

Timeline: Vietnam War to Present

United States History

Source: Larry Schweikart and Michael Allen, A Patriot's History of the United States, (New York: Sentinel/Penguin Publishing, 2004), 928 pp.

From "Retreat and Resurrection, 1974-88" (pages 720-721, edited)

- 1973-75: OPEC raises oil prices; oil crisis
- 1974: Gerald Ford becomes president after Richard Nixon resigns; War Powers Act passed by Congress
- 1975: Vietnam overrun by North Vietnamese; Communist Pol Pot regime overruns Cambodia; BASIC computer language invented by Bill Gates
- 1976: Jimmy Carter elected president; Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak market first personal computers
- 1979: Camp David Accords; Iranians storm U.S. embassy in Tehran, take American hostages
- 1980: Soviets invade Afghanistan; U.S. Olympic ice hockey team wins the gold medal; Ronald Reagan elected president
- 1981: Reagan shot, nearly killed by John Hinckley; Congress passes Reaganomics tax cuts; Iranian hostages freed
- 1983: Economic recovery begins; "Star Wars" (SDI) speech; marine barracks in Lebanon blown up; Soviets put short-range missiles in western USSR aimed at Europe
- 1985: Geneva conference with Reagan and Gorbachev
- 1986: Reagan and British PM Margaret Thatcher announce plan to install short-range missiles in Europe in response to Soviet SS-20s; "freeze movement" gains movement
- 1986-87: Iran-contra affair
- 1987: Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty (IMF) signed

From "The Moral Crossroads, 1989-2000" (pages 763-764, edited)

- 1988: George H.W. Bush elected president; Hungary begins rolling up Iron Curtain
- 1989: Berlin Wall torn down
- 1990: Taxes raised (no more "read my lips"); Iraq invades Kuwait; Bush announces Operation Desert Shield
- 1991: Operation Desert Storm evicts Iraq from Kuwait; Soviet Union collapses, replaced by Russia and independent states

- 1992: Bill Clinton elected president; Rodney King beating
- 1993: Travelgate; health care bill defeated; Branch Davidian compound at Waco destroyed by FBI and ATF agents; World Trade Center bombed by Al Qaeda; U.S. rangers killed in Somali raids
- 1994: Republicans win House of Representatives for the first time in forty years, passes nine tenths of Contract with America; Special prosecutor appointed to investigate Clinton's Whitewater scandal
- 1995: Oklahoma City bombing
- 1996: Clinton reelected
- 1998: Lewinsky scandal breaks; Al Qaeda bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa; Clinton impeached; air war against Serbia
- 1999: Senate acquits Clinton
- 2000: Economy begins to slow (and Microsoft case); Y2K scare proves groundless; USS Cole

From "America, World Leader, 2000 and Beyond" (pages 803-804)

- 2000: Election of George W. Bush disputed by Al Gore; case goes to United States Supreme Court in December; Court rules that Gore's challenge is unconstitutional; Bush elected president by electoral college; Republicans win Senate and House for first time since the 1950s
- 2001: Muslim terrorists attack World Trade Center and Pentagon (9/11); Bush declares war on terror; United States invades Afghanistan and overthrows Taliban government friendly to Al Qaeda terrorists; Al Qaeda evicted from Afghanistan, assets frozen
- 2002: Al Qaeda bases in Afghanistan destroyed; "Axis of Evil" speech; D.C. snipers; GOP wins historic election
- 2003: Operation Iraqi Freedom; Baghdad captured
- 2004: Saddam Hussein captured; Iraqi interim government assumes control of Iraq; Bush reelected

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- 2005: Successful democratic elections held in Iraq
Terrorist attacks in London; Hurricane Katrina devastates Gulf Coast/New Orleans

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- 2008: Your High School Graduation! ☺