



# Key Events of the 90s



# Rodney King Beating



**In 1991, Rodney King was pulled over for speeding in Los Angeles**

**After refusing to comply to police, request King was beaten**

# Rodney King beating

**The police officers accused of beating King were put on trial in 1992, but were acquitted. Upset by the lack of justice, blacks in Los Angeles rioted, causing millions of dollars in damages**



# Ruby Ridge Incident

**The Ruby Ridge incident happened in 1992 when the government (FBI, ATF) had a standoff with a family in Idaho that ended with three people dead**



# Branch Davidian Tragedy

Outside Waco, TX, was a religious cult called the Branch Davidians.

It's leader – David Koresh – was stockpiling weapons and accused of sexual abusing girls.



In 1993, the ATF raided the complex and encountered a fire-fight with Koresh and his followers

# Branch Davidian Tragedy



**Negotiations between Koresh and the cult and the FBI went on for 51 days**

**The siege ended on April 19 when a fire burned the compound to the ground, killing 76 people, including 20 children**



# The Militia Movement

A photograph of three men in camouflage military-style clothing and gear. One man stands on the left holding an assault rifle. A second man is kneeling in the center, aiming a shotgun. A third man is lying on the floor in the foreground, also aiming a shotgun. The background is a wood-paneled wall with a poster featuring a military-style emblem and the words 'FROM RIGHT' and 'TO RIGHT'. The image is framed by a colorful, abstract geometric border.

**The incidents at Ruby Ridge and Waco fueled a hatred of the government by right-wing radicals and the widening of the militia movement**

# World Trade Center bombed



In 1993, terrorist  
place a car bomb  
in the basement of  
the WTC in NYC



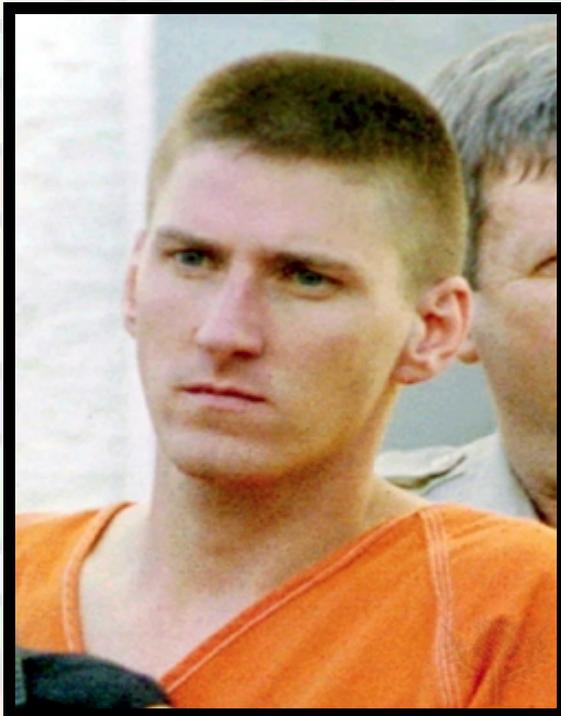
Photo By Bureau of ATF 1993 Explosives Incident Report

The attack was the  
work of radical  
Muslim terrorists  
who hated the U.S.  
because of its  
support of Israel



# Oklahoma City Bombing (1995)

**Gulf War vet Timothy McVeigh was upset with the federal government over the Waco Tragedy**



**McVeigh retaliated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the attacks (April 19) when he set off a truck bomb in front of the federal building**

# Oklahoma City Bombing

**The bombing killed 168 people, including 19 children**

**McVeigh was put to death after being found guilty of the bombing**



# O.J. Simpson Murder Trial



- **In 1995, former football star O.J. Simpson was accused of the brutal murder of his ex-wife and her friend. The slow speed chase to apprehend Simpson was watched by millions.**
- **Although most of the evidence pointed toward his guilt, Simpson was acquitted of the crime**

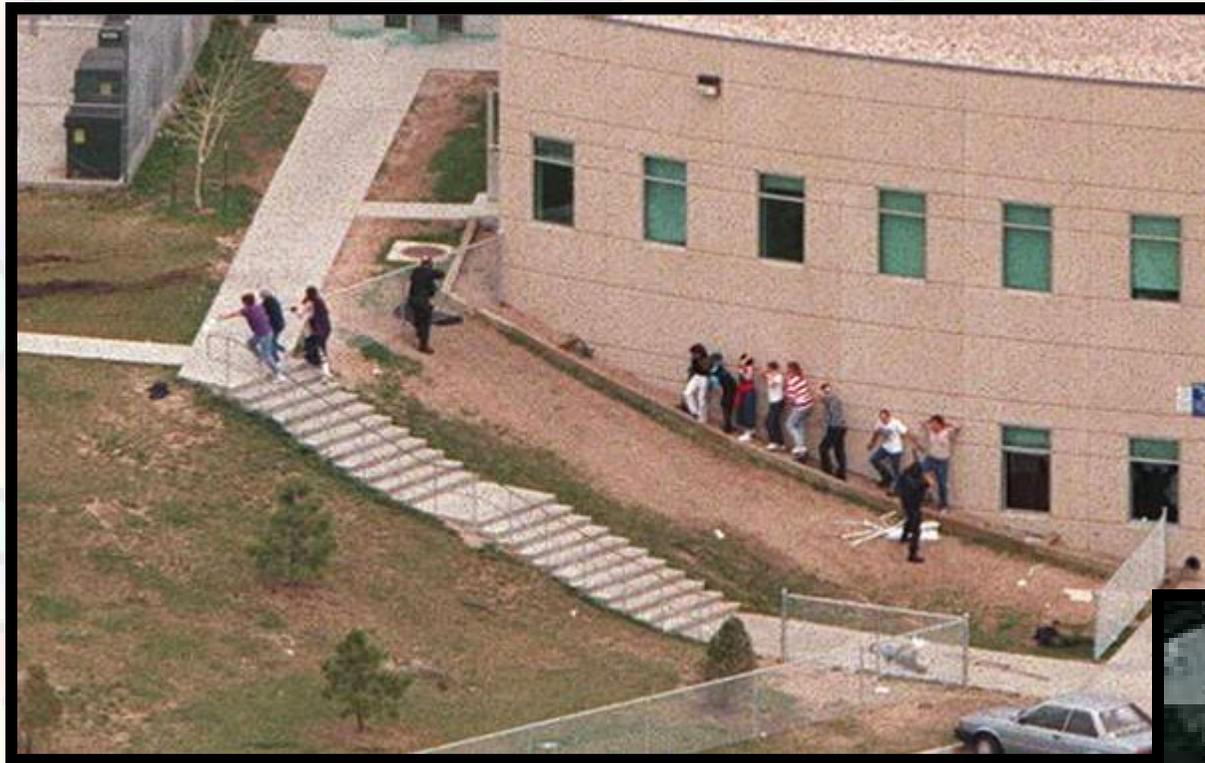
# U.S. embassy bombing



**On August 7, 1998, Islamic terrorists bombed the U.S. embassy in Nairobi, Kenya**

**The attack was carried out by Osama bin Laden and killed over 400 people**

# Columbine Tragedy



**The Columbine High School massacre occurred on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at Columbine High School in Columbine, suburb of Denver**

**Two students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, embarked on a massacre, killing 12 students and a teacher, before committing suicide**

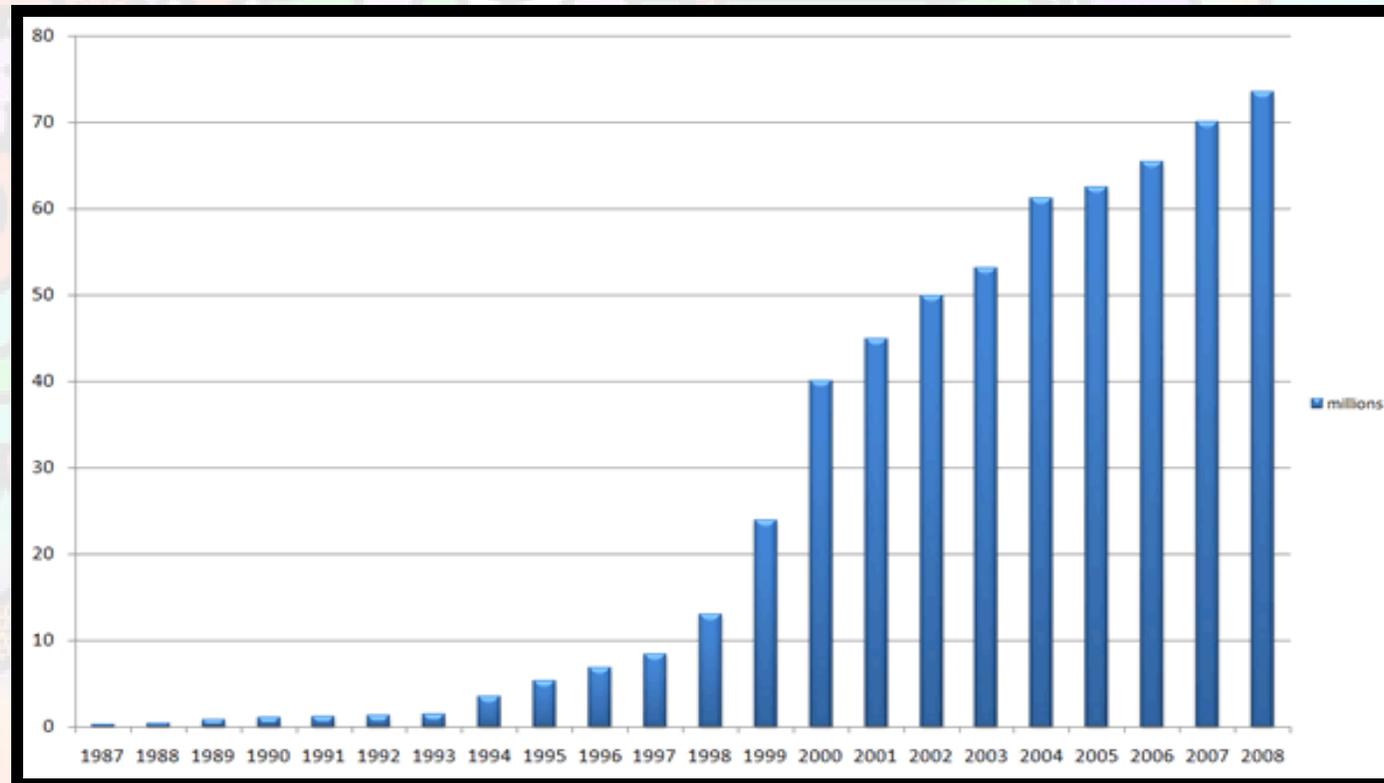


# New Technology



**This Nokia cell phone was the most popular cell phone in the 1990s**

**Cell phone use skyrocketed during the 90s, going from less than a million users to over 400 million users by 2000**



# **New Technology**

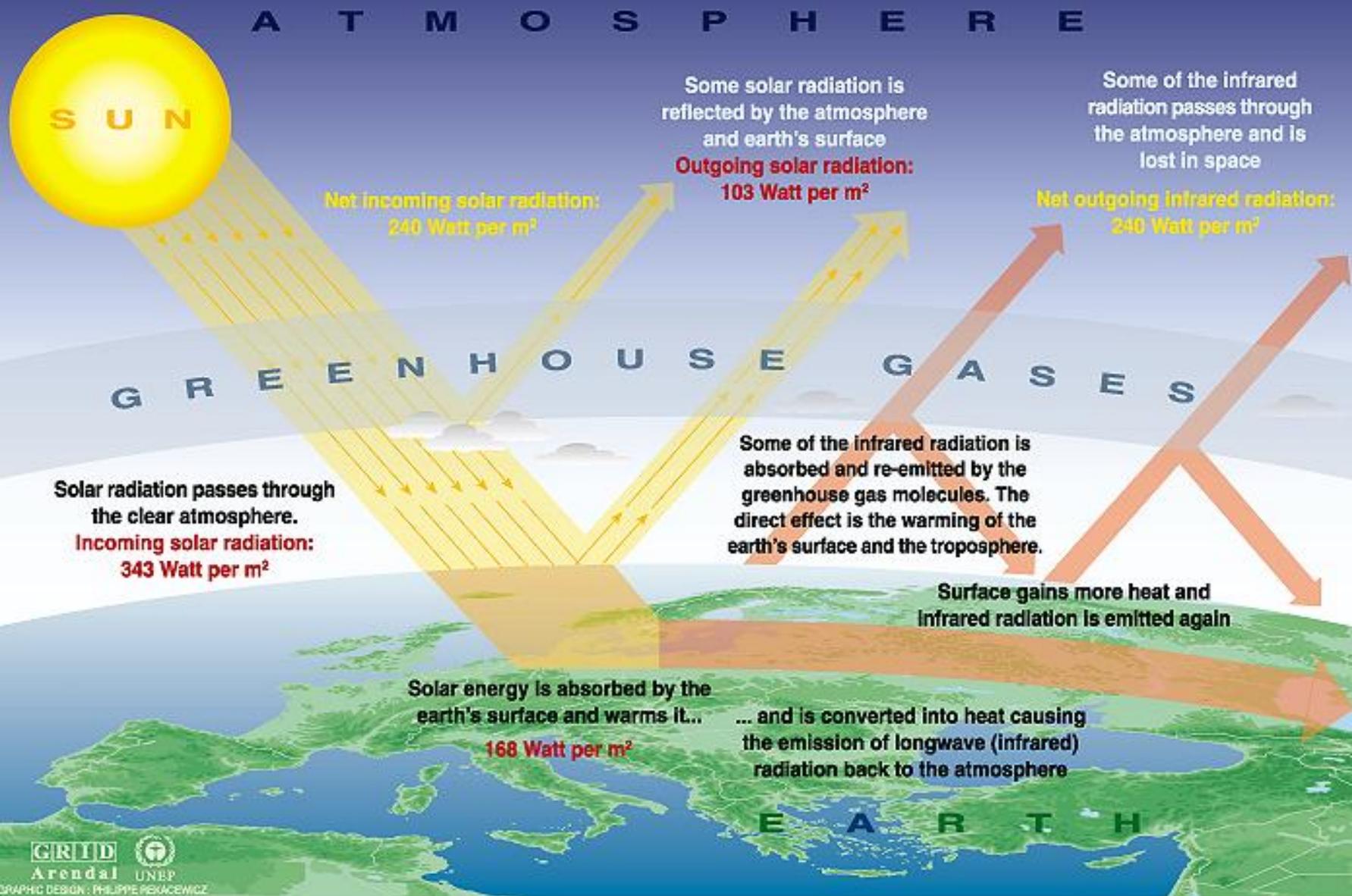
**The World Wide Web was launched in 1990,  
leading to the explosion of the internet**



# Global Warming



# The Greenhouse effect



The Greenhouse Effect: natural situation in which heat is retained in Earth's atmosphere by carbon dioxide, methane, water vapor, and other gases. Humans increase the Greenhouse effect by Carbon emissions in cars, planes, ect. Heating up the earth at a much faster rate than normal.

# The Greenhouse Effect

Some of the infrared radiation passes through the atmosphere but most is absorbed and re-emitted in all directions by greenhouse gas molecules and clouds. The effect of this is to warm the Earth's surface and the lower atmosphere.

Solar radiation powers the climate system.



Some solar radiation is reflected by the Earth and the atmosphere.



About half the solar radiation is absorbed by the Earth's surface and warms it.

ATMOSPHERE

EARTH

Infrared radiation is emitted from the Earth's surface.



# Kyoto Protocol



***The Kyoto Protocol was the meeting held by world leaders in Japan in 1997 to come up with a solution to stop global warming***