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