

<p>Politics After Watergate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Crisis, economic recession, Watergate, Cold War Politics, all led to conflict over Congress wanting more authority • Conflict at a time when AM needed leadership the most
<p>The Ford Administration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House minority leader; Never elected; succeed Agnew as VP; became Pres. through Nixon's resigning; took office June 1974 • Pardoned Nixon • CIA disclosed Watergate and Vietnam scandals- brought credibility • Ford leaked that CIA had attempted to assassinate foreign leaders • House and Senate investigative committees reveal 8 attempts at Castro • 1975 appointed Bush Sr. to head the CIA, outlawed ass. , permanent House/Senate Intelligence committees to oversee CIA • Vetoed 39 Bills, opposed Great Society, ultra-conservative
<p>1976 Campaign</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ford's ineffectiveness made demo's hopeful • GA Gov. Jimmy Carter became frontrunner, as an outsider from the South • Peanut farmer; "I'll never tell a lie" • Ford criticizes, but has his own slip ups, "There is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe." • Ford took the West and Affluent suburbs, Carter the South and industrial NE, socially and eco disadvantaged
<p>Disenchantment with Carter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinary citizen, but no philosophy or direction, no cause.....and was not a common man.....a millionaire populist? • Cabinet all over the place, counter productive • Tried unsuccessfully to balance budget, save environment, help consumers, in the end he just angered industry • Polls told him he was losing nation's confidence, Camp David meetings with advisors, blamed American people for a, "crisis of confidence" and fired top cabinet members • Didn't help
<p>From Détente to Renewed Cold War</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vietnam, Watergate, Congressional takeover w/ War Powers Act • Low opinion of America abroad • OPEC, Middle East and Latin Am Nationalism • America as a victim or spectator, not one to shape
<p>Retreat in Asia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut military spending to South Vietnam, 1975 Viet Cong advanced on Saigon and 150,000 fled by helicopter • A month later, Khmer Rouge Regime seized AM ship and crew, had already let it go when we attacked and 40 AM killed for nothing
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<p>The Quest for Peace in the Middle East</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kissinger gets Israel to pullback in Sinai and Golan Heights • Plays mediator leaving USSR out of the loop • 1977 Egyptian Pres. Anwar Sadat travels to Israel for peace talks • 1978 Camp David Peace Accords between Sadat and Begin establish line of communication, not terms • 1979 gradual return of Sinai, PLO and other Arabs left out, look to USSR • 1979 Ayatollah Khomeini led Muslim revolt against shah • Most Iranians discontented with modernism and police state • Shah comes to US for medical treatment, militants seize U.S. embassy in Teheran and take 53 prisoners “Iran Hostage Crisis” • Diplomacy and eco. Failed, moved navy into Indian Ocean and state we will protect oil interests in the Persian Gulf • Rescue mission fails, Sec State Vance resigns • Symbol of American weakness and the end for Carter
<p>The Cold War Resumes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress refusal to relax trade restrictions • USSR restricts emigration of Soviet Jews, repressed dissidents push us away • Carter stresses human rights by withholding aid, but inconsistent • Give Soviets exile • SALT II under Ford in 1974 to ceil nuclear delivery series, but new weapons were developed and race continues • Sec. Adv. Brzezinski helped path up relations w/China, hurt USSR • 1979 USSR invaded Afghanistan, we viewed it as attempt to get into the Persian Gulf