

AMERICAN HISTORY (II)

1917, April: neutrality → WWI (Pershing, *Fourteen Points*, League of Nations)

1920s: Roaring Twenties

1924: Immigration Act aimed at stabilizing the traditional ethnic balance

1925: 'Monkey' Trial

1929: Great Depression: Wall Street Crash ('Black Thursday'), Steinbeck (*Grapes of Wrath*)

1932: Roosevelt (Dem.) proposes 'New Deal for the American people' + 'Fireside chats' ;
New Deal (1933-39) defined modern American liberalism.

1939-45: Neutrality Acts but 'Cash and Carry', Lend Lease ; Pearl Harbor ; 'Arsenal of Democracy' ; 'Pacific War', Manhattan Project, Okinawa, Iwo Jima

1945: UN (San Francisco Conference)

1947: Cold War: superpowers, 'Iron Curtain', 'Truman Doctrine'

1947-54: anti-communism and 'Maccarthysm'

1948: Marshall Plan ; then NATO (1949), Korea (1950-53), 'rollback' or 'containment' ?

1955-75: Vietnam War, 'My Lai Massacre', 'Vietnam syndrome'

1960: JFK elected (first and only Roman Catholic ; Dallas 1963 ; New Frontier)

1960s: Civil rights movement: Rosa Parks / MLK Jr (Nobel Peace Prize 1964) / NAACP

1963: Desegregation: Gov. Wallace / University of Alabama

1964: California = most populous state: rise of the 'Sun Belt' (+ 'Bible Belt'): SW/SE \neq NE and Midwest ('Rust Belt': labor unions, high taxes...)

1964: Civil Rights Act (+ Voting Rights Act, 1965 = end of the Jim Crow laws) 1960s/70s: Riots and rise of 'Black Power' (Malcolm X) American Indian Movement (AIM)

1960s/70s: Counterculture Revolution ('Summer of Love' LSD, marijuana, Woodstock)

1965: Lyndon B. Johnson and 'Great Society' programs (welfare state, civil rights, Medicare)

1969: Apollo 11 (Neil Armstrong)

1972: Watergate scandal (Nixon / Dems) → 1974 Nixon first to resign

1973: *Roe v. Wade* on abortion (Supreme Court)

1980s: Reagan Revolution ('America is back', Reaganomics, 'rollback', 'Evil Empire', SDI

1989-91: *The End of History* (Fukuyama) / 'New World Order' (George H. W. Bush)

1989: 'Washington Consensus': neoliberalism, 'standard' reform package + IMF, WB

1991: Gulf War (Desert Storm, UN) → dominant superpower

1994: North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

1990s: high-tech boom, NASDAQ, 'dot-com bubble' → crash and recession

1999: Columbine High School massacre

2000: *Bush v. Gore* (SC, Florida), tax cuts, neoconservatism

2001, 9/11: 'War on terror', 'Axis of evil', Patriot Act, DHS, Afghanistan

2003: Iraq ; 'coalition of the willing' ; Guantanamo Bay ('Gitmo'), WMD

2008: Obama, first African-American: Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act (2010) ; Health care ('Obamacare' 2010), immigration reform (2013), financial reforms (2014)

2008-2009: Great Recession ('housing bubble' subprime mortgage crisis, bank bailout)

2007-2010: rise of Tea Party ('grassroots') / liberal Occupy (Occupy Wall Street)

2009: Federal minimum wage (at least \$7.25 per hour)

2011: Osama bin Laden killed / Iraq War over

2014, August: Michael Brown (Ferguson, Mo) / Eric Garner (+ 2012: Trayvon Martin)

2015: same-sex marriage (SC ruling)

2016, November: Trump President → **2017, January: Inauguration** / 'America First'

2018: summit with North Korea

2019-20: Trump-Ukraine scandal / (failed) impeachment