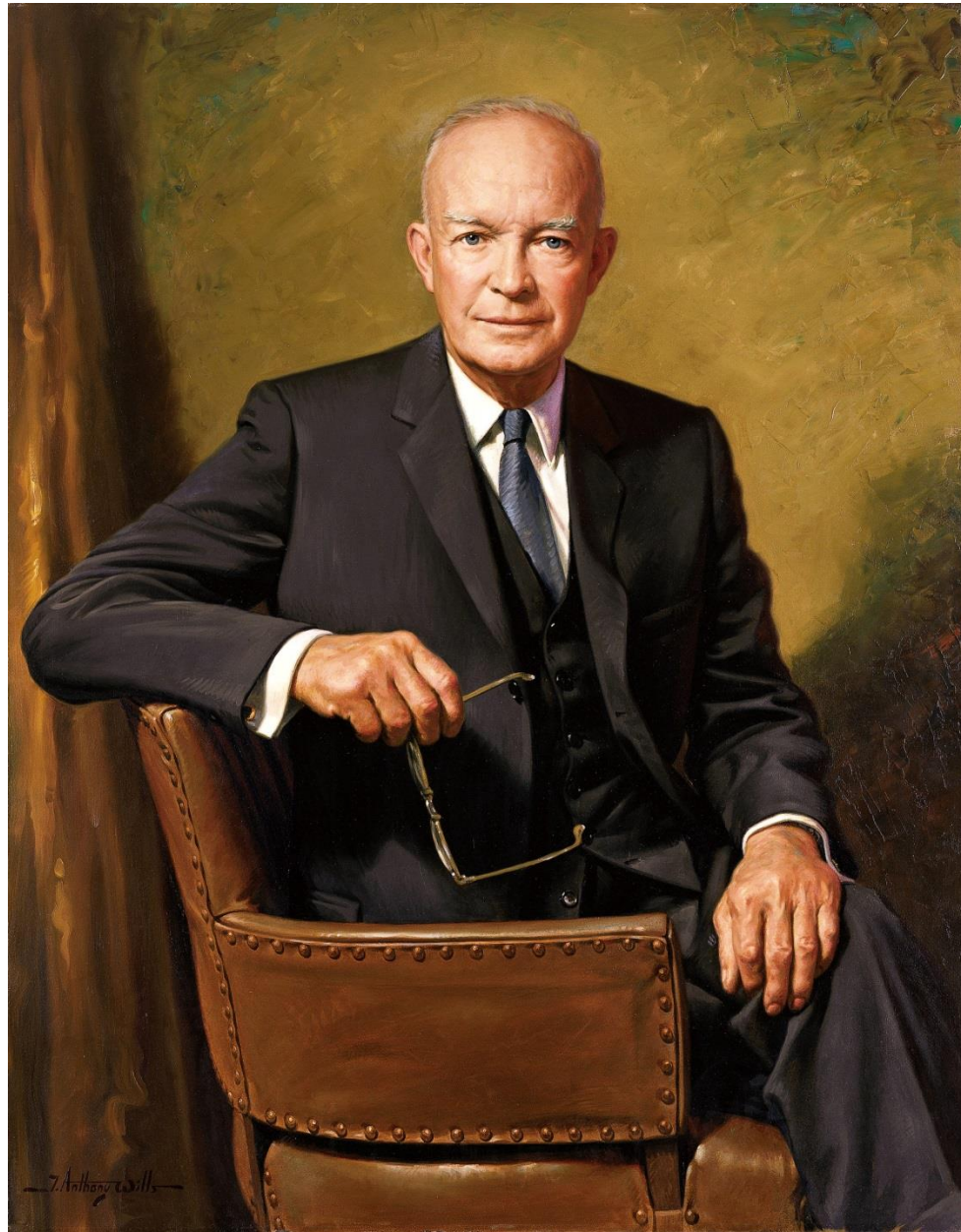


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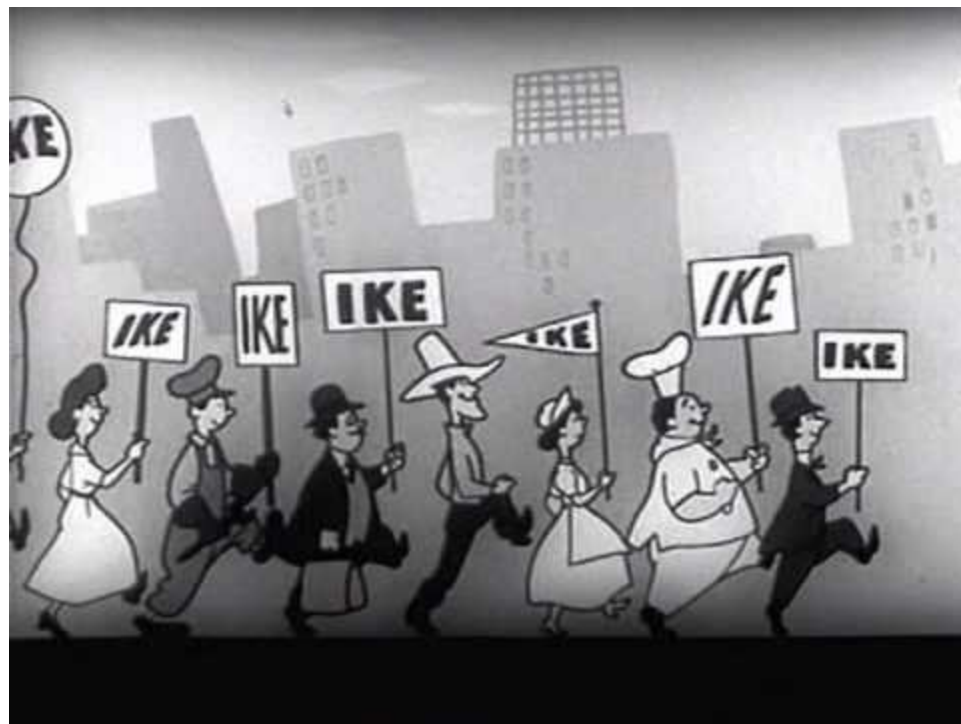
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# 1952 Election

- REP-
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
- DEM-
  - Gov. Adlai Stevenson (IL)
- Issues:
- Ike pledged to end the Korea War
- Attacks Truman's handling of Korea, Communism, and corruption
  - (Won 55% of Popular Vote)

# *“I Like Ike” Campaign*



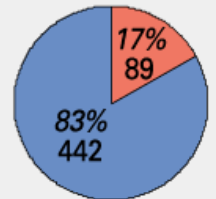
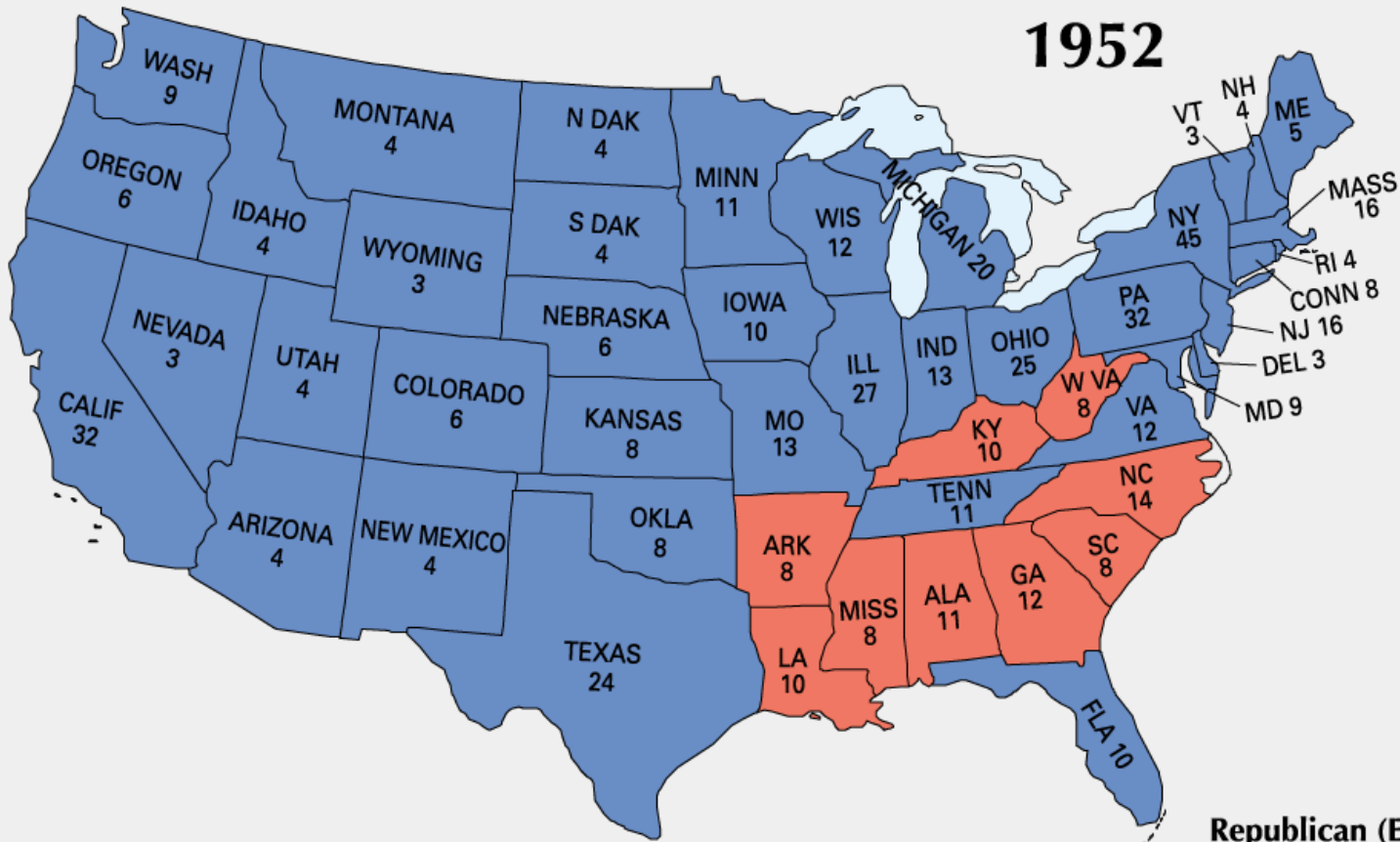
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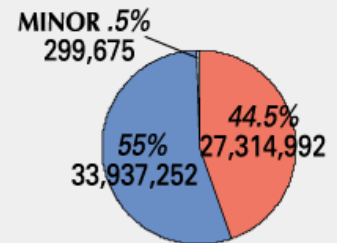





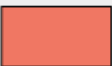
# 1952



**ELECTORAL VOTE  
TOTAL: 531**



**POPULAR VOTE  
TOTAL: 61,551,919**

**Republican (Eisenhower)**   
**Democratic (Stevenson)** 





*It is because we, all of us, hold to these principles that the political changes accomplished this day do not imply turbulence, upheaval or disorder. Rather this change expresses a purpose of strengthening our dedication and devotion to the precepts of our founding documents, a conscious renewal of faith in our country and in the watchfulness of a Divine Providence.*

*The enemies of this faith know no god but force, no devotion but its use. They tutor men in treason. They feed upon the hunger of others. Whatever defies them, they torture, especially the truth.*

*Freedom is pitted against slavery; lightness against the dark*

# Three Concerns of Ike Presidency

- America's national preparedness to defeat Communism
- The potential unchecked growth of the federal bureaucracy,
- Anxiousness about the growth of American materialism

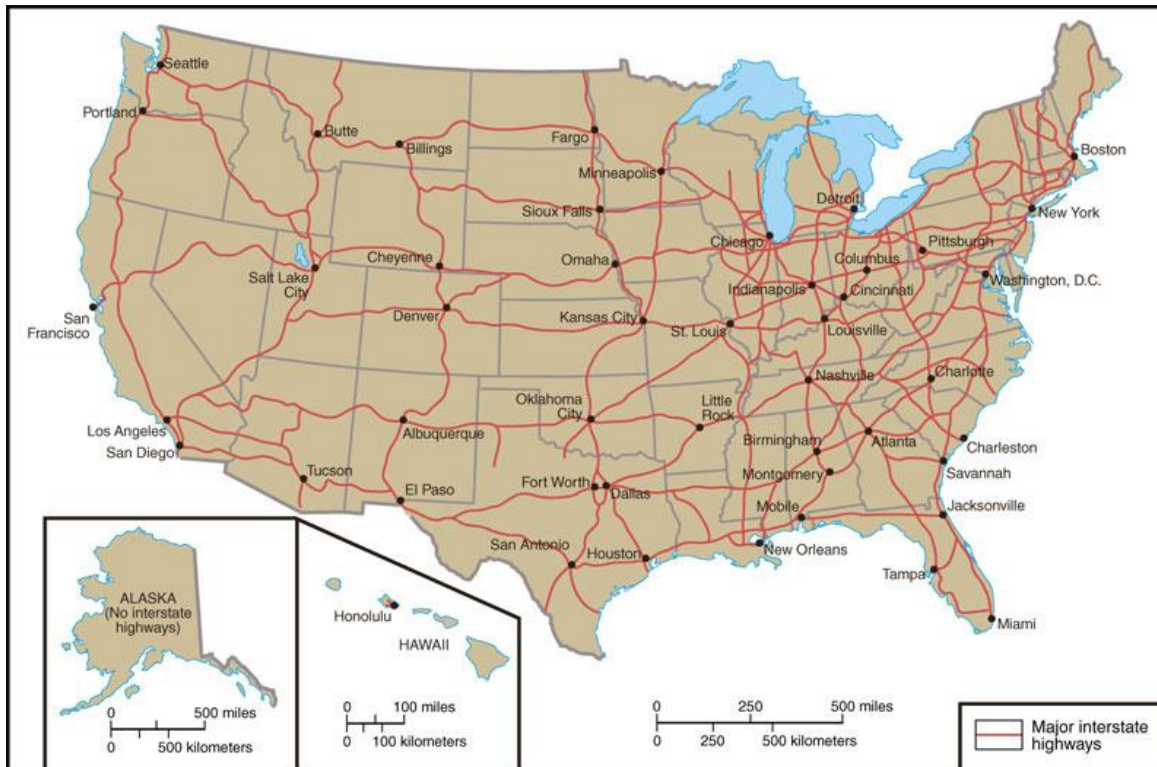
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# Domestic Affairs

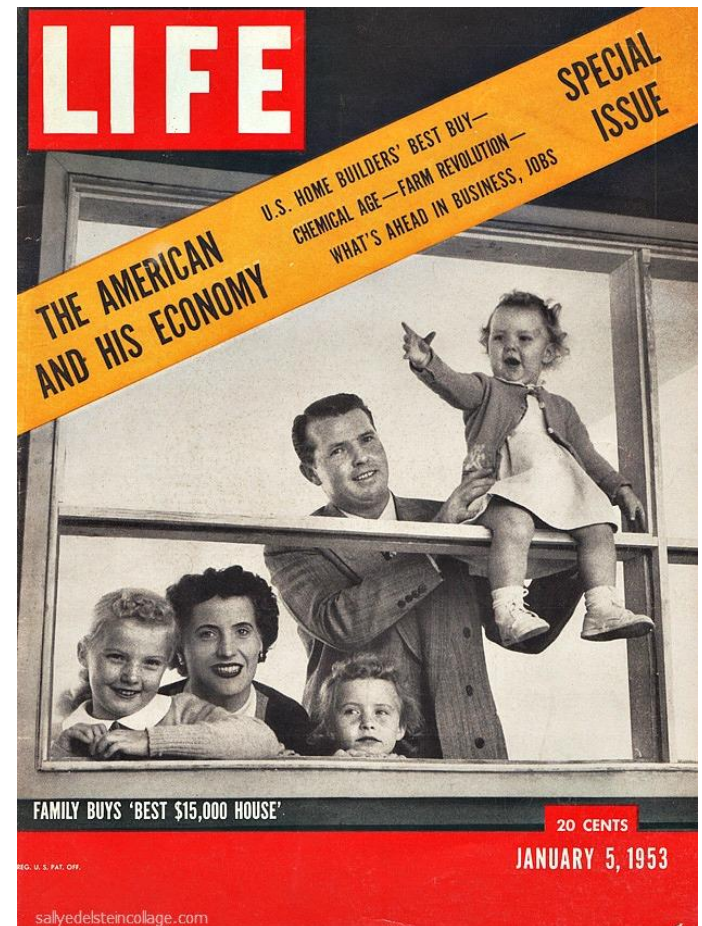
- Extended Social Security to 10 Million more citizens
- Raised Minimum Wage
- Built additional public housing
- Highway Act of 1956 :
  - Most Prominent legacy of Ike
  - 42,000 Miles of Interstate Highway
  - Links all major U.S. Cities
  - Created jobs/enhanced the trucking industry (hurts R.R.'s)

# Interstate Highway Act



# 1950s Economy

- Prosperity:
  - deficit drops
  - inflation rate 1.5% (lowest in history)
  - Americans had twice the annual income of those in the 20's
  - Highest standard of living in the world





# Ike & Civil Rights

- *Brown vs. Board of Education* 1954
  - Ended segregation
  - Ike opposed, but follows court order
    - Believes this is a state issue
- Emmett Till Murder, 1955
- Montgomery Bus Boycott, 1955
  - Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat in Montgomery, Alabama.
- Central High School, Little Rock 1957
  - Ike sends federal troops to Little Rock to protect nine African-American students.

**Late News**

**Associated Press  
Leased Wires**



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# SEGREGATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENDED BY COURT

## Ruled Unconstitutional By Supreme Court; Date To End Practice Not Set

### Rules Separate Facilities Are Unequal

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court ruled unanimously today that segregation of Negro and White students in public schools is unconstitutional. But it said it will hear further arguments this

### Danville School Board Will Meet At Once To Study Court Decision

#### Officials Give Views On Matter; Call For Calm Study On All Sides

Robert P. McConnell, chairman of the School Board, on being in-

*Good Proaress*

### Firm Entered, Haul Is Made; Boy Wounded

#### Man Accidentally Shot In The Hand

A breaking and entering and an accidental shooting topped occurrences claiming police attention over the week-end.

Charlie's Place on Riverside Drive was broken into by way of a rear window and a sizeable quantity of cigarettes, cigars, candy and chewing gum taken. The discovery was made during a routine check by Lieut. Curtis Fields shortly after last midnight. Patrolmen J. B. Walton and J. B. Gardner conducted the initial investigation and this morning turned the case over to the detective division.

### Paroled Slayer Captured After Bizarre Deaths

#### Held For Four Brutal Killings

MOULTREE, Ga. (AP)—Capture of a paroled Georgia convict wanted in connection with four brutal slayings ended three days of terror today and brought sighs of relief to this South Georgia community.

Tom Williams, a 45-year-old paroled murderer, was taken on the edge of a swamp east of the city last night. Lt. W. E. McDuffie of the Georgia Bureau of Identification made the capture. He hustled Williams off to his auto-

### McCarthy-Army Hearings' Future Thrown In Doubt

#### Presidential Order Shutting Off Inquiry Denounced By Sen. McCarthy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The future of the McCarthy-Army hearings was thrown in doubt today by a presidential order—denounced by Sen. McCarthy as an "iron curtain"—shutting off inquiry into whether "higher-ups" directed the charges against the senator.

The Senate investigations subcommittee recessed its public hearings at 11:55 a. m. (EDT) to consider in closed session what stand it might take on Eisenhower's order.

McCarthy, claiming that "this cover up" made it impossible to get at the truth, declined to say, when asked by

### Suit Being Tried

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP)—A suit by John Locke Green to force his recognition as a Democratic candidate for Congress went to trial before a three-judge federal court here today. Green, a Republican when he held office as Arlington County treasurer, brought the suit against Virginia's 10th District Democratic Committee after it refused to accept him as a party candidate for the forthcoming congressional election.

### Funds Requested

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower asked Congress today for an extra \$34,100,000 to help areas crowded by federal workers or workers on federal projects with school construction.

The request, in a letter to Speaker of the House Martin, is for funds for the next fiscal year beginning July 1. The extra money is in addition to 40 million dollars already in the budget for the same purpose for the fiscal year ahead.

### Considering Violations

WASHINGTON (AP)—Atty. Gen. Brownell said officially today the Justice Department is considering "possible violations of the criminal law" in the preparation and dissemination of a document Sen. McCarthy presented May 4 in the McCarthy-Army hearings.

Brownell made the disclosure in ruling that no part of the document should be declassified from its confidential category.

### Strike Called





"Tsk Tsk—Somebody Should Do Something About That"



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# Foreign Affairs

- Secretary of State: John Foster Dulles
  - Thought containment was too passive
  - Called for Brinkmanship
- Massive Retaliation:
  - Spend less money on military/spend more money on Nukes
    - M.A.D. (**M**utually **A**ssured **D**estruction)
  - Save \$\$\$ → “*More bang for the buck*”



# Covert Actions

- CIA (Central Intelligence Agency)
- 1953-CIA overthrows government of Iran
  - Install new “Shah”
- 1954-CIA overthrows leftist government of Guatemala



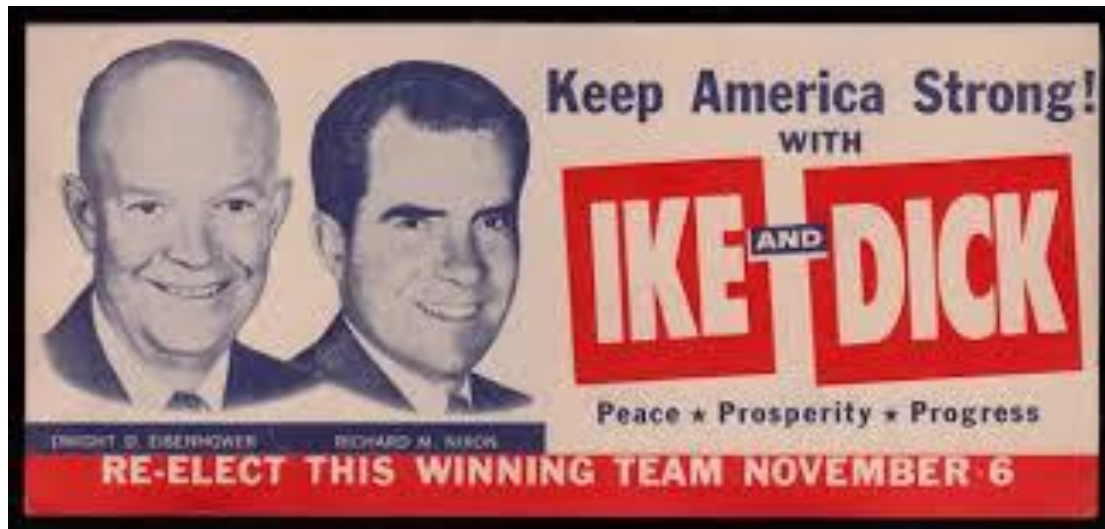
# Problems in Asia

- Korean Armistice:
  - March, 1953 Korean War “suspends”
  - No peace treaty signed → 38<sup>th</sup> parallel becomes border
- Indochina:
  - French give up “Vietnam” in 1954
- Division of Vietnam:
  - Geneva Convention splits Vietnam at the 17<sup>th</sup> Parallel
    - North: Communist
    - South: Anti-Communist

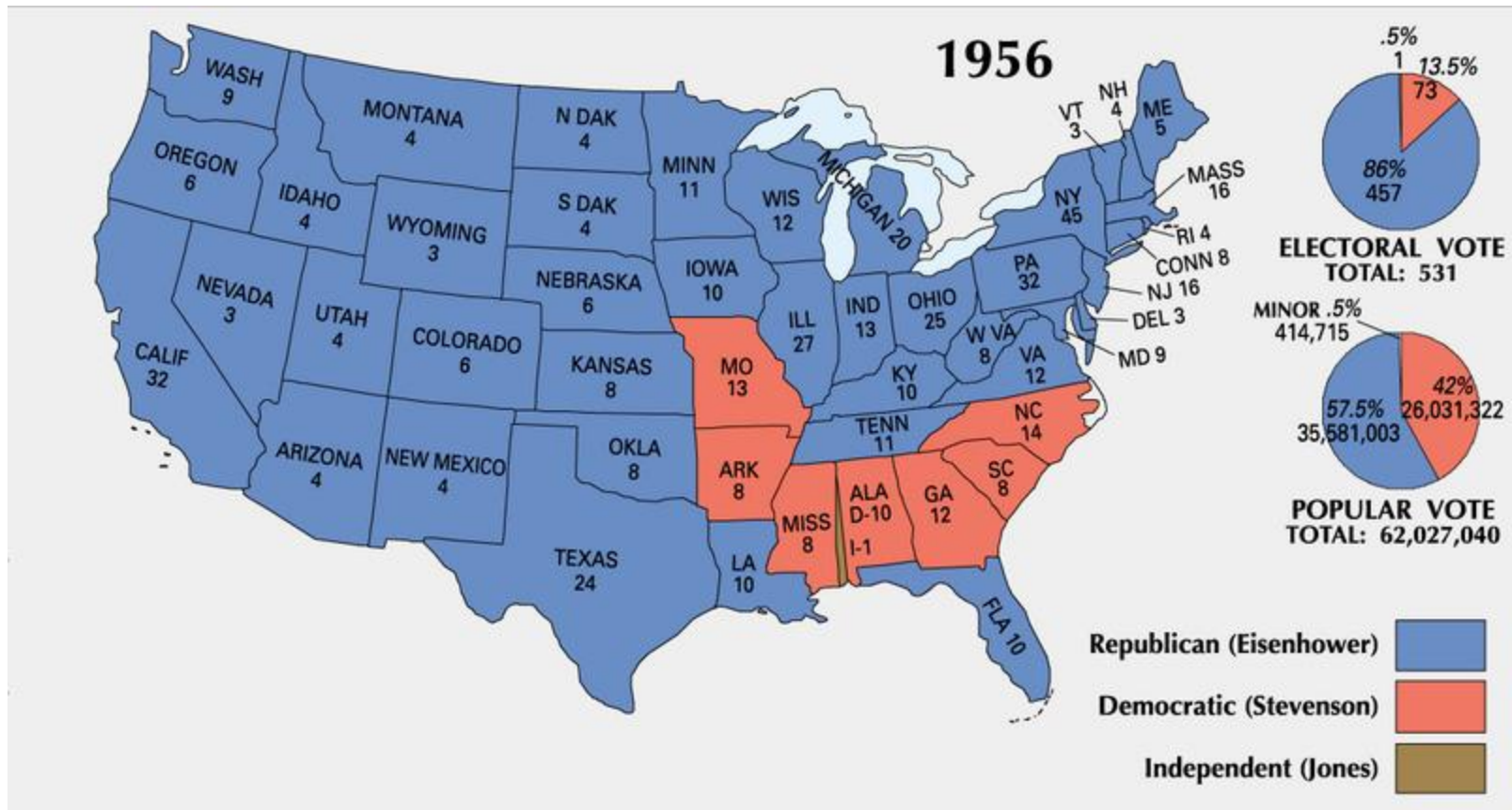
# Problems with USSR

- Hungarian Revolt-'56:
  - Soviets crush a rebellion in Hungary
  - Ike refuses to send troops (fear of WWII)
- Sputnik-'57:
  - USSR shocks the world by launching world's first satellites to orbit Earth
  - Many question American technology capabilities
  - 1958-U.S.A responds with the creation of NASA
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Berlin Crisis-'58
  - Khrushchev orders Allied troops out of Berlin
  - Tensions flare...Ike and Khrushchev meet...crisis averted, for now...
- U2 Incident:
  - Soviets shoot down U2 spy plane
  - Exposes U.S. tactics for gathering info
  - USSR criticized the U.S.

# 1956 Election



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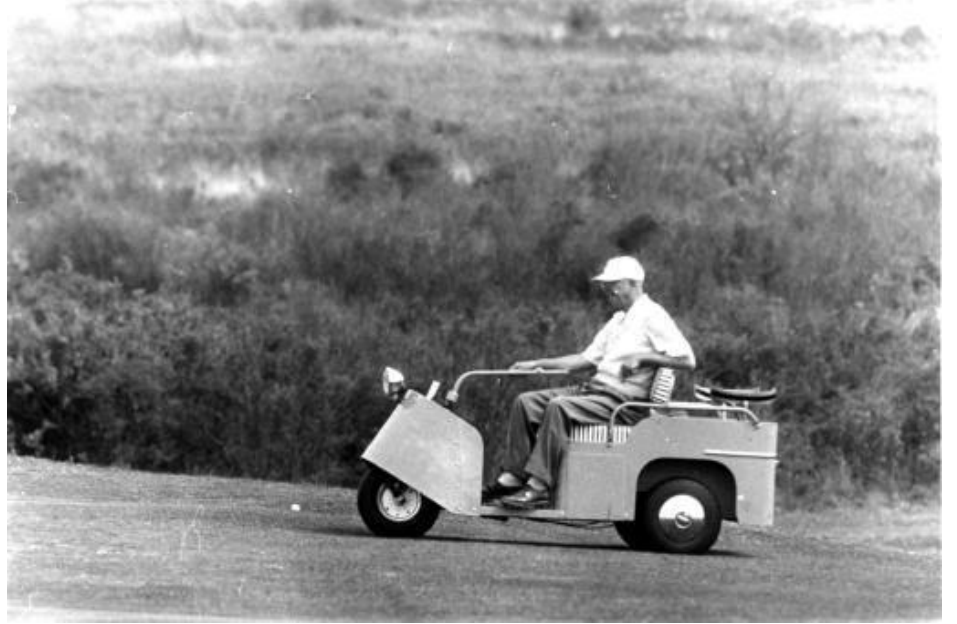








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# 1960 Election



*Today our concern must be with that future. For the world is changing. The old era is ending. The old ways will not do.*

*Abroad, the balance of power is shifting. New and more terrible weapons are coming into use.*

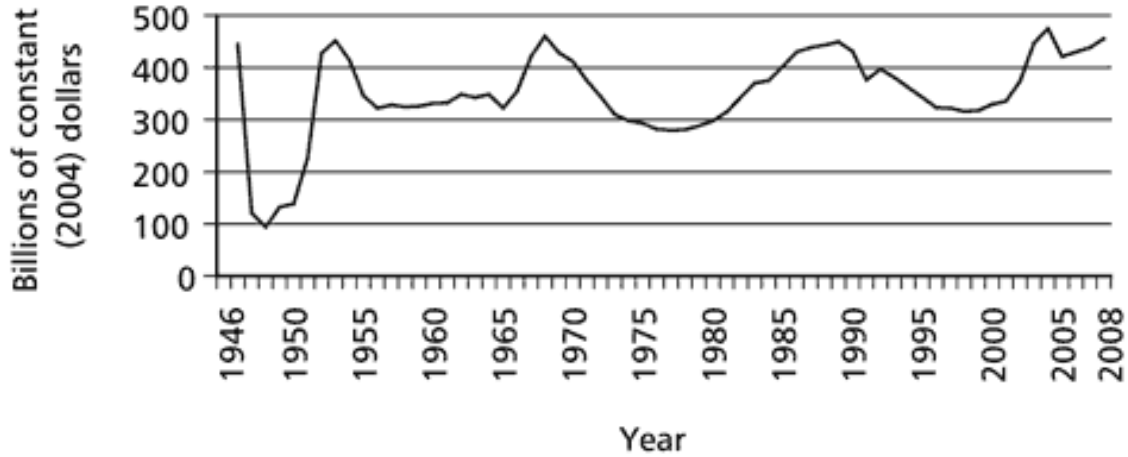
*-John F. Kennedy*

# VIII: The military industrial complex

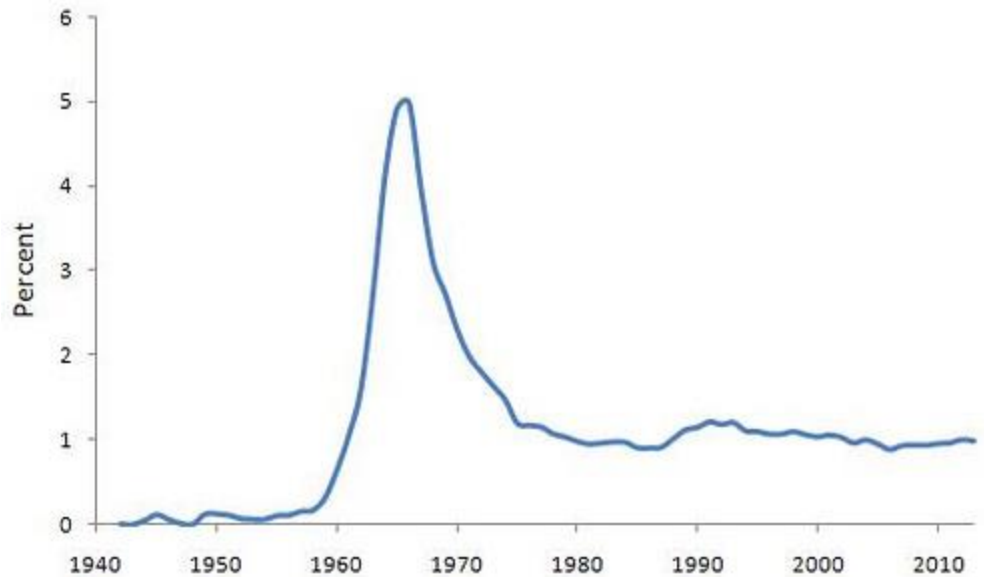
- *“This conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience. The total influence — economic, political, even spiritual — is felt in every city, every statehouse, every office of the federal government. We recognize the imperative need for this development. Yet we must not fail to comprehend its grave implications. Our toil, resources and livelihood are all involved; so is the very structure of our society. In the councils of government, **we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex.** The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.”*
- *--Dwight D. Eisenhower*







U.S. DoD spending on general science, space and technology (as % of all defense outlays)



# Ike's Top Accomplishments

- 1. Kept America at Peace
- 2. Ends the Korean War
- 3. Balances the budget three times
- 4. Interstate Highway Act of 1956
- 5. Civil Rights Bill of 1957





