

# Snapshot of America's Big Shift Expanded: Foreign and Domestic

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↑ or ↓ = a quantity went up or down

↑\$ or ↓\$ = \$ spent went up or down

Issue	1960s = Divides Presidencies	1970s = Divides Presidencies	1980s (Reagan's Terms)
National Debt	1968 - \$25 B- largest since WWII	\$74B – end of Nixon and Carter Note: 1971 US off the gold standard	\$186B - Mid-1980s (and it will blow up on G.H. Bush's term)
If born in 1945	15 years of age in 1960	25 years of age in 1970	35 years of age in 1980
President	1960 TV debate – JFK and R.M. Nixon 1960-1963 John F. Kennedy (Democrat); 1963-1964, 1964-1968 L.B. Johnson (Dem. Convention.)	1968: Nixon-43.4% Humphrey-42.7% Wallace-13.5% 1972: Nixon-60.8% McGovern-37.5% 1968-1972, 1972-August 1974 R.M. Nixon (Rep.) August 1974-1976 G. Ford; 1976 – J. Carter (Dem.)	1980-1984, 1984-1988 Ronald Reagan (Vice-President George H. Bush)
Foreign	Robert McNamara (Defense); Dean Rusk (State) Trend: anti-Americanism and nationalism	H. Kissinger; <i>Pentagon Papers</i> . Trend: anti-Americanism, nationalism, and religion	1980-1982 Alexander Haig; 1982 George P. Shultz Trend: anti-Americanism, nationalism, and religion
Latin America	Bay of Pigs – Ike's plan; JFK's disaster Cuban Missile Crisis	Chile   Panama Canal	1983 – Grenada; Iran-Contra (Nicaragua-Sandinistas)+National Security Council + Congress
Europe	Berlin and the Wall	SALT – Brezhnev- Nixon Helsinki - Ford	1985 Gorbachev/Reagan
Middle East	1967 6-Day War – Israel – ↑3 Xs size OPEC	1973 Yom Kippur War   Iran Revolution/Khomeini OPEC Embargo   Camp David Accords	1981-Iran hostage ends; 1986- Iran-Contra (Nicaragua). Notice: Afghanistan revolts against USSR.
Far East	"Flexible Response"   Gulf of Tonkin Buddhist   1967 Tet Offensive	1969 into Cambodia/1970 announce into Cambodia Vietnamization/1972 secret talks. 1975 Saigon falls	-
Other	Peace Corps (Exec. Order) ↑\$ Space race, test ban treaty   "Silent Majority"	China "ping pong" diplomacy 1972 Nixon visits China	Star Wars (Strategic Defense Initiative) – to spend the USSR into oblivion
<b>Domestic</b>			
Economy		COLA – Social Security Price/wage controls	Theory: Supply side economics/trickle down theory ↓Tax cut, ↑Defense spending 2 Trillion \$\$
Big Business	"guns and butter"	1976 Stagflation 1980 prime = 22.5%	Deregulate the savings and loan (Visual of consequences by next president's term)
Labor	OEO; ↑Immigration law <sup>1</sup>	EPA	7% 1980 unemployed; 9.7% 1982 unemployed
Age	↑\$ Minimum wage	-	13M under age 6 in poverty; 11x money for elderly than for kids; AIDs
Gender	↑\$ Social Security Beetles; Hippies	Kent State/Anti-war rallies Woodstock. Notice: 1973 draft ends	
Race	Betty Friedan; <i>The Feminine Mystique</i>	Stonewall; 1972 Title IX	Sandra Day O'Conner – Supreme Court
Other	Meridith – Univ. of Miss.   1965-03 Selma -05 Watts Freedom Riders   1966 B. Panthers TV coverage   Civil Rights Act/Voting Rights Acts	La Raza	Colin Powell Joint Chief of Staff, NSC advisor
	Medicare, Medicaid, "War on Poverty" Thurgood Marshall, Head Start Assassinations	Start of "Plumbers"- 1971-09; of Watergate 1972-06 Watergate—It is covered extensively in the chronology below. <b>Key evidence:</b> Nixon's own tapes of what went on in the White House for his planned books.	Personal computers (PCs); Cable TV Concerns about American education

<sup>1</sup> Look at the 1<sup>st</sup> Snapshot for why this law was passed. For the future, this 1965 act resulted in most immigrants beginning to come from Asia or Latin America.

## Changes over Time

Click [here if you want the names of the age cohorts and their traits and the national debt over time](http://www.cjbibus.com/1302_Concepts_about_Generations_Debt_Change_Over_Time.htm) Link Address:

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## Details (with footnotes) about the Big Shift Expanded: 1960s (Repeated) -1988 Dem. = Democrat Rep = Republican

Date	Pres. ... Event	Beyond America	Foreign Policy	Government Institutions	US Eco. Dev.	Issue/Org. Dev.	Pol. Party Dev.
1960-11	Richard M. Nixon v. John F. Kennedy - <a href="#">backgrounds</a>					FDA – birth control	New Frontier
1961-01	Ike's Farewell address						
1961-early	Exec. order: Peace Corps	USSR: Yuri Gagarin orbits <sup>2</sup>	CIA covert: Bay of Pigs			CORE freedom riders <sup>3</sup>	
1961-late			Khrushchev, JFK meet				
1961-08,09		USSR: Berlin Wall est.		End segregated terminals <sup>4</sup>			
1962, 1963						Books changing America <sup>5</sup>	
1962-09			Cuba: Soviet missiles			James Meredith, Ole Miss	
1962-10	Troops/federalize Guard		US: Cuba blockade				
1963-04 through 06		S. Vietnam: Buddhist protests				Cesar Chavez, United Farm Workers est.	
						Bull Conner – M.L. King <sup>6</sup>	
						Wallace–Univ. of Alabama	
1963-07		US/USSR: hotline est.					
1963-08			Test Ban Treaty			March on Washington; King's "I Have a Dream"	
1963-09	Vietnam = "their war" <sup>7</sup>						
1963-11	Assassination; LBJ president	S. Vietnam: coup; Diem dead					
1964-06						Murder by KKK <sup>8</sup>	
1964-07				Civil Rights Act <sup>9</sup>		Racial problems in North <sup>10</sup>	Divisive Rep. Conv.
1964-08	1 <sup>st</sup> , bombing of N. Vietnam		2 <sup>nd</sup> , Gulf of Tonkin Resolution		Economic Opportunity Act <sup>11</sup>	College students and the draft <sup>12</sup> - Hippies▼	Fannie Lou Hamer, MS Freedom Dem. Party
1964-11	Barry Goldwater vs. L.B. Johnson - <a href="#">backgrounds</a>			24 <sup>th</sup> Amendment <sup>13</sup>			Great Society; War on Poverty begins
1965-03						Selma March; deputies/ state police attack	
1965-08				Voting Rights Act; Medicare/Medicaid est.		Watts (Los Angeles) riot <sup>14</sup>	
1965-10				Immigration law – no "national origins" quota <sup>15</sup>			
1966						National Org. for Women	

<sup>2</sup> US commitment to manned moon landing - US: Alan Shepherd, suborbital flight; John Glenn orbits.

<sup>3</sup> Congress of Racial Equality est. 1942

<sup>4</sup> To deal with the violence against the freedom riders, ban on segregated terminals for interstate carriers

<sup>5</sup> Authors in 1962: Michael Harrington, *The Other America*; Rachel Carson, *Silent Spring*. Authors in 1963: James Baldwin, *The Fire Next Time*; Betty Friedan, *The Feminine Mystique*.

<sup>6</sup> "Letter from Birmingham City Jail" written by Martin Luther King

<sup>7</sup> Televised interview Sept 02 with President Kennedy; refers to the Vietnamese conflict as "their war."

<sup>8</sup> Mississippi voter registration attempts; white mobs; firebombing; KKK/police murder civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goldman, Michael Schwerner (last 2 from North and white).

<sup>9</sup> Equal Employment Opportunities Commission est.; Title VII – race, creed, **sex**, and national origin. – [Opposed by candidate Barry Goldwater](#) – a more complex individual than this one issue.

<sup>10</sup> Disturbances in Harlem, Rochester (NY); Philadelphia (PA), Paterson (NJ)

<sup>11</sup> Job Corps, Neighborhood Youth Corps, VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America); food stamps, Head Start.

<sup>12</sup> College was a way to avoid going to fight in Vietnam—and not everyone went to college.

<sup>13</sup> Poll tax banned

<sup>14</sup> Watts lasts from 8/11 to 8/16. Later riots include 1966-07 Chicago (IL); 1967-07 Newark (NJ), Detroit (MI). Black power events include new militancy of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC); rise of Black Muslim leader Malcolm X, later assassinated by that group (1965); Black Panthers in CA.

<sup>15</sup> Shift in immigration from traditional areas to coming from Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico; India, Korea, Philippines, Taiwan.

1966-10				Dept. of Transportation est.			
1967-06		Six Day War					
1968-01		Tet offensive				Hair <sup>16</sup>	
1968-03-12							E. McCarthy NH primary
1968-03-31	Withdrew candidacy						
1968-04						Assassination-M.L. King <sup>17</sup>	
1968-06						Assassination-R. Kennedy	
1968-08							TV - Divisive Dem. Conv., Chicago

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1968-11	Richard M. Nixon vs. Hubert Humphrey vs. George Wallace (Am. Independent)						campaign to the "silent majority"
1969			Kissinger NSC director <sup>18</sup>		Philadelphia Plan <sup>19</sup>	La Raza	
1969-01+	Vietnamization						
1969-03	Cambodia, bombing starts						
1969-05						Kent State, OH <sup>20</sup>	
1969-06,07				Warren Burger, Chief Justice <sup>21</sup>		"Hard-hat" demonstration Moon landing <sup>22</sup> Stonewall Riot <sup>23</sup>	
1969-08						Woodstock Art & Music Fair	
1969-11						Mobilization Day (11/15) <sup>24</sup> My Lai massacre in news <sup>25</sup> AIM, Alcatraz Takeover <sup>26</sup>	
1970-04	Cambodia, bombing announced						
1970-06				OMB est. <sup>27</sup>			
1970-10				EPA est. <sup>28</sup>			
1971						Busing <sup>29</sup>	
1971-04		Ping Pong Diplomacy <sup>30</sup>					
1971-06						Pentagon Papers <sup>31</sup>	
1971-09	"Plumbers" authorized						
1972						1972 Title IX <sup>32</sup> Equal Rights Amendment proposed <sup>33</sup>	

<sup>16</sup> The counterculture movement is converted to a popular Broadway play.

<sup>17</sup> Riots in over 100 cities

<sup>18</sup> NSC = National Security Council

<sup>19</sup> Required construction unions to hire blacks on federal projects.

<sup>20</sup> Rocks and bottles thrown; National Guard fire into crowd; 4 dead, 9 wounded.

<sup>21</sup> Nixon also appoints: Harry Blackmun, William Rehnquist, Lewis Powell

<sup>22</sup> Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, Michael Collins

<sup>23</sup> Leads to Gay Liberation Front and Gay Activist Alliance.

<sup>24</sup> Boston, NY, San Francisco, Washington (250,000). Other sources: October 15 = "Moratorium Day"; November 15 = "March Against Death"

<sup>25</sup> March 16, 1968, Lieutenant William Calley; life sentence in 1971.

<sup>26</sup> Native American; will pull out 1971-06.

<sup>27</sup> OMB = Office of Management and Budget. Superseded Bureau of the Budget; oversees all cabinet departments' budgets.

<sup>28</sup> EPA = Environmental Protection Agency

<sup>29</sup> *Swann v. Charlotte* – Mecklenburg Board of Education; South Boston violence.

<sup>30</sup> Chinese invitation

<sup>31</sup> Daniel Ellsberg; later published in *New York Times*; charges against him later dismissed; injunction to block publication rejected by Supreme Court.

<sup>32</sup> Title IX: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Click [here for the US Department of Education](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/tix_dis.html) Link Address: [https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/tix\\_dis.html](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/tix_dis.html)

<sup>33</sup> 34 states ratified; 3 more states needed; time limit was 6/30/1982.

1972-02	Visit to China						
1972-05			SALT <sup>34</sup>				George Wallace, assassination attempt <sup>35</sup>
1972-06							Watergate break-in <sup>36</sup>
1972-10			Kissinger—Le Duc To secret talks				
1972-11	Richard M. Nixon vs. George S. McGovern						Dem. control of Congress
1973			CIA covert action: Chile <sup>37</sup>	Roe v. Wade			
1973-01				Watergate trial <sup>38</sup>		Press: <i>Washington Post</i>	
1973-05				Archibald Cox, special prosecutor		AIM, occupy Wounded Knee <sup>39</sup>	
				Sam Ervin (NC), Senate investigation <sup>40</sup>			
1973-10	Agnew resigns <sup>41</sup>	Yom Kippur War <sup>42</sup>		"Saturday Night Massacre" <sup>43</sup>	OPEC embargo <sup>44</sup>		
1973-11			War Powers Act <sup>45</sup>				
1974-07				Impeachment articles <sup>46</sup>			
1974-08	Resignation						
1974-09	Pardon of Nixon						
1974-10				Campaign Finance Law <sup>47</sup>			
1974-11				Freedom of Information Act <sup>48</sup>			
1975-04		Helsinki Accords <sup>49</sup>					
1975-08		Saigon falls					
1975-1979				Senate investigation of CIA <sup>50</sup>			

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1976-11	Gerald R. Ford vs. Jimmy Carter <sup>51</sup>				Stagflation = Eco. slow-down + inflation		
1977-08			Panama Canal <sup>52</sup>				
1978				Bakke case <sup>53</sup>			
1978-09			Camp David Accords <sup>54</sup>				
1979-01		Iran Revolution <sup>55</sup>					

<sup>34</sup> SALT = Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty; limits ICBMs (long-range missiles)

<sup>35</sup> Paralyzed; withdraws from race.

<sup>36</sup> Break-in of Dem. national headquarters includes the "Plumbers."

<sup>37</sup> Support for military coup; \$8M to oppose Salvador Allende after election.

<sup>38</sup> Judge John J. Sirica, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein of *Washington Post* instrumental in exposing case.

<sup>39</sup> AIM = American Indian Movement

<sup>40</sup> Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities; televised

<sup>41</sup> *Nolo contendere* on tax evasion; accepted payoff. Gerald Ford – see 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment – becomes President.

<sup>42</sup> Attack on Israel in 2-front war by Egypt, Syria.

<sup>43</sup> Cox persisted in demanding the White House tapes. Nixon orders the Attorney General to fire him; he refuses; he's fired; his assistant refuses; he's fired. Robert H. Bork becomes Attorney General; he fires Cox. Public response.

<sup>44</sup> US airlift of supplies to Israel in the Yom Kippur War led to Organization of Petroleum Exporting States cutting off oil.

<sup>45</sup> 60-day limit without Congress approval; notification within 48 hours.

<sup>46</sup> Ones passing: a) Obstructed investigation b) Abuse of authority c) Contrary to his oath, d) Defiance of subpoenas

<sup>47</sup> Federal funds to candidates; accounting.

<sup>48</sup> Expanded 1966 act. Required government to prove item needed to be classified, ending of citizens having to prove it didn't.

<sup>49</sup> Continuation of 1973 talks; signed by 33 nations, including US.

<sup>50</sup> In addition to Chile/Allende case, Laos secret war, probable assassinations, drug experiments.

<sup>51</sup> Major asset in the election – Not Nixon (perceived as incorruptible)

<sup>52</sup> 13 years of negotiations before this year. Effective 2000, US ends 1903 treaty; control to Panama. But Reagan's view was "We bought it, we paid for it, it's ours."

<sup>53</sup> Supreme Court rejected quotas, supported use of race in admissions.

<sup>54</sup> Egypt (Anwar Sadat) recognizes Israel right to exist; Israel (Menachim Begin) returns Sinai.

<sup>55</sup> Shah flies; Ayatollah Khomeini returns. Reminder: 1953 CIA aid.

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1979-11		Iran: hostage crisis <sup>56</sup>					
1979-12		Afghanistan: Rev. against USSR					
1973				Roe v. Wade		"Right to life" groups <sup>57</sup> ; others <sup>58</sup>	
1976				Hyde Amendment <sup>59</sup>			
1979						Moral Majority est. <sup>60</sup> TV <sup>61</sup>	
1980-04		Iranian hostages, failed rescue					
1980-11	Ronald W. Reagan <sup>62</sup> vs. Jimmy Carter				Status "Supply-side economics" <sup>63</sup>		Slogan & TV & party #s <sup>64</sup>
1981			Nicaragua: Sandinistas <sup>65</sup>	Attempt, Social Security cut <sup>66</sup>		AIDS <sup>67</sup> ; <i>A Nation at Risk</i> <sup>68</sup> Technical status – start of PC/Microsoft/Apple and Internet <sup>69</sup>	Status: Voters 86% white; Republicans 87% white <sup>70</sup>
				FCC deregulates radio <sup>71</sup>		Limbaugh and Stern <sup>72</sup>	
1981-01-20	Inauguration Day	Iranian hostages, release					
1981-03	Assassination attempt						
1981-07, 08				SC: Sandra Day O'Connor	PATCO strike <sup>73</sup>		
1982		Br: Falklands War <sup>74</sup>		Deregulation savings & loans <sup>75</sup>	Status <sup>76</sup>		
1982-06		Israel: Invades Lebanon					
1982-11							Dem. increase in House
1983		Lebanon: Terrorist attack <sup>77</sup>			Poverty status <sup>78</sup>	Family status <sup>79</sup>	
1983-03			Star Wars: SDI <sup>80</sup>				
1983-10			US: Invades Grenada				
1984			Nicaragua: Sandinistas <sup>81</sup>	Gramm-Rudman-Hollings <sup>82</sup>	Status <sup>83</sup>		

<sup>56</sup> Failed rescue 1980-04.

<sup>57</sup> Roman Catholic church, Protestant evangelicals

<sup>58</sup> Operation Rescue and clinic blockades; bombings, assassination of doctors

<sup>59</sup> Banned Medicaid paying for abortions

<sup>60</sup> Rev. Jerry Falwell, VA

<sup>61</sup> Pat Robertson, *700 Club*, Christian Broadcasting Network (CABLE); Jimmy and Tammy Baker, PTL (Praise the Lord) – later fraud convictions; Jimmy Swaggart – later sexual misconduct

<sup>62</sup> Principle with USSR – A combination of military purchases and spending to "bankrupt the Soviets by forcing them to spend much more on their own military budgets." (page 1110) Notice Status

<sup>63</sup> Inflation = 12%, unemployment = 7%+; prime interest = near 20%. National debt \$74B, Reduce fed. tax rates per "Supply-side economics"—as Status shows—did not reduce the federal deficit.

<sup>64</sup> Slogan: "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?" Nickname: "Great Communicator." Methods: Teleprompter with prepared text; "packag[ing]" of the President by James Baker (chief of staff), Michael Deaver (media), Edwin Meese (policy, later during Iran-Contra, attorney general), Nancy Reagan (with astrologer). Party #s: Senate 53 to 46, 1<sup>st</sup> time since 1954

<sup>65</sup> Reagan opposes, subsidy of rebellion against using El Salvador bases. House of Representatives rejects this use of funds. Also, see 1988.

<sup>66</sup> Spring, attempt to cut early retiree benefits; failed in Congress. Fall, panel to investigate problem. Fall, 1982, changes made to restore finances.

<sup>67</sup> c. 1984 = 3,700 US deaths to date – AIDS was not a top priority of the Reagan administration.

<sup>68</sup> On failure of public education

<sup>69</sup> Computer revolution from 1981 IBM PC (personal computer) to 1983 Microsoft Windows (Bill Gates) to 1984 Apple Macintosh. Sales = 1983 of 20K purchased/yr. to 500K/yr. Internet revolution from 1969 Pentagon project to 1980s usenet and email. Cable revolution beginning with 1981 MTV (Music Television) and Ted Turner's CNN (Cable News Network).

<sup>70</sup> Status Population: Pew Research Center, cited on page 1130

<sup>71</sup> Federal Communications Commission ended limits on commercials and requirement for public affairs programs and community surveys.

<sup>72</sup> Rise of Rush Limbaugh in 1990s, est. 13M listeners; of Howard Stern

<sup>73</sup> Professional Air Traffic Controller strike; back-to-work orders; failure to obey meant dismissal

<sup>74</sup> Argentina invaded this former British colony. Britain crushes the Argentine army; increases Thatcher's popularity.

<sup>75</sup> For the crash of this system at taxpayer expense, see the 1<sup>st</sup> Bush administration.

<sup>76</sup> National debt = \$128B (up 1.7 X of 1980 debt of \$74B) – Note the increasing rise of national debt shown in other Status items.

<sup>77</sup> US forces in multinational peacekeeping. Terrorist bomb kills 239 US Marines; US Marines withdrawn.

<sup>78</sup> Bureau of Census: 13 M children under 6 in poverty. Note: end of 1980s = 11X money for reducing poverty for children shifted to elderly, an increasingly more organized voting block.

<sup>79</sup> 1970 = 3.8M single parent families; 1992 = 10.5M. Spending traits – Americans spent more than they made.

<sup>80</sup> Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). To stop – theoretically and never proved – missiles before they could hit the US.

<sup>81</sup> US-supported Contras not succeeding against Sandinistas; El Salvador right wing's death squads. Congress does 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment US funding of Contras.

<sup>82</sup> Phil Gramm (TX), Warren Rudman (PA), and Fritz Hollings (SC) – Bill that automatically lowers federal expenditure across the board. The bill "promised to lower deficits without requiring lawmakers to choose among tough options."

<sup>83</sup> National debt = \$186B

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1984-11	R.W. Reagan vs. W.Mondale <sup>84</sup>					AIDS status <sup>85</sup> ; Yuppies <sup>86</sup>	
1986				W. Rehnquist, Chief Justice	Lower tax rate		
1986-01				Challenger disaster <sup>87</sup>			
1986-10			Gorbachev-Reagan <sup>88</sup>				
1986-11			CIA/NSC covert action: Iran-Contra exposed <sup>89</sup>				
1987				FCC: Ends Fairness Doctrine <sup>90</sup>			
1987-10				SC: Bork <sup>91</sup>			

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<sup>84</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> woman candidate for Vice President, Geraldine Ferraro, Representative for the state of New York

<sup>85</sup> 1985 = 6,700 US deaths; 1987 = 15,500 per year

<sup>86</sup> Among 1980s social changes = young urban professionals (yuppies) and “image is everything” (Andre Agassi) culture.

<sup>87</sup> Causes = systemic inattention, cost-cutting and schedule-making as goals, over-confidence

<sup>88</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 positive meetings although no substantive changes

<sup>89</sup> National Security Council (NSC) used money from sale of arms to Iran as part of deal to free hostages (this time held in Lebanon). President Reagan approved. Profit from sale went to Nicaraguan contras (US-supported group established to try to stop Sandinistas). Exposed by CIA plane shot down by Sandinistas. Participants: Oliver North, John Poindexter (NSC advisor). Congressional immunity and publicity of hearings resulted in limited consequences for participants. Issues such as fear of a repeat of the impeachment of a president meant no consequences for the President.

<sup>90</sup> What it used to do: Fairness Doctrine had required any broadcast (since public airwaves) to present both sides of opposing arguments/opinions.

<sup>91</sup> Robert Bork’s confirmation blocked over such prior positions as opposing *Roe v. Wade*. Anthony Kennedy later confirmed for spot.