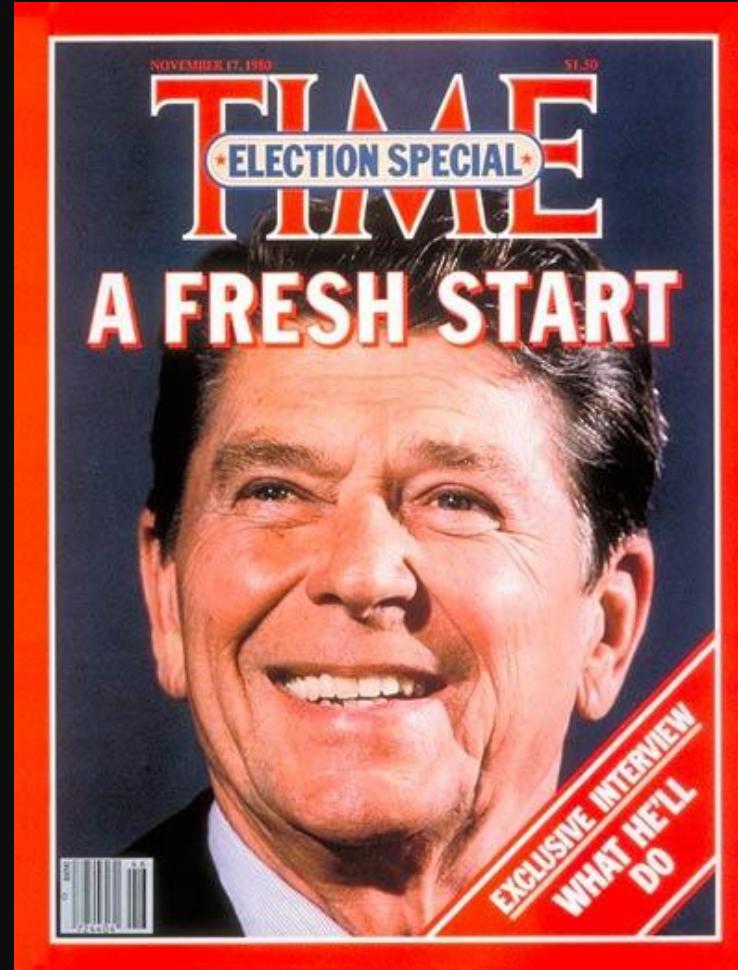


Political Division in a Conservative Era, 1980-2000



Central Themes

- Conservative Goals Realized Under Reagan Administration
 - How Liberals Fought the Rightward Turn
 - Cold War Intensification and End
 - Domestic Politics Become More Polarized in the 1990s
 - US Response to Challenges of Globalization
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Impacts of Reagan's Presidency

- Era of Reagan
 - Turning Point in American Politics
 - Started with Release of Iran Crisis Hostages
 - United States & World:
 - Political Shift to the Right
 - U.K., Germany, Canada, etc.
- Reagan Admin Impact:
 - Deregulation of Industry
 - Slashing Taxes
 - Controlling Inflation
 - Massive Federal Budget Deficit
 - Poverty Increased
 - Economic Inequality Grew
 - Popular Culture: Fascination with Making Money



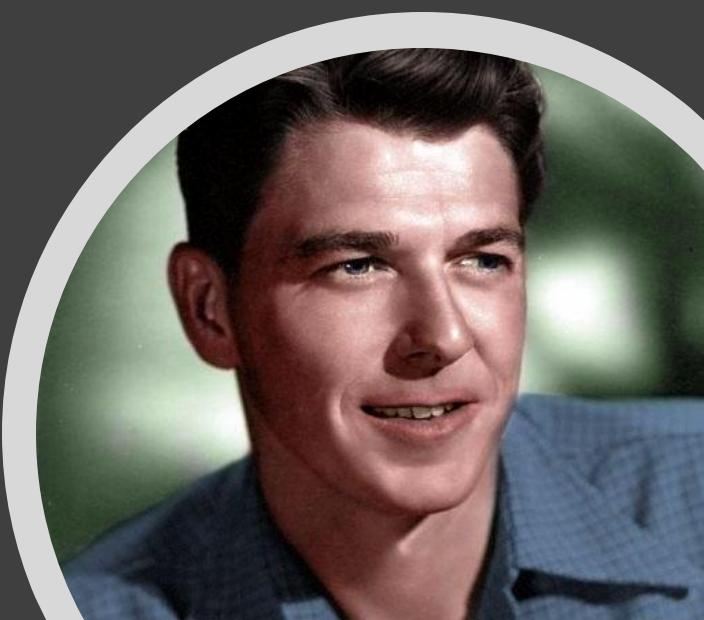
Ronald Reagan (1911-2004)

Changing Republican Agenda in the 1980s

- Reagan as President
 - 69 Years Old
 - First Divorced Leader
 - Former Actor
 - New Deal Democrat Until 1950s
 - Anti-Communist
 - Supporter of Goldwater in 1964
- Elected Governor of CA in 1966
 - Showed Flexibility as a

Conservative

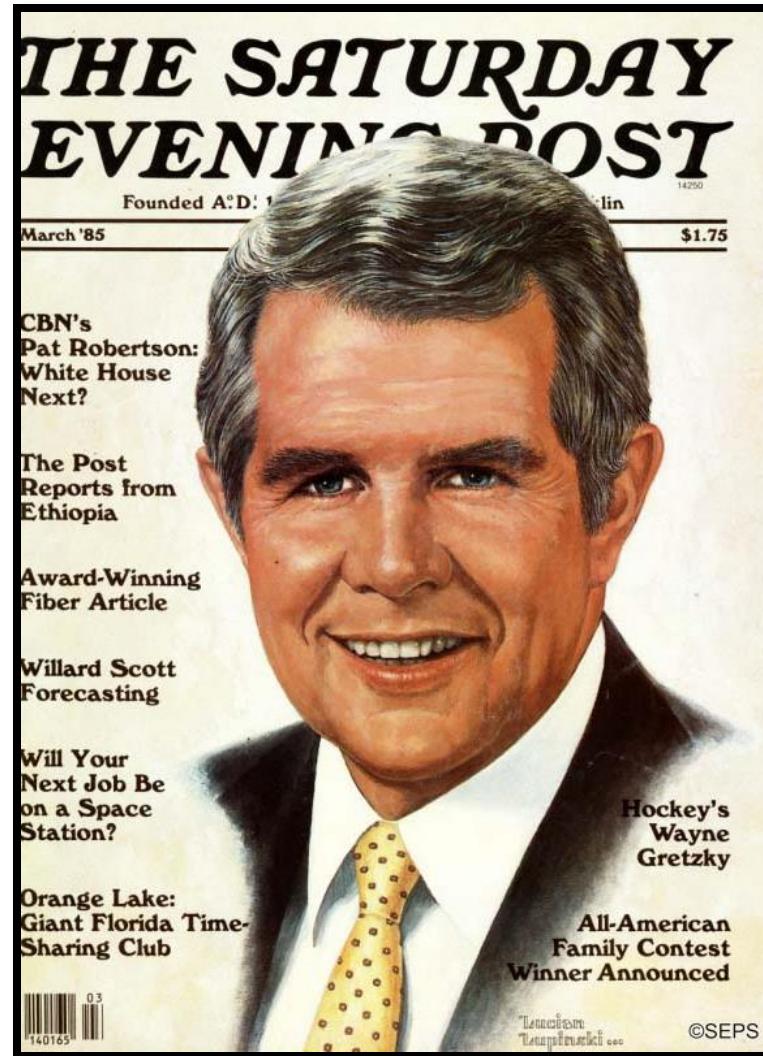
- Tax Increase, Water Pollution Bill, Liberal Abortion Law
- Presidential Election:
 - Softens Attack on:
 - Social Security
 - Public School Funding
 - Aid to Poor
 - Moderate George H.W. Bush as VP





Reagan's Campaign Platform

- Positions:
 - Favored States' Rights
 - Against Busing
 - Against Affirmative Action
 - Against Welfare Fraud
 - “take government off the backs of the people” & Restore Americans’ Morale & Respect
- 1980 Election: Tested Republican Party
 - Phyllis Schlafly & ERA Reversal



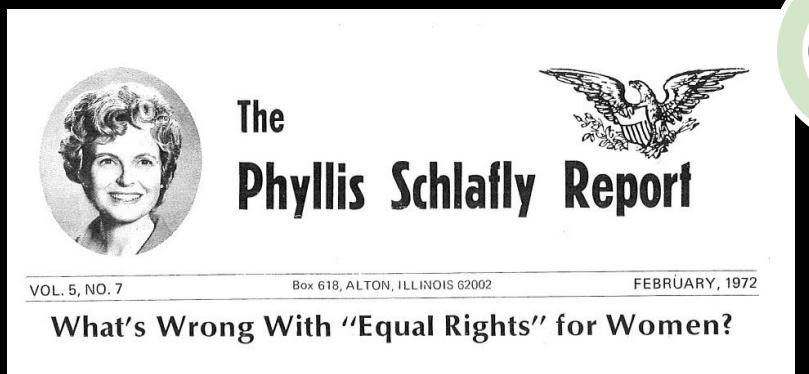
New Christian Right

- Politicization of Religious Conservatives
 - Protestants
 - Rise of the Evangelical & Fundamentalist Christianity
 - Pat Robertson
 - Televangelists
 - Attacked Feminism
 - Attacked Abortion
 - Attacked Homosexuality
- Restoration of Traditional “Family Values”

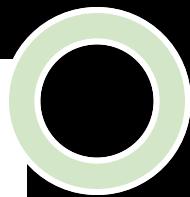
James Dobson (1936-)



Jerry Falwell (1933-2007)



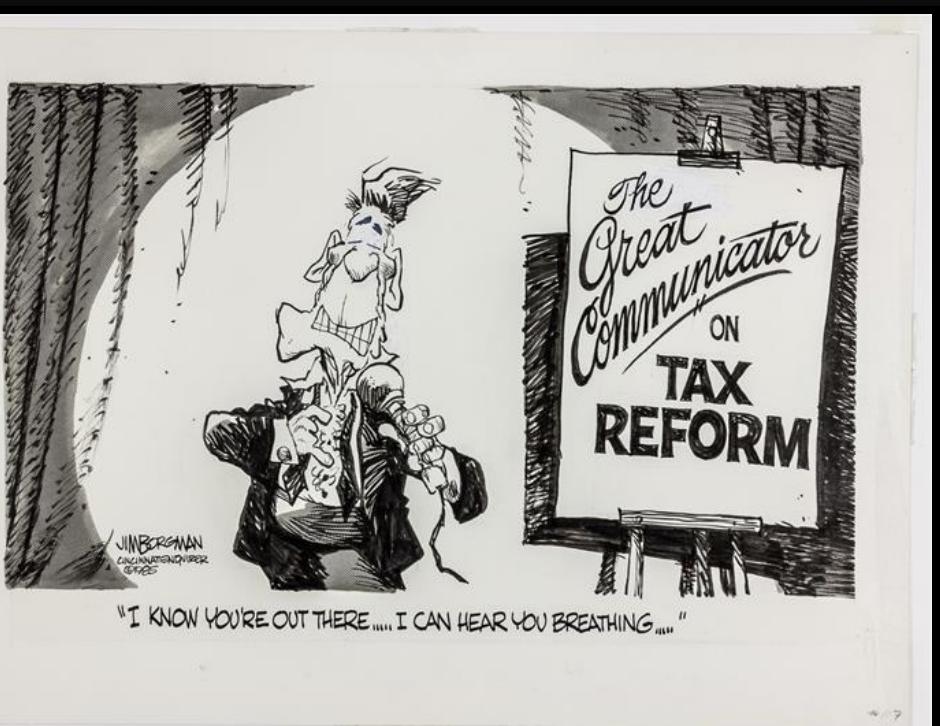
Phyllis Schlafly
(1924-2016)



Conservative Political Organizations

- Founded by Jerry Falwell (1979)
 - Moral Majority
- Dr. James Dobson (1983)
 - Family Research Council
- Phyllis Schlafly Report
- Denounced:
 - Social Welfare
 - Pornography
 - Homosexuality
 - Abortion
 - Divorce
 - Single Motherhood
 - Limited Govt in Home

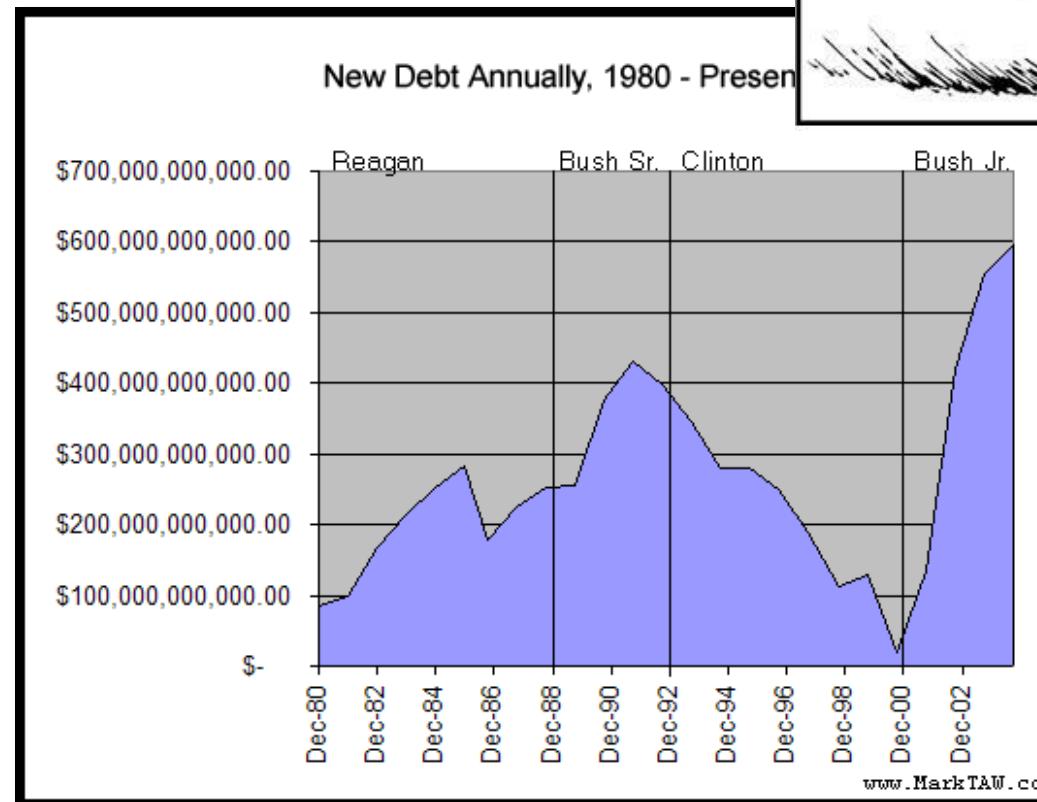
Reagan's Platform & Strengths

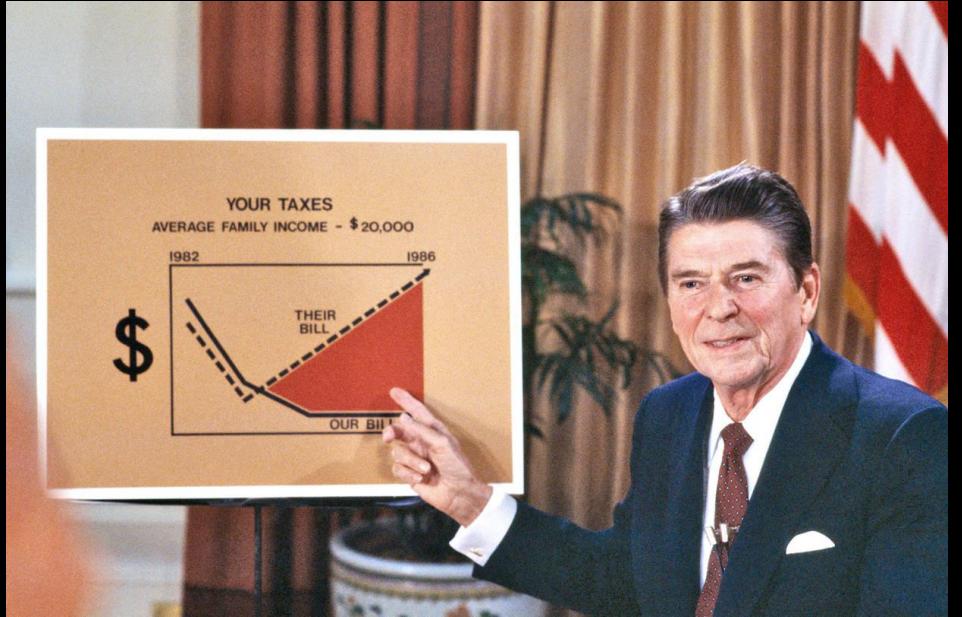


- Reagan's Politics:
 - Embraced Issues on Abortion & School Prayer
 - Moral Policies? No
- Achievements:
 - Anti-Communist Posture
 - Reducing Taxes
 - Criticizing "Big Government"
- Reagan: The Great Communicator
 - Charisma, Easygoing Humor, Optimistic
 - Feel Good History vs. Darker Moments

Reagan on the Economy: Taxes & Trickle-Down Economics

- Stimulate Economy by Cutting Taxes & Deregulating Industry
 - Taxes = Theft
 - Massive Tax Cut
- Supply Side Economics *
 - Lower Taxes = Increase Revenue
 - Business Expansion = Work Harder & Keep More Earnings
 - Production of Goods & Services (Supply) Would Boost in Demand
- Reality? Massive Deficit





Congress & Economics

- Economic Recovery Act (1981)
 - Tax Rates:
 - 14% to 11% of Lowest-Income Individuals
 - 70% to 50% for Wealthiest
 - Further Benefits
- Tax Reform Act of 1986
 - Slashed Taxes More
- Results: Affluent Americans Saved Way more
 - Distribution of Wealth Expanded

Reagan & Deregulation

- Started Under Carter
 - Air Transportation & Banking
 - Tightened Health, Safety, Environmental Regulations
- Reagan: Everything
 - Supported Monopoly Growth
 - Mergers & Takeovers
 - Loosened Regulations on:
 - Protecting Employee Health & Safety
 - Weakened Labor Unions



Reagan & Deregulation (Environment)



- Environment
- “We will mine more, drill more, cut more timber.” (Sec of Interior)
- EPA:
 - Relaxed Air & Water Pollution Standards
 - Environmentalists Grew in Numbers
 - Blocked Some of Regan’s Goals

Reagan & Deregulation (Banking)

- Savings & Loan Industry:
 - Huge Loans (Real Estate) & High-Yield Risky Ventures
 - Huge Profit Until Values Plunged
 - Largest Financial Scandal in History
 - Govt Bailout (1989)
 - \$100 Billion Dollars
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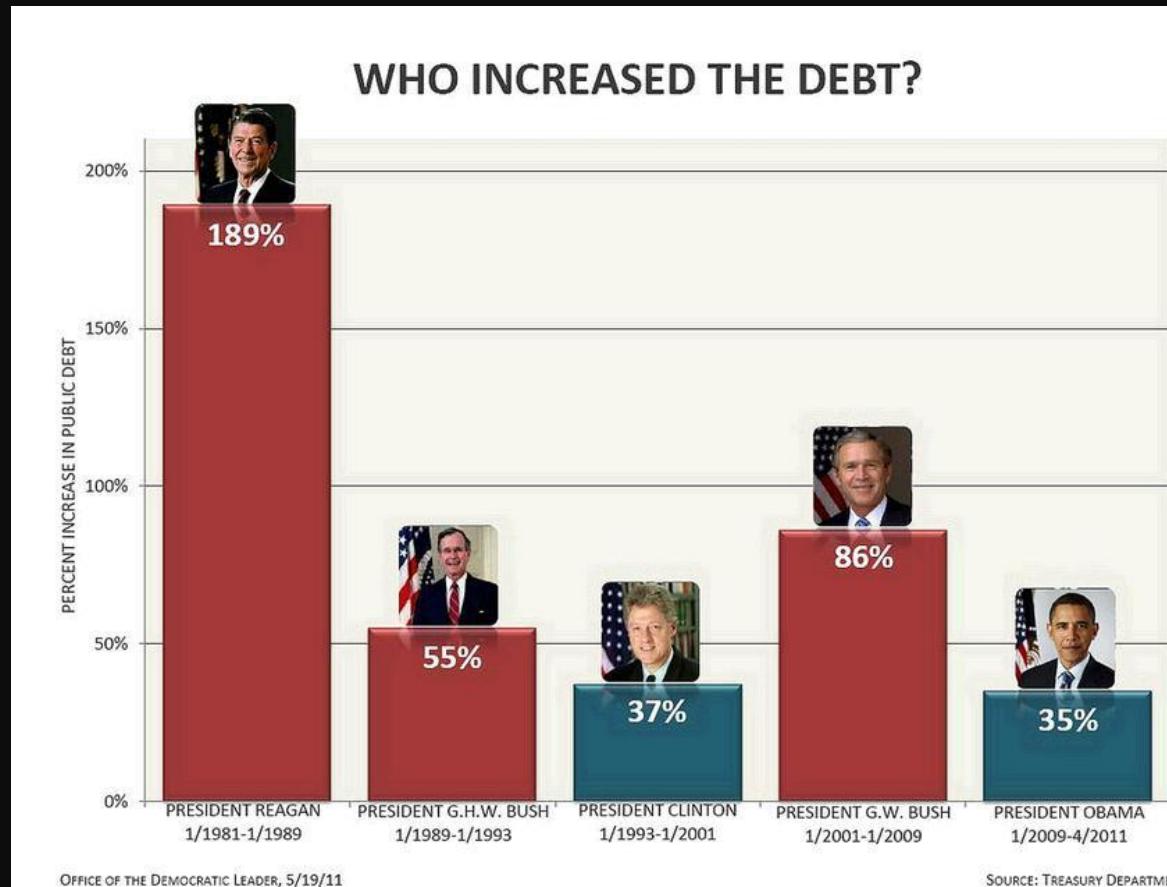
American Savings and Loan Association

Fourth Ave., Cor. 29th St., New York 16, N. Y.



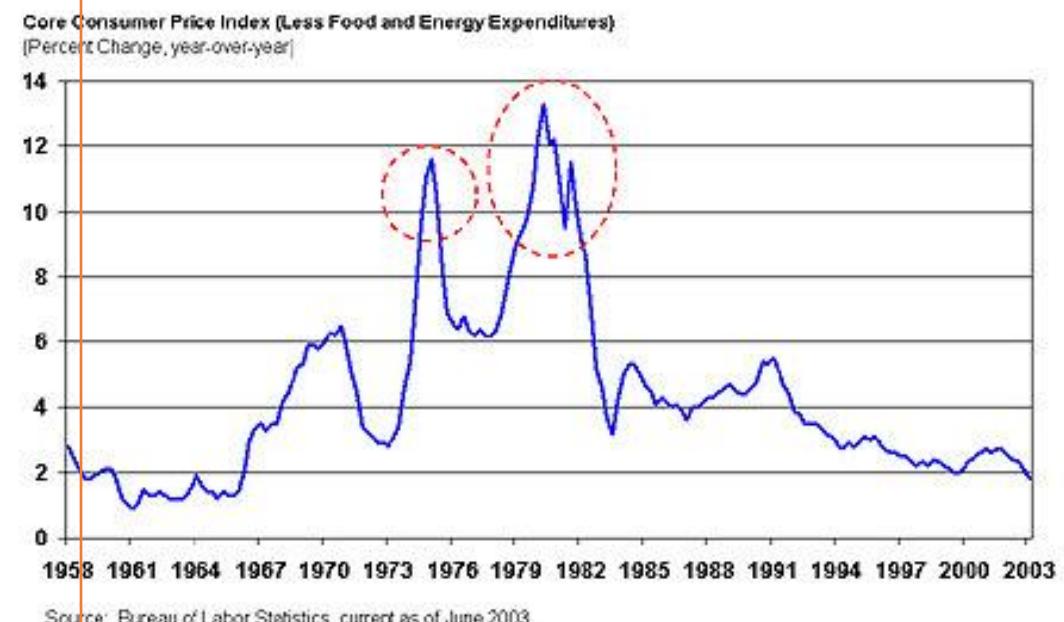
Reagan: Great Society & Military Spending

- Slashed Funds for:
 - Food Stamps
 - Job Training
 - Student Aid
 - “War on the Poor”
- Defense Spending: Increased
 - Exceeded Budget Savings
 - Nation’s Debt Tripled (\$2.3 Trillion)
- Reagan: Antigovernment Rhetoric
 - Budget Increased
 - Federal Employee Numbers Increased





Inflation Soared in the Late 1970s and Early 1980s

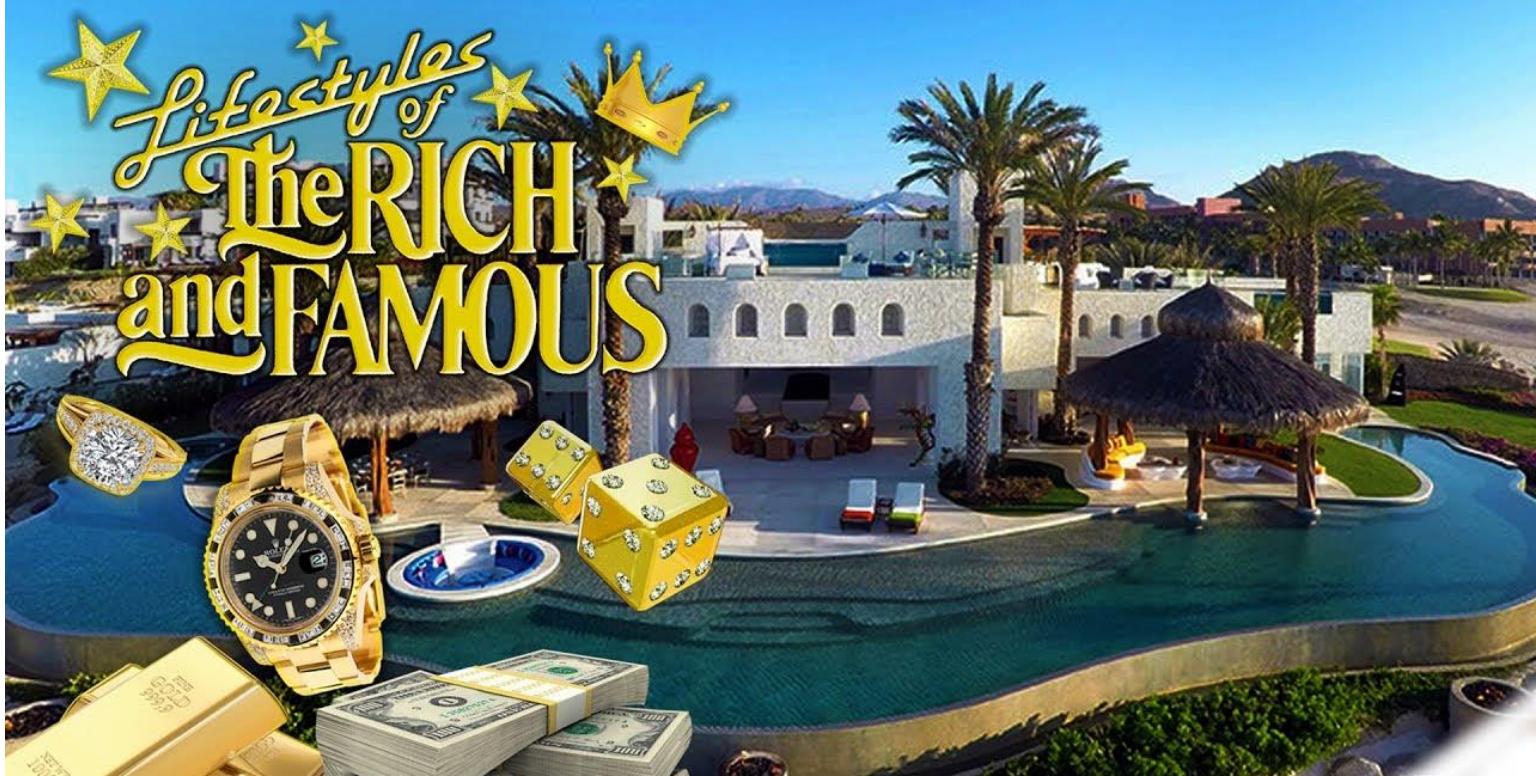


Economy of the 1980s

- Most Severe Recession since 1930s
 - Unemployment: ~11% (1982)
- 1983: Economic Recovery
 - Unprecedented Growth
- 1984 Presidential Election: Formidable Foe
- Democratic Nominee:
 - Walter Mondale
 - VP: Geraldine Ferraro
- Reagan: Landslide Victory

Popular Culture of the 1980s: Money

- Lavish Displays of Wealth
 - Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous
- College Students Ambition:
 - Making Money
- Innovation:
 - Steve Jobs & Apple
 - Bill Gates & Microsoft
- Era of Criminal Convictions for Fraud & Insider Trading



Introducing Macintosh. For the rest of us.

In the olden days, before 1984, not very many people used computers. For a very good reason.



Not very many people knew how. And not very many people wanted to learn.

After all, in those days, it meant listening to your stomach growl through computer seminars. Falling asleep over computer manuals. And staying awake nights to memorize commands so

complicated you'd have to be a computer to understand them.

Then, on a particularly bright day in Cupertino, California, some particularly bright engineers had a particularly bright idea: since computers are so smart, wouldn't it make more sense to teach computers about people, instead of teaching people about computers?

So it was that those very engineers worked long days and late nights and a few legal holidays, teaching tiny silicon chips all about people. How they make mistakes and change their minds. How they refer to file folders and save old phone numbers. How they labor for their livelihoods, and doodle in their spare time.

For the first time in recorded computer history hardware engineers

actually talked to software engineers in moderate tones of voice, and both were united by a common goal: to build the most powerful, most portable, most flexible, most versatile computer not-very-much-money could buy.

And when the engineers were finally finished, they introduced us to a personal computer so personal, it can practically shake hands.

And so easy to use, most people already know how.

They didn't call it the Q230, or the Zipchip 5000.

They called it Macintosh.
And now we'd like to introduce it to you.



Service Industry

Industry Numbers Expanded

- Paychecks Stayed Low

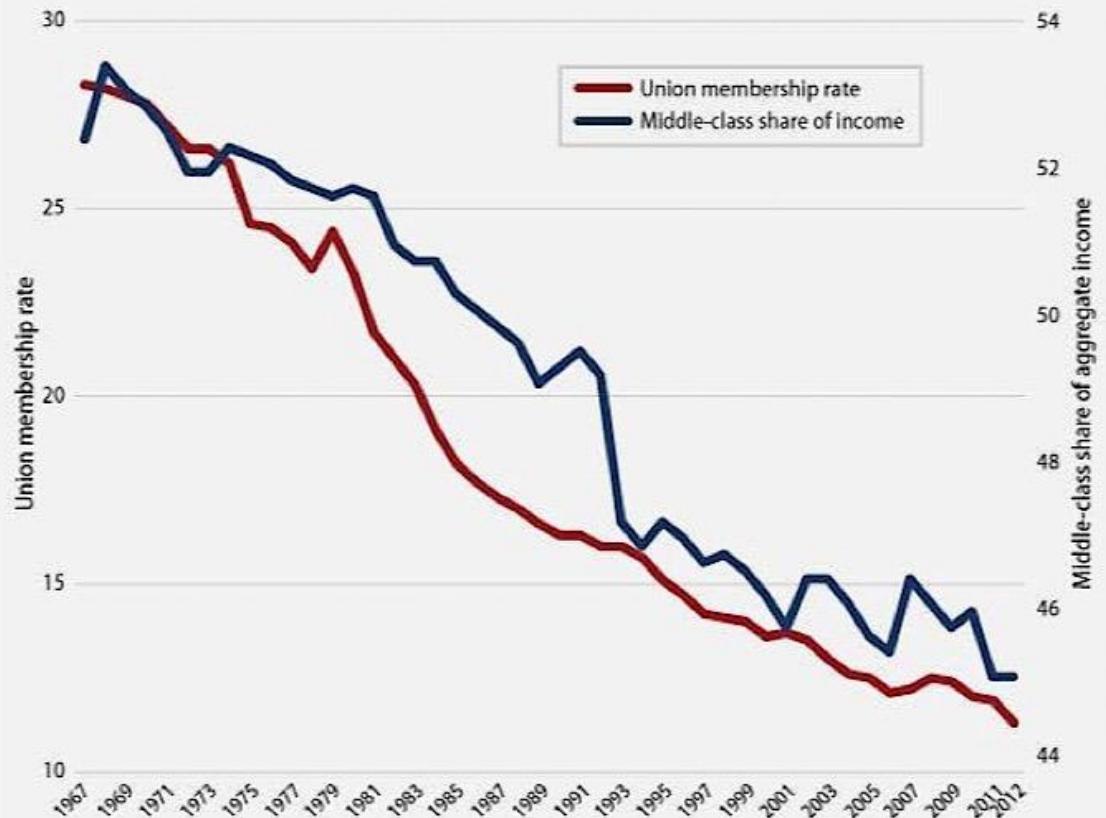
Full Time Workers Making Below Poverty Wage

- \$12,195 Family of 4 in 1980s
 - 12% to 18%
- Second Jobs Needed

1990:

- 60% Married Women Worked Outside the Home
 - Limited Childcare Available
- Gender Pay Gap: ~\$10,000 Annually
 - 20% Households Headed by Women

FIGURE 1
As union membership rates decrease, middle-class incomes shrink



Source: Union membership rate is from Barry T. Hirsch, David A. MacPherson, and Wayne G. Vroman, "Estimates of Union Density by State," Monthly Labor Review 124 (7) (2001). Middle-class share of aggregate income is from the U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (Department of Commerce).

Trickle-Down Economics

- Reality of Reagan's Tax Policies:
 - Greater Economic Inequality
 - Americans in Poverty:
 - 11.7% to 13.5%
 - Highest Poverty Rate in Industrial World
 - Homelessness Grew
 - Social Security & Medicare
 - Prevented Elderly from Destitution
- Those Negatively Impacted Most:
 - People of Color
 - Female-Headed Families
 - Children
 - 1/5 Lived in Poverty





Liberal Response to Rightward Turn: Courts & Congress

- “Reverse Discrimination”
 - Affirmative Action Harmed Whites
- Mobilization:
 - Civil Rights Groups
 - Educational Leaders
 - Labor Unions
 - Fought to Keep Affirmative Action
- Supreme Court: Upheld Anti-discrimination Policies
- Congress: Extended Voting Rights Act
- Admin: Limited Civil Rights Enforcement
 - Conservatives to Justice Dept, Civil Rights Commission, etc.
 - Slashed Budgets

Congress Defends Anti-Discrimination Programs

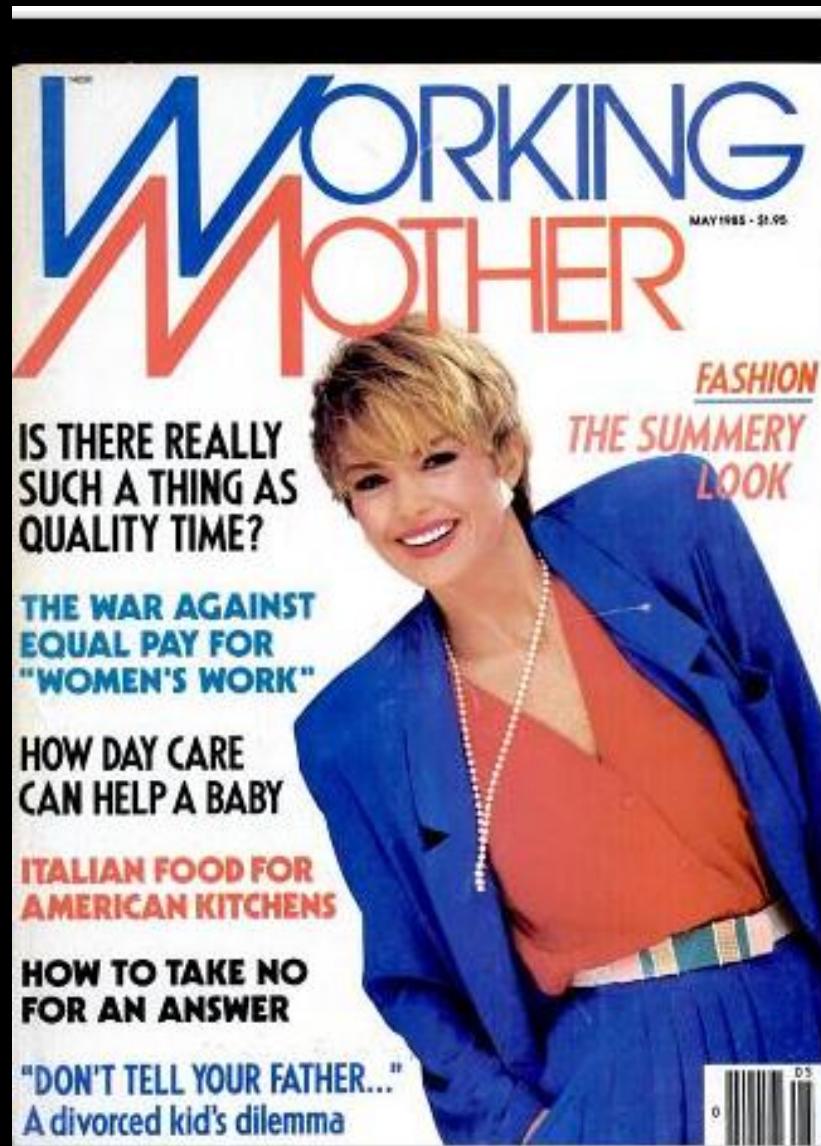
- Civil Rights Restoration Act (1988)
 - Banned Govt Funding for Organizations Discriminating on Basis of Race, Color, National Origin, Sex, Disability, or Age
- Courts: Trending Conservative
 - ~380 Federal Judges
 - 3 New Supreme Court Justices
 - Younger & More Conservative
 - Allowed Restrictions that Weakened Access to Abortion
 - Reduced Protections Against Employment Discrimination
 - Safeguards Against Death Penalty



Feminism on the Defense

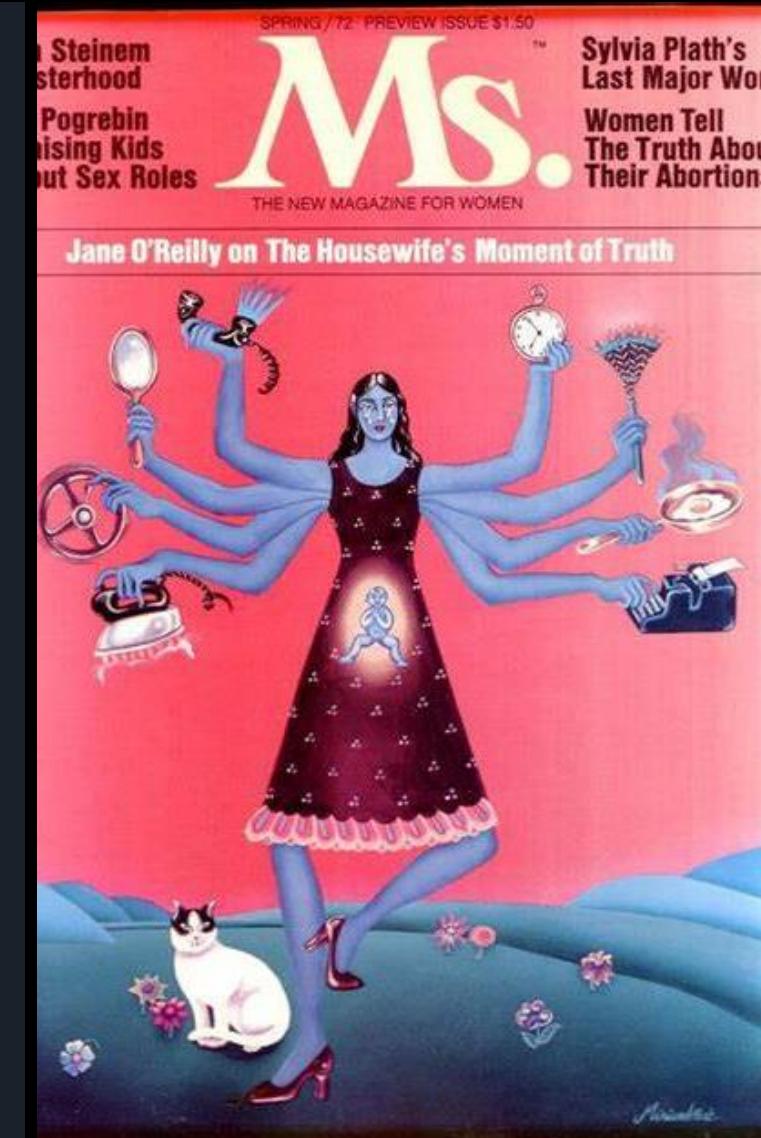
- Republican Party:
- Antifeminist Tone & Opposed:
 - Equal Rights Amendment
 - Abortion Rights
- ERA Ratification Expired (1982)
 - Phyllis Schlafly & Co. Cheered
- Feminists Shift Focus:
 - Economic & Family Issues
 - Legislation to Help Single & Divorced Women Collect Child Support
 - Easier to Qualify for Retirement Pensions
 - Women's Claims on Husband's Pensions





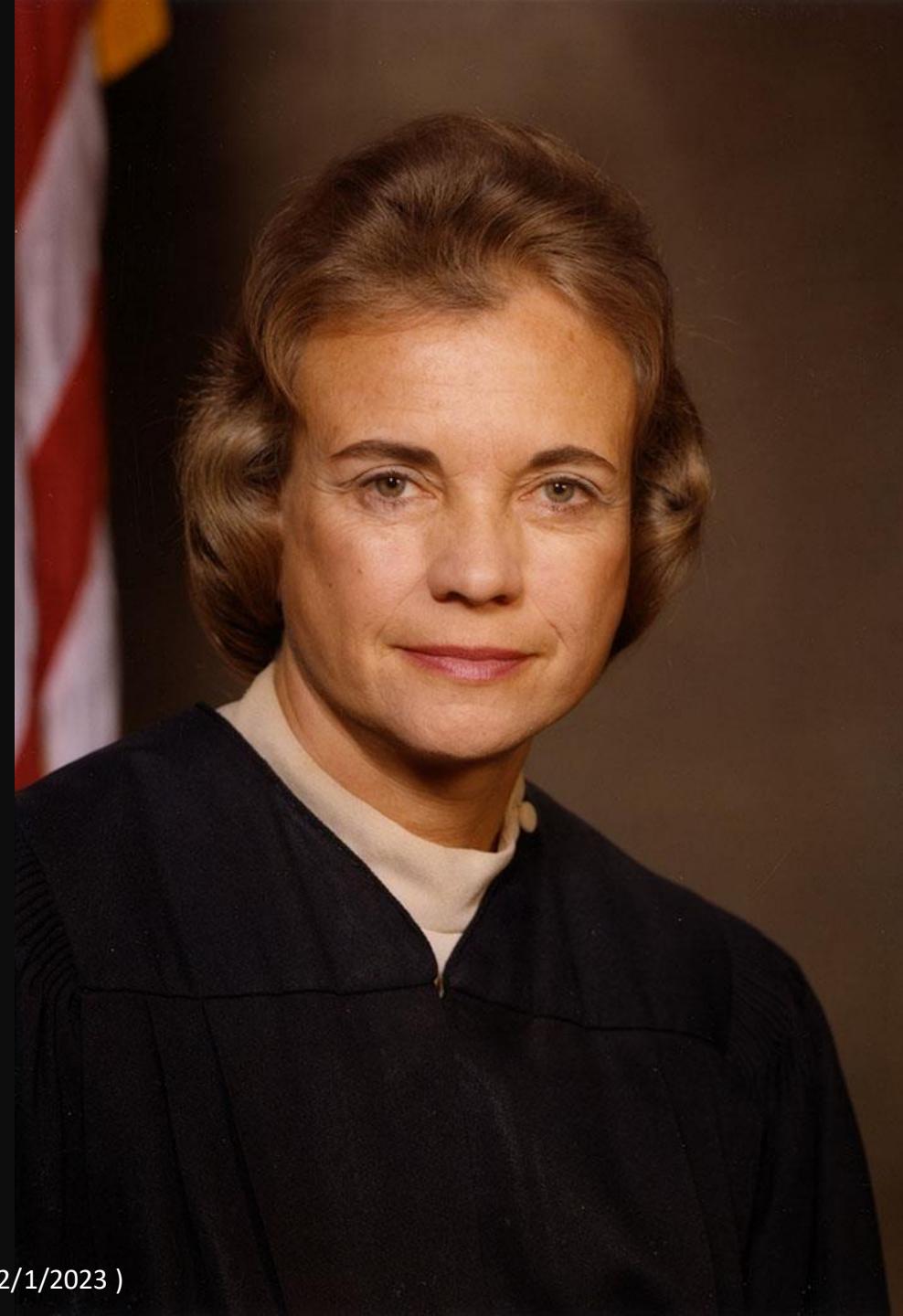
Women as 'Superwoman'

- Women in 1980:
 - 40% of Workforce
 - Gender Inequality in the Workplace
 - Told Women can “have it all”:
 - Happy Family & Work Life
- Reality:
 - Paid Less
 - Responsible for Majority of Home & Childcare
 - No Govt Assistance for Day Care
 - Working-Class Single Mothers:
 - Higher Poverty Rates; Less Assistance



Reagan Admin & Women

- Women:
 - Swing Liberal & Democratic
 - Solution: Appoint Women
 - 1981: First Female Supreme Court Justice
 - Sandra Day O'Connor
 - Moderate Conservative; Supported Abortion
 - Overall: Women & People of Color Decline in High-Level Govt
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Sandra Day O'Connor (1930 – 12/1/2023)

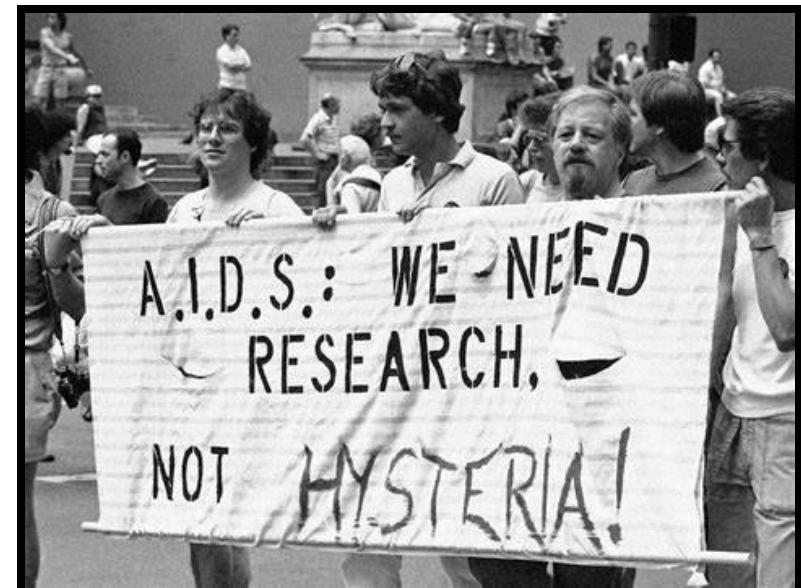
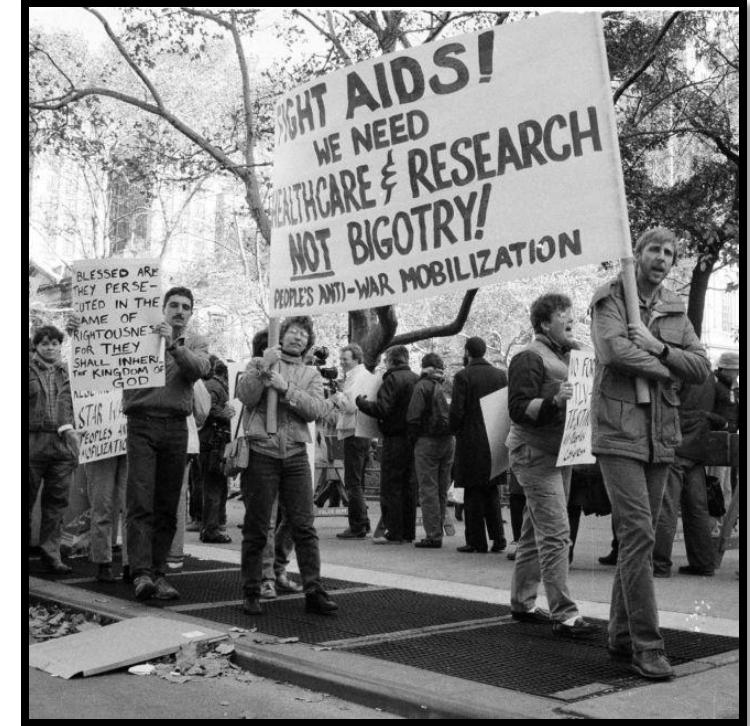


Feminists Fight On

- Retain Basic Principles of *Roe v. Wade*
 - Despite Reagan Admin's Push Back
- *Meritor Savings Bank v. Vinson* (1986)
 - Sexual Harassment as Sex Discrimination Creates Hostile Work Environment
- Local Level:
 - Pay Equity
 - Sexual & Domestic Violence

Gay & Lesbian Rights (1980s)

- LGBT Community – Significant Victories
- Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Spurred Activism
- Reagan: Refused to Acknowledge AIDS
 - Refused Public Health Resources to Study & Fight it
- ~40,000 Deaths by 1990
- 1987: AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP)
 - Congress Allocated Funding



LGBT Visibility



- Encouragement to ‘Come Out’
- Openly Gay Politicians
 - Harvey Milk
- Democrats: Include Gay Rights
- Organized Marches All Over the Country
- Public Attitudes of Same-Sex Relationships:
 - More Tolerant but Complex
- Local Progressive Change; Uneven
 - Local Bans on Discrimination Against LGBT Community



Harvey Milk (1930-1978)

Countermovement to Gay Rights

- Christian Right on LGBT People:
 - National Immorality
 - AIDS
 - “The wrath of God upon homosexuals.”
- Supreme Court: Upheld Sodomy Laws Removed by Many States
 - Right to Privacy Not Extended to Gay People
 - ‘No Connection to family, marriage, or procreation.’
 - *Lawrence v. Texas* (2003)
 - 6-3 Decision



Renewed Militarization & ‘Peace through Strength’



- Reagan – Hard Stance Against Communism
- Increased Armed Forces:
 - Bombs & Missiles
 - Navy
 - Nuclear Force in Europe
- ‘Star Wars Initiative’:
 - No More Mutually Assured Destruction
 - Skeptical Scientists
 - Space-Based Shield to Protect US from Missiles
- Defense Spending: \$216 Billion
 - Higher than Vietnam Spending
- Peace through Strength

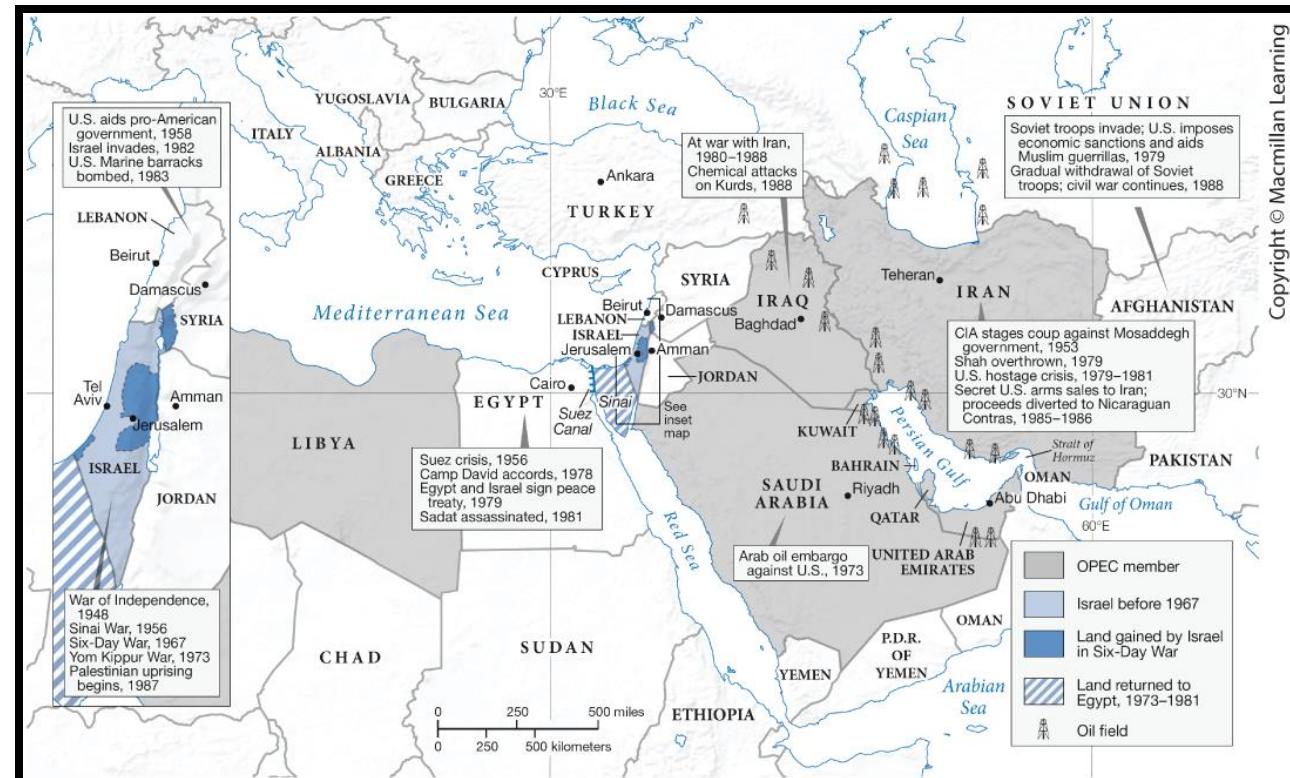
'Peace Through Strength'

- Peace through Strength Response:
 - 1982 - ~700,000 Protestors in NY
 - National Conference of Catholic Bishops
 - Call for Disarmament
 - Protests All Across Europe
 - Soviet Union Included



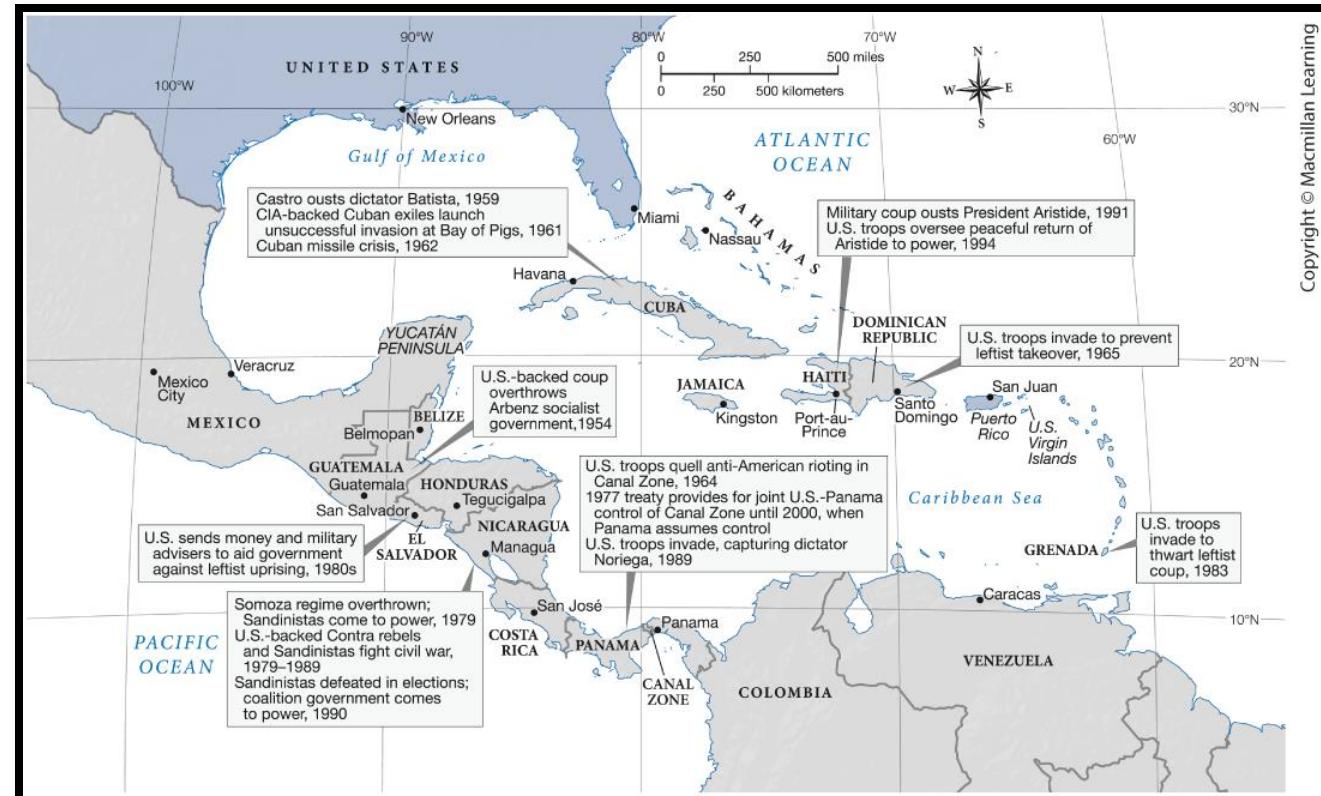
Growing Threat of Terrorism

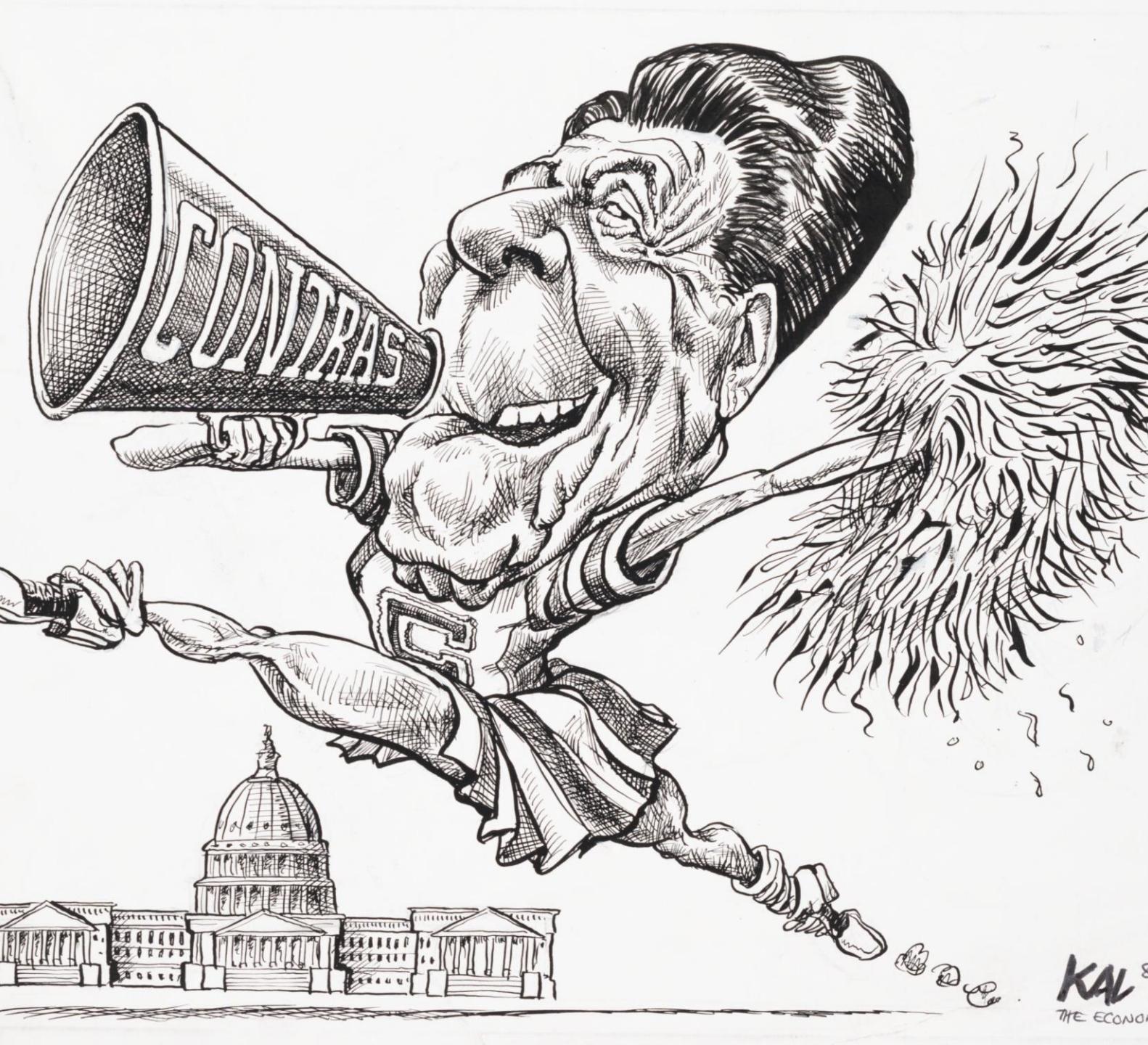
- Terrorism:
 - Nonstate Organizations Seeking Political Goals by Attacking Civilians
- 1970s & 1980s – Grows
 - Hostile to Western Policies & Israel
- Munich Olympics, 1972
 - 11 Israeli Athletes Murdered
- Formation of Hezbollah (1982)
 - Shiite Muslims
 - Backed by Iran & Syria
 - 1983: Suicide Attack on US Embassy in Lebanon; 63 Deaths
 - Explosives-Filled Truck into US Barracks; 241 Marines Killed (2,000 in the Area)
- US – Withdraw from Lebanon
 - Chaos Continued



Cold War Script on Other Movements

- Containment of Leftists Movements (Troops or Support)
 - Grenada
 - Marxist Coup
 - Aiding Afghan Rebels
 - Fighting Soviet-Backed Govt
 - Angola
 - USSR & Cuba Ties
 - South Africa
 - Govt – Support of Apartheid
 - Brutal Suppression of Protest
 - Congress – Overrode Veto to Sanction South Africa



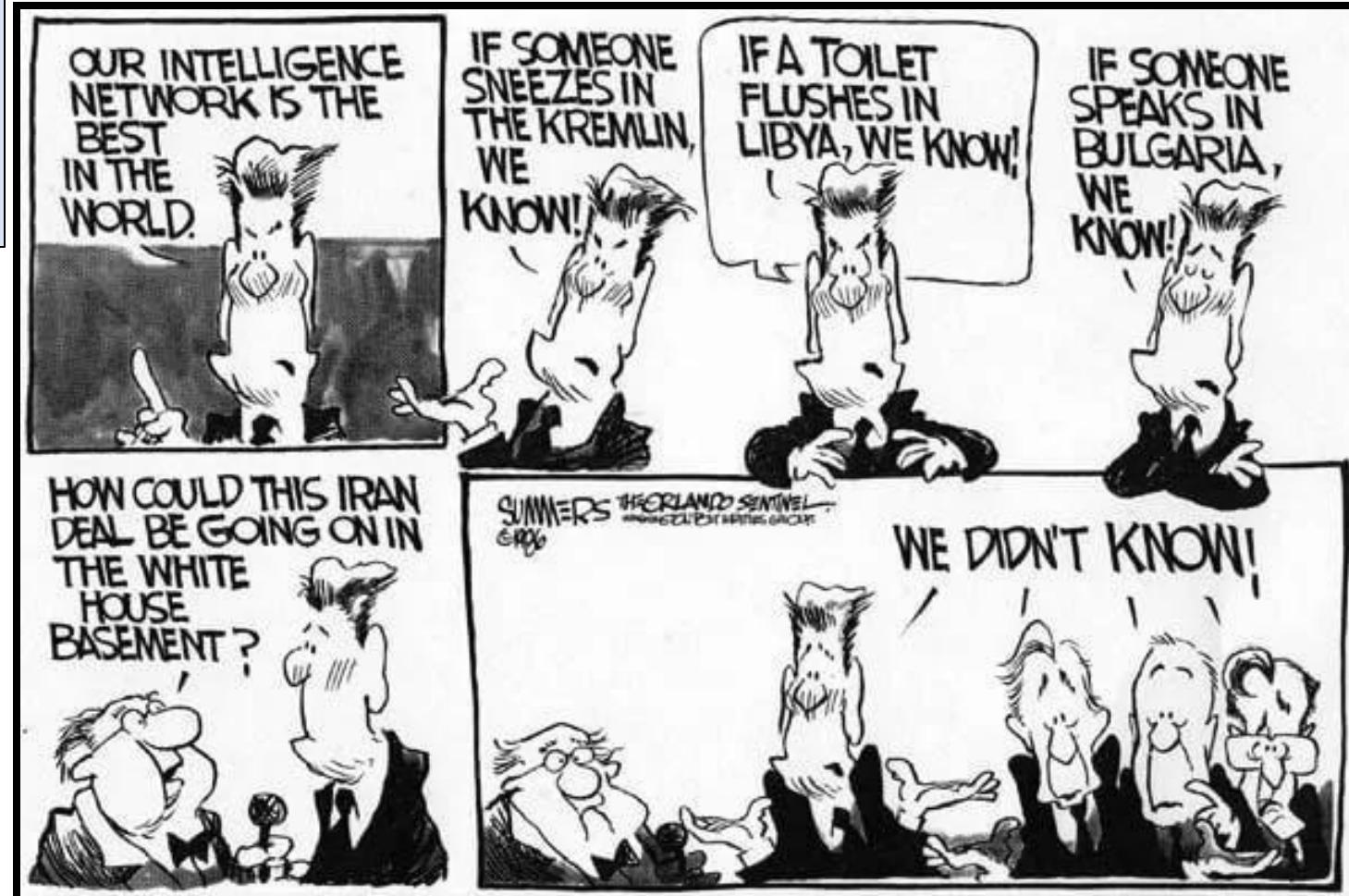


Iran-Contra Scandal Origins

- Nicaragua
 - Aid to Contras to Unset Left-Wing Govt (Previously Toppled Long-Standing Dictator)
- Americans Oppose Involvement
- Congress: No Aid, Mr. President
- Reagan Administration:
 - Quietly Supplies Weapons & Training
 - Ruined Nicaragua's Economy & Unseat the President

Iran-Contra Scandal Revealed

- 1985
- National Security Council & CIA Sell Arms to Iran (Covertly)
 - Fighting with Iraq
 - US – Openly Supplying Iraq
- Profits from Secret Sales Funded the Contras in Nicaragua
 - Reagan Approved
 - Later Denies Knowing About it
- Revealed Nov 1986
 - Reagan Admin Defied Congress' Ban



Iran-Contra Scandal Results

- Investigation & Trial
 - 7 Individuals Pled Guilty or Convicted of Lying to Congress & Destroying Evidence
 - President George H.W. Bush – Pardon
 - Reagan – Did Not Break the Law
 - Knew About Funding Contras
 - Participated or Gave in to Covering it up
- 79% Oppose Actions
 - Approval Rating Drops 16 Points



Changing Soviet-American Relations

- Drastic Reduction in Tensions
- USSR Premier: Mikhail Gorbachev (1985)
 - Desired to Reform Economy (*Perestroika*)
 - Falling Apart & Lacking Basic Consumer Goods
 - Era of *Glasnost*: Great Freedom of Expression
 - Allowed Electoral Challenges to Communist Rule
- Reagan & Gorbachev Meet
 - Gorbachev: Military Spending Blocking Economic Reform
 - Reagan: Goal of Disarmament
 - Ready to Respond to Gorbachev's First Step



Mikhail Gorbachev
(1931-2022)

Disarmament

- Reagan & Gorbachev Meet
 - 4x (1985-1988)
- End of 1987:
- Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Agreement
 - Eliminated Short & Medium-Range Missiles from Europe
 - On-Site Inspection
 - First Time Nations Agreed to Eliminate Already Made Weapons



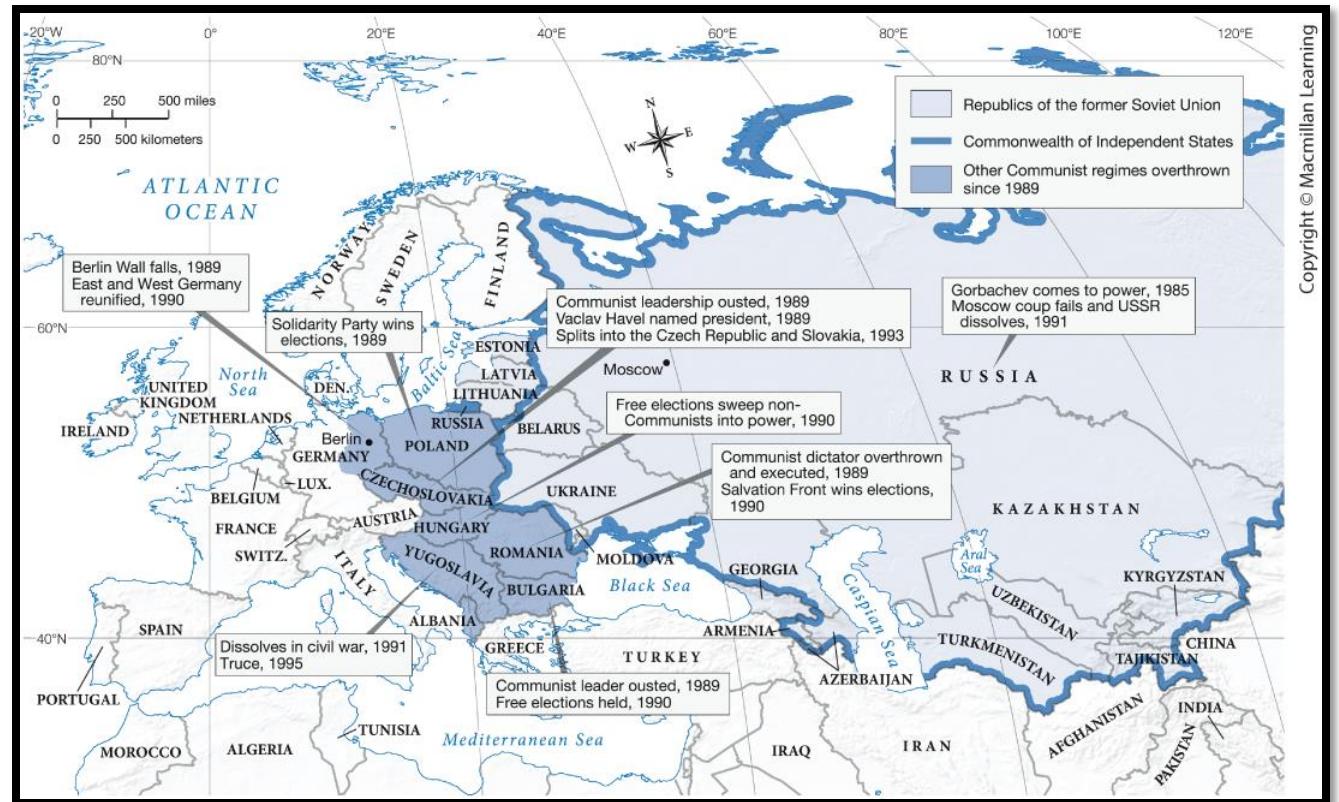


Ending of the Cold War

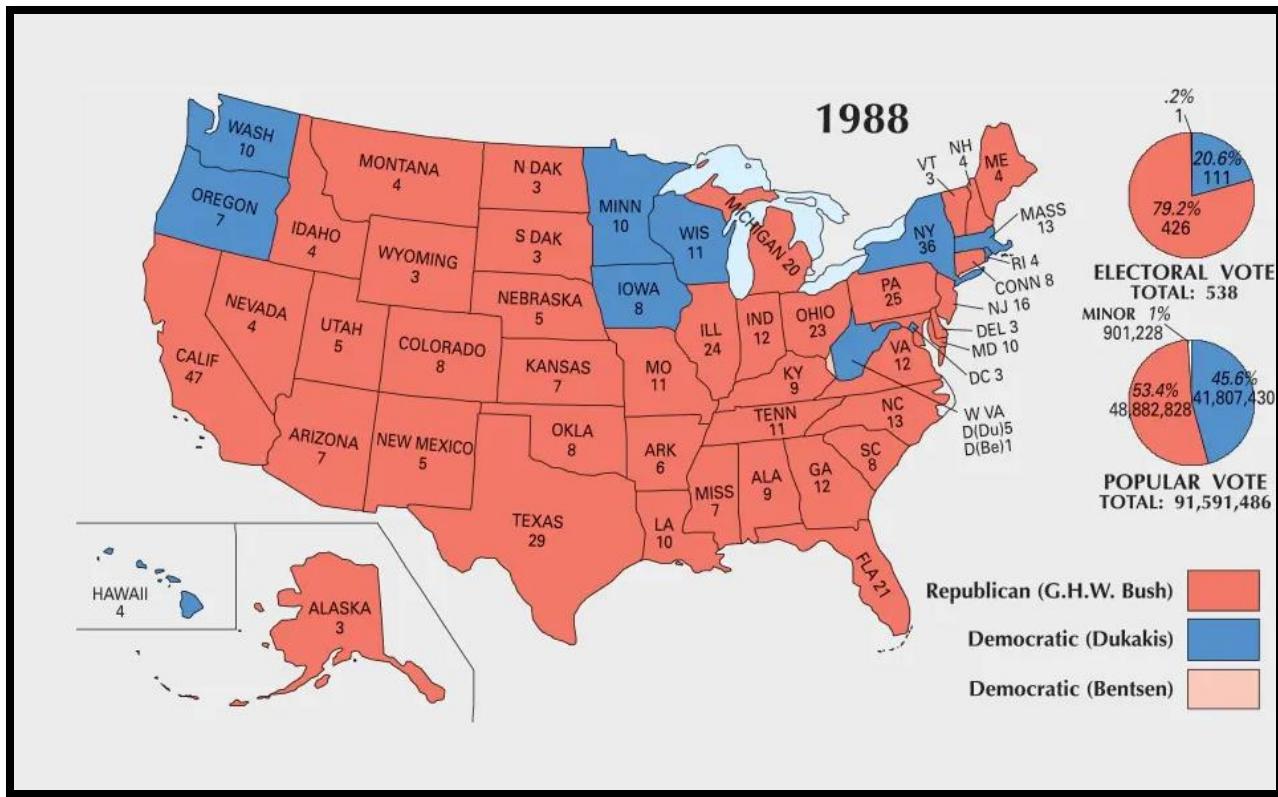
- Reagan's 1st Term:
 - Harsh Anti-Communist Stance
- Reagan's 2nd Term:
 - Superpowers Cooperating
- Gorbachev 1988:
 - Withdrawal from Afghanistan
- Their Vietnam
- Cooperation Emerges:
 - US, USSR, & Cuba Settle Civil War in Angola
 - US & USSR Support Cease-Fire & Peace Talks in the Middle East
 - Iraq & Iran

Ending of the Cold War (1989)

- Popular Uprisings in Eastern Europe Against Communist Govts
- Gorbachev Lets it
 - No Armies Sent to Support
 - Almost Zero Bloodshed
- 1989: Berlin Wall Celebrations
 - Borders Reopened
 - 1990: Germany Reunited
- Satellite Countries Follow:
 - Join NATO & European Union
 - Republics Within USSR Establish Independence
 - Gorbachev Resigns & USSR Dissolves (1991)



Emergence of a “New World Order”



- Election of George H.W. Bush (1988)
 - Hope for Peace & Democracy?
 - Dashed
 - Conflict in Middle East & New Persian Gulf War
 - End of Nuclear Age?
 - 1990: Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) Treaty
 - US & USSR Reduce Arms by 30%
 - 1996: UN General Assembly – Ban Nuclear Testing
 - India & Pakistan Refuse
 - Test Nuclear Devices (1998)
 - US Senate – Refused Ratification
 - Republican Dominated



Saddam Hussein (1937-2006)

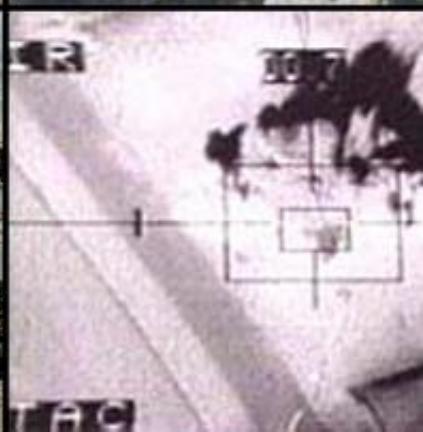
Conflict in the Middle East (Iraq)

- Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988)
 - Quietly Supported Iraqi Dictator Saddam Hussein
 - Acquired Huge War Debt Nonetheless
 - Hussein – Invades Kuwait to Get Near Saudi Arabian Border
- International Coalition to Stand up To Hussein (US Led)
 - ‘Self-Determination’ (Oil)



Conflict in the Middle East (Iraq)

- USSR Supports UN Embargo on Iraqi Oil
 - Supports Use of Force if Necessary
- US: 400,000+ Troops
 - 265,000 (Two Dozen Nations)
- Deadline to Leave Kuwait by UN
 - Bush – Congressional Approval for War & 40 Day Bombing Campaign
 - Coalition: Stormed Kuwait & Kick out Iraqi Troops
 - Did Not Depose Hussein
 - Pledge to Not Develop Weapons of Mass Destruction & Accept UN Inspections



Setting the Stage for Things to Come

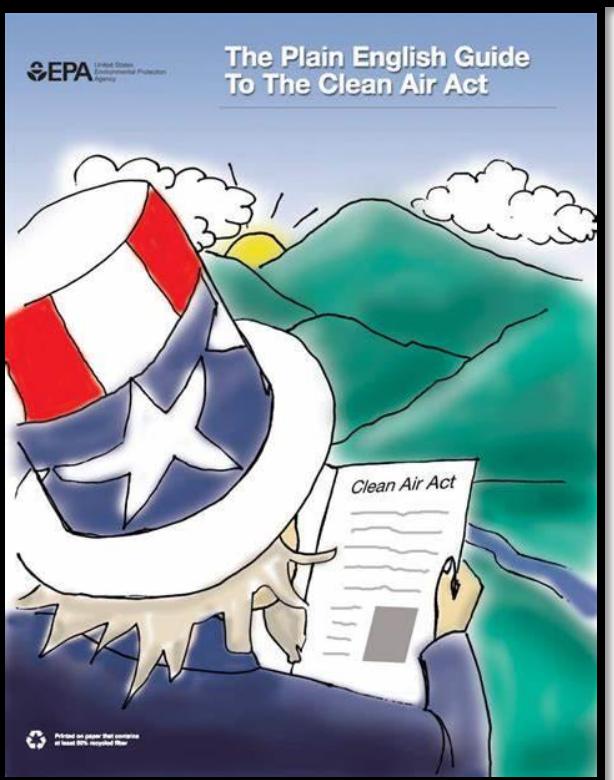
- Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Continued
- Hussein Still in Power
 - Turned to Iraqi Kurds & Shiite Muslims
 - Concealed Weapons from UN
- US Troops Based in Saudi Arabia
 - Anger Against America
 - Spurred Muslim Extremists
 - i.e. Osama bin Laden (1957-2011)





Emergence of George Herbert Walker Bush

- George H.W. Bush
 - Son of Wealthy Senator from New England
 - WWII Veteran
 - Served in Congress
 - Head of CIA Under Nixon
 - Reagan's VP: More Moderate
- Election of 1988:
 - George H.W. Bush (R)
 - Democratic Primaries
 - Michael Dukakis vs Reverend Jesse Jackson
 - Dukakis Gets it
 - Election Results: Bush 54% of the Vote

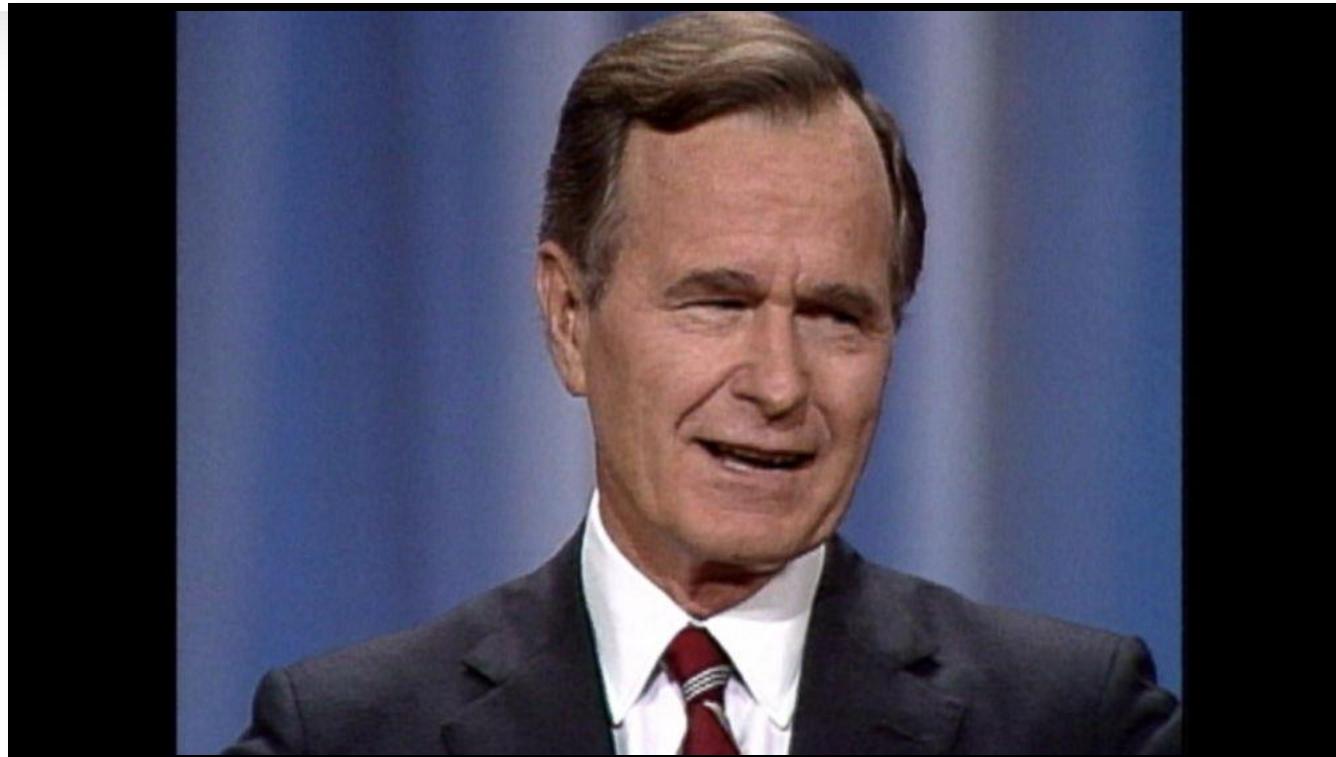


Bush Sr. Administration

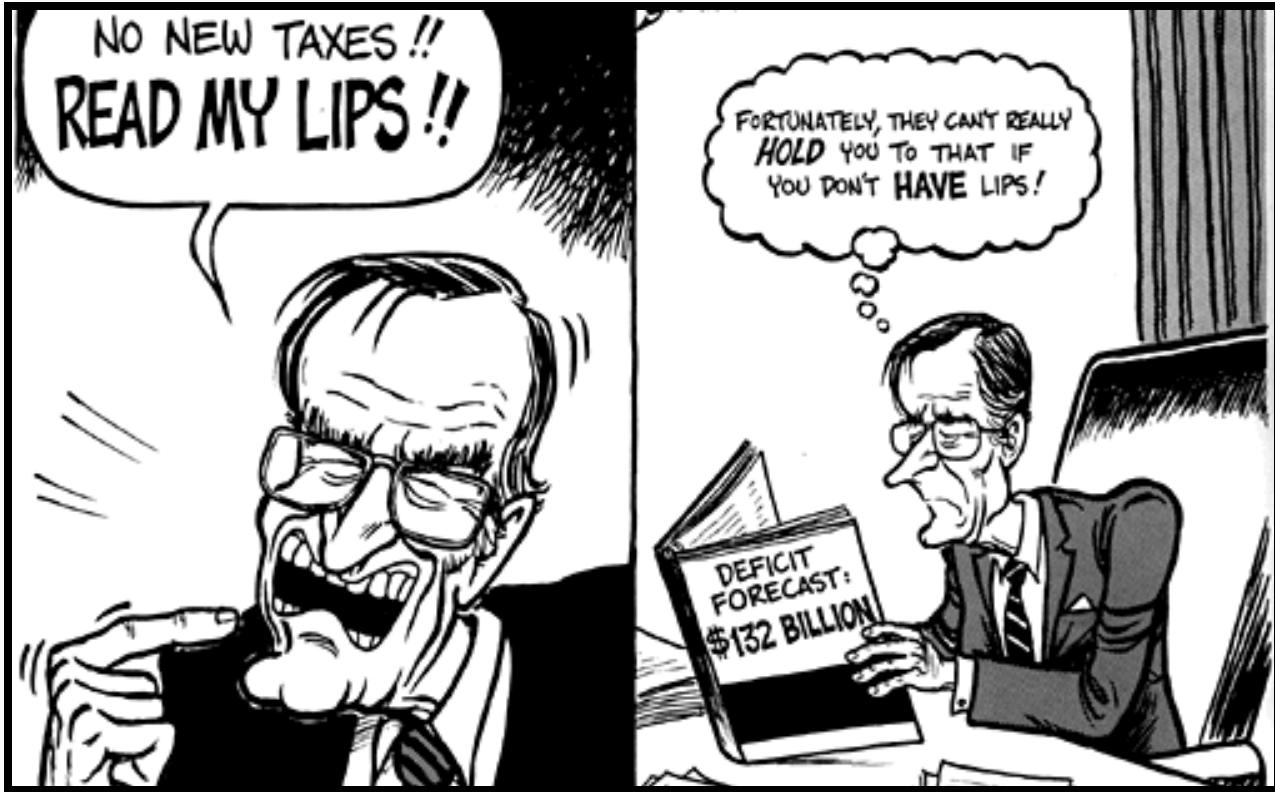
- More Likely to Support Govt Activity
- Clean Air Act (1990)
 - Most Comprehensive Environmental Law in US History
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
 - Banned Discrimination Against People with Disability
 - Required Facilities to be Made Accessible for Them
 - Beverly Jones

Bush Sr. Administration Appeals to Party

- “Read my lips: no new taxes.”
- Vetoed 36 Bills
 - Extending Unemployment Benefits, Raising Taxes & Mandating Family & Medical Leave
 - Political Gridlock
- States Respond:
 - Parental Leave Policies
 - Improvements to Food Labels
 - Environmental Protections



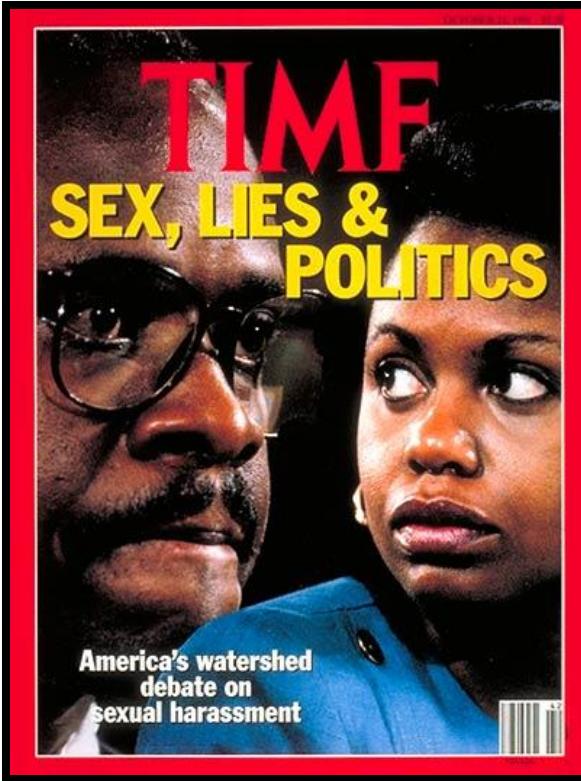
Bush Sr. Administration Walks it Back



- Federal Deficit: Massive
 - Moderate Raise in Taxes for High-Income Americans
- Increase Taxes on:
 - Cigarettes, Alcohol, Luxury Items
 - Leaves Reagan's Tax Cuts Intact
 - Did Not Curb the Deficit
 - Rising Costs of Social Security, Medicare & Medicaid & Natural Disaster Relief



Anita Hill (1956 -)



Clarence Thomas (1948 -)

Supreme Court Nomination & Scandal

- Nomination of Clarence Thomas (1991)
 - Conservative African American Justice
 - Denied Affirmative Action
- Civil Rights Groups & Liberal Groups Fight Nomination
- Anita Hill
 - Accused Thomas of Sexual Harassment
 - Thomas: Narrowly Confirmed
 - Women: Denounced Male Politicians for Not Taking Sexual Harassment Seriously

Emergence of the “New Democrats”

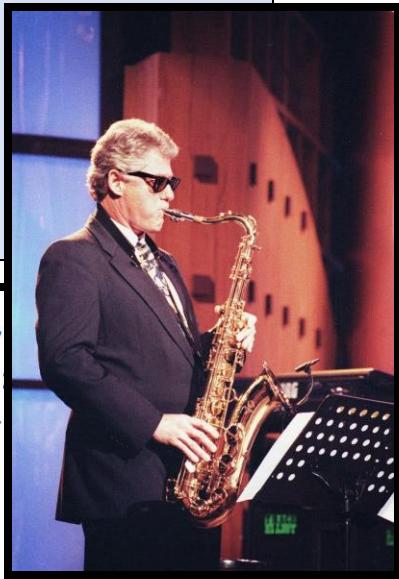
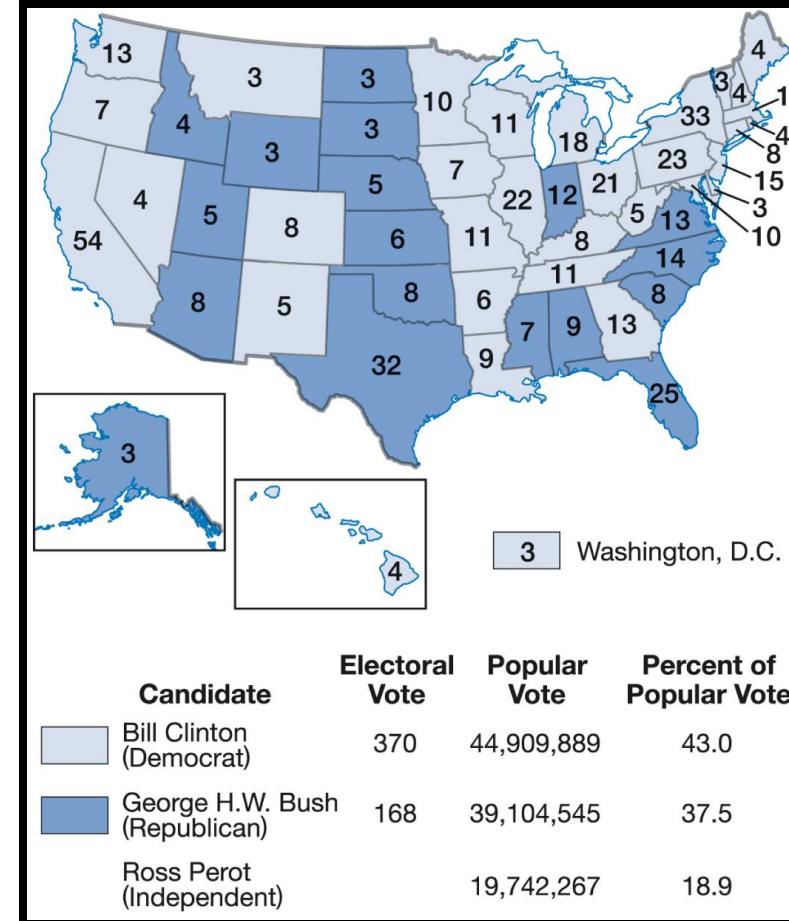
- William “Bill” Clinton of Arkansas
 - Albert “Al” Gore Jr. of Tennessee (VP)
 - Shaped by the 1960s:
 - Antiwar Protests
 - Smoked Weed
 - Married a Feminist: Hillary Rodham
- Goal: Less Liberal Democratic Party
 - Focus on Centrist Policies to Survive the Post-Reagan Era



Bill Clinton (1946 -)

Clinton's Appeal

- “Forgotten Middle Class”
 - Middle-Class Tax Cut
 - End to Welfare
- Bush:
 - Unemployment at 7%
- H. Ross Perot (3rd Party)
 - Billionaire from Texas
 - Frustrations with Two Party System
- Results:
 - Clinton: 43% Popular Vote
 - Bush: 38% Popular Vote
 - Perot: 19% Popular Vote



A historical photograph of President Bill Clinton. He is seated at a dark wooden desk, looking down and signing a document with a pen. He is wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. Behind him, several people are standing, including a woman in a blue and pink plaid jacket, a man in a dark suit and glasses, and others in professional attire. They appear to be on a set of stone steps outside a building with a wrought-iron railing.

Clinton Administration

- Restore Confidence in Govt
 - Did Not Want to Alienate Anti-Govt
 - National Deficit: \$4.4 Trillion
- Clinton Administration Achieved Number of Reforms:
 - Working Poor
 - Women
 - Environmentalists
 - Support Affirmative Action
 - Gay Rights

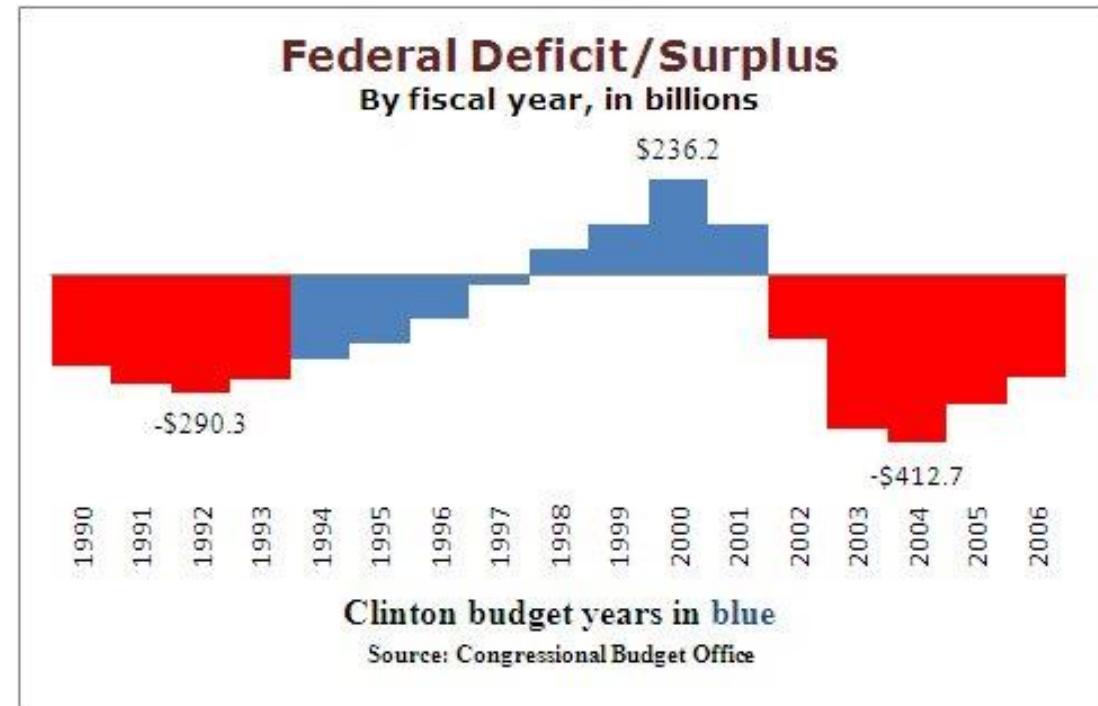
Clinton Administration

- Executive Orders:
 - Eased Restrictions on Abortion
- Family & Medical Leave ACT (FMLA)
 - Unpaid Leave for Childbirth, Adoption, & Family Medical Emergencies
- Violence Against Women Act of 1994
 - \$1.6 Billion for Combating Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence
- Stricter Air Pollution
- Gun Control Legislation
- Protection for National Forests & Parks
- Minimum Wage Increase
- Aid Expansion for College Student
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
 - Tax Breaks for Full Time Workers with Small Pay OR
 - Subsidy to Assist Families Living Below Poverty
 - 2003: 15 Million Families Benefit
 - Largest Anti-Poverty Program Since Great Society



Economic Prosperity Under Clinton

- Began Before Clinton Took Office
 - Spending Cuts
 - Tax Increases
 - Declining Unemployment
- 1998: First US Budget Surplus Since 1969
- Key Domestic Priorities:
 - Universal Health Insurance
 - Unachieved
 - Spear-Headed by Hillary Clinton
 - “Government-run healthcare”



Representation Under Clinton Administration



Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-2020)

- Representation for Women & People of Color
- Clinton's Cabinet:
 - 6 Women
 - 3 Black Americans
 - 2 Latinos
 - 1 Asian
- 1993: 2nd Woman to the Supreme Court & 1st Jewish Woman:
 - Ruth Bader Ginsburg
 - Confirmed: 96 -3
 - Highest Confirmation Count to Date

Conservativism Activism Shapes Politics

- Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America":
 - Severe Cuts in:
 - Social Programs
 - Educational Programs
 - Environmental Programs
- Post 1994:
 - Party Loyalists Replaced Policy Experts
 - Bipartisan Bills Became Fewer
 - Congressional Inaction = Further Public Dissatisfaction



Newt Gingrich (1943-)

Home-Grown Terrorism

- Grassroots Armed Militias:
 - White Christian Supremacy
- Grew in Response:
 - Gun Control Legislation
 - Govt Agents Stormed Religious Cult in Waco, Tx (1993)
 - 80+ People Dead
- Oklahoma City Bombing (1995)
 - Anniversary of Waco
 - Two Federal Buildings Bombed
 - 168 Deaths
 - Including 19 Children
 - Age Range: 3 Months – 72 Years Old



Ross Perot (1930-2019)

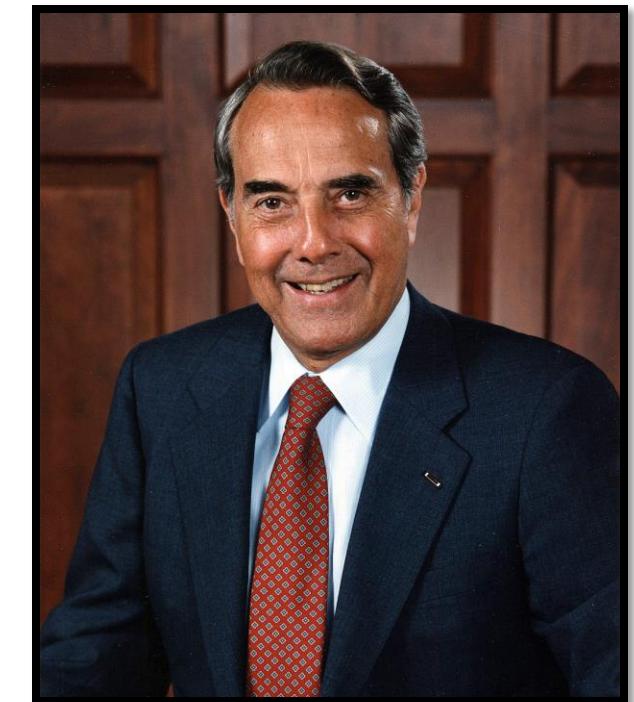


Presidential Election of 1996

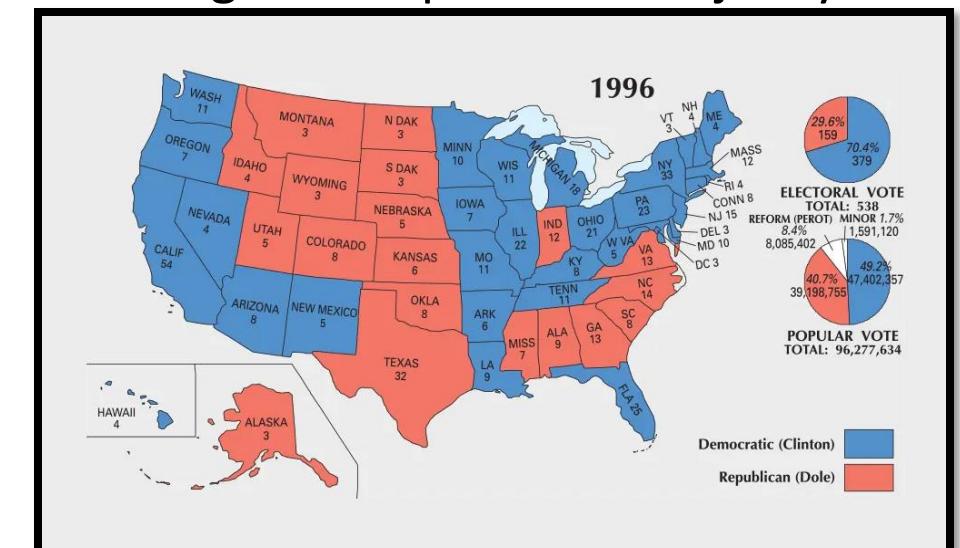
- Bill Clinton (D): 49%
- Robert Dole (R): 41%
- Ross Perot (I): 9%
- Congress: Republican Majority



Bill Clinton (1946 -)



Robert Dole (1923-2021)



Deregulation Under Clinton

- Repealed Parts of Glass-Steagall Act
 - Meant to Prevent Another Great Depression
- Financial Services Modernization Act
 - Ended Separation Between:
 - Banking
 - Securities
 - Insurance Services
 - Contributes to Financial Recession of 2008



What are the Culture Wars?

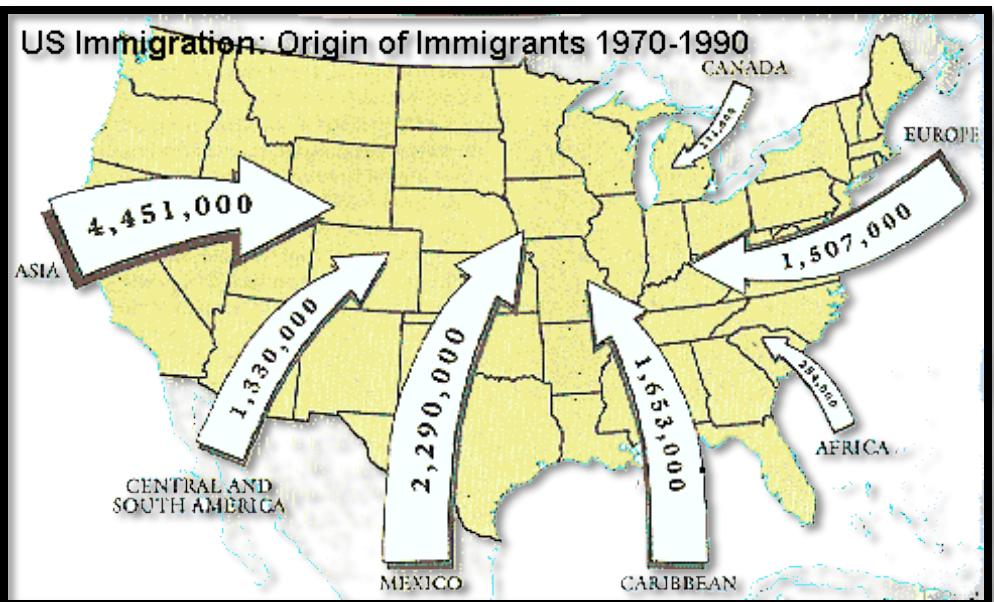


- Partisan Standoffs
- Liberals vs. Conservatives on Social Issues:
 - Teaching Evolution to Funding the Arts
 - Increasing Sway of Groups Like Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition
 - Changes on the American Family:
 - Women at Work
 - Divorce
 - Unwed Mothers
 - Visibility of Gay Relationships

Clinton Walks Back Promises to Gay Community

- “Don’t ask, don’t tell”
 - Halfway Measure
 - No Discrimination so Long as Sexuality Not Revealed
- Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)
 - Prohibited Federal Govt from Recognizing State-Licensed Marriages Between Same-Sex Couples





Multiculturalism

- Demands for Recognition of Ethnic & Racial Diversity
- Immigrants in 1980s:
 - Asia, Latin America, Caribbean
- Settled:
 - California, New York, Texas, Florida, etc.
- Taquerias, Sushi Bars, Vietnamese; Spanish-Language Stations; Growth of Soccer
- 2000 Census: Check More than 1 Racial Category
- Forecasting the “Majority Minority” by 2050

Reaction to Multiculturalism



- State Laws:
 - English as Official Language
- Pressure for Restrictive Immigration
- Fear that Immigrants:
 - Took Jobs
 - Suppressed Wages
 - Strained Social Services
- California, 1994
 - Prop 187:
 - Denied Schooling & Public Services to Undocumented Immigrants & Children
 - Struck Down – Message Clear

Impeachment of Clinton

- Clinton: Charismatic & Could Survive Scandal
- Clinton's Real Estate Investments in Arkansas
 - Independent Prosecutor
- 1998 – Discovery of Sexual Relationship with 21-Year-Old Intern & Lied to Grand Jury
- House: Impeachment on Perjury & Obstruction of Justice (1999)

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Clinton Impeached

House Approves Articles Charging Perjury, Obstruction

Livingston Quits As Designated House Speaker

By ERIC PIANIN
Washington Post Staff Writer

Fearing that a controversy over his sexual past undercut his power and tear apart his family, Rep. Bob Livingston (R-La.) yesterday told an astounded House he did not assume the speakership he claimed last month but would instead resign from Congress next year.

Livingston made his unexpected announcement during the impeachment debate on the House floor after pointedly calling on President Clinton to resign, which drew still angry shouts from Democrats. "No," they shouted. "You resign."

But the chamber suddenly fell silent as the congressman revealed that he would end his own political career. "I believe it

Mostly Partisan Vote Shifts Drama to Senate

By PETER BAKER and JULIE EILPERIN
Washington Post Staff Writers

The House of Representatives impeached the president of the United States yesterday for only the second time in history, charging him with bringing Clinton with "high crimes and misdemeanors" for bring under oath and obstructing justice to cover up an Oval Office affair with a young intern.

At 1:25 p.m. on a day of constitutional drama and political drama, the Democratic House voted 228 to 206 largely along party lines to approve the first article of impeachment accusing the Democratic president of perjury before a grand jury. Within the hour, lawmakers went on to pass another article, in which he was charged with abuse and helped like evidence, but rejected two other articles on perjury and abuse of power.

A solemn all Republican delegation left by



Bill Clinton (1946 -) & Monika Lewinsky (1973 -)

Impeachment Acquittal

- Did Clinton have an Affair?
 - Yes
- Did he Commit a Crime?
 - No
- Americans: Opposed Impeachment
- Senate: Well Short of Conviction (2/3 Majority)
- Clinton's Behavior:
 - “Indefensible, outrageous, unforgivable, shameless”
 - Not Impeachable



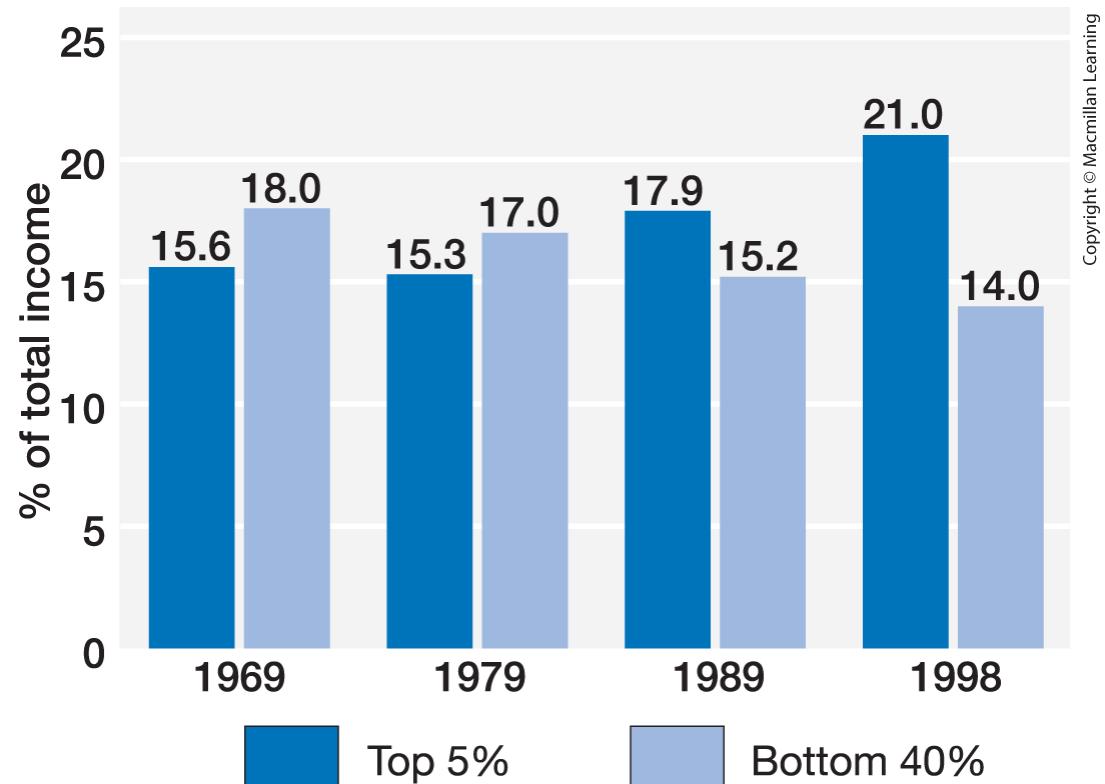
US Responds to Challenges of Globalization



- American Prosperity Linked to Global Dominance
- Globalization: Acceleration & Integration of Global Markets
- Clinton: Made it Easier to Trade
 - Capital, Information, People Traveled at Higher Numbers & Speeds
- Rise of the “New Economy” America
 - GDP Grew by 1/3
 - 13 Million Jobs Created
 - Inflation in Check
 - Unemployment at 4%
 - Stock Market Soared

The “New Economy”

- Everybody Benefitted
 - Many Minorities Achieved Middle-Class Status
 - People of Color: Lacked Equal Participation
- Median Income 1999:
 - White Household: \$45,000+
 - Black Household: \$29,423
 - Latino Household: \$33,676
- 2000:
 - 20% of Latino & Black People Were Poor
 - 7.5% of White People



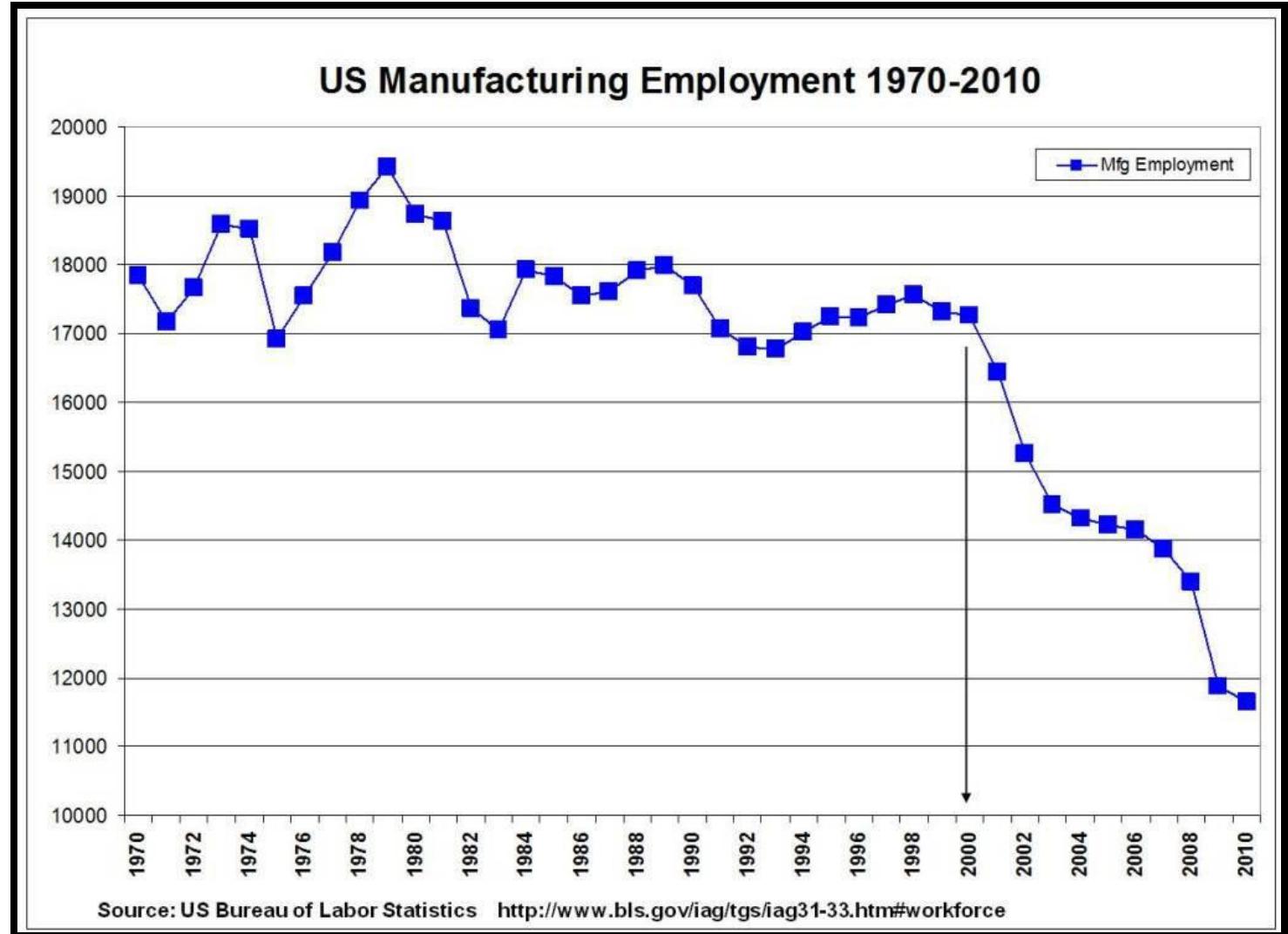


Creation of the Internet & World Wide Web

- New Economy:
 - Less Product, More Information Shared
- New Technologies:
 - E-mail, Cellphones
- “Dot-Com” Companies & Tech Hubs
 - Silicon Valley (CA)
 - Seattle, WA
 - Austin, TX
 - NYC
- Creation of Amazon & Google
 - Thousands of Start Ups
- Finance Industries:
 - Increasing Share of Economic Wealth

Change in Job Sectors & Labor

- Skilled Worker Demand Increased
 - Unskilled Laborers Declined
 - Deindustrialization in Manufacturing Centers
 - Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, etc.
- 1979: 19.6 Million Manufacturing Jobs
 - 2010: Less than 12 Million
- Rust Belt: Steel & Auto Centers Now in Decline
- Blue Collar Wages = Middle-Class
 - Unions – Boosted Pay & Benefits
 - Factories Close = Union Numbers Drop
 - 30% in 1950 to 13.5% in 2000





Globalization & the US Economy

- Investment from: Japan, Europe, Middle East
 - 2000: 4 Million US Jobs from Foreign-Owned Companies
 - Honda & BMW
- Shift from Export to Import Continued
 - 96% (1960) to Near 0% (2000) Export for Shoes
- US Companies Took the Hit
 - Some Moved to Mexico or Korea
 - Lower Safety & Environmental Standards & Less Pay
 - 2004: Levi Strauss
 - Factories in 50 Countries (Latin America to Asia); Closed all US Plants

Americans Debate Benefits of Free Trade

- 1993: North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
 - Brokered by Bush; Passed by Clinton
 - No Tariffs Between US, Canada & Mexico
 - Democrats: Heavily Opposed
 - Feared Losing Jobs & Industry to Mexico
 - Republicans: Approved
- 1994: World Trade Organization (WTO)
 - Big Tariff Reductions for 135 Nations



Opinions on Free Trade

- Corporate America – Loved it.
 - Eliminated Trade Barriers and Increased Chances to Lower Taxes
- Critics: Blamed Globalization for Loss of Good Jobs, Weakened Unions & Environmental Regulations, Growing Inequality Gap
- “Fair Trade” over Free Trade
 - Treaties to Require Good Wage & Labor Standards
 - Did Not Happen





Globalization Debate

- Unequal Distribution of Power Between US & Developing Nations on the Rise
 - Nike Pay in China: \$1.50/Hour
 - Shoes: \$100 to Buy
- Countries Sought Foreign Investment
 - Raised Standard of Living
- Pro-Globalization: Cheaper Price for Goods
- Anti-Globalization: Focused on Short-Term Victims
 - Immediate Negative Impacts



Post-Cold War Policies in Africa

- New Principles Created by Clinton
 - Human Rights?
- US & UN to Somalia to Assist Those Suffering from Famine & Civil War (1992)
 - 1993 – Assist in Creating Stable Government
 - US Soldiers Killed
 - US Public Opinion: Unwilling to Assist No National Interest Exists
- 1994: Rwanda Genocide
 - US & UN do Nothing
 - 500,000+ Murdered in Ethnic Civil War
- 1994: US Troops to Haiti
 - Restore Nation's Democratic Govt



Post-War Policies in Eastern Europe



- Eastern Europe: Civil War & Ethnic Based Fighting
 - Yugoslavia
 - Serbia
 - Serbian Leader vs. Bosnian Muslims
 - Rape, Torture & Mass Killings
- Bosnia
- Croatia
- US & NATO Eventually Join & Bomb Croatia
- Eventual Peace Treaty

Post-War Policies in the Middle East

- Bombing of Iraq:
- Plot to Assassinate Former President Bush Discovered (1993)
- Saddam Hussein Attacked Kurds in Northern Iraq (1996)
- Hussein Expelled UN Weapons Inspectors (1998-2000)
- 1998: Retaliatory Missiles
 - Afghanistan & Sudan
 - Targets: Al Qaeda
 - Islamist-Extremists Led by Osama bin Laden
- Clinton's Actions:
 - No Coalition & No UN Authorization



Post-War Policies: Israel-Palestinian Conflict

- Diplomacy Over Military Might
 - 1993: Agreement to Recognize Palestine & Israel by Each Other
 - Withdraw from Gaza Strip & Jericho
- July 1994
 - Peace Declaration between Israel & Jordan
- Jerusalem Control: Tricky
- ~200,000 Settlers in West Bank
 - West: 3 Million Palestinians Strove to Establish Their Own Country



Central Themes

- Conservative Goals Realized Under Reagan Administration
 - How Liberals Fought the Rightward Turn
 - Cold War Intensification and End
 - Domestic Politics Become More Polarized in the 1990s
 - US Response to Challenges of Globalization
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