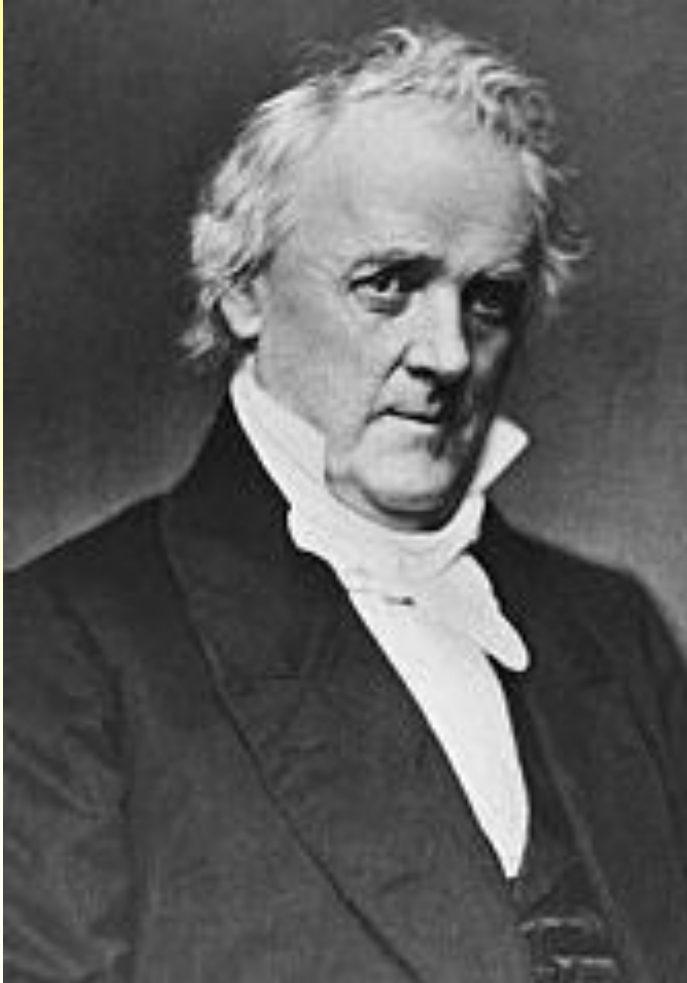


# Presidential Matters Excerpt



# Trivia quiz: Presidential Tidbits



The following questions offer a chance to learn utterly useless information about former U.S. Presidents. I hope you find this quiz amusing, but you should feel zero guilt if you don't know these answers!

(Pictured: James Buchanan)

Two-thirds of our Presidents were lawyers and another dozen were soldiers, but others also had unusual careers at some point.

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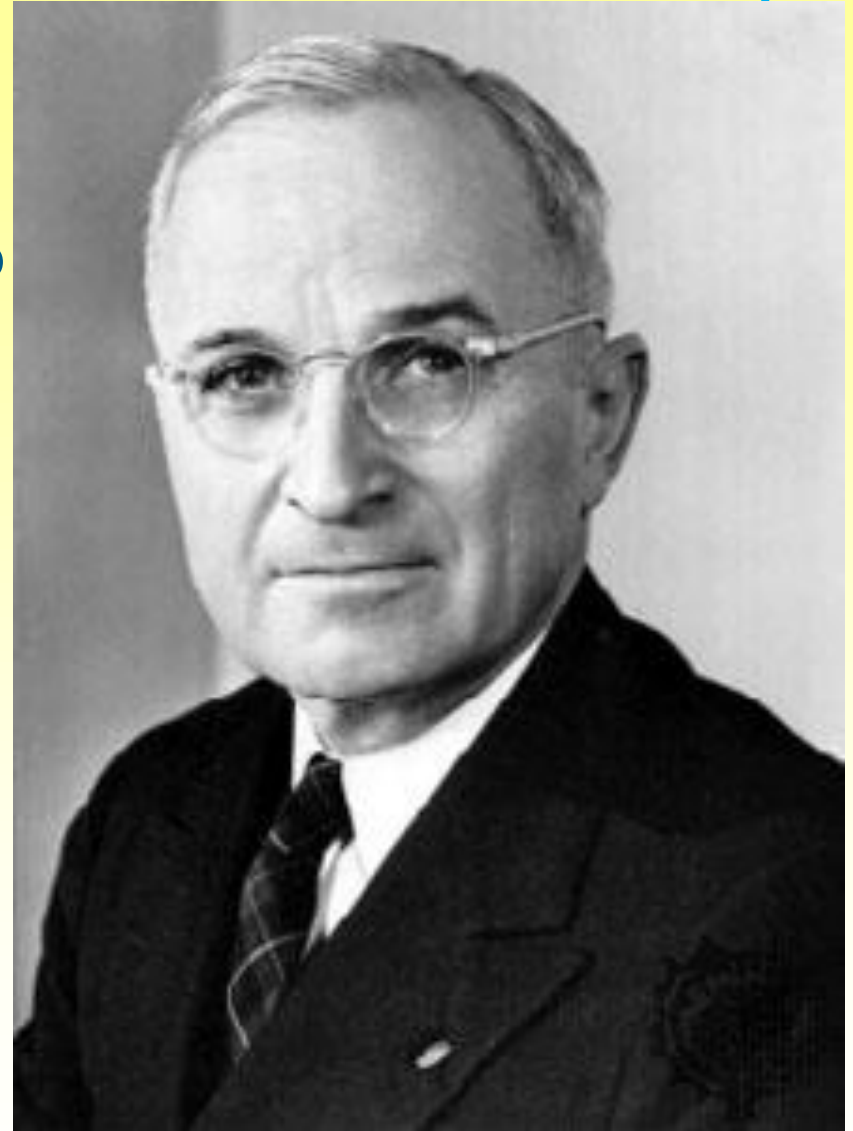
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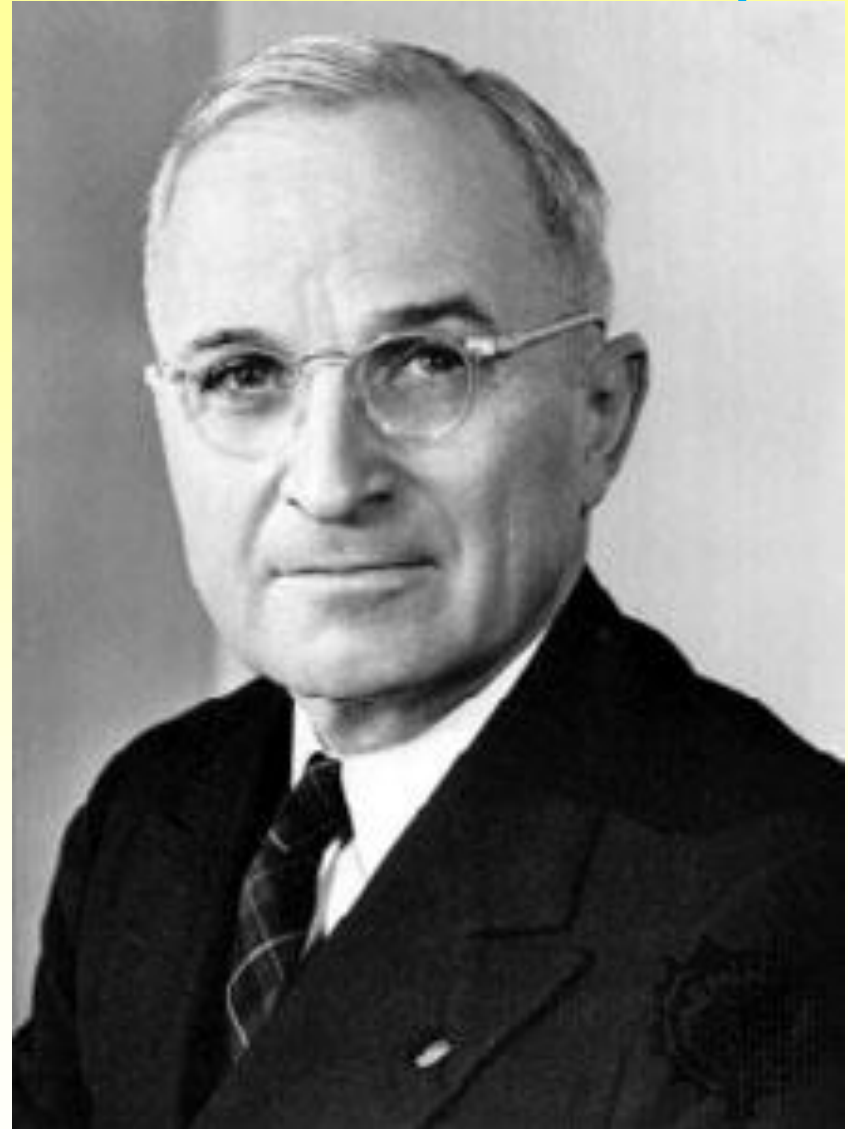
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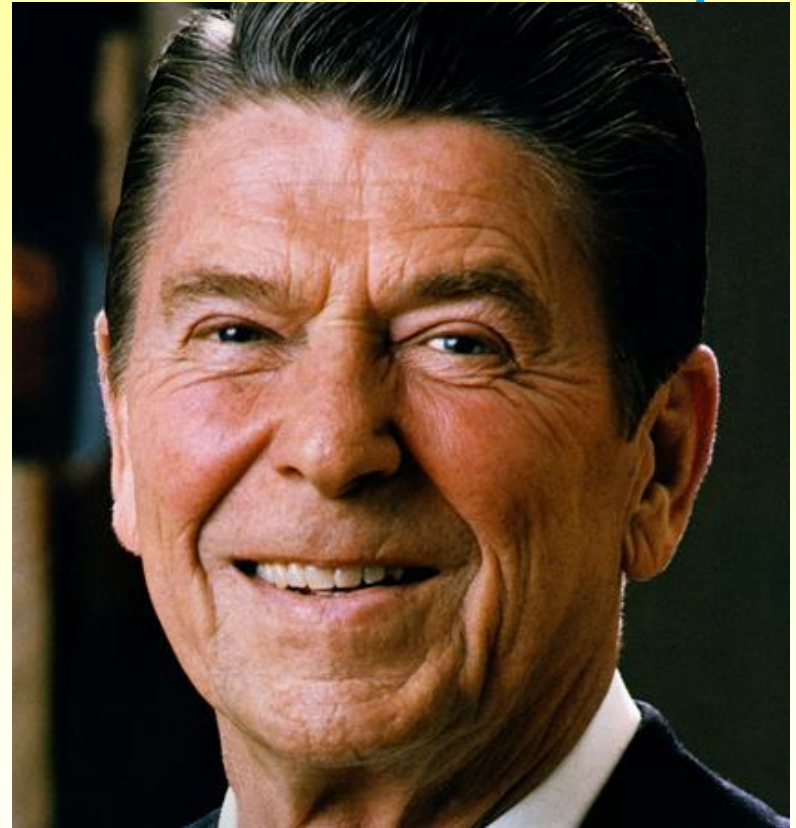
In spite of all our lawyer Presidents, some clearly did not go to college planning to end up in politics. Jimmy Carter, for example, studied nuclear physics. Herbert Hoover (pictured) studied geology and worked as a mining engineer in both Australia and China.



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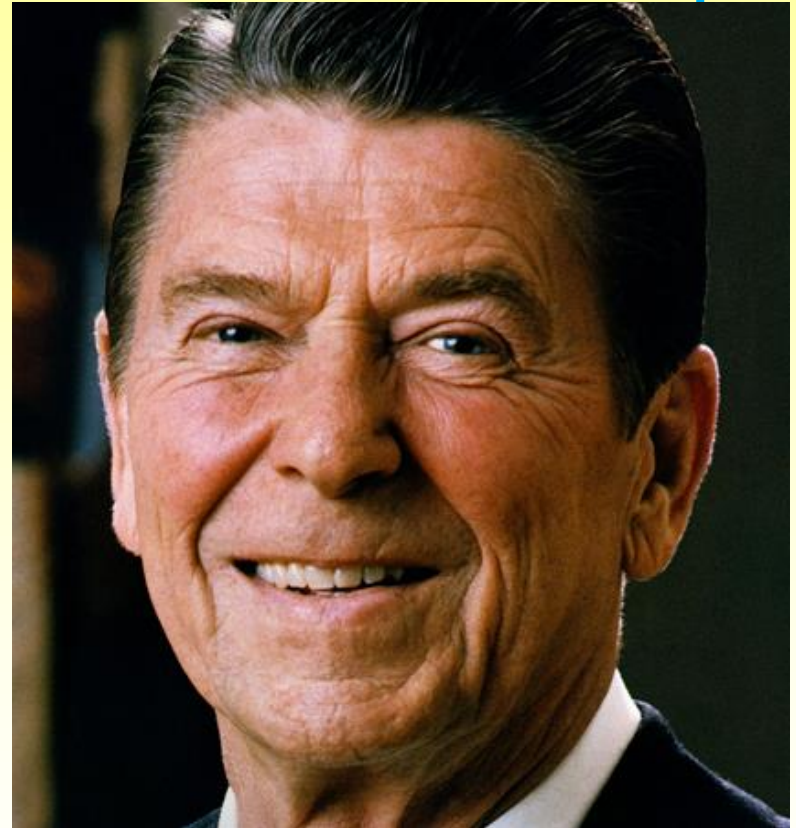




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In order of the oldest at time of death, still not counting Jimmy Carter who has surpassed them all, the other five, and their age at death were:

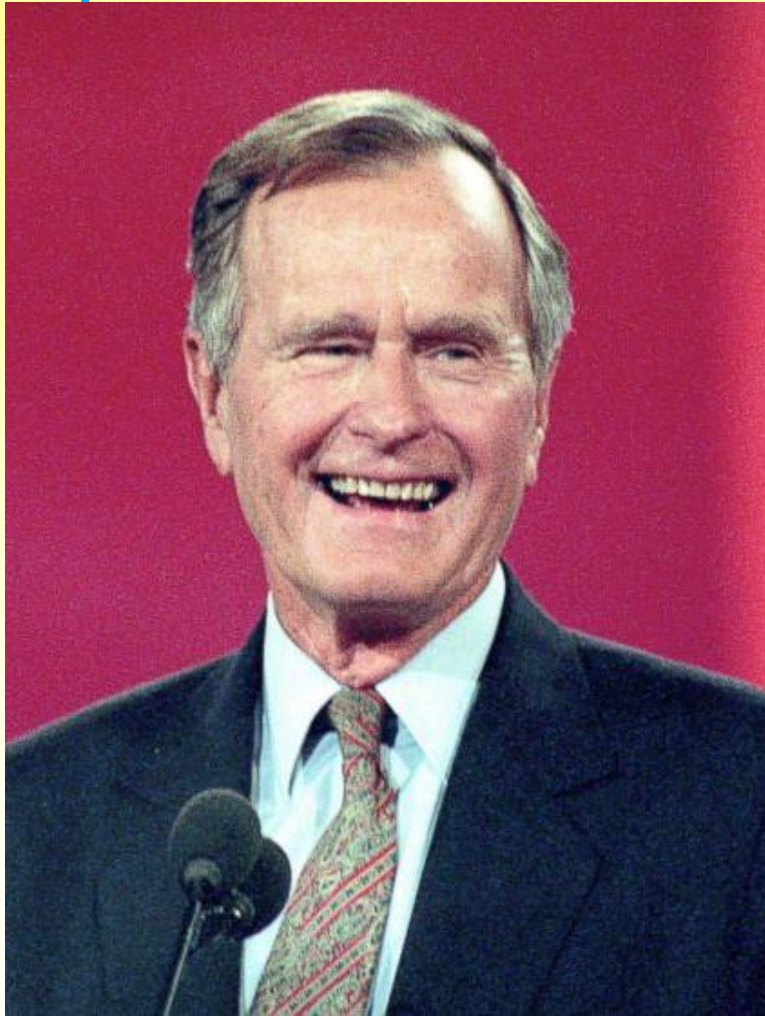
George H.W. Bush (pic) – 94

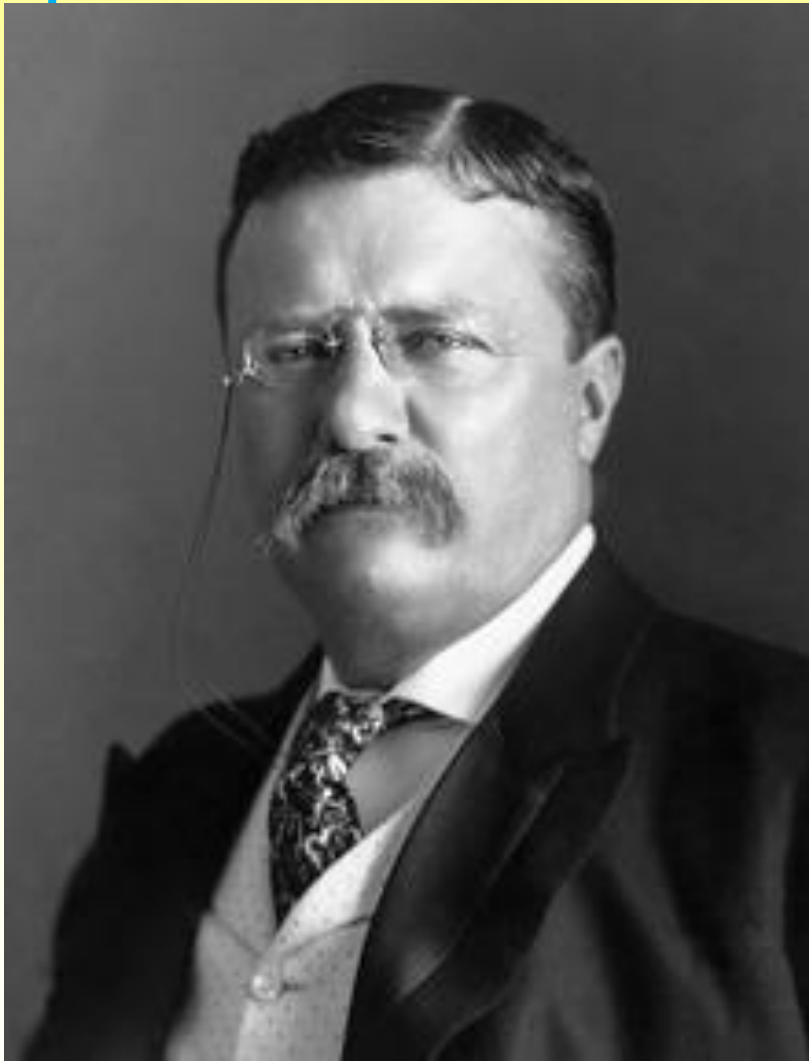
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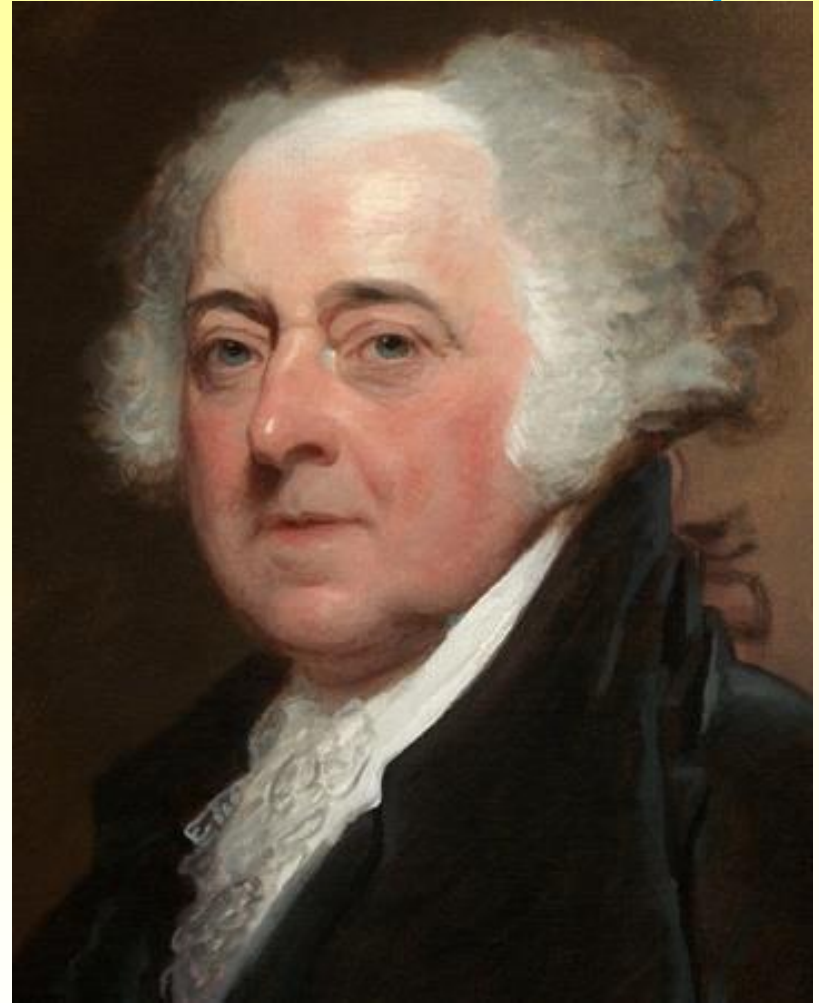
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Early Presidents were born predominately in fall and winter. Those born in October were Theodore Roosevelt (previous slide), John Adams (pictured here), Chester Arthur, Jimmy Carter, Dwight Eisenhower, and Rutherford B. Hayes. Five were born in November, and five in August. In fact, most recent Presidents have had summer birthdays.



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Ronald Reagan was considered ambidextrous. In addition to the other three mentioned on the previous slide, Herbert Hoover, Harry Truman, and Barack Obama are/were also left-handed. Before the 1920s, being left-handed was considered a disability, so we don't have a record of everyone. Statistically, about 1 in 10 are left-handers, (Pictured: George H.W. Bush)







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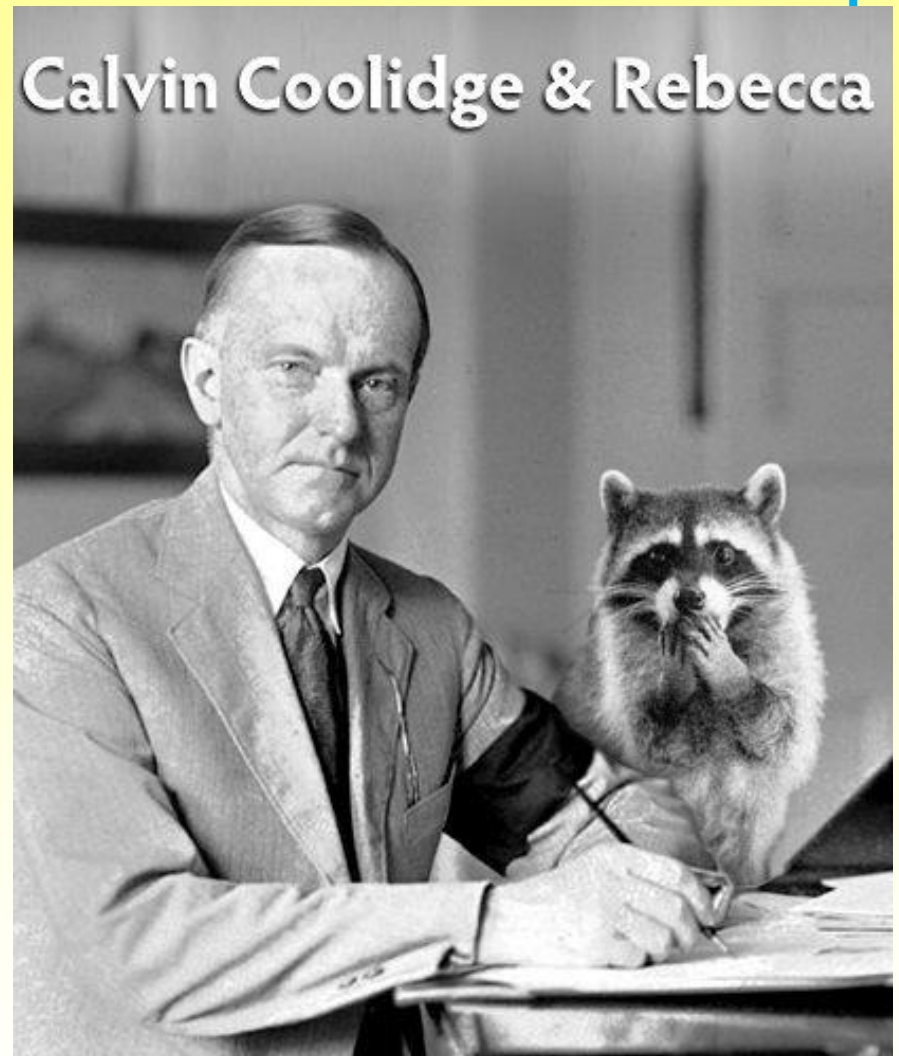
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Unusual as it may seem today, Calvin Coolidge was very fond of Rebecca the Raccoon, who was often seen riding on his shoulder. Jefferson's bear cubs were a gift from Lewis and Clark.





## Two super pet- loving Presidents

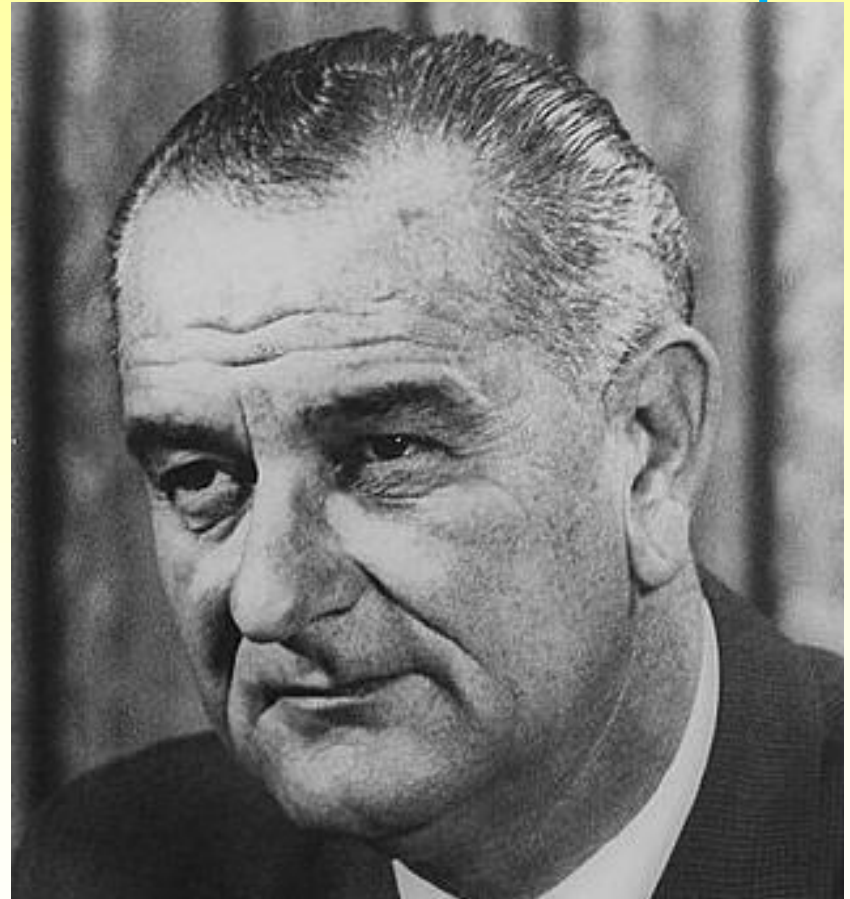
Two Presidents had a LOT of animals on White House grounds. (Some later went to zoos.)

- Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929): had 12 dogs, 2 cats, 5 birds, a donkey, 2 raccoons, a bobcat, a black bear, a wallaby, 2 lion cubs, and a pygmy hippo.
- Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909) had many dogs, cats, birds, guinea pigs, pet snakes, horses and other farm animals that were his children's pets, + a zebra, hyena, lion, wildcat, and 5 bears.

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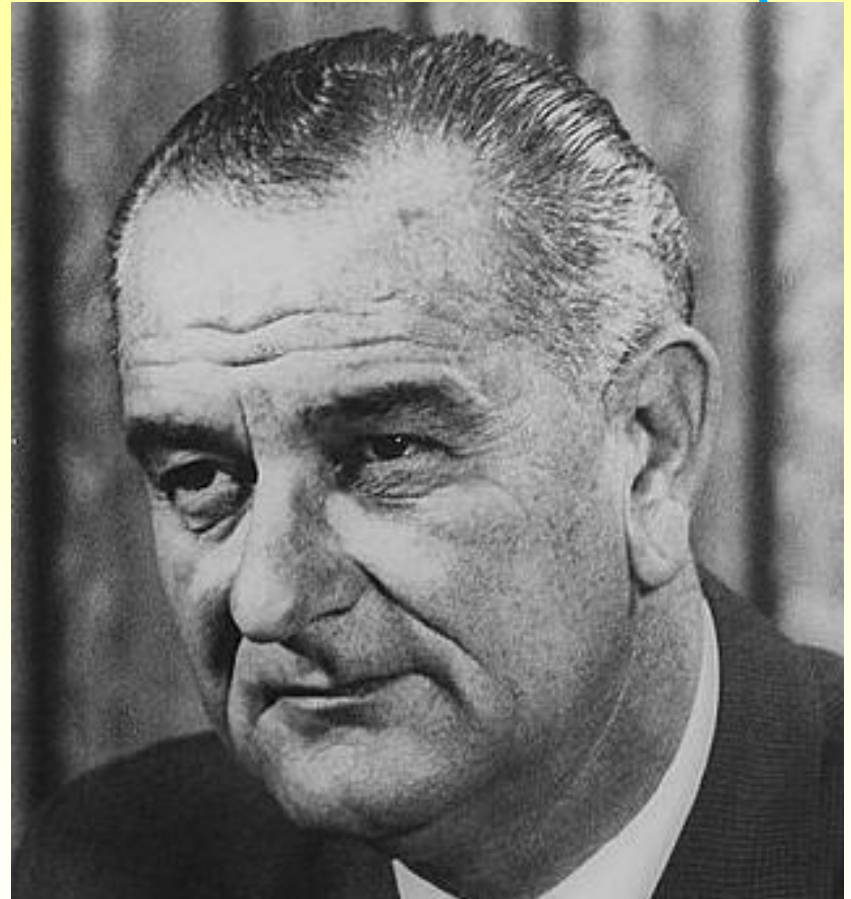
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## Trivia quiz: Presidential Tidbits

There have been six Presidents named James, counting Jimmy (James Earl) Carter. The others were Buchanan, Garfield (pictured), Madison, Monroe, and Polk. John and William are each the first name of four Presidents. And the Georges were Washington and two named Bush.



## Did you know?

Here is what Norman Rockwell said about painting Dwight Eisenhower:

*Eisenhower had about the most expressive face I ever painted, I guess. Just like an actor's. Very mobile. When he talked, he used all the facial muscles. And he had a great, wide mouth that I liked. When he smiled, it was just like the sun came out.*



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