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Guided Notes: Reagan and Conservatism, 1980–Present

Summary:

The unprecedented economic crisis of stagflation in the 1970s helped seal the fate of liberal politicians and create a renewed conservatism. The rise of the Christian Right in shaping society and Reaganomics in transforming economic policy reflects the backlash of conservative America.

Themes:	
NAT—American and National Identity	PCE—Politics and Power
WXT—Work, Exchange, and Technology	WOR—America in the World
GEO—Geography and the Environment	ARC—American and Regional Culture
MIG—Migration and Settlement	SOC—Social Structures

Instructions: Use the Guided Notes template below to keep track of the important terms, events, and people you read about. You should create a definition to help you remember and then a brief description of the significance of the term. Look to the themes to help you figure out why they are important.

Key Terms	Theme(s)	Definition/Explanation	Importance/Significance
Tax Reform Act			
“Supply-side economics” (“trickle-down economics”)			

Reaganomics			
“Yuppie”			
Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986			
Sandra Day O'Connor			
<i>Bowers v. Hardwick</i>			
Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984			
Anti-Drug Abuse Act (1986)			
Strategic Defense Initiative			
“Vietnam Syndrome”			
Iran-Contra affair			

Contras			
Mikhail Gorbachev			
Glasnost			
Perestroika			
Neoconservatism			
Moral Majority			
Jerry Falwell			
Deregulation			