

Learning Resources

America's Political Parties: The Democrats 1960-1992

Library Version

Nationally syndicated columnist Ben J. Wattenberg and key Democratic leaders explore why the Democrats are able to dominate Congressional, state and local elections but have difficulty electing presidents - Clinton being the first since Jimmy Carter. Dramatic footage and revealing analysis.

Also available in laser videodisc.

Ages 12-18, Adult
50 minutes, order 1-8332-IN

America's Political Parties: The Democrats 1960-1976

The America's Political Parties Series

This film explains how and why national support for the Kennedy-Johnson mix of hardline foreign policy and progressive social programs crumbled in the late 1960's under the weight of the Vietnam War, urban riots, and the South's reaction to civil rights legislation. It traces the disintegration of the New Deal coalition.

Adult
26 minutes, order 1-8333-IN

A selection of videos covering political topics

The American Constitution: The Ghosts Of '87

Academy Award winning actor, Cliff Robertson, delivers a fascinating portrayal of ten delegates to the 1787 Federal Convention in Philadelphia which gave birth to the American Constitution. Explores the issues and debates, the tensions and compromises that occurred.

Ages 9 to 11, Ages 12 to 14, Ages 15 to 18, Adult
59 minutes, order 1-8459-IN

The American Constitution: The Road From Runnymede

Examines the English roots of the U.S. constitution, how "rule of law" and "limited government" have been translated into the American system. Christopher Reeve guides viewers through six hundred years of political struggle from the Magna Carta to the Philadelphia Convention of 1787.

Also available in Laser Videodisc.

Ages 9 to 11, Ages 12-18, Adult
58 minutes, order 1-8460-IN

Chile: The Hidden Revolution

The Life Choices Series

Overview of the dramatic changes taking place in Chile relating to the struggle for democracy, and the role of the Catholic Church.

Ages 15 to 18, Adult
30 minutes, order 5-4280-IN

Chile: The Challenge Of Democracy

The Life Choices Series

Discussion by leading experts offers insightful look at the sweeping changes to democratic leadership and reform in Chile.

Ages 15 to 18, Adult
30 minutes, order 5-4281-IN

Chile: The Impact Of Third World Debt

The Life Choices Series

Role of multinational corporations and the international banking community in the internal affairs of Chile.

Ages 15 to 18, Adult
30 minutes, order 5-4282-IN

Chile: The Role Of The Church

The Life Choices Series

Explores the unique role of church leadership in the political and social life of the Chilean people.

Ages 15 to 18, Adult
30 minutes, order 5-4283-IN

China In Crisis: Tiananmen Square

Exclusive interview between Tom Brokaw and China's State Council Speaker Yuan Mu shortly after the massacre of student protestors, discusses China's interpretation of events.

Post Secondary - Introductory, Adult
19 minutes, order 1-8492-IN

Gorbachev: His Life And His Country

Comprehensive documentary about his early life and political career, from Mayor of Stavropol to Soviet President, Perestroika and the attempted overthrow by hardline forces.

Ages 15 to 18, Post Secondary - Introductory, Adult
28 minutes, order 1-8435-IN

International Security: The Canadian Role

Compelling look at Canada's role in United Nation's peace-keeping activities around the world. Covers the history of the U.N., Lester Pearson's accomplishments, the Gulf War and the quagmire in Somalia.

Ages 15 to 18, Post Secondary - Introductory
29 minutes, order 9-1205-IN



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Jfk: The Age Of The Kennedy Presidency

The John F Kennedy Series

This program discusses the political challenges and issues that Kennedy faced during his short term in office.

Ages 12-18, Adult
26 minutes, order 1-8467-IN

The John F Kennedy Series

The youngest man elected President is profiled in this series composed of news footage, interviews and commentary.

JFK: The Early Years

Recalls his youth, education, and political beginnings, examining events and experiences influencing his ideas and beliefs.

25 minutes, order 1-8472

JFK: The Age of the Kennedy Presidency

Discusses the political challenges and issues that Kennedy faced following a hard-fought Presidential campaign.

JFK: The Death of a President

News broadcasts recall the events leading up to and following the grim day in America's history when he was assassinated during a motorcade in Dallas, Texas.

27 minutes, order 1-8470
Ages 15 to 18, Post Secondary - Introductory, Adult
78 minutes, order 1-84671-IN

Kent State

Photos, archival news footage, private 8mm film and informative narration, document the 1970 tragedy at KSU. Illuminates the conflicts and cultural climate of the times, showing how intolerance lead to chaos and violence.

Ages 15 to 18, Adult
23 minutes, order 1-8568-IN

The Man And The State Series

Dramatic recreations of history's greatest moments and minds.

Man and the State: Burke and Paine on Revolution

Edmund Burke and Thomas Paine debate their conflicting views, while elements of the French Revolution are acted out before them.

28 minutes, order 1-8670

Man and the State: Machiavelli on Political Power

Machiavelli debates his ideas in an open ended forum designed to stimulate discussion of contemporary problems, government, history, and literature.

26 minutes, order 1-8672

Man and the State: Marx and Rockefeller on Capitalism

Karl Marx and John D. Rockefeller debate the basic ideas of Communism and Capitalism, then travel to the 20th century to see how their philosophies have evolved.

26 minutes, order 1-8673

Man and the State: The Trial of Socrates

The trial and death of Socrates is the platform for discussion of how far a society should go in suppressing people and ideas it feels are dangerous, and should a man obey laws he believes unjust?

29 minutes, order 1-8675

Ages 16 to Adult
109 minutes, order 1-86701-IN

The Powers Of The Presidency: Economic Control

Open ended program sets up a scenario, where the U.S. President acts on his own to control runaway inflation, creating an opportunity for viewers to debate constitutional authority and the complexities of national economy.

Ages 16 to Adult
23 minutes, order 1-8677-IN

The Republican Party: 1972 - 1988 (Revised)

The America's Political Parties Series

Chris Plaque, Columbus International Film & Video Festival; Bronze Award, Houston International Film & Video Festival; Finalist, International Film & TV Festival of New York.

The post-Watergate Republican Party has been dominated by Ronald Reagan and the conservatives. This film explores whether the Bush administration is now shifting the party's power base back to its Eastern moderate wing.

Revised version of existing program to include the Clinton-Bush campaign.
31 minutes, order 1-8337-IN

Republican Party 1960-1992 (Revised)

The America's Political Parties Series

After losing seven out of nine Presidential elections between 1932 and 1964, the Republicans have dominated Presidential politics until the recent election of Democratic President Clinton. How did they break-up the Democrat's winning coalition of the past? Magazine editor and former White House staffer David Gergen explores these and other questions with the help of documentary footage and interviews with Republican leaders. By Manifold Productions.

Revised version of existing program to include the Clinton-Bush campaign.

Also available on laser videodisc.

Ages 12-18, Adult
52 minutes, order 1-8335-IN

Ronald Reagan: An American Success Story

Extended Version

Recollections from family and friends trace his early childhood, academic life, entertainment career and political rise; Reagan offers reflections on his life, family, and presidency.

Ages 15 to 18, Adult
59 minutes, order 1-8490-IN



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29 minutes, order 1-8489-IN

The Soviet Union Chronicles Series

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Host Peter Graves traces Russia's political and social history from its Czarist roots to its current struggle.

The Soviet Union Chronicles 1905-1924

How the unbalanced economy during the rule of Nicholas II led to the Bolshevik Revolution, Russia's involvement in World War I, the murder of the Czar and his family, and civil war. Ends with Lenin's death, the stage set for Stalin.

27 minutes, order 1-8577

The Soviet Union Chronicles 1924-1945

Stalin collaborates with Hitler; invades Poland; divides Germany; forces Baltic States into the Soviet Union setting up puppet governments.

22 minutes, order 1-8578

The Soviet Union Chronicles 1945-1993

Stalin's death; Khrushchev; Brezhnev; Andropov; Chernenko; and Gorbachev; The Missile Crisis; Warsaw Pact and Detente; war and space technology; rise and fall of the Berlin Wall.

29 minutes, order 1-8574

Ages 15 to 18, Adult
78 minutes, order 1-85770-IN

Vietnam: Lessons Of A Lost War

Declassified documents and the experiences of former military officers, an anti-war activist, and a researcher, combine to explain how the U.S. became an active combatant; includes analysis of four key turning points that greatly influenced the outcome.

Ages 15 to 18, Adult
31 minutes, order 1-8466-IN

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