

Congressional Bills Vetoed: 1961 to 1993

Period	President	Total Vetoes	Regular Vetoes	Pocket Vetoes	Vetoes Upheld	Bills passed over veto
1961-63	John F. Kennedy	21	12	9	21	0
1963-69	Lyndon Johnson	30	16	14	30	0
1969-74	Richard Nixon	43	26	17	36	7
1974-77	Gerald Ford	66	48	18	54	12
1977-81	Jimmy Carter	31	13	18	29	2
1981-89	Ronald Reagan	78	39	39	69	9
1989-93	George H.W. Bush	44	29	15	43	1

Source: U.S. Senate

1. In your own words, what is a pocket veto?

2. Which Statement is accurate about congressional bills vetoed between 1961 and 1993?

- (A) Congress was usually able to override a presidential veto
- (B) Pocket vetoes were used more often than regular votes
- (C) The majority of presidential vetoes were upheld
- (D) The use of the veto increased steadily between 1961 and 1993

3. The data in the above table illustrates the operation of

- (A) executive privilege
- (B) checks and balances
- (C) congressional immunity
- (D) federal supremacy

4. Why do you think Ronald Reagan was the leader of Total Vetoes and the Number of Vetoes upheld?
