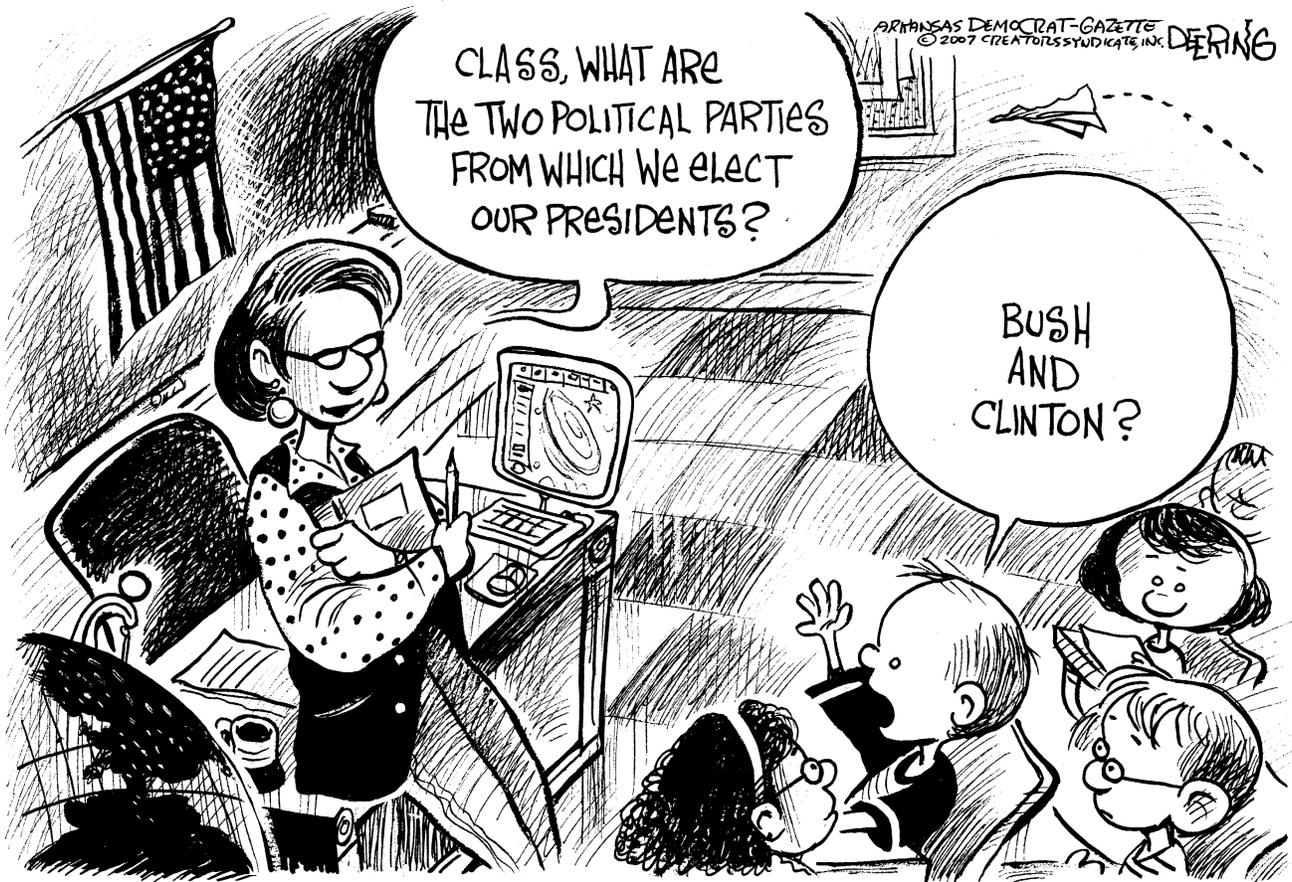


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The Bush-Clinton years: Political dynasties

Talking points

1. The Constitution, in Article, I Section 9, clause 8 states: "No Title of nobility shall be granted by the United States." Are the Bushes and Clintons in reality our nobility? How do you define nobility?
2. Kingdoms see ruling power passed through family ties. How is that system of royal rule different from the Clinton/Bush "kingdoms" we're now in?
3. In our history, presidents 2 and 6, 9 and 23 and 26 and 32 were also related. Can you name them and explain how each pair was related? What other American dynasties can you name?

Between the lines

A recent Associated Press story pointed out that 40 percent of Americans alive today were born while either a Bush or a Clinton were in the White House. And if Hillary Clinton were to be elected and then re-elected, the nation would go 28 years in a row with the same two families governing the nation. Add in Bush senior's vice-presidency: 36 years.

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