

Richard Nixon Administration



DO Now

Discuss with a neighbor sitting near you, be able to answer and explain:

- When is secrecy a good thing? What is the role of secrecy in a democracy?
- When is it okay for a President to not follow the law?

Foreign Policy

- **Nixon's foreign policy had at least 3 Major Successes:**
 - 1. US got out of the Vietnam War
 - 2. Re-opens relations with China
 - 3. Arms Control with the Soviet Union
 - “Détente” – relaxing of tensions

Visit to China



- After a series of secret negotiations with Chinese leaders, in February 1972, Nixon traveled to Beijing.
- The visit was extensively covered on television. **This trip led to the US later recognizing the government of the People's Republic of China.**

Visit to USSR



- In May, 1972, Nixon visited the Soviet Union and met with Soviet leader, Leonid Brezhnev.
- **Nixon and Kissinger used the new relationship with China to put pressure on the Soviets to agree to a treaty limiting antiballistic missiles.**
- **This led to the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks (SALT I)**

OPEC Oil Embargo



- In response to the US support of Israel, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries placed an embargo on oil sold to Israel's supporters.
- **This caused a worldwide shortage and long lines at gas stations in the US**

Economy



- During Nixon's administration, the US suffered from a combination of Inflation and Unemployment which is called "Stagflation".
- Nixon's cutting of the government spending contributed to a recession.
- He also tried deficit spending, and later imposed a 90-day wage and price freeze.

Domestic Policy

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- Created by Nixon
- Manages air & water pollution
- Conducts environmental impact reviews for construction projects

Webquest

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