

■ Essential Question:

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■ Warm-Up Question:

- What is the difference between the “New Left” & “New Right”?

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Neoconservatism & the Rise of Reagan

Neoconservatism

- In late-1970s, Neo-Conservatives reacted against the social protest & liberalism of the 1960s & 1970s

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The rejection of social liberalism and the “New Left” counterculture of the 1960s

Typically referred to as the “New Right”

Against homosexuality & pornography

for criminals

- Looked at what's right in the USA & a return to family values

Neo-Conservatism

The Moral Majority allied with
Phyllis Kriesley
“Life begins at conception”
Arist

“The rights of the unborn supersede a woman’s right to control her own body”

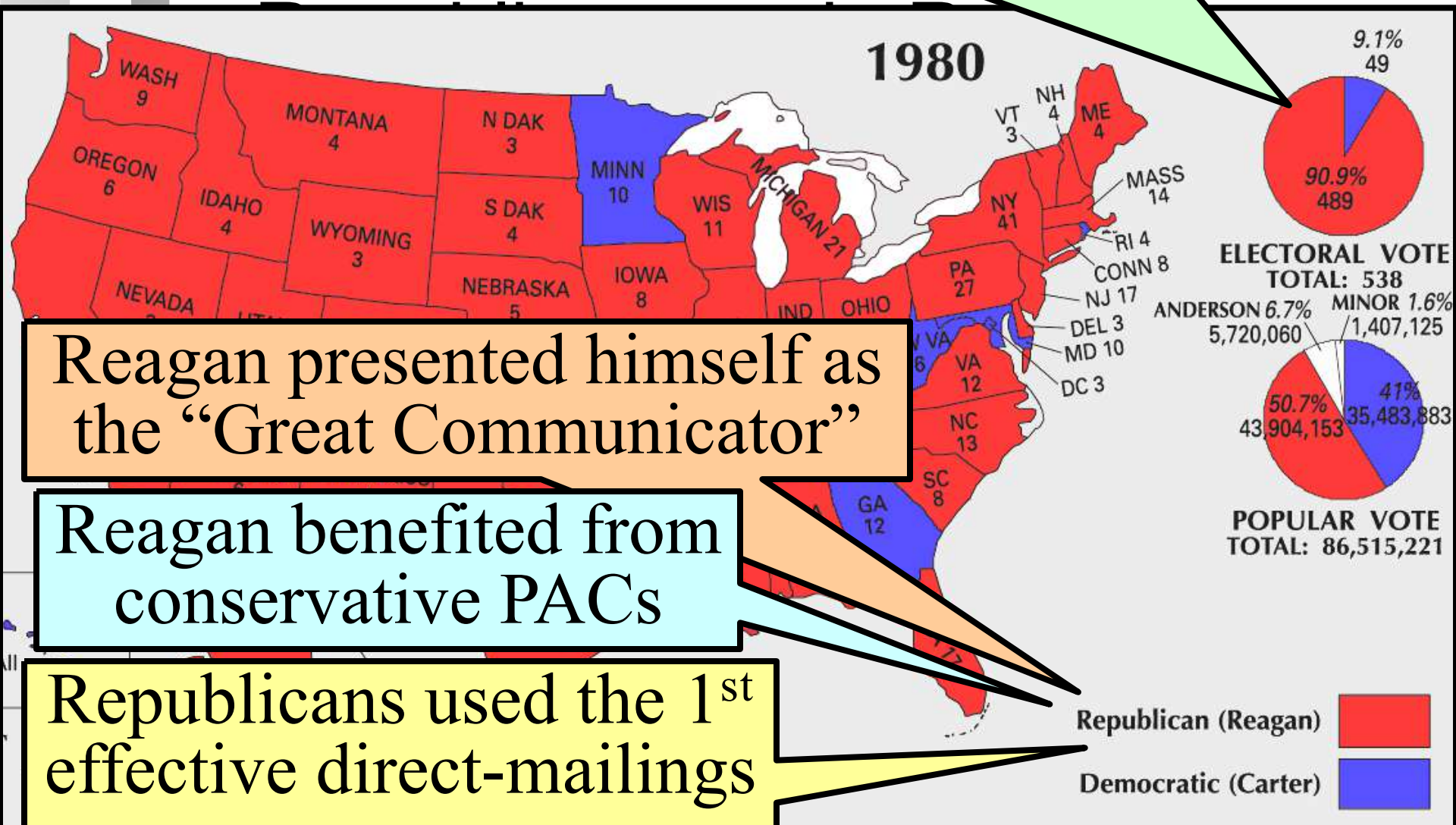
consequence attack on:

- The Equal Rights Amendment
- Abortion & the Supreme Court’s ruling of *Roe v Wade* (1973)
- School busing programs, pornography, & social welfare

The Reagan Revolution in 1980

- By the 1980 election, Jimmy Carter was in trouble:
 - Stagflation was still problem
 - Soviet invasion of Afghanistan & Iran hostage crisis made the U.S. look weak in foreign policy
- Former California governor Ronald Reagan gained the groundswell of neo-conservative support & the Republican nomination

Reagan asked voters: *“Are you better off today than you were 4 years ago?”*



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Domestic Policy under Ronald Reagan

Reagan Video

Reduced gov't restrictions on air pollution, fuel efficiency, wilderness, endangered species, & stock market

- Conservatives were appointed to the EPA, OSHA, SEC, & the

Fired air traffic controllers & decertified the PATCO union when members went on strike

- who reduced gov't regulations in favor of business productivity
- Reagan took a strong anti-labor stance & weakened the power of American unions

Reaganomics

- Reagan blamed 1970s stagflation on gov't spending & high taxes

In 1980, interest rates were at 20% & the value of the dollar dropped to 36¢

...but military spending jumped to \$2 trillion over 8 years

The Economic Recovery Act of 1981 was the largest tax cut in U.S. history & called for a 5% tax cut in 1981, 10% in 1982, 10% in 1983
and Keynesian deficit spending

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By 1983, the economy boomed
& the recession ended as
Americans spent more money



Reaganomics

■ Benefits of “Reaganomics”

– Inflation, unemployment, & the trade deficit all declined by 1990

– Growth in service sector jobs

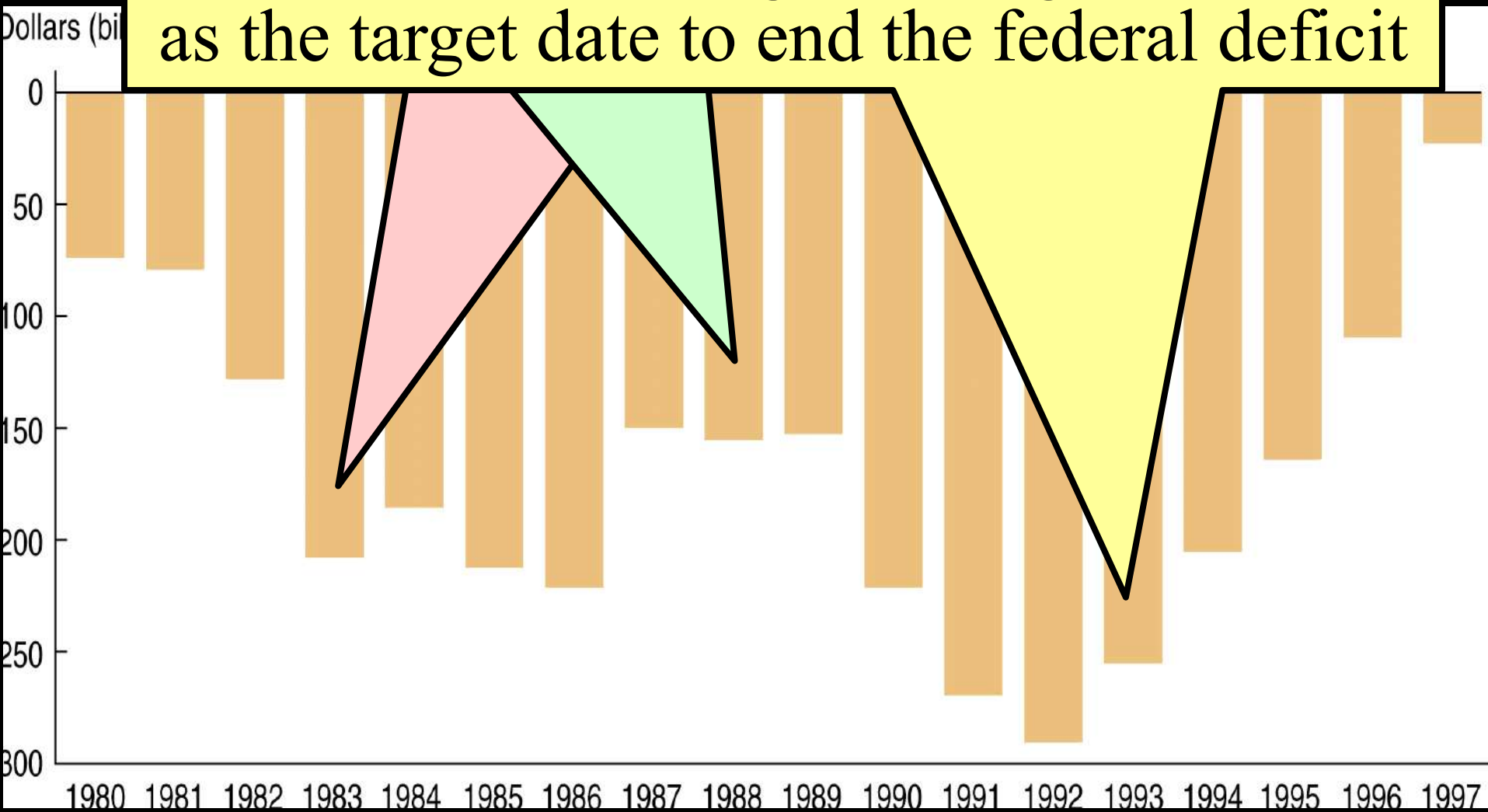
■ 16 million new jobs, unemployment below 6%, inflation fell to 4%

– industry jobs fell as companies used off-shore manufacturers with cheaper labor costs

• Increased social inequalities

• Huge federal deficits

Congress passed Gramm-Rudman Act in 1985 to create a budget ceiling & set 1993 as the target date to end the federal deficit



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- Explain Reaganomics
- Do you agree with the premise of “supply-side” economics?

The 1980s was defined by the “Me Generation”—money, status, & wealth



Social Programs

■ The But... Reagan appointed the 1st female Supreme Court justice, Sandra Day O'Connor

– High dropout rates &

In *Univ of California v Bakke* (1978)

ruled in favor of
but not purely

business

African-American

– Women's ab
attacked



The War on Drugs

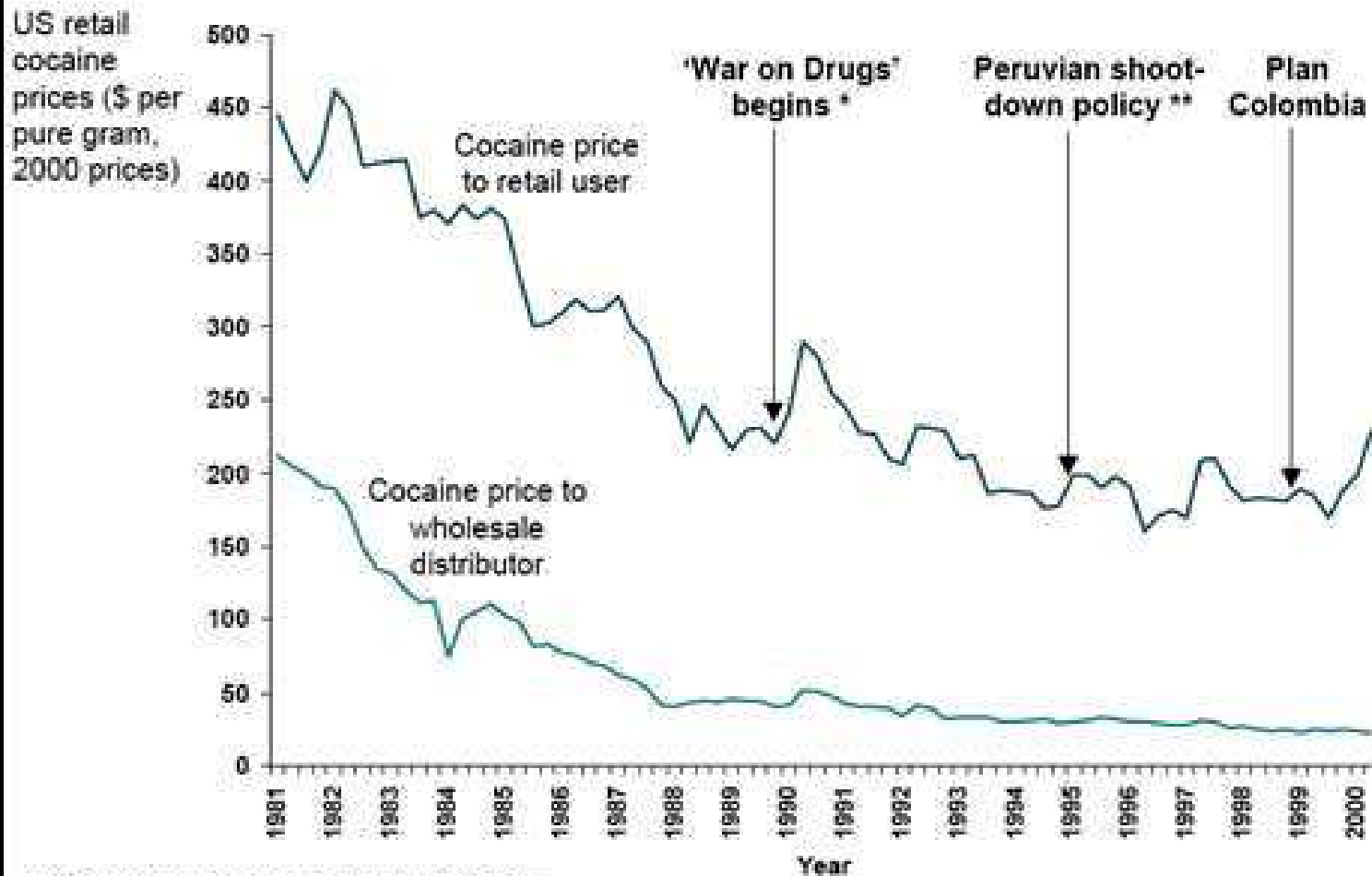
- In the 1980s, cocaine use

DEA, Customs, & Coast Guard attempts to keep drugs out

Negotiations with Peru, Bolivia, Colombia failed to limit drug smuggling

- Nancy Reagan's "Just Say No" program helped educate kids
- The federal gov't failed to stop the flow of drugs into the U.S.

Governmental interventions against the cocaine trade in Colombia



- The impact of US & Colombian interventions against the cocaine trade appears to be small and short-lived
- Wholesale price is a better indicator of the impact of upstream intervention than retail price

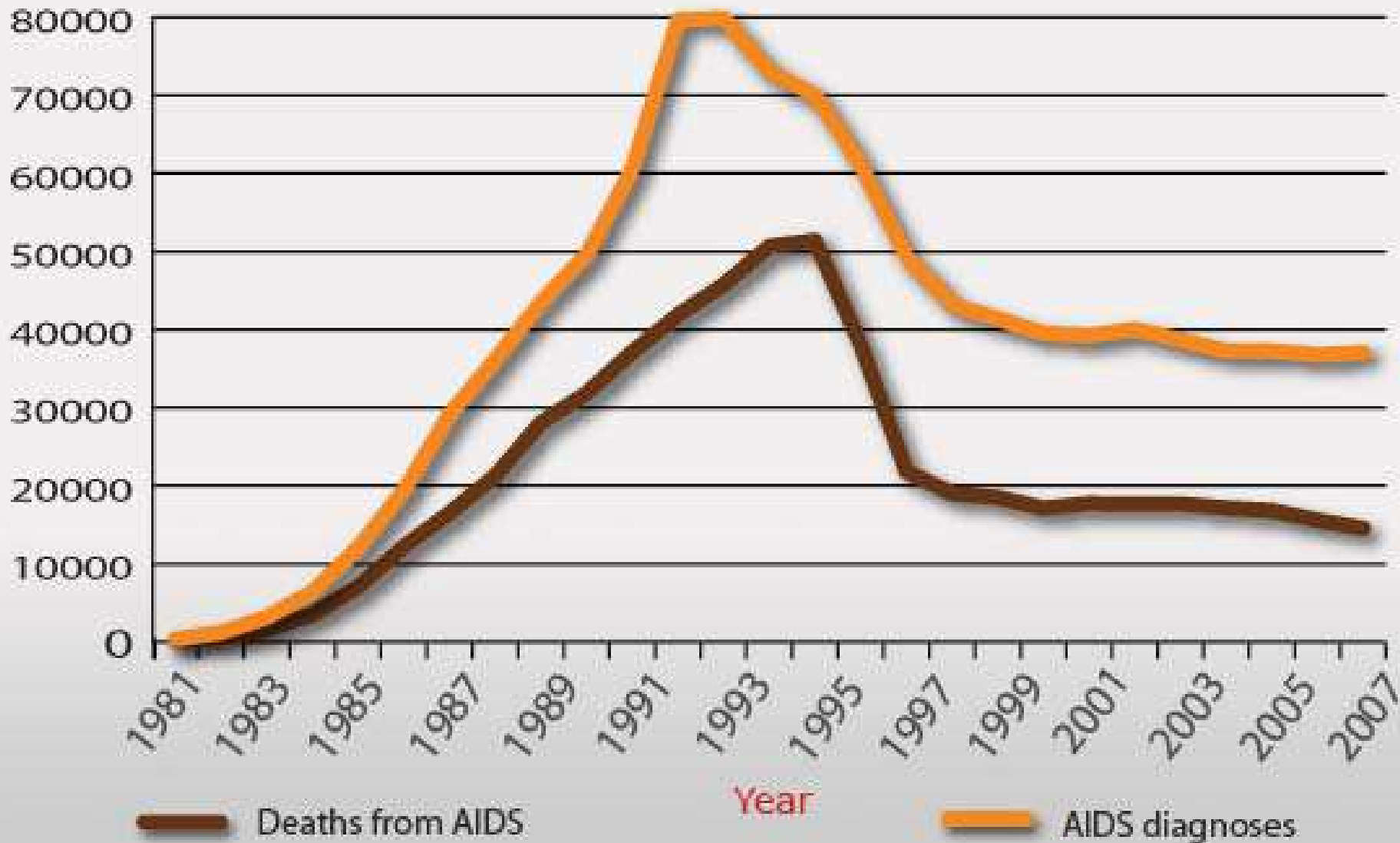
* US/Colombian campaign against the cartels

** Unidentified light planes flying between Peru & Colombia

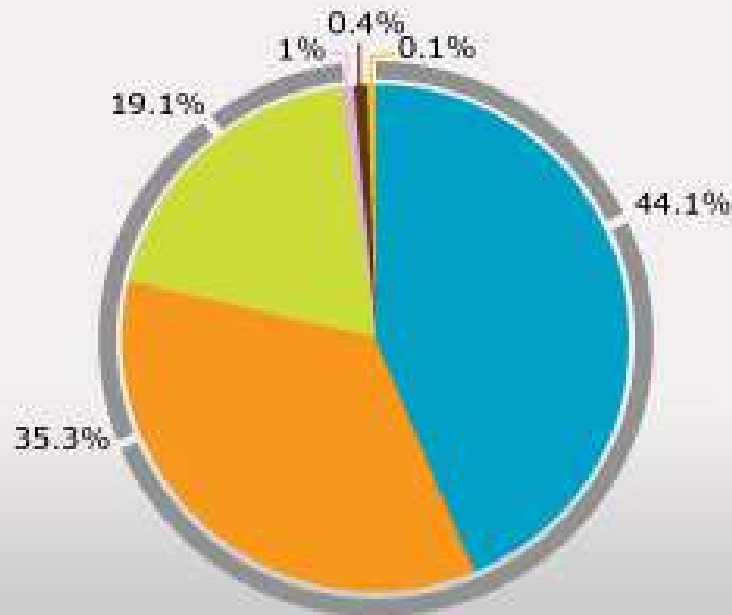
Source: ONDCP, 2001; US Institute for Defence Studies

The AIDS Epidemic

AIDS diagnoses and deaths



HIV/AIDS Statistics, 2008



- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Hispanic/Latino
- White
- Black/African American



- Male-to-male sexual contact
- High-risk heterosexual contact
- Injection drug use (IDU)
- Male-to-male sexual contact and IDU
- Other

Mailed to every US household in 1988 by U.S. Public Health Service:
Understanding AIDS is the largest public health mailing in U.S. history

Understanding AIDS

A Message From The Surgeon General

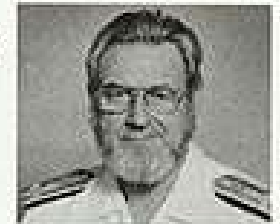
This brochure has been sent to you by the Government of the United States. In preparing it, we have consulted with the top health experts in the country.

I feel it is important that you have the best information now available for fighting the AIDS virus, a health problem that the President has called "Public Enemy Number One."

Stopping AIDS is up to you, your family and your loved ones.

Some of the issues involved in this brochure may not be things you are used to discussing openly. I can easily understand that. But now you must discuss them. We all must know about AIDS. Read this brochure and talk about it with those you love. Get involved. Many schools, churches, synagogues, and community groups offer AIDS education activities.

I encourage you to practice responsible behavior based on understanding and strong personal values. This is what you can do to stop AIDS.



C. Everett Koop
C. Everett Koop, M.D., Sc.D.
Surgeon General

Este folleto sobre el SIDA se publica en Español.
Para solicitar una copia, llame al 1-800-344-SIDA.

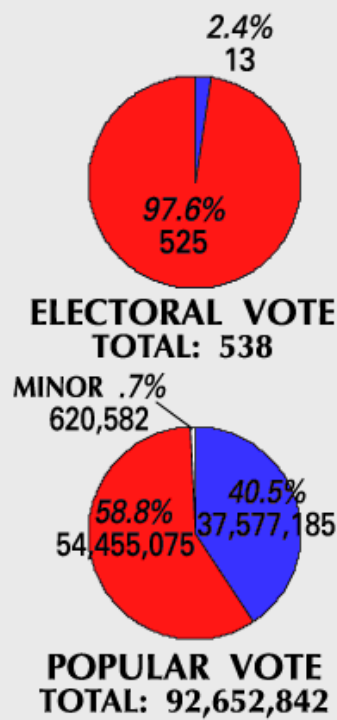
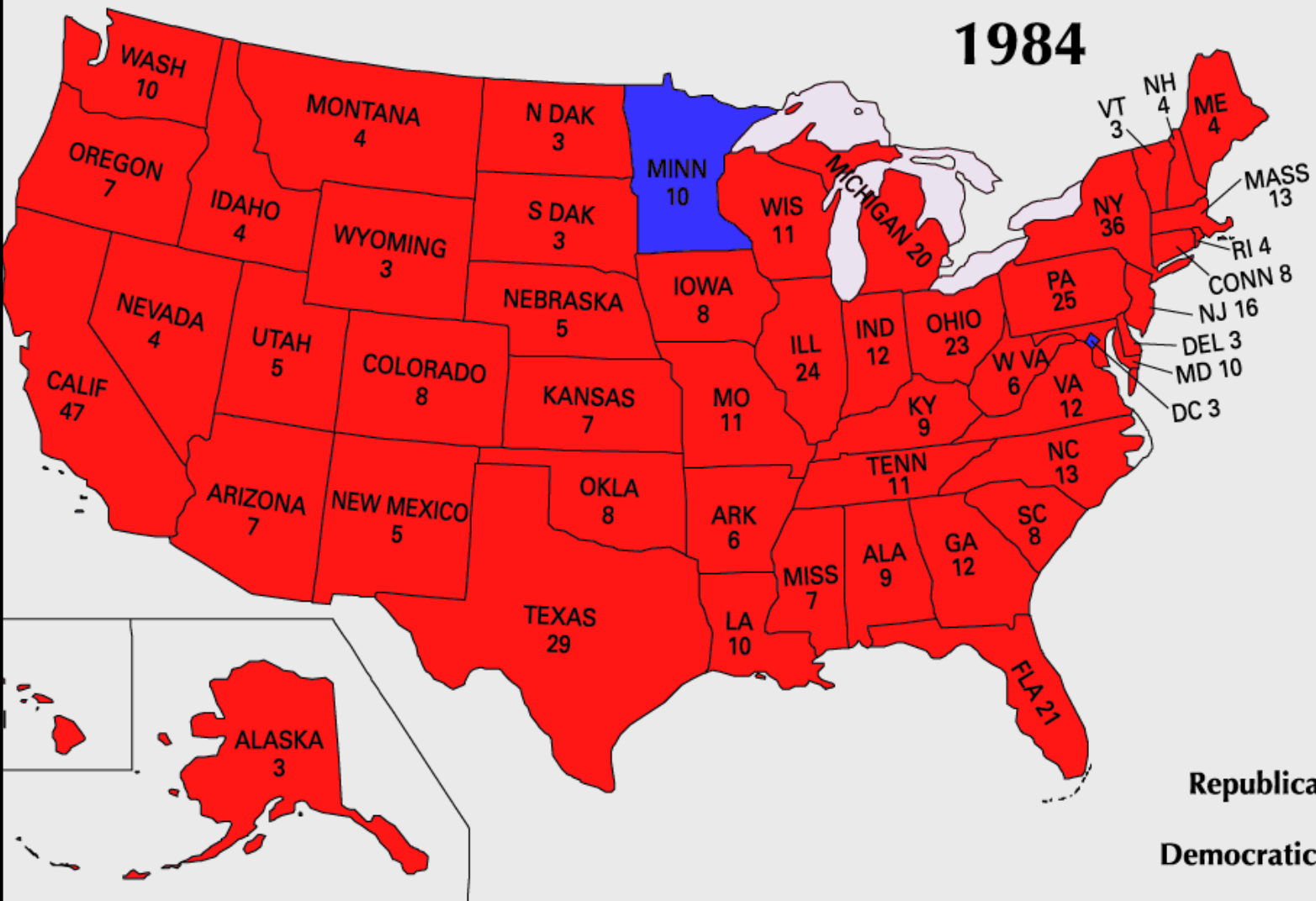
U.S. Department of Health
& Human Services
Public Health Service
Centers for Disease Control
P.O. Box 6003
Rockville, MD 20850

Official Business

In



1984



Republican (Reagan) ■

Democratic (Mondale) ■

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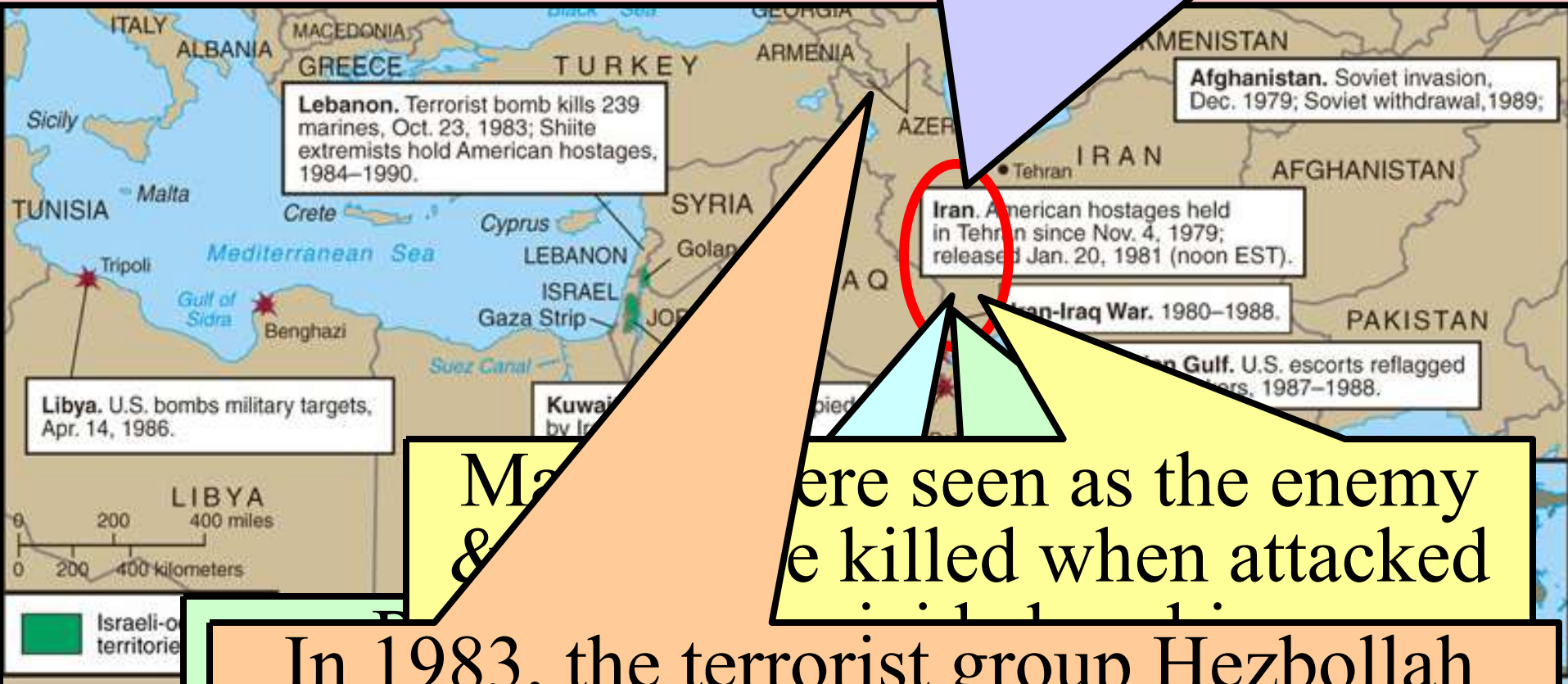


Reagan &
Foreign Policy

Reagan & Foreign Policy

- Reagan was committed to restoring America's supremacy in the world
 - Blamed Carter for allowing U.S. prestige to drop to an all-time low
 - Increased military spending
 - Confronted challenges in the Middle East & in Latin America
 - Ended the Cold War with the Soviet Union

In 1982, Reagan sent Marines to help evacuate Lebanon during an Israeli attack on PLO bases



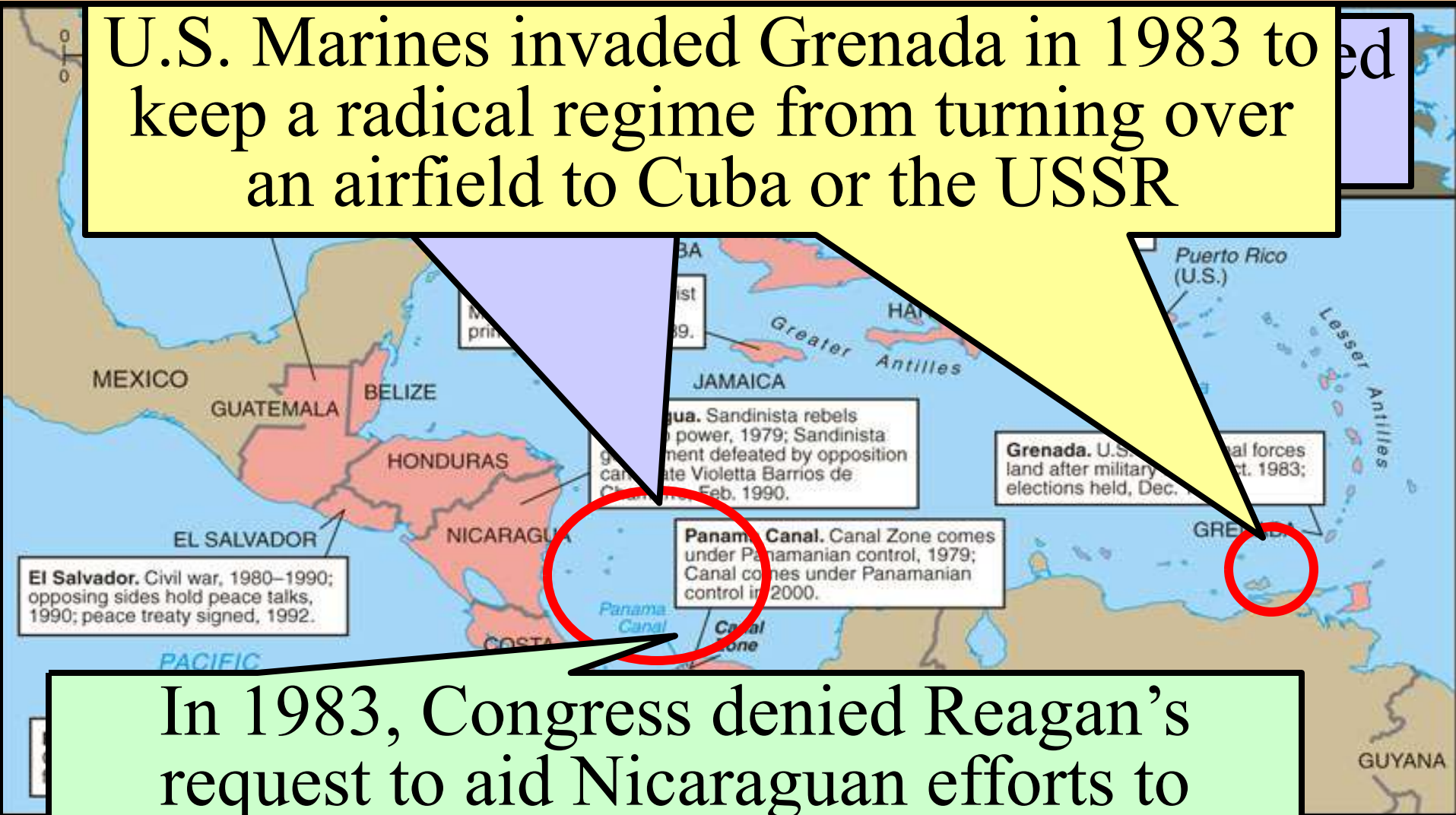
Marines were seen as the enemy & were killed when attacked

In 1983, the terrorist group Hezbollah captured 6 American hostages

U.S. Marines withdraw from Lebanon in 1984

Reagan attempted to resist Communism in Latin America

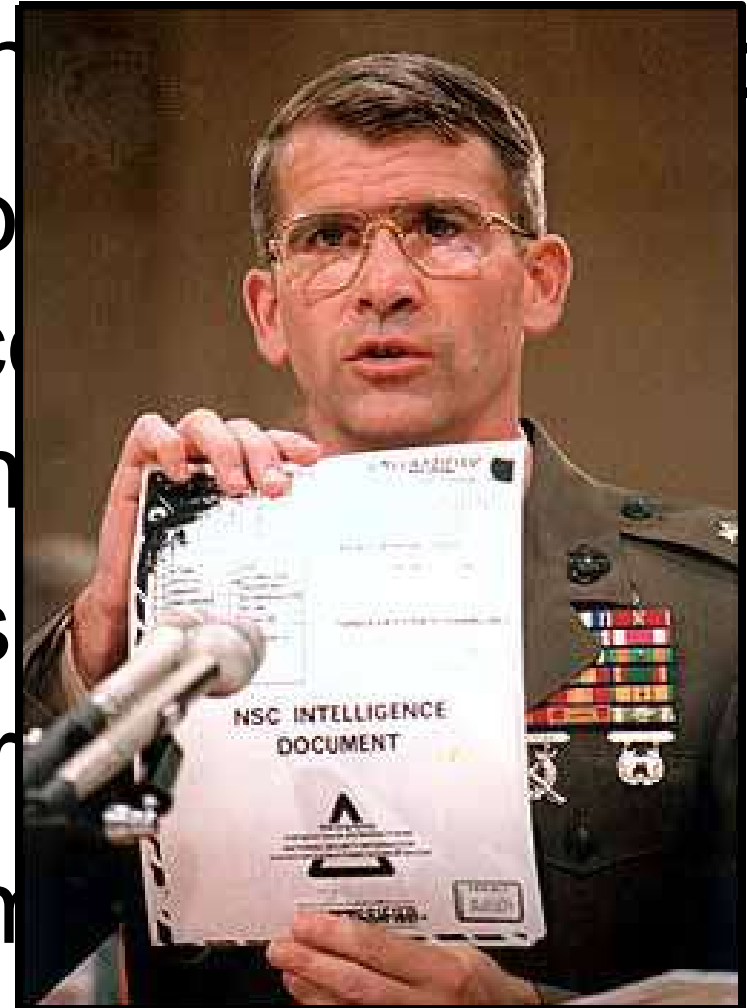
U.S. Marines invaded Grenada in 1983 to keep a radical regime from turning over an airfield to Cuba or the USSR



In 1983, Congress denied Reagan's request to aid Nicaraguan efforts to overthrow the Sandinista gov't (Contras)

The Iran-Contra Affair

In 1987 the Iran Contra Affair
The “Teflon President”



Reagan avoided impeachment through “plausible deniability”

Challenging the "Evil Empire"

- Reagan viewed the USSR as the *"focus of evil in the modern world"* & as a threat to U.S. security
- Maintained a hard-line approach

"Soviet-style terrorism is at work in Africa, the Middle East, in Europe, violating human rights & unnerving the world with violence."

initiative, an anti-missile laser system in space to defend U.S.

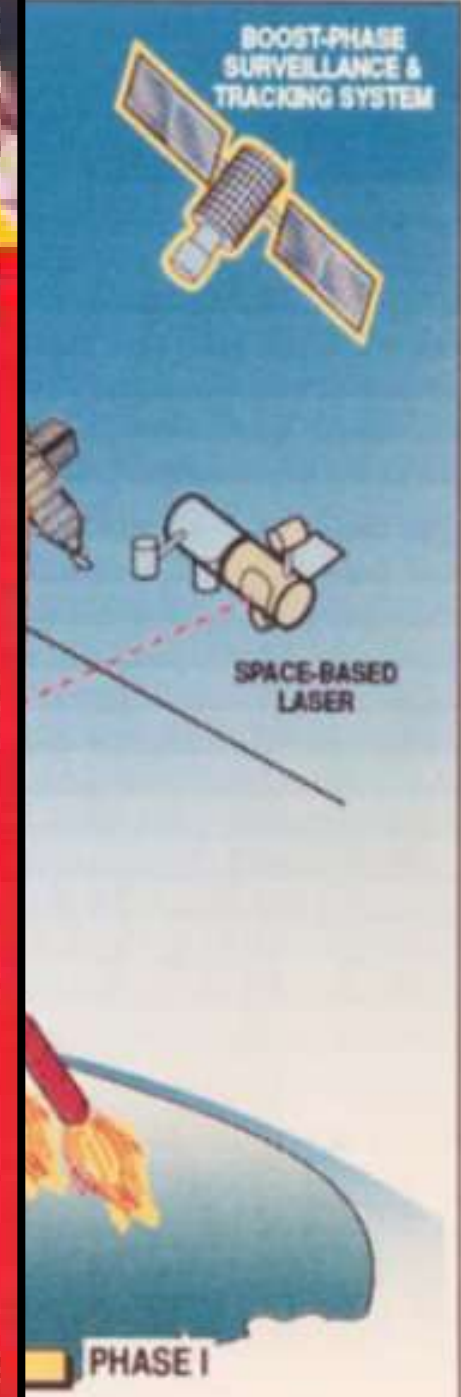
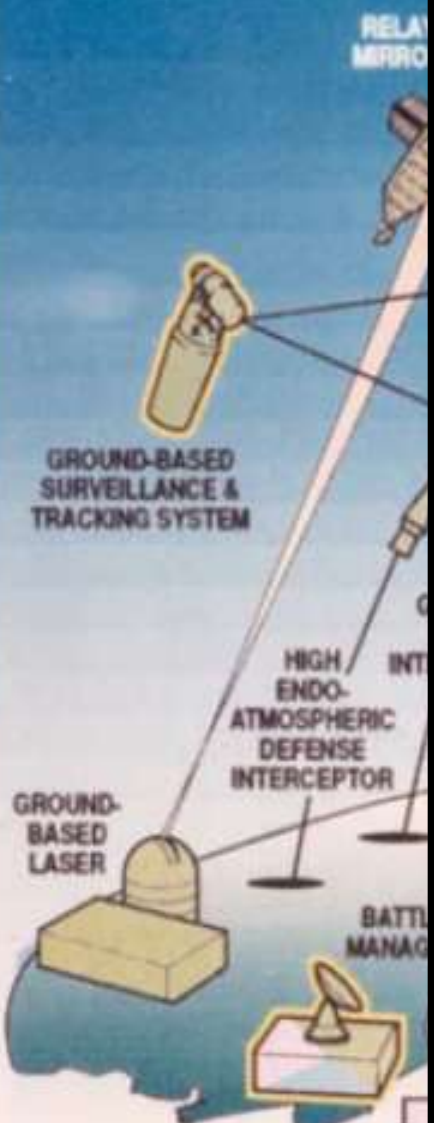
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DEFENDING DEFENSE

Budget Battles and Star Wars



RONALD REAGAN
BY MICHAEL LEVIN
ILLUSTRATION BY JOHN W. COOPER



Gorbachev cut the Soviet defense budget, withdrew Soviet troops from Afghanistan, & promoted the democratization of former satellite nations in Eastern Europe

Gorbachev ended Cold War:

In 1985, Mikhail Gorbachev began perestroika & glasnost & eased Cold War tensions

“Political openness” led to freedom of press, assembly, travel, & religion; the 1st working legislature; the 1st competitive elections; & liberation of hundreds of political prisoners



In 1987, Reagan & Gorbachev signed the INF Treaty eliminating ICBMs in Europe



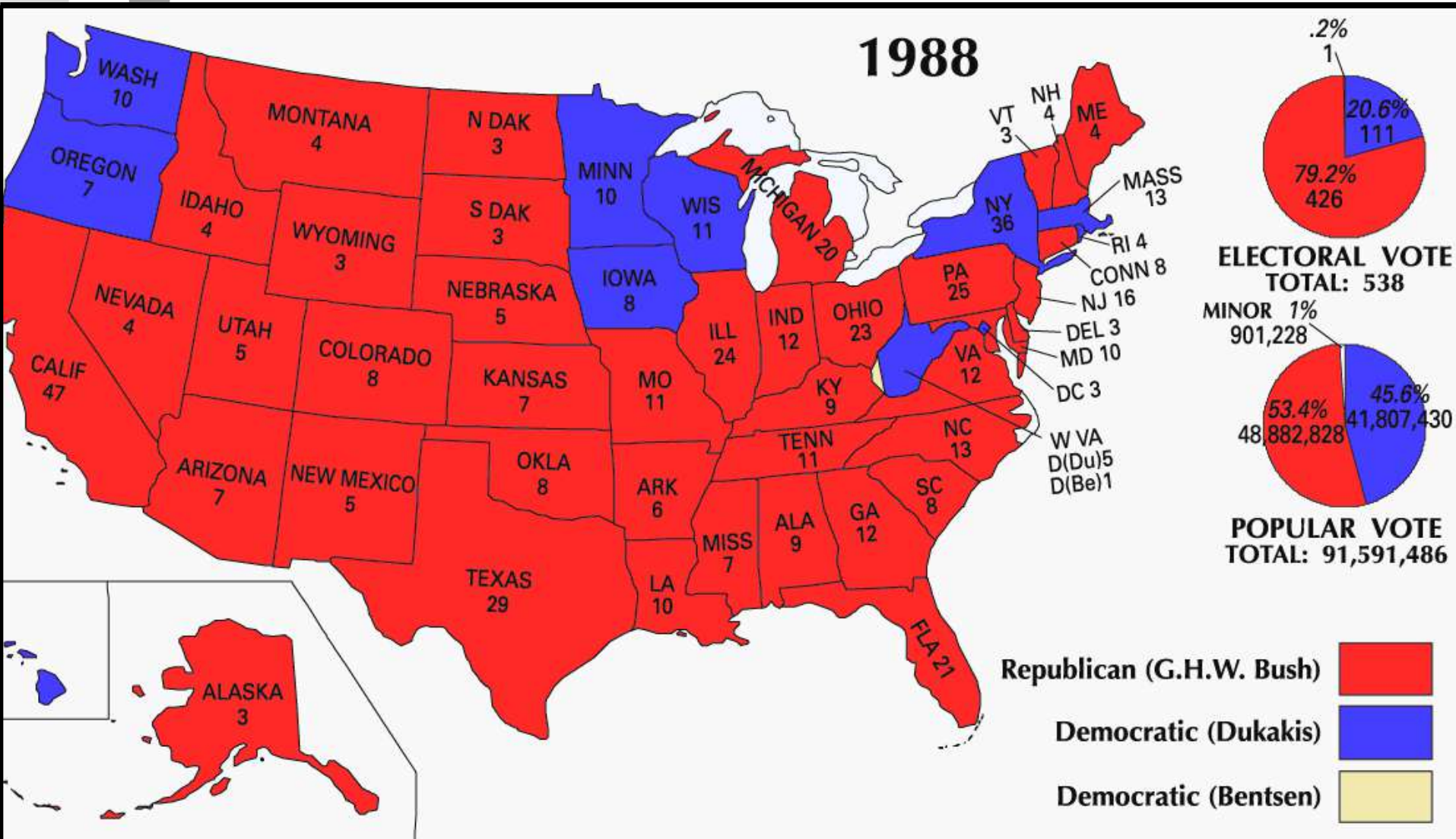
- Commonwealth of Independent States
- Independent in 1991
- Independence declared 1991; at war with Russia, 1994 to present
- Boundary of the former USSR to 1991
- ★ Capital cities
- ★ Capital of the Commonwealth of Independent States
- ★* Violent ethnic conflicts

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Passing the Torch to George Bush

Bush Video

Reagan's Successor: George Bush

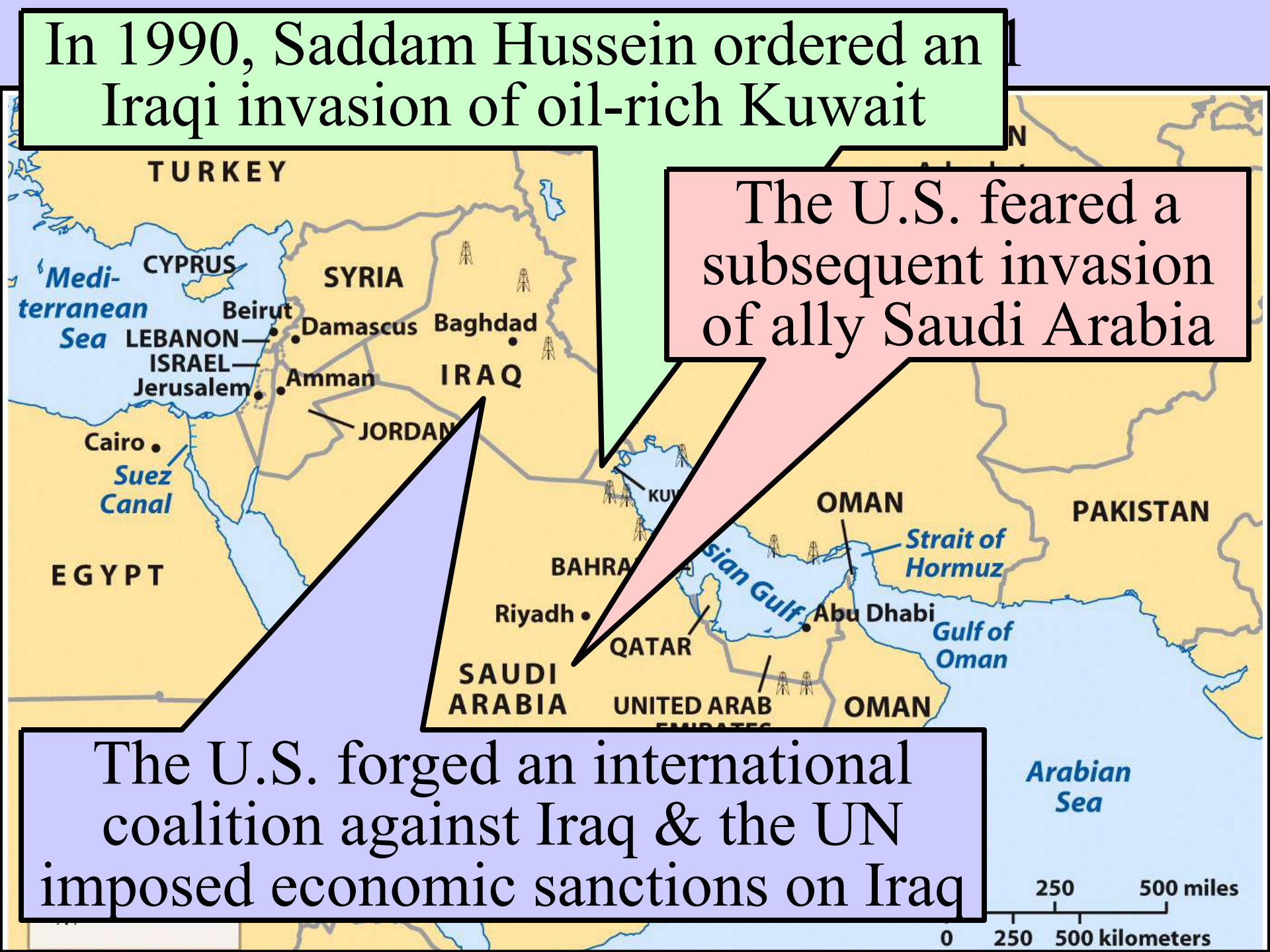


win the Persian Gulf War

In 1990, Saddam Hussein ordered an Iraqi invasion of oil-rich Kuwait

The U.S. feared a subsequent invasion of ally Saudi Arabia

The U.S. forged an international coalition against Iraq & the UN imposed economic sanctions on Iraq



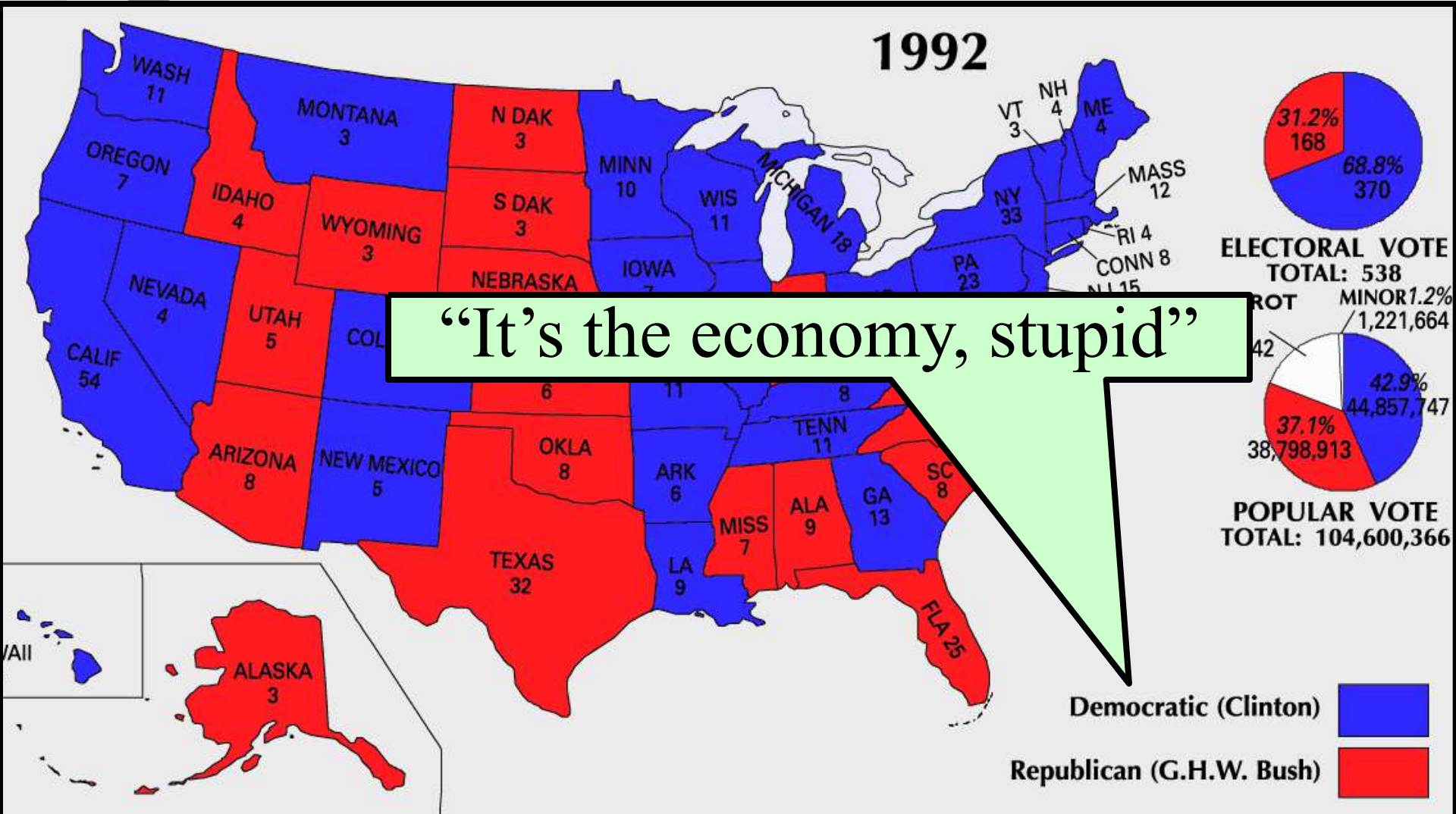


In 1991, Bush gained approval from Congress to begin Operation Desert Storm & removed Iraqi forces in Kuwait in 100 hours

The Persian Gulf War

- U.S. success in Iraq led Bush to declare a “new world order” & saw his approval ratings soar to 90%
But...
- From 1980 to 2000, the U.S. engaged in 17 distinct military operations in the Middle East
 - Hussein's military power & economic strength did little to weaken his rule
 - American troops in Saudi Arabia led to increased anti-American sentiment & the rise of Al Qaeda under Osama bin Laden

The Election of 1992



- By 1992, Clinton took advantage of the economic recession & won



Conclusions:



**The Success of
Neoconservatism?**

Conclusions

- Reagan was the 1st president to serve 2 full terms since Eisenhower
 - Reagan's supporters claim he restored the economy, military, patriotism, family values, & America's place as a world power
 - Reagan's detractors claim he removed social safety-nets, skirted Congress in foreign policy, & tripled the national debt



Billy Joel

"We Didn't Start the Fire"

[We Didn't Start the Fire Music Video - You Tube](#)



Presidential Comparison Charts