**George W. Bush (Bush 43) Review Spring 2020**

Bush background

Prescott and Bush 41

Governor of Texas (moderate Republican)

\*2000 Election

Gore (pretends Clinton doesn’t exist)

No winner on election day

Florida recount

537 votes

Impact of third party candidate (Nader)

The red and Blue map and polarization

\*Bush as uniter and divider

\*Goal of Republican unity instead of bipartisanship

\*strategy of division or polarization

Bush II or Reagan III or W I

Compassionate conservatism

Pre-modern presidency vs. modern presidency

Modern presidency as crisis presidency

Post-Modern Presidency?

Cold War ends

Fate of Bush 41, Clinton, and Bush 43 before 9/11

Impeachment of Clinton

Modern presidency really a crisis presidency and crisis has ended

Characteristics of Post-Modern Presidency

Weak executive

Powerful Congress

Madisonian style checks and balances

Governor of the USA?

Then 9/11

Crisis presidency reborn/New imperial presidency

Example of Bush increasing power

Example of Restraint on Bush

Congress and Courts restrain Bush quickly

Example of AUMF – unlimited power?

Used by Obama and Trump

Unitary Executive Theory

Executive power and Congressional oversight?

National security

Signing Statements and Unitary Executive Theory

Bush approval ratings decline

Iraq, Katrina, Great Recession