IN 2009 CLINTON WAS ASSIGNED A CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER, A HISTORY MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA
- LATER THAT YEAR HE WAS NAMED A UN SPECIAL ENVOY TO HAITI AND WAS ASSIGNED THE MISSION OF OVERSEEING AID EFFORTS AND RECONSTRUCTION
- HE PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN BOTH HILLARY CLINTON AND BARACK OBAMA'S CAMPAIGNS
- IN 2017 BILL AND THE FOUR OTHER LIVING FORMER PRESIDENTS (JIMMY CARTER, GEORGE H.W. BUSH, GEORGE W. BUSH, AND BARACK OBAMA) LAUNCHED THE ONE AMERICA APPEAL, WHICH SOUGHT TO HELP THE VICTIMS OF SEVERAL HURRICANES