

The American Yawp

Chapter 29 – Triumph of the Right

Quiz

1. Which of the following phrases best describes “Reagan Democrats?”
 - a. Blue-collar voters who lost faith in the liberal creed
 - b. Southerners who resisted the Civil Rights Act
 - c. A new brand of Democrats who advocated increasingly liberal programs in attempt to oppose Ronald Reagan
 - d. Corporate leaders in the Northeast who traditionally supported Democrats but believed in Reagan’s national security agenda
2. How did racism influence the growth of the modern Republican Party?
 - a. Republicans defended white supremacy in their official party platforms
 - b. Democrats took the lead in passing civil rights legislation, pushing many white Americans toward the Republican Party
 - c. Members of the Ku Klux Klan were embraced by the Democratic Party, pushing moderates toward the Republicans
 - d. Richard Nixon’s administration actively recruited black political appointees, creating a backlash against the Republican Party
3. The Religious Right built a powerful coalition that united conservative evangelicals with what other influential voting group?
 - a. Jewish Americans
 - b. Conservative Catholics
 - c. Mainline Protestants
 - d. All of the above
4. How did Jimmy Carter respond to the economic crises of the late 1970s?
 - a. Proposing a new New Deal in attempt to revitalize American liberalism
 - b. Using approaches championed by conservatives including deregulation, spending cuts, and tax cuts
 - c. Actively encouraging Americans to participate in the consumer economy, believing that Americans needed more encouragement to reignite the consumer economy
 - d. Carter took very little action on economic issues, believing that they would resolve themselves
5. How did Ronald Reagan win over the Religious Right?
 - a. Emphasizing his background as a church-goer and Sunday school teacher
 - b. Denouncing abortion and prayer in schools
 - c. Distancing himself from the nation’s racist past by opposing Bob Jones University
 - d. All of the above
6. How did Reagan’s first budget immediately impact the national debt?
 - a. The national debt decreased slightly

- b. The national debt decreased dramatically
 - c. The national debt increased dramatically
 - d. There was little change in the national debt
7. The presidential election of 1984 convinced the Democratic Party that its future lied with what group?
- a. African Americans
 - b. Union members
 - c. Rural voters
 - d. Upwardly mobile professionals and suburbanites
8. All of the following aspects of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 are true EXCEPT:
- a. Increased federal revenues
 - b. Lowered top corporate tax rate from 46% to 34%
 - c. Reduced the highest marginal rate from 50% to 28%
 - d. Simplified the tax code
9. Thirty-seven year old white engineer, Bernard Goetz shot and seriously wounded four black teenagers on a subway car because he suspected the young men—armed with screwdrivers—planned to rob him. What percentage of white New Yorkers sympathized with Goetz?
- a. 15%
 - b. 33%
 - c. 50%
 - d. 90%
10. Which of the following industries experienced the most economic growth under Reagan?
- a. Agriculture
 - b. Financial Services
 - c. Manufacturing
 - d. Organized Laborers
11. Why was the federal government slow to respond to the AIDS crisis?
- a. Concerns about the deficit discouraged new research spending
 - b. The disease was portrayed as an international problem, not an American problem
 - c. The issue disproportionately affected gay Americans, a marginalized group
 - d. The surgeon general opposed allocating research funding, believing that it would be better used to fight cancer
12. Which of the following best describes the “Reagan Doctrine?”
- a. The United States committed to supplying aid to anti-communist forces everywhere in the world
 - b. The importance of triangulation to play communist nations off of one another
 - c. A commitment to détente
 - d. Avoiding international engagement in favor of domestic economic investment
13. Which of the following statements regarding the Iran Contra Affair are true?
- a. The project was authorized by the 1984 Boland Amendment

- b. The goal was the raise money to support the anti-Sandinista government in Nicaragua
 - c. Reagan escaped prosecution despite proof that he authorized the operation
 - d. All of the above
14. Which leader of the Soviet Union advocated the projects of *glasnost* and *perestroika*?
- a. Leonid Brezhnev
 - b. Yuri Andropov
 - c. Konstantin Chernenko
 - d. Mikhail Gorbachev
15. The Dow Jones Industrial Average—which stood at 950 in 1981—reached _____ by the end of Reagan’s second term.
- a. 1,893
 - b. 2,239
 - c. 2,947
 - d. 3,927