

APUSH TERMS 1401-1424

1401. Barrack Obama

44th President and the first African American to become president of the United States

1402. Apology Tour

A series of speeches that President Obama gave around the world basically saying the United States has made many terrible mistakes, that we have not lived up to our ideals, that we have not always stood for human rights, being arrogant and derisive towards other nations in an attempt to build better relations with other nations.

1403. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

The first former First Lady to serve in a cabinet position; she served a Secretary of State from 2009-2013 when she resigned to prepared for her second presidential election race losing to Trump.

1404. Bailout: Wall Street

In order to stabilize the banking industry on **Wall Street** the US government bought \$700 billion in distressed assets in the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008; banks had combined good home loans with bad home loans and offered the loans as packaged deals to investment groups which as long as more goods loans were in the package it worked out well; banks started to offer too many bad loans and packaged them with good loans and the market became too unstable...should the US let the banking system collapse and let those who created the mess go bankrupt or bail them out?

1405. Bailout: Auto Industry (GM, Ford, Chrysler)

The Big Three (GM, Ford, Chrysler) focused on selling gas guzzling SUVs and pick-up trucks for years while foreign companies had lighter more fuel efficient cars; gas prices began to soar and the Big Three's profits fell by double digits; President Bush and Obama agreed to a total of \$42.5 billion loans to the GM and Chrysler; about 2/3 of the bailout has been paid back; Ford did not take any money from the government.

1406. Sonia Sotomayor

Supreme Court Justice appointed by President Obama in 2009 to replace Justice Souter who retired; she is the first Latino and Latina Supreme Court Justice

1407. Elena Kagan

Supreme Court Justice appointed by President Obama in 2010 to replace Justice Stevens who retired.

1408. Occupy Wall Street

An unorganized movement in 2011 to camp out on Wall Street and other city government locations throughout the nation indefinitely and protest against the wealthiest 1% of the nation and the incredible economic inequality between the 1% and the rest of the world, the

remaining 99%; major criticism by the press was that the “99 percenters” did not have any single philosophy to report or engage in a discussion about.

1409. End of Iraq War

In 2003 the United States invaded Iraq under the belief that Saddam Hussein was hoarding weapons of mass destruction; Saddam Hussein was deposed creating a power vacuum where an insurgency arose fighting each other and the US occupation forces for power; US forces were withdrawn starting in 2007 and by 2011 President Obama declared the Iraq War was over with removal of the last US troops from Iraq.

1410. Compromise Tax Plan Extended

In 2010 President Obama continued the tax cuts that President George W. Bush initiated; tax cuts for the middle class was extended for two years and unemployment benefits for one year.

1411. Osama bin Laden Killed

In May, 2011 Osama bin Laden was killed in a secret compound in Pakistan; Osama bin Laden was the terrorist leader of Al-Qaeda which orchestrated the 9/11 Twin Tower terrorist attacks.

1412. Affordable Care Act (Obama Care)

Health care overhaul requiring every person in the United States to have health insurance or pay a penalty (tax); insurance can be provided by an employer or through either a state or federally funded insurance exchange; the intent was that with more people participating in health care and through preventive medical care it would drive the medical costs down, however while more people are receiving health care the new participants are often those who have a greater need for prescriptions, doctor visits, hospital stays, etc which has driven a lot of medical costs higher;

1413. Education Reform: Race to the Top

States were given grants for educational reform if they implemented the new Common Core Standards; the catch was Common Core standards had not been written and states agreed to accept millions of dollars for unknown educational criteria.

1414. Russian Annexation of military ports in the Crimea

In 2011 Russia annexed the naval ports of Crimea while the Ukraine was going through a revolution which ousted the sitting president; the United Nations condemned the action, but did not intervene and most of the world looked to see if the United States would intervene at the same time which only condemned the action too; currently Crimea has been formally annexed to Russia, but very few nations have recognized as official

1415. Repeal of “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell”

Prior to 1994 gays were not allowed in the military at all; under President Clinton gays were allowed, but could not be open about their sexuality and officers could not ask anyone about their sexuality; in 2011 President Obama repealed the don’t ask, don’t tell policy, allowing gays to openly serve in the military.

1416. Attack on American Embassy in Benghazi, Libya

In 2012 the US Embassy in Benghazi, Libya was attacked by Islamic Extremists overpowering the guards and killing the US Ambassador John Stevens and Foreign Service Officer Sean Smith; controversy broke out when then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton claimed it was due to an anti-Islamic video posted on line and then later recanted her claim and accusations that she ignored pleas for help from the Embassy

1417. Mitt Romney

Republican Party candidate that ran against Barack Obama in the 2012 election

1418. Boston Marathon

In 2013 an Islamic Extremist detonated a bomb near the end of the Boston Marathon; One bomber died and the other claimed that they were self-radicalized with no ties to any terrorist group; in 2015 Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was found guilty and sentenced to death.

1419. Illegal Immigrant Children Border Crisis

In 2014 tens-of-thousands of children without their parents began showing up at America's southern borders seeking asylum from Latin American nations; this caused a crisis and debate over how to process the children and both legal and illegal immigrants.

1420. ISIS (Islamic State in Iraq and Syria)

Islamic extremist group that is trying to overthrow the leader of Syria and establish a new Islamic Caliphate (all Muslims united under one government, regardless of national identity); they control vast areas of Syria and Iraq, recruit fighters from around the globe and have claimed responsibility for terrorist attacks around the globe

1421. Iran Nuclear Treaty

In 2015 Iran and the US reached a nuclear arm treaty; Iran has agreed to change one of their uranium plant into a research facility and redesign its reactor to make lower grade plutonium used only for energy purposes and in exchange the United States will lift its trade embargo (which most western states follow), give Iran \$7 billion and unfreeze \$400 million dollars in Iranian assets

1422. Brexit

In June of 2016 Britain voted to leave the European Union in a close vote of 51.8% in favor of leaving and 48.2% in favor of staying in the EU; the youth wanted to stay with the EU and the older generations wanted independence; in general Britain was frustrated over the lack of border control and the desire to control its own economic future; it was the first nation to leave the EU

1423. Millennials (Generation Y)

The generation born from the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s (1985-1996). This generation was shaped by technology as they grew up with the Walkman and the founding of Google – they either are a slave to technology (always checking their Facebook account for their relationship

status) or they have mastered it (think Mark Zuckerberg); this generation was taught that everyone received a trophy for participating in a youth sport because everyone is a winner; they believe they deserve to do meaningful work right out of college, instead of starting at the bottom and “paying your dues” until you work your way up and 15-20 years later earn a position in which you can change the world; yet many are becoming the game changers in the world they want to be

1424. Gen Z*

Post-Millennials, Gen Wii and iGen have all been tried, but Gen Z seems to have stuck; this generation was born in the mid-1990s to the early 2000s and will either be entering college or just graduated from college; this generation’s emotional well-being is tied very closely to their social media accounts, are offended by a person’s use of language, yet tend to connect to a true multi-cultural world (more identify as biracial and same-sex marriage is less controversial as it is a constitutional right; are focused on getting career skills before they enter college (please note this is a definition in flux)*)

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