

# 1970s – 1980s

## America Moves to the Right

- Nixon
- Ford
- Carter
- Problems/Issues
  - Economic Recession
  - Foreign Affairs
  - Role of US in Int'l Affairs

# Nixon Administration

## ➤ Foreign policies



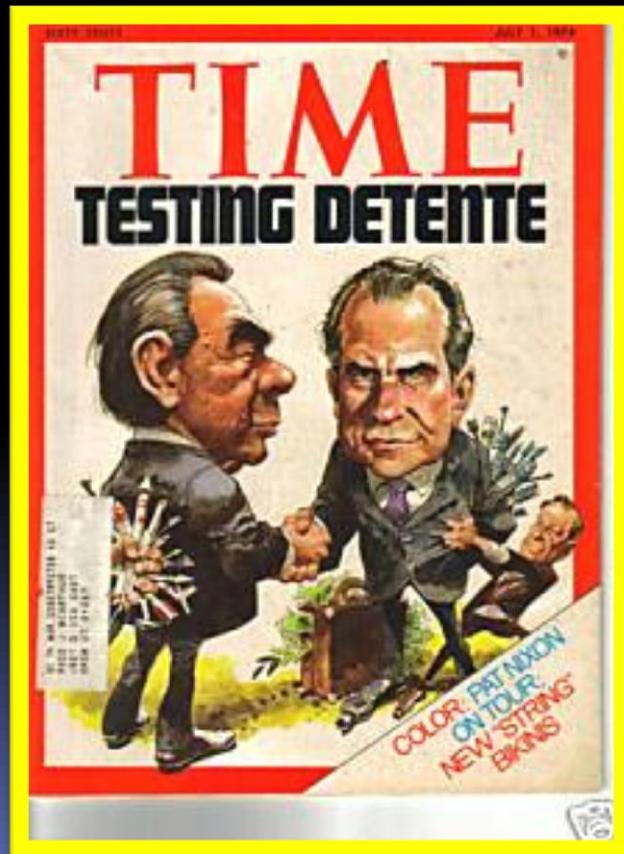
Henry Kissinger

# China 1972



# Soviet Union

- détente  
("relaxing")

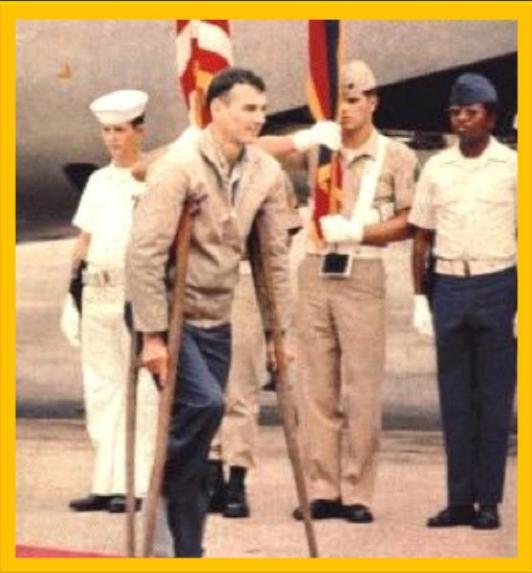


Nixon & Brezhnev

# Vietnam

- “peace with honor”
  - Paris Peace Accords, Jan 1973

# “Operation Homecoming” - 1973



# April 30, 1975

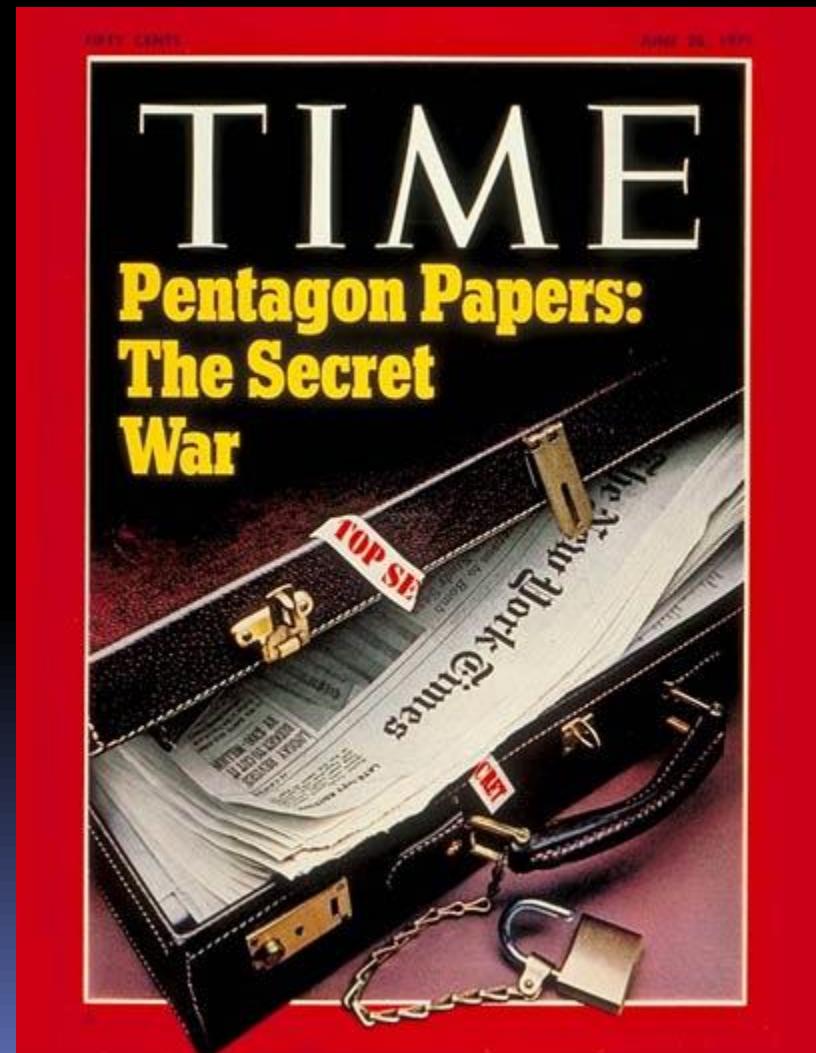


“War Powers Act”  
1973

# Nixon Administration

- Domestic policies

*The Pentagon Papers*  
1971



# Election of 1972

- Committee to Re-elect the President (CRP)
- “CREEP”

# June 17, 1972

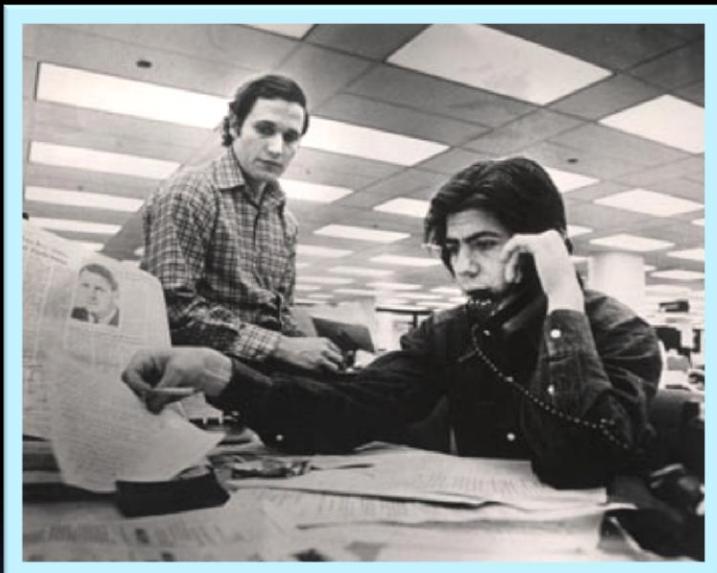


Watergate Building

“I am not a crook”

# *Washington Post*

## Bob Woodward & Carl Bernstein



“Deep Throat”

# “Deep Throat” revealed - 2005



W. Mark Felt

# August 9, 1974

➤ Nixon resigns



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## NIXON RESIGNS

### HE URGES A TIME OF 'HEALING'; FORD WILL TAKE OFFICE TODAY

**'Sacrifice' Is Praised;  
Kissinger to Remain**

**By AP Wire Report**  
WASHINGTON — In his first speech as the new President, Vice President Ford today said in his words, "My best offer...one of the greatest personal and substantive decisions I have made in my life is to nominate Mr. Gerald R. Ford to be the next President of the United States." He added, "I am deeply grateful to the Congress for its support and good will that it has shown in this moment of national crisis."

Mr. Ford, who was one of my closest and most trusted advisers during my administration, has been nominated to become the 37th President of the United States. He will be sworn in at the White House this afternoon.

He will be succeeded by the Vice President, Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, who will be sworn in at the same time. Mr. Ford will be the third Vice President to succeed a President in his own right. The others were George H. W. Bush, who became Vice President in 1981, and Walter Mondale, who became Vice President in 1977.

Mr. Ford, who will take office at noon, will immediately begin to work on the problems of the nation. He will be joined by a number of his former staff members, including his chief of staff, Donald Rumsfeld, and his chief of staff for foreign affairs, Henry Kissinger. Both men will remain in their posts.

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**The 37th President  
Is First to Quit Post**

**By AP Wire Report**  
WASHINGTON — In his first speech as the new President, Vice President Ford announced tonight that he had given up his long and arduous fight to remain in office and end his political career.

Gerald R. Ford, 65, will become the 37th President of the United States at noon today. He succeeds Richard Nixon, whose 36-year political career came to an abrupt end yesterday after he resigned in disgrace following a 10-month Watergate inquiry.

Since that was given up, when he became Vice President, Mr. Ford, in a statement addressed to the nation, said:

*Part of the address will be printed on Page 2.*

**POLITICAL SCENE | Rise and Fall JAWORSKI ASSERTS  
SHARPLY ALTERED Appraisal of Nixon Career NO DEAL WAS MADE**

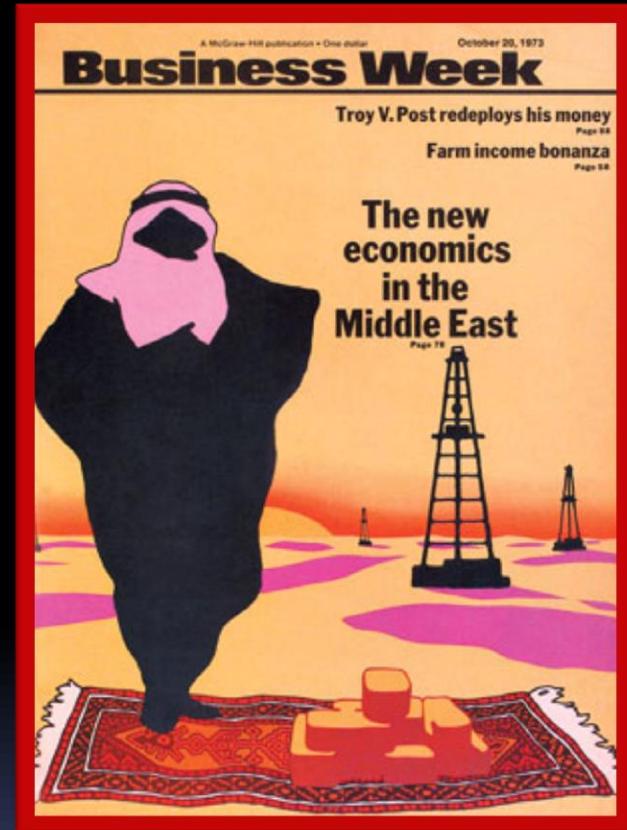
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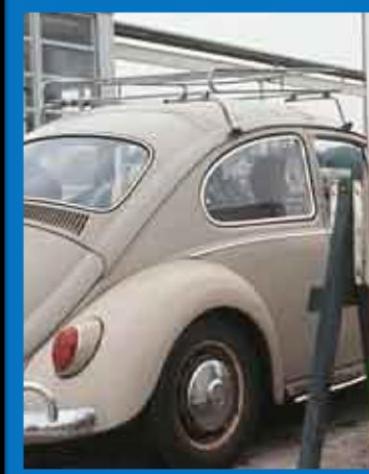
# Gerald Ford



# Arab Oil Embargo, Oct 1973

- boycott
- OPEC
- Yom Kippur War





# TOM'S SHELL

*Self  
Serve*

*Regular*

*Plus*

*Premium*

*Cash or  
Credit*

**ARM 9**

**LEG 9**

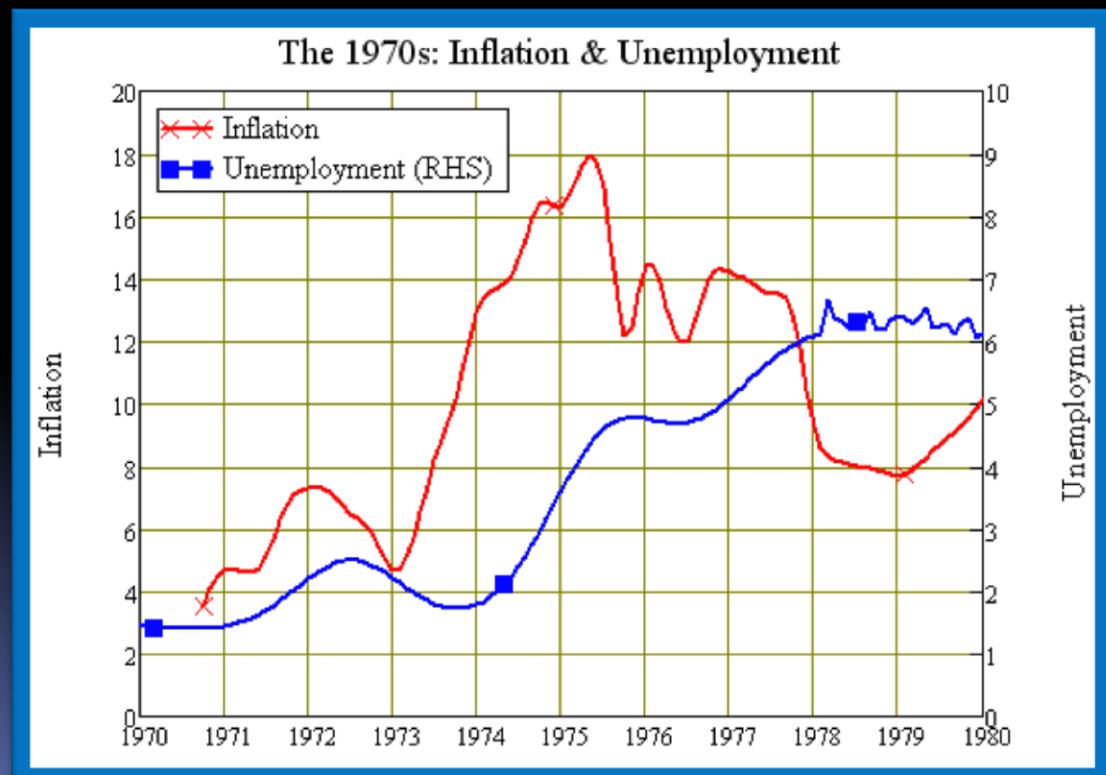
**First 9  
Born**

# Recession

- prices up
  - Gas and heating oil
  - Food
  - Housing
- spending down
- unemployment up

# “Stagflation”

- Rapid inflation
- High unemployment
- Slow economic growth



# Election of 1976

Gerald Ford



Jimmy Carter

# Carter Administration

- Foreign policies
  - Human rights



# Middle East

- Camp David Accords, 1978

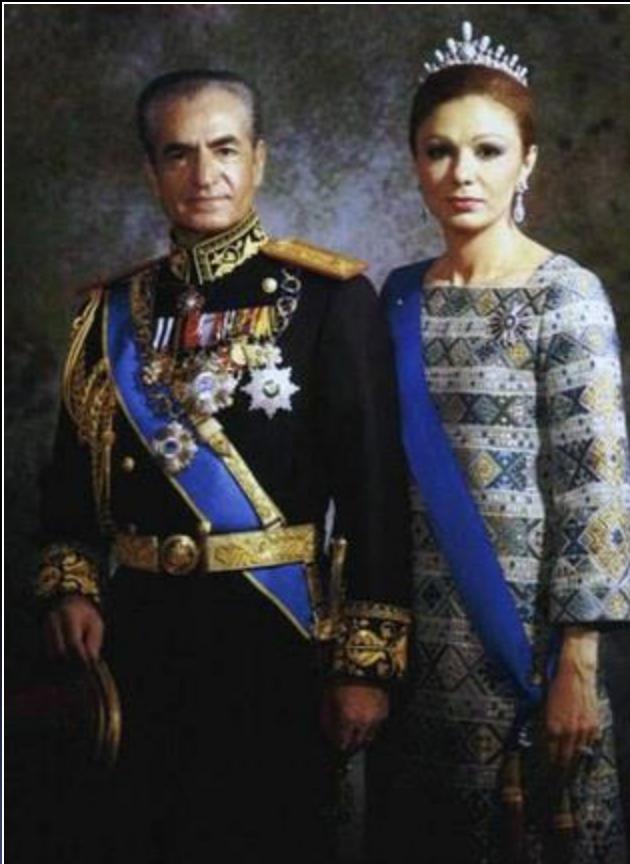


Menachem Begin, Carter, Anwar El Sadat

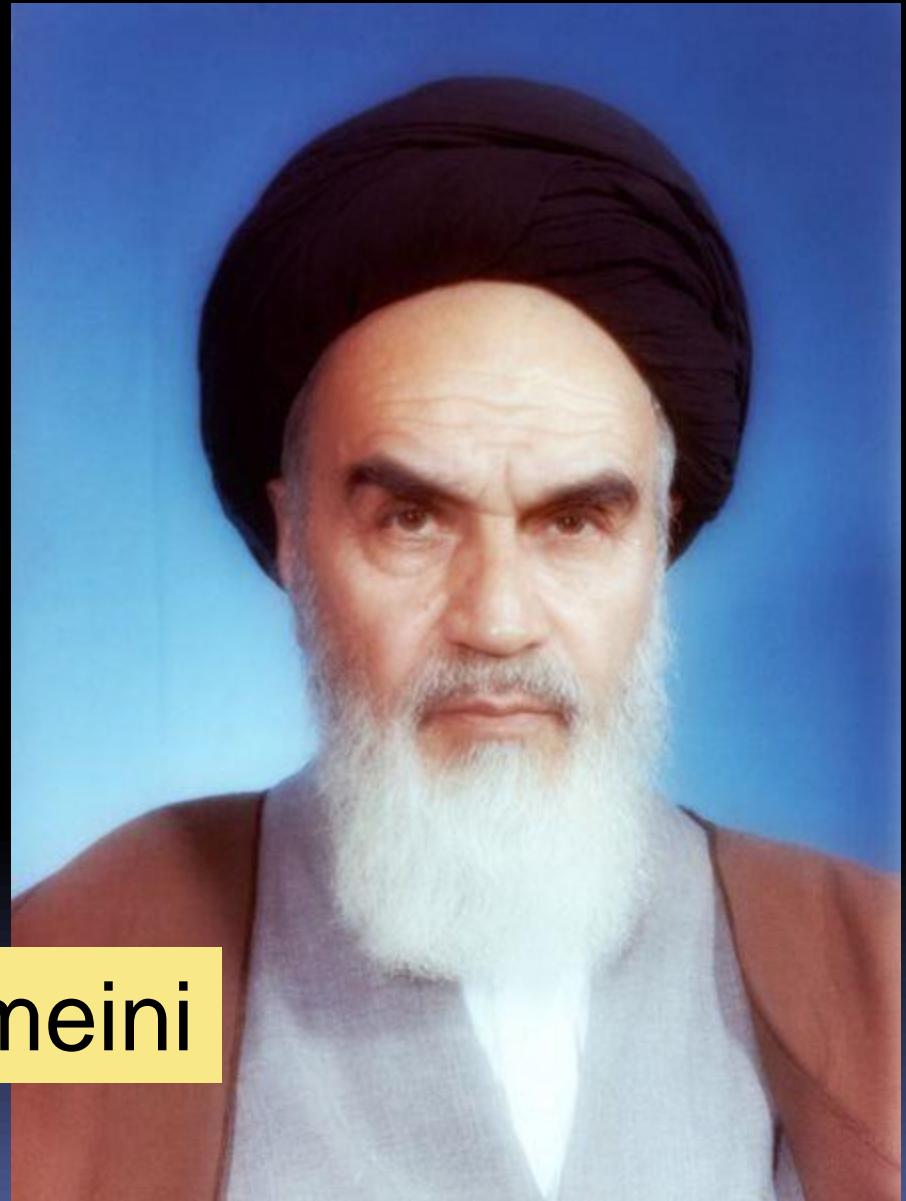
# “6-Day War” 1967



# Iranian Revolution – 1979 (Islamic Revolution)



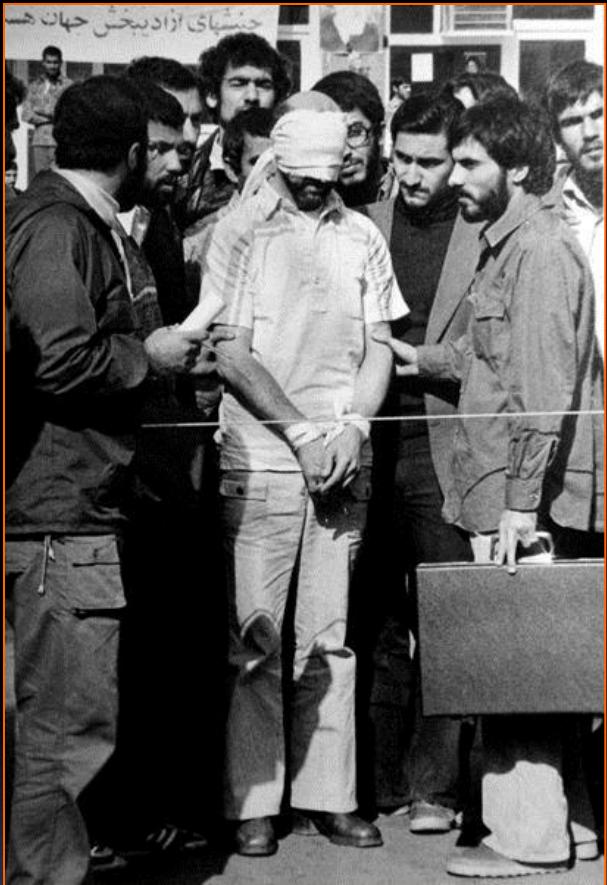
Shah Reza Pahlavi  
& Queen Farah



Ayatollah Khomeini

# Hostage Crisis

444 days

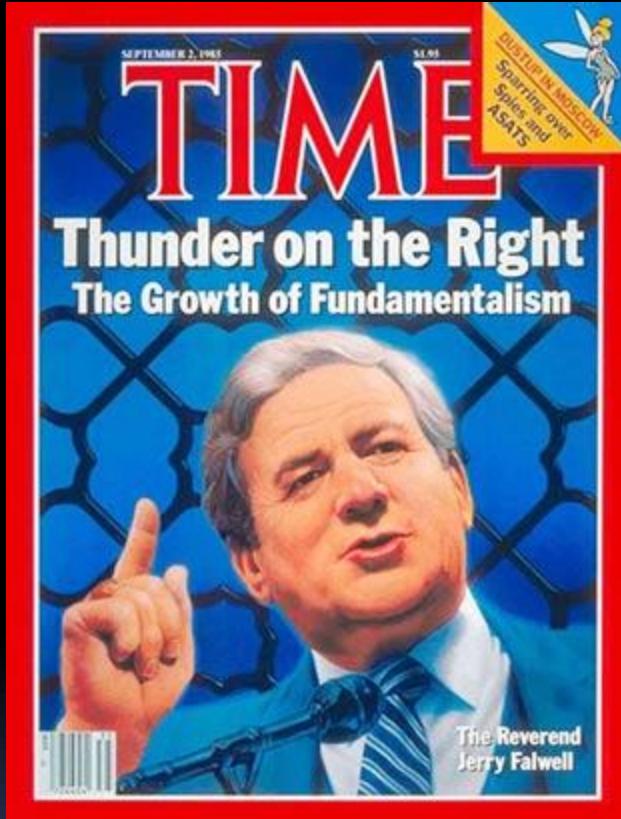


# Reagan Administration

- less gov't
- balanced budget
- family values
- peace via strong defense
- alliance with religious conservatives



# Moral Majority



Jerry Falwell

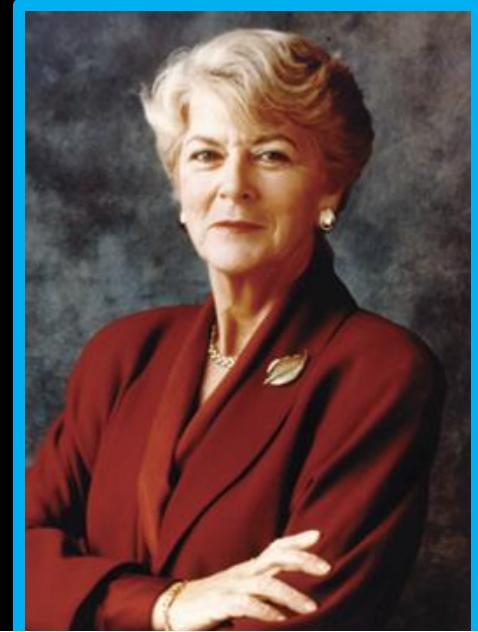
# Supply-side Economics

- cut gov't spending
- reduce taxes
- encourage investing
- stimulate the economy

# Election of 1984



Walter Mondale



Geraldine Ferraro

