

The Reagan Revolution



Laissez-Faire Government



“Government is not the solution;
Government is the problem.”

- Lower Taxes
- Decrease federal regulation
- Reduce social programs

- Undo LBJ’s Great Society

Reaganomics

- a.k.a “trickle down” and supply side economics



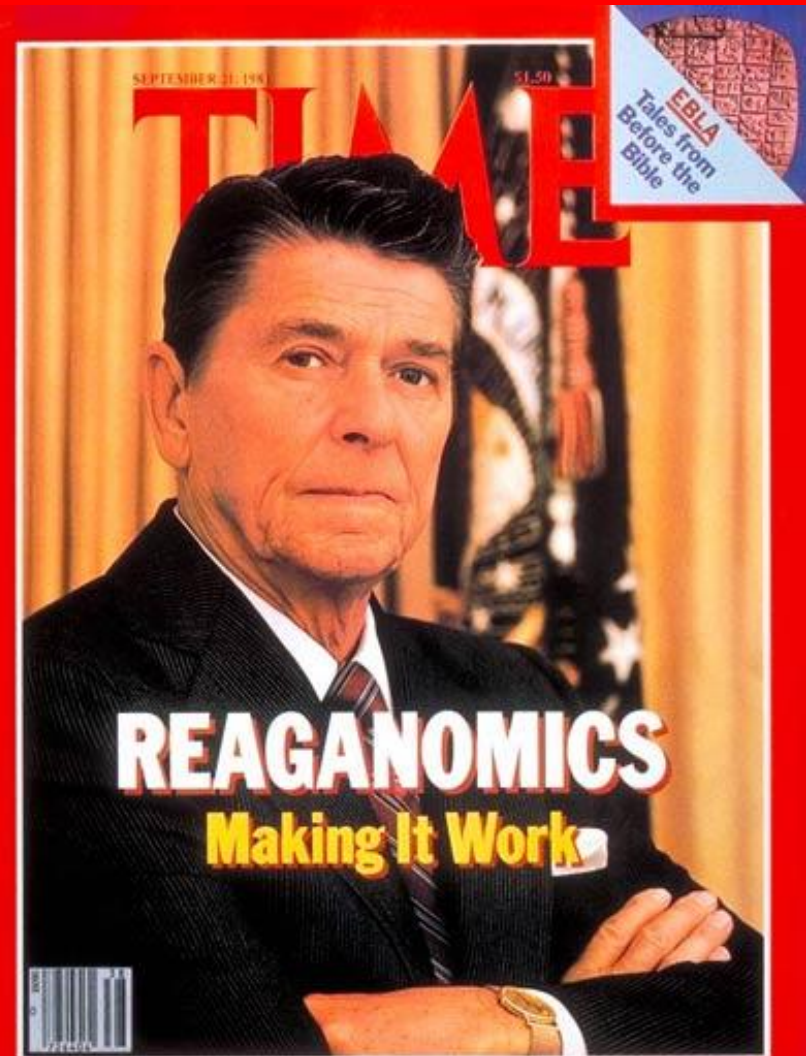
Reaganomics

Successes

- 25% tax cut over 3 years
 - Proudest accomplishment
- Revenues Doubled
- 16 million jobs added
- Inflation fell to 4%-5%

Failures

- Record Deficits (+2 trillion)
 - Greatest Disappointment



Military Buildup



“Now they are going to be faced with an arms race and they can’t keep up”

Military Buildup

- Over 600 ships added to the navy, including 13 aircraft carriers
- Built Trident II submarines
- Beefed up special forces
- Stockpiled neutron bombs
- Resumed production of poisonous gases
- Missiles: MX Peacekeepers, cruise, and Midgetman
- Restarted B-1 Bomber program

Military Buildup

Defense
Budgets

1980 -147.2
Billion

1989 -290.2
Billion



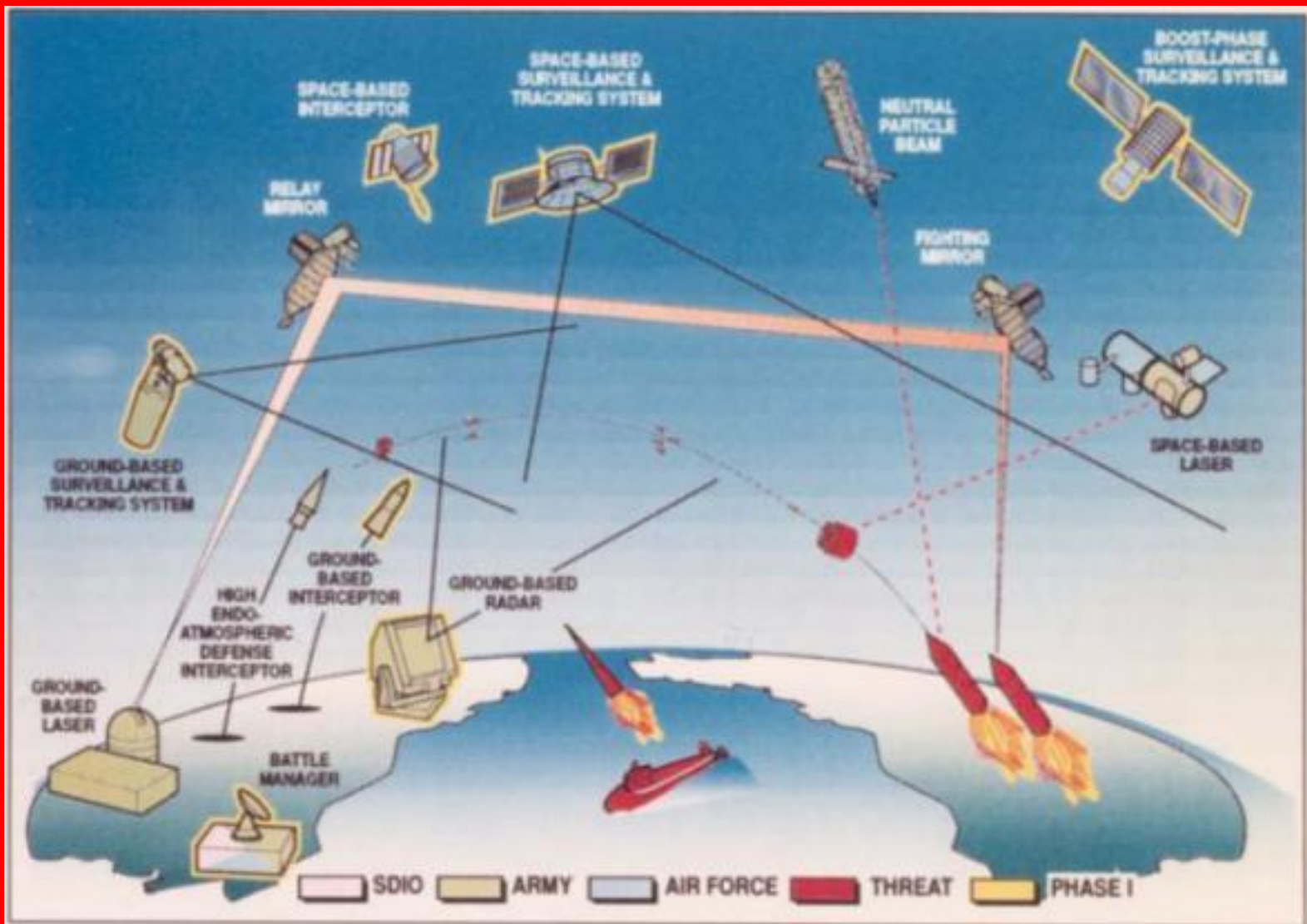
- \$34 million an hour on defense

Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)



“Star Wars”

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Other Reagan Domestic Actions

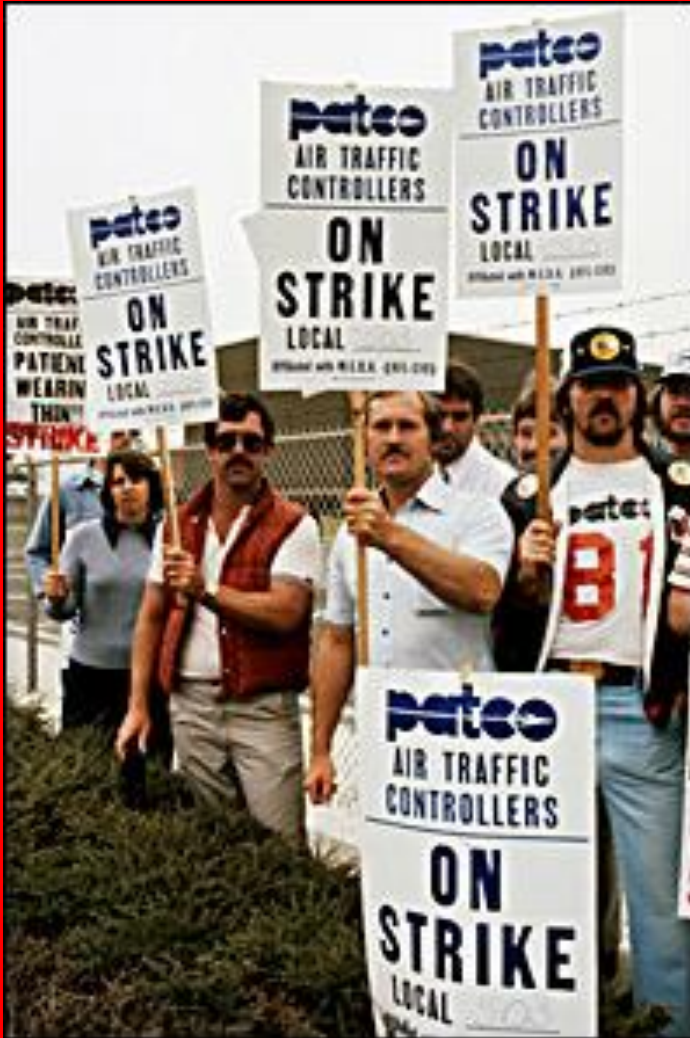


Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor



(1981 – 2006)

Air Traffic Controller's Strike



August 3, 1981

- Wanted \$10,000 a year raise
- 13,000 of 17,500 walked out

Reagan's Republican View



Big Business vs Unions

Reagan's Reaction



Fired 11,359 Air Traffic Controllers

Reagan is in Charge!



Reagan Foreign Policy



Make America Strong And Respected

Middle Eastern Relations



Starting off on the right foot



Iran-Hostage Crisis Ended
January 20, 1981

Fighting in Lebanon



US Troops (1982)

American Embassy Attacked in Beirut

April 18, 1983



46 killed, 16 American

Second Attack: October 23, 1983



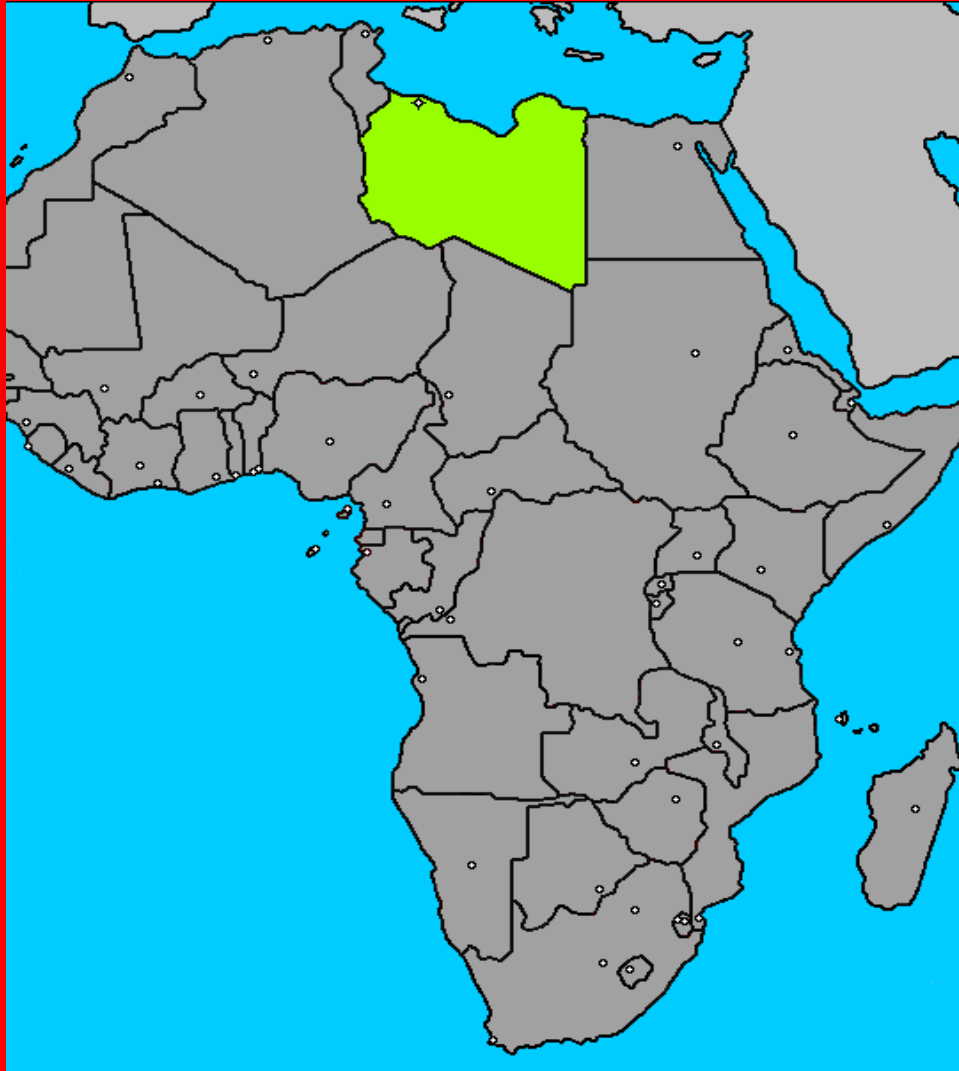
241 US Marines killed

Feb 26, 1984

Reagan
Withdraw
US from
Lebanon



Next Middle Eastern Problem: Libya and Muammar Gaddafi



Gulf of Sidra Incident

August 19, 1981

2 Libyan Planes Shot Down



F-14 Tomcat
Reagan Library

West Berlin Bombing

April 5, 1986



3 killed (2 US) and 229 injured

Reagan's Retaliation Against Libya



Operation El Dorado Canyon

April 15, 1986

Mission

- 55 planes
- 12 minutes
- 227 hits
 - 5 target areas



Operation El Dorado Canyon



- French Embassy?

Libya's Revenge: Terrorism



Pan Am Flight 103 Lockerbie, Scotland (1988)



270 killed (190 US)

Pan Am Flight 103 Lockerbie, Scotland



Lockerbie Bombing Investigation



Libya accepted responsibility
(2002)
\$2.7 billion



Same circuit board used in
West Berlin bombing

Reagan = Anti-Communist



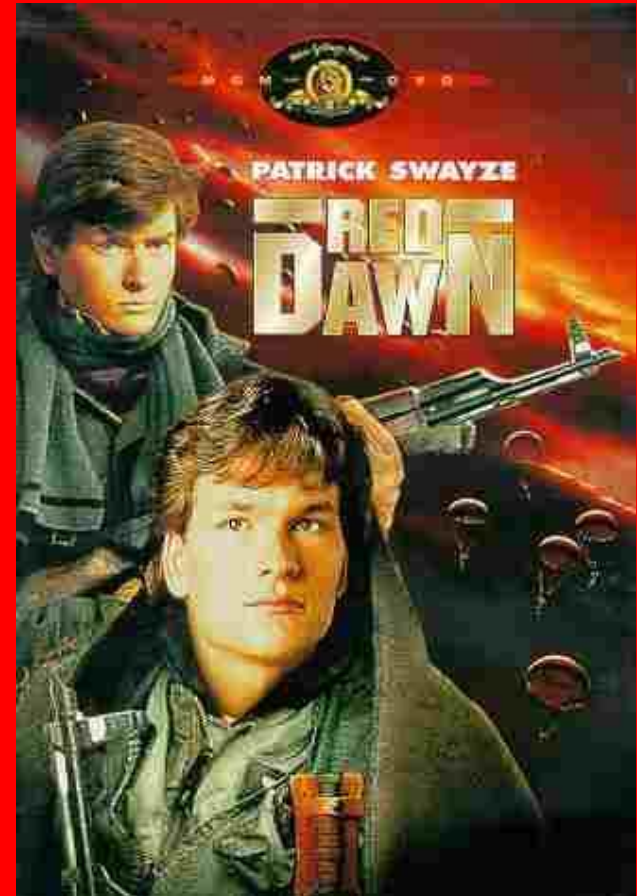
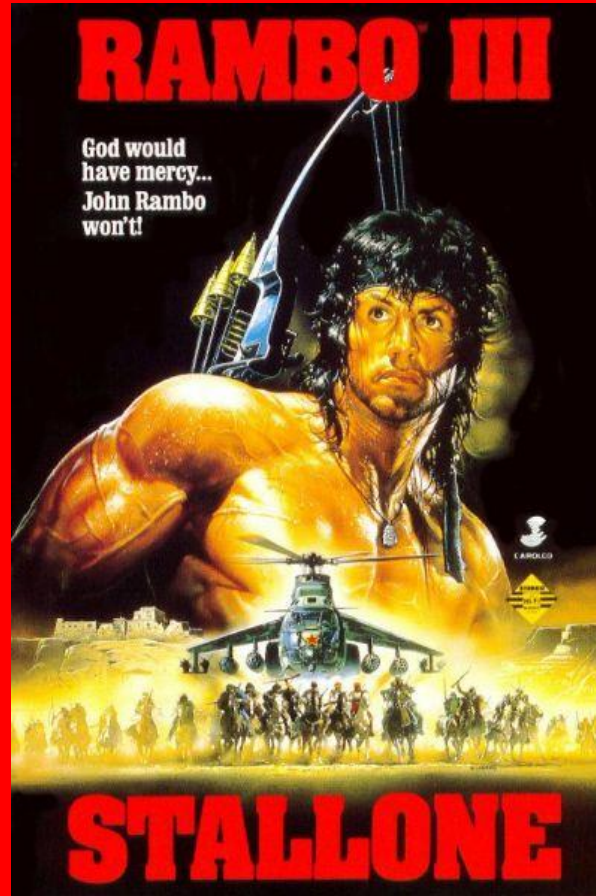
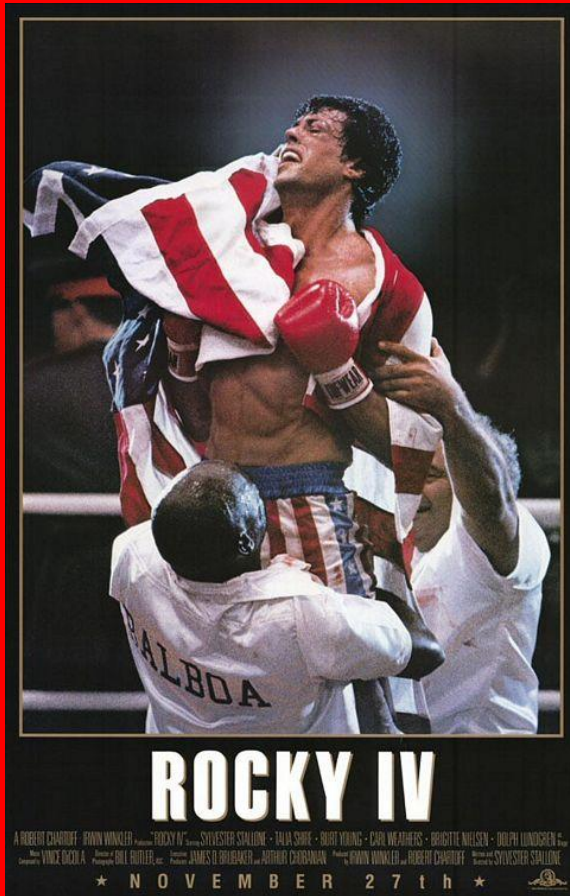
Jokes: Creation and Castro

American-Soviet Relations



“An Evil Empire”

Anti-Russian Feelings



Weekly Reader

Reagan Doctrine



- Pledged to support anti-communist freedom fighters who battled the Soviet Union or Soviet-backed governments.

KAL Flight 007

September 1, 1983



269 killed (61 American)



Communist Menace in the Hemisphere



Grenada Invasion



October 25, 1983

Operation: Urgent Fury



- 2 days after the US withdrew from Lebanon

Nuclear Weapons sent to West Germany and England



Soviet boycott of the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles



1984 Presidential Election



1984 Election - Democrats



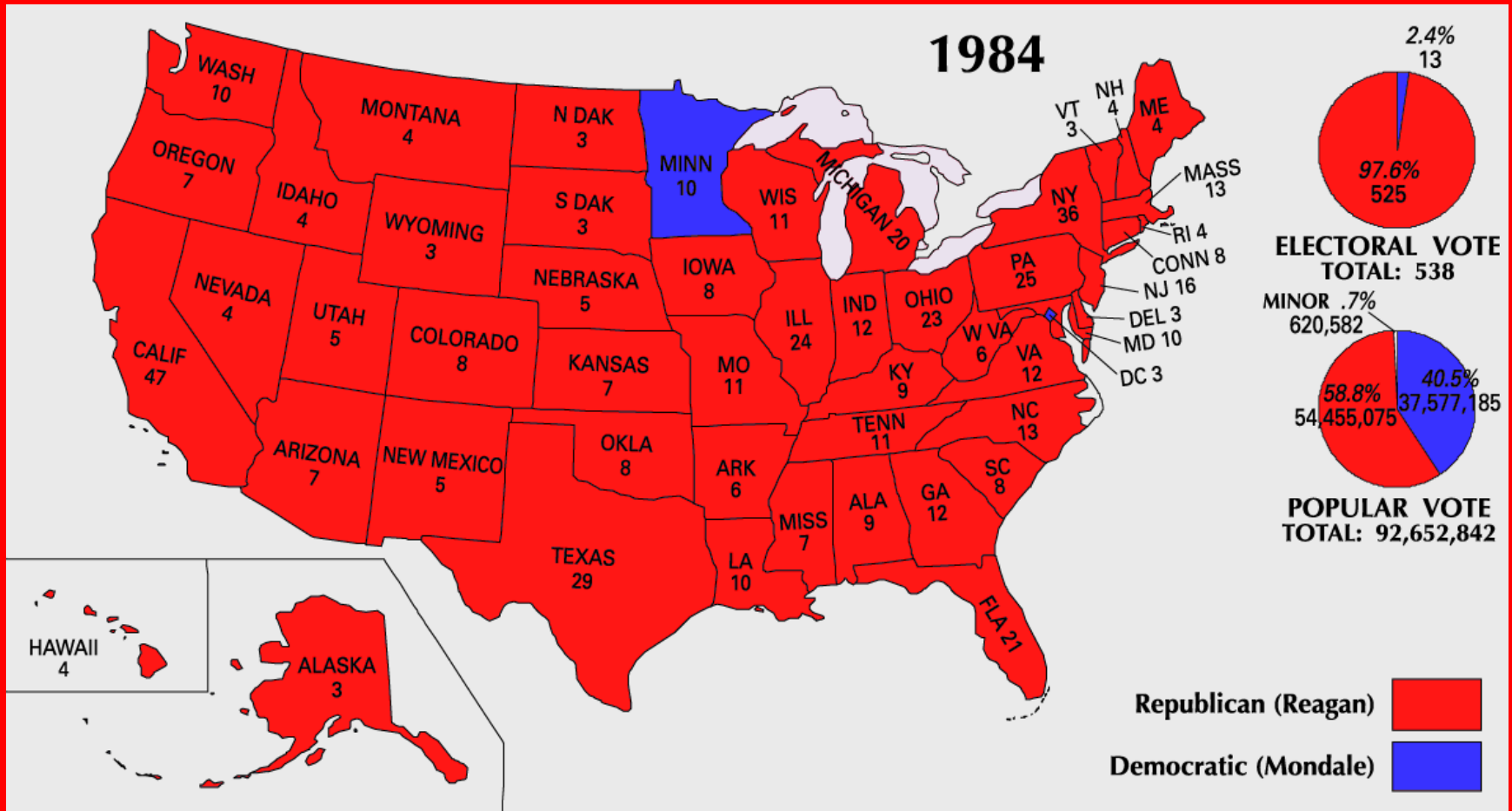
Walter Mondale



Geraldine Ferraro



1984 Election



Thumbs Up to a Second Term

