

Nixon and the 1970's Notes

- As he took office, he moved to get the US out of Vietnam... **Vietnamization.**
- **Environmental Protection Agency:** Regulated water and air pollution, toxic waste, pesticides and radiation
- **Endangered Species Act:** Required wildlife services to list and protect endangered species

Nixon's Cold War Foreign Policy

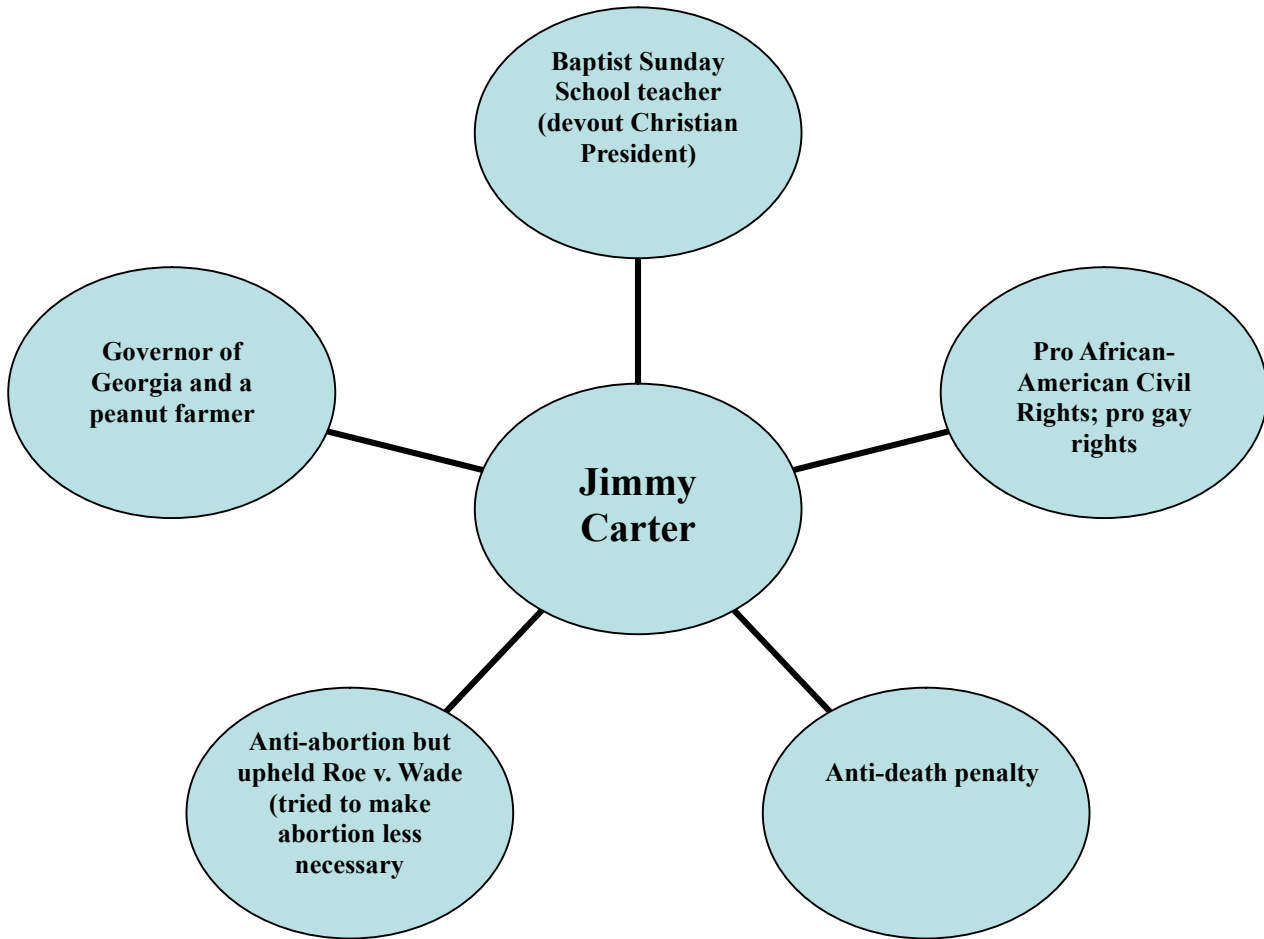
- 🗺 **Detente:** Improved relations between US and Soviets.
- 🗺 Real reason Nixon visited China? **make Russia jealous so they would negotiate. (SALT: Strategic Arms Limitations Talks)**

- NIXON'S RIGHT HAND MAN... **HENRY KISSENGER.**
- **White House Plumbers:** secret investigators to stop information leaks.
- **Watergate Scandal:** "Plumbers" working on Nixon's re-election Nixon broke into the Democrat Election Headquarters to wiretap phones; caught and Nixon tried to cover up the break in.
- Nixon resigns so that he wouldn't be removed from office by **impeachment.**

Gerald Ford was a nice guy and the perfect President to follow Nixon. However...

- He pardoned Nixon in order to close the matter, Christian compassion and let the country move on.
- Cost Ford the next election!

1970's President Jimmy Carter



Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries: group of oil producing countries control oil production and sale. Made up of mostly Arab countries.

- ❖ **1973 Oil Crisis?** 1973, Yom Kippur War broke out between Israel and other Arab nations. US helped keep Israeli military supplied (Soviet Union did the same for the other side). In response,
- ❖ OPEC initiated an oil **embargo** (caused the price of oil to go way up.)



- ❖ **CAMP DAVID ACCORDS:** (Carter's greatest accomplishment) Carter negotiates peace between Israel and Egypt
 - ❖ Prior to 1953, Iran was a constitutional monarchy. The US and Great Britain orchestrated a coup that overthrew the democracy and helped the Shah (king) become a dictator. 1979, this came back to bite the US.... revolution overthrew American-friendly Shah for anti-American Ayatollah Khomeini.
 - ❖ **IRANIAN HOSTAGE CRISIS:** 66 Americans were taken as hostages at the US embassy in Tehran, Iran and held for 444 days. Rescue mission fails, once Reagan takes office, the hostages are finally released.
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- **Three Mile Disaster:** 1979 nuclear meltdown in Pennsylvania; no nuclear plants built since