

TABLE 7.1

PRESIDENTIAL VETOES, ROOSEVELT TO OBAMA

Years	President	Total vetoes	Regular vetoes	Pocket vetoes	Vetoes overridden	Veto success rate
1933–1945	Franklin Roosevelt	635	372	263	9	97.6%
1945–1953	Harry Truman	250	180	70	12	93.3
1953–1961	Dwight Eisenhower	181	73	108	2	97.3
1961–1963	John F. Kennedy	21	12	9	0	100.0
1963–1969	Lyndon Johnson	30	16	14	0	100.0
1969–1974	Richard Nixon	43	26	17	7	73.1
1974–1977	Gerald Ford	66	48	18	12	75.0
1977–1981	Jimmy Carter	31	13	18	2	84.6
1981–1989	Ronald Reagan	78	39	39	9	76.9
1989–1993	George H. W. Bush	46	29	17*	1	96.6
1993–2001	Bill Clinton	37	36	1	2	96.4
2001–2009	George W. Bush	12	11	1	4	66.7
2009–present	Barack Obama	2	2	0	0	100.0

Source: “Summary of Bills Vetoed, 1789–Present,” www.senate.gov/reference/Legislation/Vetoes/vetoCounts.htm.

*Although they are counted here, Congress did not recognize two of Bush’s pocket vetoes and considered the legislation enacted.