

The Sixties and Seventies

The Cold War cools down, Civil Rights get complicated, and the Baby Boomers come of age.

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The Election of 1960

- The importance of the Cold War.
- Kennedy and Civil Rights.
- The importance of televised debates.
- The results.



Camelot

- The Kennedy Mystique
 - Charisma
 - Family
- The new youth movement
 - “Ask not what your country can do for you-ask what you can do for your country.”
 - The “best and brightest.”



Kennedy and the Cold War

- Bay of Pigs
- Berlin
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- Limited Test Ban Treaty



The New Frontier (at home)

- Resisted by conservative Republicans and Southern Democrats.
- Efforts with poverty and Civil Rights
- Economic reforms
 - Increased deficit spending to fight unemployment.
 - Push for science research
 - Raised minimum wage
 - Aid to struggling cities



We stand today on the edge of a new frontier - the frontier of the 1960's, a frontier of unknown opportunities and perils, a frontier of unfulfilled hopes and threats. The new frontier of which I speak is not a set of promises - it is a set of challenges.

(John F. Kennedy)

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The New Frontier (abroad)

- The Peace Corps
- The Alliance for Progress
- The Race to the Moon
- Special Forces (mainly in Vietnam)



The Kennedy Assassination

- 11/22/63
- What Happened?
 - Dallas TX
 - Zapruder Film
 - Lee Harvey Oswald
 - Jack Ruby
- Warren Commission
- Conspiracy Theories



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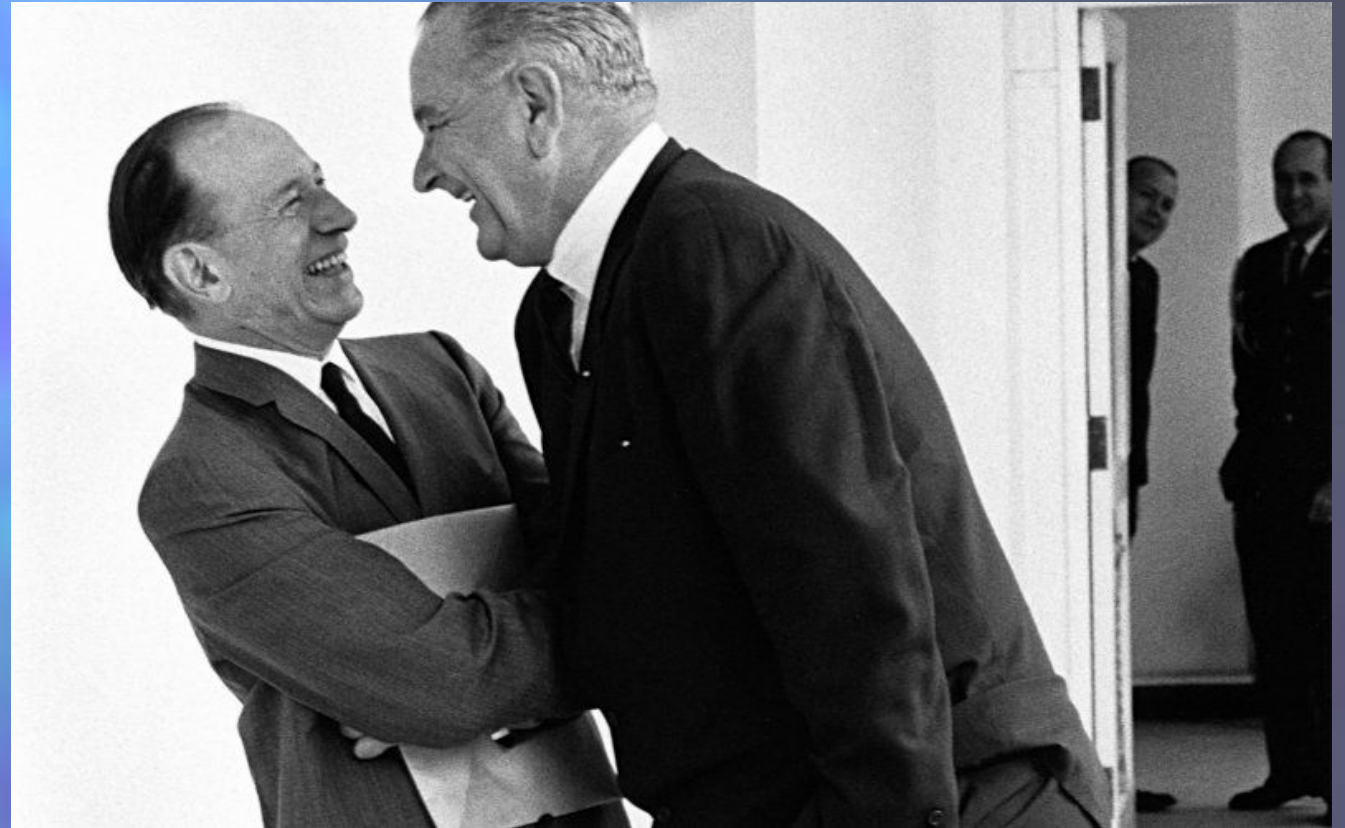
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- Describe LBJ's "Great Society," and provide specific details of at least three domestic programs of the Johnson era.
- Describe the impact of the Warren Court, and provide details of at least 3 cases that they decided.
- Evaluate the impact of the Great Society era.

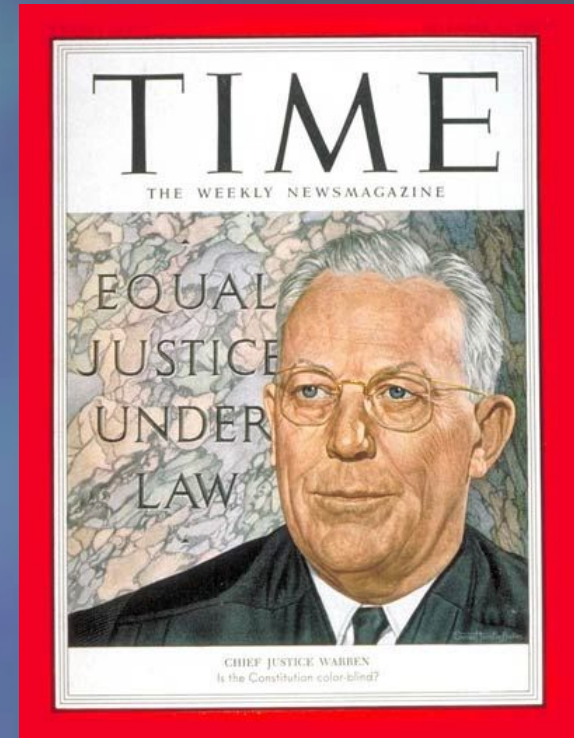
The Great Society

- Under LBJ's ambitious legislative package, the Federal Government takes interest in improving:
 - Economic conditions (War on Poverty)
 - Healthcare
 - Housing
 - Immigration
 - The Environment
 - Consumer protection



Decisions of the Warren Court

- Brown vs. Board of Education
- Baker v. Carr
- Reynolds v. Sims
- Mapp v. Ohio
- Gideon v. Wainwright
- Escobedo v. Illinois
- Miranda v. Arizona
- Tinker v. Demoines
- Abington v. Schemp
- Engle v. Vitale



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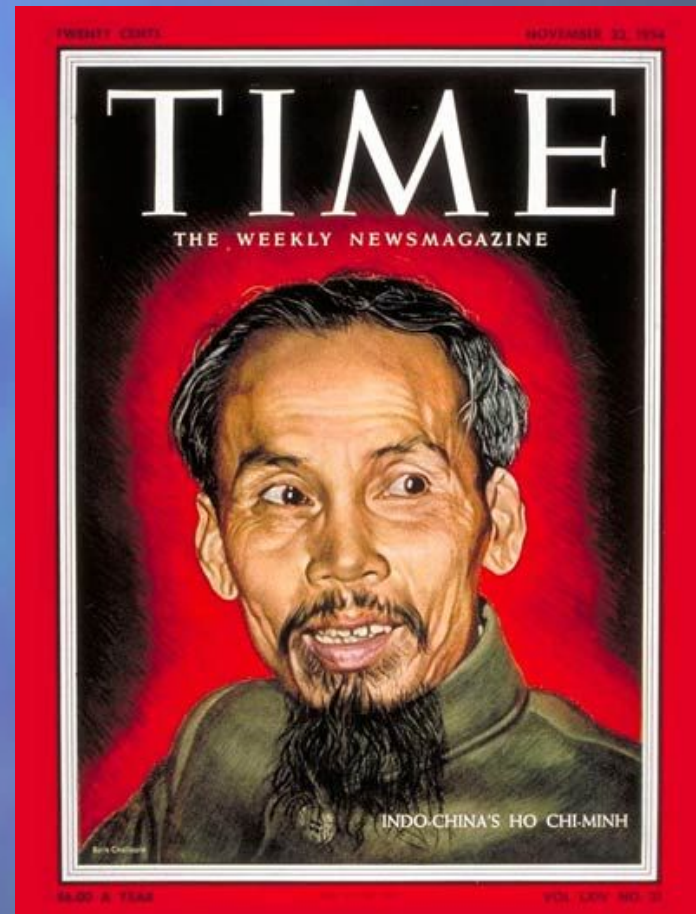
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The Vietnamese vs. the French

- Colonial history (and WWII)
- Ho Chi Minh (and the Viet Minh)
- US Response?
- Dien Bien Phu
- Domino Theory and Geneva Accords



Early US Involvement

- Ngo Dinh Diem and the gov't of South Vietnam
- The Viet Cong and the "Ho Chi Minh Trail."
- Kennedy's response



Escalation

- Gulf of Tonkin incident
 - USS Maddox
- Gulf of Tonkin Resolution
- “Operation Rolling Thunder”
 - 50,000 American troops by June.
 - It’s now an American war.



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- Explain the nature of the fighting in Vietnam.
- Why was this war called “a living room war?” What was the significance of that?
- Explain the significance of the draft on the war effort.
- How did the war effect racial tensions in America?
- Describe the New Left, and (in detail) the anti-war movement.
- What was the Tet Offensive, and how did it change things?
- Why was 1968 such a tumultuous year?
- Explain why the '68 election was such a memorable turning point.

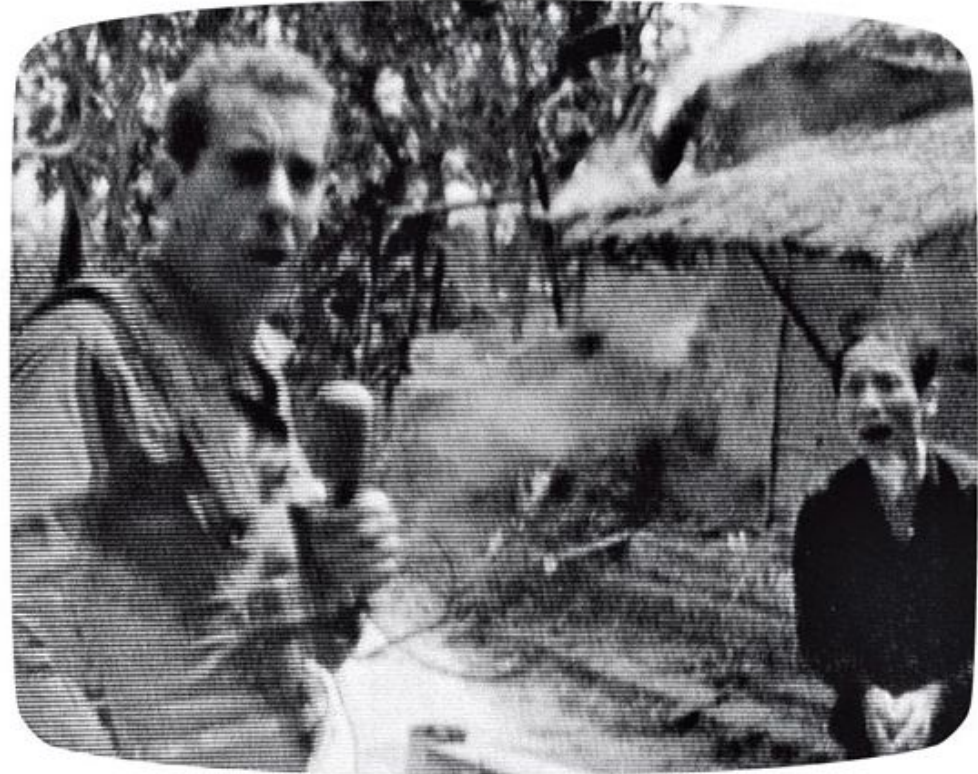
The Nature of the War

- Containment and Limited War
- ARVN and US vs. NVA and VC
- War of Attrition
- “Search and Destroy”
 - Napalm and Agent Orange
- Morale problems



The War at Home

- Impact on Great Society
- “The Living Room War”
- The “credibility gap”



CBS News correspondent Morley Safer, left, filing an official report from Cam Ne, Vietnam, 1965.

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Divisions at home

- The Draft
 - Working class
 - African Americans
 - How did some avoid the draft?
- “Hawks vs. Doves”



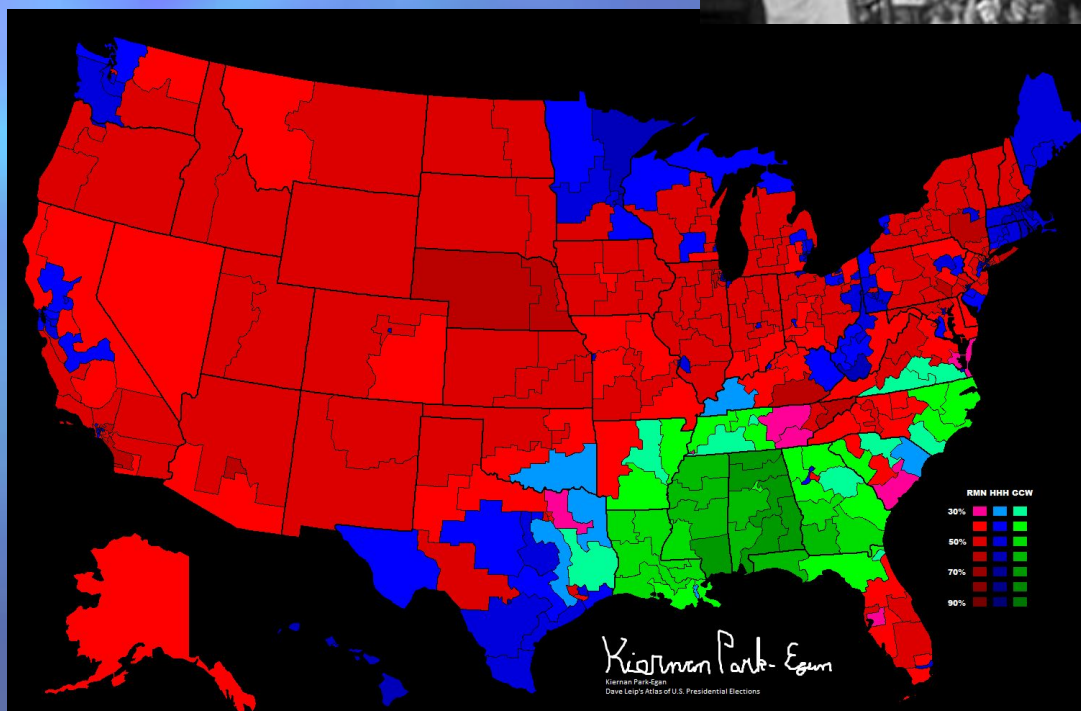
1968

- The Tet Offensive
 - Surprise attack
 - Impact on the war
 - Impact on public opinion
- Political turmoil at home
 - LBJ decides not to run again
 - RFK and McCarthy
 - Assassinations of MLK and RFK
 - Chicago convention
 - Hubert Humphrey
 - “Days of Rage”



1968 election

- Nixon vs. Humphrey vs. Wallace
- Election about:
 - The war
 - Civil rights
 - Law and order



End of the War in Vietnam

- “Peace with Honor”
- “Vietnamization”
- Kent State, My Lai, and the Pentagon Papers
- Cambodia



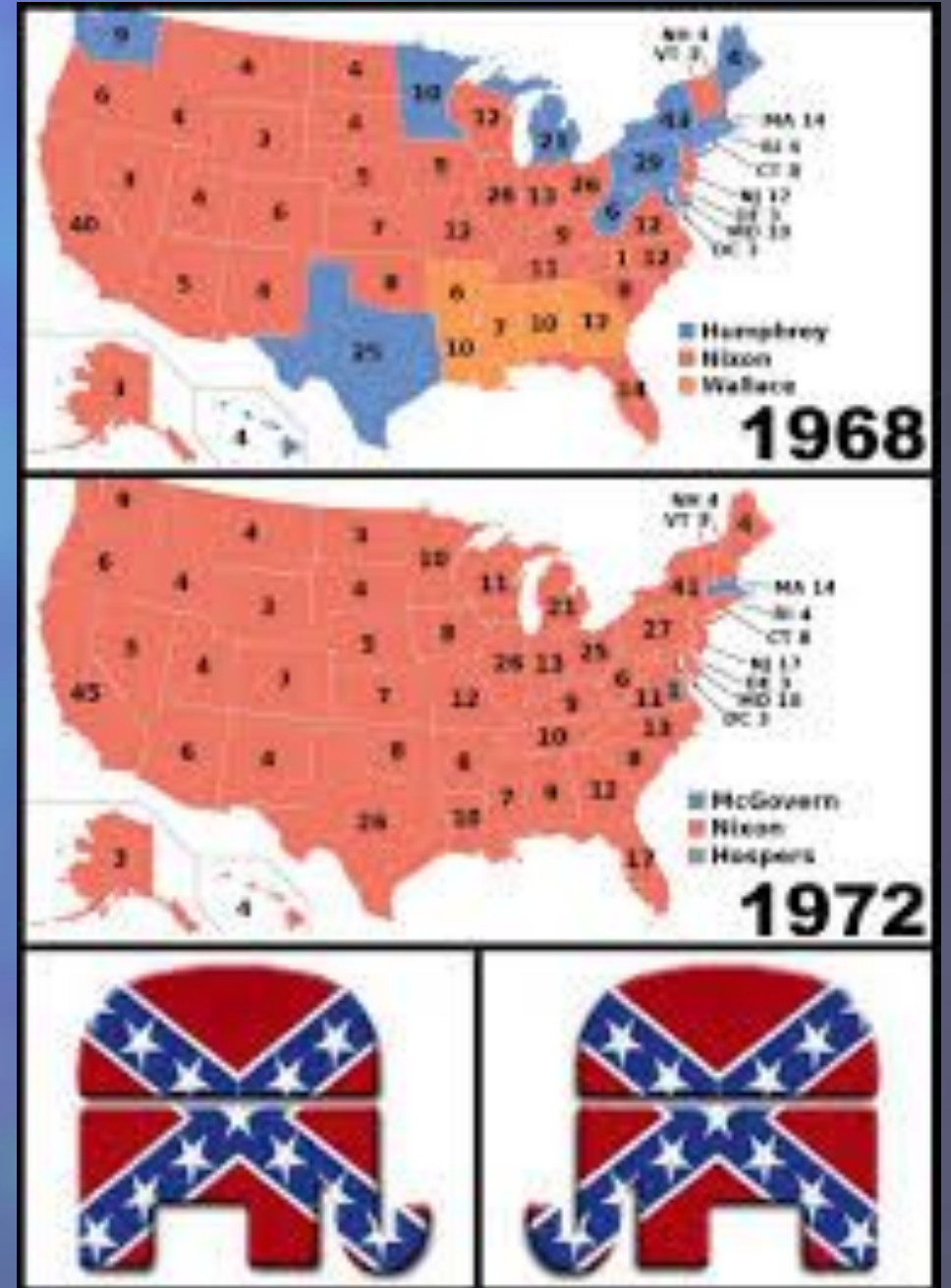
Nixon's "New Conservatism"

- New Federalism
 - Revenue Sharing
- Welfare Reform
 - Limited federal role
 - Attacked by both parties in the Senate
- What is the Federal Government's role?
 - Some programs enhanced (Soc Sec, Medicare, etc.)
 - Some attacked (tried to gut Job Corps, HUD, etc.)
 - Impounding
- Law and Order politics
 - Promote the 'silent majority'
 - Suppress dissent



Nixon's Southern Strategy

- Wanted to win the Southern white voters.
- Slowed Integration
- Criticized “too much” government involvement.
- Controversy over busing.
- Replaced 4 liberal Supreme Court Justices with conservatives.



The 70s Economy

- “Stagflation”
 - High inflation and high unemployment.
 - Massive deficit spending (Vietnam, etc.)
 - More people entering the workforce
- OPEC troubles
 - High dependence on foreign oil
 - Arab States cut us off. Why?
- Nixon’s attempts to fight stagflation unsuccessful.



Foreign Policy Triumphs

- Realpolitik
 - Foreign policy is about strength or weakness, not morals or ideals
- Détente
 - Opened relations with China
 - Traveled to the USSR
 - SALT I treaty
 - Limited the arms race for the first time in the Cold War



The Watergate Scandal

- Background
 - The Pentagon Papers
- The Burglary
- Woodward & Bernstein at the Washington Post
- The Cover-up, The Watergate Tapes, and Executive Privilege
- *The United States vs. Richard M. Nixon*
- Impeachment Hearings and resignation
- The Legacy



The Ford Years

- Pardoned Nixon
- “Whip Inflation Now” (WIN)
- Encouraged spending cuts and higher interest rates (recession)
- Helsinki Accords
- End of Vietnam War/Cambodia
- War Powers Act



The Carter Years

- Political outsider
- Energy Crisis and economic crisis
- Human Rights/Panama
- Middle Eastern Issues
 - Camp David Accords
 - Iran Hostage Crisis
- Collapse of Détente'
 - SALT II failed
 - USSR Invades Afghanistan

