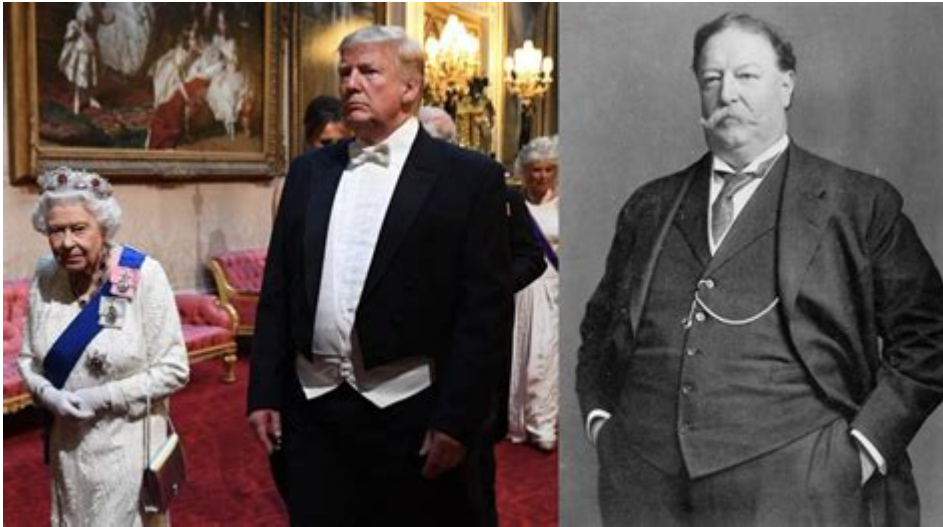


# Fattest Us Presidents



## **The Fattest U.S. Presidents: A Historical Look at Presidential Weight and Health**

American presidents, symbols of power and leadership, often find themselves under intense public scrutiny. While their policies and decisions dominate headlines, other aspects of their lives, including their physical health and weight, have also been subjects of public fascination and speculation. This article delves into the fascinating—and sometimes controversial—topic of the weight of U.S. presidents, exploring the historical context, the health implications, and the broader societal reflections of presidential physique. We'll examine which presidents were notably heavier than average and consider the implications of their weight in relation to their time in office.

## **Assessing Presidential Weight: Challenges and Considerations**

Determining the "fattest" U.S. President presents immediate challenges. Precise weight records weren't consistently kept throughout history. Early presidential records often lack detailed physical data, making direct comparisons difficult. Furthermore, weight alone isn't a definitive measure of health. Body mass index (BMI), a more comprehensive indicator, requires height data, which is also inconsistently recorded. Therefore, this exploration relies on available historical information and acknowledges the limitations inherent in such an analysis. We'll focus on presidents whose weight was notably high relative to the average weight for their time period and height, acknowledging the contextual factors at play.

## **William Howard Taft (1857-1930): A Landmark Case**

William Howard Taft, the 27th President, is frequently cited as one of the heaviest U.S. presidents. His substantial weight, reportedly exceeding 300 pounds at times, presented significant physical challenges during his presidency. Anecdotal accounts describe his difficulty in fitting into presidential vehicles and his struggle with mobility. His weight undoubtedly impacted his physical stamina and potentially influenced his ability to perform some presidential duties. It's important to note, however, that medical understanding of obesity and its impact was vastly different in Taft's era.

## **Grover Cleveland (1837-1908): A Secret Struggle**

Grover Cleveland, the 22nd and 24th President, faced a significant health crisis during his first term – a secret surgery to remove a cancerous tumor in his mouth. While not directly related to his weight, the incident highlights the lack of transparency around presidential health in earlier eras. While his exact weight isn't extensively documented, contemporary accounts suggest a heavier build. This lack of comprehensive data underscores the challenges in definitively ranking presidents based on weight.

## **Chester A. Arthur (1829-1886): The Fashionable Heavyweight**

Chester A. Arthur, the 21st President, was known for his sophisticated style and fashion sense. However, accounts suggest he also possessed a notably heavier frame. While precise weight figures remain elusive, his physique contrasted with the more slender image often associated with presidents. Again, the lack of detailed records and the context of the time complicate accurate assessment.

## **Other Presidents with Reportedly Higher Weights**

Several other presidents, though less prominently featured in discussions about presidential weight, had reportedly higher weights than average for their era. Researching these individuals and comparing their documented (or estimated) weights with average weights for their respective times can provide a more nuanced picture. This task necessitates careful examination of primary and secondary historical sources.

# Societal Perceptions and the Presidential Physique

The public's perception of presidential weight has evolved over time. In earlier eras, a more substantial build might have been viewed as a sign of strength and prosperity. However, modern awareness of health risks associated with obesity has shifted societal expectations. The discussion surrounding presidential weight serves as a reflection of changing societal norms and attitudes towards health and well-being.

## The Importance of Presidential Health

Beyond individual presidents, the topic of presidential weight highlights the broader issue of presidential health and its importance to national leadership. A president's physical and mental well-being directly impacts their ability to effectively discharge the duties of their office. Openness and transparency about presidential health are crucial for maintaining public trust and ensuring effective governance.

## Conclusion

While definitively ranking the "fattest" U.S. presidents is challenging due to inconsistent historical data and limitations in available metrics, examining the weight of past presidents provides a fascinating glimpse into the lives of these leaders and the evolution of societal perceptions of health. It underscores the need for comprehensive health records and the importance of transparency regarding the well-being of individuals holding the highest office in the land.

## FAQs

1. Why is it difficult to definitively rank U.S. presidents by weight? Accurate weight records weren't consistently kept throughout history, and BMI calculations require both weight and height data, which are often missing or incomplete.
2. What was the significance of William Howard Taft's weight during his presidency? His substantial weight impacted his mobility and potentially his ability to perform some presidential duties. It also reflects the limited medical understanding of obesity at the time.
3. Did societal views on presidential weight change over time? Yes. While a heavier build may have been viewed positively in the past, modern awareness of the health risks associated with obesity has

shifted perceptions.

4. Why is presidential health important beyond individual well-being? A president's physical and mental health is crucial for effective governance and maintaining public trust.
5. What lessons can we learn from examining the weights of past presidents? We can gain insights into changing societal views on health, the importance of accurate record-keeping, and the necessity of transparency concerning presidential well-being.

**fattest us presidents: Real Life at the White House** John Whitcomb, Claire Whitcomb, 2002  
An irresistible chronological overview of daily life in the presidential residence. Divided into 42 chapters representing each succeeding administration, this survey is brimming with fun facts, tantalizing tidbits, and memorable anecdotes detailing two centuries of domestic bliss and strife in the White House. From George Washington, who chose the sight and initiated work on the presidential mansion, to Bill Clinton, whose well-documented White House escapades titillated and scandalized the nation, each individual president has contributed to the mystique of the most readily recognized home in the U.S. Together with scores of drawings, portraits, and photographs, the breezy text chronicles the significant physical, social, and emotional changes wrought by each First Family as they sought to personalize daily life in the White House.

**fattest us presidents: Foods for the Fat** Nathaniel Edward Yorke-Davies, 1889 First U.S. edition, published in the same year as the London first. Edited by Charles W. Greene, the work appears here with a new introduction noting that the English calendar of seasonal foods does not apply exactly to the American situation. The supplied recipes emphasize meat and vegetables while avoiding starches, and recommend the use of saccharin instead of sugar. [PRBM].

**fattest us presidents: The Bully Pulpit** Doris Kearns Goodwin, 2013-11-05 Pulitzer Prize-winning author and presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin's dynamic history of Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft and the first decade of the Progressive era, that tumultuous time when the nation was coming unseamed and reform was in the air. Winner of the Carnegie Medal. Doris Kearns Goodwin's *The Bully Pulpit* is a dynamic history of the first decade of the Progressive era, that tumultuous time when the nation was coming unseamed and reform was in the air. The story is told through the intense friendship of Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft—a close relationship that strengthens both men before it ruptures in 1912, when they engage in a brutal fight for the presidential nomination that divides their wives, their children, and their closest friends, while crippling the progressive wing of the Republican Party, causing Democrat Woodrow Wilson to be elected, and changing the country's history. *The Bully Pulpit* is also the story of the muckraking press, which arouses the spirit of reform that helps Roosevelt push the government to shed its laissez-faire attitude toward robber barons, corrupt politicians, and corporate exploiters of our natural resources. The muckrakers are portrayed through the greatest group of journalists ever assembled at one magazine—Ida Tarbell, Ray Stannard Baker, Lincoln Steffens, and William Allen White—teamed under the mercurial genius of publisher S.S. McClure. Goodwin's narrative is founded upon a wealth of primary materials. The correspondence of more than four hundred letters between Roosevelt and Taft begins in their early thirties and ends only months before Roosevelt's death. Edith Roosevelt and Nellie Taft kept diaries. The muckrakers wrote hundreds of letters to one another, kept journals, and wrote their memoirs. The letters of Captain Archie Butt, who served as a personal aide to both Roosevelt and Taft, provide an intimate view of both men. *The Bully Pulpit*, like Goodwin's brilliant chronicles of the Civil War and World War II, exquisitely demonstrates her distinctive ability to combine scholarly rigor with accessibility. It is a major work of history—an examination of leadership in a rare moment of activism and reform that brought the country closer to its founding ideals.

**fattest us presidents: The Life and Times of William Howard Taft** Henry Fowles Pringle, 1964

Henry Fowles Pringle (1897–1958) was an American historian and writer most famous for his witty but scholarly biography of Theodore Roosevelt which won the Pulitzer prize in 1932, as well as the scholarly biography of William Howard Taft. Although he won the Pulitzer Prize in biography for Theodore Roosevelt, a Biography, Henry F. Pringle's most famous work is considered *The Life and Times of William Howard Taft: A Biography*. The William Howard Taft biography was published in 1939 and is often considered the definitive biography of the 27th president. Pringle's biography of Taft was a more balanced and thoughtful piece of work than the Roosevelt study. He had unlimited access to the large collection of Taft papers. Moreover, he discovered in Taft a tortured soul whose life could best be understood from the inside rather than from the outside. This offered a more serious challenge to the biographer than the chiefly visible exploits of Teddy Roosevelt. A newspaper reporter, he later became a professor at the Columbia University School of Journalism, and served as chief of the publications division of the Office of War Information in 1942–1943.

**fattest us presidents:** *Emotional Creature* Eve Ensler, 2013-11-25 Performed by an ensemble of young women, EMOTIONAL CREATURE is made up of original monologues—and irresistible songs—about and for girls. Placing their stories squarely center stage, it gives full expression to their secret voices and innermost thoughts, highlighting the diversity and commonality of the issues they face. EMOTIONAL CREATURE is a call, a reckoning, an education, an act of empowerment for girls, and an illumination for parents and for us all. Eve Ensler's *Emotional Creature* is a vehicle to empower girls and inspire their activism. V-Girls is a global network of girl activists and advocates. In the same way *The Vagina Monologues* built a movement on college campuses and in communities, young girls will be able to participate in V-Day's empowerment philanthropy model, igniting their activism through V-Girls. V-Girls is rooted in youth-driven activism. A V-Girls Action Guide provides service-learning curriculum for middle and high school youth based on issues covered in *Emotional Creature*, with an emphasis on activism. Organizers can start a V-Girls club or incorporate V-Girls resources into an existing youth program.

**fattest us presidents: William Howard Taft** Jeffrey Rosen, 2018-03-20 The only man to serve as president and chief justice, who approached every decision in constitutional terms, defending the Founders' vision against new populist threats to American democracy William Howard Taft never wanted to be president and yearned instead to serve as chief justice of the United States. But despite his ambivalence about politics, the former federal judge found success in the executive branch as governor of the Philippines and secretary of war, and he won a resounding victory in the presidential election of 1908 as Theodore Roosevelt's handpicked successor. In this provocative assessment, Jeffrey Rosen reveals Taft's crucial role in shaping how America balances populism against the rule of law. Taft approached each decision as president by asking whether it comported with the Constitution, seeking to put Roosevelt's activist executive orders on firm legal grounds. But unlike Roosevelt, who thought the president could do anything the Constitution didn't forbid, Taft insisted he could do only what the Constitution explicitly allowed. This led to a dramatic breach with Roosevelt in the historic election of 1912, which Taft viewed as a crusade to defend the Constitution against the demagogic populism of Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. Nine years later, Taft achieved his lifelong dream when President Warren Harding appointed him chief justice, and during his years on the Court he promoted consensus among the justices and transformed the judiciary into a modern, fully equal branch. Though he had chafed in the White House as a judicial president, he thrived as a presidential chief justice.

**fattest us presidents: Dead Presidents: An American Adventure into the Strange Deaths and Surprising Afterlives of Our Nation's Leaders** Brady Carlson, 2016-02-01

Entertaining...Carlson shifts deftly among sombre, macabre, and playful stories and shows how the death-tourism industry reveals more than amusing trivia. —The New Yorker In *Dead Presidents*, public radio host and reporter Brady Carlson takes readers on an epic trip to presidential gravesites, monuments, and memorials from sea to shining sea. With an engaging mix of history and contemporary reporting, Carlson explores the death stories of our greatest leaders, and shows that the ways we memorialize our presidents reveal as much about us as they do about the men

themselves.

**fattest us presidents:** *So You Want to be President?* Judith St. George, 2000 Presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents, from George Washington to Bill Clinton.

**fattest us presidents:** *The Everything American Presidents Book* Martin Kelly, Melissa Kelly, 2007-05-11 The Everything American Presidents Book is an excellent source of information about each of the forty-three men who have served as chief executive of the United States. This exhaustive guide provides you with all you need to know about this country's leaders, including: Their early childhood and formative years The effect of the office on wives and children The triumphs and tragedies that shaped them The legacy of each man's term in office Written in an entertaining style by two experienced educators, this fun and informative guide is packed with facts and details about the life and times of each president and the major events that shaped his term. The Everything American Presidents Book has everything you need to know about the fascinating men who shaped U.S. history and policy.

**fattest us presidents:** *Top 10 of Everything 2008* Russell Ash, 2007-09 A collection of top ten lists of facts and trivia in all areas from art to zoology.

**fattest us presidents:** *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator* Roald Dahl, 2024-01-30 'Don't you worry about a little thing like that!' cried Mr Wonka. 'My great glass elevator is ready for anything!' This beautiful edition of Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator, part of The Roald Dahl Classic Collection, features official archive material from the Roald Dahl Museum and is perfect for Dahl fans old and new. So, enter a world where invention and mischief can be found on every page and where magic might be at the very tips of your fingers . . . The Roald Dahl Classic Collection reinstates the versions of Dahl's books that were published before the 2022 Puffin editions, aimed at newly independent young readers.

**fattest us presidents:** *Salt, Sugar, Fat* Michael Moss, 2013-02-28 The No.1 New York Times Bestseller In China, for the first time, the people who weigh too much now outnumber those who weigh too little. In Mexico, the obesity rate has tripled in the past three decades. In the UK over 60 per cent of adults and 30 per cent of children are overweight, while the United States remains the most obese country in the world. We are hooked on salt, sugar and fat. These three simple ingredients are used by the major food companies to achieve the greatest allure for the lowest possible cost. Here, Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter Michael Moss exposes the practices of some of the most recognisable (and profitable) companies and brands of the last half century. He takes us inside the labs where food scientists use cutting-edge technology to calculate the 'bliss point' of sugary drinks. He unearths marketing campaigns designed - in a technique adapted from the tobacco industry - to redirect concerns about the health risks of their products, and reveals how the makers of processed foods have chosen, time and again, to increase consumption and profits, while gambling with our health. Are you ready for the truth about what's in your shopping basket?

**fattest us presidents:** *Lives of the Presidents* Kathleen Krull, 2011-01-03 Every U.S. president is the focus of public scrutiny, but how well do we know these men? What kind of fathers do presidents make? Husbands? Neighbors? Other books focus on the historical achievements of those who have occupied our country's highest office; *Lives of the Presidents* looks instead at their bad habits, silly nicknames, and strange pets. Every president—from George Washington to Barack Obama—is included, with an emphasis on those who have had the greatest impact on history. Discover their high points, low points, and the times in between. In this stunning addition to their acclaimed series, Kathleen Krull and Kathryn Hewitt take us beyond politics and photo opportunities, revealing the entertaining, complex, and very real lives of the presidents.

**fattest us presidents:** *The New Rules of Lifting For Life* Lou Schuler, Alwyn Cosgrove, 2012-04-26 A customizable-and realistic-fitness program specifically created for midlifers who want to lose weight, revitalize energy, and build habits for increased longevity. Today's exercising adults are caught in a bind: Those who take it seriously and work out aggressively end up with chronic

aches and pains in midlife because they don't know how to adjust their programs as they get older. And those who take it easy end up with overfed, underdeveloped bodies that don't respond well when they decide to get serious about exercise. Lou Schuler and Alwyn Cosgrove, fitness experts and authors of The New Rules of Lifting series know all too well that these readers need a program of their own. That's because they are these readers. Schuler started working out in his early teens. After forty years, he realized he couldn't do the programs in his own books without lots of modifications. And Cosgrove, a former European champion in tae kwon do, is a two-time survivor of stage IV cancer who found himself with limited endurance and a body that stubbornly refused to add muscle or shed fat. So the authors set out to create a new template for exercise, one that delivers serious results but is also flexible enough to accommodate individual limitations. The New Rules of Lifting for Life offers a six-month plan that balances total-body strength, endurance, mobility, balance, coordination, and athleticism. The workouts are challenging and, in conjunction with the suggested diet modifications, will help readers change the way their bodies look, feel, and perform. And not just temporarily- The New Rules of Lifting for Life allows you to enjoy productive and pain-free workouts for many years to come.

**fattest us presidents:** *The Japanese Power Elite* Albrecht Rothacher, 2016-07-27 This book attempts a coherent portrait of the heart of Japan's economic and political decision making. It presents the men occupying the core positions in Japan's ruling party, the central ministries, and in big business and its organizations. Elite career patterns, social origins, upbringing, university education, cognitive orientations and ways of life are reviewed, as are the interactions in the exclusive world of Japan's increasingly hereditary and bureaucratic class of power holders in conservative politics and big business.

**fattest us presidents:** **Fast Food Nation** Eric Schlosser, 2012 An exploration of the fast food industry in the United States, from its roots to its long-term consequences.

**fattest us presidents:** The Railroad at Pocatello Thornton Waite, 2012 Pocatello was founded as a station on the narrow-gauge Utah and Northern Railway in 1878, and it has been a railroad town ever since. Passenger and freight trains arrived and departed in all four directions of the compass, 24 hours a day. The Union Pacific also built extensive shops at Pocatello, where railroad equipment was serviced, maintained, and repaired. In addition, refrigerator cars were iced from a large icehouse, and railroad ties were treated with preservative at a tie plant. The advent of the automobile, improved roads, new technologies, and the introduction of the diesel-electric locomotives all combined to change the railroad industry, affecting Pocatello in many ways. Passenger trains were discontinued, the steam-locomotive-servicing facilities were closed, and shop buildings were torn down. However, the railroad in Pocatello remains a vital part of the local scene today, with freight trains continuing to run through the city day and night.

**fattest us presidents:** *Processes and Phenomena on the Boundary Between Biogenic and Abiogenic Nature* Olga V. Frank-Kamenetskaya, Dmitry Yu. Vlasov, Elena G. Panova, Sofia N. Lessovaia, 2019-08-29 The book represents a collection of papers presented at VI International Symposium Biogenic - abiogenic interactions in natural and anthropogenic systems that was held on 24-27 September 2018 in Saint Petersburg (Russia). Papers in this book cover a wide range of topics connecting with interactions between biogenic and abiogenic components in lithosphere, biosphere and technosphere. The main regarding topics are following: methods for studying the interactions between biogenic and abiogenic components; geochemistry of biogenic-abiogenic systems; biomineralization and nature-like materials and technologies; medical geology; biomineralogy and organic mineralogy; biomineral interactions in soil; biodeterioration of natural and artificial materials; biomineral interactions in extreme environment.

**fattest us presidents:** **How Change Happens** Duncan Green, 2016 DLP, Developmental Leadership Program; Australian Aid; Oxfam.

**fattest us presidents:** **Trump Revealed** Michael Kranish, Marc Fisher, 2016-08-23 A comprehensive biography of Donald Trump, the Republican front-runner in the presidential election campaign. Trump Revealed will be reported by a team of award-winning Washington Post journalists

and co-authored by investigative political reporter Michael Kranish and senior editor Marc Fisher. *Trump Revealed* will offer the most thorough and wide-ranging examination of Donald Trump's public and private lives to date, from his upbringing in Queens and formative years at the New York Military Academy, to his turbulent careers in real estate and entertainment, to his astonishing rise as the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination. The book will be based on the investigative reporting of more than two dozen Washington Post reporters and researchers who will leverage their expertise in politics, business, legal affairs, sports, and other areas. The effort will be guided by a team of editors headed by Executive Editor Martin Baron, who joined the newspaper in 2013 after his successful tenure running *The Boston Globe*, which included the "Spotlight" team's investigation of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church.

**fattest us presidents:** *The Complete Idiot's Guide to the American Presidency* Alan Axelrod, Ph.D., 2009-08-04 From George Washington to George W. In the course of the 2008 presidential campaigns, Americans became involved in the political process at a level rarely seen in modern history. But even before the historic race, George W. Bush's tenure had left many Americans wondering how we got to where we are today. *The Complete Idiot's Guide® to the American Presidency* takes readers from the first president to the one who just stepped down-exploring the legacies of the greatest leaders and the black marks against others, and showing the ways in which they left their stamp on both the nation and the presidency itself. • Written by the author of the highly successful *The Complete Idiot's Guide® to American History, Fifth Edition* • Appendices that list the presidents and their vice presidents, the presidential elections, and further reading

**fattest us presidents:** *The Challenge of Crime in a Free Society* United States. President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice, 1967 This report of the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice -- established by President Lyndon Johnson on July 23, 1965 -- addresses the causes of crime and delinquency and recommends how to prevent crime and delinquency and improve law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice. In developing its findings and recommendations, the Commission held three national conferences, conducted five national surveys, held hundreds of meetings, and interviewed tens of thousands of individuals. Separate chapters of this report discuss crime in America, juvenile delinquency, the police, the courts, corrections, organized crime, narcotics and drug abuse, drunkenness offenses, gun control, science and technology, and research as an instrument for reform. Significant data were generated by the Commission's National Survey of Criminal Victims, the first of its kind conducted on such a scope. The survey found that not only do Americans experience far more crime than they report to the police, but they talk about crime and the reports of crime engender such fear among citizens that the basic quality of life of many Americans has eroded. The core conclusion of the Commission, however, is that a significant reduction in crime can be achieved if the Commission's recommendations (some 200) are implemented. The recommendations call for a cooperative attack on crime by the Federal Government, the States, the counties, the cities, civic organizations, religious institutions, business groups, and individual citizens. They propose basic changes in the operations of police, schools, prosecutors, employment agencies, defenders, social workers, prisons, housing authorities, and probation and parole officers.

**fattest us presidents:** *If I Am Assassinated* Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, 1979 Comprises the text of the documents presented to the Supreme Court of Pakistan in Bhutto's appeal against the death sentence.

**fattest us presidents:** *A Woman's Walks* Lady Colin Campbell, 2017-06-27 A book of exploration and discovery, celebrating the 175th anniversary of The London Library. From young men seeking outdoor adventure to intrepid ladies of a certain age discovering other cultures, Victorian explorers were starting to develop a more personal kind of travelogue. In *A Woman's Walks*, Lady Colin Campbell takes us on a voyage of exploration through her inner landscape - as well as through Italy, France, Switzerland, Austro-Hungary, London, and the English countryside. The books in *Found on the Shelves* have been chosen to give a fascinating insight into the treasures that can be found while browsing in The London Library. Now celebrating its 175th anniversary,



with over seventeen miles of shelving and more than a million books, The London Library has become an unrivalled archive of the modes, manners and thoughts of each generation which has helped to form it. From essays on dieting in the 1860s to instructions for gentlewomen on trout-fishing, from advice on the ill health caused by the modern craze of bicycling to travelogues from Norway, they are as readable and relevant today as they were more than a century ago.

**fattest us presidents:** The Global Investigative Journalism Casebook Mark Hunter, 2012

**fattest us presidents:** **Suicide of a Superpower** Patrick J. Buchanan, 2012-06-05 America is disintegrating. The one Nation under God, indivisible of the Pledge of Allegiance is passing away. In a few decades, that America will be gone forever. In its place will arise a country unrecognizable to our parents. This is the thrust of Pat Buchanan's *Suicide of a Superpower*, his most controversial and thought-provoking book to date. Buchanan traces the disintegration to three historic changes: America's loss of her cradle faith, Christianity; the moral, social, and cultural collapse that have followed from that loss; and the slow death of the people who created and ruled the nation. And as our nation disintegrates, our government is failing in its fundamental duties, unable to defend our borders, balance our budgets, or win our wars. How Americans are killing the country they profess to love, and the fate that awaits us if we do not turn around, is what *Suicide of a Superpower* is all about.

**fattest us presidents:** *The Public Burning* Robert Coover, 1997 Vice-President Richard Nixon - the voraciously ambitious bad boy of the Eisenhower regime - is the dominant narrator in an enormous cast that includes Betty Crocker, Joe McCarthy, the Marx Brothers, Walter Winchell, Uncle Sam, his adversary The Phantom, and Time magazine incarnated as the National Poet Laureate. All of these and thousands more converge in Times Square for the carnivalesque auto-da-fe at which the Rosenbergs are put to death.

**fattest us presidents:** *An Education in Georgia* Calvin Trillin, 2021-01-15 In January 1961, following eighteen months of litigation that culminated in a federal court order, Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter became the first black students to enter the University of Georgia. Calvin Trillin, then a reporter for Time Magazine, attended the court fight that led to the admission of Holmes and Hunter and covered their first week at the university—a week that began in relative calm, moved on to a riot and the suspension of the two students for their own safety, and ended with both returning to the campus under a new court order. Shortly before their graduation in 1963, Trillin came back to Georgia to determine what their college lives had been like. He interviewed not only Holmes and Hunter but also their families, friends, and fellow students, professors, and university administrators. The result was this book—a sharply detailed portrait of how these two young people faced coldness, hostility, and occasional understanding on a southern campus in the midst of a great social change.

**fattest us presidents:** *Ecclesiastical History* Sozomen, 1846

**fattest us presidents:** *Party Like a President* Brian Abrams, 2015-02-10 There's the office: President of the United States. And then there's the man in the office—prone to temptation and looking to unwind after a long day running the country. Celebrating the decidedly less distinguished side of the nation's leaders, humor writer Brian Abrams offers a compelling, hilarious, and true American history on the rocks—a Washington-to-Obama, vice-by-vice chronicle of how the presidents like to party. From explicit love letters to slurred speeches to nude swims at Bing Crosby's house, reputations are ruined and secrets bared. George Washington brokered the end of the? American Revolution over glasses of Madeira. Ulysses S. Grant rarely drew a sober breath when he was leading the North to victory. And it wasn't all liquor. Some presidents preferred their drugs—Nixon was a pill-popper. And others chased women instead—both the professorial Woodrow Wilson (who signed his love letters "Tiger") and the good ol' boy Bill Clinton, though neither could hold a candle to Kennedy, who also received the infamous Dr. Feelgood's "vitamin" injections of pure amphetamine. Illustrated throughout with infographics (James Garfield's attempts at circumnavigating the temperance movement), comic strips (George Bush Sr.'s infamous televised vomiting incident), caricatures, and fake archival documents, the book has the smart, funny feel of

Mad magazine meets The Colbert Report. Plus, it includes recipes for 44 cocktails inspired by each chapter's partier-in-chief.

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**fattest us presidents: NOFX** NOFX, Jeff Alulis, 2016-04-12 The candid, hilarious, shocking, occasionally horrifying, and surprisingly moving New York Times bestselling autobiography of punk legends NOFX, their own story in their own words NOFX: *The Hepatitis Bathtub and Other Stories* is the first tell-all autobiography from one of the world's most influential and controversial punk bands. Alongside hilarious anecdotes about pranks and drunkenness and teenage failures-featuring the trademark NOFX sense of humor-the book also shares the ugliness and horror the band members experienced on the road to becoming DIY millionaires. Fans and non-fans alike will be shocked by stories of murder, suicide, addiction, counterfeiting, riots, bondage, terminal illness, the Yakuza, and pee...lots and lots of pee. Told by each of the band members (and two former members), NOFX looks back at more than thirty years of comedy, tragedy, and completely inexplicable success.

**fattest us presidents: The Great Divergence** Timothy Noah, 2012-04-24 For the past three decades, America has steadily become a nation of haves and have-nots. Our incomes are increasingly unequal. This steady growing apart is often mentioned as a troubling indicator by scholars and policy analysts, though seldom addressed by politicians. What economics Nobelist Paul Krugman terms the Great Divergence has till now been treated as little more than a talking point, a rhetorical club to be wielded in ideological battles. But this Great Divergence may be the most important change in this country during our lifetimes-a drastic, elemental change in the character of American society, and not at all for the better. The inequality gap is much more than a left-right hot potato-its causes and consequences call for a patient, non-partisan exploration. Timothy Noah's *The Great Divergence*, based on his award-winning series of articles for Slate, surveys the roots of the wealth gap, drawing on the best thinking of contemporary economists and political scientists. Noah also explores potential solutions to the problem, and explores why the growing rich-poor divide has sparked remarkably little public anger, in contrast to social unrest that prevailed before the New Deal. *The Great Divergence* is poised to be one of the most talked-about books of 2012, a jump-start to the national conversation about the shape of American society in the 21st century, and a work that will help frame the debate in a Presidential election year.

**fattest us presidents: Information Needs of Communities** Steven Waldman, 2011-09 In 2009, a bipartisan Knight Commission found that while the broadband age is enabling an info. and commun. renaissance, local communities in particular are being unevenly served with critical info. about local issues. Soon after the Knight Commission delivered its findings, the FCC initiated a working group to identify crosscurrent and trend, and make recommendations on how the info. needs of communities can be met in a broadband world. This report by the FCC Working Group on the Info. Needs of Communities addresses the rapidly changing media landscape in a broadband age. Contents: Media Landscape; The Policy and Regulatory Landscape; Recommendations. Charts and tables. This is a print on demand report.

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