

# CRASH COURSE: U.S. History

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## EPISODE 43: THE REAGAN REVOLUTION

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1. What approach to history does Crash Course not usually indulge in, though it's tempting to use it when looking at the "Reagan Revolution?" \_\_\_\_\_
2. List at least two things that Reagan criticized when he was campaigning for the presidency in 1980.  
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3. Why was Reagan's campaign emphasis on traditional family values somewhat ironic?  
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4. List at least two groups that felt that Reagan spoke to their values.  
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5. What word did Reagan use more than any prior president? \_\_\_\_\_
6. List two kinds of economic freedom embedded in Reagan's Economic Bill of Rights.  
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7. The 1981 top tax rate was 70%. What was it after the 1986 Tax Reform Act? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What names are used for the theory that the best way to encourage economic growth is to lower taxes?  
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9. How did the economy fare early on during the Reagan Revolution – in 1981 and 1982?  
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10. Who were the "winners" and the "losers" from the expanding economy under Reagan?  
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11. What kind of government spending saw huge increases under Reagan, resulting in a national debt approaching \$3 trillion? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Why did Reagan fire thousands of air traffic controllers? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Why did the rate of homelessness surge under Reagan? \_\_\_\_\_
14. How can Reagan be considered a moderate instead of a conservative, at least by current standards?  
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15. How did Reagan gain a reputation as the man who ended the Cold War?  
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16. What does "Star Wars" mean when it comes to Reagan?  
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17. What did Reagan's 1986 treaty with Soviet leader Gorbachev reduce?  
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18. Reagan's huge scandal involved the government selling arms to an enemy nation in the Middle East so it could have money to illegally funnel to rebels in Nicaragua. What was this scandal called?  
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## EPISODE 44: GEORGE H.W. BUSH & THE END OF THE COLD WAR

1. GHW Bush had an unusually impressive resumé for a presidential candidate, culminating with his service as \_\_\_\_\_ under Ronald Reagan.
2. During the 1988 presidential campaign, negative ads were used to make Bush's opponent, Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis, appear incompetent on the issues of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. GHW Bush started the now-common practice of insulting opponents by calling them "\_\_\_\_\_."
4. Bush's 1988 campaign is most famous for his claim of "No new \_\_\_\_\_."
5. Events considered a part of the end of the Cold War include the fall of East Germany's \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ Revolution in Czechoslovakia.
6. Nuclear weapons were reduced during the Bush administration thanks to the \_\_\_\_\_ I and II treaties, which he negotiated with the USSR.
7. Bush did not intervene when \_\_\_\_\_ broke apart in bloody civil wars, but he did send U.S. troops into \_\_\_\_\_ to assist with a famine, though this backfired on him.
8. In the First Gulf War, the U.S. and a coalition of 34 other nations went to war against Iraq, which was ruled by the dictator Saddam Hussein. Aired live on CNN, when ground troops attacked, the Iraqis were defeated in a mere \_\_\_\_\_ with the U.S. losing less than \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers.
9. The goal of the war was to force Iraq to leave \_\_\_\_\_, its small neighbor nation.
10. After the Gulf War, Bush's approval rating reached the unprecedented level of \_\_\_\_\_.
11. One reason why Bush didn't accomplish much domestic legislation was because Congress was controlled by the opposition party, the \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Congress, continuing to build the social safety net started during the New Deal, passed a Family and Medical Leave Act twice. But Bush \_\_\_\_\_ the bill both times.
13. Landmark legislation passed during the Bush years includes the 1991 Americans with \_\_\_\_\_ Act.
14. Racial tensions flared in 1992 when an all-white jury issued "not guilty" verdicts against police officers accused of savagely beating black motorist Rodney King; the verdict resulted in riots in \_\_\_\_\_ that left 52 dead.
15. During the last two years of the Bush administration, the economy experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ in which unemployment surged to the highest level in a decade.
16. In 1991, Bush did something that made conservatives doubt he was one of them: he \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Bush lost his 1992 re-election bid in an unusual election where a third-party candidate, Ross Perot, won an astonishing \_\_\_\_\_ of the popular vote, though the winner was Democrat Bill \_\_\_\_\_.