

The 1970s

A loss of faith in the
American government

1968-1969

- 1968: A year of chaos
 - Dr. King assassinated
 - Robert Kennedy assassinated
 - Democratic convention riots in Chicago
- 1969
 - Vietnamization
 - Nixon Doctrine
 - Bombing in Cambodia and Laos

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- Nixon
 - 1972 Watergate Scandal (members of CREEP break in to Democratic headquarters, steal documents, bug phones; Nixon eventually charged with orchestrating a cover-up, story broken by Washington Post; quits before he is prosecuted)
- Ford
 - Pardons Nixon
 - Inflation and economic recession (paying off Vietnam War)
 - Fall of Saigon 1975
 - OPEC oil embargo 1973

- Carter
 - Iranian hostage crisis
 - Energy Crisis
 - Three Mile Island Nuclear accident
 - Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
 - Camp David Accords
 - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT)

A changing Nation

- Growing feminist movement
- Changing nuclear family
- Bakke v. California 1977: can schools use racial quotas when determining admission to universities? Yes and no. A rigid racial quota system is unconstitutional; however, schools may take race into account when determining admission.