

# Chapter 30

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## THE CONSERVATIVE RESURGENCE, 1980-2000



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**Directions→** Take notes in the spaces provided. Read through the guide before you begin reading. This step will help you focus on the most significant ideas and information as you read.

### Learning Goals:

Analyze the domestic and foreign policies of President Ronald Reagan and evaluate their impact on the nation.  
 Explain how the United States transitioned from fighting the Cold War to fighting the War on Terrorism both domestically and internationally.  
 Compare modern conservatism as illustrated by the Reagan Era with earlier liberalism as illustrated by FDR and LBJ.  
 Explain the causes and effects of changing demographics within the United States from 1980-present day.  
 Evaluate the social, political, and economic impact of modern technologies and the changing, global marketplace on American identity.

### A note about post 1980 and the AP exam

**Just because it is only 5%... don't count it out.** ☺ Topics post-1980 may show up as a SAQ, a multiple choice set, crossover questions in other multiple choice sets, or crossover in an essay. In the recent past there have been a few prompts with parameters reaching into the 1980s, including last year's exam!

- 2010 FRQ Explain the causes and consequences of TWO of the following population movements in the United States during the period 1945–1985.  
 Suburbanization; The growth of the Sun Belt; Immigration to the United States
- 2007 FRQ "Landslide presidential victories do not ensure continued political effectiveness or legislative success." Assess the validity of this statement by comparing TWO of the following presidential administrations. Franklin Roosevelt (1936); Lyndon Johnson (1964); Richard Nixon (1972); **Ronald Reagan (1984)**
- 2011 FRQ Compare and contrast the women's rights movement of the 1840s–1860s with the women's rights movement of the 1960s–1980s.
- 2014 FRQ Explain the social, economic, and foreign policy goals of New Right conservatives from the 1960s to the 1980s and assess the degree to which the **Reagan** administration succeeded in implementing these goals in the 1980s.
- 2015 DBQ Explain the reasons why a new conservatism rose to prominence in the United States between 1960 and 1989.

### From the 2015 Revised Period 9 Content Outline

**Key Concept 9.1:** A newly ascendant conservative movement achieved several political and policy goals during the 1980s and continued to strongly influence public discourse in the following decades.

**Key Concept 9.2:** Moving into the 21st century, the nation experienced significant technological, economic, and demographic changes.

**Key Concept 9.3:** The end of the Cold War and new challenges to U.S. leadership forced the nation to redefine its foreign policy and role in the world

**Welcome to the Reagan Era... 1980-1993**

By 1980, the conservative movement which began in the 1960s finally “reclaimed” America from liberals who were increasing the size of the government. As Reagan stated, “*Government isn’t the solution to our problems, government is the problem.*” The Reagan Revolution was Reagan redefining what it meant to be a Republican as well as trying to redefine the role of the federal government. He restored honor to the Party after Watergate nearly destroyed it. And today, he is referenced as the ideal Republican to such an extreme that the argument leaves recent and current Republicans such as George W. Bush and John McCain enduring heavy criticism for their moderation. How successful he actually was in redefining government is debatable, but the impact he had on politics was profound.

**Period 9 Overview, page 653**

<b>Overview of Period 9, 1980-Present</b>		
<b>Three causes of conservative resurgence:</b>		
1.	2.	3.
<b>Two reasons conservatives were able to establish an electoral majority:</b>		
1.	2.	
<b>What limited the success of the conservative agenda?</b>		
<b>Reagan’s foreign policy was...</b>		
<b>Cold War foreign policy was replaced with...</b>		
<b>Modern Day generational split over...</b>		
<b>Alternate view...</b>		

**Guided Reading, Conservative Resurgence, 1980-2000, pp 654-672**

**1. The Rise of Conservatism, pp 654-656**

Main Ideas	Definitions/Explanations/Notes	Analysis
<p><b>A new conservatism</b> grew to prominence in U.S. culture and politics, defending traditional social values and rejecting liberal views about the role of government.</p> <p>Reduced public faith in the government’s ability to solve social and economic problems, the growth of <b>religious fundamentalism</b>, and the dissemination of <b>neoconservative</b> thought all combined to invigorate <b>conservatism</b>.</p>	<p><b>Conservative Resurgence, 1980-2000...</b></p> <p><b>The Rise of Conservatism...</b></p>	<p>Research <b>Milton Friedman</b>, and explain the economic viewpoint of Milton Friedman.</p> <p><b>William F. Buckley Jr.</b> once said, “There is an inverse relationship between reliance on the state and self-reliance.” How does this quote illustrate <b>conservatism</b>?</p>

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**From Back to the Future:**

Dr. Brown (doubting Marty is from the future): Then tell me, future boy, who's President of the United States in 1985?

Marty McFly: Ronald Reagan.

Dr. Brown: Ronald Reagan? The actor? [chuckles in disbelief] Then who's vice president? Jerry Lewis? (famous comedian)



**2. The Reagan Revolution, pp 656-659**

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<p><b>Conservatives</b> achieved some of their political and policy goals, but their success was limited by the enduring popularity and institutional strength of some <b>government programs</b> and public support for <b>cultural trends</b> of recent decades.</p> <p>Conservatives enjoyed significant victories related to <b>taxation</b> and <b>deregulation</b> of many industries, but many conservative efforts to advance <b>moral ideals</b> through politics met inertia and opposition.</p> <p>Although Republicans continued to denounce "big government," the size and scope of the federal government continued to grow after 1980, as many programs remained popular with voters and difficult to reform or eliminate.</p>	<p><b>The Reagan Revolution...</b></p> <p><b>Supply Side Economics ("Reaganomics")...</b></p> <p><b>Federal Tax Reduction...</b></p> <p><b>Spending Cuts...</b></p>	<p><b>Have you seen Ferris Bueller's Day Off? If so, you probably already know the Laffer Curve!</b></p> <p>"In 1930, the Republican-controlled House of Representatives, in an effort to alleviate the effects of the... (waiting for students to respond) .... Anyone? Anyone? ...</p> <p>The Great Depression, passed the... Anyone? Anyone? The tariff bill? ...</p> <p>The <b>Hawley-Smoot Tariff Act</b> which... anyone? Raised or lowered?...</p> <p>Raised tariffs, in an effort to collect more revenue for the federal government. Did it work? ... Anyone? Anyone know the effects?</p> <p>It did not work, and the United States sank deeper into the Great Depression. Today we have a similar debate over this. Anyone know what this is? ...Class? ...Anyone? Anyone? ...Anyone seen this before? ...</p> <p><b>The Laffer Curve.</b> Anyone know what this says? ...</p> <p>It says that at this point on the revenue curve, you will get exactly the same amount of revenue as at this point. This is very controversial. Does anyone know what Vice President Bush called this in 1980? ...Anyone? ... Something-d-o-o economics... "Voodoo" economics."</p> <p>Bueller?... Bueller?... Bueller?</p>

*The Reagan Revolution continued...*

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### 3. Foreign Policy During the Reagan Years, pp 659-662

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<p>The Reagan administration pursued a reinvigorated anti-Communist and interventionist foreign policy that set the tone for later administrations.</p> <p><b>President Ronald Reagan</b>, who initially rejected <b>détente</b> with increased defense spending, military action, and bellicose rhetoric, later developed a friendly relationship with Soviet leader <b>Mikhail Gorbachev</b>, leading to significant arms reductions by both countries.</p>	<p><b>Foreign Policy During the Reagan Years...</b></p> <p><b>Renewing the Cold War...</b></p> <p><b>Military Buildup...</b></p> <p><b>Central America...</b></p> <p><b>Grenada...</b></p> <p><b>Iran-Contra Affair...</b></p> <p><b>Lebanon, Israel, and the PLO...</b></p> <p><b>Improved U.S.-Soviet Relations...</b></p> <p><b>Assessing Reagan's Policy...</b></p>	<p>Explain <i>how</i> Reagan worked to reach his foreign policy goals.</p> <p>To what extent was Reagan successful in reaching his foreign policy goals? Defend your answer with one piece of evidence.</p> <p>Did Reagan “renew” Cold War or simply “win” the Cold War? Explain your view.</p>

4. George H. W. Bush and the End of the Cold War, pp 662-665

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<p>The end of the <b>Cold War</b> and new challenges to U.S. leadership in the world forced the nation to redefine its foreign policy and global role.</p> <p>The end of the <b>Cold War</b> led to new diplomatic relationships but also new U.S. military and peacekeeping interventions, as well as debates over the nature and extent of American power in the world.</p>	<p><b>George H. W. Bush and the End of the Cold War ...</b></p> <p><b>The Election of 1988...</b></p> <p><b>The Collapse of Soviet Communism and the Soviet Union...</b></p> <p><b>Tiananmen Square...</b></p> <p><b>Eastern Europe...</b></p> <p><b>Breakup of the Soviet Union...</b></p> <p><b>End of the Cold War...</b></p> <p><b>Invasion of Panama...</b></p> <p><b>Persian Gulf War...</b></p> <p><b>Domestic Problems...</b></p> <p><b>Nomination of Clarence Thomas...</b></p> <p><b>Taxes and the Economy...</b></p> <p><b>Political Inertia...</b></p>	<p>Explain the political cartoon on page 661 by completing the following:</p> <p>Historical Context:</p> <p>Author's Point of View:</p> <p>Compare <b>START I</b> and <b>START II</b> under George H.W. Bush to <b>SALT I</b> under Nixon and <b>SALT II</b> (under Carter but didn't pass). Include both similarities and differences.</p> <p>Explain the significance of the Berlin Wall coming down in 1989.</p> <p>Explain how the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 illustrates a turning point for Reaganesque conservatism.</p>

## 5. The Clinton Years: Prosperity and Partisanship, pp 665-671

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## 6. American Society in 2000, pp 671-672

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<p>Moving into the <b>21st century</b>, the nation continued to experience challenges stemming from social, economic, and demographic changes.</p> <p>The U.S. population continued to undergo significant <b>demographic shifts</b> that had profound cultural and political consequences.</p> <p>After 1980, the political, economic, and cultural influences of the <b>American South and West</b> continued to increase as population shifted to those areas, fueled in part by a surge in <b>migration</b> from regions that had not been heavily represented in earlier migrations, especially <b>Latin America</b> and Asia.</p> <p>The <b>new migrants</b> affected U.S. culture in many ways and supplied the economy with an important labor force, but they also became the focus of intense political, economic, and cultural debates.</p> <p><b>Demographic changes</b> intensified debates about <b>gender roles, family structures, and racial and national identity</b>.</p>	<p><b>American Society in 2000...</b></p> <p><b>Immigration...</b></p> <p><b>Aging and the Family...</b></p> <p><b>Income and Wealth...</b></p>	<p>Compare the impact of <b>the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986</b> (signed by Reagan) to the impact of the <b>1965 Immigration Reform Act</b> (signed by Johnson). Were they more alike or different?</p> <p>Explain the role of the <b>baby boomers</b> in modern demographic trends.</p> <p>Why is the increase in <b>single parent families</b> a concern?</p> <p>Explain the similarity between American wealth in modern times to that of the <b>Gilded Age</b>. What are the reasons for this similarity?</p>

## 7. Historical Perspectives: What Does Freedom Mean? Page 672

Eric Foner's View on Freedom...	David Hackett Fischer's view on freedom...