Characteristics of the Modern Presidency

1. President more powerful relative to Congress (in comparison to presidents before Theodore Roosevelt)

2. U.S. president seen as world leader

3. More direct relationship between the president and the public

4. Decline of political party, expansion of audiovisual media as intermediary

5. Expanded bureaucracy and institutionalization of executive

6. Increased public expectations of what the president can do (along with increased likelihood that president will be blamed for negative conditions in the nation)