## 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

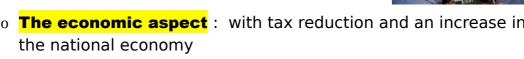
43rd President of the United States

Mandate: 2001 to 2009

Member of the Republican Party (particularly conservative)

Political program:

- o **The economic aspect**: with tax reduction and an increase in
- 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 history => **2,977** 



iterrorist attacks in modern dead and **6,291** injured

## III / The consequences on George Bush's policies

**US Congress speech the 20<sup>th</sup> 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