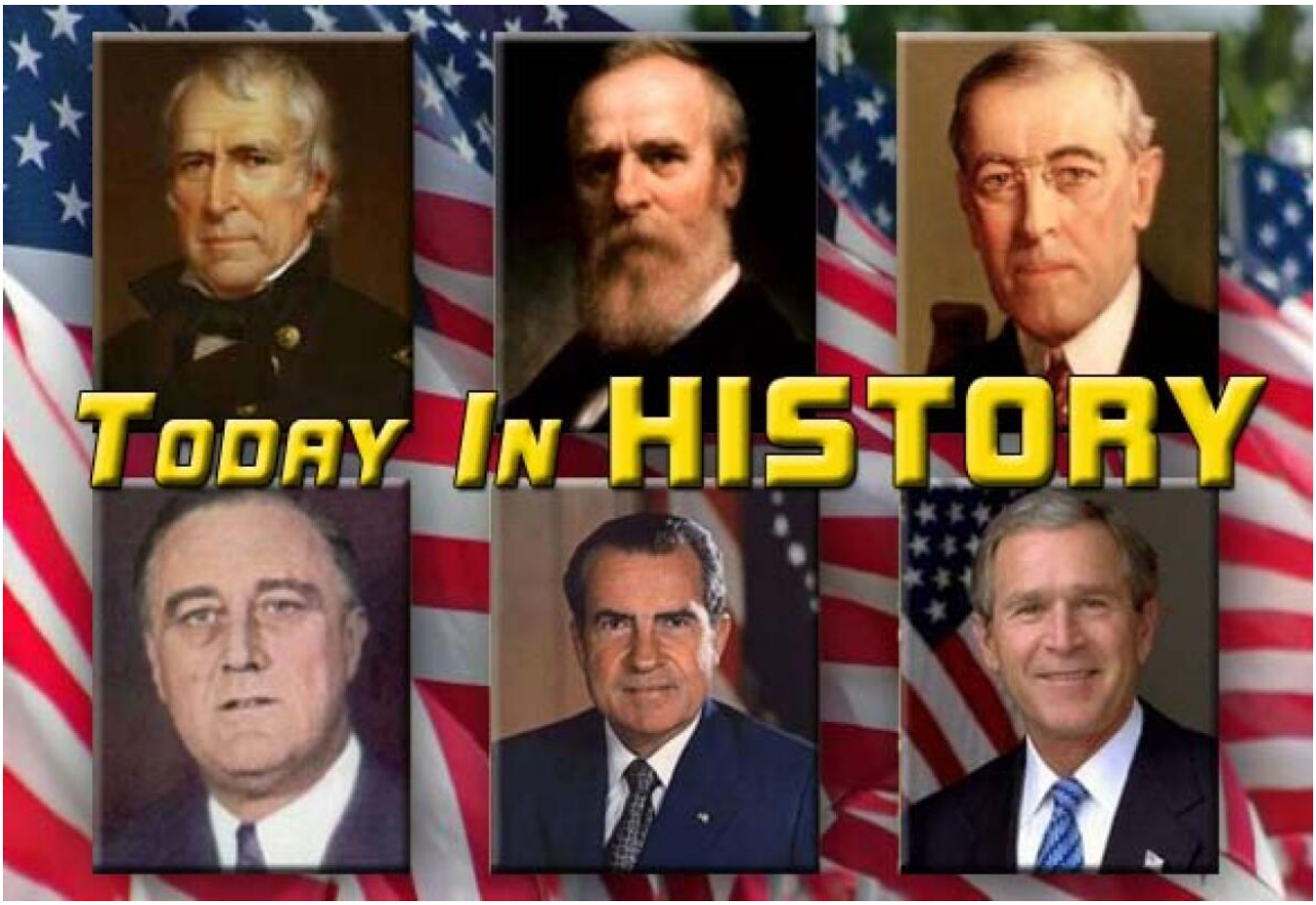


# Today In History – November 7

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Today in History the following were elected President of the United States: 1848 Zachary Taylor, 1876 Rutherford B. Hayes is controversially elected over Samuel J. Tilden, 1916 Woodrow Wilson to a second term, 1944 Franklin D. Roosevelt defeats Thomas E. Dewey for a record fourth term, 1972 Richard Nixon is elected to a second term; and in 2000 the Presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore ends in controversy.

*The On This Day In History archives at "Simple English Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia" contains over 200,000 events, birthdays and deaths from 6,000 years of history. Here is a roundup of a few of them:*

November 7 is the 311th day of the year (312th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 54 days remaining until the end of the year.

**EVENTS**

1332 – Lucerne joins the Swiss Confederation.

1492 - The Ensisheim Meteorite strikes Earth in a wheatfield in the Alsace.

1619 - Elizabeth of Bohemia is crowned.

1659 - France and Spain sign the Treaty of the Pyrenees, agreeing on their border in northern Catalonia.

1665 - The London Gazette, the oldest-surviving journal, is first published.

1775 - John Murray, the Royal Governor of the Colony of Virginia, starts the first mass emancipation of slaves in North America.

1786 - The Stoughton Musical Society, the oldest musical organization in the United States, is founded.

1801 – Alessandro Volta demonstrates the first battery.

1848 – Zachary Taylor is elected President of the United States.

1861 – Denver, Colorado is incorporated as a city.

1872 – The ship Mary Celeste sails from New York City.

1876 – Rutherford B. Hayes is controversially elected President of the United States over Samuel J. Tilden, as Tilden had won the popular vote.

1885 – Construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway is completed.

1893 - Colorado becomes the first US State to allow women to vote.

1901 – 1950

1908 - Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid are reportedly killed in Bolivia.

1911 - Marie Curie wins the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, becoming the first person to win two Nobel Prizes.

1913 - First Day of the Great Lakes Storm of 1913.

1916 – Woodrow Wilson is elected to a second term as President of the United States.

1916 – Jeannette Rankin becomes the first woman elected to the United States Congress.

1917 – The October Revolution begins in Russia.

1918 – Kurt Eisner overthrows the Wittelsbach dynasty in Bavaria.

1918 - The 1918 Spanish flu outbreak reaches Western Samoa.

1929 - The Museum of Modern Art opens in New York City.

1931 - The Chinese Soviet Republic is proclaimed.

1933 - Fiorello La Guardia is elected the 99th Mayor of New York City.

1936 - Spanish Civil War: Francisco Franco's troops begin their assault on Madrid.

1940 – The original bridge in Tacoma, Washington collapses in a wind storm, only 4 months after its completion.

1941 - World War II: Soviet hospital ship Armenia is sunk by German planes.

1944 - A passenger train derails in Puerto Rico, killing 16 people.

1944 - Soviet spy Richard Sorge is executed by his Japanese captors.

1944 – Franklin D. Roosevelt defeats Thomas E. Dewey, as he is elected for a record fourth term as President of the United States, though he only serves this term for a short time, as he dies on April 12, 1945, when he is succeeded by Harry S. Truman.

1956 – Suez Crisis: The UN General Assembly adopts a resolution calling for the United Kingdom, France and Israel to withdraw from Egypt.

1963 – Wunder von Lengede: In Germany, 11 miners are rescued from a collapsed mine, after surviving for 14 days.

1967 - Carl B. Stokes is elected Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, becoming the first African American Mayor of a major US city.

1972 – Richard Nixon is elected to a second term as President of the United States, defeating George McGovern, who only manages to win in Massachusetts and Washington, DC.

1975 - In Bangladesh, a joint force of civilians and soldiers takes part in an uprising led by Colonel Abu Taher that ousts and kills Brigadier Khaled Mosharraf, freeing the house-arrested army chief and future President Major General Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

1982 - In Burkina Faso, Saye Zerbo is removed from power by Jean-Baptiste Ouedraogo.

1987 – Zine El-Abidine Ben Ali becomes the 2nd President of Tunisia.

1989 - Chandra Shekhar becomes Prime Minister of India.

1989 – In Virginia, Douglas Wilder is elected the first African-American Governor in the United States.

1989 – David Dinkins is elected the first African-American Mayor of New York City.

1989 – Willi Stoph and the entire East German cabinet resigns.

1990 – Mary Robinson is elected the first female President of Ireland.

1991 - Magic Johnson announces he has AIDS, and declares his retirement from professional basketball.

1996 - A Boeing 727 crashes in Lagos, Nigeria, killing all 143 people on board.

2000 – Hillary Clinton becomes the first First Lady of the United States to be elected to the United States Senate.

2000 – The Presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore in the United States ends in controversy. Gore wins the popular votes, but after narrowly winning Florida, Bush wins the electoral college vote. The result is not known for a month, when Bush is declared as the next President of the United States.

2001 - SABENA, the national airline of Belgium, goes bankrupt.

2002 - Iran bans advertising of US products.

2006 - US Mid-Term Elections: The Democrats gain a majority in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives halfway through Republican George W. Bush's second term in office as President.

2007 – Jokela School Shooting: A shooting in Tuusula, Finland, kills 9 people.

2008 - The Pétion-Ville school collapse in Haiti kills 94 people.

2011 – Dr. Conrad Murray is found guilty of the involuntary manslaughter of Michael Jackson.

2012 - A magnitude 7.4 earthquake strikes off Guatemala.

2018 - Donald Trump fires United States Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

2018 - Twelve people are killed in the Thousand Oaks shooting in a country music bar near Los Angeles, California.