

The post-Vietnam 1970s

I. American Indian Movement

A. Origins & Goals

1. Original treaties vs. violations

a. Status of treaties in U.S. is as follows:

This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.

b. Biggest issue – sovereignty

c. Also significant – broken financial promises

B. Siege of Bureau of Indian Affairs office – 1972

1. Began with the “Trail of Broken Treaties”

C. Wounded Knee occupation - 1973

II. Nixon

A. Earlier career

1. We already learned about Vietnam

2. First, though, he was VP under Eisenhower

a. Accusations & Checkers speech

B. Goal: restore unity to America

C. Policies

1. Ended draft

2. Anticrime laws

3. Environmental program

4. Appointed conservatives to Supreme Court

D. Watergate

1. Executive Privilege & recordings

2. Impeachment?

III. Ford

A. Healing a distrustful nation

1. Pardon

B. A lot of vetoes

1. Worried about inflation

a. Faced with recession, tried to stimulate economy

b. But kept shuttling back to worry about inflation

IV. 1976 Election

A. Ford had reputation as an imbecile

1. SNL

V. Carter

A. Inherited recession

B. Energy shortage

C. Champion of human rights

- 1. Not well received internationally, esp. in USSR
 - D. Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
 - E. Malaise
 - F. Iran – seizing of embassy staff
- VI. 70s Culture
- A. Disco