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President George Bush

To what extent did the attacks of September 11, 2001 influence the policies of President George Bush ?



I / Presentation of the President George Walker Bush

43rd President of the United States

Mandate : 2001 to 2009

Member of the Republican Party (particularly conservative)

Political program :

- o **The economic aspect** : with tax reduction and an increase in the national economy
- o **The area of education** : the "No Child Left Behind" law



II / The attacks of September 11, 2001

Osama ben Laden was a jihadist in the terrorist group Al Qaeda

Reasons of this attack : Opposition to the American presence in the Middle East + Hostility towards American foreign policy

One of the deadliest terrorist attacks in modern history => **2,977** dead and **6,291** injured



III / The consequences on George Bush's policies

US Congress speech the 20th of September 2001 : Declaration of a "war on terrorism" by military operations in Afghanistan to destroy the Taliban regime.

The passing of historic controversial laws : **USA PATRIOT Act**

- o AIM : the extension of the government's surveillance powers

Afghanistan operations launched against al-Qaeda terrorists.

The launch of the highly criticized attack on Iraq and the regime of Saddam Hussein