

HIST 2112

- I. End of the Cold War
 - a. The Soviet Collapse
 - i. Authoritarianism, economic inefficiency, and Afghanistan
 1. People were tired of living conditions
 2. Builds pressure
 - ii. Poland and Solidarity
 - iii. Gorbachev
 1. Must let the people let off steam
 2. Start implanting parts of the free market enterprise to raise spirits
 3. Allow and encourage political criticism
 - a. Explodes
 - b. Too little, too late
 4. Protests break out
 - iv. The "Revolutions of '89"
 1. Romanian revolt
 - a. Dictator orders military to execute protestors
 - b. Refuse
 - c. Turn on the dictator
 - d. Him and his wife executed on live television
- II. America and the Soviet Collapse - Now What?
 - a. The Sole Superpower
 - i. The invasion of Panama (1989)
 1. Rebirth of "Manifest Destiny"
 2. Captured the leader
 - a. Blasted him out with hair metal
 - ii. The Gulf War (1991)
 1. Saddam Hussein sends Iraqi troops into Kuwait to steal its oil
 2. U.S. sends troops to liberate Kuwait
- III. Bill Clinton and Conservatism
 - a. Bush leaves the economy in ruins
 - b. Clinton's Middle Way
 - i. "We're going to change welfare as we know it"
 - ii. Support for global free trade, little focus on poor, unions, etc. - usually Republican ideals
 - iii. Deregulates the telecommunication industry
 - iv. Attempts at universal health care. Family leave Medical Act. Earned income tax credit. AmeriCorps
 - v. 1994 elections - Clinton moves Right: "The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996," deregulation
 - vi. "Don't ask. Don't tell."

1. Gays were discharged from the military if they were discovered
2. Clinton couldn't survive trying to completely turn this around and allow gays to be open in the military
3. Implements a 'don't ask, don't tell' policy

IV. Impeachment (1998) and the declining power of traditionalist conservatism

- a. Investigated for a real estate deal that had gone unethical
- b. Asked many questions during the investigation that were unrelated
- c. Evidence emerged he had an affair with an intern
 - i. Impeached for lying under vote
 - ii. Didn't go anywhere
 - iii. Not enough votes

V. Immigration and "Multiculturalism"

- a. The "fourth wave" and the Rebirth of Nativism
 - i. Proposition 187
 - ii. "English only"