

# Lyndon Baines Johnson

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## 36th President, 1963-1969

**Vice President:** Hubert H. Humphrey

**Born:** August 27, 1908, Stonewall, Texas

**Died:** January 22, 1973

**Party:** Democratic

**Parents:** Sam Ealy Johnson, Jr., Rebekah Baines

**First Lady:** Claudia (Lady Bird) Alta Taylor

**Children:** Lynda, Luci

**Nickname:** LBJ

**Education:** Southwest Texas State Teachers College

### Famous Firsts:

- Johnson was the first Vice-President to witness the assassination of the President whom he succeeded.
- He was the first president to be sworn in by a woman.

### Achievements:

- At 46 Johnson became the Senate Majority Leader in 1955.
- During his administration, more civil rights legislation was passed than under any president in U.S. history.
- In his 1964 State of the Union address, Johnson declared a war on poverty.
- His Great Society established Medicare and Medicaid.
- He passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- Johnson established the Head Start and Job Corps programs.
- His Voting Rights Act of 1965 outlawed literacy tests used to keep African Americans from registering to vote.
- Immigration quota laws were changed for the first time since the 1920s.

### Interesting Facts:

- Johnson spent one year teaching school before he entered politics.
- LBJ proposed to his wife the day after they first met; the couple married two months later.
- In a surprise move, Johnson announced he would not run for re-election in 1968.

