

# PRESIDENTIAL RANKINGS

## C-SPAN Presidential Historians Survey, February 2017

### Top 10

1. Abraham Lincoln
2. George Washington
3. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
4. Teddy Roosevelt
5. Dwight Eisenhower
6. Harry Truman
7. Thomas Jefferson
8. John F. Kennedy
9. Ronald Reagan
10. Lyndon Johnson

### Middle 28

11. Woodrow Wilson
12. Barack Obama
13. James Monroe
14. James Polk
15. Bill Clinton
16. William McKinley
17. James Madison
18. Andrew Jackson
19. John Adams
20. George H.W. Bush
21. John Q. Adams
22. Ulysses Grant
23. Grover Cleveland
24. William Taft
25. Gerald Ford
26. Jimmy Carter
27. Calvin Coolidge
28. Richard Nixon
29. James Garfield
30. Benjamin Harrison
31. Zachary Taylor
32. Rutherford Hayes
33. George W. Bush
34. Martin Van Buren
35. Chester Arthur
36. Herbert Hoover
37. Millard Fillmore
38. William Harrison

### Bottom 5

39. John Tyler
40. Warren Harding
41. Franklin Pierce
42. Andrew Johnson
43. James Buchanan

\*There are only 43 ranking slots since Grover Cleveland was both the 22nd and 24th president; 92 historians participated in the survey.

## Times Online (UK) Oct. 2008 U.S. Presidential Rankings

### The Top 10

1. Abraham Lincoln
2. George Washington
3. Franklin D. Roosevelt
4. Thomas Jefferson
5. Theodore Roosevelt
6. Dwight Eisenhower
7. Harry Truman
8. Ronald Reagan
9. James K. Polk
10. Woodrow Wilson

### The Nearly-greats

11. John F. Kennedy
12. Lyndon Johnson
13. John Adams
14. Andrew Jackson
15. James Madison
16. John Quincy Adams
17. William McKinley
18. Ulysses S. Grant
19. Grover Cleveland
20. George H. W. Bush
21. James Monroe

### The Let Downs

22. Chester Arthur
23. Bill Clinton
24. Andrew Johnson
25. Gerald Ford
26. Calvin Coolidge
27. Rutherford B. Hayes
28. Zachary Taylor
29. Benjamin Harrison
30. William H. Taft
31. John Tyler
32. Jimmy Carter

### The Worst Presidents

33. Millard Fillmore
34. James Garfield
35. Warren Harding
36. Herbert Hoover
37. George W. Bush
38. Richard Nixon
39. William Henry Harrison
40. Martin Van Buren
41. Franklin Pierce
42. James Buchanan

\*Barack Obama not included in the survey.

## Federalist Society, WSJ Survey on Presidents, Oct., 2000

### Great

1. George Washington
2. Abraham Lincoln
3. Franklin Roosevelt

### Near Great

4. Thomas Jefferson
5. Theodore Roosevelt
6. Andrew Jackson
7. Harry Truman
8. Ronald Reagan
9. Dwight Eisenhower
10. James Polk
11. Woodrow Wilson

### Above Average

12. Grover Cleveland
13. John Adams
14. William McKinley
15. James Madison
16. James Monroe
17. Lyndon Johnson
18. John Kennedy

### Average

19. William Taft
20. John Quincy Adams
21. George Bush
22. Rutherford Hayes
23. Martin Van Buren
24. William Clinton
25. Calvin Coolidge
26. Chester Arthur

### Below Average

27. Benjamin Harrison
28. Gerald Ford
29. Herbert Hoover
30. Jimmy Carter
31. Zachary Taylor
32. Ulysses Grant
33. Richard Nixon
34. John Tyler
35. Millard Fillmore

### Failure

36. Andrew Johnson
37. Franklin Pierce
38. Warren Harding
39. James Buchanan

\*William Henry Harrison and James Garfield not ranked because their presidencies were so short.