

CONTEMPORARY OVERVIEW

1970s, 1980s, 1990s

1970s

Domestic Policy

- ❑ Inflation Impact of Vietnam
- ❑ Watergate Scandal
- ❑ Liberalism Peaks: (Great Society)
- ❑ Dems Out (Johnson) &
 - ▣ Repubs In (Nixon/Ford)
- ❑ Watergate Scandal
- ❑ Party reversal (Carter)

Foreign Policy

- ❑ Vietnamization
 - ❑ China
 - ❑ Détente (Nixon Policy)
 - ❑ Oil/OPEC
 - ❑ Iran Hostages
 - ❑ Camp David Accords
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- ❑ US Confidence Shaken

1980s

Domestic Policy

- Party Reversal:
Reaganomics
 - ▣ Promote Business/Trickle
Down Theory
- Conservative Values
Emphasized
- Rise of Christian Right
- Bush, Sr.-1000 Points of
Light

Foreign Policy

- Star Wars: Take on the
“Evil Empire”
- Iran/Contra Affair
- Latin Am.: Grenada, El
Salvador, Nicaragua
- Fall of USSR
- 1st Gulf War

1990s

Domestic Policy

- Political Reversal: Clinton
- Economic Prosperity
- Balanced Budget
- Moderate Policies
- Political Turmoil/Deadlock
 - ▣ Gingrich/Limbaugh

Foreign Policy


- Somalia
- Kosovo
- Al-Qaida
- Declaration of Principles (Oslo)

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TEAM PLAYER

WORLD POLICEMAN

WORLD BULLY



Isolationism:
Strict non-
involvement
in the
affairs of
other
nations

Collective Security:
Working with
other countries to
influence world
affairs

Internationalism:
Intervening in other
countries' affairs to
promote important
national interests
and/or to
safeguard national
security

Imperialism: Extending
power by acquiring
territory around the
globe or exploiting
weaker nations to
serve national interests