

The 1980's



Reagan and H. W. Bush

Reagan Bio



- ▶ Born Tampico, Illinois (R)
- ▶ Eureka College (1932)
 - ▶ Sociology and Economics
- ▶ Actor-Made 54 Films
 - ▶ Most famous movie- “Bedtime for Bonzo”
 - ▶ Played the Gipper in the Notre Dame Story
 - ▶ Training Films for US Air Force
 - ▶ Voted for FDR 4 Times
 - ▶ President of the Screen Actors Guild



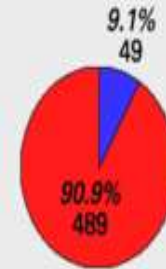
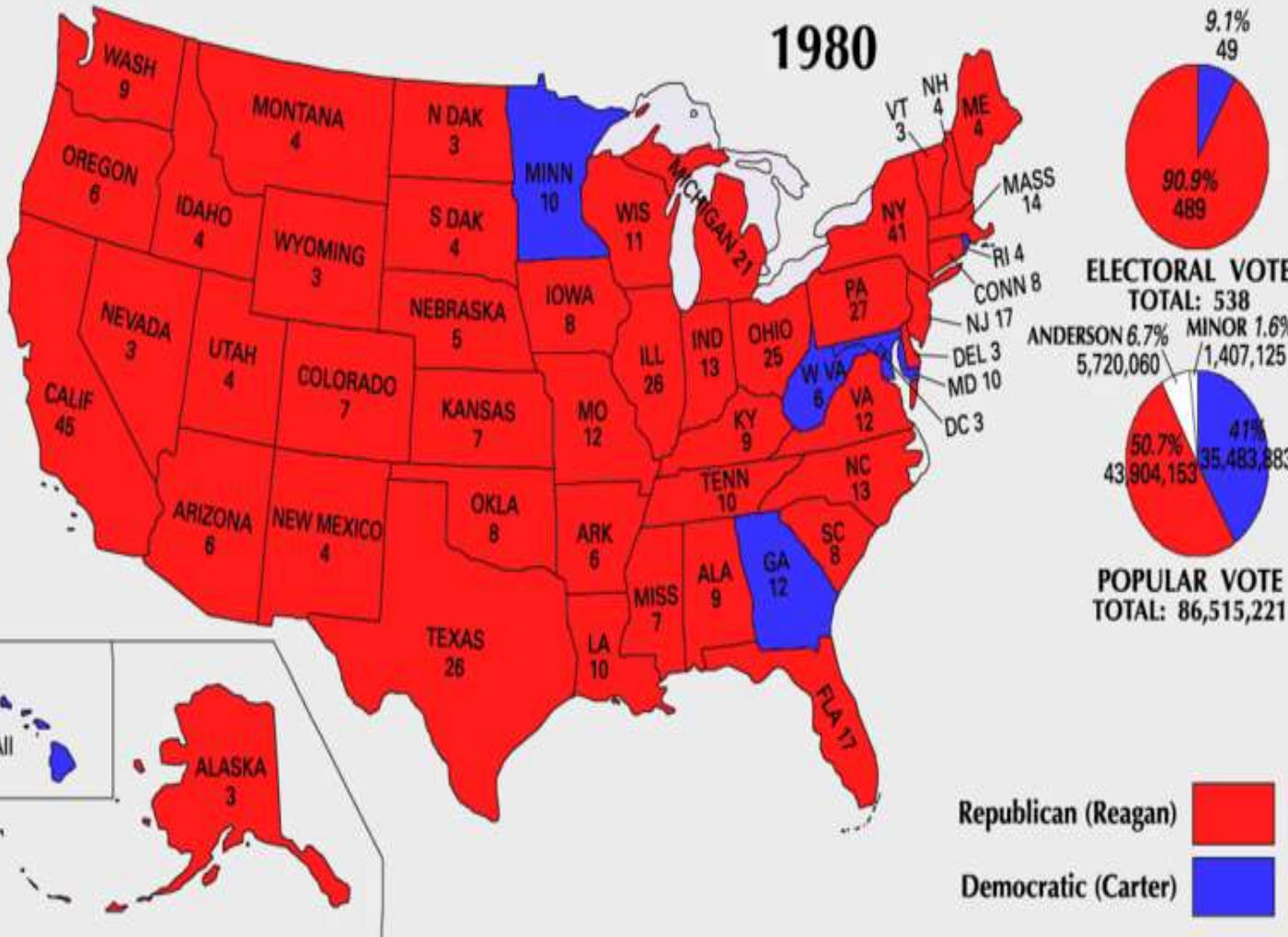
Political Career

- ▶ Governor of CA (66, 70)
- ▶ Lost in 1968 & 1976
Republican Pres. Primary
- ▶ Campaign of 1980
 - ▶ Nervous about debates w/ Carter- “I’ve been on the same stage as John Wayne.”
 - ▶ “There you go again!”
 - ▶ “Are you better off now than you were 4 years ago?”



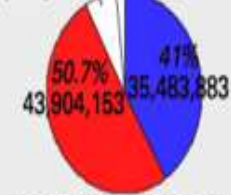
Election of 1980

1980



ELECTORAL VOTE TOTAL: 538

ANDERSON 6.7% 5,720,060
MINOR 1.6% 1,407,125



POPULAR VOTE TOTAL: 86,515,221

Republican (Reagan)



Democratic (Carter)

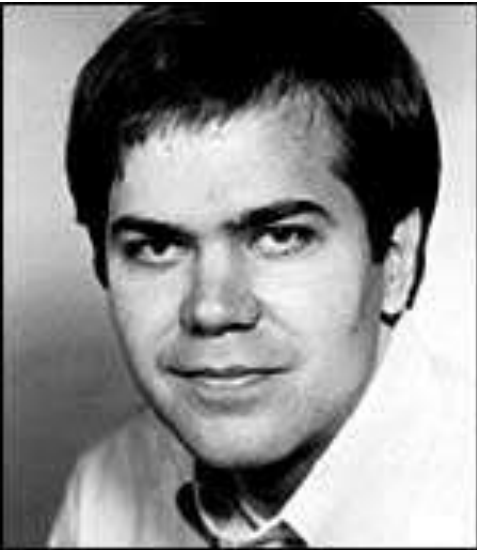


Ronald Reagan (R, CA) 51% of the vote, 489 Electoral

Jimmy Carter (D, GA) 41% of the vote, 49 electoral

John Anderson (I, IL) 7% of the vote, 0 electoral

Personal Stories

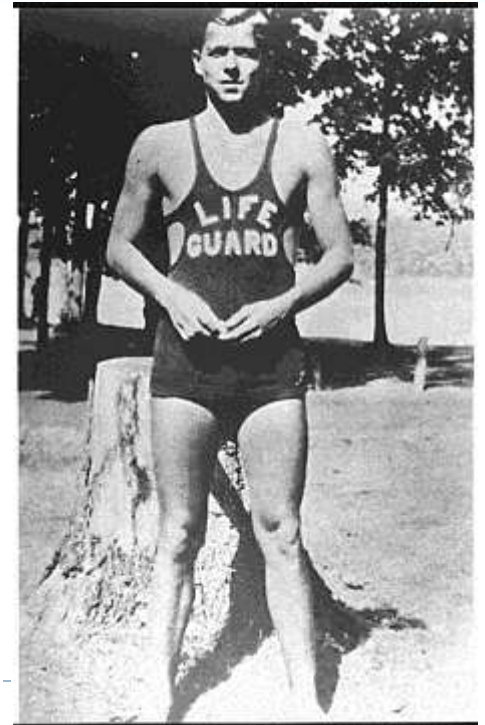


- ▶ **Assassination Attempt**
 - ▶ March 30, 1981
 - ▶ Reagan shot, bullet missed his heart by an inch
 - ▶ Assassin was John Hinckley
 - ▶ Saw the movie Taxi Driver, fell in love w/ Jodie Foster
 - ▶ Saw the movie 15 times
- ▶ **Superstitious**
 - ▶ Knocked on wood, good luck penny
- ▶ **Health-Colon & Prostate Cancer**



Personal Stories

- ▶ Jellybeans-Had to have them, ate them to stop smoking
 - ▶ Almost 78 when he left the office
 - ▶ Spent 345 days at his ranch in Simi Valley, CA
 - ▶ “It’s true that hard work never killed anybody, but I figure why take a chance.”
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The Reagan Presidency

- ▶ Promised to make America Strong Again
- ▶ Ultimate Republican
 - ▶ Lower Taxes
 - ▶ Decrease Federal Regulation
 - ▶ Cut Social Programs
 - ▶ Increase Defense Spending
- ▶ Teflon President-Nothing ever sticks to him
- ▶ Executive President-makes major decisions, leaves small decisions to others



Reagan First Term

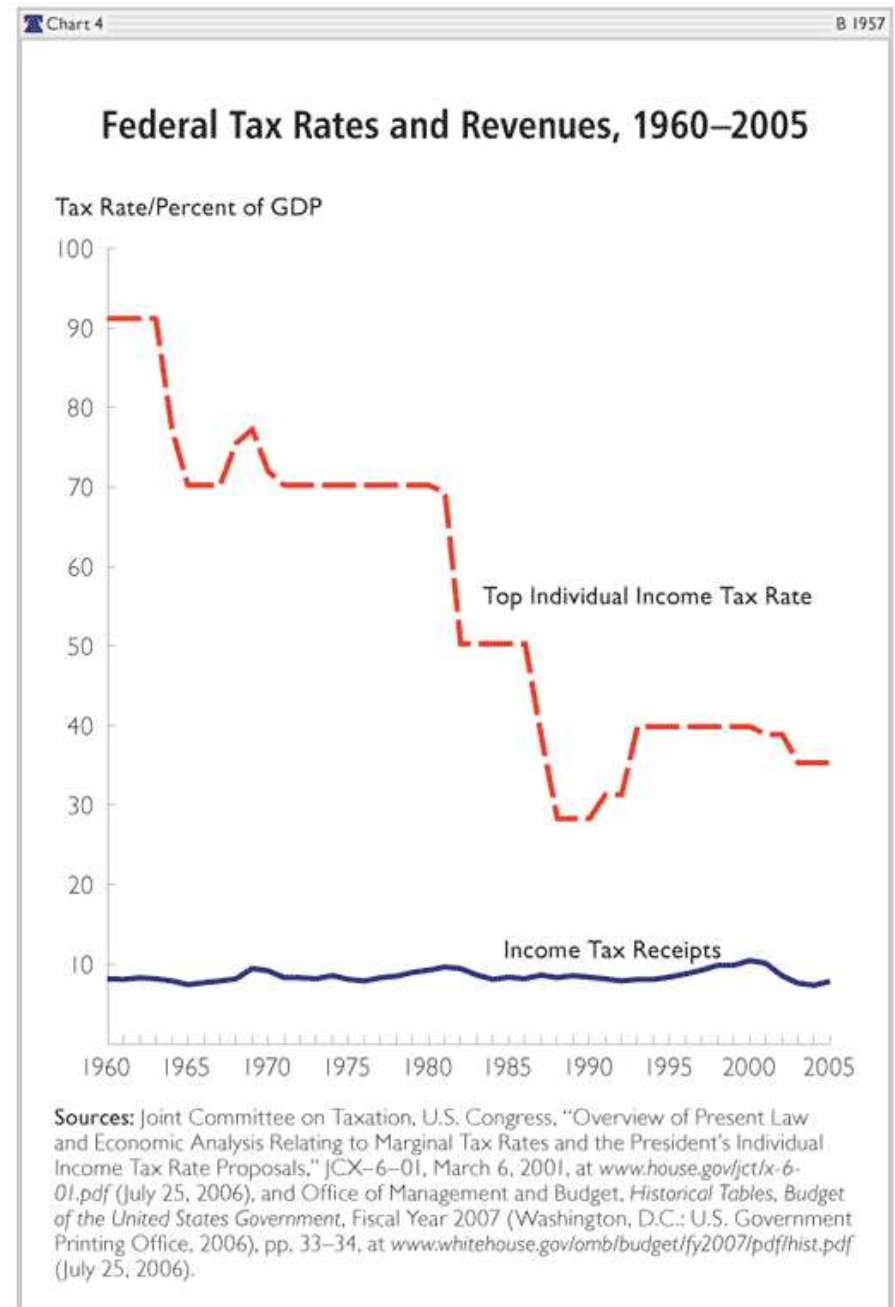
▶ Iran-Hostage Crisis

- ▶ 52 hostages released after 444 days
- ▶ Reagan Popularity rises to over 64%



Reaganomics

- ▶ **Cut Federal Income Tax by 25% in 3 Years**
 - ▶ How does it help the economy?
 - ▶ Nicknamed “voo-doo” economics, or trickle-down economics
 - ▶ Inflation rate- 13% when he took office, settled at 4%
 - ▶ Unemployment- 7.5% when he took office, settled at 5%
 - ▶ 20 million jobs created



Military Buildup

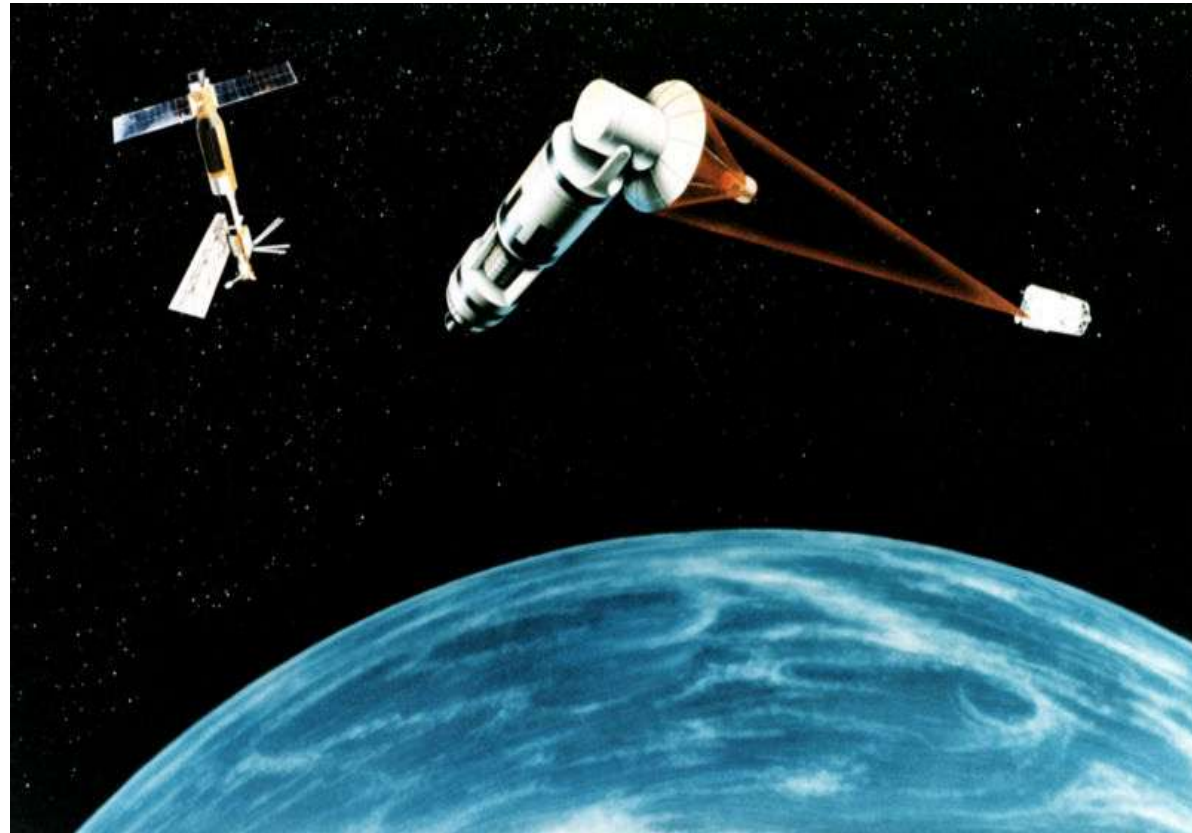


- ▶ **Largest Peacetime Buildup in History**
 - ▶ 1980- 147.2 million
 - ▶ 1989- 290.2 million
 - ▶ Expanded Navy by 600 ships w/ 15 aircraft carriers
 - ▶ Increased nuclear arsenal
 - ▶ Beefed up Special Forces (Green Berets, Delta Force)

New Weapons

▶ Strategic Defense Initiative

- ▶ Code named “Star Wars”
- ▶ Anti-ballistic missile system based on satellites that use lasers to shoot down the missiles
- ▶ Scientists faked tests to keep the project going
- ▶ Costs between \$40 & \$50 Billions of dollars



Terrorism

- ▶ April 1983-Bomb in Beirut kills 46, including 16 Americans
 - ▶ Reagan sends in Marines
- ▶ October 1983-Terrorist drives truck full of explosive into Marine barracks
 - ▶ Kills 241 Marines
 - ▶ Reagan pulls the troops out in 1984, bankrupt and election upcoming



Terrorism cont



- ▶ June 1985-TWA flight 847 from Athens to Rome hijacked
 - ▶ 1 US Navy Diver Killed
 - ▶ October 1985-Achille Lauro cruise ship hijacked
 - ▶ 69 year old Leon Klinghoffer killed by the PLO
 - ▶ Reagan ordered F-14's to intercept the terrorists
 - ▶ "Terrorists are everywhere. You can run but you can't hide."
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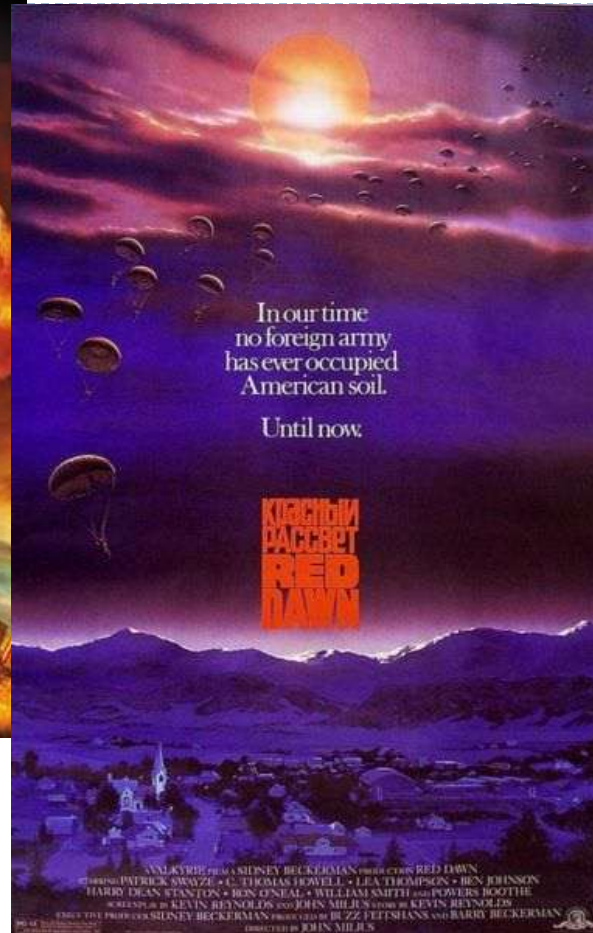
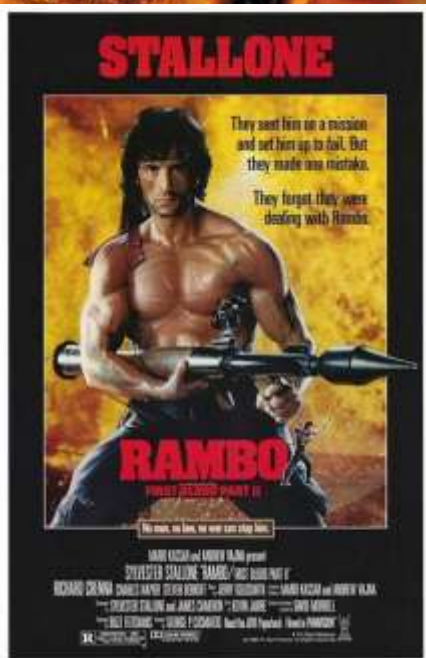
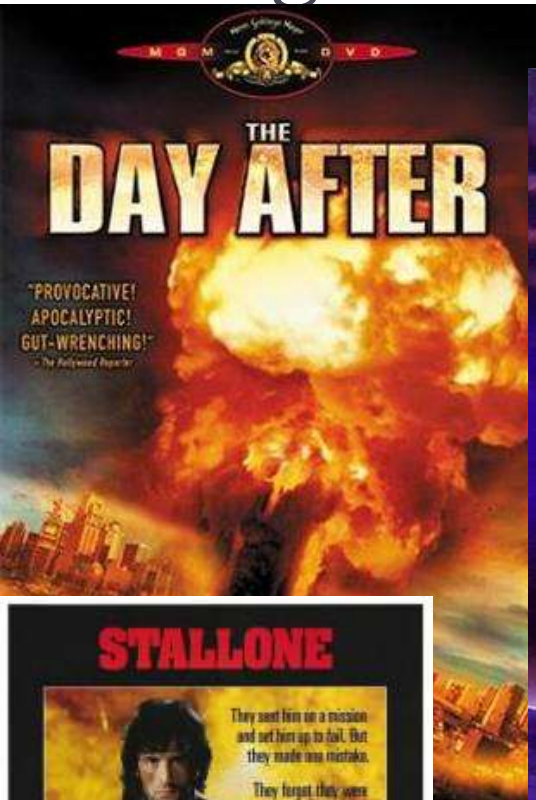


Terrorism

- ▶ **April 1986-Libya linked to W. Berlin nightclub bombing**
 - ▶ Col. Muammar Khadafi
 - ▶ 1 killed, 60 wounded
 - ▶ Reagan sent in 55 planes to bomb Libya
 - ▶ Op. El Dorado Canyon
 - ▶ Later found out it was Syria
- ▶ **December 1988-Bombing of Pan Am 103**
 - ▶ Over Lockerbie, Scotland
 - ▶ 259 killed on board
 - ▶ Libya was behind it
 - ▶ Reagan strengthens security at US airports!



Reagan-The Anti-Communist



- ▶ Referred to USSR as “the evil empire”
 - ▶ They will do anything to make the world communist!
- ▶ Movies-Anti-Communist
 - ▶ Rambo II & III-Vietnam & Afghanistan
 - ▶ Wargames (1983)
 - ▶ The Day After (1983)
 - ▶ Red Dawn (1984)

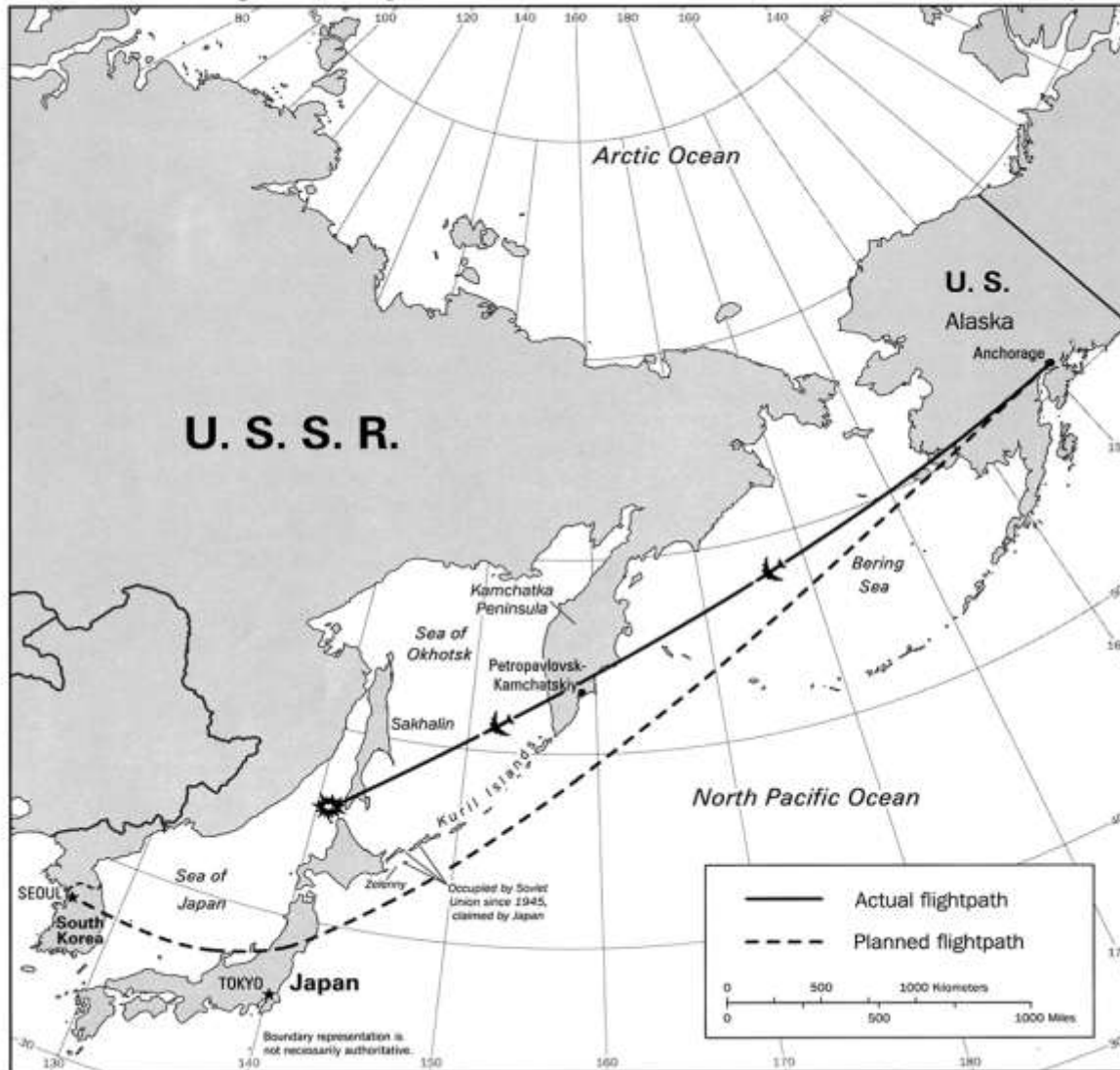
Reagan Doctrine

- ▶ The US pledged to support anti-communist freedom fighters who battled the USSR
 - ▶ Nations should embrace capitalism
 - ▶ CIA would fund target areas
 - ▶ Ex: Afghanistan, Angola, Nicaragua, Cambodia, Ethiopia
 - ▶ Goal: Free the world from communism (Play to win, not lose)-negotiate from strength
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Korean Airlines 007

Korean Airlines Flight 007, 1 September 1983



- ▶ Anchorage, AK to Seoul, SK
 - ▶ Strayed off course 300 miles into Soviet airspace, near a nuclear base
 - ▶ USSR pilot fired and killed all 269 on board
 - ▶ Reagan- “An act of barbarism”
 - ▶ UK thought that it was WWII

Grenada



- ▶ 1st use of Reagan Doctrine
- ▶ 6000 US soldiers invaded in order to kick out 700 Cubans
- ▶ Justified-To rescue 1 000 med students
- ▶ Operation Urgent Fury
 - ▶ Had some difficulty in taking out Cubans
- ▶ Casualties
 - ▶ US 19 dead, 116 wounded
 - ▶ Cubans 24 dead
- ▶ UN deplored the mission, Good Neighbor Policy of FDR is dead

- ▶ USSR boycotts 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, CA

- ▶ Air Traffic Controllers Strike

- ▶ August 3, 1981

- ▶ 11,345 controllers strike looking for better pay & 32 hour work week
- ▶ Reagan ordered them back to work under the Taft-Hartley Act (1947) within 48 hours or else

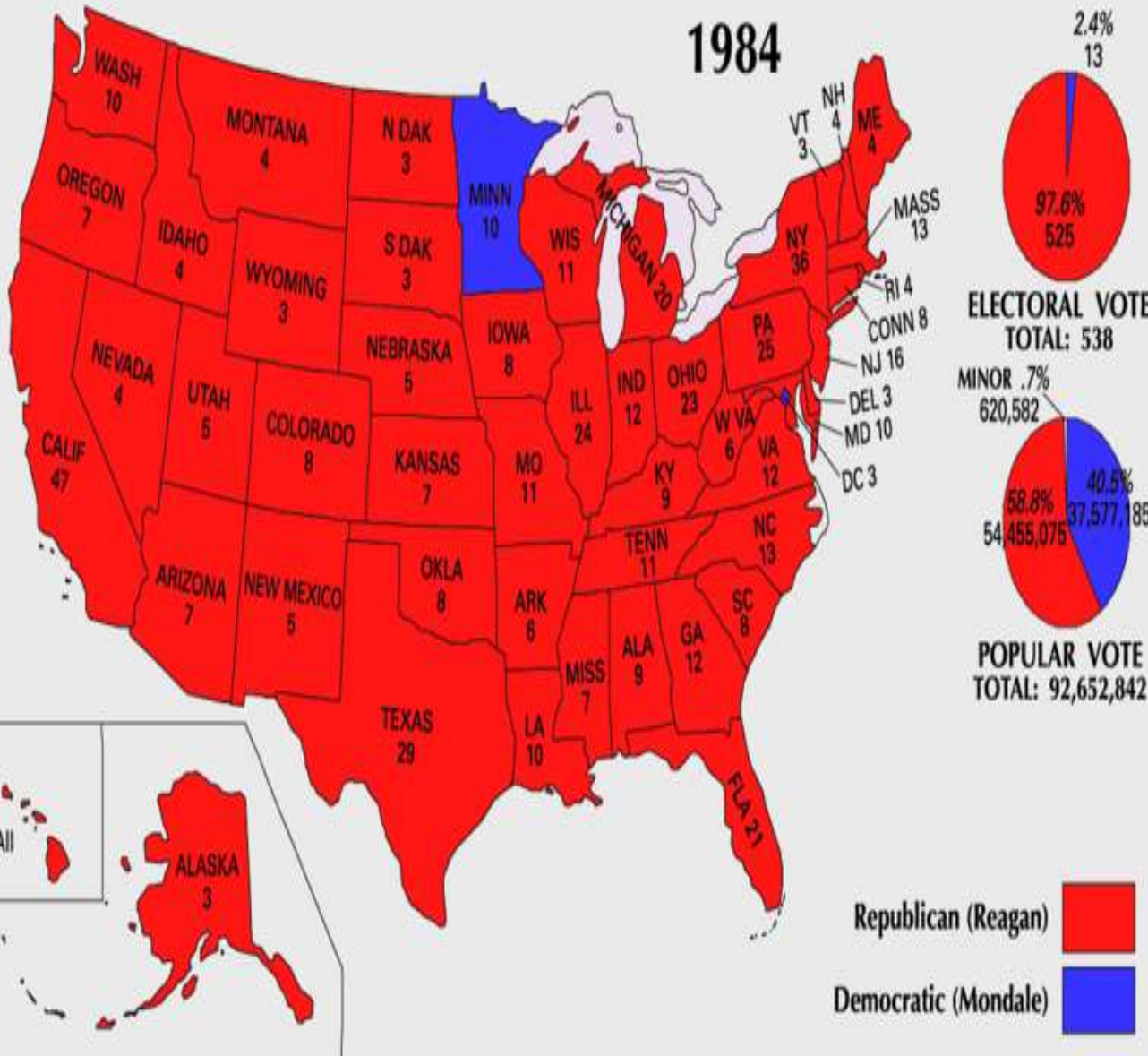
- ▶ August 5, 1981

- ▶ Reagan fires all air-traffic controllers who did not return

Other Actions



Election of 1984



Ronald Reagan (R, CA)- Won 59% of the vote, 525 Electoral Votes

Walter Mondale (D, MN)- Won 41% of the vote, 13 Electoral Votes

He only won Minnesota & the District of Columbia

Geraldine Ferraro (D, NY)- First woman to run for Vice-President

Second Term-USSR



- ▶ Changes attitudes w/ USSR
 - ▶ Why? Mikhail Gorbachev
 - ▶ Andropov and Chernenko died within 18 months
 - ▶ Gorby seen as a savior in USSR
- ▶ Economic Reforms
 - ▶ Glasnost-Openness
 - ▶ Allow freedom of press & to dissent
 - ▶ Perestroika-Economic Change
 - ▶ Calls for more individual involvement, choice, & private ownership



Dealings w/ USSR

- ▶ **Geneva (1985)**
 - ▶ Reagan and Gorby could not agree on passage of SALT II or what to do with Star Wars
 - ▶ Relations between the 2 improved
 - ▶ Reagan said that he would give up SDI technology to USSR



Dealings w/ USSR



- ▶ **Reykjavik (October 1986)**
 - ▶ Gorbys called for an end of all Nukes by 2000
 - ▶ Reagan had to give up SDI
 - ▶ Reagan would not go through with it
 - ▶ Laid the Foundation for a successful agreement at Washington

Reagan-Berlin

- ▶ June 12, 1987
 - ▶ Reagan gave a speech at the Brandenburg Gate asking Gorbachev to “Tear Down That Wall.”



Reagan & Gorby



- ▶ **Washington (December 1987)-INF Treaty**
 - ▶ Eliminated all US/USSR intermediate missiles through on-site inspections
 - ▶ Removed all missiles from Europe
 - ▶ 4% overall reduction in nuclear arsenals
 - ▶ An entire class was dismantled
 - ▶ US 846 dismantled, USSR 1848 dismantled
 - ▶ April 1988-USSR withdrew from Afghanistan
 - ▶ US support to Mujhadeen had been successful



Savings and Loan Scandal

- ▶ **Decreased Federal Regulation**

- ▶ Led to illegal insider trading & mergers

- ▶ Reagan wanted to remove restrictions on banks so that it would create more competition

- ▶ Laissez-Faire Government

- ▶ Would keep FDIC insurance (established by FDR)

- ▶ Real Estate markets collapsed

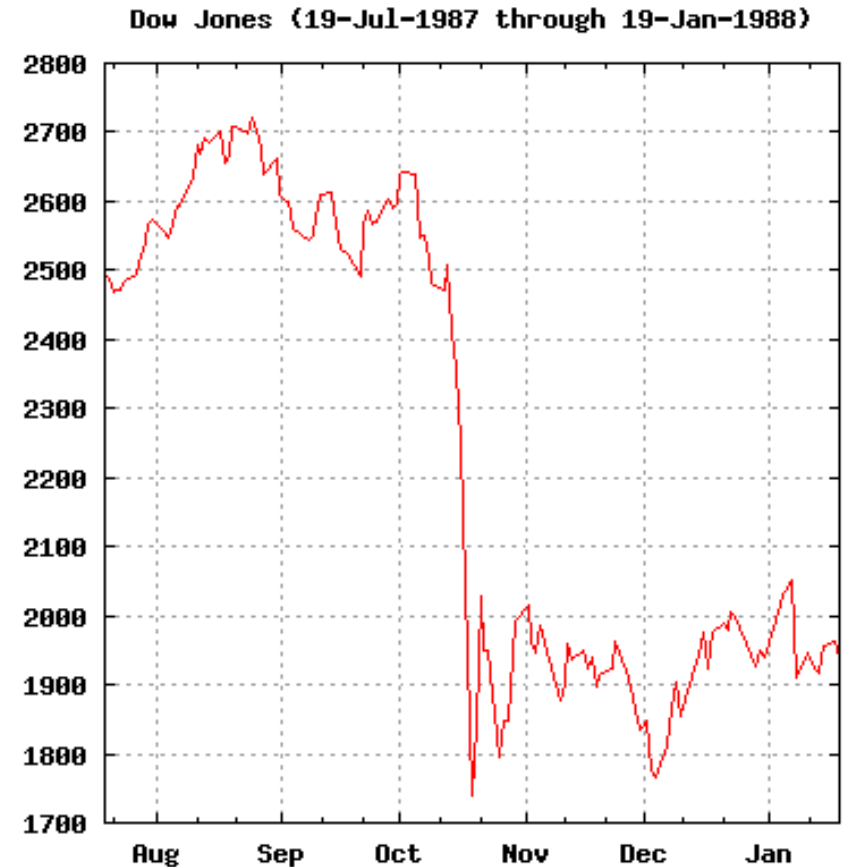
- ▶ Banks made risky loans and could not pay back money to investors

- ▶ Cost Taxpayers \$160 Billion

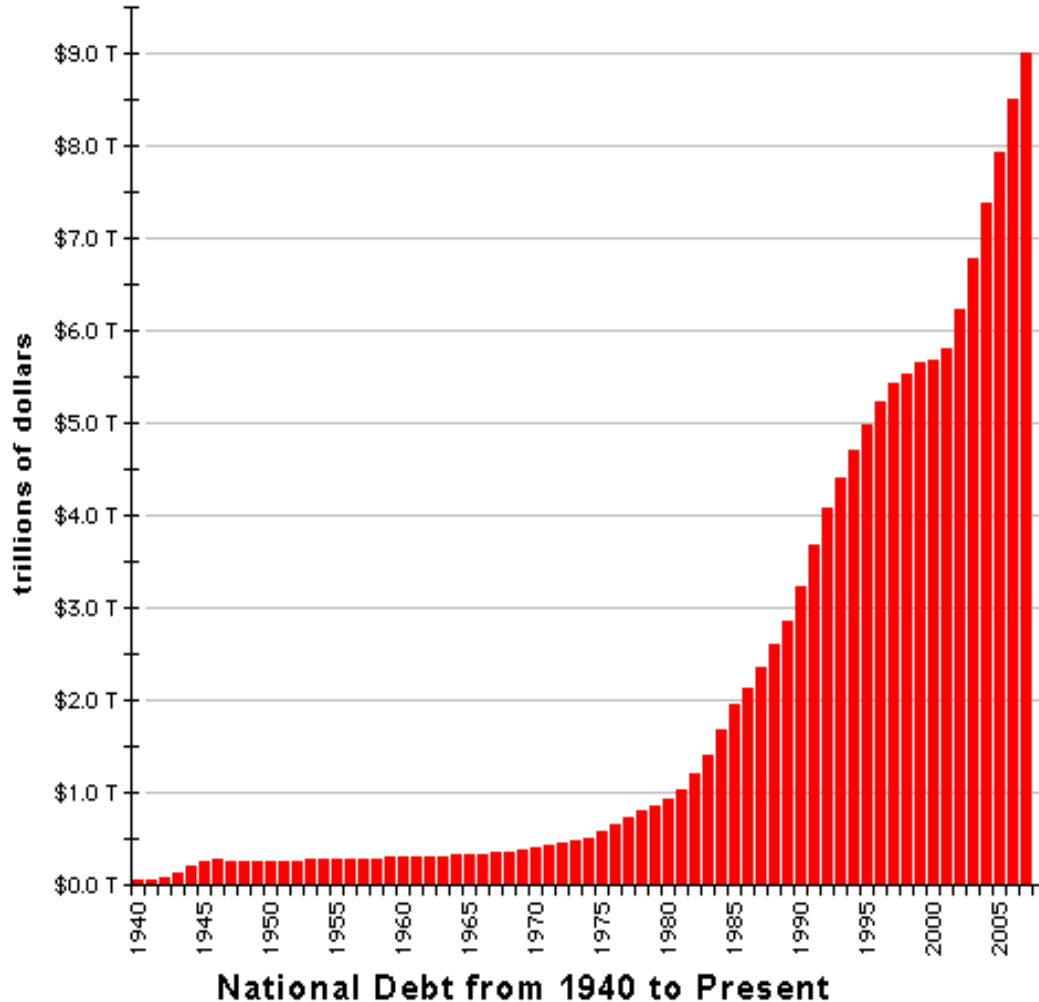


Stock Market Crash-October 19, 1987

- ▶ **Black Monday**
 - ▶ The Market fell by 508 points in 1 day.
 - ▶ Investors lost over \$1 Trillion
 - ▶ Largest 1 day decline in US history
 - ▶ Main cause: Loss of confidence in the market and worldwide concern over inflation



National Debt



Source: U.S. National Debt Clock
http://www.brillig.com/debt_clock/

▶ 1787-1981

- ▶ US Presidents accumulated \$1.5 trillion in debt

▶ Reagan (1981-1989)

- ▶ Added \$2 Trillion to debt
- ▶ Deficits of \$200 Billion

▶ Why is that important?

- ▶ Guaranteed that future Americans will have to work harder than their parents
- ▶ Median Income fell, line between richer and poorer began to grow

▶ US Budget (2008)

- ▶ Entitlements
- ▶ Defense

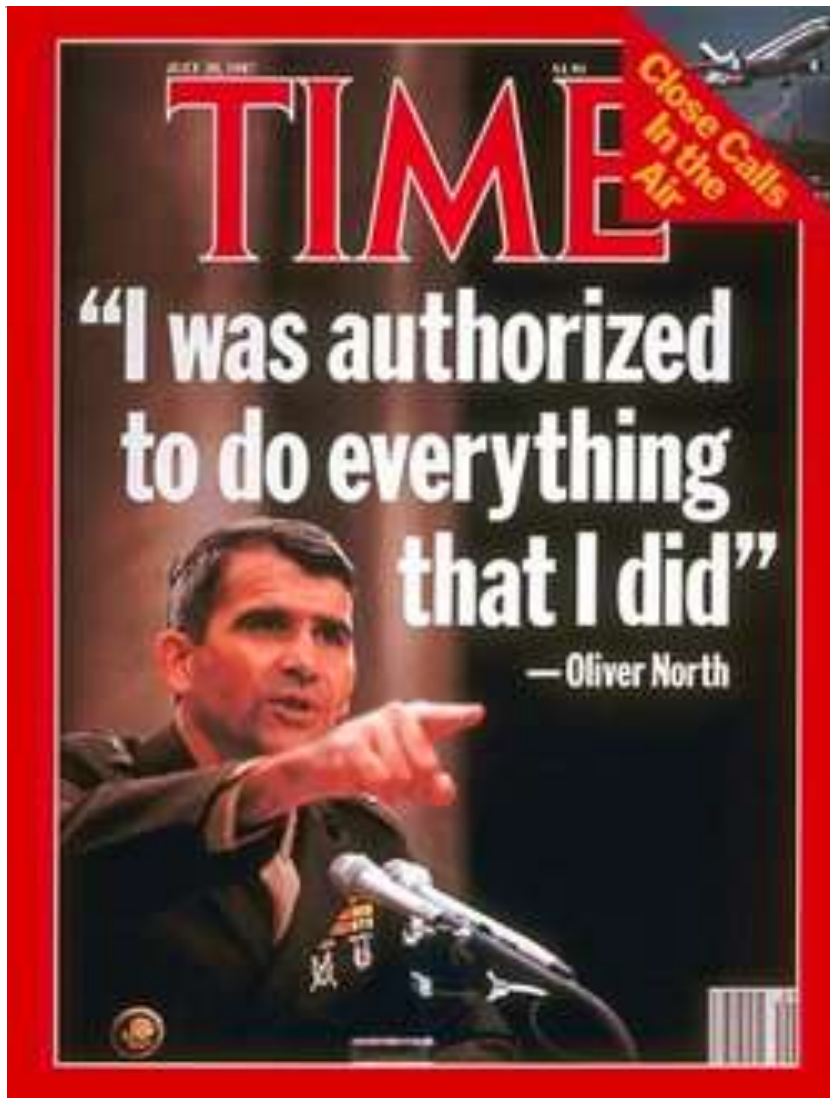
▶ Interest on the Debt

Iran Contra Affair

- ▶ **1979-Nicaragua**
 - ▶ The Sandanistas (Communists) overthrew the Somoza government
 - ▶ US afraid of another Vietnam
- ▶ **Nov. 1981**
 - ▶ Reagan ordered \$19 million to train contras (CIA)
 - ▶ Somoza's former army/police
 - ▶ Congress found out, Boland Amendment
 - ▶ Congress said that the CIA could not get involved anymore!
 - ▶ Reagan told Col. Oliver North to do whatever you can to help out the Contras!



Iran-Contra Affair



- ▶ Reagan wanted to free hostages held by an Iranian group in Lebanon
 - ▶ But also keep the oil flowing from the region!
 - ▶ Reagan Quote- "Terrorists are everywhere..."
 - ▶ White House sold 526 anti-tank missiles to Israel
 - ▶ Israel sent the missiles to Iran
 - ▶ Problem: Iran/Iraq war is going on & we are supporting Iraq
 - ▶ North overcharges the Iranians by 38%, sends profits to the Contras

Conclusion of Iran Contra Affair

- ▶ Beirut newspaper-Al Shira, broke the story
- ▶ Reagan's Dilemma
 - ▶ If Reagan admits knowledge
 - ▶ Impeachment
 - ▶ If Reagan denies knowledge
 - ▶ Who's in control?
 - ▶ North took responsibility and said that he was following orders, took 5th amendment
 - ▶ North is charged w/ 3 felonies
 - Obstruction of justice
 - Destroying documents
 - Receiving illegal gratuities



George H.W. Bush Bio(R-TX)

- ▶ **Born: Milton, Massachusetts**
 - ▶ Military Service-US Navy Pilot
 - ▶ Graduated-Yale 1948
 - ▶ Member of Skull & Bones
 - ▶ Moved to Texas in 1948
 - ▶ Became an Oilman
 - ▶ Never accepted as a Texan



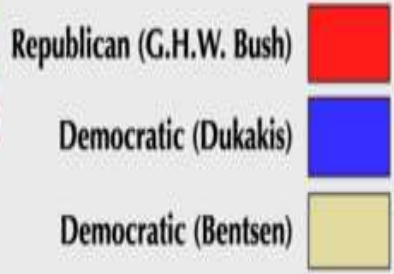
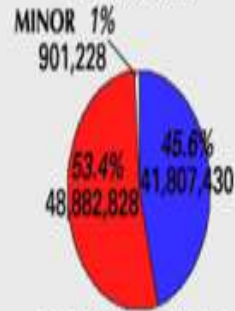
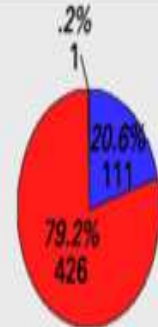
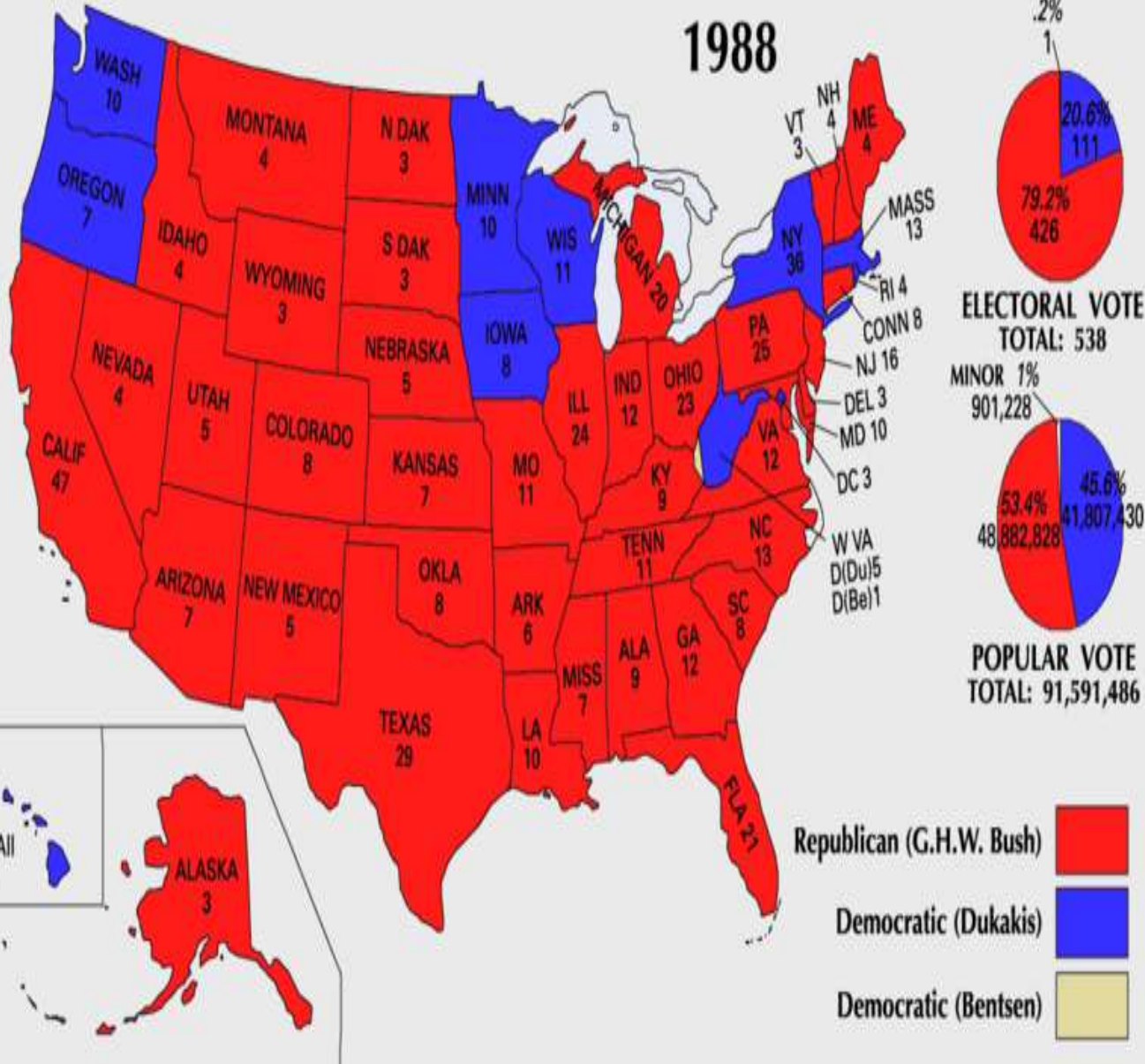
Political Career



- ▶ Lost for the Senate (64,70)
 - ▶ Won US House (1966)
 - ▶ First Republican to win in Houston
 - ▶ US Ambassador to UN (1971)
 - ▶ Chairman-Republican Natl. Committee (1973)
 - ▶ US Liaison to China (1974)
 - ▶ Director of the CIA (1976)
 - ▶ Vice President (1981)
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1988



Election of 1988

George H.W. Bush (R, TX) 53% of the vote, 426 electoral votes

Michael Dukakis (D, MA) 45.6% of the vote, 111 electoral votes

Bush wins the South solidly!

Michael Dukakis



George H.W. Bush Presidency

- ▶ **Persian Gulf War**
 - ▶ Jan 17-Feb 27, 1991
 - ▶ Pre-History-US supported Iraq in the Iran/Iraq war
 - ▶ Secret Illegal Bank Loans for Chemical Weapons
 - ▶ US helped build Iraq into 4th largest army in world



Operation Desert Shield- August 2, 1990

- ▶ **Saddam Hussein invades Kuwait**

- ▶ Iraq owed billions to Kuwait for support in Iran/Iraq war
- ▶ Kuwait- 10% world's oil
- ▶ Saudi Arabia- 30% world's oil
- ▶ US organized 30 nations to liberate Kuwait
- ▶ UN sanctions placed on Iraq



Desert Shield cont.

- ▶ January 15, 1991
 - ▶ Deadline for Saddam to withdraw from Kuwait
 - ▶ Gen. “Stormin” Norman Schwarzkopf
 - ▶ Overall commander of UN military forces
 - ▶ Desert Shield – Meant to protect Saudi Arabia until the US forces arrive
 - ▶ Overall 690,000 troops
 - 540,000 US soldiers



The Coalition

▶ Troops

- ▶ US, Saudi Arabia, UK, France, Kuwait, Egypt, Senegal, Niger, Bangladesh, Pakistan, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman, Nigeria

▶ Ships, Air Force, Medical Units

- ▶ Canada, Italy, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Czechoslovakia, New Zealand, Netherlands, Poland, South Korea

▶ Financial Support

- ▶ Japan and Germany



Operation Desert Storm- January 17, 1991

- ▶ **37 days of aerial bombardment**
 - ▶ 100,000 missions
 - ▶ 76 aircraft crashed or damaged badly
- ▶ **Goal: Destroy the enemy without destroying the people**
 - ▶ Power Grids
 - ▶ Military Communication Systems
 - ▶ Fuel Supplies
 - ▶ Transportation Systems
 - ▶ Normal Communication Systems
- ▶ **F-117's would destroy enemy tanks at night!**
 - ▶ Sand cools quicker than tanks!



February 23, 1991-The Ground War



- ▶ 800 Tanks invade Iraq
 - ▶ Most since the Battle of the Bulge
 - ▶ Ground War over in 4 Days!
 - ▶ Very Little Iraqi Resistance Left
- ▶ Highway of Death
 - ▶ Kuwait City to Basra
 - ▶ February 26-27, 1991
 - ▶ Over 2000 Vehicles hit, it appears that we used napalm, which was outlawed in 1977.



Results of the War

- ▶ US Results
 - ▶ 148 Killed
 - ▶ 35 dead by friendly fire
 - ▶ 458 wounded
 - ▶ Cost \$7 Billion out of \$61 Billion
 - ▶ Bush Popularity 89%



Iraq Results

- ▶ Iraq Results
 - ▶ Saddam still in power
 - ▶ 100,000 Dead
 - ▶ 300,000 Wounded
 - ▶ Relegated to a pre-industrial age!!
 - ▶ UN inspectors found 70 tons of nerve gas, 400 tons of mustard gas
 - ▶ Could only trade oil for food



End of the Cold War



- ▶ “Wait & See Approach”
 - ▶ Economically, USSR had major problems
 - ▶ Could no longer support communist governments worldwide and continue military buildup
 - ▶ Glasnost & Perestroika were too successful!
 - ▶ Could not stop them!



Fall of the Berlin Wall

- ▶ Wall fell November 9, 1989
- ▶ E. Germans through Hungary to Austria to W. Germany
- ▶ 2000-3000/day
- ▶ When the wall fell, 2 million E. Germans crossed & were given \$60
 - ▶ Biggest street party in world History
 - ▶ Helmut Kohl elected and in October, East and West were reunited



START I-July 1991

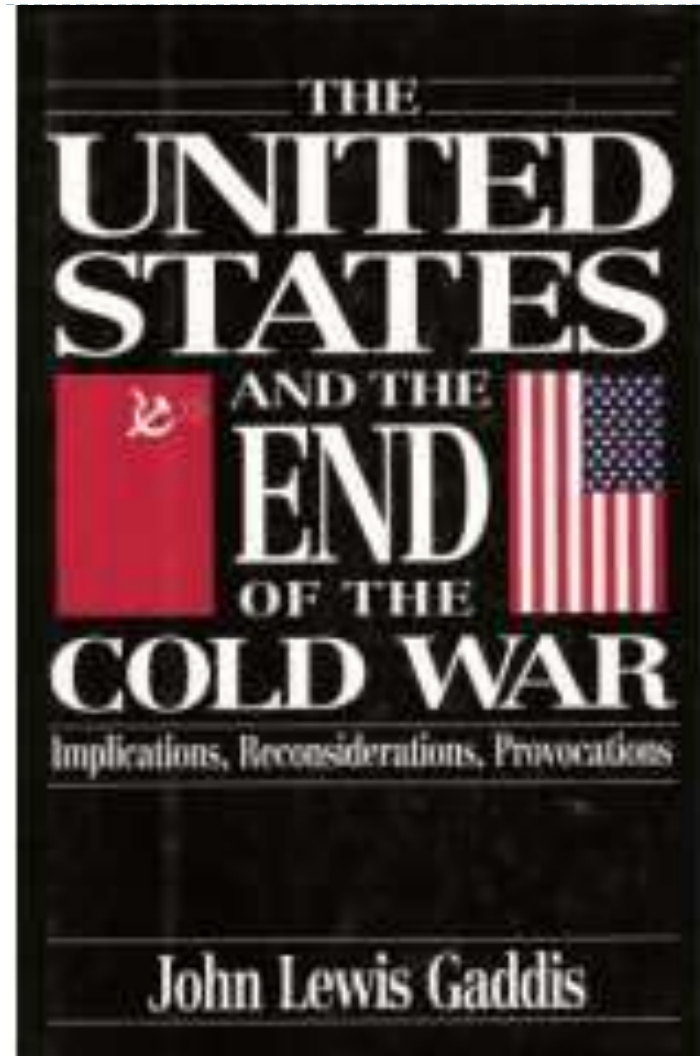


- ▶ Limited each country to 1600 delivery vehicles
 - ▶ Limited nuclear devices to 6000
 - ▶ Reduced nuclear arsenals in half
 - ▶ Signed by pens made of metal salvaged from missiles banned under the INF treaty
 - ▶ **Coup-August 18-21, 1991**
 - ▶ Gorby kidnapped, Boris Yeltsin saved him
 - ▶ December 25, 1991-USSR ceased to exist
 - ▶ New Political organization the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
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End of the Cold War

- ▶ End of the Cold War
 - ▶ US Cost
 - ▶ \$12.7 Trillion in defense spending
 - ▶ \$1.1 Trillion in foreign aid
 - ▶ Over 100,000 lives through foreign wars



China

▶ New Leader-Deng Xiaoping

▶ Protests for weeks in Tiananmen Square

▶ June 1989-Chinese soldiers stormed the square

▶ Bush suspended weapons sales and deferred loans to China

▶ China's importance

□ US trade in 1992, \$33.1 Billion to China

□ \$17 Billion trade deficit



Panama

- ▶ **General Manuel Noriega**
 - ▶ US was allies since 1960's, Noriega received payments from CIA
 - ▶ Allowed CIA to train Contras
 - ▶ Noriega was bringing cocaine into US
 - ▶ Americans were blaming Noriega for drug problems
 - ▶ “War on Drugs”



Operation Just Cause



- ▶ December 20, 1989
 - ▶ 22,500 US troops invade
 - ▶ 23 US casualties
 - ▶ \$1 Billion in damages
 - ▶ Noriega hid in the Vatican Embassy
 - ▶ How do we get him out?
 - ▶ Rocked him out w/ stereo speakers & strobe lights
 - ▶ Colin Powell- “Have a clear political objective and stick to it. Use all the force necessary, and do not apologize for going in big.



Somalia

- ▶ Operation Restore Hope
 - ▶ Dictator Mohammad Farah Aidid
 - ▶ Used food as leverage during the Somali Civil War
 - ▶ US sent troops to protect UN food shipments
 - ▶ US 45 killed
 - ▶ 118 Wounded



Bush Domestic Policy

- ▶ Bush had to deal with deficits of over \$220 Billion from Ronald Reagan
- ▶ Bush believed that he had to “balance the budget”
 - ▶ Democrats-We need tax raises!
 - ▶ Republicans-We need cuts in government spending!
- ▶ Due to the end of the Cold War-Bush cut \$52 Billion in New Defense Spending
 - ▶ Unemployment rose in several states to over 7.8%
 - ▶ Poverty rate rose to 14.2%
- ▶ What do we need to do?



Bush Tax Hike



- ▶ Bush raised taxes by \$133 Billion dollars in 1992
- ▶ He had promised in 1988 to... “Read my Lips, No New Taxes!!”
- ▶ Bush sided with the Democrats for new taxes and increases in Domestic Spending.



Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)

- ▶ Landmark Bill that prohibits discrimination against over 43 million people with physical or mental disabilities.



Appointments of Supreme Court Justices



- ▶ David Souter (1991)
- ▶ Clarence Thomas (1992)
 - ▶ 2nd African-American to serve on the Supreme Court
 - ▶ Noted Conservative, opposes Roe v. Wade
 - ▶ Accused of Sexual Harassment by Anita Hill

