

The Shift Continues and Expands: 1960-1976

Date	Pres. ... Event	Beyond America	Foreign Policy	Government Institutions	US Eco. Dev.	Issue/Org. Dev.	Pol. Party Dev.
1954+	President Eisenhower Vice President Richard M. Nixon	French fall - Dien Bien Phu US/Fr - S. Vietnam Premier Ngo Dinh Diem (Catholic)	S. Vietnam: 1 st US advisors ¹ ; US aid				
1960-02						Greensboro, NC, sit-in	
1960-11	Richard M. Nixon v. John F. Kennedy - backgrounds					FDA – birth control	New Frontier
1961-early	Exec. order: Peace Corps	USSR: Yuri Gagarin orbits ²	CIA covert: Bay of Pigs			CORE freedom riders ³	
1961-late			Khrushchev, JFK meet				
1961-08,09		USSR: Berlin Wall est.		End segregated terminals ⁴			
1962, 1963						Books changing America ⁵	
1962-09			Cuba: Soviet missiles US: Cuba blockade			James Meredith, Ole Miss	
1962-10	Troops/federalize Guard						
1963-04 through 06		S. Vietnam: Buddhist protests				Cesar Chavez, United Farm Workers est. Bull Conner – M.L. King ⁶ 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" ⁷						
1963-11	Assassination; LBJ president	S. Vietnam: coup; Diem dead					
1964-06						Murder by KKK ⁸	
1964-07				Civil Rights Act ⁹		Racial problems in North ¹⁰	Divisive Rep. Conv.
1964-08	1 st , bombing of N. Vietnam		2 nd , Gulf of Tonkin Resolution		Economic Opportunity Act ¹¹	College students and the draft ¹² - Hippies	Fannie Lou Hamer, MS Freedom Dem. Party
1964-11	Barry Goldwater vs. L.B. Johnson - backgrounds			24 th Amendment ¹³			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 ¹⁴	
1965-10				Immigration law – no "national origins" quota ¹⁵			
1966						National Org. for Women	
1966-10				Dept. of Transportation est.			

¹ US-backed Ngo Dinh Diem rejects Geneva Accords over election to reunify North and South Vietnam, declares S. Vietnam a republic. 1st US advisors in 1955. US advisors increase in #s.

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

³ Congress of Racial Equality est. 1942

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

⁵ 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*.

⁶ "Letter from Birmingham City Jail" written by Martin Luther King

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

⁸ 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).

⁹ Equal Employment Opportunities Commission est.; Title VII – race, creed, sex, and national origin. – Opposed by candidate Barry Goldwater. – He is a more complex individual than this one issue.

¹⁰ Disturbances in Harlem, Rochester (NY); Philadelphia (PA), Paterson (NJ)

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

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

¹³ Poll tax banned

¹⁴ 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.

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

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1967-06		Six Day War					
1968-01		Tet offensive				Hair ¹⁶	
1968-03-12							E. McCarthy NH primary
1968-03-31	Withdrew candidacy						
1968-04						Assassination-M.L. King ¹⁷	
1968-06						Assassination-R. Kennedy	
1968-08							TV - Divisive Dem. Conv., Chicago
1968-11	Richard M. Nixon vs. Hubert Humphrey vs. George Wallace (Am. Independent)						campaign to the "silent majority" – a conservative shift
1969			Kissinger NSC director ¹⁸			La Raza	
1969					Philadelphia Plan ¹⁹		
1969-01+	Vietnamization						
1969-03	Cambodia, bombing starts						
1969-05						Kent State, OH ²⁰	
						"Hard-hat" demonstration ²¹	
1969-06,07				Warren Burger, Chief Justice ²²		Moon landing ²³	
						Stonewall Riot ²⁴	
1969-08						Woodstock Art & Music Fair	
1969-11						Mobilization Day (11/15) ²⁵	
						My Lai massacre in news ²⁶	
						AIM, Alcatraz Takeover ²⁷	
1970-04	Cambodia, bombing announced						
1970-06				OMB est. ²⁸			
1970-10				EPA est. ²⁹			
1971					Wage and price controls	Busing and Nixon's policies on schools and civil rights ³⁰	
1971-04		Ping Pong Diplomacy ³¹					
1971-06						Pentagon Papers ³²	
1971-09	"Plumbers" authorized						
1972				Title IX ³³		Equal Rights Amendment proposed ³⁴	

¹⁶ The counterculture movement is converted to a popular Broadway play.

¹⁷ King's assassination is covered on 1039, including riots in over 100 cities

¹⁸ NSC = National Security Council

¹⁹ Required construction unions to hire blacks on federal projects.

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

²¹ Ayers on p. 831 describes this as beating demonstrators "with hammers, pipes, and fists."

²² Nixon also appoints: Harry Blackmun, William Rehnquist, Lewis Powell

²³ Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, Michael Collins

²⁴ Leads to Gay Liberation Front and Gay Activist Alliance.

²⁵ Boston, NY, San Francisco, Washington (250,000). Other sources: October 15 = "Moratorium Day"; November 15 = "March Against Death"

²⁶ March 16, 1968, Lieutenant William Calley; life sentence in 1971.

²⁷ Native American; will pull out 1971-06.

²⁸ OMB = Office of Management and Budget. Superseded Bureau of the Budget; oversees all cabinet departments' budgets.

²⁹ EPA = Environmental Protection Agency

³⁰ *Swann v. Charlotte* – Mecklenburg Board of Education; South Boston violence with busing of children away from their local school as a means of integration. Nixon's policies were to slow civil rights in general including voting, but especially with desegregation of public schools, but the Supreme Court under Warren Burger (Nixon's appointee) required it. See 1070 for details.

³¹ Chinese invitation

³² A Pentagon study through 1965, including the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution (information the American public did not know before). Released by Daniel Ellsberg; later published in *New York Times*; charges against him later dismissed; injunction to block publication rejected by Supreme Court.

³³ Page 1056 – Title IX – Educational Amendments of 1972 – cannot discriminate "on the basis of sex in any 'education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.'"

³⁴ 34 states ratified; 3 more states needed; time limit was 6/30/1982.

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1972-02	Visit to China						
1972-05			SALT ³⁵				George Wallace, assassination attempt ³⁶
1972-06							Watergate break-in ³⁷
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 ³⁸	Roe v. Wade ³⁹			
1973-01				Watergate trial ⁴⁰		Press: <i>Washington Post</i>	
1973-05				Archibald Cox, special prosecutor		AIM, occupy Wounded Knee ⁴¹	
				Sam Ervin (NC), Senate investigation ⁴²			
1973-10	Agnew resigns ⁴³	Yom Kippur War ⁴⁴		“Saturday Night Massacre” ⁴⁵	OPEC embargo ⁴⁶		
1973-11			War Powers Act ⁴⁷				
1974-07				Impeachment articles ⁴⁸			
1974-08	Resignation – Gerald Ford President						
1974-09	Pardon of Nixon						
1974-10				Campaign Finance Law ⁴⁹			
1974-11				Freedom of Information Act ⁵⁰			
1975-04		Helsinki Accords ⁵¹					
1975-08		Saigon falls ⁵²					
1975-1979				Senate investigation of CIA ⁵³			

³⁵ SALT = Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty; limits ICBMs (long-range missiles)

³⁶ Paralyzed; withdraws from race.

³⁷ Break-in of Dem. national headquarters includes the “Plumbers.”

³⁸ Support for military coup; \$8M to oppose Salvador Allende after election.

³⁹ The Supreme Court decision “striking down state laws forbidding abortions during the first three months of pregnancy. The majority of the Court ruled that women have a fundamental ‘right to choose’ whether to bear a child or not, since pregnancy necessarily affects a woman’s health and well-being” (1056-1057, which also covers the response by critics). For the later response during Reagan’s term, see page 1101.

⁴⁰ Judge John J. Sirica, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein of *Washington Post* instrumental in exposing case.

⁴¹ AIM = American Indian Movement

⁴² Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities; televised

⁴³ *Nolo contendere* on tax evasion; accepted payoff. Gerald Ford – see 25th Amendment – becomes President.

⁴⁴ Attack on Israel in 2-front war by Egypt, Syria.

⁴⁵ 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.

⁴⁶ US airlift of supplies to Israel in the Yom Kippur War led to Organization of Petroleum Exporting States cutting off oil.

⁴⁷ 60-day limit without Congress approval; notification within 48 hours.

⁴⁸ Ones passing: a) Obstructed investigation b) Abuse of authority c) Contrary to his oath, d) Defiance of subpoenas

⁴⁹ Federal funds to candidates; accounting.

⁵⁰ Expanded 1966 act. Required government to prove item needed to be classified, ending of citizens having to prove it didn’t.

⁵¹ Continuation of 1973 talks; signed by 33 nations, including US.

⁵² This time, the United States does not intervene.

⁵³ In addition to Chile/Allende case, Laos secret war, probable assassinations, drug experiments.

The numbers on the national debt in each of the years are from the prior textbook, *Ayers American Passages*.

Issue	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000-2008	2008+
National Debt	Deficit 5 of 8 years	1968 -\$25 B – largest since WWII	\$74 B – end of Nixon and Carter 1971-wage freeze; off gold standard	\$186B \$156B	See matrix below.	⁵⁴	
President	1952-1956, 1956-1960 Dwight D. Eisenhower	1960-1963 John F. Kennedy 1963-1964, 1964-1968 L.B. Johnson	1968-1972, 1972-08/1974 R.M. Nixon; 08/1974-1976 Gerald Ford; 1976-1980 Jimmy Carter	1980-1984, 1984-1988 Ronald Reagan 1988-1992 George H. Bush	1990-1992 - George H. Bush 1992-1996, 1996-2000 William Clinton	2000-2004, 2004-2008 George W. Bush	2008-2012, 2012-2016 – Barack Obama
If born in 1945	a Baby Boomer is 5 years of age in 1950	15 years of age in 1960	25 years of age in 1970	a Baby Boomer is 35 years of age in 1980	45 years of age in 1990	55 years of age in 2000	65 years of age in 2010

\$222B	\$297B	\$255B	\$203B	\$25B Notice that 1968 was the last time our debt was \$25B. - To lower the debt was a bipartisan effort.
1990	1992	1993	1994	1997

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⁵⁴ The national debt is not specified in the section on the Bush term of 2000-2008, when the TARP crisis occurred. The general statement made is that George W. Bush “pushed through Congress a series of tax cuts, that, the White House said, were designed to assist the struggling economy. The budget surplus of the 1990s soon disappeared as a brief recession followed the end of the dot-com bubble. Record debt became one continuing legacy of the Bush era.” (page 872).