



The 1970s from Nixon to Carter

Welcome!

These mini-lectures are an overview of your assigned readings—they should provide better understanding of what you are reading!

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Contents:

Nixon election 1968

Energy, Inflation, Foreign affairs, SALT I

Less successful in Latin America, Middle East

Watergate & Resignation

Ford, inflation, Mayaguez, Helsinki

Carter, Camp David accords, Three Mile Island, Iran

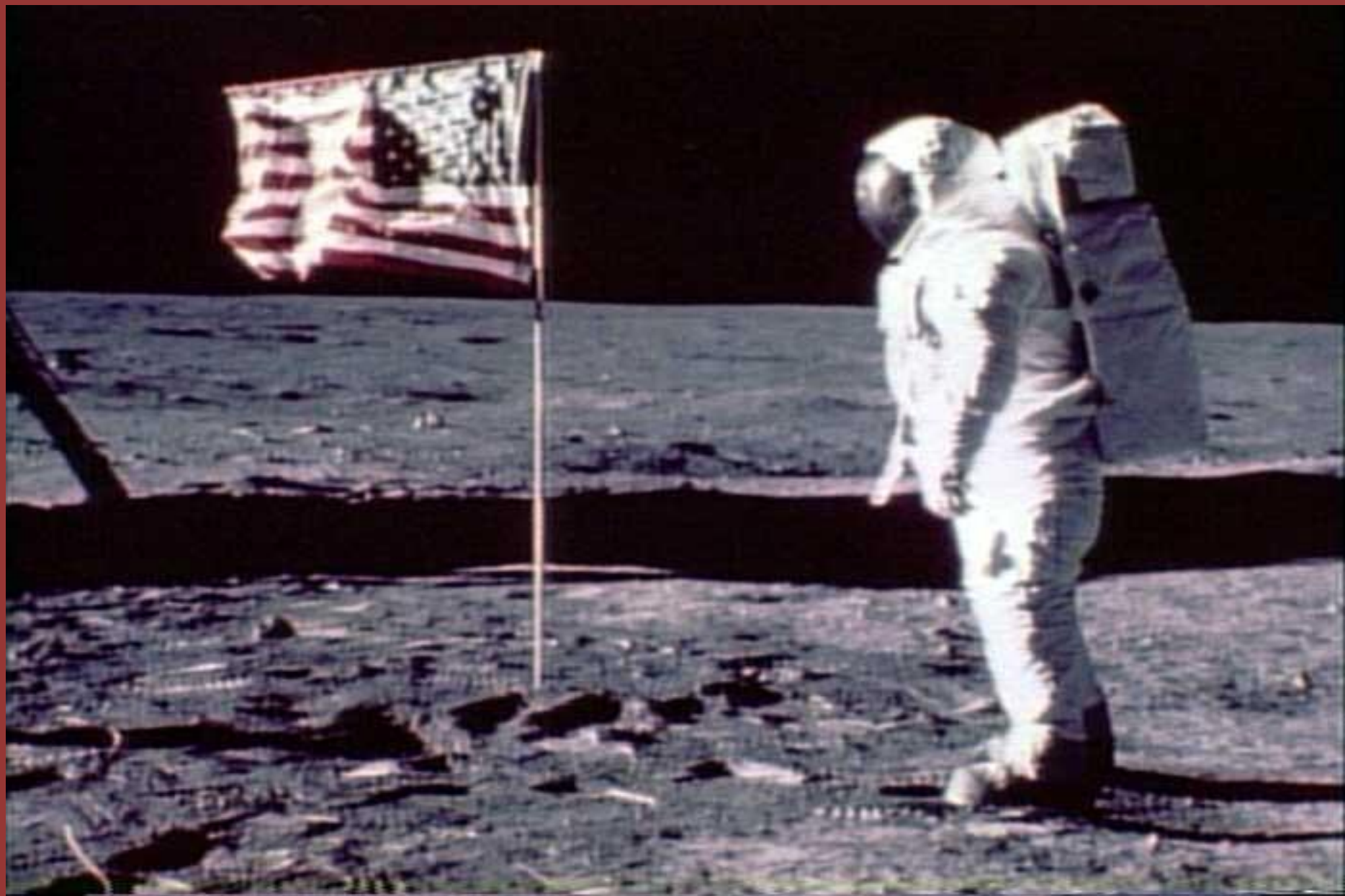
Environmental issues

A brief post test.

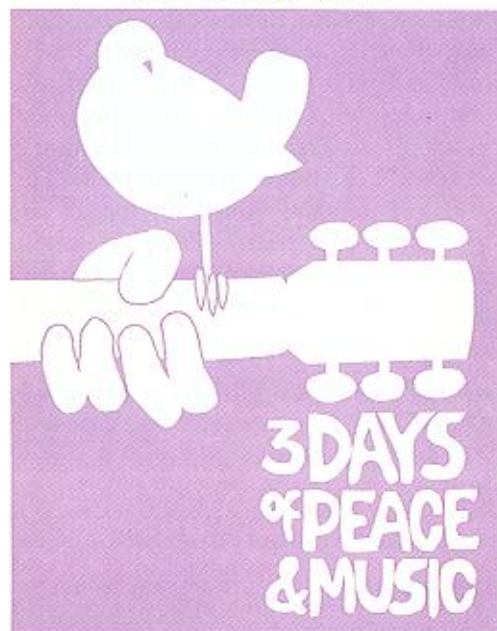


SHARP DIVISIONS--LIMITS

- ELECTION 1968
 - NIXON=43.4%
 - HUMPHREY=42.7%
 - WALLACE=13.5%



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Iron Butterfly
Ten Years After
Johnny Winter

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A Look at the Past

The dove and guitar on this brochure for the 1969 Woodstock Music Festival graphically present Woodstock's purpose: peaceful, joyful coexistence. More than 400,000 revelers ignored bad weather and poor conditions to listen to folk and rock music. The age of Aquarius, when peace and harmony would triumph, had seemingly arrived.

NIXON

- INCREASED SOCIAL SEC.
- OSHA
- FAMILY ASSISTANCE PLAN
(FAILED)
- 90 DAY FREEZE ON WAGES PRICES

Nixon Troubled by Energy

- 1973—Arab-Israeli war
- OPEC bans all oil exports to US, ends Mar 74
- “Panic at the Pumps”
- Nixon promotes 55 mph
- Energy Reorganization Act

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- OPENED RELATIONS WITH CHINA
- SOLD U.S. GRAIN TO SOVIETS
- SALT I (ARMS LIMITS)
- ANNOUNCED PEACE NEGOTIATIONS
IN VIETNAM
- BUT INVADED CAMBODIA

SALT I

- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks Agreement
- limits on strategic missiles from Russia and the US
- Nixon traveled to Moscow
 - signed Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty

Trip to China



LESS SUCCESSFUL

- SUPPORTED DICTATORS
 - MURDEROUS SHAH OF IRAN
 - MARCOS IN PHILIPPINES
 - APARTHEID IN AFRICA

LATIN AMERICA

- PLANNED TO OUST CHILE'S ALLENDE
 - U.S. SUPPORTED COUP
 - THOUSANDS KILLED
 - INSTALLED PINOCHET

WATERGATE

- NIXON'S DESIRE TO WIN
- AND WIN BIG
- FEARING ANTI-WAR FEELINGS
- STARTED ILLEGAL TAPS

ELECTION 1972

- AUTHORIZED DIRTY TRICKS
- “PLUMBERS” --ILLEGAL GROUP HIRED TO SILENCE WAR CRITICS

WIRETAPS

- ON NEWSPAPER REPORTERS
(CIA)
- ON DANIEL ELLSBERG
- THEN ON DEMOCRATIC PARTY
HEADQUARTERS

CAMPAIGN

- NIXON //McGOVERN
- NIXON LABLED McGOVERN LIBERAL
- 3As--ABORTION, ACID, AND AMNESTY

CREEP

- COMMITTEE FOR RE-ELECTION
THE PRES.
- HUGE ENDOWMENT
- JUNE, '72 HIRED THUGS TO
ENTER PARTY H.Q.

22 MONTHS OF IT

- DOCUMENTS SHREDDDED
- FBI URGED TO NOT INVESTIGATE
- \$460,000 PAID IN HUSH MONEY
TO HUNT

COURTS

- BURGLARS ADMITTED
CONNECTION TO CREEP
- SENATE COMMITTEE
HEARINGS
- PRESIDENT COVERED-UP

Sam Ervin's Committee





President's Attorney admits a bribe was suggested

TAPING SYSTEM

- NATION SHOCKED
- WITNESSED REVEALED EXISTENCE OF WHITE HOUSE TAPES
- SPECIAL PROSECUTORS

OCT. 1973

- SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FIRED
- PUBLIC OUTRAGE
- ANOTHER HIRED
- V. P. AGNEW RESIGNED IN DISGRACE

WASHINGTON POST

- BERNSTEIN/WOODWARD
- PRESSURE BUILDS
- TAPES RELEASED APR.'74
 - CONTAINED “GAPS”
- AUGUST=FULL TAPES

RESIGNATION

- AUG. 9, 1974
- GERALD FORD=PRES.
- NEW FEDERAL LAWS
 - FREEDOM OF INFOR. ACT
 - CAMPAIGN ACT



FROM 1970s TO 1980s

- FORD, for two years
- CARTER, one term
- TURN TO RIGHT
- INFLATION FEARS
- OIL CRISIS
- NO MEDICARE FOR ABORTIONS

Gerald Ford

- Controversial pardon of Nixon
- Faced loss of American prestige after collapse of Vietnam
- Faced high inflation
 - Vetoed 39 spending bills

Helsinki Accords

- Security and Cooperation in Europe
- Ford traveled extensively to repair America's image



Mayaguez Incident

- May 12-15, 1975
- US ship and crew taken by Cambodian Khmer Rouge
- Ford orders air and sea assault
- Ship and crew rescued but 3 Marines left behind



CARTER

- Foreign Policy
 - Return of Panama
 - SALT II with Russia
 - Boycott Olympics over “Human rights”
 - Criticized Russia’s invasion of Afghanistan
- Domestic Issues
 - Weak economy, deficits, energy



Carter Timeline a Challenge

- 1977- energy speech
- Extensive travels
- Panama Canal Treaty
- Shah Iran visits
- Depart. Energy est.
- 1978—Camp David Accords begin
- 1979—Accords signed
- Shah overthrown
- Three Mile Island
- “Crisis of Confidence” speech
- Allows Shah into US
- Anti American riots in Iran
- Energy riots at home
- Hostages taken

Carter & energy

- Delivered five key addresses on energy
- Creates Department of Energy
- Establishes “Ten Energy Principles”
- Little effect...



Big promises in environment...

...1971, GM President promises “pollution free” cars by 1980

... National Environmental Policy Act signed creating the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)

... Clean Air Act is passed in 1970

... 1970 -- December 2 -- Environmental Protection Agency signed into law.

... Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA)

... 1972 Congress passes Federal Water Pollution Control Act (over President Nixon's veto)

...Oregon adopts first mandatory bottle recycling act

... US Congress approves Alaska Oil pipeline, 1973

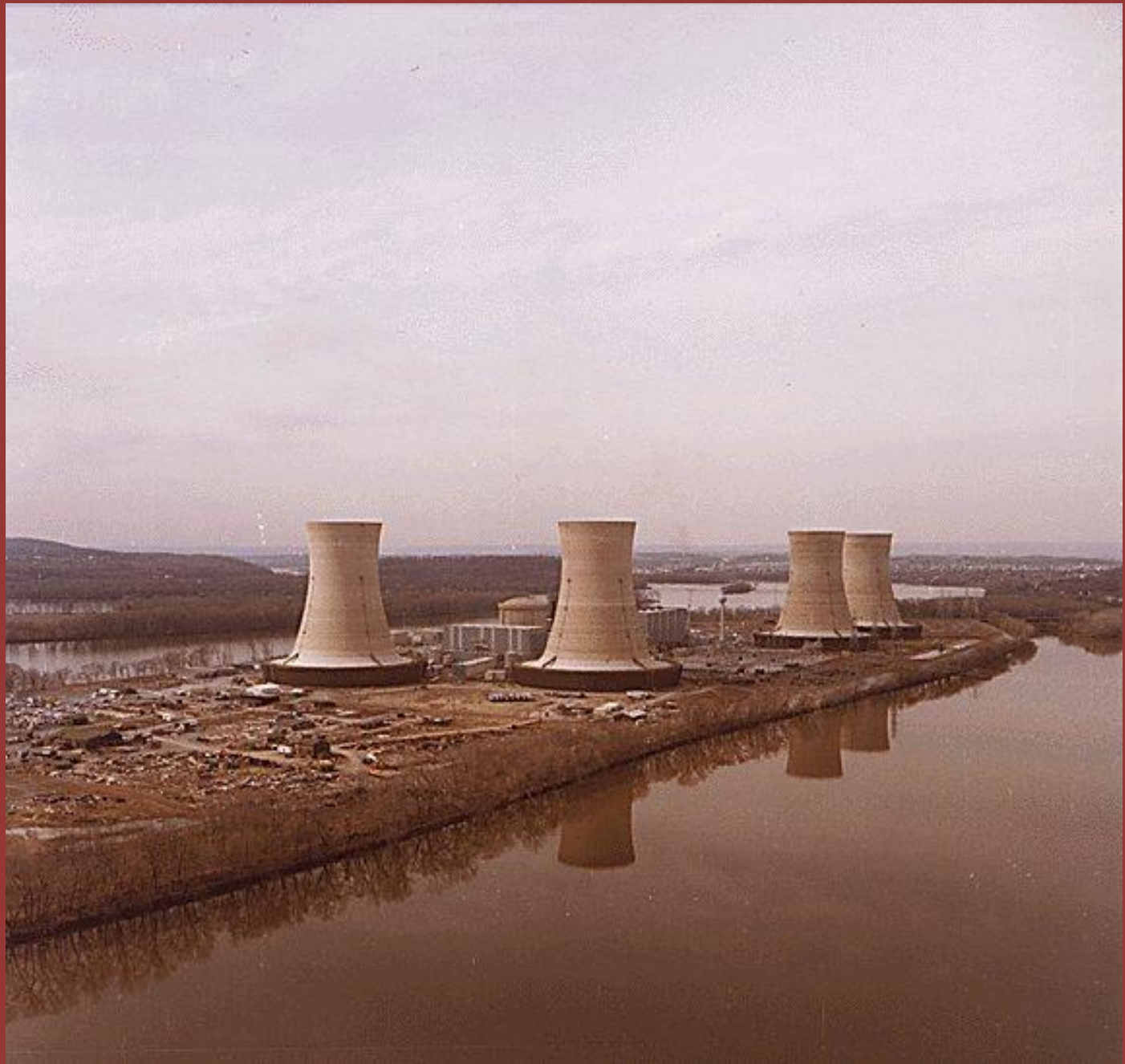
... Endangered Species Act passed by US Congress, 1973

... Academy of Science report on CFCs (chlorofluorocarbon) gasses warns of damage to ozone layer, 1976

... U.S. Department of Energy is created by President Jimmy Carter, 1977

Three Mile Island, Middletown PA

- Human error—partial meltdown
- Demands for evacuation delayed
- Scientists contained the problem within four days
- Massive changes in training and federal oversight.
- Few health issues





**SADAT, CARTER, BEGIN AT
CAMP DAVID, 1979**

November 4, 1979

- Iran Hostage Crisis lasts 444 days
- Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, Shah of Iran '41
- 1950s, US gives aid in return for oil rights
- Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini opposed Shah—Shah begins political repression
- Jan 1979 Shah flees...militants rule



**IRANIAN DEMONSTRATORS--
U.S. EMBASSY HOSTAGES--**

2002, Nobel Peace Prize





A Brief Post Test! Read the question, then click on the best answer to see feedback.

1. One of Nixon's early foreign policy successes is SALT I. [True.](#) [False.](#)
2. One of Nixon's foreign policy failures was his Iran policy. [True.](#) [False.](#)
3. Watergate investigations showed Nixon was not involved. [True.](#) [False.](#)
4. Nixon was impeached for Watergate. [True.](#) [False.](#)
5. President Ford traveled extensively to build American reputation. [True.](#) [False.](#)
6. The Helsinki Accords called for greater cooperation in Europe. [True.](#) [False.](#)
7. President Carter showed little interest in energy. [True.](#) [False.](#)
8. The Department of Energy was created in Carter's administration. [True.](#) [False.](#)
9. The Three Mile Island incident boosted interest in Nuclear power plants. [True.](#) [False.](#)
10. OSHA was a federal program promoting industrial safety. [True.](#) [False.](#)
11. The Camp David Accords illustrated failure in the Middle East. [True.](#) [False.](#)
12. The Iranian Crisis pre-occupied President Carter. [True.](#) [False.](#)





Good! That is Correct!

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Test!](#)**



Yikes! Try that again!

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