

Snapshot of 1960s (Repeated) through 1980s: Foreign and Domestic

↑ or ↓ = a quantity went up or down

↑\$ or ↓\$ = \$ spent went up or down

Issue	1960s (Repeated)	1970s (Right of = Carter)	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
If born in 1945	15 years of age in 1960	25 years of age in 1970	35 years of age in 1980
President	1960-1963 John F. Kennedy (Dem.); 1963-1964, 1964-1968 L.B. Johnson (Dem Convention.)	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; Pentagon Papers 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) + National Security Council + Congress
Europe	Berlin and the Wall	SALT – Brezhnev Helsinki	1985 Gorbachev/Reagan
Middle East	1967 6-Day War	1673 Yom Kippur War Iran Revolution/Khomeini OPEC Embargo Camp David Accords	1981-Iran hostage ends; 1986- Iran-Contra (Nicaragua); Afghanistan revolts against USSR
Far East	"Flexible Response" Gulf of Tonkin Buddhist 1967 Tet Offensive	Vietnamization/1972 secret talks 1969 into Cambodia/1970 announce into Cambodia	-
Other	Peace Corps (Exec. Order) Test bans ↑\$ Space race "Silent Majority"	China "ping pong" diplomacy	Star Wars (Strategic Defense Initiative)
Domestic			
Economy		COLA – Social Security 1976 Stagflation Price/wage controls 1980 prime = 22.5%	Theory: Supply side economics/trickle down ↓Tax cut, ↑Defense spending 2 Trillion \$s
Big Business	Prosperous	-	Deregulate the savings and loan (Visual of consequences by next president's term)
Labor	OEO; ↑Immigration law (1924 quotas gone) ↑\$ Minimum wage	-	7% 1980 unemployed; 9.7% 1982 unemployed
Age	↑\$ Social Security Beetles; Hippies	Kent State/Anti-war rallies Woodstock	13M under age 6 in poverty; 11x money for elderly than for kids; AIDs
Gender	Betty Friedan; <i>The Feminine Mystique</i>	Stonewall	Sandra Day O'Conner – Supreme Court
Race	Meredith – Univ. of Miss. 1965 Watts Freedom Riders 1966 B. Panthers TV coverage Civil Rights Act	La Raza	Colin Powell Joint Chief of Staff, NSC advisor
Other	Medicare, Medicaid, "War on Poverty" Thurgood Marshall Assassinations		Personal computers (PCs); Cable TV Concerns about American education

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