## The President: Public Expectations

- 1. Geography (Electoral College; 2024) California 54; Texas 40; Florida 30; New York 28.
- 2. Age (Harrison 67; Reagan 69; Trump 70; Biden 78)
- 3. Education

College Law School (2/3)

4. Government Experience

Governor U.S. Senator Vice President

- 5. Appearance (for television)
- 6. Physical stamina
- 7. Family background

## **Divorced:**

Ronald Reagan (Jane Wyman (divorced 1948); Nancy Reagan (married 1952)); Trump, divorced twice, married three times)

- 8. Race (African American (Barack Obama, 2008))
- 9. Gender
- 10. Ancestry (80% + English)
- 11. Religion:

Roman Catholic: Al Smith (1928); John F. Kennedy (1960); Joe Biden (2020) Mormon: Mitt Romney (2012)

12. Party status

## **Exceptions:**

Herbert Hoover (Engineer)
Wendell Willkie (Democrat; businessman; ran as Republican against FDR when he sought a third term)
Mitt Romney (Republican; businessman; former Massachusetts Governor)
Donald Trump (Democrat, Republican, Reform Party, Democrat, Republican (2012), real-estate mogul)