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Topic 17 Notes: Meeting New Challenges (1975-Present)

**Information NOT in the book, but you need to know.**

Violence in the United States

On April 19, 1995, a truck-bomb explosion outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, left 168 people dead and hundreds more injured. The blast was set off by anti-government militant Timothy McVeigh, who in 2001 was executed for his crimes. His co-conspirator Terry Nichols received life in prison. Until September 11, 2001, the Oklahoma City bombing was the worst terrorist attack to take place on U.S. soil.

<http://www.history.com/topics/oklahoma-city-bombing>

**Top 4 School Shootings:** 1. Virginia Tech 2007= 33 dead and 25 injured

2. Sandy Hook Elementary –Connecticut 2012= 28 dead and 2 injured

3. UT Austin 1966= 17 dead and 31 injured

4. Columbine High School- Colorado= 15 dead and 21 injured

<http://www.ranker.com/list/deadliest-school-shootings-100215/loganrapp>

**17.1: Terrorism and Wars Overseas**

I. Al Qaeda (an international \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ network) attacks the U.S.

A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ founded Al Qaeda in 1988

B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- supports violence against enemies of the religion Islam- believes society should be governed by religious Islamic law.

C. Al Qaeda supported terrorism to achieve political goals- opposed US influence in Muslim world, so launched attacks at US embassies- Kenya and Tanzania

D. In 2000, Al Qaeda attacked the *USS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* at a port in Yemen

II. On September 11, 2001, bin Laden and Al Qaeda attack the US

A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ terrorists seize 4 commercial airliners midflight

B. 8:46 first plane crashes into World Trade Center’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- 15 minutes later another plane hits the Second tower, 3rd plane hits the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- within an hour (Arlington, VA), 4th plane goes down in a field in Shanksville, PA after the passengers try to take plane over

C. within 2 hours the twin towers collapsed

D. nearly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people die in the attacks

III. George W. Bush launches an attack on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ terrorism

A. creation of Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B. the Islamic fundamental group, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in control of Afghanistan refused to turn over Osama bin Laden

C. October 2001, Congress authorized US forces invading Afghanistan- with the help of the US, a new government was established that opposed the Taliban- never 100% control

D. Osama bin Laden escaped to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Taliban regained some control

E. 2014- partial withdraw of troops- most Americans wanted withdrawal

IV. Tensions with Iraq- Iraq refused inspections for chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (WMD)

A. Axis of Evil- Iraq, Iran, and North Korea- accused of protecting terrorists and hiding WMD

B. US and Britain claim Iraq has WMD- so bombed Iraq in 2003- no WMD found- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ capture in Dec. and found guilty of crimes against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and hung

C. Iraq had conflict in the new government between the Sunni Muslim, Shia Muslim, and Kurds- new government too weak and fighting

D. 5,000 US soldiers died in Iraq, hundreds of thousands Iraqi died- no peace in Iraq

and the US spent over a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E. Dec. 2011 all US troops leave with a few guarding the embassy

F. Islamic State- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took control of Western Iraq in 2014- Civil War in Iraq

V. May 2011- the US captured and killed Osama bin Laden in a compound in Pakistan-

Al Qaeda seems to be expanding

A. US used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on prisoners to get information- against international law-

Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay (Cuba)- many at Guantanamo haven’t been tried

B. US supported the new Afghan government that was corrupt and he was hostile to US

C. Pakistan was accused of supporting the Taliban- accused of knowing where bin Laden was

D. Taliban against women’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_- no education, prearranged marriages- Malala Yousafzai

E. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- struggle to achieve the goals of Islam- justifies violence

F. Jihad movements in Yemen, Pakistan, Somalia, and the US**- Boston Marathon Bombers,**

**San Bernadino, etc…**

G. 6 year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Syria- rebel groups wanting to oust dictator Bashar Al \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ –

using chemical weapons against civilians- rise of ISIS

**17.2 An Unstable World**

I. Non-Proliferation Treaty- countries without nuclear weapons agree not to produce them, countries with nuclear capabilities agree not to sell or export nuclear weapons, and nuclear weapons free zones- all countries that have signed the treaty will no longer compete to produce nuclear weapons, countries will work to eliminate their nuclear weapons inventory, all countries that signed the treaty will work to help produce nuclear energy and use for peaceful uses- energy and medicine

A. North Korea signed the treaty- tension with the US- resumed nuclear weapons program and withdrew from NPT- 2009 successfully tested nuclear weapons

B. UN and US condemned North Korea’s nuclear testing

C. In 1950’s Iran began nuclear program- US and others imposed sanctions- hurt Iran’s economy

D. 2015 US and 5 other powers signed an agreement with Iran who agreed to wait 10 years to expand nuclear program for nuclear energy

II. Arab-Israeli conflict- 2003 map to peace with George W. Bush

A. Israel agrees to remove troops in Gaza where over a million Palestinians live- tensions and attacks in Gaza and other Palestinian areas with Israel- religious conflict (Jews & Muslims)

B. 2010- protests in Arab countries against undemocratic countries- Arab Spring

C. Egypt, Libya, Syria, and other countries- US supported democratic reforms, but not helping

III. 2005- President George W. Bush – extend democracy and support allies

A. Somalia pirates- US, NATO, and European Union helped patrol area- Somalia poor

B. NATO goal – free and peaceful Europe

C. 2014- Russia invades Ukraine- US imposed sanctions on Russia

D. US tried to strengthen ties in the Pacific Rim- East Asia

**17.3 A Global Economy**

I. Globalization- world wide economy- trade agreements with countries in the Americas and Asia

A. US workers suffered and the US economy suffered when other countries had crisis

B. Stock market problems- bubble when stock values more than what they are worth

C. 2001- US recession- Sept. 11th and US jobs going to other countries

D. Companies hid their real values- falsely reporting profits (Enron in Houston)

E. NAFTA- free trade between US, Canada, and Mexico and World Trade Organization(WTO)

removed trade barriers to encourage trade and investments, Central American Free Trade Agreement- free trade between US and some Latin American countries

F. European Union- currency is euro- US and European tied economically

II. World economic crisis partly caused by US housing bubble- banks made risky mortgage loans-

people couldn’t afford the homes they bought- houses were worth less they paid

A. People defaulted on their loans- home foreclosures- banks had massive losses

B. US entered another recession in 2007- US cut spending causing businesses to fail- hurt Europe too

C. Congress bailed out some banks and financial institutions

III. 2009- still in recession- home prices still falling and unemployment between 9-10%

A. Obama sigh American Recovery and Reinvestment Act- stimulate economy and reduce unemployment- create jobs improving airports, schools, highways etc…

B. unemployment still high- bigger gap between high and low end pay-more jobs but low pay- people frustrated with bailout

C. US has debt ceiling- limit the amount of debt the US can have- due to tax cuts, war in Afghanistan and Iraq, and slow growth

D. troubled economies in Europe- Greece and others couldn’t pay debts- if countries can’t pay their debts a global economic crisis may happen

**17.4 Advances in Science and Technology**

I. New discoveries- NASA sent orbiters and probes to Mercury, Pluto, Jupiter and Mars- it took years to accomplish these missions- studied the Milky Way Galaxy with the Kepler mission- Kepler telescope- more than 1,700 planets outside the Earth’s solar system

II. Growing economy= using fossil fuels- oil, coal, and natural gas- limited resources- damage the environment

A. Pollution a world wide problem- affects everybody

B. *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson- DDT chemical used by farmers killed insects, but harmful to animals, fish, and humans

C. laws to restrict use of chemicals- environmental groups started (Sierra Club etc…)

D. 1970- Nixon created the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)- 1st Earth Day 1970

E. global concerns- groundwater contamination, chemical spills, depletion of the ozone, nuclear waste, extinction of plants or animals, destruction of the rainforest etc..

F. climate change- global warming- humans greatest contributor to global warming from fossil fuels and greenhouse gases- like carbon dioxide

G. EPA encourages energy conservation and reduced emissions through renewable resources

H. renewable resources- sun, wind, water- geothermal energy from the Earth and organic plant and waste material- but more expensive

I. nuclear power and biofuels- but dangers- Three Mile Island leak in Penn. and Chernobyl in the Soviet Union (Ukraine) in 1986- radioactive leaks very harmful

J. radioactive waste- hazardous for thousands of years

K. biofuels- plant and animal waste – ethanol from corn, biodiesel from soybeans

III. Biotechnology- technology based on biology- help fight disease

A. Human Genome Project- map genes to understand disease and make drugs/vaccines

B. Farmers use to produce better crops that are resistant to disease, drought etc…

C. genetically modified crops and animals possible dangers

D. globalization helped spread disease- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

E. CDC helps support HIV programs (AIDS)

IV. Internet- 1969 US Department of Defense linking computers- 1990’s home use

A. World Wide Web (web)- runs on the internet- increased productivity and efficiency,

e-commerce, digital lessons, social networking

B. security risks, data threats, and viruses

C. smart phones and apps- demand for software engineers- games, magazines, books, banking and shopping apps- downside- traffic accidents and disruptive in public, toxic materials, and improper disposal

D. cybercrime- fraud, espionage, illegal intelligence gathering – hackers- terrorism, politics

E. Department of Defense- National Security Agency (NSA)- leaked documents Edward Snowden- wikileaks

**17.5 Challenges at Home**

I. 2000 election- George W. Bush won more electoral votes- Al Gore more popular votes

U.S. deficit high contributed to national debt- US recession

A. 2008 Obama wins election- economic problems- Affordable Care Act- healthcare

II. Immigration most from Latin America and Asia- worried about taking jobs & decreased wages

A. baby boomers living longer and immigration increased population and healthcare

B. affirmative action- 1960’s- again 2003 Sup. Ct. colleges can consider race for admission

C. 2013- Supreme Ct. sided with same sex marriage

III. US still based on national pride, economic opportunity, and freedom