**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