

THE RISE AND FALL OF RICHARD NIXON

What events influenced
Nixon's rise to
and fall from power?



The Rise and Fall of Richard Nixon



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Pages 697-705 in HISTORY ALIVE

Define:
Realpolitik:
Détente:

Foreign Policy

How did Nixon use détente with the **USSR**?

How did Nixon change relations with **CHINA**?

In your own words, explain the reason why Watergate was a scandal.

Economy

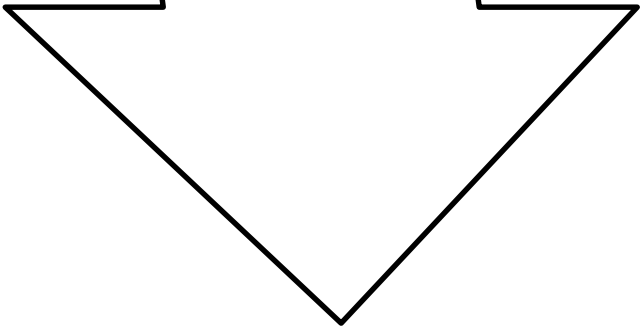
How did Nixon respond to stagflation?

Watergate Scandal

What is stagflation? What caused it?

New Federalism

Main idea of revenue sharing:



Free Thinking – With A Partner

Pair up with someone to discuss:

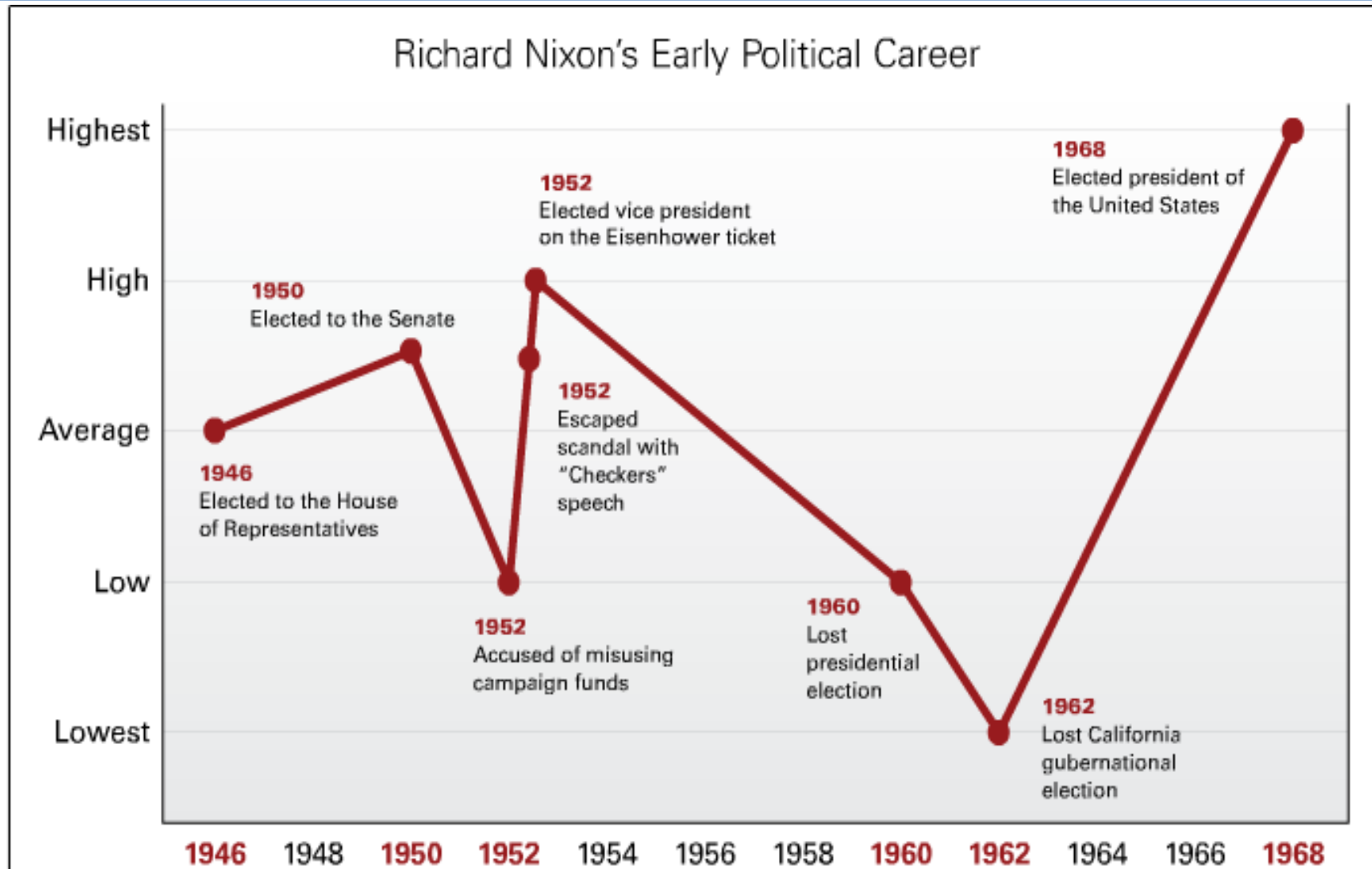
What happens when the
government loses the
support of the public?

NIXON'S APPROVAL RATINGS

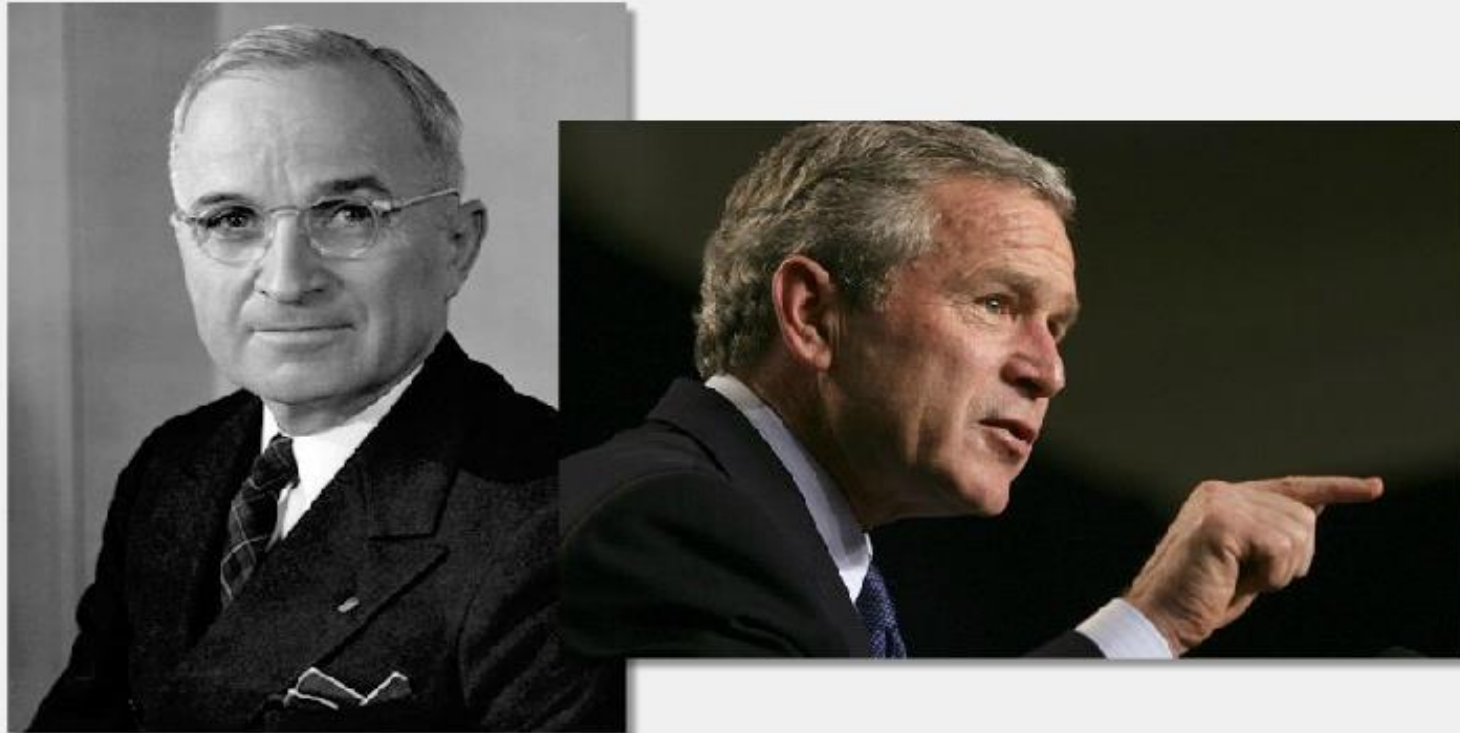
Which President had the *highest and lowest approval ratings?*

Presidential
Approval Ratings

NIXON'S ^{early} APPROVAL RATINGS



LOWEST AND HIGHEST PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL RATINGS IN U.S. HISTORY

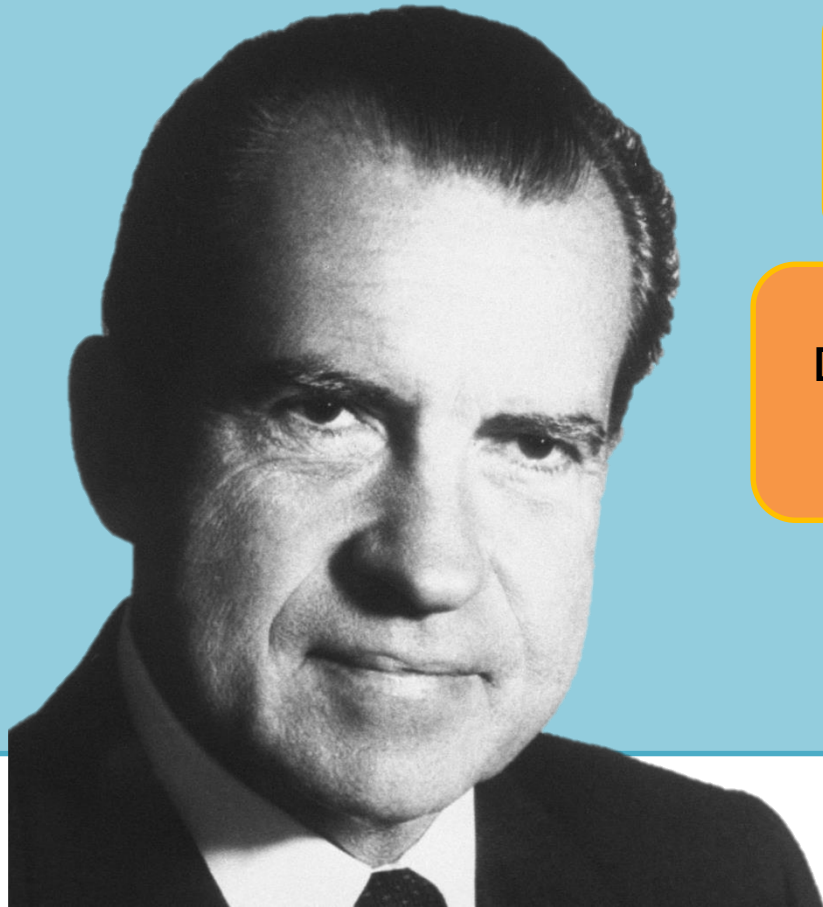


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"Opening"
China

Economy

Détente with the
USSR

Watergate

New Federalism

NEW FEDERALISM

- A liberal and conservative ‘blend’
- Plan: to reduce the size and power of the Federal government
- **Revenue sharing** → allowed states to spend federal tax money as they needed
 - Also created the **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
 - Occupational Safety & Health (OSHA)
 - Family Assistance Plan

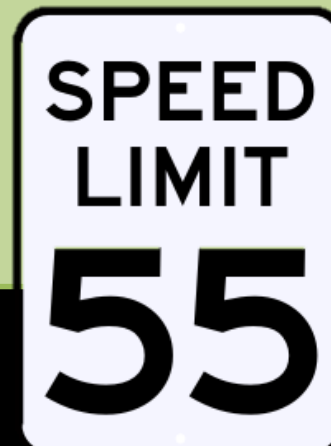
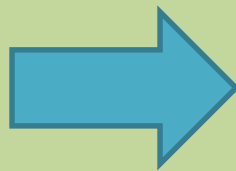


HELPING A FLAT ECONOMY

- **Stagflation:** ↑ Prices of goods ↓ Employment
 - Nixon's Response
 - Attack the rising prices (inflation) – raise interest rates
 - Create jobs by increasing government spending
 - Later, wage freezes (unpopular)
- **Problem: Issues in the Middle East**



Middle East embargoes oil to US



Leads to a nationwide energy crisis and strains the economy



NIXON'S FOREIGN POLICY SUCCESSES

- China! **EMBARGOED SINCE 1949 WHEN IT TURNED TO COMMUNISM.**
- New foreign policy of **détente** – easing of tensions or hostility
- **Why improve relations?**
 - USSR and China became hostile neighbors
 - 1/5 of world's population



Would Nixon get any criticism for negotiating with China?

What are the perils of sending the President of the USA to China?



PING PONG DIPLOMACY: FORREST GUMP

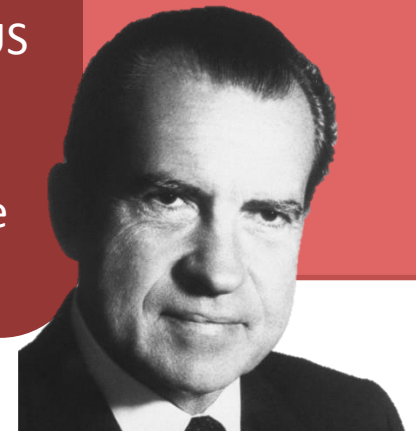


NIXON'S FOREIGN POLICY SUCCESSES

乒乓外交
"Ping Pong Diplomacy"




1 years after the US
Table Tennis team,
Nixon was the first US
President to go to
China
Lifted 20-year trade
embargo

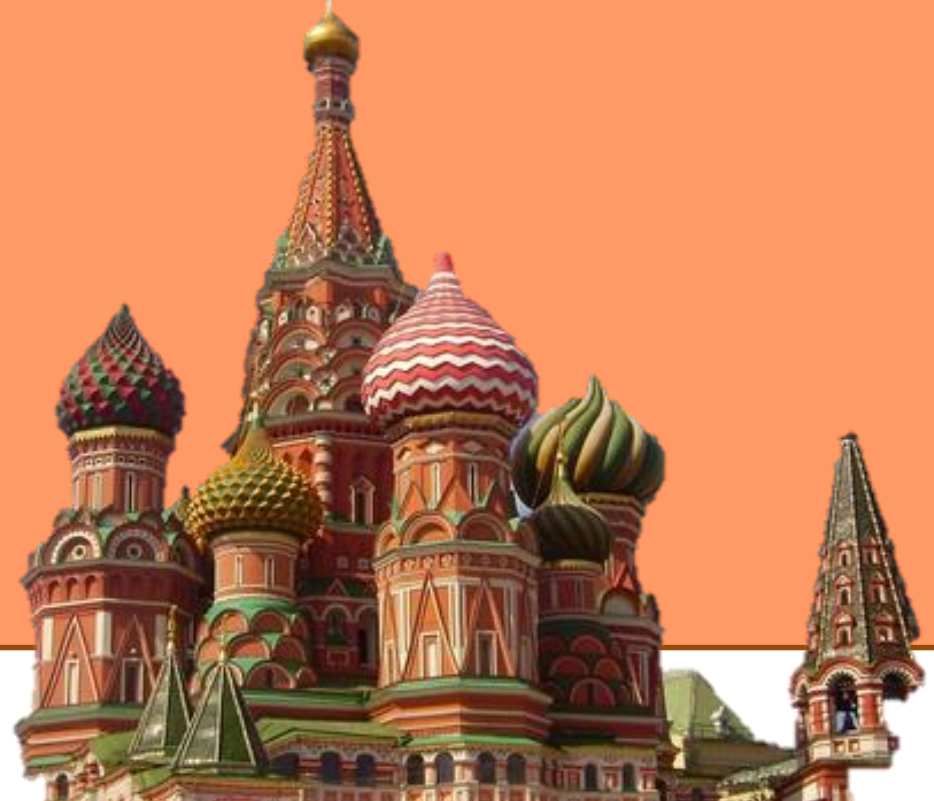


WORKING FOR DÉTENTE WITH USSR

- Encouraged by China success, Nixon was 1st US President to visit **Moscow**
 - **Brezhnev and Nixon** reach a trade deal to benefit both countries



Despite the improving relationship, what problems still remain between the USSR and USA?



WORKING FOR DÉTENTE WITH USSR



- **Reality:** we need to both limit our arsenal of nuclear weapons
- Visit to Moscow (after China)
- **Realpolitik:** style of foreign policy that focuses on practical terms (realistic)
- **SALT I** Treaty is passed

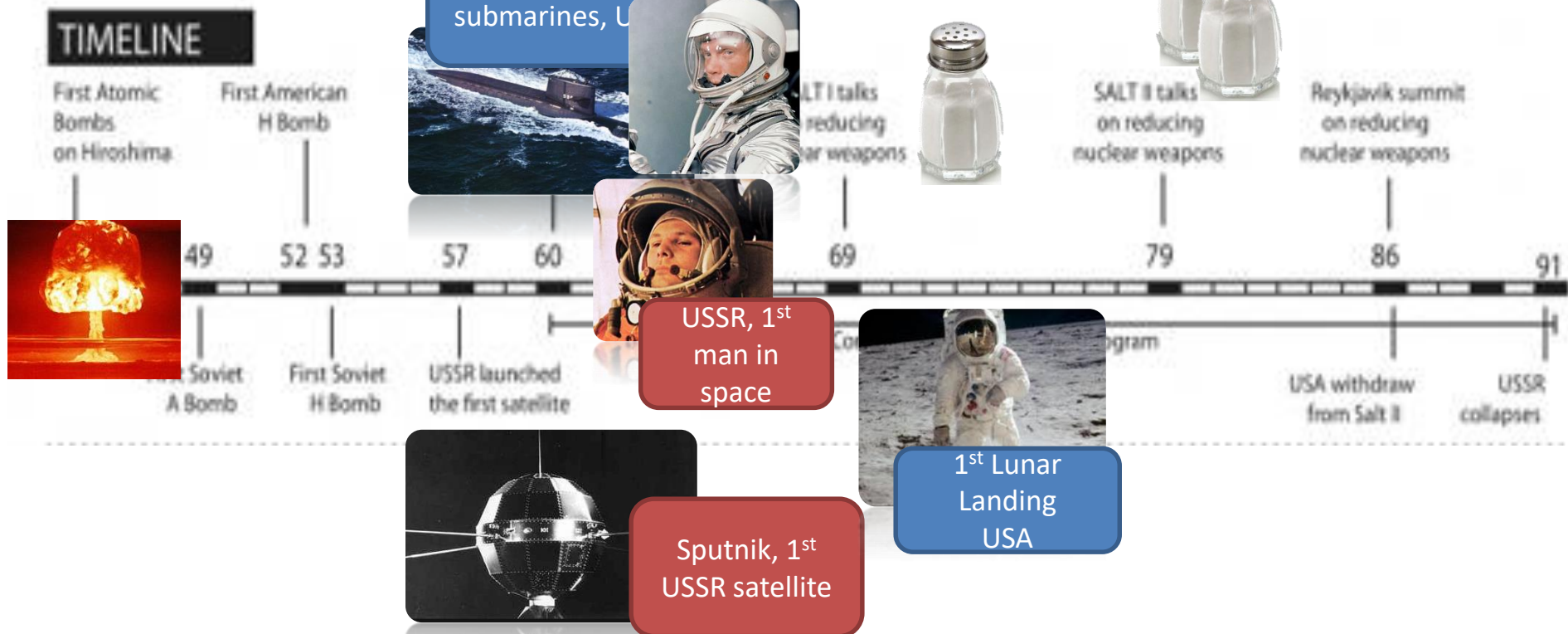


STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TREATY I

THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE

It was the main issue in the Cold War when the USA and Russia challenged each other to increase their nuclear arsenals.

TIMELINE



THREE MILE ISLAND INCIDENT

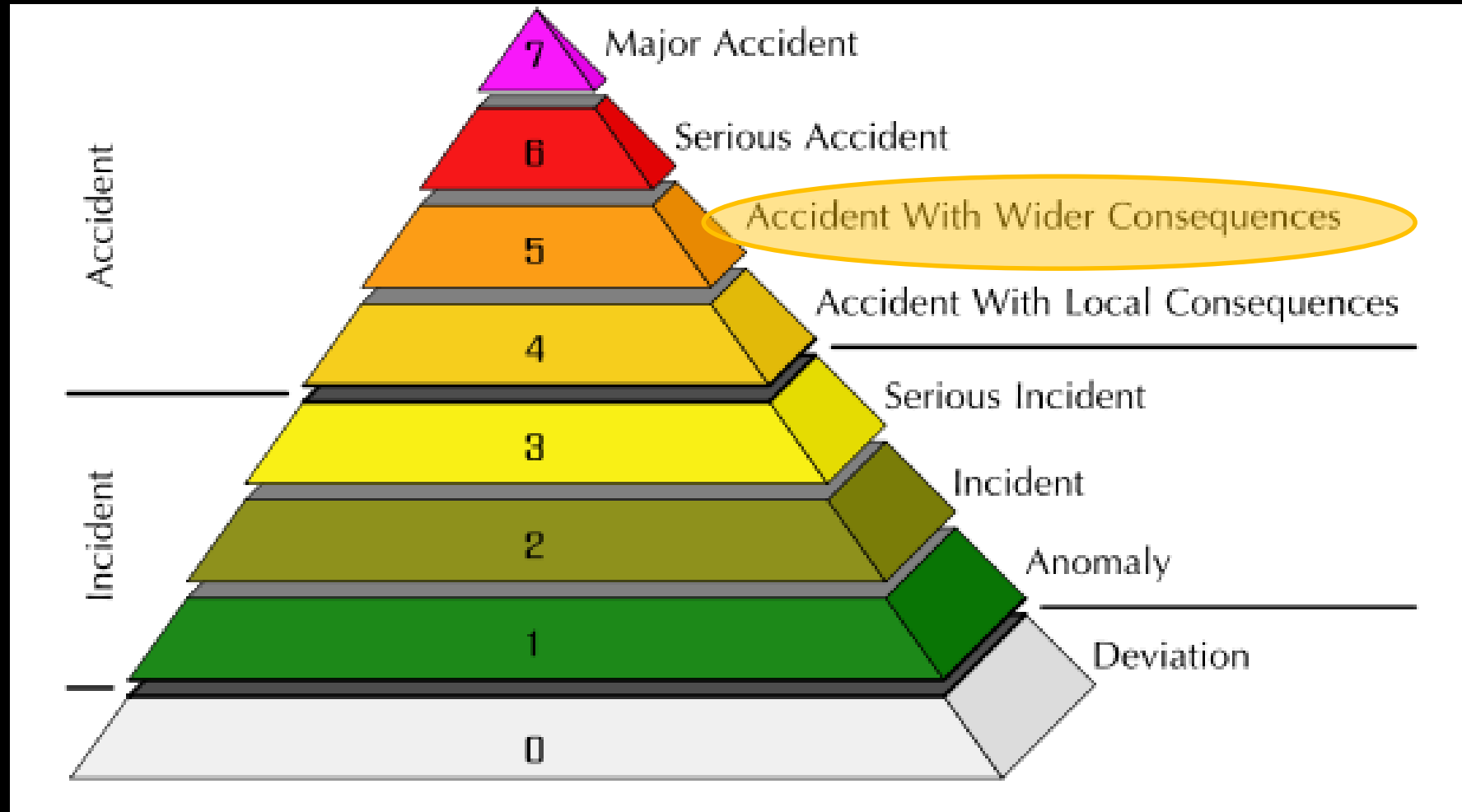
- March 1979 – partial nuclear **meltdown** in Dauphin County, PA (this is **2 hours** away)
- Large amounts of nuclear reactor coolant emitted – **Worst nuclear disaster on record in USA**
- Led to a frightening debate: should the US use nuclear power in our country?

Clip: America's Worst Nuclear Disaster
YOUTUBE

THREE MILE ISLAND INCIDENT



HOW BAD WAS THREE MILE ISLAND?



Which achievement
is the most
significant?

Place a sticker on
the accomplishment
of your choice.



Helping the
Economy

"Opening"
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Warm Up CHALLENGE

List the Presidents in order based on chronology from LBJ to present.

The image displays a grid of 44 portraits of US Presidents, arranged in four rows of eleven. The portraits are ordered chronologically from left to right, top to bottom, starting with George Washington in the top-left and ending with Barack Obama in the bottom-right. The bottom row contains a challenge: seven red boxes numbered 1 through 7, with red question marks above and below them, indicating that the presidents from LBJ to Obama must be listed in chronological order. The portrait of Barack Obama is the only one in the bottom row that is not obscured by the challenge boxes.

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HW: PADLET RESPONSE

- Tonight, sign on to the Padlet to answer a question on today's material.
- New this time: **Your class has its own padlet**
- Password: **notacrook**



*To complete the assignment (5 pts)
you should have read through page
705 on Watergate.

If you didn't reach it, please read 54.4
on Watergate.

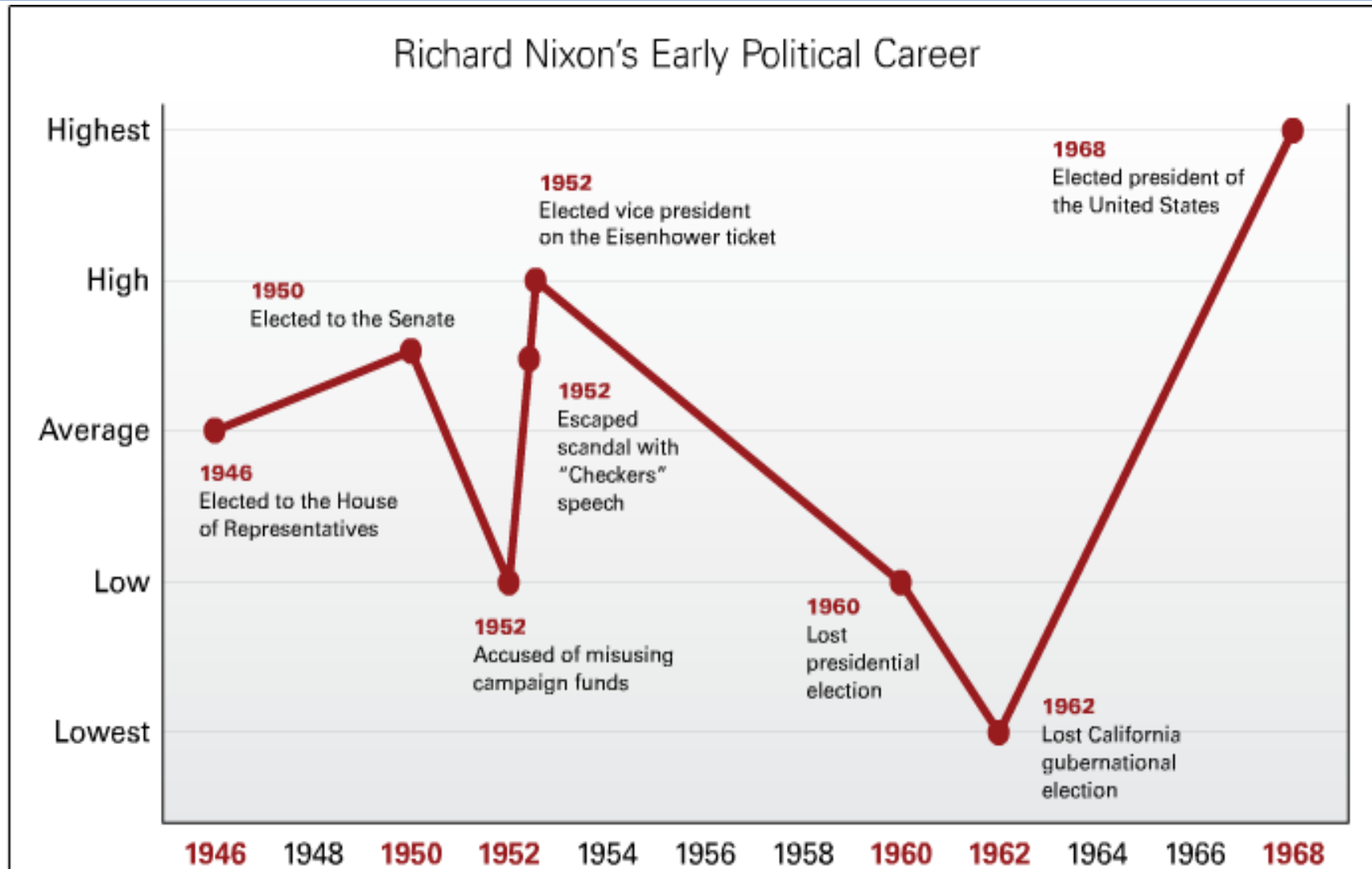
NIXON'S APPROVAL RATINGS

Which President during the 20th century had the *highest and lowest approval ratings?*

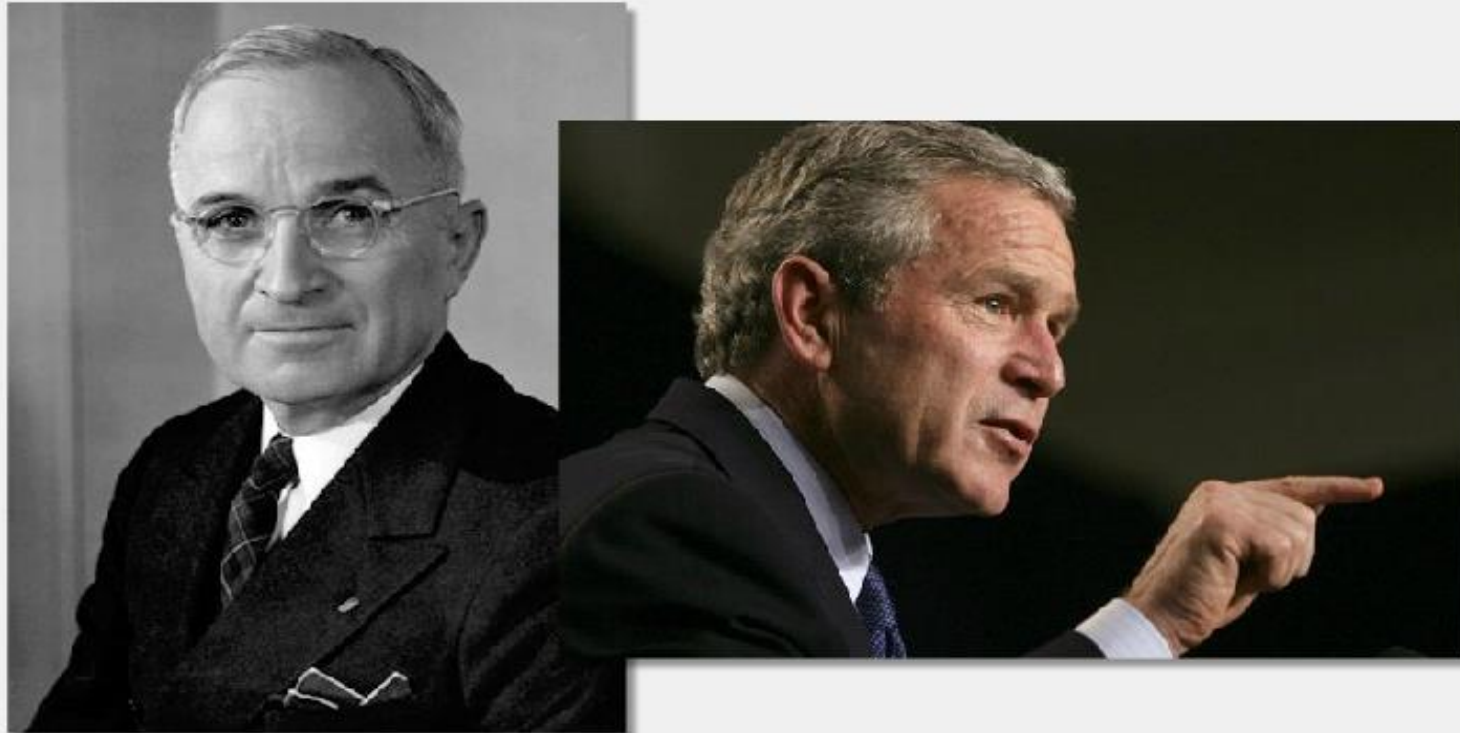
Hint: 20th Century is anywhere from 1900-1999

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WATERGATE

- Political scandal involving Richard Nixon
- June 1972—break-in at Democratic National Committee offices at Watergate building (office complex in Washington, D.C.)
- Seeking information to help give Nixon an advantage in the upcoming election; these men were arrested.





COVER-UP



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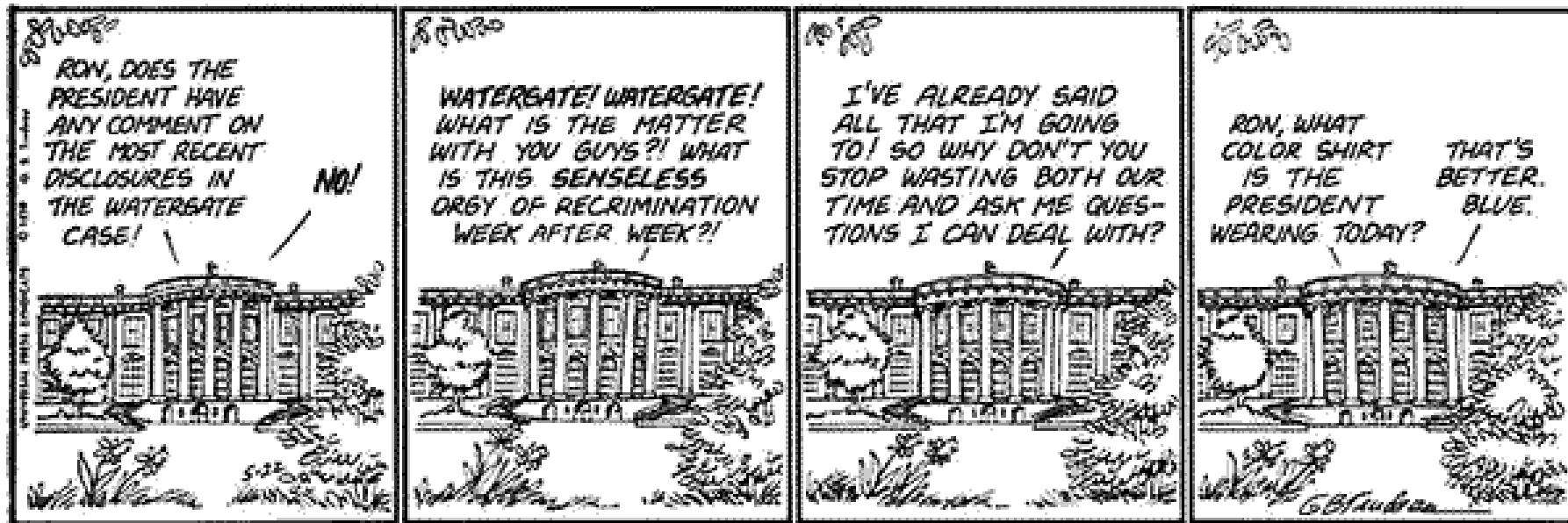
THE COVER-UP UNRAVELS

Woodward and Bernstein-
Washington Post writers report
on the scandal with the help of
an anonymous informant

COVER-UP UNRAVELS

Watergate burglars are put on trial in 1973
by the Senate

Cover-Up Unravels



NIXON'S DOWNFALL

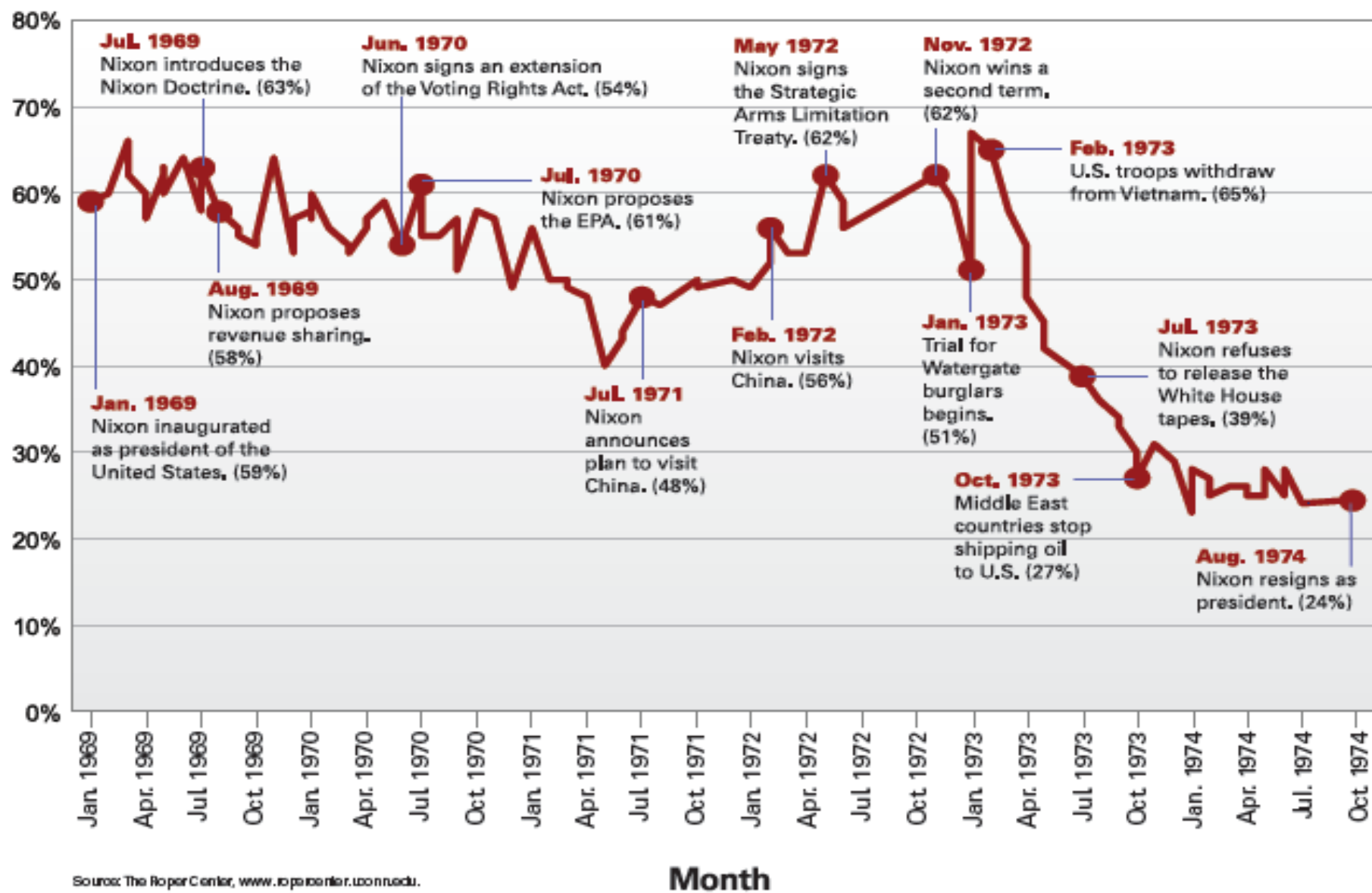


- Nixon refuses to release White House tape recordings that could reveal his involvement

United States v. Nixon (1974)

- Supreme Court orders Nixon to hand over the tapes.
- Tapes prove Nixon was involved in cover-up, showing that he knew about the burglary and attempted to block/obstruct investigation.

President Nixon's Approval Ratings, 1969–1974



Have a pencil
ready as you
watch this the
first time.



Impeachment and Resignation

Judiciary Committee drafted articles of impeachment

- 1) Obstruction of justice
- 2) Abuse of power
- 3) Contempt of Congress



Nixon Resigns- August 9, 1974

Nixon's VP, Gerald Ford, becomes president



***"How Can They
Say He Hasn't
Faithfully
Executed The
Laws?"***



“I Am Not a Crook”
Speech



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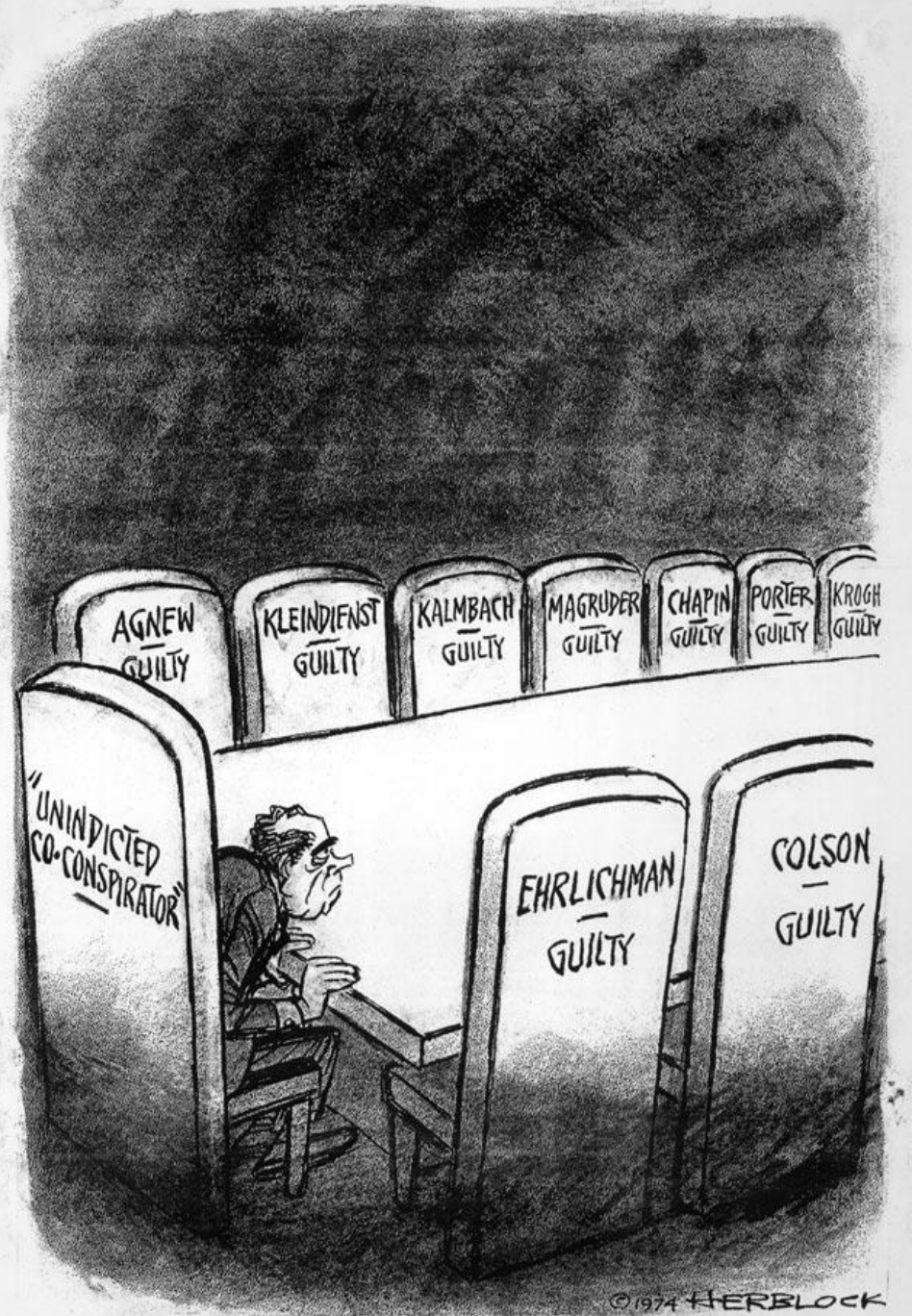
"I Am Not a Crook"
Speech

h6-h7

1974
HERBLOCK



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Processing



During which event on the graph did President Nixon have the highest approval rating? The lowest?



Which events affected President Nixon's approval rating the most? Why do you think so?



Are there any events where you think President Nixon took action in response to his approval rating?



Which events do you think were most responsible for President Nixon's rise to power? His fall from power?





Help the class answer these questions:

What illegal activities was the Nixon Administration involved with and what was Watergate?

How did the Nixon Administration get caught?

Why was Nixon forced to resign and what is the legacy of Watergate?

What is the most significant Long Term effect of Watergate?

Effects of Watergate:

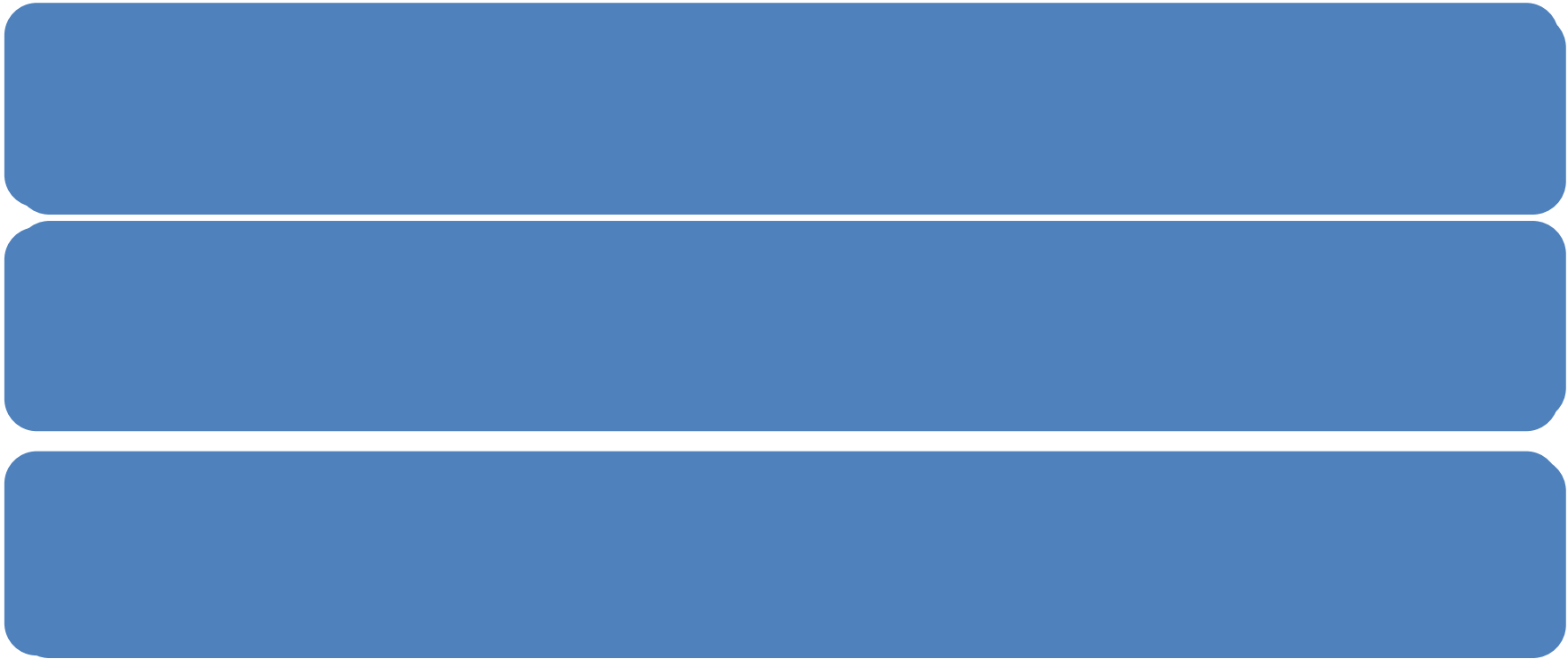
- Showed that no one is above the law
- Damaged confidence in the Presidency
- Scandals have lost their power to shock us

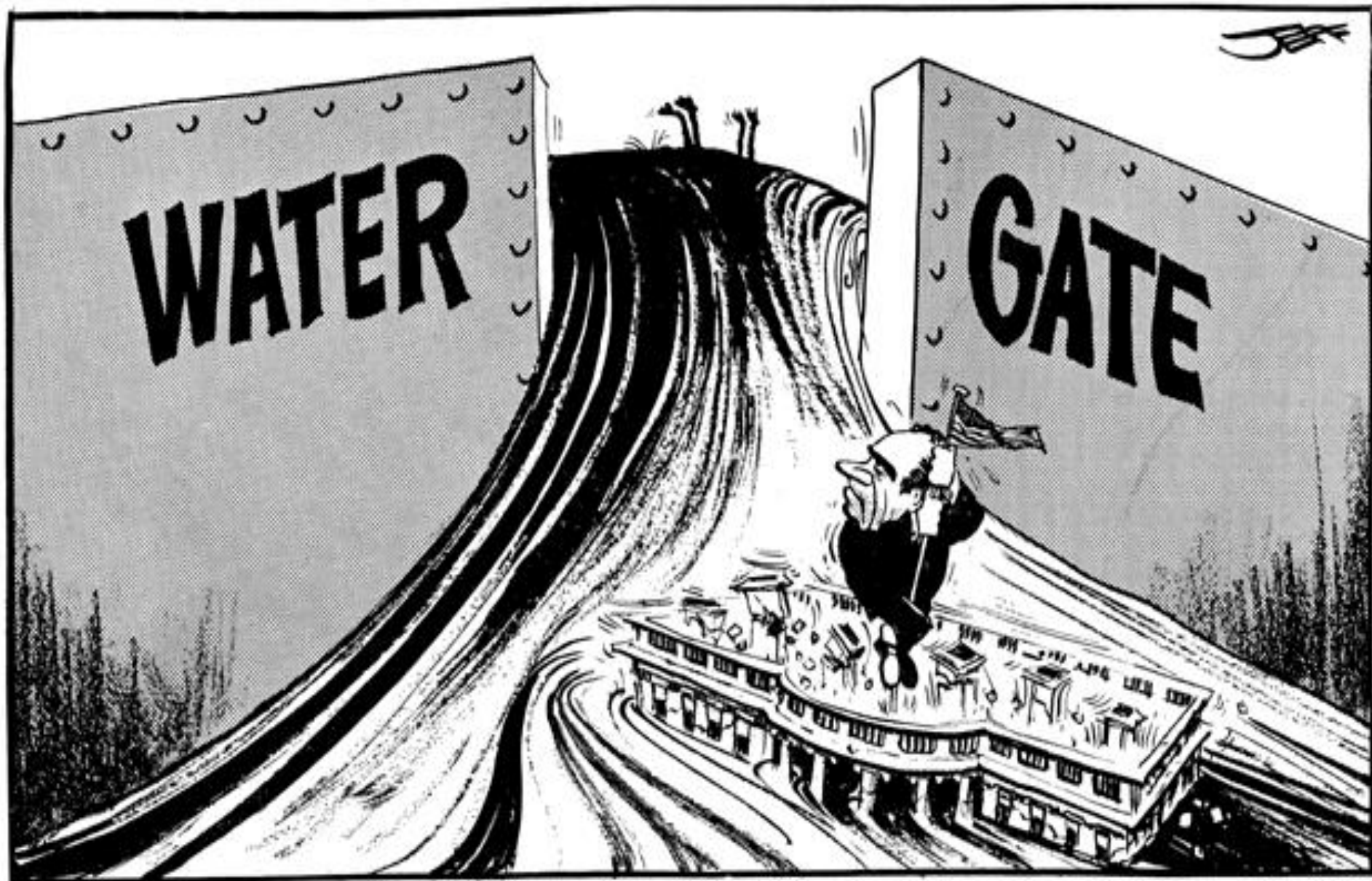
54.5: Read through the summary and quotes from each topic listed above.

- Detroit Free Press, Editorial October 1973
- Lawrence Meyer, Washington Post 10th Anniversary
- Washington Post 1996 Reflection

Then decide which effect is most significant and in a well written paragraph, explain why using the quotes and the information learned as evidence.

Legacy of Watergate







- "How Can They Say He Hasn't Faithfully Executed The Laws?"

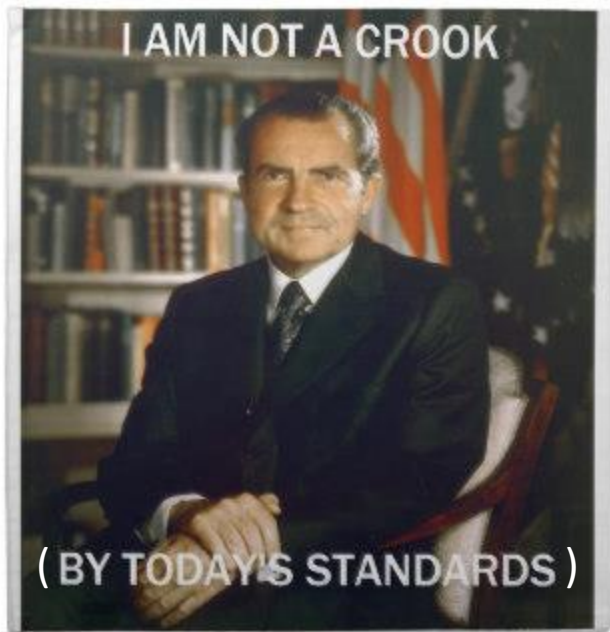




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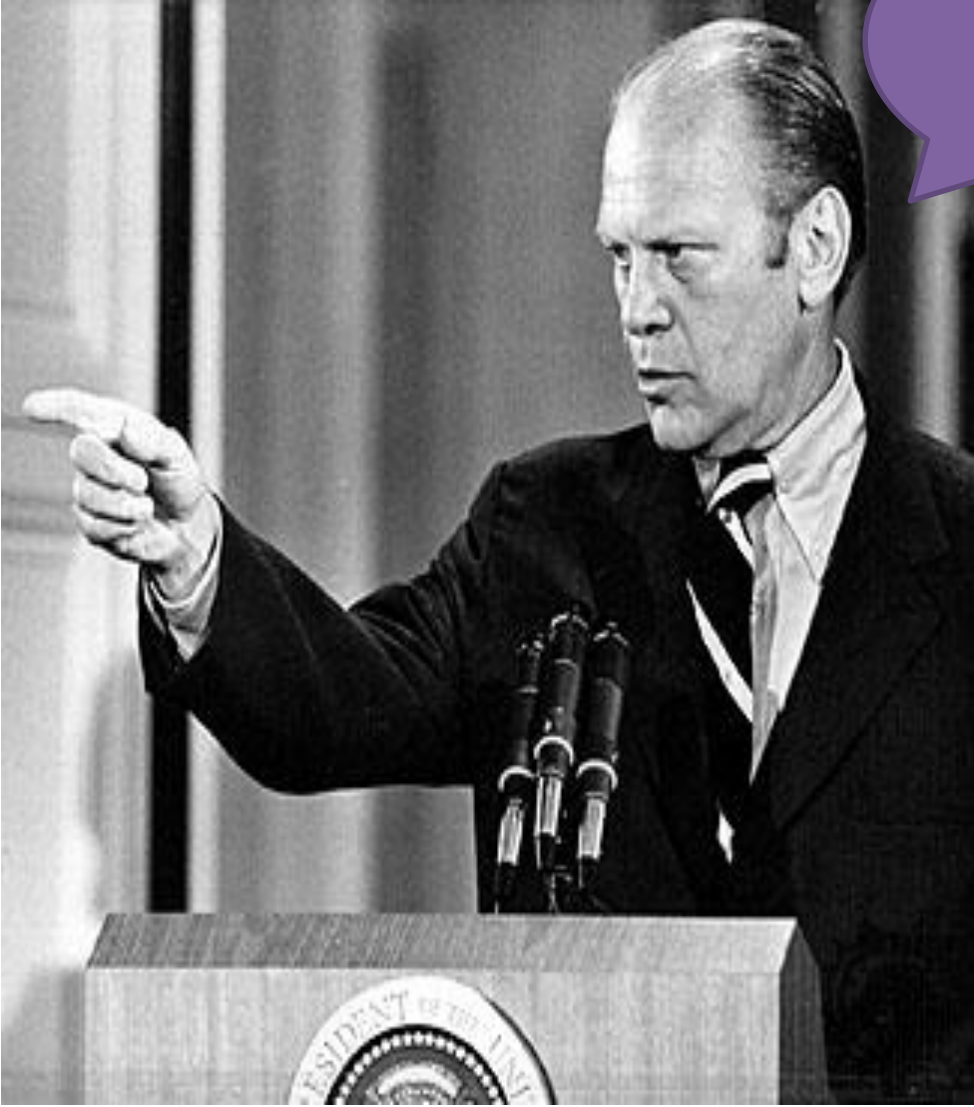
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“Political scandals have lost their power to shock us.”

1. DO you agree or disagree with this statement?
2. Should Presidents be held to a higher standard?
3. Would you personally forgive Nixon?



“full, free and absolute pardon”

Ford pardons Nixon in 1974



IT'S ALL
GOOD!

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What are These Examples of?



Designing an Epitaph

On a separate piece of paper, design an epitaph for Richard M. Nixon commenting on both his rise to and his fall from power. An epitaph is something engraved on the tombstone of an individual. Your epitaph should include the following elements:

- his name
- a descriptive phrase or title that highlights both his accomplishments and his controversies (such as Skillful Diplomat or Disgraced President)
- a short poem that alludes or refers to two events that led to Nixon's rise to power and two events that led to his fall from power
- two or more images that illustrate details in the poem
- other clever or creative touches to make the epitaph more interesting

Analyzing Nixon's Actions

Read Chapter 54.2-4 :
*Richard Nixon's Rise
to the Presidency,
Foreign Policy Record
and Watergate*



Determine to what degree each event listed on your paper represents a high or low point in the Nixon presidency. You will be categorizing them as LOW, AVERAGE, or HIGH as well as guessing their approval ratings.



Using the transparency, check your graph of Nixon's actions after reading each event in the sections assigned.