

# UNIT 6 – MILLENNIUM & WAR ON TERROR

DAY 4

# FROM OBAMA TO TRUMP

*...AND BEYOND...*

*Because Orange is the New Black*



HOPE



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# REMIND ME...

- **What is terrorism?**
- **Who are the “players” in the modern “war on terror”?**
- **How would each side measure “success”?**
- **What are the most controversial political issues today?**

# THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOMELAND

- Immediately following the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks President Bush (*and advisors*) saw the need for a new Department to oversee the safety of the U.S. *within our borders (from ALL “threats”)*
  - It would be a **Cabinet-level position (the 15<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Department of Homeland Security**
  - *“Ensure a homeland that is safe, secure, and resilient against terrorism and other hazards.”*
  - **Counterterrorism**
  - **Borders and Immigration**
  - **Cybersecurity**
  - **Respond to natural disasters**



# WHO MAKES UP THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY?\*



# A HARD PATRIOT ACT TO FOLLOW

- *Having a new Department wasn't enough. Many who sought answers from 9/11, or ways to prevent a future one, believed that, perhaps, when security is threatened, essential liberties might need to be re-examined*
  - *Much like when declaring Martial Law*
- **Thus, Congress passed the PATRIOT Act (of 2001)**
  - *“Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001”*
  - **Gave Federal Agents new powers to investigate suspected acts of terrorism**
  - **Allowed phone-tapping, internet tracking, and searches without warrants**



Since we enacted the PATRIOT Act almost three years ago, there has been tremendous public debate about its breadth and implications on due process and privacy.

— Howard Berman —



# BARACK-N-ROLL

- *Into this time period of economic woes, trade tension, terrorist fears and homeland oversight, a Junior Senator ran for President on a platform of Hope and Change...*

- **Barack Obama**

- Former Democrat Senator (*Illinois*) and Community Organizer

- First African-American President

- Used Social Media as a primary means to reach voters

- First President on Facebook and Twitter while running / in office

- Pledged to reform healthcare

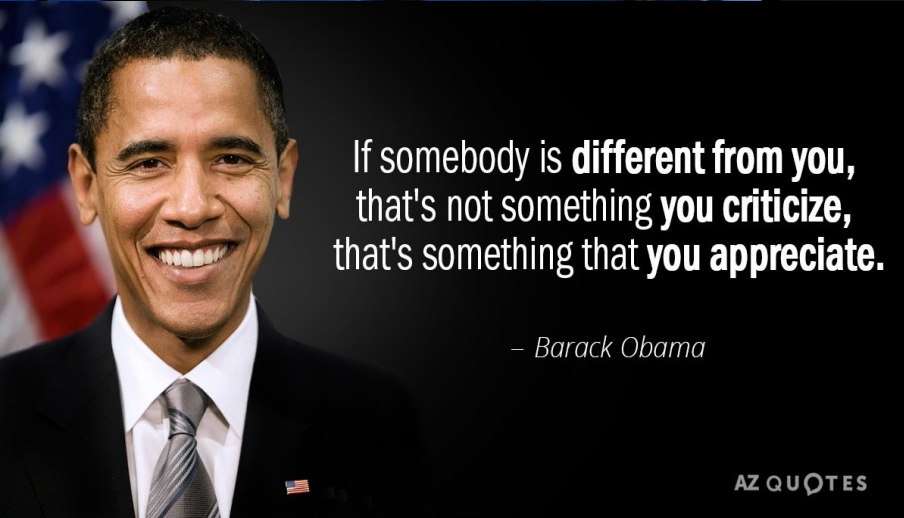
- Also to withdraw from Middle-Eastern Conflicts 😊





We did not come  
to fear the future.  
We came here  
to shape it.

--BARACK OBAMA




If somebody is **different** from you,  
that's not something **you criticize**,  
that's something that **you appreciate**.

– Barack Obama



**CHANGE**  
WE CAN BELIEVE IN

 BarackObama.com

# OBAMACARRIED AWAY

- *Fulfilling one of his campaign promises, the Democratic Congress under Obama passed...*

## The Affordable Care Act

- **Commonly called “Obamacare”**
- **Sweeping overhaul of Health Insurance**
- **Required coverage, or the payment of a fine**
- **Resulted in more people being covered, but in higher premiums and costs for those who are**



# PUTTING THE WALL IN WALL STREET

- *Many Americans were not fans of Obamacare, or of the 8 years of a fiscally liberal President, who's tenure also saw more refugees come into the country, many liberal policies in education or military, and a greatly increasing national debt.*
- *Others just wanted a stronger stance against threats like ISIS, and unfair trade agreements*
- *Whether it be frustration at the economy, policies, healthcare, the continued "wars" in the Middle East, or even just healthier school lunches, a shifting tide of opinion saw a growing majority of voters who wanted to "rebuild" America, or make it "great again"*
- *In particular, many looked for a Washington outsider, who had success in business, and "told it like it is."*

# PLAYING THE TRUMP CARD

- **Donald Trump v 1.0**

- **Businessman**

- **Primarily Real Estate**

- **Television Personality**

- *Host of “The Apprentice”*

- **Known for brash and**

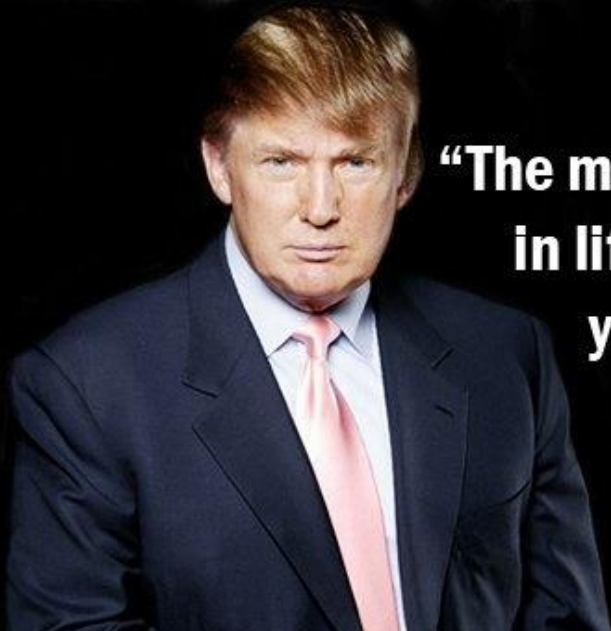
- “tell it like it is” personality**

- **Ran on campaign of**

- “Make America Great Again”**

- **Focused on repealing Obamacare, tightening immigration, renegotiating trade deals, and overhauling Taxes**





**“The most important thing  
in life is to love what  
you're doing.”**

**- Donald Trump**



**PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF  
SEEING POLITICIANS AS  
ALL TALK AND NO  
ACTION.**



# DON'T BE A COVIDIOT

- *Perhaps the greatest challenge Trump faced was in the final year of his Presidency...*

- **COVID-19**

- **Respiratory Disease**

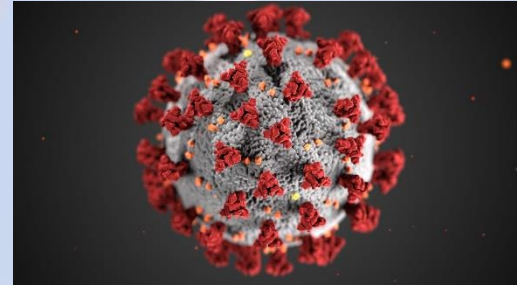
- **Easily spread from person to person through coughing, sneezing, touch, etc.**

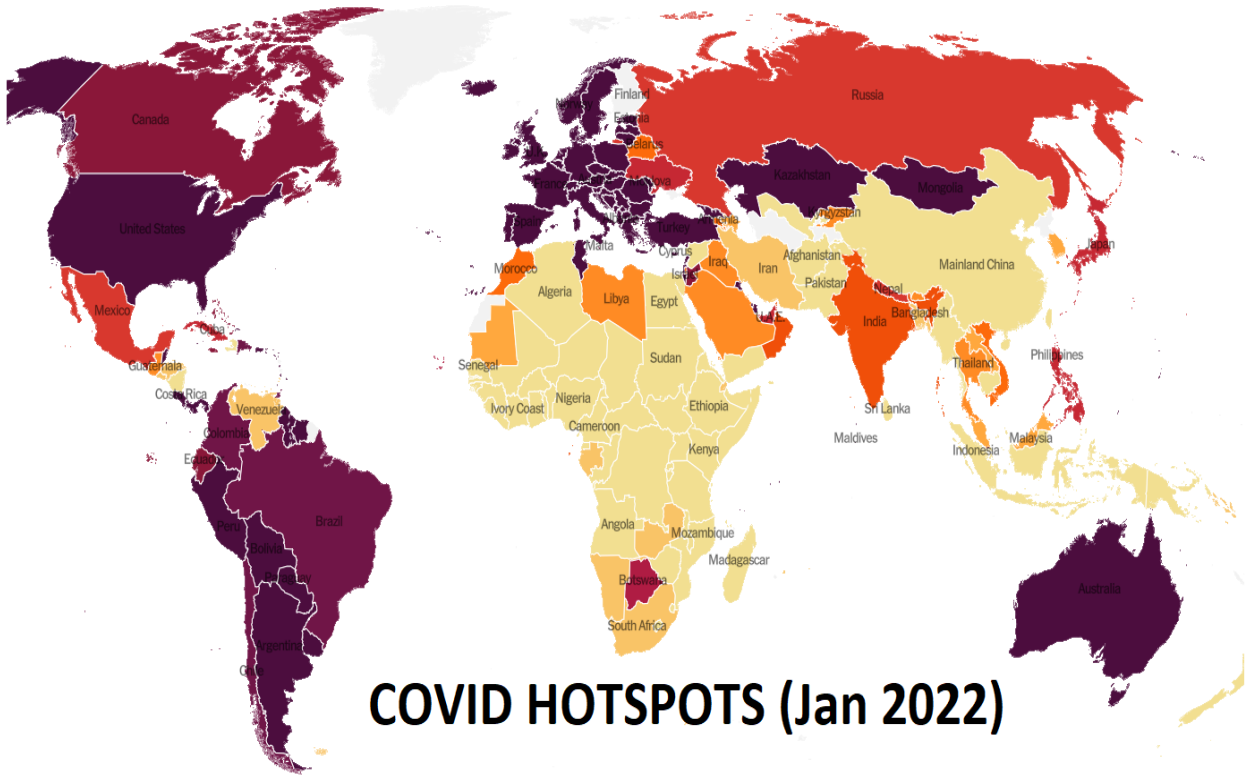
- **Led to mask mandates, business closures, “social distancing,” online schooling, etc.**

- **Over 7 million deaths worldwide (1.2 million in the U.S.)**

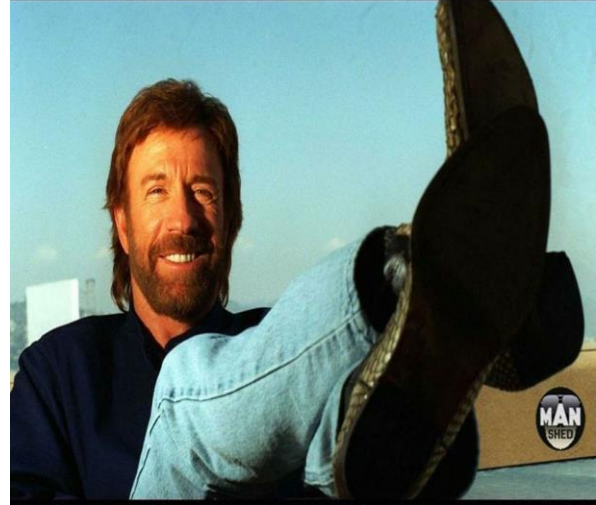
- **Vaccinations now exist, but there is much debate over efficacy and legality of mandating**

- **Has had many further “variants”...**

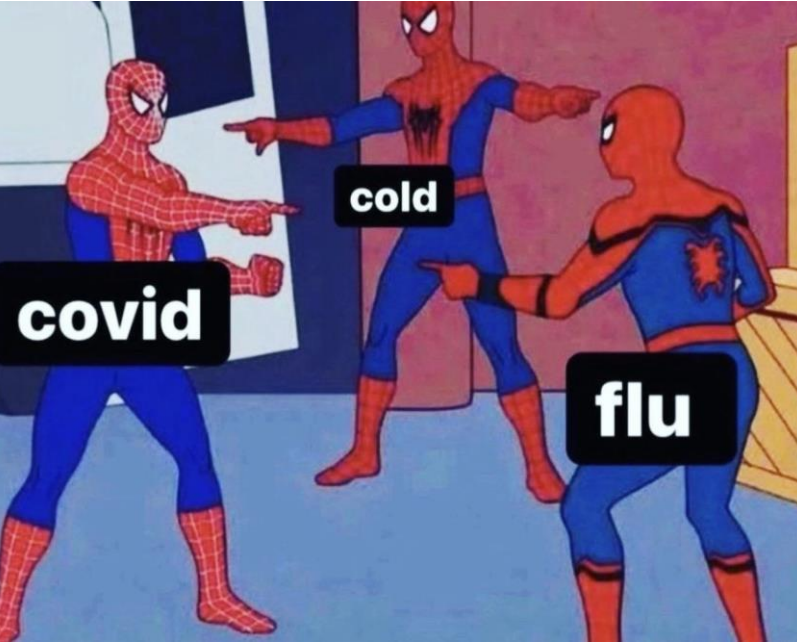




**CHUCK NORRIS HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO THE CORONAVIRUS**



**THE VIRUS IS NOW IN QUARANTINE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**



# JUST BIDEN MY TIME

## Joe Biden

### – Former Vice-President

- To Obama (as well as former Senator)

### – Had first Female Vice-President

- *Kamala Harris*

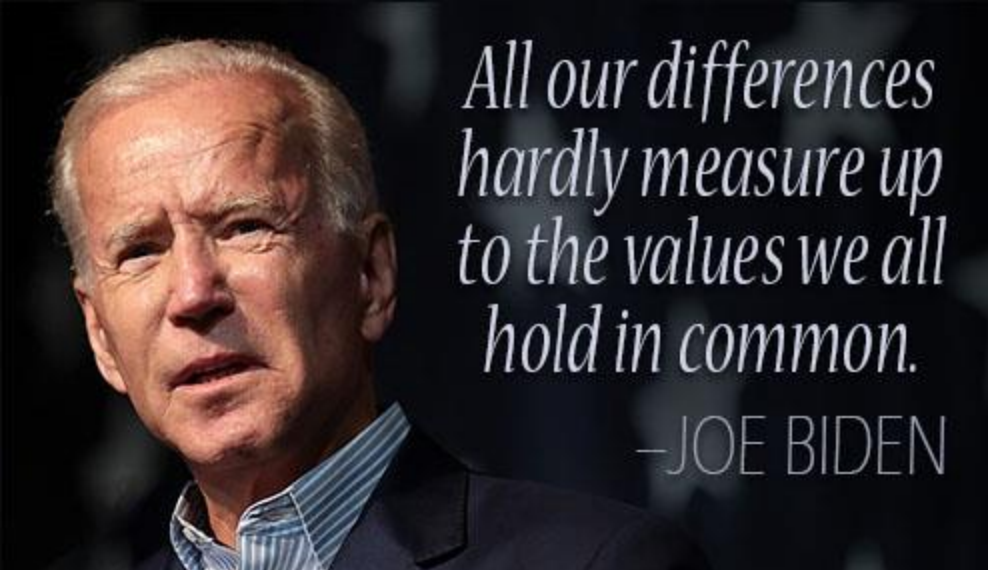
### – Oldest elected President

- *78 (79 when he took office). Trump is now 79*

### – *Primary Campaign Promises:*

- **COVID-19 Response**
- **“Restore” relations with allies**
  - *Rejoin certain groups and deals*
- **Promote Unity**
  - *Political, Racial, Economics, etc.*
- **“Fix” policies of Trump**





# THE TRUMPACOLYPSE

- **Donald Trump v 2.0**

- **DOGE**

- **Headed by Elon Musk**

- **Immigration**

- **ICE / enforcement / detentions / deportations**

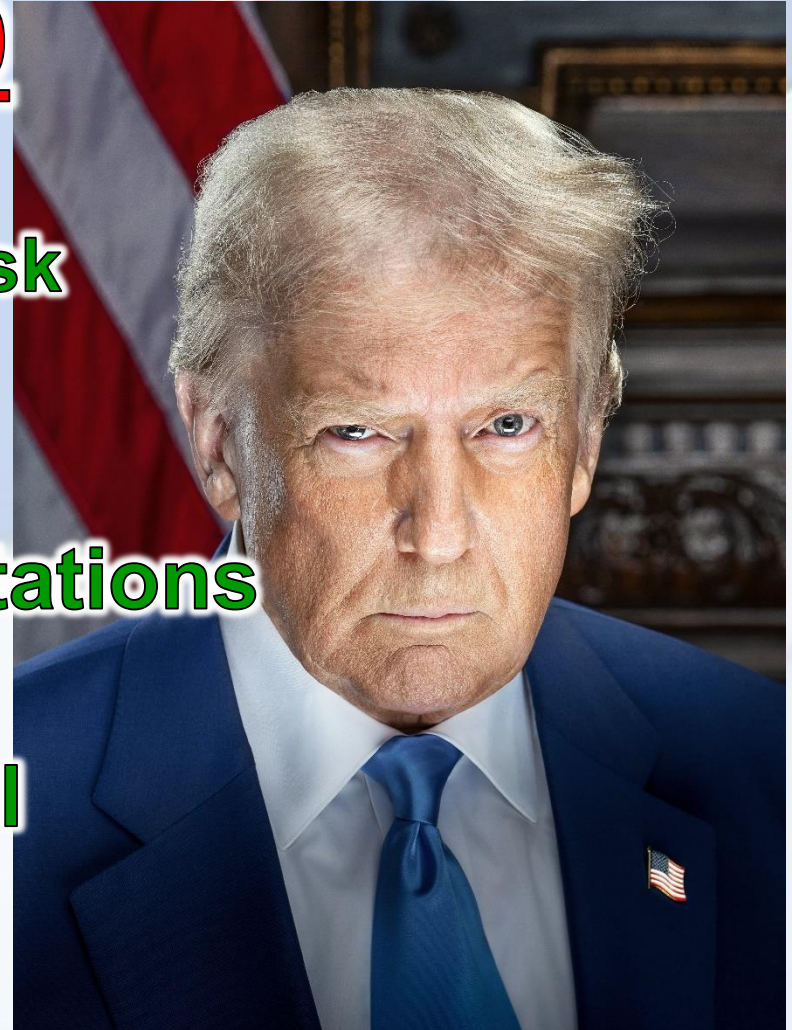
- **Iran**

- **Nuclear Threats / Oil**

- **Trade**

- **Tariffs in particular**

- **Other things.. Gulf of America? Canada? Greenland?**



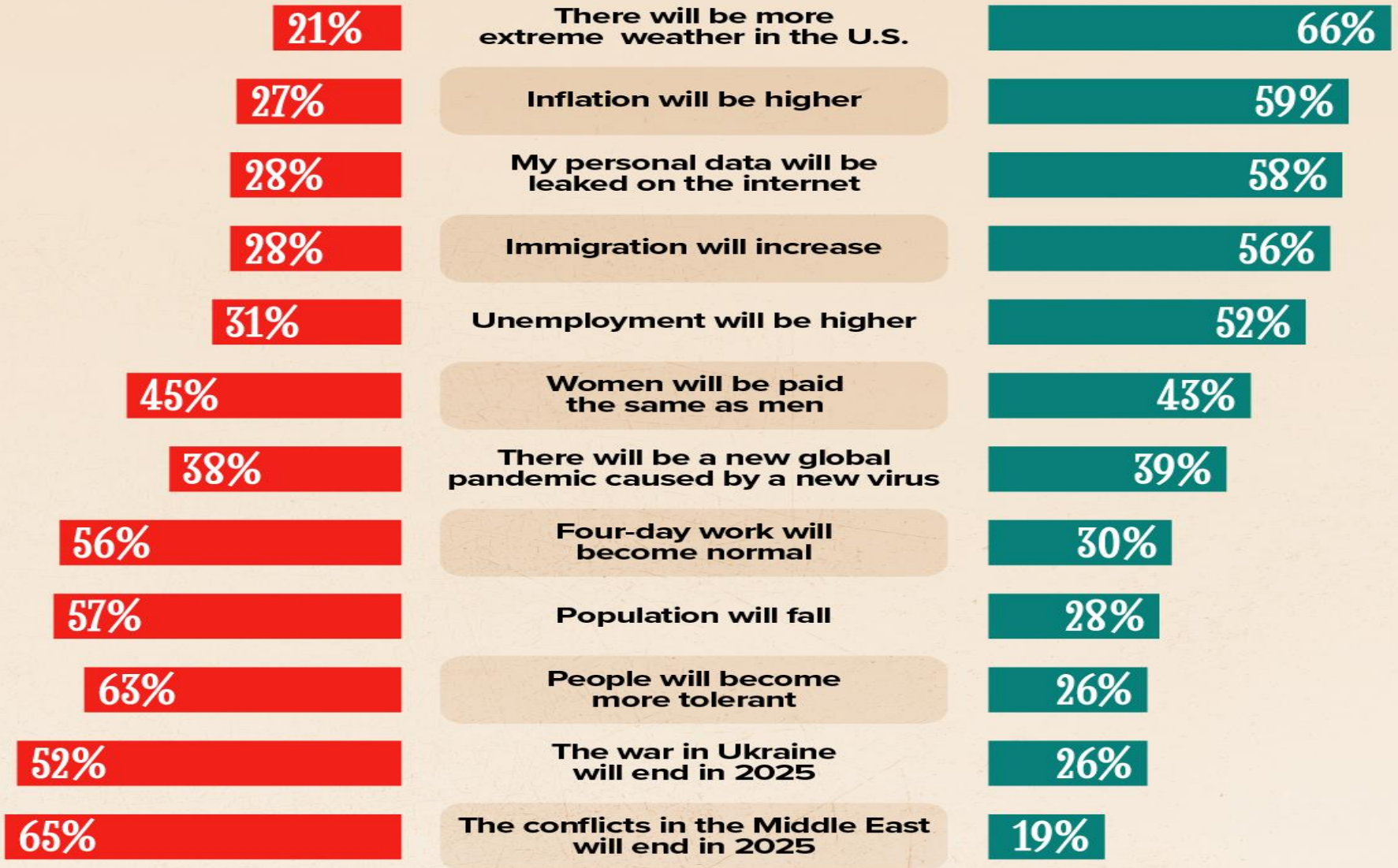


Unlikely

# What Americans Predict Will Happen In 2025



Likely



# A GRAVE NEW WORLD...

- **So ... where do we stand currently?**
  - **Russia vs. Ukraine is still raging**
  - **We have military operations against Iran, and also concerns with the Strait of Hormuz**
  - **Immigration enforcement, especially related to ICE has been prominent**
  - **And there are “No Kings” protests ongoing**
- **Are we SAFER or just MORE WATCHED?**
- **Are we STRONGER or MORE DIVIDED?**
- **How the President is doing, and who the NEXT President will be, isn't my decision ... but yours. You, after all, will vote for that person... in 2028**

# AND SO...

- This course has followed the rise of “America” as a military force, an economic one, a political one, and a world-changing one.
- If we are to continue, grow, and improve, it is vital we remember the lessons of the past, in order to shape our futures.
- Further, we must decide – what will the role of the U.S. be.
- This concludes U.S. History II as a course... but U.S. History is FAR from being over
- What will the next chapters be? Nobody can say for sure... but it will rely primarily on you.
- Ladies and gentlemen...

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE...



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