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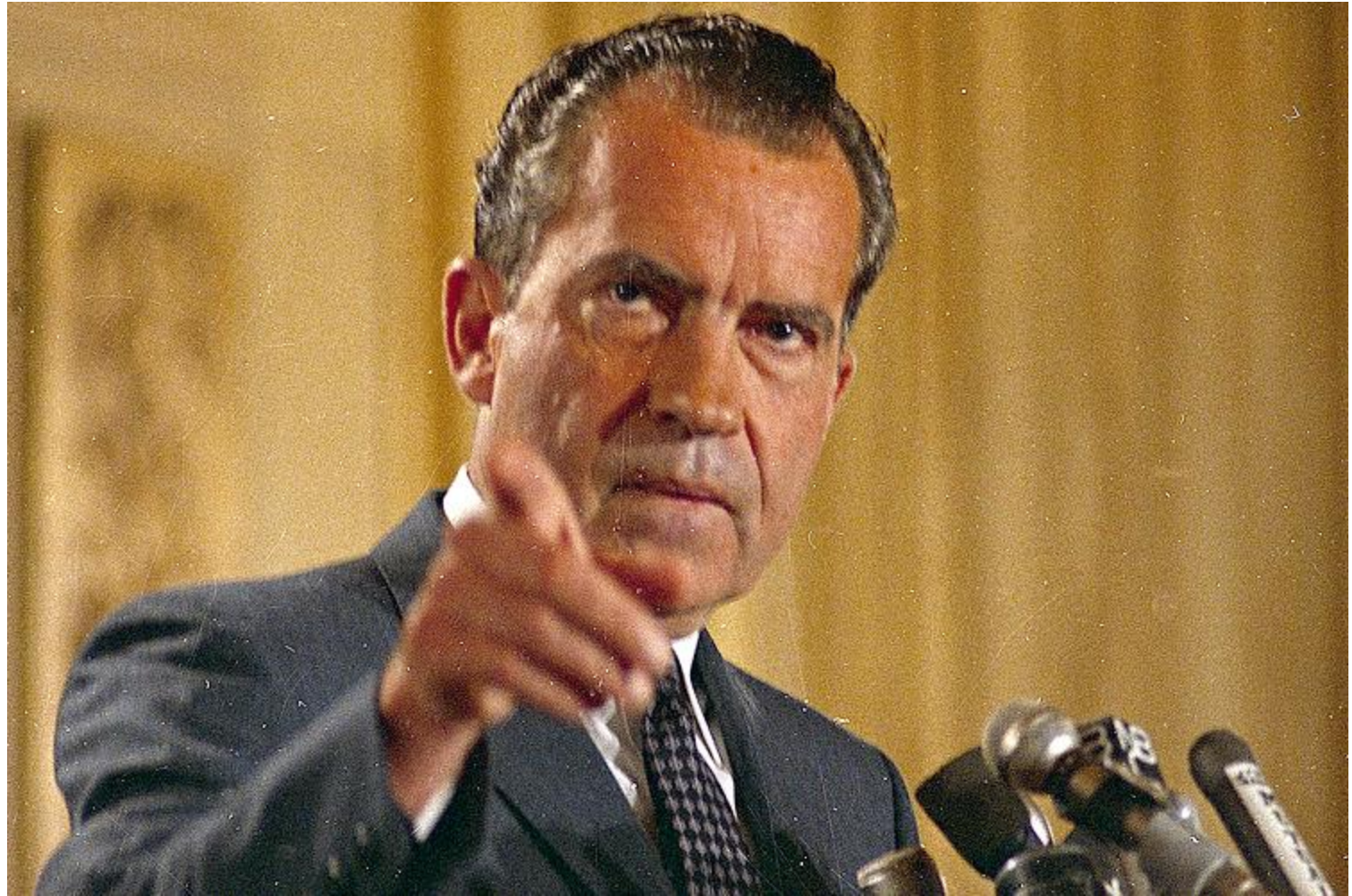


Nixon, Watergate, & Ford-Carter

Nixon & Watergate



1968-1974



Richard Nixon 1968-1974

- ∞ Nixon was a Quaker from California.
- ∞ He grew up poor but eventually ended up at Duke Law school.
- ∞ Nixon soon became a U.S. Representative and a strong anti communist.
 - Alger Hiss investigations HUAC
- ∞ Runs for Governor of California (Loses)
 - *“You won’t have Dick Nixon to kick around anymore.”*

Richard Nixon 1968-1974 (Cont).

- ∞ Selected by Eisenhower as Vice President
- ∞ Character Issues
 - Checkers Speech
 - Complex and complicated personality
- ∞ Ran in '60 against Kennedy
- ∞ beats Humphrey in '68 → “Silent Majority”
 - “Law and Order” campaign
 - “Secret Plan” to end war



Nixon (Cont).

∞ Nixon's War Policies:

- 1970-Nixon sends troops into Cambodia
 - Leads to “Kent State” massacre
- US Senate repeals Gulf of Tonkin Resolution
- Pentagon Papers Released

∞ Henry Kissinger-National Security Advisor

- Conducts secret peace talks with North Vietnam

∞ Paris Accords-Jan, 1973

- Cease fire & free elections
- Cost: 58,000 US Troops killed/ 118 Billion Dollars

Nixon Administration

- ∞ Creation of OPEC → Oil Crisis
 - (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries)
- ∞ Deficit Spending
- ∞ First Moon Landing 1969
 - *“One small step for man, one giant leap for man kind...”*
- ∞ Opening of relations with China
- ∞ Title IX legislation
- ∞ Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- ∞ Limitation of Nuclear Arms
 - SALT I









Watergate

∞ June, 1972

- Burglars break into the DNC HQ...arrested...
- Later revealed they belong to C.R.E.E.P.
 - (*Committee to Re-Elect President Nixon*)
 - John Dean, G. Gordon Liddy, Howard Hunt → “Plumbers”
 - Sent to jail for wiretapping and conspiracy
- FBI Concludes there is a money trail from C.R.E.E.P. to White House aides

'72 Election

∞ November, 1972

- Nixon wins reelection against George McGovern
 - Nixon wins every state except Massachusetts
 - Largest landslide ever





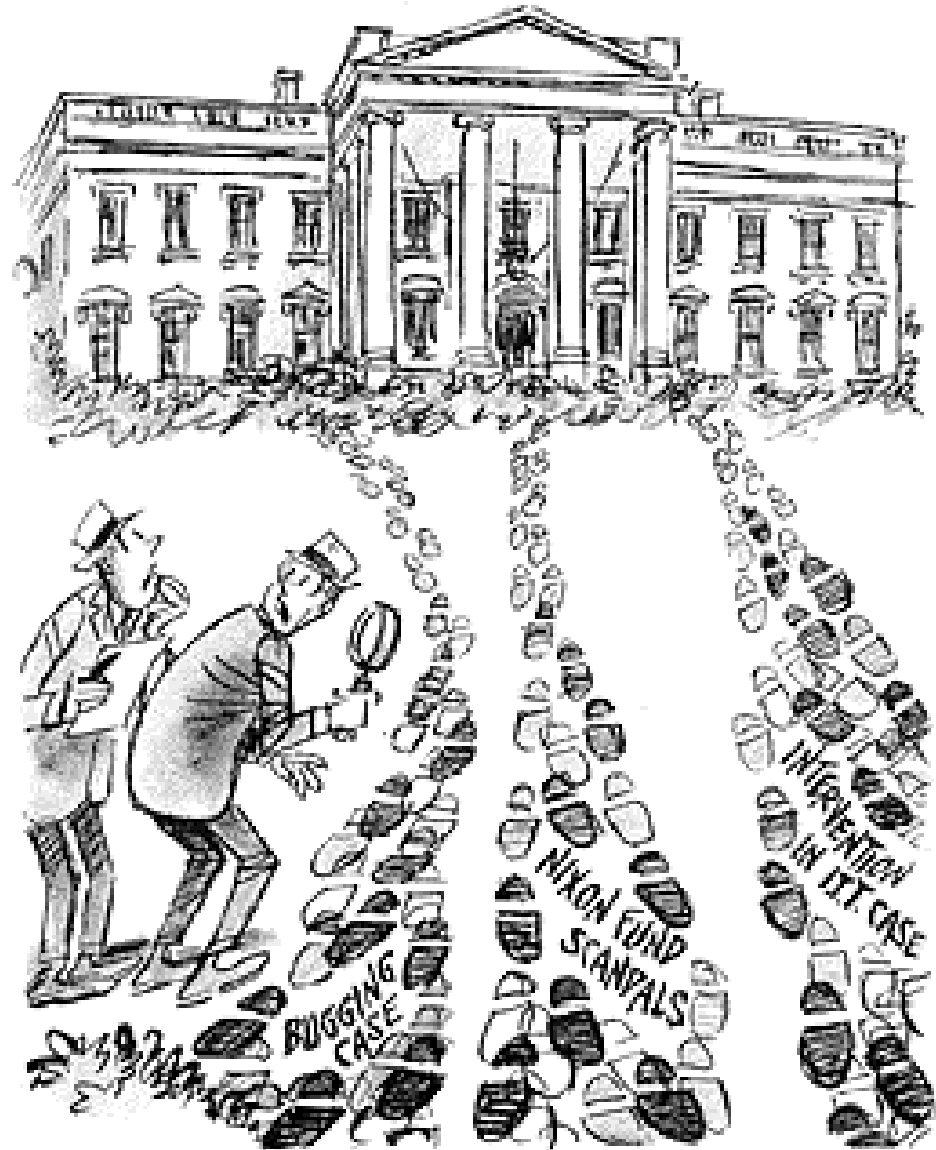
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Early 1973

- ∞ Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein (Washington Post) investigate connection between C.R.E.E.P. and the White House
- ∞ Anonymous Source: “Deep Throat”
 - Feeds Woodward and Bernstein information about W.H. Aide H. Hunt’s involvement
 - Possible the President knew of the break in and cover up



"STRANGE --- THEY ALL SEEM TO HAVE SOME CONNECTION WITH THIS PLACE"



Audio Tapes...

∞ Summer, 1973

- Senate Hearings into the matter begin
 - Sen. Sam Ervin (D-NC)
 - Subpoenas several W.H. aides
 - Aides reveal Nixon's Audio Tapes
- Nixon nominates new Attorney General Eliot Richardson
 - Richardson names special investigator Archibald Cox
 - Cox subpoenas Nixon's audio tapes
 - Nixon refuses → "Executive Privilege"

Nixon & His Tapes



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NOVEMBER 12, 1973

TIME

NIXON'S JURY: THE PEOPLE



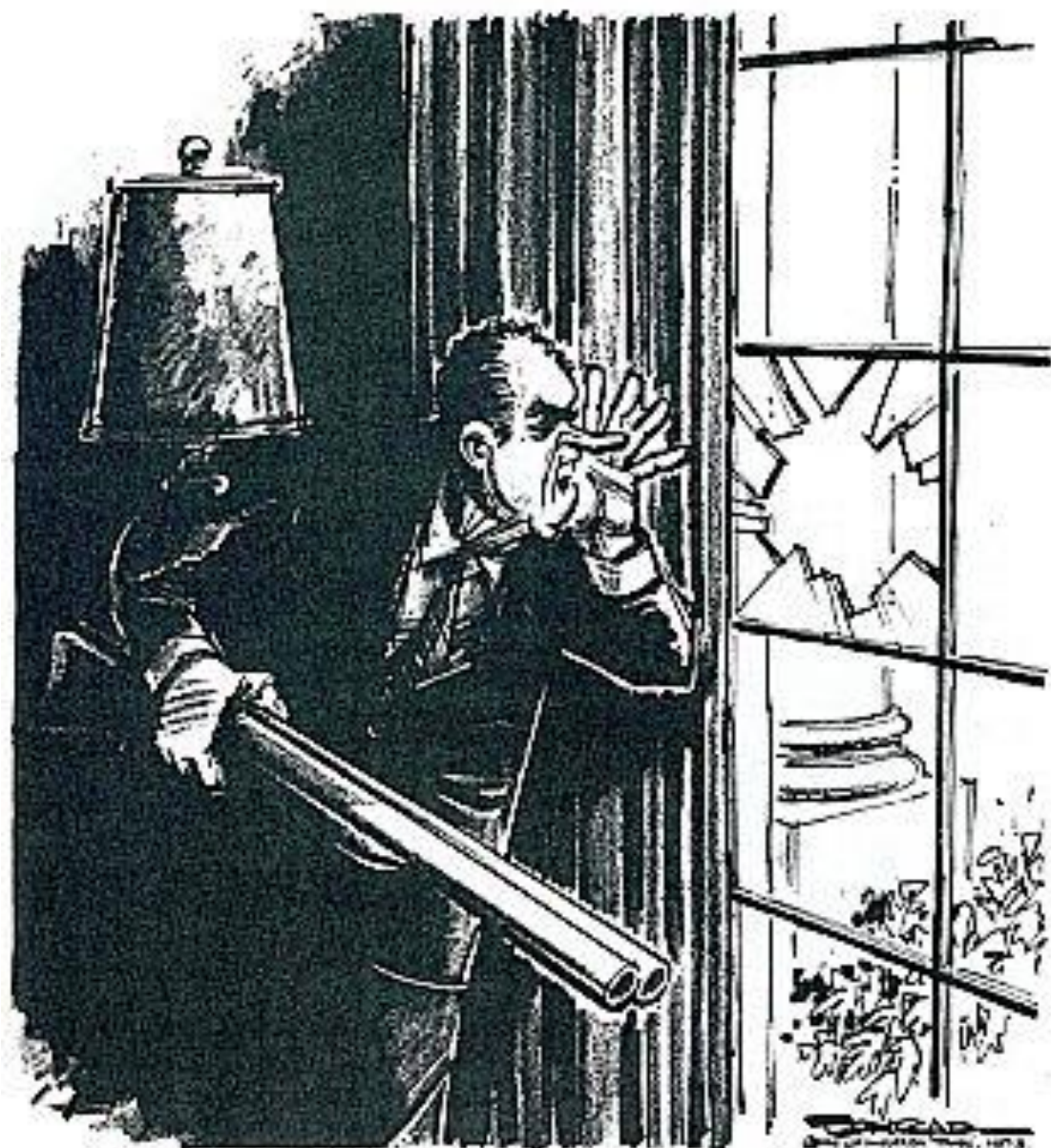


“Saturday Night Massacre”

∞ October, 1973

- Nixon fires Richardson and Cox
- Nixon reluctantly releases transcripts of conversations on the audio tapes





"If you want me, you're gonna have to come and get me!"

November, 1973



U.S. v. Nixon

∞ United States v. Nixon July, 1974

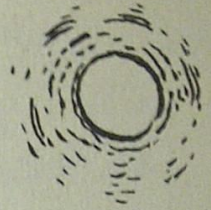
- 8-0 ruling forces Nixon to hand over all audio tapes
 - One of the tapes has Nixon saying “that Democratic break-in thing...”
 - Nicknamed the “smoking gun”







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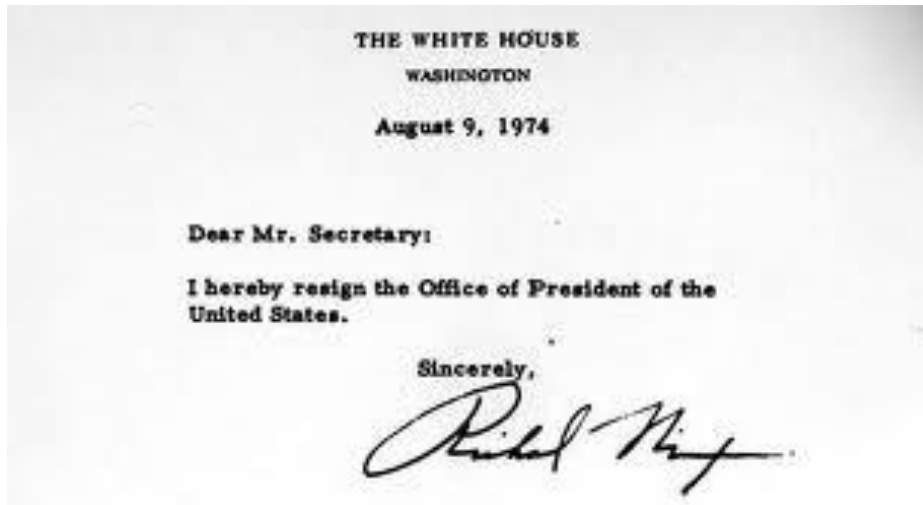
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Nixon Resigns

∞ August 9, 1974

- Fearing Impeachment, Nixon resigns from office
- Gerald Ford becomes the 38th President of the United States

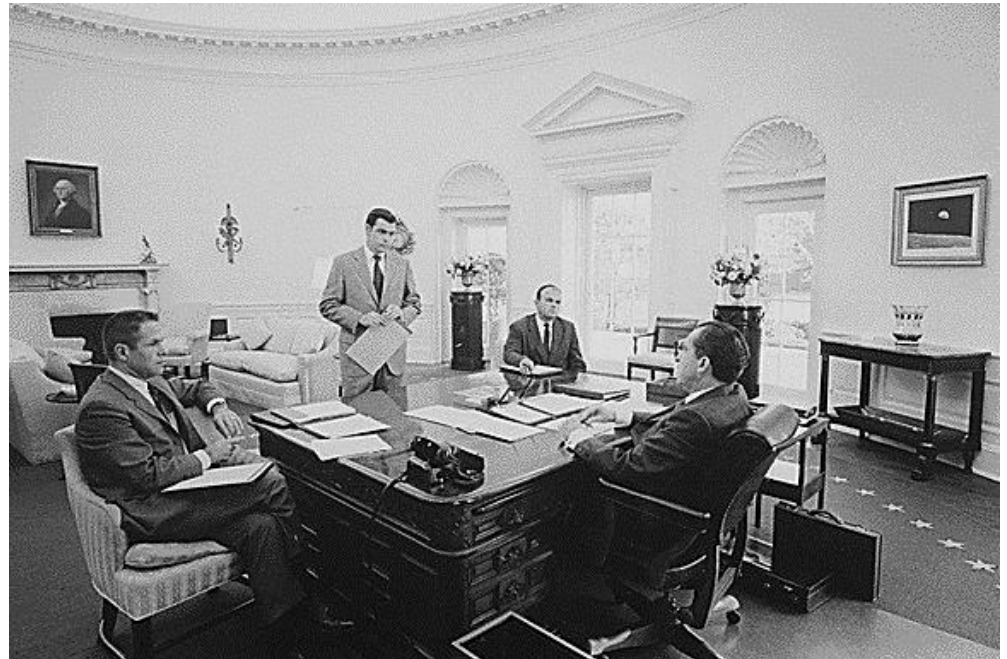






Essential Question:

∞ *Why didn't Nixon just destroy the tapes?*



Ford & Carter Years

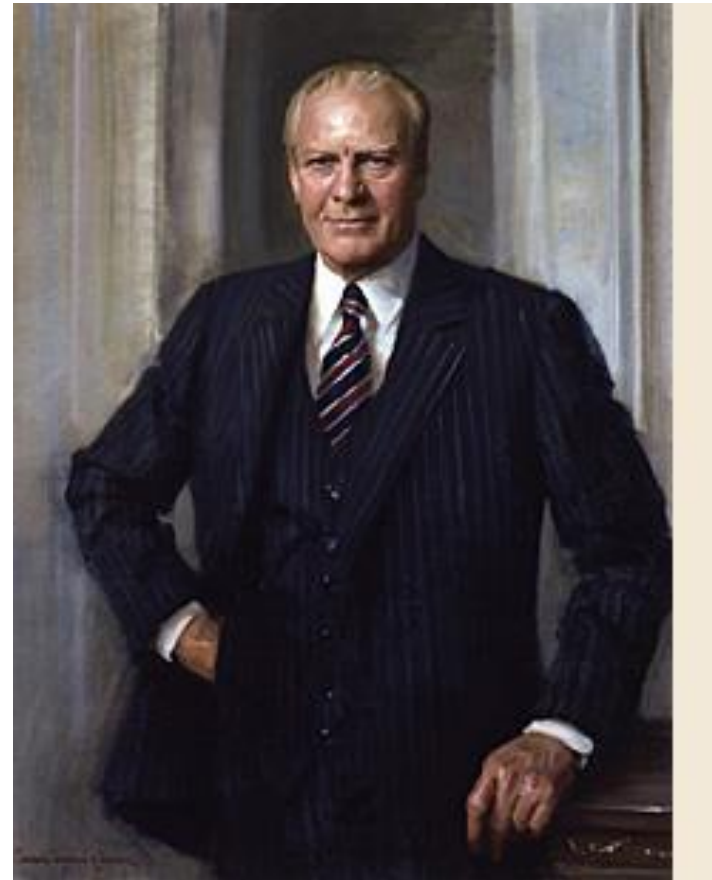


1974-1980



I. Gerald Ford

- ∞ Ford only Vice-President and President never elected
- ∞ September 8, 1974:
 - Ford issues a full and unconditional pardon
 - Believed pardon was in the best interest of the nation
 - *“Our long national nightmare is over...”*



I. Gerald Ford

∞ Problems faced by Ford:

- President Ford faces:
 - **Rough Economy:**
 - high inflation
 - high unemployment
 - energy problems
 - public distrust of govt.



II. Ford Years 1974-1977

☞ “WIN”

- Whip Inflation Now
- Asked Americans to reduce their spending and consumption of gas

☞ OPEC

- raised the cost of barrel of oil
- Triggered worst economic recession in 40 years

☞ Two assassination attempts

☞ Helsinki Accords

- Treaty aimed to improve relations with the USSR

☞ Fall of Saigon



III. Jimmy Carter 1977-1981

- ∞ Election of 1976
 - Ford vs. Jimmy Carter
 - Carter: former governor of GA
 - Outsider to D.C. politics
- ∞ Alienated Congress because he refused to play “insider” deal making
 - Both parties worked together to block his policies

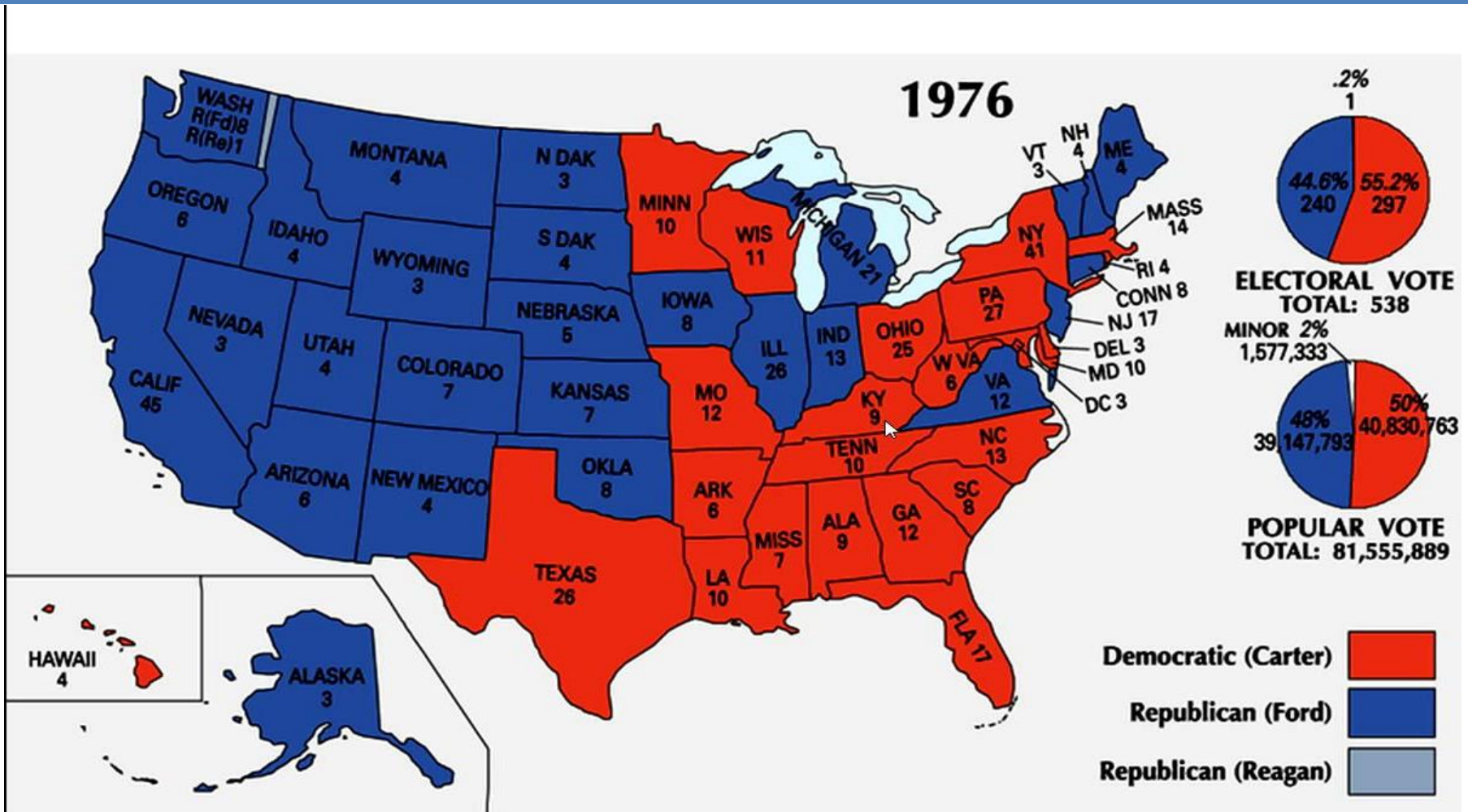


Carter Mondale
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Ford Dole
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IV. 1976 Election



V. Carter Years

- ∞ Inflation continued
- ∞ Gas crisis continued
 - Middle East violence creates fuel shortage in the U.S.,
 - National Energy Act (1978):
 - tax on gas guzzling cars and tax credit for alternative energy
- ∞ Crisis in Confidence Speech
 - “Great Malaise”
- ∞ Foreign relations problems:
 - Iran Hostage crisis 1979
 - Giving up sovereignty of the Panama Canal
 - Rising Tensions with the USSR
 - Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan
 - 1980 Olympic Boycott
- ∞ Foreign relations success:
 - Promotion of Human Rights
 - Camp David Accords



VI. Iran Hostage Crisis

∞ January, 1979:

- US embassy in Tehran, Iran taken over.
 - Anger at US allowing the Shah to come to the US for cancer treatments.
 - Later saw the power opportunities.

∞ 52 Americans held hostage for 444 days.

- Mock executions
- Beatings
- Blindfolded and put before angry crowds.



VI. Iran Crisis

- ∞ Carter tried negotiations.
- ∞ Carter tried to freeze all Iran's assets in the US
- ∞ Tried a rescue mission.
 - Failed horribly.



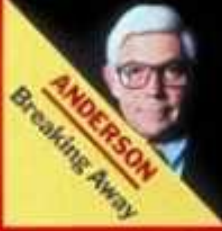
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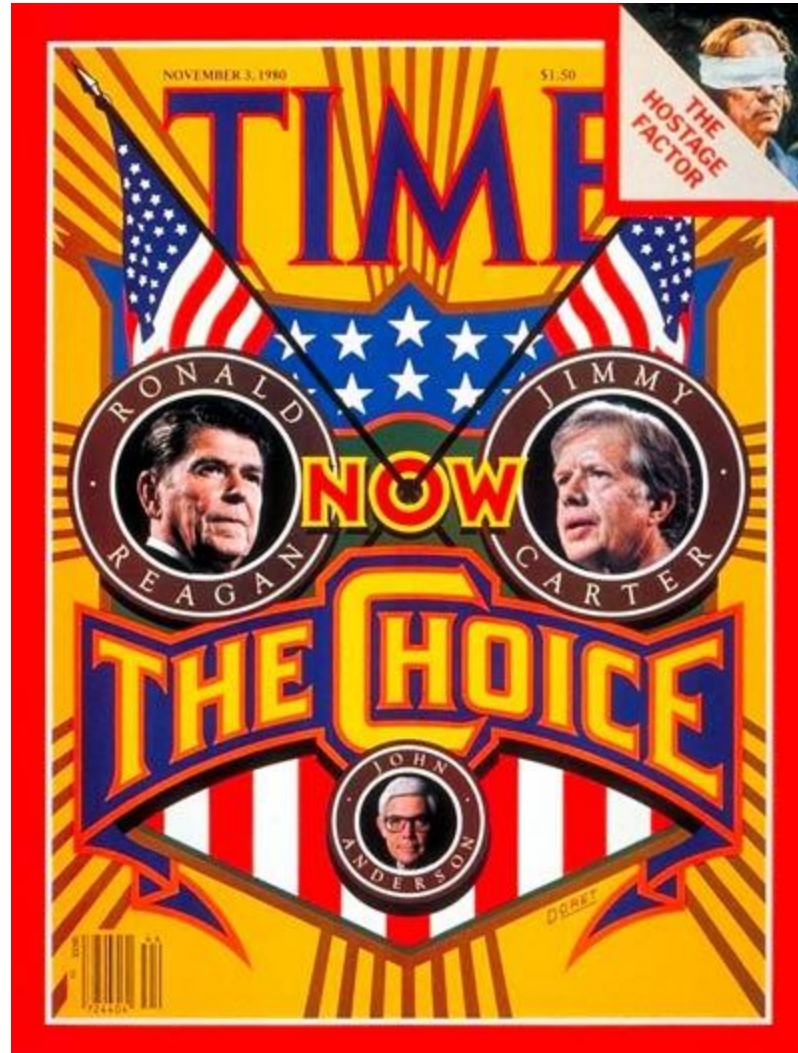
Debacle in the Desert

BULLETIN: AN ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES
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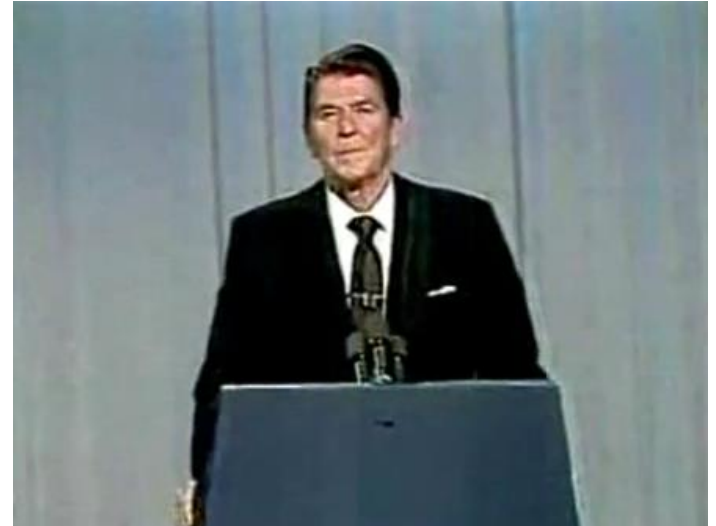




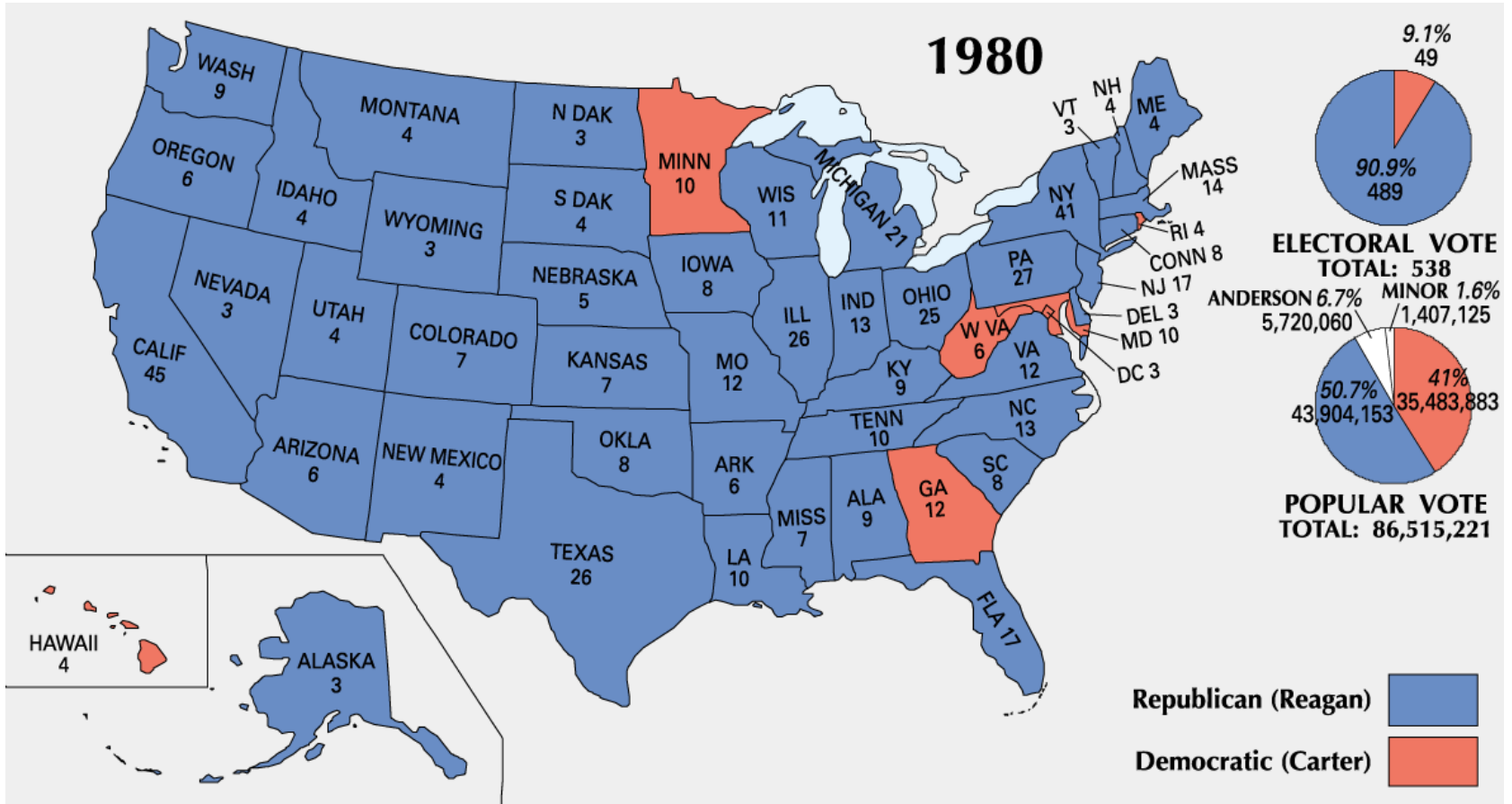
Ronald Reagan v. Jimmy Carter



“Are you better off than you were four years ago?”



VII. 1980 Election



VIII. End to the Hostage Crisis

- ∞ January, 1981: 444 days – hostages released.
 - Release with Reagan becoming president.



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'ALIVE, WELL AND FREE'

Captives Taken to Ajlul and Then Germany — Final Part Complex

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President Ronald Reagan being sworn in as 40th President by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger.

FREEZE SET ON HIRING

California Governors Need to Restrict Government and Buy Economy

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IX. Reagan First Inaugural Quotes

- ∞ *“Above all, we must realize that no arsenal or no weapon in the arsenals of the world is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women...”*
- ∞ *“Government is not the solution to our problem. Government is the problem...”*
- ∞ *“Those who say that we're in a time when there are no heroes, they just don't know where to look...”*
- ∞ *“I do not believe in a fate that will fall on us no matter what we do. I do believe in a fate that will fall on us if we do nothing...”*

