

The Storming 60s

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Election of 1960

- Nixon v. Kennedy
- First Time TV used in debate
- JFK Catholic, many didn't like that.

Kennedy:

youngest president, promises to land on the moon.

Flexible response, don't just nuke everyone.

peace corps, etc.

Cuban missile crisis.

Kennedy: 4th president to be assassinated, no one knew why, someone killed him.

(LBJ) → second new deal → great society.

Civil rights of 64, Voting rights act.

Election of 1964 - Goldwater v. Johnson

Johnson dominates, Goldwater spoke out against civil rights → more state power. Goldwater was loud, was in far face, anti JFK.

1975-1964 → ^{solid} south → democrat

1968 → American party → always segregation. → George Wallace.

great society: Michael Harrington: The Other America

Medicare → care over 65

Medicaid → giving aid (public housing) to those who need it.

↳ costs \$, more natl debt.

creation of food stamps, public housing. → forces black people to stay.

Rachel Carsons - silent spring → talk about pesticides in food, air, ddt. also about nuclear env. effect.

creation of epa + clean air + water acts.

Vietnam War:

The problem: Americans told it's going well in 1968 w/ Tet offensive we see it's not going well, we're losing. Broadcasted from Vietnam, more so people saw what was actually happening.

1964 - turning point → supposed attack on US w/ no evidence.

Gulf of Tonkin resolution: check for president to wage war.

Tet offensive: N. Vietnamese very sophisticated, not good for us.