

CHRONOLOGY

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| <p>1941 Henry Luce forecasts the dawn of "the American Century"</p> <p>1944 G.I. Bill of Rights benefits World War II veterans
International Monetary Fund and World Bank founded</p> <p>1945 Franklin D. Roosevelt dies in office; Harry S. Truman becomes president
United Nations charter signed
World War II ends
Strike wave begins
Truman proposes program of economic reforms</p> <p>1946 Employment Act creates Council of Economic Advisers
Churchill's Iron Curtain speech
Atomic Energy Act establishes Atomic Energy Commission
Republicans win control of Congress
Benjamin Spock publishes <i>Baby and Child Care</i></p> <p>1947 Americans for Democratic Action founded
Truman Doctrine announced; Congress appropriates \$400 million in aid for Greece and Turkey
Federal Employees Loyalty and Security Program established and attorney general's list of subversive organizations authorized
Marshall Plan announced
Taft-Hartley Act restricts union activities
National Security Act establishes Department of Defense, the National Security Council, and the Central Intelligence Agency
House Un-American Activities Committee hearings in Hollywood</p> <p>1948 Smith-Mundt Act passed by Congress
Ferdinand Lundberg and Marynia Farnham publish <i>Modern Woman: The Lost Sex</i>
State of Israel founded
Berlin blockade begins</p> | <p>Henry Wallace nominated for president on Progressive Party ticket
Truman announces peacetime draft and desegregates U.S. armed forces and civil service
Truman wins election; Democrats sweep both houses of Congress</p> <p>1949 Truman announces Fair Deal
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) created
Communists, led by Mao Zedong, take power in China
Berlin blockade ends
Soviet Union explodes atomic bomb</p> <p>1950 Alger Hiss convicted of perjury
Senator Joseph McCarthy begins anti-Communist crusade
Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China sign an alliance
Adoption of NSC-68 consolidates presidential war powers
Korean War begins
Internal Security (McCarran) Act requires registration of Communist organizations and arrest of Communists during national emergencies</p> <p>1951 Truman dismisses General Douglas MacArthur
Psychological Strategy Board created
Armistice talks begin in Korea</p> <p>1952 Immigration and Nationality Act retains quota system, lifts ban on immigration of Asian and Pacific peoples, but bans "subversives" and homosexuals
United States explodes first hydrogen bomb
Dwight D. Eisenhower wins presidency; Richard Nixon becomes vice president</p> <p>1953 Julius and Ethel Rosenberg executed for atomic espionage
Armistice ends fighting in Korea</p> <p>1954 Army-McCarthy hearings end</p> <p>1955 Warsaw Pact created</p> |
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