

<p>“Let Us Continue”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11/22/63 Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated JFK • Jack Ruby televised murdering Lee Harvey Oswald at police station • Funeral • Warren Commission • Shock, loss • LBJ sworn in aboard Air Force One • Spoke to congress asking to pass tax, civil rights bills
<p>Johnson in Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not as polished • Knew how to work the system and people, energy, determination and ego, came across poorly • Tried to play to both rep and demo, very political • Tax cut through VA Senate Finance Committee Chairman Harry Byrd (personally opposed), led to consumer spending and new jobs • GOP Senate leader Everett Dirksen met privately w/Johnson at White House. After a 57 day filibuster, Johnson unwilling to compromise, and rep breaking alliances with demo, the 1964 Civil Rights Act was passed, illegal segregation of AA in public facilities • Employment Commission and voting rights followed • Title VII added gender and called for greater opportunity in employment and education, backfired
<p>The Election of 1964</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBJ wanted a landslide • Wanted to tackle poverty • In <i>The Other America</i> Harrington claimed that 1/5 lived in poverty • AA, elderly, single mom households • Lack off education, medicine, and employment opportunities the root • Vicious cycle • 1964 State of the Union “War on Poverty” • Comprehensive program funded w/ a billion from Congress • Office of Economic Opportunity (Head Start, Job Corps for drop outs, adult ed, etc.) • Involved poor in committees, led to conflicts • Not fully funded, but did reduce the number of poor • LBJ reputation as a reformer • Attorney General Robert “Bobby” Kennedy wanted VP bid, “I don’t need that little runt to win.” Went with Humphrey • Rep Barry Goldwater against welfare state, denounced New Deal programs such as Social Security and the TVA, Hawkish foreign policy • Johnson’s “Great Society” stressed liberal reform, balanced budgets, • Dem’s huge wins in both houses • LBJ broke conservative grip for the first time in 25 years
<p>The Triumph of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare and Medicaid, signed in front of Truman in Missouri • The Ele and Sec School Act of 1965 for poor districts • Civil rights protest led by King in Alabama, broken up by whips and cow

Reform	<p>prods, Johnson called in guards to allow march and offer protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Their cause must be our cause, too.”• Worked w/ Dirksen to break Southern filibuster• Voting Rights Act of 1965 banned literacy tests, provided federal registrars 40 to 65% increase• 89 bills passed in 1965• Transportation and Housing and Urban Affairs Depts. Created highway safety, clean air and water, public housing, education, poverty• LBJ portrayed as a crude, wheeler-dealer, fast driving, beer drinking, dog bully,
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