

1 ☐ **RONALD REAGAN**  
1980-1988

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■ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2h4DkpFP\\_aw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2h4DkpFP_aw)

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3 ☐ **President Ronald Reagan**

■ Won over jimmy Carter by largest margin in American history 489-49

■ Never won Academy Award

■ Joined army in 1942 and oversaw training movies

■ Nicknames: Dutch, the Gipper

4 ☐ **Reagan Administration**

■ Conservative

■ Anti abortion

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5 ☐ **Ronald Reagan**

■ CA. Governor Reagan

■ Anti-communist

■ "Black and white"

■ "New Day in America"

■ Charismatic

■ Channeled anger of mainstream white America at minorities, immigrants, feminists, taxes, affirmative action, big government

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6 ☐ **Reagan's Conservative Vision**

■ Vietnam was a "Noble Cause"

■ Renew the Cold War

■ American Power

■ Patriotism

■ Traditionalism

■ State's Rights

■ "Individualism"

■ Feel Good

7 ☐ **Reaganomics**

■ Reagan's economic policy was based on supply-side economics

■ tax reductions would stimulate economic recovery

■ substantial reductions in government assistance programs and services

■ Reagan's theory was that the wealth created by increased business activity would "trickle down" to those in need

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8 ☐ **Reaganomics**

- Pay fewer taxes leading to more savings
- Banks could loan more
- Supplies of goods increases driving the prices down.

9 ☐ **Reaganomics: "Trickle-Down"**

- DOD spending up 45%
- \$3 trillion debt, 1981-9
- Rising # of Fortune 500 companies
- Expansion of "working poor"
- Decline in real wages
- Household debt
- Deregulation and Savings & Loan Crisis \$500 b
- Tax cuts boosted elite incomes
- Privatization and deregulation

10 ☐ **The New Class Warfare**

- De-industrialization
- 1 million manuf. Jobs lost in 1982
- Growth of non-union service sector, minimum wage jobs
- Unions lost millions of members
- Federal subsidies to corporations

11 ☐ **Under Reagan**

- 118 million new jobs were created
- trade with foreign countries increased.
- the gap between the rich and the poor widened
- workers saw their jobs go to overseas workers
- Some attributed the 1987 stock market crash to Reaganomics.

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- Reagan characterized the Soviet Union as being committed to "the promotion of world revolution and a one-world Socialist or Communist state" that threatened free people everywhere
- He believed that communism needed to be fought all over the world and later demonstrated this commitment by intervening in Angola, Afghanistan, and Central America.

14 ☐ **Iran-Contra Affair, 1980s**

- 1979 election in Nicaragua
- Sandinistas
- U.S. opposed them
- Sold military land & weapons to Iran (Khomeini), in return for release of hostages
- Used weapons against Iraq

- Gave \$ to "Contras" who fought Sandinistas
- Col. Oliver North
- Illegal sale of US property w/o Congressional approval
- Aid to Contras violated the Boland Amendments

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- Iran-*contra* scandal and Watergate
- secret operations were being run out of the White House without public knowledge
- Both involved illegal diversions of funds, and both resulted in congressional hearings

17 ☐ **Air Traffic Controllers strike**

- 1981 air traffic controller
- Strike
- Reagan gave them
- An ultimatum most
- Lost their jobs

18 ☐ **1981 AIDS identified**

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- 41,027 persons are dead and  
71,176 persons diagnosed with AIDS in the US.

19 ☐ **Sandra Day O'Connor**

- First female Supreme Court
- Justice 1981-2006

20 ☐ **1984 election**

- Reagan /Bush
- Mondale/ Ferraro (first woman)

21 ☐ **1986 Challenger**22 ☐ **SDI: Star Wars**

- The intent of this program was to develop a sophisticated anti-ballistic missile system in order to prevent missile attacks from other countries
- Eventually abandoned

23 ☐ **"Tear Down This Wall"**24 ☐ **International Events**

- End of the Cold War
- Reagan: "Evil Empire"
- Mikhail Gorbachev
- Fall of the Berlin Wall
- Collapse of USSR
- Reagan took credit for the end of the Cold War

25 ☐ **Gorbachev**

- 1 ■ Glasnost: openness
- Perestroika: restructuring
  - Chernobyl
  - Released political prisoners
- Nobel Peace 1990  
Dissolved Communist Party

26 ☐ **Pripyat, once inhabited by 50,000 residents , workers and scientists**

27 ☐ **1 15 minute shift per day**

28 ☐ **Legacies of the Reagan Era**

- The 'Reagan Revolution' in the economy created many new millionaires and the economy climbed, recovering from recession in '82-83 and surviving Black Monday in '87
- The Reagan years were often called 'The Undoing of the Great Society.' The poor and often blue collar workers were affected by a cut in social programs to pay for the tripling of the defense budget
- Rising Crime rate in the 1980s that was curbed during the Clinton years of the 1990s
- However, as America's 'father figure' in the 1980s – he restored national pride on many levels after the down decade of the 1970s