

HIST 2112

- Brought on a new suspicion of the government
- Loss of Vietnam is still in everyone's minds
 - o Felt the government was lying to them
 - o Lack of faith in government
 - Still haven't recovered
- Watergate Scandal
 - o 1973-1974
 - o Nixon was a suspicious man
 - o Try to steal documents and plant listening devices in Democratic party's offices
 - o Faith in government - never recovered
- Hippies
 - o Conservatives are mortified of them
 - o Hated the freedom they had
 - Didn't conform
 - o Liberals were turned off as well
- End of prosperity
 - o Domestic goal of liberalism is economic growth
 - o Liberalism and affluence goes together
 - o If affluence disappears, you are in trouble
 - o Why are we in an economic struggle?
 - We are dealing globally
 - Japanese cars are on the road
 - Cheaper
 - Better made
 - o Inflation
 - Starts with Johnson
 - o 'Guns or butter' issue
 - Idea of economists
 - As a nation, you could spend your money on
 - A war
 - Social issues
 - But not both
 - LBJ spent it on both
 - Spent \$300,000 per Vietcong killed
 - o Oil Crisis of 1973
 - Getting 10% of our oil from overseas
 - Becoming dependent on foreign oil
 - Israel goes to war
 - Egypt and Syria
 - We had to cut it off for our support of Israel

- Gas panic nation wide
 - Oil prices quadruple
 - Modern day
 - \$200 a gallon
 - Really hurt because wages couldn't keep up with inflation
- Reagan lowers taxes to 28%
- Goldwater believes in states' rights
 - Ran against LBJ
 - The only reason he won the deep south
 - Says he will get the federal government off his back
 - LBJ signed the Civil Rights Act as a southerner
 - Southerners felt he was stabbing them in the back
- Nixon also said he would get government off their backs
- Bussing
 - Mixing black people in white schools and white people in black schools