

# 1968 (to 1975)

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Apollo at 50

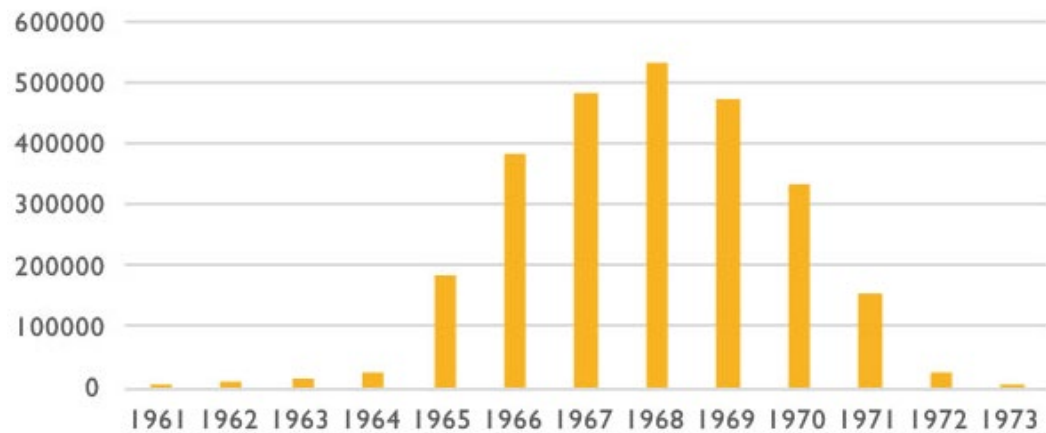
[Chicago Democratic National Convention](#) (start at 31:30)

# What a Difference 7 Years Makes

- Global challenges
  - Vietnam War
  - Prague Spring
  - Gold crisis
- Domestic Challenges
  - Civil rights movement
  - War on Poverty
  - Inflation
- Social Challenges
  - Baby boom generation
  - “Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll”

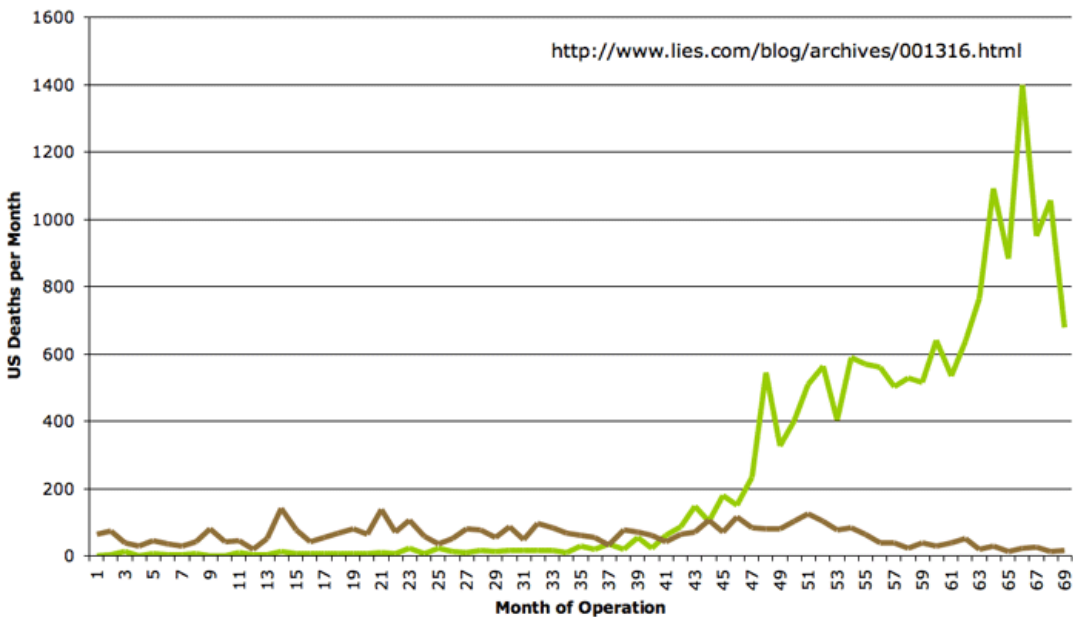


## US MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SOUTH VIETNAM ON DECEMBER 31, 1961–1972

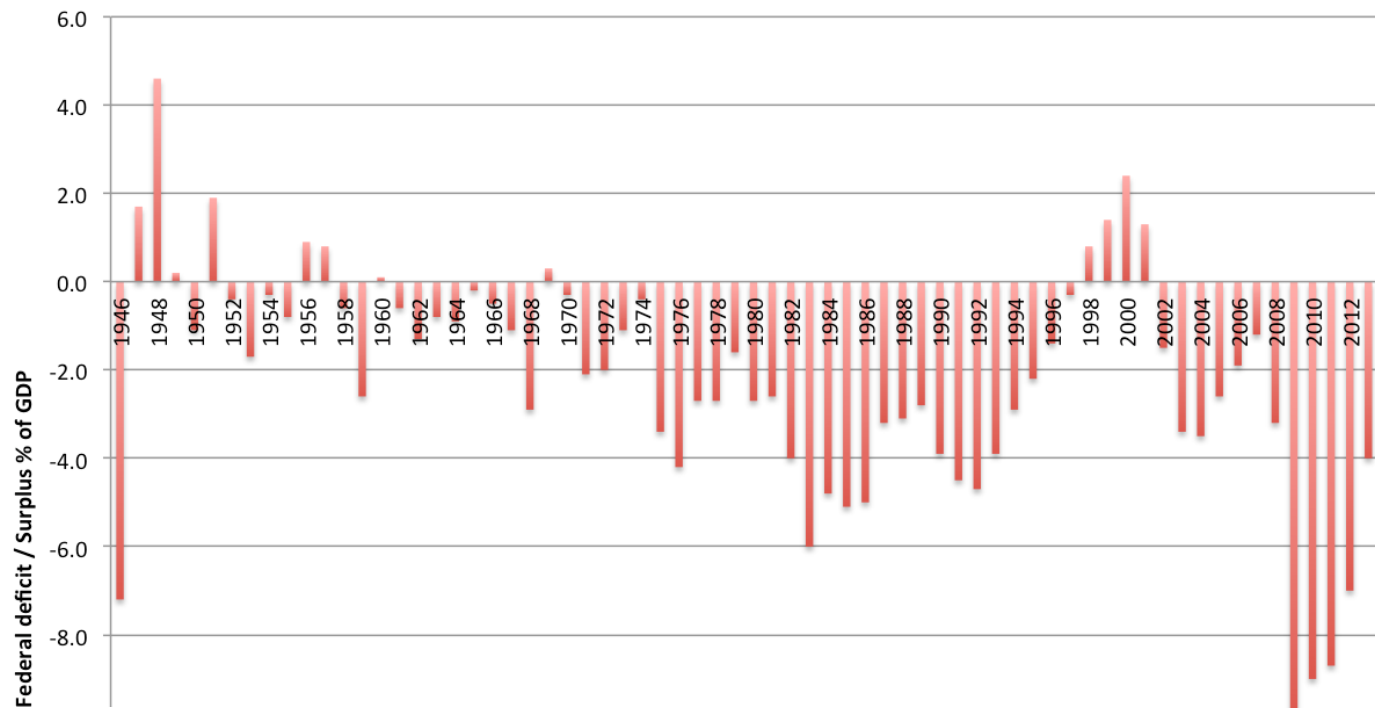


## US Deaths in Vietnam and Iraq

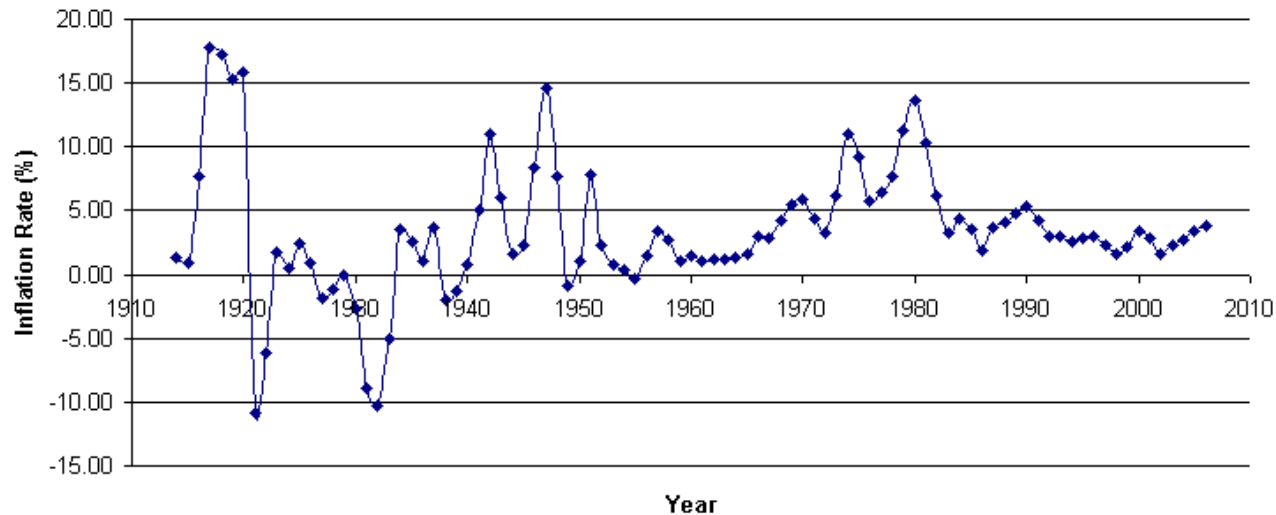
— Vietnam (from Dec 61)
 — Iraq (from Mar 03)



## US Federal Deficit % of GDP



## U.S. Inflation Rate by Year



FIFTY CENTS \*

APRIL 5, 1968

Self-Determination for Czechoslovakia

# TIME

THE WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE

*Boris Chelapin*

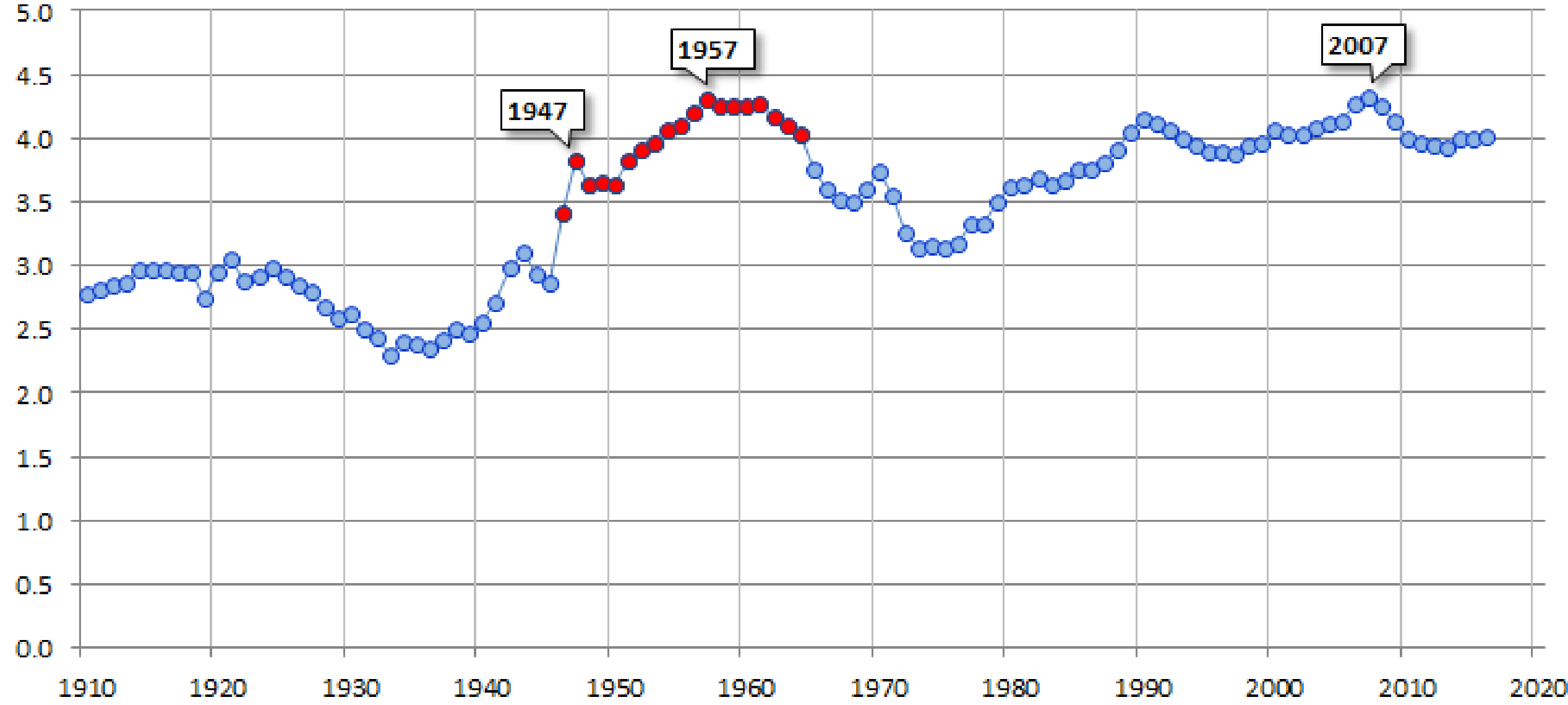
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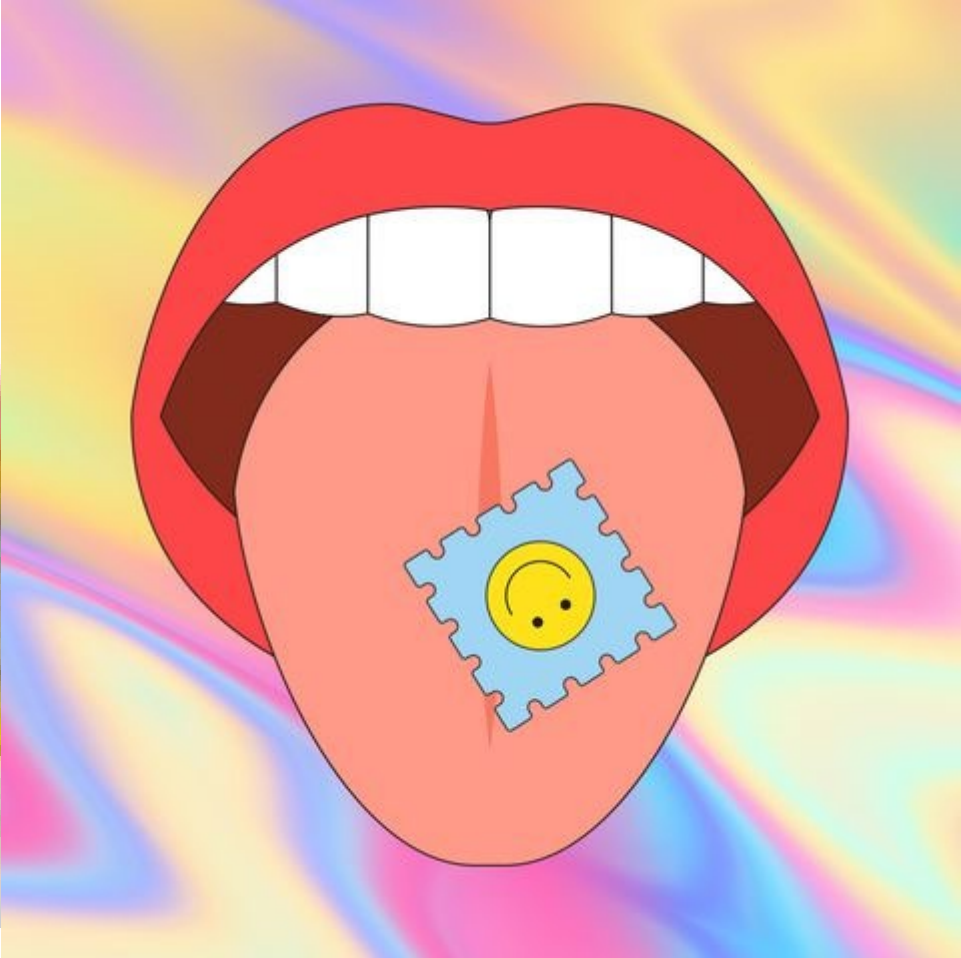
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# Birth Statistics and the 1946-1964 Baby Boom

Millions













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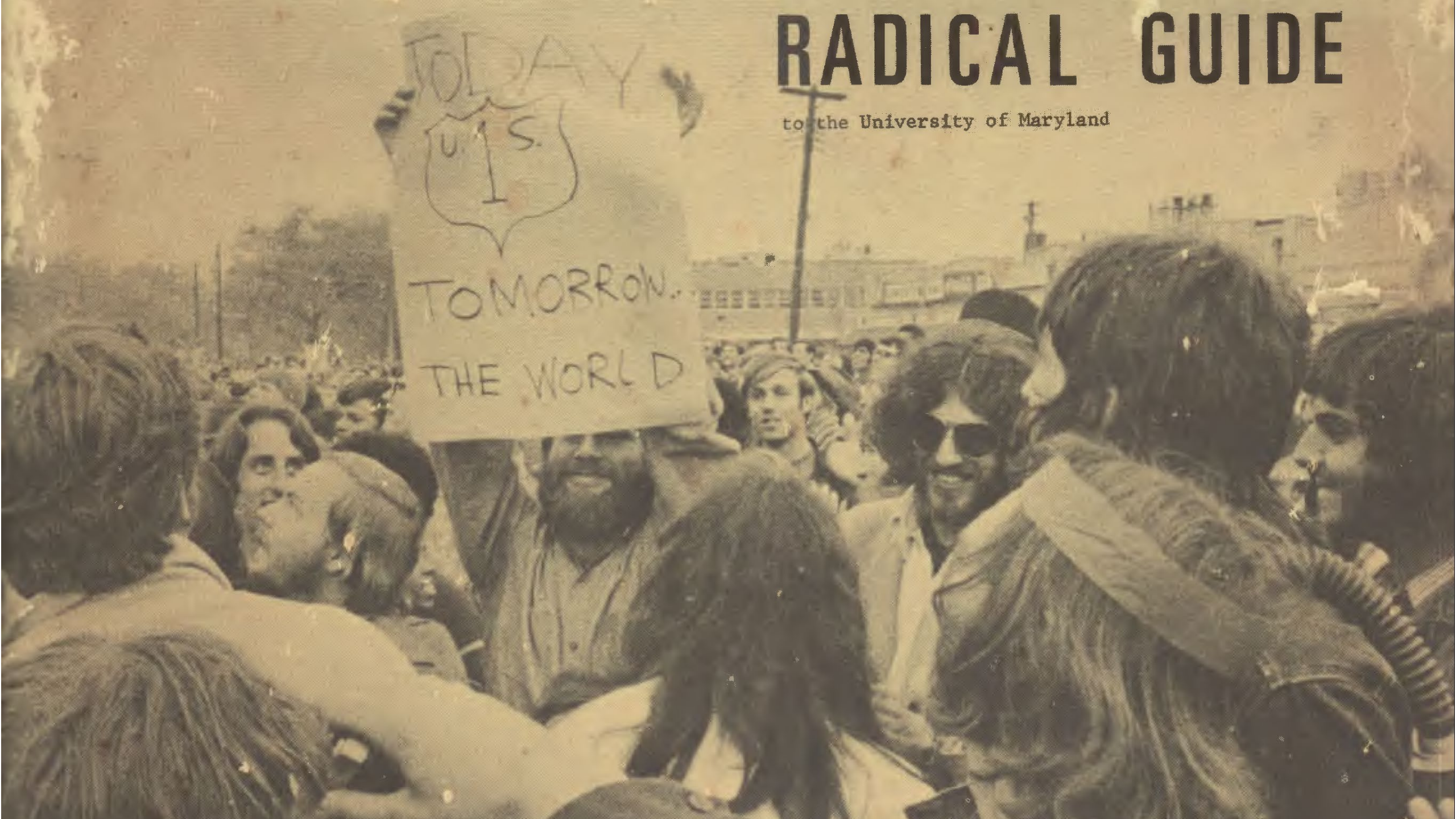
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# NIXON RESIGNS

## HE URGES A TIME OF 'HEALING'; FORD WILL TAKE OFFICE TODAY

### 'Sacrifice' Is Praised; Kissinger to Remain

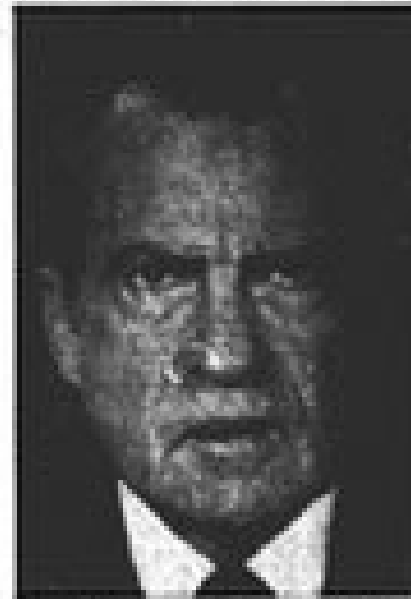
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**Some Feel Anwartha May Be Nominating a Successor**  
Credit Falls Short

**POLITICAL SCENE**  
*Rise and Fall*  
**SHARPLY ALTERED** Appraisal of Nixon Career

**JAWORSKI ASSERTS**  
**NO DEAL WAS MADE**

Mr. Nixon, speaking from the Oval Office, urged the

# Apollo Chronology

- January 1967 Apollo 1 fire
- November 1967 Apollo 4 (Uncrewed Saturn V)
- January 1968 Apollo 5 (Uncrewed Earth orbit LM test)
- April 1968 Apollo 6 (Uncrewed Saturn V; 3 engines fail)
- October 1968 Apollo 7
- December 1968 Apollo 8
- ...
- December 1972 Apollo 17

# Discussion Groups

- **Brokaw Chapter 1 (“A Loss of Innocence”)**
  - A personal story of social evolution in the 1960’s
- Kurlansky Chapter 11 (“April Mother...s”)
  - A glimpse of the “counterculture” of the late 1960’s
- Fink Chapter 3 (“The American Economic Consequences of 1968”)
  - The genesis of some really bad economic times in the 1970’s
- The Sixties miniseries Episode 8 (“1968”)
  - A documentary depicting major events in 1968



# Apollo 8 Readings

- **Chaikin Chapter 3 (“First Around the Moon”)**
  - **Apollo 8 from the Astronaut’s perspective**
- Woods Chapter 15 (“Re-entry”)
  - Reentry into the Earth’s atmosphere from a lunar trajectory
- Kluger Chapter 7
  - How the lunar orbit decision was made
- From the Earth to the Moon video episode 4 (“1968”)
  - An interleaved telling of the story of 1968’s social unrest and Apollo 8

# Example Term Paper Topics: Social Challenges

- Achieving the United Nations sustainable development goals
- Winning Richard Nixon's "war on drugs"
- Providing universal health care in the United States
- Ending legal discrimination on the basis of race
- Winning President Johnson's "war on poverty"
- Ending the gender pay gap
- Eliminating racial disparities in income and wealth
- Preventing mass shootings
- Ending the Great Depression
- Resolving world hunger
- Achieving universal suffrage in the United States
- Eliminating homelessness in the United States

# Example Topics: Technology Development

- Combating the global AIDS crisis
- Mitigating global warming
- Developing nuclear weapons and their delivery systems
- Making commercial air travel safe, fast, and inexpensive
- Preventing or curing Alzheimer's disease
- Ending U.S. reliance on foreign oil
- Developing the modern Internet
- Eradicating smallpox on a global scale
- Establishing a permanent human colony on Mars
- The innovation of firearms
- Creation of national-scale rail systems
- Adoption of the printing press and development of the publishing industry

# Example Topics: Armed Conflict

- Defeating of Nazi Germany in World War II
- Achieving the North Vietnamese victory in the Vietnam War
- Fighting The global war on terrorism
- The southward and westward expansion of non-native settlements during the Indian Wars
- Preventing nuclear war
- The liberation of Haiti from France
- The defeat of Napoleon
- Spanish conquest of the New World
- The end of the Roman Empire
- The global spread of communism during the Cold War

# Organizing Your Term Paper

- Introduction
  - Goal, situation, factors
- Background
  - Why and in what context did (or will) the need to act arise?
- Factors
  - Politics, urgency, the economy, organization, technology, infrastructure, ...
- Outcome
  - What happened (and why)
- Conclusion
  - Important lessons (note: all must have been present earlier)
  - Comparisons to Apollo