

1970s – 1980s

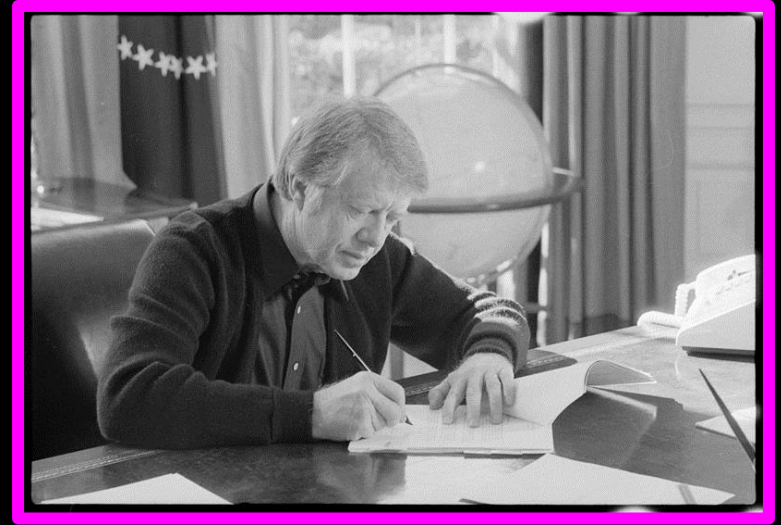
America Moves to the Right

- Election of 1980
- Ronald Reagan
 - The “New Right”
 - Foreign Affairs
 - Role of US in Int’l Affairs

Carter Administration 1976-1980

➤ Domestic

- “outsider”
- Personal integrity
- Inclusive
- Energy conservation
- Environmental protection
- Fiscal conservative



Carter Administration 1976-1980

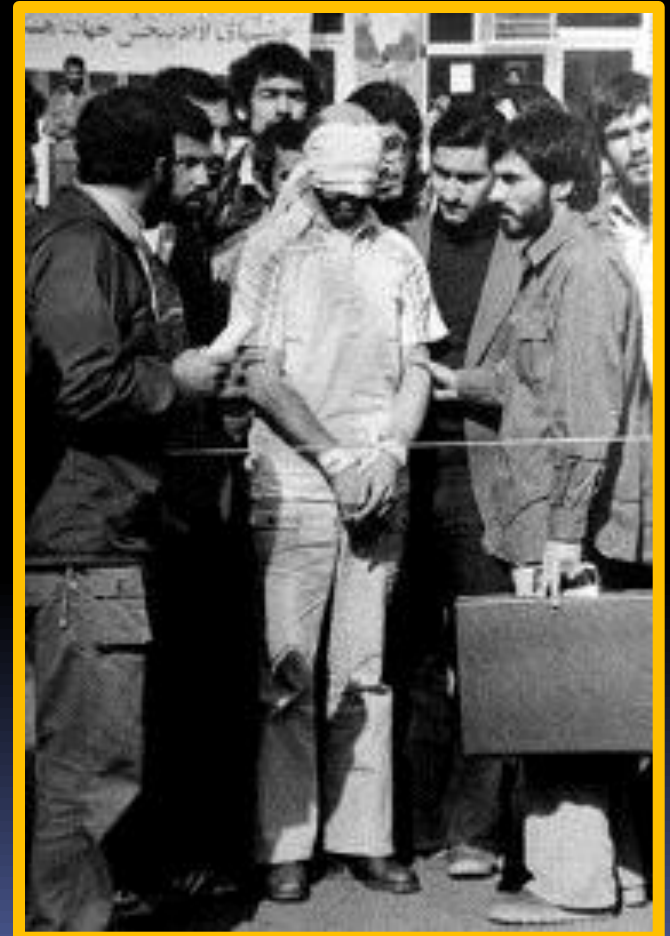
➤ Foreign policies/issues

- Human rights
- Camp David Accords
- Cold War



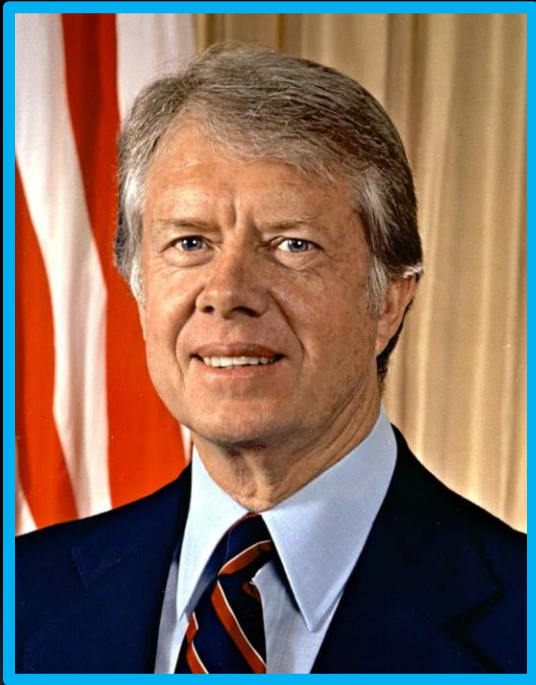
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- Foreign policies/issues
 - Iran Hostage Crisis



Election of 1980

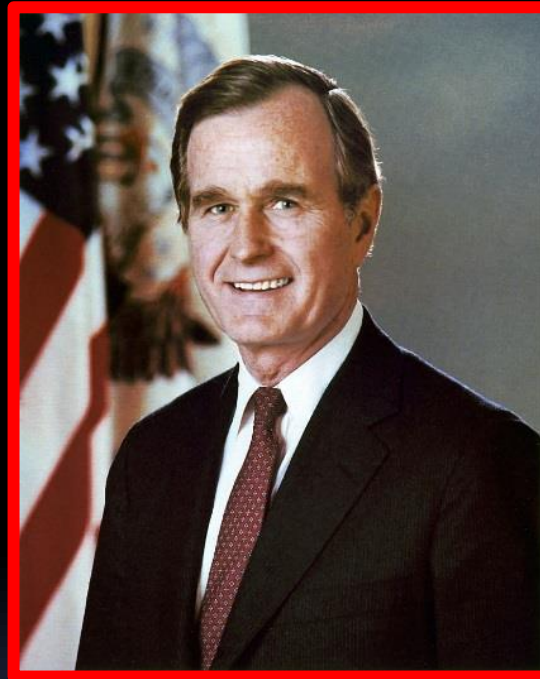
➤ Democratic Party



Jimmy Carter & Walter Mondale

Election of 1980

➤ Republican Party

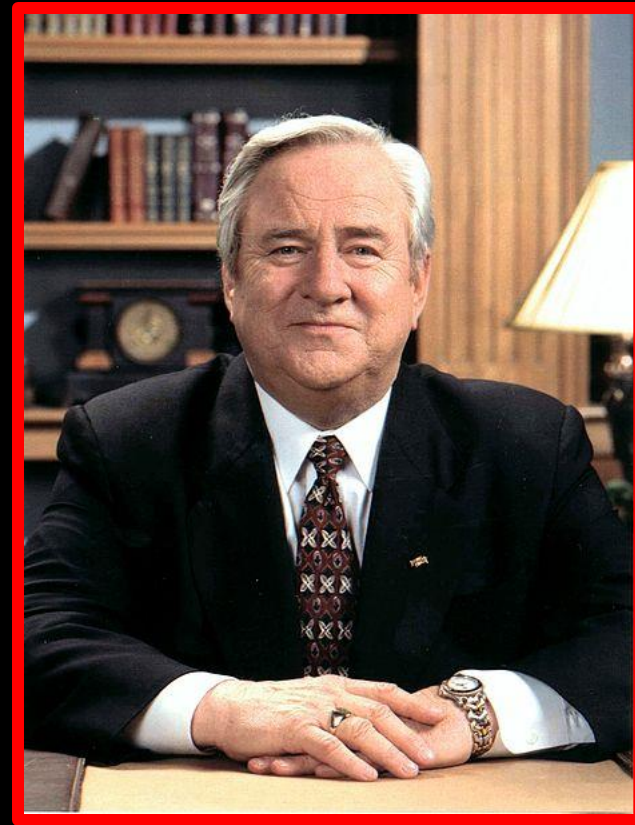


Ronald Reagan & George H.W. Bush

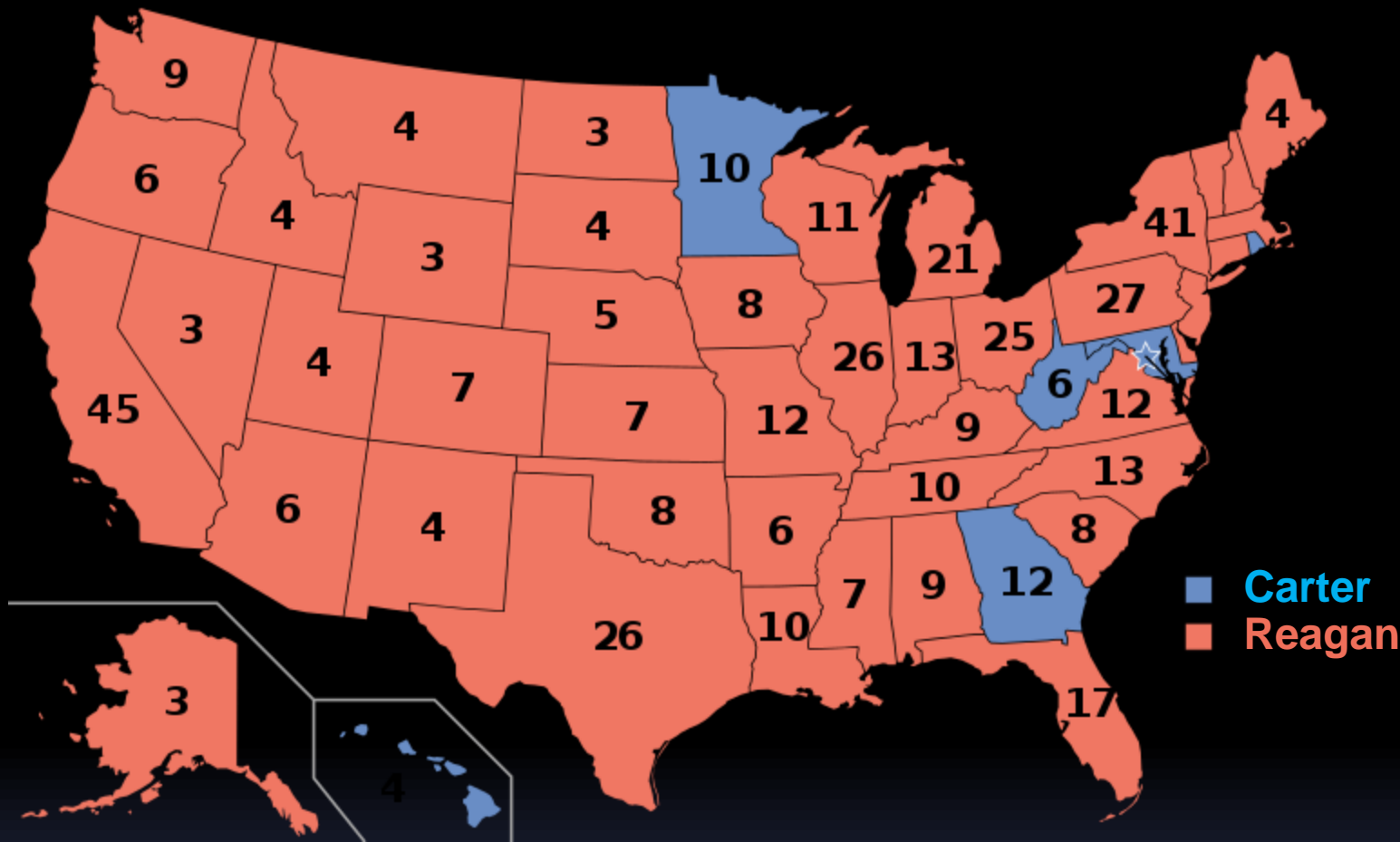
Election of 1980

- realignment of major parties
- gap between liberal and conservative widens
- emergence of Christian Right as political force

Moral Majority



Rev. Jerry Falwell



Election of 1980

“Reagan Revolution” – 1980 - 1988

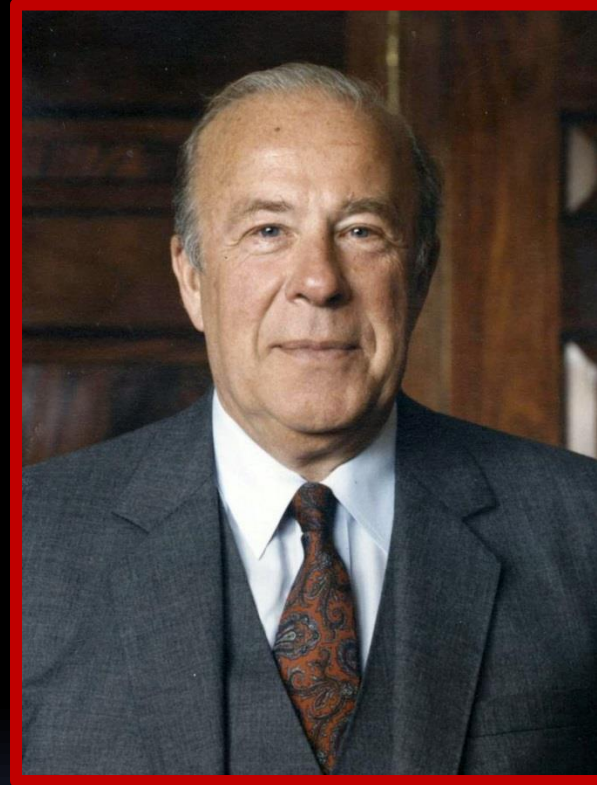
- “Reagan Doctrine” –
Peace through strength
- deregulation
- alliance with Christian
conservatives
- “Reaganomics”



Foreign Policy



**Alexander Haig,
Secretary of State
'81 – '82**



**George P. Shultz,
Secretary of State
'82 – '89**

Foreign Policy

➤ Reagan Doctrine

- Win Cold War - Stop “evil empire”
- Strengthen military & nuclear defenses
- Support anti-leftist movements
- U.S. War on Terror

Foreign Policy

➤ U.S. – U.S.S.R.

- “glasnost” – greater freedom of expression
- Contributed to eventual end of Cold War



Mikhail Gorbachev

End of Cold War

1989 - 1991



Supply-side Economics

➤ goal - stimulate the economy

- cut gov't spending
- reduce taxes
- reduce govt regulation
- encourage investing
- borrow for defense

“Reaganomics”

Reaganomics & deregulation

➤ results

- Contributed to Savings & Loan (S & L) banking crisis
- Increased federal deficit
- Cuts to government programs (education, food stamps, job training, etc.)

Reaganomics & deregulation

➤ results

- Greater Gap between rich and poor
- '81-'82 recession
- Increase in defense spending
- lower inflation

Election of 1984

Democrats



Walter Mondale

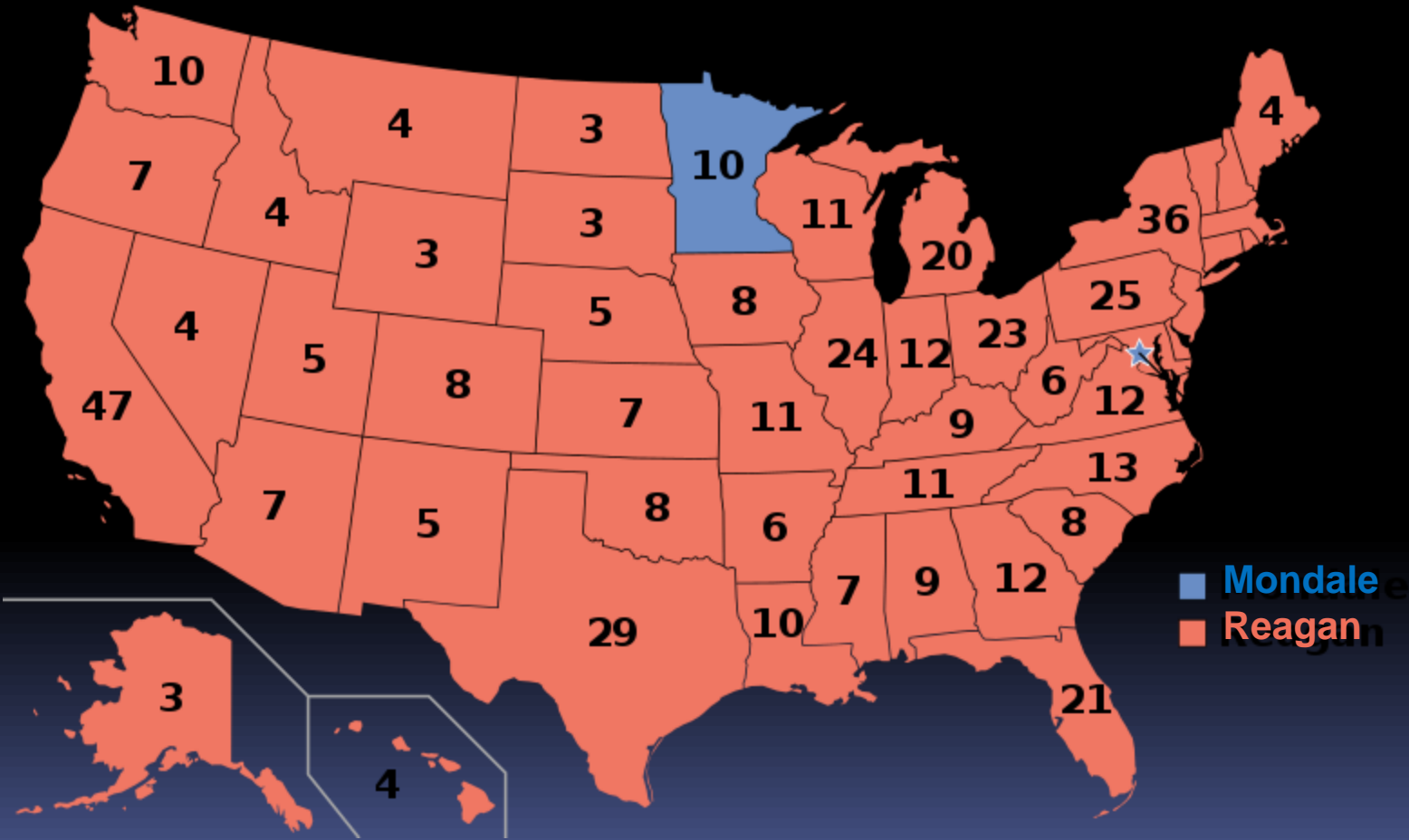


Election of 1984

Republicans



Election of 1984



Conservatives in Power

➤ liberals on the defensive

- Affirmative Action
- Women's Rights
- Equal Rights Amendment
- Reproductive Rights

Sandra Day O'Connor



Conservatives in Power

➤ liberals on the defensive

- Gay & Lesbian Rights
- HIV/AIDS



“Reagan Revolution”

- restore faith/confidence in nation
- restore U.S. dominance/strength
 - At home (economy)
 - Abroad
- shrink government
- restore/strengthen “family values”
- dismantle liberal reforms
 - New Deal
 - Great Society