

## George Walker Bush

George Walker Bush served as the 43<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States from 2001 – 2009. Bush is the eldest son of President George H.W. Bush who served as the 41<sup>st</sup> President and Barbara Bush, making him one of only two American Presidents to be the son of a preceding president. He is also the brother of Jeb Bush, former Governor of Florida.

Bush graduated from Yale University in 1968 and Harvard Business School in 1975. Bush worked in the oil business in Texas after graduation. In 1977, Bush married Laura Welch. He ran unsuccessfully for the House of Representatives shortly after his marriage. Later, Bush co-owned the Texas Rangers baseball team. In 1994, Bush defeated Ann Richards in the 1994 Texas gubernatorial election. In 2000, in a close and controversial election, Bush was elected President. He was named Time Person of the Year in 2000 and in 2004.

Bush was president at the time the Twin Towers were destroyed by terrorist on September 11, 2001 and he earned great support for his actions at the time. However, he was also president at the time deadly Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast and he was highly criticized for the inept relief effort that followed the storm.

George W. Bush, also known as, “W”, and his wife, Laura, live in Texas and are parents to twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara.