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Ford & Carter Struggle



As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- Evaluate the presidency of Gerald Ford.
- Evaluate Ford's foreign policies.
- Assess the domestic policies of Jimmy Carter.
- Discuss changing U.S. foreign policy in the developing world.
- Analyze how American society changed in the 1970s.

Ford Governs Through Difficult Times

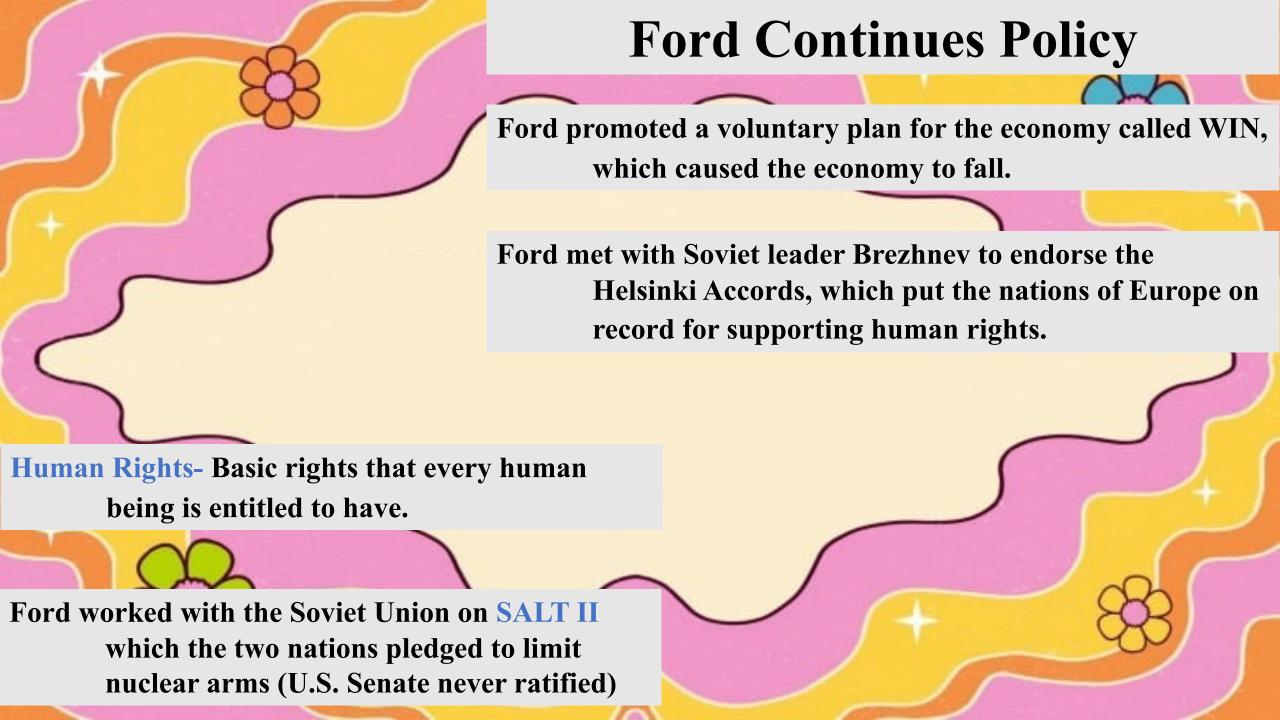
Gerald Ford became President after Nixon resigned from the White House

Ford had to face an economic crisis & public distrust of the Government when he took control

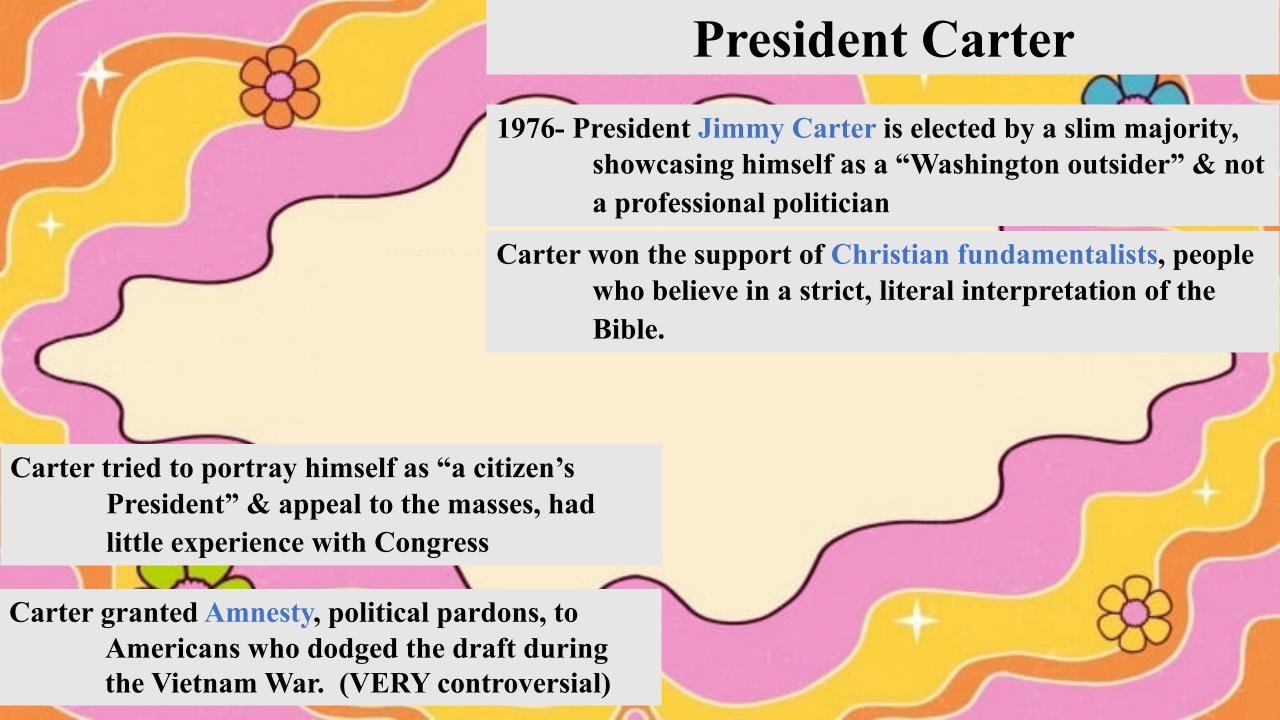


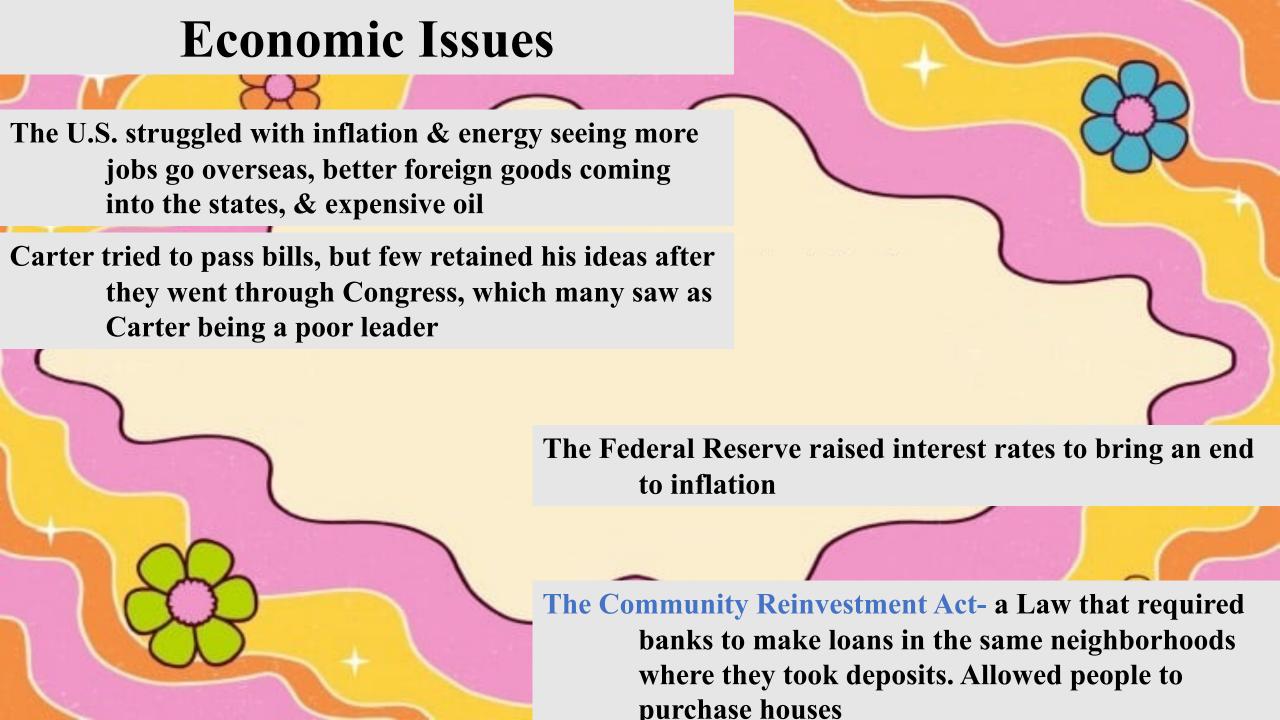
However, he pardoned, officially forgave, Richard Nixon of any crimes he committed as president

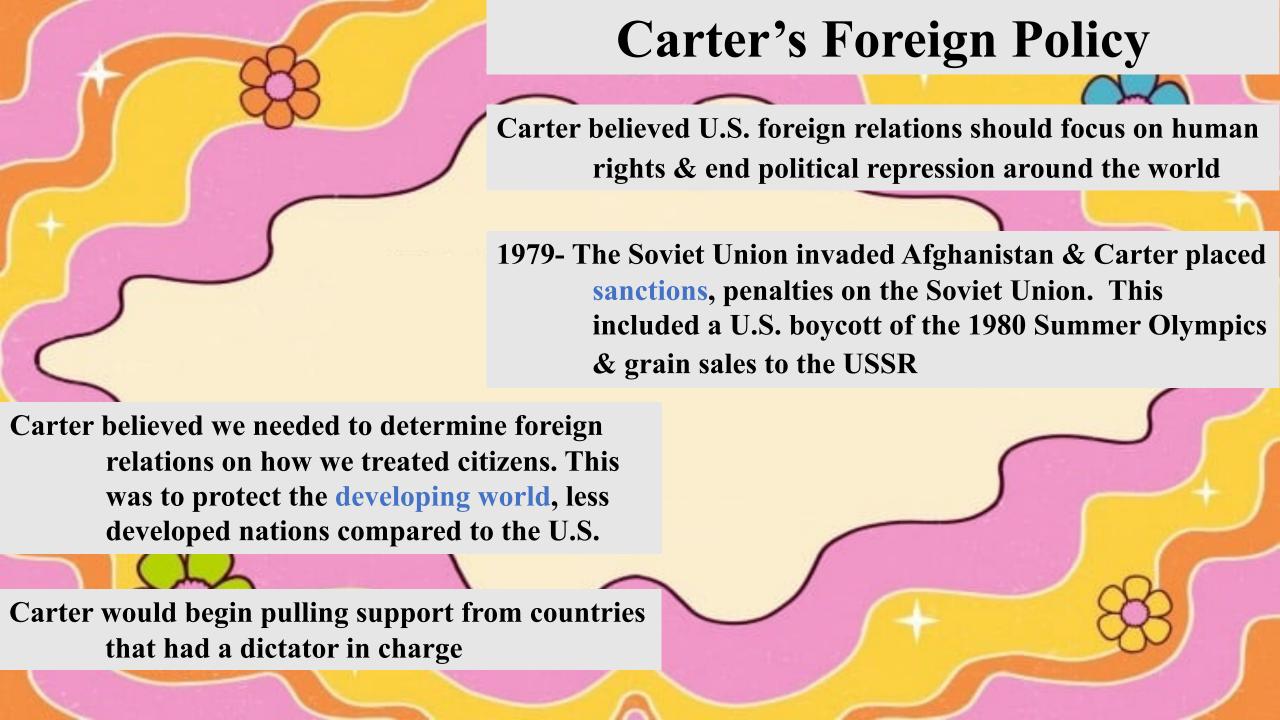
He hoped this would heal the nation's wound, but it did the opposite & dramatically dropped his popularity

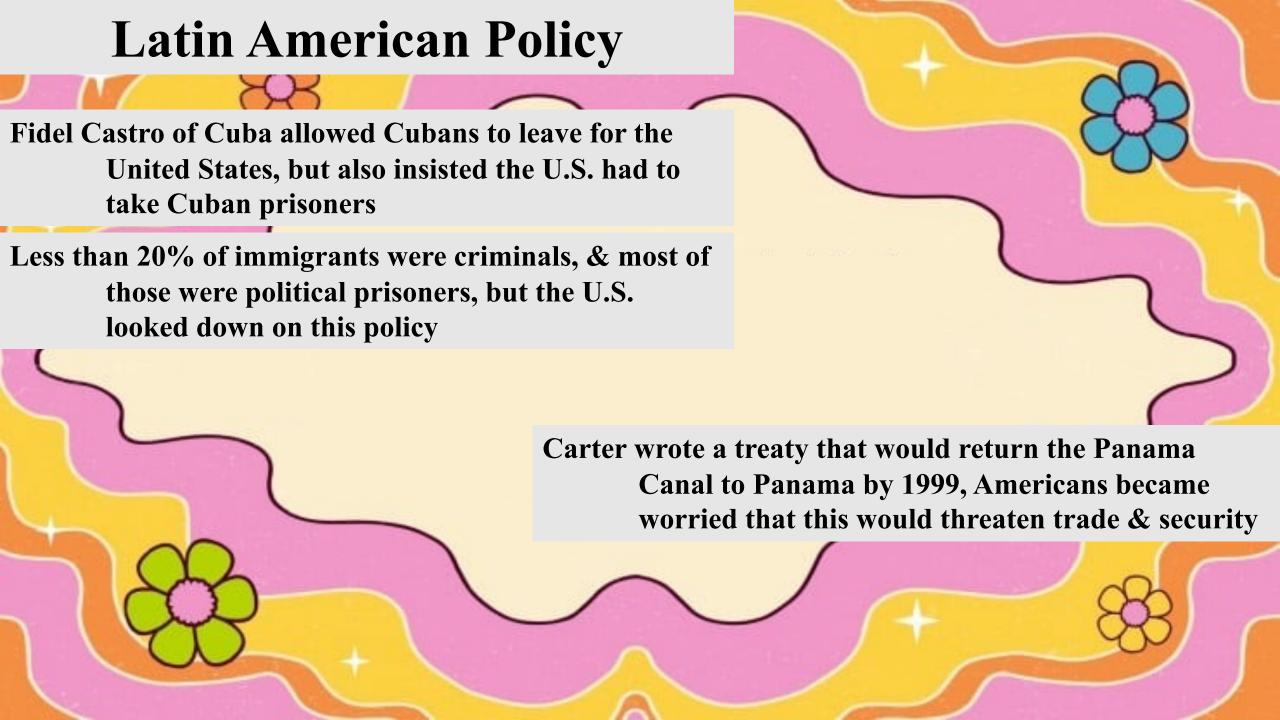




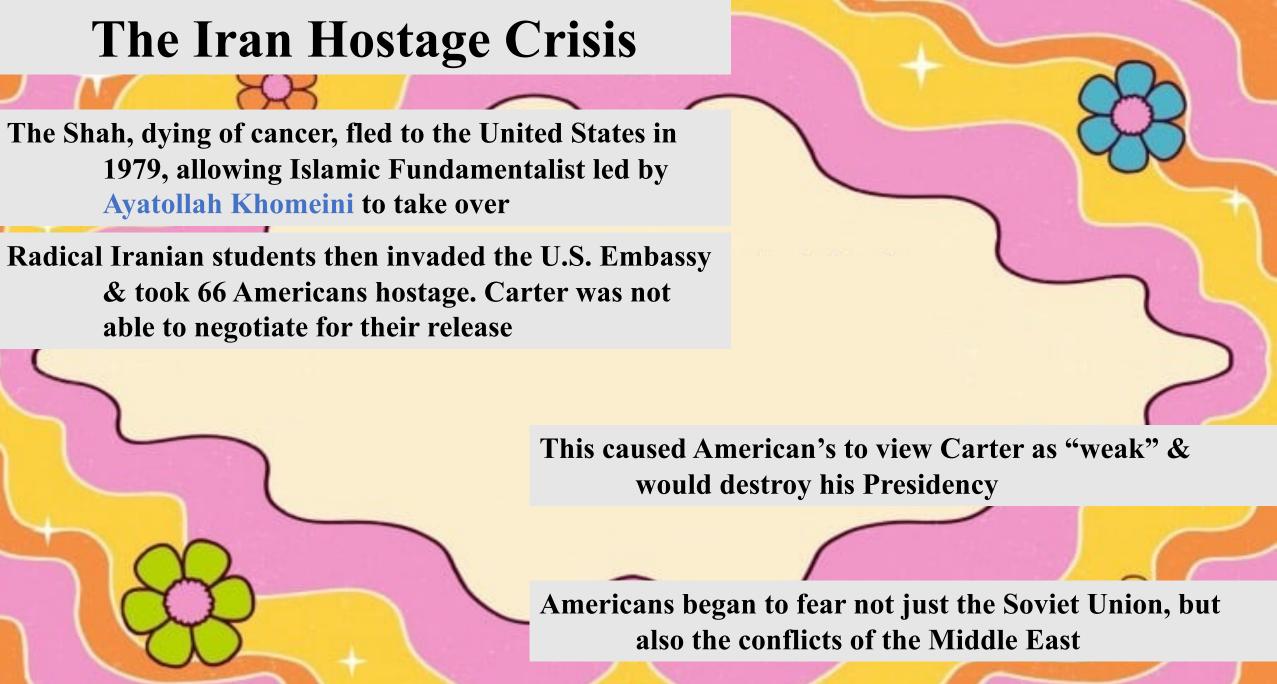


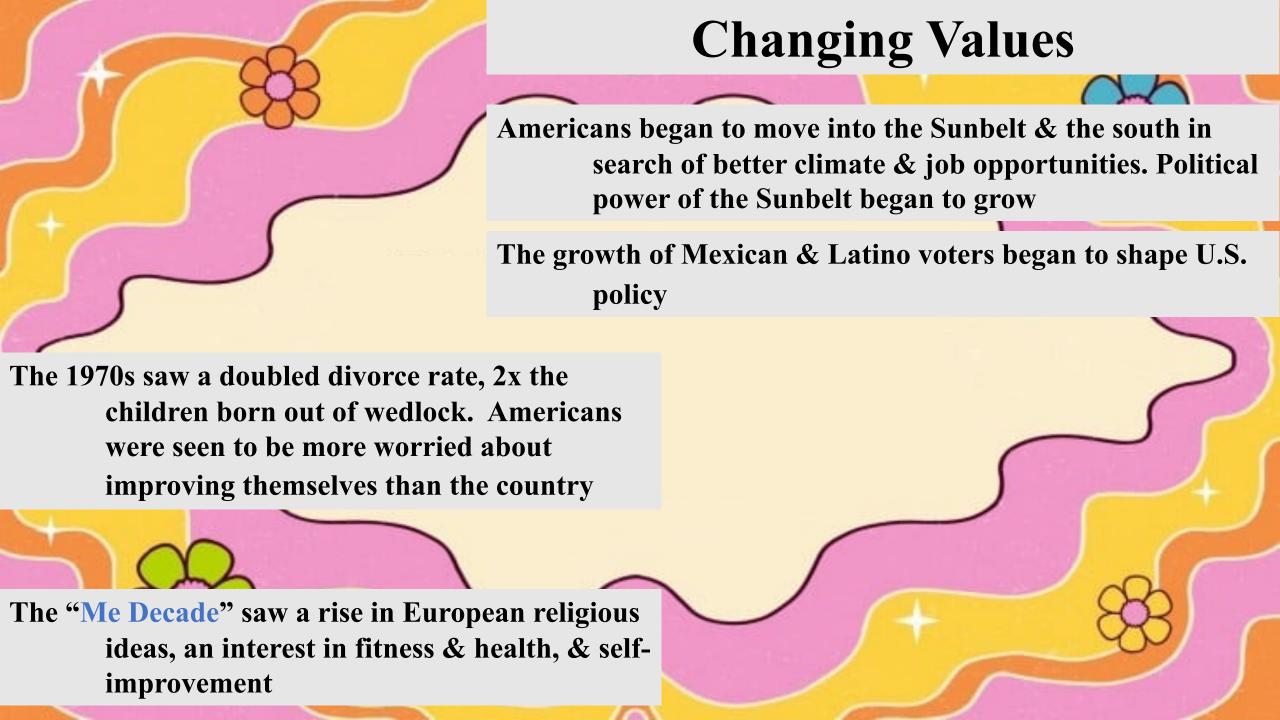












Conservative Values

The 1970s saw another "Great Awakening" as Americans became more involved in Christian Fundamentalist beliefs

Religious conservatives became involved in politics & fought against laws that they saw as destroying the country, such as abortion & restricted prayer in school.



Wisconsin V. Yoder- Supreme Court ruling that upheld religious freedom saying that Amish children could not be forced to attend school beyond the 8th grade

Televangelists, preachers of Christian fundamentalism on the TV, rose in prominence & preached about the ills of social change

Soon, this political majority would change the Republican party & allowed for the future election of Ronald Reagan