

Some addenda/corrections to today's talk:

- The US government never *officially* owned Liberia as a colony – instead, it was run by the American Colonization Society (separate from any government entity), which was primarily made up of abolitionists and former slaves. In the early 1820's (i.e., when Monroe was president), several state branches of the ACS sent expeditions to settle in modern-day Liberia (displacing the indigenous populations there in the process). These state branches then combined to form the Commonwealth of Liberia in 1838, naming their capital in honor of James Monroe.
- John Tyler's son (Leon Gardiner Tyler) was born in 1853 – Tyler was 63 at the time. Leon's son, Harrison Ruffin Tyler, was born in 1928, when Leon was 75. This is why John Tyler's grandson lived up until 2025.
- As mentioned by someone in the audience, Zachary Taylor's cause of death was most likely Cholera.
- This is the quote some historians (i.e., Redditors) point to that suggests James Buchanan was in love with William Rufus King: *"I am now solitary and alone, having no companion in the house with me," Buchanan wrote. "I have gone a wooing to several gentlemen, but have not succeeded with any one of them. I feel that it is not good for man to be alone; and should not be astonished to find myself married to some old maid who can nurse me when I am sick provide good dinners for me when I am well, and not expect from me any very ardent or romantic affection."* He wrote this in a letter to a friend after King (his roommate at the time) left for France. Interpret this quote however you want.
- Samuel Tilden (the guy running against Rutherford B. Hayes in the election of 1876) was *not* from the South. He was a New Yorker and, in fact governor of New York before

running for the presidency. Nonetheless, the consensus online seems to be that Reconstruction would have ended even if Tilden won the election, so maybe Hayes was not so uniquely villainous after all.

- The rumor that Warren G. Harding was killed by his wife, Florence Harding, seems to have started from the book *The Strange Death of President Harding*. This book was written in 1930 by a conman named Gaston Means. In this book, he alleges that Florence Harding knew about her husband's infidelity and corruption, and poisoned him with the help of their personal physician to save President Harding's legacy.
- The exact quote from Nixon about his dog, Checkers: "*...in a crate that he had sent all the way from Texas, black and white, spotted, and our little girl, Tricia, the six-year-old, named it Checkers. And you know, the kids, like all kids, love the dog, and I just want to say this, right now, that regardless of what they say about it, we're gonna keep it.*" This speech was not given live, but rather recorded for television.
- John Hinckley (the guy who tried to assassinate Reagan) just recently wrote a memoir. He talks about it on his YouTube channel here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jsD53lhbPM>
- The historical episode of George H. W. Bush's near-death experience in WWII is rather famous and known as the Chichi Jima Incident. According to pacificatrocities.org: "*On Chichi Jima, the guilty officers committed cannibalism for both alleged physical and spiritual benefits as well as further showing dominance over their captives as revenge for American air raids.*"

- Terminals 1 and 2 at the Phoenix airport were demolished and no longer exist. This is why terminals 3 and 4 (named after John McCain and Barry Goldwater, respectively) are the only ones I was familiar with.