

Snapshot of 1980s (Repeated), 1990s, and 2000 to about 2016

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Issue	1980s (Repeated)	1990s	(Right of = Clinton)	2000s	(Right of = Obama)
National Debt	\$186B - Mid-1980s	\$228B -1990 \$297B -1992	\$255B -1993 bipartisan \$203B -1994 \$25B -1997	For the debt see Wars and TARP	
If born in 1945	35 years of age in 1980	45 years of age in 1990		55 years of age in 2000; 65, in 2010	
President	1980-1984, 1984-1988 Ronald Reagan (Rep) (Vice-President George H. Bush)	1988-1992– G.H. Bush	1992-1996, 1996-2000 Bill Clinton (Dem)	2000-2004, 2004-2008 G.W. Bush (Rep)	2008-2012, 2012-2016 B. Obama (Dem)
Foreign	1980-1982 Alexander Haig; 1982 George P. Shultz SofS Trend: anti-Americanism, nationalism, and religion			9/11 Twin Towers	
Latin America	1983 – Grenada; Iran- Contra (Nicaragua) + National Security Council + Congress	Panama-Noriega			
Europe	1985 Gorbachev/Reagan	Berlin Wall down			
Middle East	1981-Iran hostage ends;1986- Iran-Contra (Nicaragua); Afghanistan revolts against USSR	1 st Gulf War – Iraq Kuwait –coalition	Bosnia PLO/Israel talks	2 nd Gulf War-Afghan	Libya Iraq – on our own
Far East	-	Tiananmen Square			
Other	Star Wars (Strategic Defense Initiative)		Somalia		
Domestic			Focus group – N. Gingrich		
Economy	Theory: Supply side economics/trickle down ↓Tax cut, ↑Defense spending 2 Trillion \$\$	G.H. Bush “No new taxes”			
Big Business	Deregulate the savings and loan (Visual of consequences by next president’s term)	1992-Acct. Stds. change Savings and loan collapse		2001 – Enron crashes 2007 Subprime losses \$Ts TARP	
Labor	7% 1980 unemployed; 9.7% 1982 unemployed	Service jobs > >>>> Outsourcing >>>> Part-time jobs > >>>>		9 M unemployed	
Age	13M under 6 in poverty; 11x money for elderly than for kids; AIDs. Leaves S.S., Head Start		Clinton tries healthcare reform “Harry & Louise”	See Pageant page 728-729 Affordable Care in your course	
Gender	Sandra Day O’Conner – Supreme Court		Madelline Albright - SofS Ruth B. Ginsberg – S.Court <i>Roe v. Wade</i>		Sonia Sotomayor Elena Kagan
Race	Colin Powell Joint Chief of Staff, NSC advisor		browning of America	Clarence Thomas Colin Powell SofS	Obama
Other	Personal computers (PCs); Cable TV Concerns about American education		Oklahoma bombing Internet, impeachment	Bloggers >> Personalized “truth”>>	Internet campaign and on the ground

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