

IBHOA/APUSH – Truman, Eisenhower, the Cold War, Civil Rights, and the 1950s (Pd8)

Harry Truman's Presidency (D) (1945-1952)

- Atomic bombs end war in Pacific
- Immediate problems with Russia and Stalin begin the "Cold War"
- Truman – inexperienced, Stalin will try to take advantage

Potsdam Conference 1946

- Truman's first test
- Stalin ignores Truman's calls for free elections in Poland – broken promise (Yalta)
- Soviet domination of E. Europe begins – satellite nations established

U.S. Responses

1. Policy of Containment -

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2. Truman Doctrine

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3. The Marshall Plan

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Eastern Europe continues to fall to communism

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Occupation of Germany post WWII

- divided into 4 zones/west - US, GB, FR/east – Russia/Berlin also divided but in east zone

Berlin – June 1948 – the Berlin Airlift – the first potential "hot spot" of the Cold War

- first test of **containment**
- W. Berlin supplied by trains and trucks from E. Berlin
- Soviets cut off supply lines
- said all Berlin w/in Soviet control

- U.S. alternatives?
- decide on an **airlift** to supply the millions in W. Berlin
- thousands of flights 24/7
- Soviets respond with nothing and lift blockade May 1949
- Stalin also backs off Greece and Turkey
- no Communist influence in Italy and France elections
- containment seemed to be working

N.A.T.O. formed 1949 – North Atlantic Treaty Organization

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The Cold War Heats Up

Fall of China – Chinese Civil War

- nationalists under Chiang Kai-Shek fall to communists under Mao Zedong
- Truman had offered support to CKS - refused
- Russia aids Mao and the communists
- all China under comm infl by 1950 – The People’s Republic of China

The Korean War – the “Forgotten” War

- Russia sets up a gov’t in NK in 1948
- SK the only gov’t recog by UN
- June 1950 - R. trained troops invade SK
- Truman orders ground, sea, air forces to aid SK

Gen. Douglas MacArthur

- in chg of US and SK troops
- US/SK push communists out of SK across 38th parallel but...
- Chinese troops then join NK fight - stalemate begins
- Truce talks stall

Truman vs. MacArthur

- MacArthur publicly criticizes Truman for fighting a “limited war”
- MacArthur wanted full scale war and to invade China
- wrote to newspapers and US congressmen
- Truman relieves MacArthur of command 1951
- 69% of Am’s supported MacArthur/parades, speeches, etc.
- public opinion eventually returned to Truman a/f investigation

- July 1953/armistice signed, war over
- Communism contained in SK but Korea still two nations today
- 54,000 Am's dead/\$22b in costs to US
- increased fear and suspicion of communists in the U.S.

The Cold War At Home

Red Scare II

- fear of communism again sweeps nation
- Truman – reputation for being soft on communism – sets up Loyalty Review Board
- investigated 3.2m, fired 212 as security risks, 2900 resigned

HUAC – House Un-American Activities Committee – congressional group formed 1947

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Scary Spy Stuff

1. Alger Hiss Case

- suspected of selling secrets to Whittaker Chambers – spy
- **Richard Nixon** – prosecutor
- Hiss convicted of perjury only
- Hiss – tried to save his reputation
- Nixon – made his own reputation with his cross examination of Hiss

2. The Rosenberg's Case

- 1949 – Russians explode atomic bomb, espionage suspected
- Whittaker Chambers – Br. Scientist – admitted giving Rus. secrets
- implicated Julius and Ethel Rosenberg
- claimed 5th A., said persecuted b/c Jewish
- sentenced to death penalty

Truman's Domestic Agenda

Election of 1948

- Truman (D) Dewey (R)
- Thurmond – States' Rights aka Dixiecrats – split off S. Democrats
- "Dewey Defeats Truman" or does he??
- Truman less than 50% pop vote
- EC Votes/Tr – 303/Dewey – 189/Thurmond – 39

Truman's "Fair Deal" – to build upon New Deal of 1930s

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

4. Civil Rights late 1940s – Truman uses Executive Orders

- A.
- B.

*misses the issue - education, voting rights, equality in housing, segregation in public facilities

C. **Jackie Robinson** 1947 – Brooklyn Dodgers

- Impact/significance?
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Dwight D. Eisenhower's Presidency (R) (1952-1960)

Election of 1952

- first election with TV impact – ads
- "I Like Ike"
- WWII hero, helped end the Korean War, popular
- 1st Repub since??
- Ran gov't like military, relied on advisors
- conservative period in politics begins 1950s – decade will be very similar to the _____
- *The social disparity between Conformity vs. Rebellion will define the decade.*

The Cold War Continues

The McCarthy "Witch Hunts" – Senator Joseph McCarthy – "McCarthyism"

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The Weapons Race and Space Race

- 1949 - S.U. - first atomic bomb
- **H-Bomb** developed in U.S. – 1952, in S.U. – 1953
- **Effects**

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Other Problem Areas

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Russia launches Sputnik 1957

- **Effects?**

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1957-1959

- relations improving despite fears and mistrust
- VP Nixon to S.U. – July 1959
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- invites Eisenhower to S.U. early 1960 but...

May 5, 1960

- U2 spy plane shot down over Russia
- Francis Gary Powers – pilot, captured by the Russians
- Eisenhower accepts full responsibility for authorizing the mission
- Khrushchev withdraws invitation to Eisenhower
- Cold War – colder than ever
- **Eisenhower's Farewell Address Warning**

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The Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s

Supreme Court – Landmark Decision

- **Earl Warren** – Chief Justice – decisions focus on rights of individual
- ***Brown v. BOE Topeka, KN 1954*** – Story? Impact? Reverses?
- Thurgood Marshall – NAACP lawyer
- 2nd Brown case 1955 – “w/ all deliberate speed”
- many states and school systems slow to comply
- Balt, St. Louis, Wash DC – 1st to follow the order – why?

Effects of Brown Decision

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Montgomery 1955-56

- Rosa Parks
- Emergence of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Dexter Avenue Baptist Ch.
- Influences on MLK
- “nonviolent civil disobedience”
- Gandhi, Thoreau, Christianity
- MLK leads Montgomery Improvement Association in a bus boycott
- 381 days

Results of Montgomery Bus Boycott

- 1.
- 2. Formation of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) 1957
 - Purpose –

Effects on the Nation

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Little Rock – Central High School 1957

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Mobilizing Students

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As the 1960s progress, the Civil Rights movement will splinter into more militant factions. The primary cause of this will be urban poverty and unrest.

1950's Society

Conformity

1. **GI Bill 1944 (Serviceman's Readjustment Act)** - did what?
2. Rise of the **suburbs** - **William Levitt** - "cookie cutter homes" - white flight begins
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3. Social customs in the workplace - male dominance
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4. Marriage promoted
 - divorce rare, social effects
5. The **Baby Boom** post WWII
 - 1946-64, height 1957, one baby every 7 seconds, 4.25 million
 - why?
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
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6. **Impact of Television**
 - themes and characters
 - "vast wasteland"
 - live performances
 - boom to advertising industry
 - impact on radio, film
7. **Auto Industry Expands**
 - more variety
 - more businesses
 - fast food, motels, drive ins

- **Interstate Highway Act 1956 – multiple purposes**

A.

B.

- “military industrial complex”

8. Consumer Society Created

- Strong postwar economy
- Consumer confidence
- recreational equipment - more leisure time

9. Effects of Consumerism

A. “planned obsolescence”

B. Increased use of credit

- home mortgages, cars, appliances
- Diner’s Club 1950, American Express 1957
- private debt from \$73-179 b.

C. Results in the “Affluent” Society – the most comfortable and influential middle class in U.S. history

Challenges to Conformity

1. Radio and Rock and Roll

- “race music”, “devil’s music”
- radio’s role
- Elvis Presley, Little Richard, Chuck Berry, Bill Haley
- Youth vs. Parents
- delinquency, immorality, crime
- Black/white lines less obvious
- Ed Sullivan show - acceptance
- American Bandstand - Dick Clark - mainstream audience

2. Literature - the “beat” movement, attacks materialism – similar to the _____

- Jack Kerouac – *On the Road*
- Allen Ginsberg – *Howl*
- William Burroughs – romanticizes drug use in poetry

3. Film Industry

- subjects that TV wouldn't touch
- poverty, race issues, rebellion, Cold War tensions
- *Rebel Without a Cause* - James Dean

4. Print Industry

- *Playboy* - Hugh Hefner
- "girl next door"
- sexual barriers broken down but.....see next slide

5. Power of the Individual

- **Betty Friedan**
- *The Feminine Mystique* 1963
- Impact
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