



LESSON 8.3.2 | WATCH | Crash Course US History #41 The Rise of Conservatism

PURPOSE

In this video, you will learn about the rise of the conservative tide in the late 1960s and into the 1970s with the presidency of Richard Nixon. You will also learn about the reasons for the conservative backlash to the Civil Rights and Anti-War Movements. Additionally, you will discover how and why Richard Nixon became the only United States President to resign from office.

LINK

- [Crash Course US History #41 – The Rise of Conservatism](#)

Watch the video on your own time, either at home, on your phone, or in the library.

PREVIEW

In which John Green teaches you about the rise of the conservative movement in United States politics. So, the sixties are often remembered for the liberal changes that the decade brought to America, but lest you forget, Richard Nixon was elected to the presidency during the sixties. The conservative movement didn't start with Nixon though. Modern conservatism really entered mainstream consciousness during the 1964 presidential contest between incumbent president and Kennedy torch-bearer Lyndon B Johnson, and Republican senator Barry Goldwater. While Goldwater never had a shot in the election, he used the campaign to talk about all kinds of conservative ideas. At the same time, several varying groups, including libertarian conservatives

and moral conservatives, began to work together. Goldwater's trailblazing and coalition building would pay off in 1968 when Richard Nixon was elected to the White House, and politics changed forever when Nixon resigned over the Watergate scandal. You'll also learn about the ERA, EPA, OSHA, the NTSB, and several other acronyms and initialisms.

PROCESS

Remember that John speaks very quickly, and you should watch the video with captions. Don't forget to pause and rewind when necessary. Before you watch the video, remember to look back at the central ideas of the Unit 8 Essential Questions and the Lesson 8.3 Essential Questions.

