

Has Trump's Victory Sealed the Coffin of the "Bush-Clinton Era" Which Lasted Three Decades?

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*So much is being written now about **Donald Trump's** victory in the United States' presidential election. Few analyses however, if any, are paying attention to a remarkable development, namely the end of the Bush-Clinton era. You might have not paid much attention to it (in all likelihood, you never heard of it), but it started in the 1980's, and lasted all the way to 2016. Let us go back in time, then.*

This is how it worked: starting in 1981, either a Bush or a Clinton was in the White House (as a powerful Vice President or as the President himself) for years onwards. Or, later, in charge of foreign policy. If one recalls, from 1981 to 1989, Republican **George H. W. Bush**, also known as George Bush Senior, served as Vice President under Ronald Reagan. Being a former Director of the mighty Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), it is only fair to describe Bush Senior as a powerful Vice President. As the founding father of an era, he deserves a closer look.



Those were the Cold War years, and the CIA was quite a big deal (it still is, of course). The Agency is well known for teaching [torture](#) techniques to foreign groups, as well as promoting "[regime chances](#)" (a code for coup d'état) [false flag](#) terrorist [attacks](#), [assassinations](#) of foreign leaders, and the like. During the Regan years, keeping up with such a record, Bush [admittedly](#) played a [role](#) in the so-called [Iran-Contra scandal](#) which was about the illegal sale of arms to Iran and then clandestinely using the arms sale to fund the Nicaragua anti-communist rebel group known as the [Contras](#). The Contras were involved in [death squads](#), [cocaine dealing](#), [terrorism and torture](#). To make matters worse, the CIA was accused of [getting involved](#) in the Contras narcotraffic operations.

According to diplomat [Peter Dale Scott](#), historian [Alfred McCoy](#), and journalists Gary Webb and Alexander Cockburn, this is in line with a long record of CIA involvement in the dope trade. Back to the Iran-Contra affair: at the time, CIA agent Barry Seal took part in bringing at least three billion dollars worth of cocaine [through Mena Airport](#) (Arkansas). This is where Bush and Clinton meet: while Bush was part of the administration running the Iran-Contra, **Bill Clinton**, who later became President, was the then governor of Arkansas and was

[accused](#) of [being complicit](#) in this operation. That is not the only alleged connection Clinton has to the organized crime world, by the way: his brother Roger Clinton had [ties to the Gambino crime family](#) and even [served time for cocaine dealing](#) – only to be later [pardoned](#) by President Bill Clinton.

Back to Bush Senior, he was so powerful a vice that when [former American Nazi Party member](#) John Hinckley Jr. [shot and injured President Reagan](#) in March 30, 1981, in an attempted murder, rumors and conspiracy theories were spread about Bush being involved in the deed so as to rise to the Presidency. The fact the Hinckley family [had connections](#) with the Bush family did not help much in that regard: for one thing, the shooter's brother (Scott Hinckley, Vice President of the family's Vanderbilt Energy Corp) was friends with George Bush's son (Neil Bush). Scott Hinckley was in fact going to attend [a dinner party](#) at Neil Bush home before the incident. It is a small world.

Image: President G. H.W. Bush visiting the Troops during the First Gulf War ([Source](#))



George Bush Senior did not become President in March 1981, but he did in 1989, thereby succeeding Reagan. One of his greatest legacies, so to speak, is [the first Gulf War](#). As President, he did not make it to reelection and was then succeeded in 1993 by someone [very dear](#) to him, someone whom he considered as a son, the aforementioned Democrat Bill Clinton. Again, a small world. Suh was the rise of the New Democrats. For Clinton, I highlight two major achievements: [pushing NATO expansion](#) and having [NATO bomb an European country](#) which then [ceased to be](#) (the former state of Yugoslavia). The region is a ticking bomb [to this day](#).

The family connection has remained strong – there are a number of Clinton-Bush initiatives, such as the [Clinton Bush Haiti Fund](#), and the [Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund](#). It is no wonder Bushes and Clintons are so close – they took turns running the country for decades. President Clinton, preceded by Bush Senior (whom he called “dad”), was then succeeded, in 2001, by none other than Republican George W. Bush, that is, the son of Bush Senior. George W. Bush would [often call Clinton his “brother”](#). Those were the [neocon](#) years. Bush legacies include the turning the country into a de facto [dictatorship](#) with the Patriot Act, and the two-decades long occupations of [Afghanistan](#) and [Iraq](#), the former being a clear [neocolonial enterprise](#), plus yet [more NATO enlargement](#).

So there you have it with the Bush-Clinton era. That state of affairs lasted at least 28 years, that is, until 2009, when **Hillary Clinton** (none other than the former President's wife) could not make it within the Democrat Party and, in a [vicious internal struggle](#), Barack Obama instead was nominated and won in 2009. That's not the end of the Bush-Clinton era yet. Obama still kept a Clinton (Hillary) in charge of foreign policy, as Secretary of State until

2013. She resigned after some scandals, and was replaced by John Kerry.

Kerry, if one recalls, is George W. Bush's [fellow bonesmen](#) (both are members of [the same elite secret society](#)) who was defeated by him in the 2002 election – small word, once again. So much for American “anyone can become President” democracy. Even though Obama was then said to be [“the least Atlanticist” President](#), Obama-Clinton-Kerry legacy includes the [empowering of terrorist group ISIS/Daesh](#), adding fuel to the fire in the [Syrian civil war](#), supporting [the Maidan](#) in Ukraine, the [destruction of Libya by NATO bombing](#) – and, again, [further NATO expansion](#).

Then Clinton lost the presidential race to Republican **Donald Trump** in 2016. This ends the Bush-Clinton era. Trump was then defeated by Democrat Joe Biden in 2020 and was thought to be done with. Instead, he [took control of the Republican Party](#), sidelining the Bushes and neocons. The Clintons did not make a comeback under Biden for a number of reasons. Biden-Harris' administration legacy in any case include being complicit with [Israeli genocide](#) in Palestine and playing with world war by increasing tensions with both Russia and [China](#) (over Taiwan). So much for Biden's “America is back” motto.

Now Trump is back, which seals the coffin of the Bush-Clinton era – and this time with full control of the Republican party, with a Senate majority and [much more](#). Trump, as I [wrote](#), is by no means a “peacemaker” and it is not quite true that his 2016-2020 presidency was marked by “no wars”. He [assassinated Iranian General Soleimani](#) for one thing and did facilitate the [Abraham Accords](#), which lie at the root of today's crisis in the Middle East in a lot of ways.

In any case, Trump's previous administration certainly was no match for his Bush-Clinton predecessors in terms of war-mongering, genocide and nation-destruction – and no match for Biden, for that matter. In all likelihood this time too he will not exceed the aforementioned legacy of his precursors. If such turns out to be the case, and if the slightest [restraint](#) is exercised, this in itself should already be good news for the world. The Bush-Clinton era is over, amen to that.

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