



## LESSON 9.1.2 | WATCH | Crash Course US History #43 The Reagan Revolution

### PURPOSE

In this video, you will learn about important events in the 1980s. You will come to understand the basics of the rise of the New Right under President Reagan. The social and economic shifts during this period profoundly influenced the period covered in the rest of this unit.

### LINK

- [Crash Course US History #43—  
The Reagan Revolution](#)

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 what is often called the Reagan Era. This term mainly covers the eight years during which a former actor and former California governor was president of the United States. John will teach you about Reagan's election victory over the hapless Jimmy Carter, tax cuts, Reagan's Economic Bill of Rights, union busting, and Iran- Contra among other things. Learn about Reagan's domestic and foreign policy initiatives, and even a little about Bonzo the Chimp.

### 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 9 Essential Questions and the Lesson 9.1 Essential Questions.



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## LESSON 9.1.2 | WATCH | Key Ideas – Factual

Think about the following questions as you watch the video.

1. How did Ronald Reagan assemble his presidential campaign?
2. What types of voters were appealed to by Reagan’s campaign?
3. What word did Reagan use more than any other president in American history?
4. What was Reagan’s vision of economic freedom as outlined in his Economic Bill of Rights?
5. Describe supply-side economics.



6. Did Reagan's supply-side economics work?

7. Why didn't Reagan's presidency fulfill the desires of the Christian right?

8. What is the biggest controversy in Reagan's presidency? Explain what happened.

## LESSON 9.1.2 | WATCH | Conceptual Thinking

Answer the following question to make connections across different concepts and think more critically about the information presented in the video.

1. The 1980s through the mid-90s saw a rise in economic inequality where middle-class families stagnated, the poorest 20% of American's income declined, and the richest 1% controlled 40% of the nation's wealth. Reflect on these statistics with regard to the economic health of a nation and its people. Consider the Oliver Stone quote from his movie Wall Street: greed is good. Is that true? Why or why not? Explain.