

28. Woodrow Wilson

Democratic.

Only president with a PhD.

Born in Staunton, Virginia and grew up in the Southern United States during the American Civil War and Reconstruction Era.

Born Thomas Woodrow Wilson. Went by his middle name but was called "Tommy" during his youth.

One of only two U.S. presidents to be a citizen of the Confederate States of America; the other was John Tyler.

He did not learn to read or write till he about 11 years old, which historians believe was due to dyslexia.

Was the president of Princeton and Governor of New Jersey. In fact he only had a little over two years of political experience before he became president of the U.S.

His 42% popular vote win was the 3rd lowest in history. (He can thank Theodore Roosevelt for the win. Roosevelt set up the Progressive Party, nicknamed the Bull Moose Party and opposed William Howard Taft, the Republican candidate. Roosevelt won 27% of the popular vote for the Progressive Party and Taft 23% of the popular vote for the Republicans. Wilson easily won the Electoral College due to the split factions.)

Last president to have a horse drawn carriage to his inauguration.

President during WWI.

The first president to declare a national emergency.

First president to hold a press conference.

He resumed the tradition of in-person State of the Union address, transforming the speech from a report on the executive branch into a blueprint for the president's legislative agenda for the year.

First president to meet a pope while in office.

Signed the act creating the National Park Service.

Second president to win the Nobel Peace Prize, after Theodore Roosevelt. (Jimmy Carter, and Barack Obama also won Nobel Prizes.)

Quite the racist. Discouraged blacks from applying to Princeton while university president, ordered segregation in the military and various Washington offices and appointed segregationists in his cabinet.

Had the first screening room after a gift of a projector from actor Douglas Fairbanks. D. W. Griffith's *Birth of a Nation*, controversial for its pro Klu Klux Klan content, was the first American film to premiere at the White House.

However he was the first president to appoint a Jew (Louis Brandeis) to the Supreme Court.

The first U.S. President to visit Europe. He traveled to France in December 1918 to attend the Paris Peace Conference at the end of World War I.

The first President to appear in a newsreel.

He suffered a debilitating stroke while in office which was largely shielded from the public and his wife helped with many of his duties.

Would have likely run for a third term if he had been in better health.

Buried at the National Cathedral, the only president to be buried Washington, D.C.

Ranked by some scholars as one of the best presidents.

"You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand."