

Real World Graduation: Question 98: Johnson and Bush

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Question 98

What are the main differences between Democratic President Lyndon B. Johnson (36) and Republican President George W. Bush (43)?

- a) Bush got the nation involved in foreign war in Iraq which some claim was justified on false pretenses, whereas Johnson responded properly to the attacks made by the North Vietnamese in the Tonkin Gulf Incident.
- b) Johnson helped poor and middle class people by encouraging Congress to pass Medicare, while Bush cut taxes for the rich.
- c) Johnson became President by defeating Goldwater in a landslide in 1964; whereas Bush defeated Gore by a very narrow margin, which required an extensive recount in Florida and ultimately a decision by the Supreme Court.
- d) Bush was born and raised in Texas; in fact he served as Governor of Texas before being elected President. But, Johnson spent nearly his entire life in Washington, DC, although he was born and raised in Texas.
- e) All of the above.

Answer to Question 98

This is a trick question. All of the answers are wrong.

Answer a) is wrong because Johnson justified the war in Vietnam by a patently false claim about an incident that allegedly took place in the Gulf of Tonkin.

Answer b) is wrong because Bush pushed for Prescription Drug benefits (an expansion of Medicare) for the poor and middle class; also Bush, as President, cannot cut taxes (Congress does).

Answer c) is wrong because Johnson became President upon the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963; he retained his office by defeating Goldwater in 1964.

Answer d) is wrong because Bush was born in Connecticut and raised in Washington DC while his father was CIA Director and Senator; Johnson was born and raised in Texas.

As far as policy goes, there is no difference at all between L. B. Johnson and G. W. Bush. Both of them adopted the failed foreign policy of Woodrow Wilson (to try and solve every nation's problems) and the domestic policy of Franklin Roosevelt (minimize the liberties of the American people). Makes you wonder why the mainstream media loved one (Johnson) and hated the other (Bush). The answer should be obvious: Johnson was a Democrat.