

# Nixon and the Rise of Conservatives

## I. The Presidency of Richard Nixon

### A. The Election of Richard Nixon

1. In the 1968, Americans elected \_\_\_\_\_ Republican Richard Nixon
2. Nixon's victory in 1968 was due to the turnout of a " \_\_\_\_\_ majority" who wanted a more conservative gov't



### B. Richard Nixon & Domestic Policy

1. As a conservative, Nixon believed in a \_\_\_\_\_ for the national gov't
2. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ many Great Society programs
3. He gave \_\_\_\_\_ more control over how money for \_\_\_\_\_ programs was spent
4. Conservatives in the Sunbelt
  - a. By the late 1960s, the \_\_\_\_\_ was becoming more \_\_\_\_\_ due to new military bases & corporate headquarters, the relocation of retirees, & frustration by whites over civil rights
  - b. Nixon seized the opportunity to attract Southerners to the \_\_\_\_\_ Party by opposing new civil rights policies & cutting government \_\_\_\_\_

### C. President Nixon successfully changed U.S. foreign Policy

1. Instead of using \_\_\_\_\_ to fight Communism & increase Cold War tensions, Nixon created a policy of \_\_\_\_\_ (to ease tensions) with America's Cold War enemies
2. President Nixon & aide Henry Kissinger used a strategy called \_\_\_\_\_ to improve America's role in the world

a. Nixon's foreign policy included " \_\_\_\_\_ " in Vietnam

- i. Nixon discussed plans for " \_\_\_\_\_ " but secretly bombed Cambodia & Laos in 1970
- ii. In 1973, Nixon negotiated a \_\_\_\_\_, withdrew U.S. troops, & ended the Vietnam War



b. Nixon's foreign policy included better relations with China

- i. In 1972, Nixon became the 1<sup>st</sup> president to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ China
- ii. Nixon's visit allowed for the possibility of U.S. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. Nixon's visit to China was also meant to exploit a growing \_\_\_\_\_ between USSR & China; Now the USSR had to cooperate with the U.S.

c. Nixon's **Détente** policy was aimed at \_\_\_\_\_ Cold War tensions with the \_\_\_\_\_

- i. By visiting China, Nixon pressured Soviet leader Brezhnev to \_\_\_\_\_ with the United States
- ii. In 1972, Nixon became the 1<sup>st</sup> president to visit \_\_\_\_\_; His visit led to the Strategic Limitation Talks (**SALT**) to limit \_\_\_\_\_

### D. Nixon was a \_\_\_\_\_ president by the end of his 1<sup>st</sup> term

1. His domestic policies reduced \_\_\_\_\_ & revitalized middle-class, conservative, & Southern voters
2. His foreign policies led to the end of an unpopular war in Vietnam & \_\_\_\_\_ with America's two biggest Cold War rivals
3. In \_\_\_\_\_, Nixon won one of the biggest landslide victories in presidential history

E. But after Nixon's re-election in 1972, the \_\_\_\_\_ scandal broke; President Nixon \_\_\_\_\_ in 1974 rather than face **impeachment**

