

# The Shift Continues and Expands: 1960-1980

Date	Pres. ... Event	Beyond America	Foreign Policy	Government Institutions	US Eco. Dev.	Issue/Org. Dev.	Pol. Party Dev.
1955-02		S. Vietnam: 1 <sup>st</sup> US advisors <sup>1</sup>					
1960-02						Greenboro, NC, sit-in	
1960-11	Richard M. Nixon v. <b>John F. Kennedy</b> "[M]easured approach" <sup>2</sup>						
1961-03	Exec. order: Peace Corps						
1961-04,05		USSR: Yuri Gagarin orbits <sup>3</sup>	CIA covert: Bay of Pigs			CORE freedom riders <sup>4</sup>	
1961-06			Khrushchev, JFK meet				
1961-08,09		USSR: Berlin Wall est.		Ban segregated terminals for interstate carriers			
1962, 1963						Books changing America <sup>5</sup>	
1962-04					Steel industry price rise, then retreat		
1962-09						James Meredith, Ole Miss	
1962-10	Troops/federalize Guard		US: Cuba blockade				
1963-04		S. Vietnam: Buddhist protests				Cesar Chavez, United Farm Workers est. Bull Conner, Brmningham, Al.	
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>6</sup>						
1963-11	Assassination; LBJ president	S. Vietnam: coup; Diem dead					
1964-02					Tax & budget cut		
1964-06						KKK/police murder civil rights workers <sup>7</sup>	
1964-07				Civil Rights Act <sup>8</sup>		Racial problems in North <sup>9</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>10</sup>		Fannie Lou Hamer, MS Freedom Dem. Party
1964-11	Barry Goldwater vs. <b>Lyndon Baines Johnson</b>			24 <sup>th</sup> Amendment <sup>11</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>12</sup>	
1965-10				Immigration law – no "national origins" quota <sup>13</sup>			
1966						National Org. for Women	

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

<sup>2</sup> To quote the Ayers text, Kennedy made moderate changes because he lacked the huge mandate given to FDR or Ike in their 1st terms: 34,227,096 Kennedy; 34,108,546 Nixon

<sup>3</sup> US commitment to manned moon landing - US: Alan Shepherd, suborbital flight; John Glenn orbits.

<sup>4</sup> Congress of Racial Equality est. 1942

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

<sup>7</sup> Mississippi voter registration attempts; white mobs; firebombing; murder of James Chaney, Andrew Goldman, Michael Schwerner (last 2 from North and white).

<sup>8</sup> Equal Employment Opportunities Commission est.; Title VII – race, creed, sex, and national origin.

<sup>9</sup> Disturbances in Harlem, Rochester (NY); Philadelphia (PA), Paterson (NJ)

<sup>10</sup> Job Corps, Neighborhood Youth Corps, VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America); food stamps, Head Start.

<sup>11</sup> Poll tax banned

<sup>12</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>13</sup> Shift in immigration from traditional areas to coming from Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico; India, Korea, Philippines, Taiwan.

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1966-10				Dept. of Transportation est.			
1967-06		Six Day War					
1968-01		Tet offensive				Hair <sup>14</sup>	
1968-03-12							E. McCarthy NH primary
1968-03-31	Withdrew candidacy						
1968-04						Assassination-M.L. King	
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"
1969			Kissinger NSC director <sup>15</sup>			La Raza	
1969					Philadelphia Plan <sup>16</sup>		
1969-01+	Vietnamization						
1969-03	Cambodia, bombing starts						
1969-05						Kent State, OH <sup>17</sup>	
						"Hard-hat" demonstration <sup>18</sup>	
1969-06,07				Warren Burger, Chief Justice <sup>19</sup>		Moon landing <sup>20</sup>	
						Stonewall Riot <sup>21</sup>	
1969-08						Woodstock Art & Music Fair	
1969-11						Mobilization Day (11/15) <sup>22</sup>	
						My Lai massacre in news <sup>23</sup>	
						AIM, Alcatraz Takeover <sup>24</sup>	
1970-04	Cambodia, bombing announced						
1970-06				OMB est. <sup>25</sup>			
1970-10				EPA est. <sup>26</sup>			
1971						Busing <sup>27</sup>	
1971-04		Ping Pong Diplomacy <sup>28</sup>					
1971-06						Pentagon Papers <sup>29</sup>	
1971-09	"Plumbers" authorized						
1972						Equal Rights Amendment proposed <sup>30</sup>	
1972-02	Visit to China						
1972-05			SALT <sup>31</sup>				George Wallace, assassination attempt <sup>32</sup>

<sup>14</sup> The counterculture movement is converted to a popular Broadway play.

<sup>15</sup> NSC = National Security Council

<sup>16</sup> Required construction unions to hire blacks on federal projects.

<sup>17</sup> Rocks and bottles thrown; National Guard fire into crowd; 4 dead, 9 wounded.

<sup>18</sup> Ayers on p. 831 describes this as beating demonstrators "with hammers, pipes, and fists."

<sup>19</sup> Nixon also appoints: Harry Blackmun, William Rehnquist, Lewis Powell

<sup>20</sup> Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, Michael Collins

<sup>21</sup> Leads to Gay Liberation Front and Gay Activist Alliance.

<sup>22</sup> Boston, NY, San Francisco, Washington (250,000). Other sources: October 15 = "Moratorium Day"; November 15 = "March Against Death"

<sup>23</sup> March 16, 1968, Lieutenant William Calley; life sentence in 1971.

<sup>24</sup> Native American; will pull out 1971-06.

<sup>25</sup> OMB = Office of Management and Budget. Superseded Bureau of the Budget; oversees all cabinet departments' budgets.

<sup>26</sup> EPA = Environmental Protection Agency

<sup>27</sup> *Swann v. Charlotte* – Mecklenburg Board of Education; South Boston violence.

<sup>28</sup> Chinese invitation

<sup>29</sup> Daniel Ellsberg; later published in *New York Times*; charges against him later dismissed; injunction to block publication rejected by Supreme Court.

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

<sup>31</sup> SALT = Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty; limits ICBMs (long-range missiles)

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1972-06							Watergate break-in <sup>33</sup>
1972-10			Kissinger—Le Duc To secret talks				
<b>1972-11</b>	<b>Richard M. Nixon vs. George S. McGovern</b>						Dem. control of Congress
1973			CIA covert action: Chile <sup>34</sup>	Roe v. Wade			
1973-01				Watergate trial <sup>35</sup>		Press: <i>Washington Post</i>	
1973-05				Archibald Cox, special prosecutor		AIM, occupy Wounded Knee <sup>36</sup>	
				Sam Ervin (NC), Senate investigation <sup>37</sup>			
1973-10	Agnew resigns <sup>38</sup>	Yom Kippur War <sup>39</sup>		"Saturday Night Massacre" <sup>40</sup>	OPEC embargo <sup>41</sup>		
1973-11			War Powers Act <sup>42</sup>				
1974-07				Impeachment articles <sup>43</sup>			
1974-08	Resignation						
1974-09	Pardon of Nixon						
1974-10				Campaign Finance Law <sup>44</sup>			
1974-11				Freedom of Information Act <sup>45</sup>			
1975-04		Helsinki Accords <sup>46</sup>					
1975-08		Saigon falls					
1975-1979				Senate investigation of CIA <sup>47</sup>			
<b>1976-11</b>	<b>Gerald R. Ford vs. Jimmy Carter</b>						
1977-08			Panama Canal control ends <sup>48</sup>				
1978				Bakke case <sup>49</sup>			
1978-09			Camp David Accords <sup>50</sup>				
1979-01		Iran Revolution <sup>51</sup>					
1979-11		Iran: hostage crisis <sup>52</sup>					
1979-12		Afghanistan: Rev. against USSR					

<sup>32</sup> Paralyzed; withdraws from race.

<sup>33</sup> Break-in of Dem. national headquarters includes the "Plumbers."

<sup>34</sup> Support for military coup; \$8M to oppose Salvador Allende after election.

<sup>35</sup> Judge John J. Sirica, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein of *Washington Post* instrumental in exposing case.

<sup>36</sup> AIM = American Indian Movement

<sup>37</sup> Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities; televised

<sup>38</sup> *Nolo contendere* on tax evasion; accepted payoff. Gerald Ford – see 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment – becomes President.

<sup>39</sup> Attack on Israel in 2-front war by Egypt, Syria.

<sup>40</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>41</sup> US airlift of supplies to Israel in the Yom Kippur War led to Organization of Petroleum Exporting States cutting off oil.

<sup>42</sup> 60-day limit without Congress approval; notification within 48 hours.

<sup>43</sup> Ones passing: a) Obstructed investigation b) Abuse of authority c) Contrary to his oath, d) Defiance of subpoenas

<sup>44</sup> Federal funds to candidates; accounting.

<sup>45</sup> Expanded 1966 act. Required government to prove item needed to be classified, ending of citizens having to prove it didn't.

<sup>46</sup> Continuation of 1973 talks; signed by 33 nations, including US.

<sup>47</sup> In addition to Chile/Allende case, Laos secret war, probable assassinations, drug experiments.

<sup>48</sup> 13 years of negotiations. Effective 2000, US ends 1903 treaty; control to Panama.

<sup>49</sup> Supreme Court rejected quotas, supported use of race in admissions.

<sup>50</sup> Egypt (Anwar Sadat) recognizes Israel; Israel (Menachim Begin) returns Sinai.

<sup>51</sup> Shah flies; Ayatollah Khomeini returns. Reminder: 1953 CIA aid.

<sup>52</sup> Failed rescue 1980-04.

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