

# CONSERVATIVE RESURGENCE

## CONSERVATIVE RESURGENCE DEFINED

- ▶ President Ronald Reagan's \_\_\_\_\_ marks a shift to the right in domestic and foreign policy.
- ▶ With the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Cold War ends and the U.S. confronts an \_\_\_\_\_ of foreign goals.

## THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT BUILDS

- ▶ Conservative Issues
- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▶ Provide guaranteed benefits to the middle class and elderly
  - ▶ High cost and stories of welfare fraud upset taxpayers
  - ▶ Civil Rights rulings affirmative action and "busing" to achieve diversity quotas
- ▶ The New Right
- ▶ Collection of grass-roots groups promoting single issues
- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ - special consideration for women, minorities.
  - ▶ Many say it's \_\_\_\_\_, favoring one group over another
- ▶ Conservative Coalition
- ▶ Pro-Business, religious, and other conservative viewpoints in Congress that \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▶ Religious revival uses TV and radio. Strong support among fundamentalists
- ▶ Heritage Foundation
  - ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ consisting of political, business/industry leaders, economic and social policy experts with a mission to
    - ▶ Formulate and promote conservative public policies based on the principles of \_\_\_\_\_

## REAGANOMICS

- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▶ Reagan encourages private investment by \_\_\_\_\_; conservative theory says that renewed competition in private industry will produce economic growth AND \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Budget Cuts
  - ▶ Maintains entitlement programs

- ▶ Cuts programs that \_\_\_\_\_ (food stamps, unemployment programs)
- ▶ Tax Cuts
  - ▶ Reduces top tax bracket from 70% in 1980 to a final low of 28% by 1988
  - ▶ \_\_\_\_\_,
  - ▶ increased payroll taxes when it became clear that wholesale tax cuts weren't working
  - ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

### SUPPLY SIDE ECONOMICS OR TRICKLE DOWN ECONOMICS

- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ result in:
  - ▶ More investment
  - ▶ Greater productivity
  - ▶ More supply
  - ▶ Lower prices

### JUDICIAL POWER SHIFTS TO THE RIGHT

- ▶ Supreme Court Appointments
  - ▶ Reagan appoints \_\_\_\_\_ first woman justice
  - ▶ Other Reagan, Bush appointments make \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Court places \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Made it easier for states to create laws which \_\_\_\_\_ to rights guaranteed by Roe decision
- ▶ Immigration Reform and Control Act
  - ▶ \_\_\_\_\_, but offers amnesty to more than 3 million undocumented immigrants who entered the U.S. before 1982

### DEREGULATING THE ECONOMY AFFECTS THE ENVIRONMENT

- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ the Size of the Government
  - ▶ Budget cuts \_\_\_\_\_ (pollution, emission taxes cut or reduced)
- ▶ Cut the budget of the EPA by 28%
- ▶ Department of the Interior permits \_\_\_\_\_ oil drilling, lumbering, and coal mining
- ▶ Sells millions of acres of public lands for industrial and military development

### COLD WAR ENDS

- ▶ Gorbachev Initiates Reform
  - ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ - general secretary of Soviet Communist Party
  - ▶ Soviet economy stressed with Reagan defense spending added - Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) or "Star Wars"
  - ▶ Enacted \_\_\_\_\_ - consultative government and freedom of information

- ▶ Planned a strategy of \_\_\_\_\_ - economic and political reform
  - ▶ Wanted better relations with U.S. before the U.S.S.R. cut military spending
    - ▶ Negotiated an arms-control agreement
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### COLLAPSE OF COMMUNIST REGIMES

- ▶ Gorbachev reduces Soviet control of Eastern Europe, \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ 1989 \_\_\_\_\_ falls
- ▶ 1990 - \_\_\_\_\_ is united
- ▶ Czechoslovakia, Baltic states, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Romania become

### THE SOVIET UNION DECLINES

- ▶ By 1991, 14 Soviet republics had declared independence; Gorbachev forced to \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Commonwealth of independent states form
- ▶ 1991 - \_\_\_\_\_ (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaties) were signed. Reduced the number of strategic offensive nuclear weapons in existence by 80% by 2001

CNN's "The Eighties"

Episode 3: "Reagan Revolution"

1. Describe the Iran/Contra scandal.
2. Describe the testimonies of Oliver North and John Pointdexter.
3. What ultimately "rescued" Reagan's reputation in the wake of the Iran/Contra scandal? How did this event differ from Watergate according to Steven Hayward?
4. Why do you think the public called for Nixon's impeachment and not Reagan's in the wake the scandal?