

Period 9: 1980 - Present

<p>Why 1980 - Present was chosen as the dates for period 9?</p>	<p>Foreign Policy “failures”</p>
<p>Taxation and deregulation as victories for Conservatives</p>	<p>Denouncing “Big Government”</p>
<p>Reagan Administration</p>	<p>Mikhail Gorbachev</p>
<p>Bellicose rhetoric</p>	<p>9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon</p>

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<p>Helped lead to public distrust in government; example is Iran Hostage Crisis</p>	<p>1980 = election of Ronald Reagan, conservative movement through present day (including war on terrorism)</p>
<p>Reagan criticized the growth of the federal government over the previous years (Great Society)</p>	<p>Tax rates decreased under Ronald Reagan and government regulation of businesses decreased as well</p>
<p>Soviet leader that saw improved relations with Reagan, instituted glasnost and perestroika which helped lead to the downfall of the Soviet Union</p>	<p>Elected in 1980, focused on denouncing “Big Government”, decreasing taxes, increased military spending</p>
<p>Led to the war in Afghanistan, increased US involvement in the Middle East</p>	<p>Early in his administration, Reagan used aggressive words towards the Soviet Union: “Evil Empire”</p>

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<p>Conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq</p>	<p>War on terrorism</p>
<p>Free Trade Agreements</p>	<p>Concerns Over Climate Change</p>

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<p>Response to 9/11, US would actively fight terrorism throughout the world</p>	<p>Afghanistan – response to 9/11; Iraq – concerns over WMDs and terrorism (no WMDs were found); both resulted in prolonged wars</p>
<p>Continuing of the environmental movement of the 1960s and 1970s. Debates over sources of energy</p>	<p>Goal is to increase trade among countries by reducing tariffs (NAFTA – no tariffs between US, Canada, and Mexico)</p>