**CLINTON**:

Democratic Party after 1984 election

Context

Why the growth of a moderate center?

\*Democrats lost South

\*Impact of Reagan revolution (shifting US politics to the right)

\*Deficit

tax revolts of 1970s and 1980s

economic slowdown since 1970s

perceived failure of:

1. Democratic New Deal/Great Society

2. Reaganomics

Fight in each Party

\*Democrats: centrist vs. liberal – centrists win

\*New Democrats – Democratic Leadership Council

Socially liberal

Fiscally Conservative

Pro-Business

Government has limited, but important role

\*Clinton as New Democrat

Education reform in Arkansas

The logic of Clinton's election

1992 election: Three way race

Ross Perot

President elected with only 43% of the vote

Is Clinton really a New Democrat?

1. Gays in the military
2. \*Health care
3. \*Budget
4. Triangulation and Welfare reform
5. Trade

Fighting protectionist Democrats

Economic world order building and globalization

Pro-business Democrat

Aggressive promotion of free trade

Modernizing the workforce

Republicans take the House and Senate 1994

The trust issue

Slick Willie

Scandals and accusations

The Gingrich Style: GoPac Memo

Clinton haters

Whitewater investigations (not the details)

\*Vince Foster’s death

Lewinsky

\*Ken Starr

\*House impeaches

\*Senate acquits

\*Undisciplined Clinton

\*as his own Chief of Staff

\*Thomas McLarty as Chief

\*Leon Panetta to save the day