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## US HISTORY #43-THE REAGAN REVOLUTION

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economic	spending	defense	contra	nuclear
inequality	taxes	individuals	conservatism	white

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- 2. Now Reagan also appealed to the so-called \_\_\_\_\_ backlash, working-class white people who resented the advances that African Americans had made during the 1960s and 1970s.
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- 4. So the idea that lower \_\_\_\_\_ is the best way to spur economic growth is called Supply Side Economics, or Trickle Down Economics.
- 5. The government is always good at cutting taxes, but it is never good at cutting \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. The 80s saw a rise in economic \_\_\_\_\_, although not nearly as dramatic as we see today.
- 7. The thinking here goes that Reagan spent so much money on \_\_\_\_\_ that the Soviets bankrupted themselves trying to compete.
- 8. Reagan was able to negotiate the first reduction in \_\_\_\_\_ weapons with the new Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev in 1986.
- 9. Middle eastern policy played a key role in the biggest controversy of Reagan's presidency, the Iran \_\_\_\_\_ Scandal.
- 10. Whether or not you think America is better off from the rise of Conservatism we've seen since LBJ's Great Society, it wasn't really and still really isn't about \_\_\_\_\_



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# Answer Key

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