

I The Conservative Movement Surges

- A. The person most responsible for starting the modern conservative movement was Barry Goldwater
- B. Ronald Reagan opposed the power of the federal government, he wanted small government.
- C. Reagan followers agreed with him that the government should practice fiscal responsibility.
- D. Liberal view points would be in favor of a national healthcare system for all citizens.
- E. The decline of traditional family values brought about the increasing popularity of the Moral Majority.
- F. Jerry Falwell promoted the influence of evangelicals on the conservative political movement.

II The Reagan Era

- A. The theory of supply-side economics involved the lowering of taxes for all Americans as a means of collecting greater revenue.
- B. Conservatives believe that limiting government regulation will stimulate the economy.
- C. Rising problems in the 1980's included, AIDS, gun violence, and increased drug use among Americans.
- D. During the Reagan Presidency the US experienced a huge trade deficit with Japan.
- E. The trade deficit with Japan reached the maximum of 60 billion dollars in 1986.
- F. Reagan showed his support of business over labor by firing the air traffic controllers that went on strike.
- G. In Reagans reelection campaign he said that "It's morning again in America..."
- H. Reagan proved that he could handle problems better than his opponents.
- I. In the 1984 election many more voted Republican than in 1980.
- J. The 80's were at best a contradiction between optimistic political rhetoric and depressing reality.
- K. The explosion of the space shuttle "Challenger" was the most tragic event of Reagan's Presidency.

III The Cold War Ends

- A. Reagan always believed that it was the US duty to stand up against the USSR's brutal regime.
- B. Reagan believed that if they US could build a larger more powerful weapons arsenal that would help defeat Communism.
- C. By using the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) the US would force the USSR to bankruptcy.
- D. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of perestroika involved adopting elements of a free-market economy.
- E. As the cold war ends, its ending bring an end to totalitarian repression in the USSR.
- F. Reagan asks Gorbachev to come to Berlin and tear down the wall that separates East and West Berlin.
- G. Macedonia, Slovenia, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Croatia were the first to declare independence.
- H. Muammar al-Qaddafi threaten security in North Africa during the Reagan Presidency.
- I. The US pulls out of Lebanon after a terrorist attack kills 241 Marines.

IV A New Era in Foreign Policy

- A. Panama's dictator Manuel Noriega declares War on the US. The US responds by invading Panama.
- B. Contrary to Bush's policy, Noriega is suspected of allowing drugs to be smuggled into the US.
- C. During the Persian Gulf War, Iraq is attacked on several fronts.
- D. Clinton wanted to attract Conservatives and Liberal votes, by promising a more efficient government.
- E. The US intervention in the Balkans, and Haiti were two examples of a larger debate about the role of the US military in a post Cold-War world.
- F. The Balkans had all the ingredients of a major war: ancient grievances, struggling democracy, and a dictator that continues to start new wars and fanes the flames of ethnic and religious differences.

V Clinton and the 1990s

- A. Clinton signs the Family Medical Leave Act a law that guarantees 12 weeks of unpaid leave per year.
- B. The Democrat idea that the federal government should address social problems is best seen in the Clinton administration attempt to reform health care.
- C. A reluctance to expand the federal bureaucracy is why conservatives were against the reforms.
- D. Vice President Gore attempts to change peoples mind about gun laws.
- E. Ronald Reagan believed that some moderate gun control measures should be implemented.
- F. The Brady Bill kept known criminals from buying guns.
- G. Elements of the Contract With America were based on such as tax cuts and welfare reform were based on the premise that government should be small and efficient.
- H. The Conservative agenda failed to include anything about social programs to help the poor.
- I. By the mid-1990's the Republicans were clearly in control of Congress.
- J. The Contract With America started a counter revolution a full scale attack on the idea that government should play a central role in peoples lives.
- K. The development of the computer allows the military to make much more efficient weapons.