“The United States after 1945”
Week 4: If You Seek Peace, Come to This Gate: Ronald Reagan and G. H. W. Bush
Today:

New Crusade
Our Days of Weakness Are Over
Completely Different Conversation
Burst of Triumphantism

“It’s morning again in America”
“Teflon President”
“Read my lips”
“new world order”
Ronald Reagan

70 yrs, extremist/ideologue

“America in decline”

rearmament

1952 (10), 1960s (8,5), 1970s (5), 1986 (7)

“window of vulnerability”
“Evil empire”

Soviet economy

arms race (SDI), mujahiddeen

Mikhail Gorbachev, perestroika

Geneva, Reykjavik, Washington

Cold War
The Middle-East

Israel

new Iran

Iraq

Lebanon

Sabra – Shatila, intifada
Central America
Nicaragua
“Contras”
ICJ (1986)
Irangate
Grenada (1983)
Neoconservativism
Reinhold Niebuhr
détente
“Moral Majority”
Jerry Falwell
religion
“Reaganomics” or “Reagan Revolution”

debt (914 bln/2 700 bln)

inflation, unemployment

defense credits

social spending

taxes
The World According to Ronald Reagan

- USA
  - Democrats and Welfare Bums
  - Republicans and Other Real Americans
- California
  - Off Shore Oilfield
  - Hollywood
  - Disneyland
- Ecotopia (Environmental Freaks and Quique Eaters)
- Acidrainia (A Wholly-Owned U.S. Subsidiary)

- USSR
  - Godless Communists, Liars and Spies
  - Their Missiles
  - Muslim Fanatics
  - Their China
  - Lake of Our Tribes
- Palestine
  - Homeland (Proposed)
- Our Oil
  - Our China
- Our Missiles
- Our Oil
- Our Oil
- Our Oil

Other
- Bedel Corporation
- Bangladesh
- Falklands
- Grenada
- Our Airports
- Soviet Colony
- El Salvador
- Soviet China
- El Salvador
- Egypts
- Bangladesh
- Tanzania

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“softer and more gentle” nation
George Herbert Walker Bush
UN, CIA, foreign policy
budget, budget and budget
taxes
NAFTA
“Annus mirabilis” geopolitics

the Berlin Wall

Central Europe

Malta (2-3 December)

Panama (20 December)
“silent victory”
John Paul II

“Brezhnev doctrine”
Germany, NATO

“new peace architecture”
URSS (1991), Russia
Panama (1989)
the Canal
Manuel Noriega
20 December 1989
the Holy See
Monroe doctrine
The Gulf War (1991)

Saddam Hussein and Iraq

2 August 1990

20% oil reserves

“Desert Storm”

“new world order”
NATO

common threat

Europe

military presence

ex-Yugoslavia

US and Europe