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Crash Course 42

I. Economics

- A. 25 years of expansion stopped
- B. Inflation
- C. Slow growth
 - 1. Behind Great Depression and 2008
- D. Long term Process
 - 1. Slowed down production
 - 2. Helped Germany and Japan
 - a) Advanced
 - 3. Export trade deficit
 - a) Dollar was linked to gold
 - (1) Very expensive overseas
 - b) Nixon Repealed gold standards
 - c) Detroit and Chicago lost half of their jobs
 - 4. NYC faced bankruptcy
 - 5. Middle east suspended gas trade and oil trade
 - a) Led to an increase in Japanese cars
 - 6. Stagnomics failed

II. Gerald Ford

- A. Pardoned Nixon
- B. Wanted to Cut taxes
- C. WIN
 - 1. Whip Inflation Now
 - a) US be better shoppers
 - 2. Inflation went down unemployment went up

III. Jimmy Carter

- A. Fought inflation
- B. Raised interest
- C. Generally considered a failure
- D. "US lost ability to face future"
- E. Wanted to renew spirit
- F. Went to energy conservation
- G. Invested in Nuclear power
 - 1. Prompted a combat against Nuclear power
- H. Cut off aid to Argentina
- I. Gave the Panama canal back to Panama
- J. Supported dictators in Several countries
- K. Supported a dictator in Iran because of iranian oil and trade
- L. Carter was believed to be weak
- M. SOviet Union invaded Afghanistan

1. Carter Doctrine
 - a) US would use force
2. Embargoed Grain
3. Boycott olympics in Moscow

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I. Reagan

- A. "Straight Forward"
- B. Reagan Revolution
- C. Won 1980 election
 1. Beat Carter
- D. Stood for "Family Values"
- E. Was backed by the White Backlash
 1. People who didn't like that black people were advancing
- F. Also supported by Cold War Hawks
- G. "Great Communicator"
- H. Used the word freedom more than any other president
- I. Wanted to lower taxes
- J. Trickle down Economics
 1. Voodoo economics
 2. High interest rates

3. And cutting taxes
 - a) Rich buy more
4. Also need to cut government spending
 - a) Didn't happen

K. Was anti union

1. Fired people on strike

L. Rise in economic inequality

1. 1% grew
 - a) Had 40% of the wealth

M. Many hospitals for the mentally ill closed

N. Left the New deal and Great Society in tact

O. Appointed the first women to the supreme court

P. Nancy Reagan

1. Just say NO

Q. Reagan spent so much on Military the USSR struggled to compete

R. Completely opposed the USSR

S. Sponsored a large growth in Military

T. A opposition to nuclear weapons grew

1. FREEZE MOVEMENT

U. Reduced Nuclear weapons in cooperation with USSR

V. Sent US troops to Lebanon

1. Then took them out

W. Iran Contra scandal

1. Contras were anti communist
2. Reagan wanted to support them
 - a) Congress said no

Crash Course 44

I. George HW Bush

- A. Was a war hero
- B. Went to college at Yale post War
- C. Directed CIA
- D. Era of Negative ads
- E. "No New Taxes"
- F. Cold war ended with Him
 1. Wall went down
 2. Was a shell shock to foreign policy
 3. Reduced Nuclear weapons
 4. Dawn of a New World Order
 5. Iraq war #1
 - a) Was a large success by the US
 - b) Went after Saddam Hussein
 - (1) Get Iraqis out of Kuwait
 - c) Had no draft

- G. Gulf war lifted him up very high
- H. Congress passed lots of New Deal style bills
- I. Rodney King
 - 1. All white jury ruled police not guilty after seeing a video of them beating a black motorist
 - 2. Many were killed or injured in the subsequent riots
- J. Finding work became hard
- K. Raised taxes
 - 1. Killed his conservative cred
- L. Many of his voters didn't vote at all
- M. Bill Clinton succeeded him

Chapter 33

- I. Politics and Diplomacy After Watergate
 - A. The Ford Custodianship p.886
 - 1. **Nixon Pardoned**
 - a) Under Gerald Ford
 - (1) To rebuild confidence in the government
 - b) Said he "Spared the nation of years of litigation" and spared Nixon of further suffering
 - c) Caused a decline in his popularity he never fully recovered from

2. Ford's diplomatic successes

- a) Many of Nixon's policies were continued
- b) Board signed an agreement with Leonid Brezhnev as an Arms Treaty
 - (1) served as a basis for salt 2
- c) Eventually lost the subsequent election to Jimmy Carter

B. The Trials of Jimmy Carter p.887

1. Carter's Lack of Direction

- a) Campaigned as an outsider
- b) Was very intelligent
 - (1) Lacked an overall goal.
- c) Wanted to reform tax and Welfare systems but Congress did not approve.

2. **High Interest Rates.**

- a) Devoted most of his time to the economy.
 - (1) Because he entered office during the recession.
- b) Called for voluntary restraint.
- c) He appointed G William Miller and Paul Volcker to head The Reserve board
 - (1) Both were conservative leaders

C. Human Rights and National Interests p.888

1. **Camp David Accords**

- a) Carter's highest remark success with arranging a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.
- b) Was at a summit at Camp David in September of 1978
- c) He met with both leaders in the White House to announce the framework for a peace treaty between the two respective Nations

D. The Year of the Hostages p.888

1. Iranian Revolution

- a) The US government had supported Iranian government since the fifties
- b) Many traditional Islamic people opposed the westernization of Iran
- c) In 1979 Iran's leader fled the country

2. Carter's Falling Popularity

- a) Was partly due to mounting domestic economic troubles
- b) Also crises created over seas
 - (1) Which created anxiety and frustration
- c) Carter's falling popularity led way to the building of the new right

II. The Rise of the New American Right

A. The Sunbelt and Its Politics p.889

1. Rise of the "Sunbelt"

- a) The term coined by Kevin Phillips to describe the regions that are merge together in the post-war era of the United States of America
- b) Spoke particularly of the southeast particularly Florida and Southwest particularly Texas

(1) in addition California

- c) California soon became the nation's largest populated state surpassing New York in 1964

2. Sagebrush Rebellion

- a) Merge in the West in the late 1970s.
- b) Served as a basis for conservative opposition to environmental laws and restrictions

(1) Specifically dealing with development

- c) Portrayed the West as a victim of government control

3. Suburban Conservatism

- a) The growth of suburbs also fueled the rise of the new right
- b) This is mainly due to the military occupants of the area becoming militarily conservative
- c) Most suburbs isolated people from different groups do their homogenized populations

B. Religious Revivalism p.892

1. Evangelical Christianity

- a) There was a rise in cults
 - (1) Scientology etc.
- b) The Peoples temple committed group suicide
- c) Was the Basis of many forms of the christian faith

2. Moral Majority and the Christian Coalition

- a) The Christian right was growing in popularity
- b) Jerry Falwell
 - (1) was a fundamentalist minister in Virginia
 - (2) had a substantial television audience
 - (3) launch the Moral Majority movement
 - (a) attacked the rise of secular humanism
- c) This was very similar to the Christian Coalition launched in the 1990s

C. The Emergence of the New Right p.893

1. Ronald Reagan

- a) Was the leader in the new Republican Party
- b) Reagan grew up in modest circumstances
- c) Reagan move to Hollywood and became a moderately successful actor
- d) Was a fierce admirer FDR when he was a child

D. The Tax Revolt p.894

1. Proposition 13

- a) Was a question on the state ballot
 - (1) To lower taxes
- b) Many other anti-tax movement began in many other states
- c) Eventually spread to the main stage of politics

2. Attacking Taxes

- a) Instead of attacking government as a whole conservatives began to go after taxes

- b) Was it an attempt to separate taxes from what taxes went to
- c) This kept conservatives from openly going against other parties values and the programs they wanted to fund

E. Campaign of 1980 p.894

1. 1980 Election

- a) Reagan won 51 percent of the popular vote
 - (1) Jimmy Carter only won 41%
- b) The Republican party also won control of the Senate
- c) Reagan fared much better and electoral votes

III. The “Reagan Revolution”

A. Reagan Coalition p.895

1. **Corporate Elities**

- a) The Reagan Coalition including the 1% who had been in charge of the US economy and had been highly influential and government up until the new deal
- b) Reagan utilize them because of their importance to capitalism and economic growth
- c) A Cornerstone of this Coalition was the opposition to the redistribution of power and wealth

2. **“Neoconservatives”**

- a) This was a smaller sub-sector of Reagan’s support group
 - (1) Was disproportionately influential

- b) Gave the right a solid standpoint in opinion leaders
 - (1) Access to public forums who gave the public ideas
- c) Wanted to reinforce Western goals and anti-communist sentiment

3. Populist Conservativists

- a) These new groups of conservatives combined in 1980 to Form the new right
- b) The new right strongly distrusted the Eastern world
 - (1) Mostly because of its communist roots
- c) Received backing from several prominent American figures including the Rockefellers

B. "Supply Side" Economics p.896

1. Reaganomics

- a) Reagan's campaign promised to restore the economy
- b) Proposed supply-side economics or Reaganomics
- c) wanted to lower taxes so that prominent businesses could up their growth and therefore also pay the middle class more
 - (1) "A rising tide raises all boats" JFK
 - (a) I feel this is similar

2. Deregulation

- a) Relaxed enforcement of law
- b) Reagan appointed many people who spread out throughout the executive branch

c) Even major environmental laws and civil rights were relaxed

3. Sources of recovery

a) The Federal Reserve had been very tight on money policies for many years

(1) Helped to lower inflation

b) The Federal Reserve board lowered interest rates

(1) In response to the 1983 recession

c) The Federal Reserve began pumping billions of dollars into the economy which resulted in consumer spending and business investment to increase drastically

C. The Fiscal Crisis p.898

1. Soaring National Debt

a) The economic Revival did little to reduce the debt that was being accumulated

b) The fiscal crisis soon became the center of American politics

c) Reagan accumulated more debt than ever before in American history

2. **Welfare Benefits Cut**

a) There was a very large increase in Social Security spending due to the increase in elderly people

(1) Contributed to the accumulating national debt

b) Reagan instituted a series of tax cuts that were larger than any other in American history

- c) Reagan also instituted a massive increase in military spending

D. Reagan and the World p.899

1. SDI

- a) The Strategic Defense Initiative was widely known as Star Wars
 - (1) oh yeah
- b) Reagan claimed that the SDI could provide an effective defense against incoming missiles using lasers and satellites
- c) The USSR argued that this would Elevate the arms race to a new and much more dangerous level
 - (1) They weren't wrong

2. Reagan Doctrine

- a) Bagan to support enemies of Communism anywhere in the world
- b) It didn't matter whether the regime had any link to the Soviet Union it was strictly to prevent the spread of Communism
- c) Meant that the United States would become much more active in third world countries

3. Combating Terrorism

- a) Terrorist attacks in the 1980s frightened many Americans
- b) Cruise ships were seized attacks on airplanes were enacted and many Americans were taken hostage
- c) The Reagan Administration took a hard stand on anti-terrorism and even ordered bomb strikes in the capital of Libya

IV. America and the Waning of the Cold War

A. The Fall of the Soviet Union p.901

1. Mikhail Gorbachev

- a) Transformed Soviet politics
- b) Dismantled many repressive mechanisms that had been features of Soviet life over the past 50 years
- c) Restructured the Soviet economy to make it more productive by introducing elements of capitalism and private ownership

2. Tiananmen Square

- a) Chinese Students demonstrated for a more democratic society
- b) The Military was sent to deter the demonstrators
- c) An unknown amount of demonstrators died

3. Dissolution of the USSR

- a) The USSR began to deteriorate
- b) Mikhail Gorbachev returns to power
- c) The Communist party and Soviet government had clearly lost all of their power

B. The Fading of the Reagan Revolution p.903

1. Savings and Loan Crisis

- a) The CIA received many harmful blows to because of questions of legality and Corruption

(1) Post collapse of the Soviet Union

- b) The Reagan Administration deregulated the loan industry
- c) Many banks responded recklessly and cost the government half a trillion dollars

2. Iran Contra Scandal

- a) Inflicted large-scale damage on the Reagan presidency
- b) Was the publication of many illegal activities done by the White House under the guise of foreign policy
- c) Often activities that were kept from US citizens knowledge

C. Election of 1988 p.903

1. Bush's negative campaign

- a) Bush used the word liberal as an insulting term
- b) Attempted to make his opponent seem negative in the minds of the voters
 - (1) Dukakis
- c) Was one of the most effective campaign tools to date

D. The Bush presidency p.904

1. Political Gridlock

- a) Was less successful than Reagan domestically
- b) Inherited a large amount of debt
 - (1) From Reagan
- c) Pledged to reduce the deficit with "No new taxes"

2. 1990 Recession

- a) Corporations began accumulating large amounts of debt
- b) Caused a large number of bankruptcies
- c) Increased fear and frustration among middle class workers

(1) Put pressure on government

E. The First Gulf War p.904

1. Invasion of Kuwait

- a) Iraqi forces overwhelmed Kuwait

(1) Under Saddam Hussein

- b) The Bush administration forced the Iraqi forces out of Kuwait
- c) The US cut off trade with Iraq

(1) And got many other nations to do it as well

F. Election of 1992 p.905

1. Bill Clinton

- a) Emphasised broad economic issues
- b) Led a very successful campaign
- c) Won the presidency

(1) Handily

2. Ross Perot

- a) Was an independent
- b) Was a billionaire from Texas
- c) Promised tough leadership to deal with the fiscal crisis

d) Was a billionaire with no political experience promising that he was tough

(1) Sound familiar????