

Richard M. Nixon

# Domestic Policy

- New Federalism
  - Plan to distribute portion of federal power to state and local governments
- 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment - lowered the minimum voting age from 21 to 18



# Apollo 11 Lunar Landing

- July 20, 1969 - Lunar Module “Eagle” landed on the moon
- Left a plaque on the moon
  - “We came in peace for all mankind”



## Apollo 11 crew

Neil Armstrong, Buzz  
Aldrin  
Michael Collins





# Vietnamization

- -South Vietnamese fight the North and Vietcong while US pulls back



# Continuing Vietnam



- Bombing Campaigns
  - Bombings of supply routes in North Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia
- Invasion of Cambodia - 1970
  - Troops were to find and destroy supply centers of the Viet Cong

# Kent State

- students protested US involvement in Cambodia
- burned down the ROTC building
- National Guard - sent in to establish order
- Campus protesters threw rocks at guards
- gunfire erupted killing four people



“War What Is It Good For?” Edwin Starr

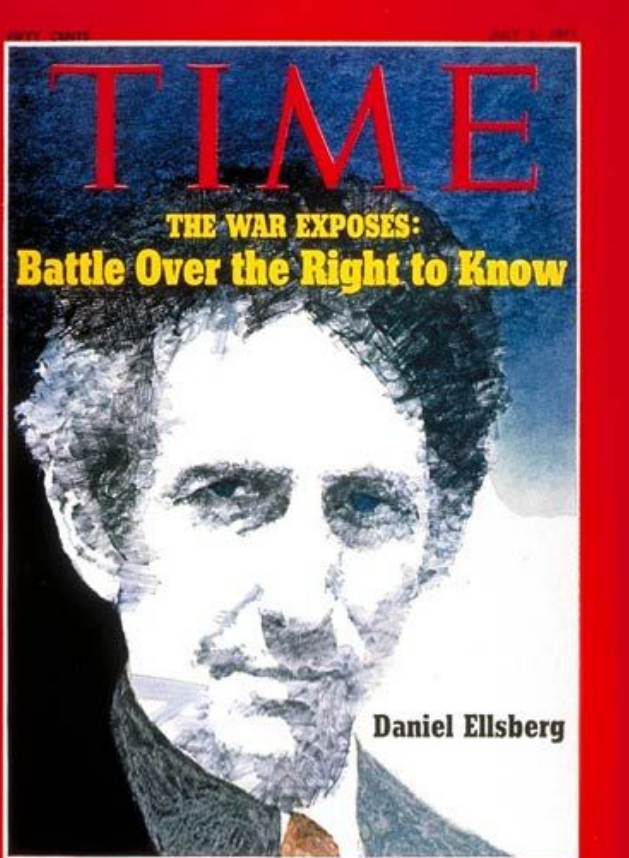


**MORATORIUM**

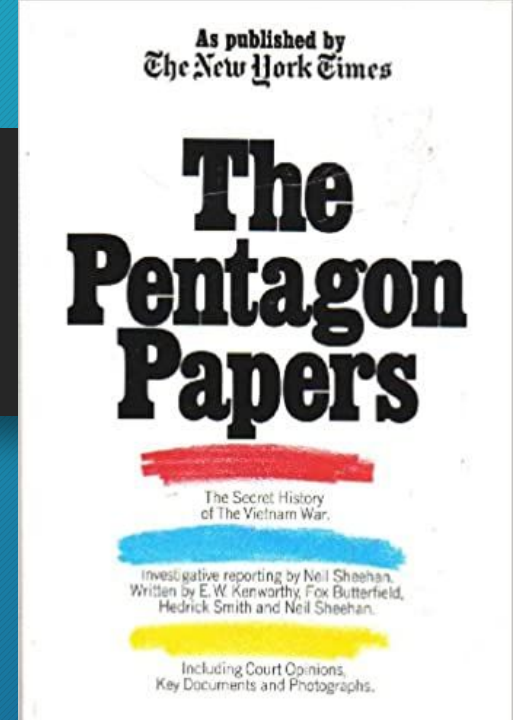
“Moratorium” by Jasper Johns



# Pentagon Papers



- Government documents about U.S. involvement in Vietnam from Truman to Johnson
- Increased public dislike of US presence in Vietnam



# The Environment

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Endangered Species Act
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- 1970 - Clean Air Act - regulates emissions
- April 21, 1970 - First Earth Day



# Foreign Relations

- Détente - relaxation of tensions between Communist nations and the US
- China -
  - China admitted to UN - October 1971
  - Nixon visits - February 1972
  - Opened diplomatic relations
  - Agreed neither would try to dominate Pacific



# SALT I



- Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty
- Limited the number of ballistic missiles the United States and Soviet Union would have at each missile site

# Election 1972



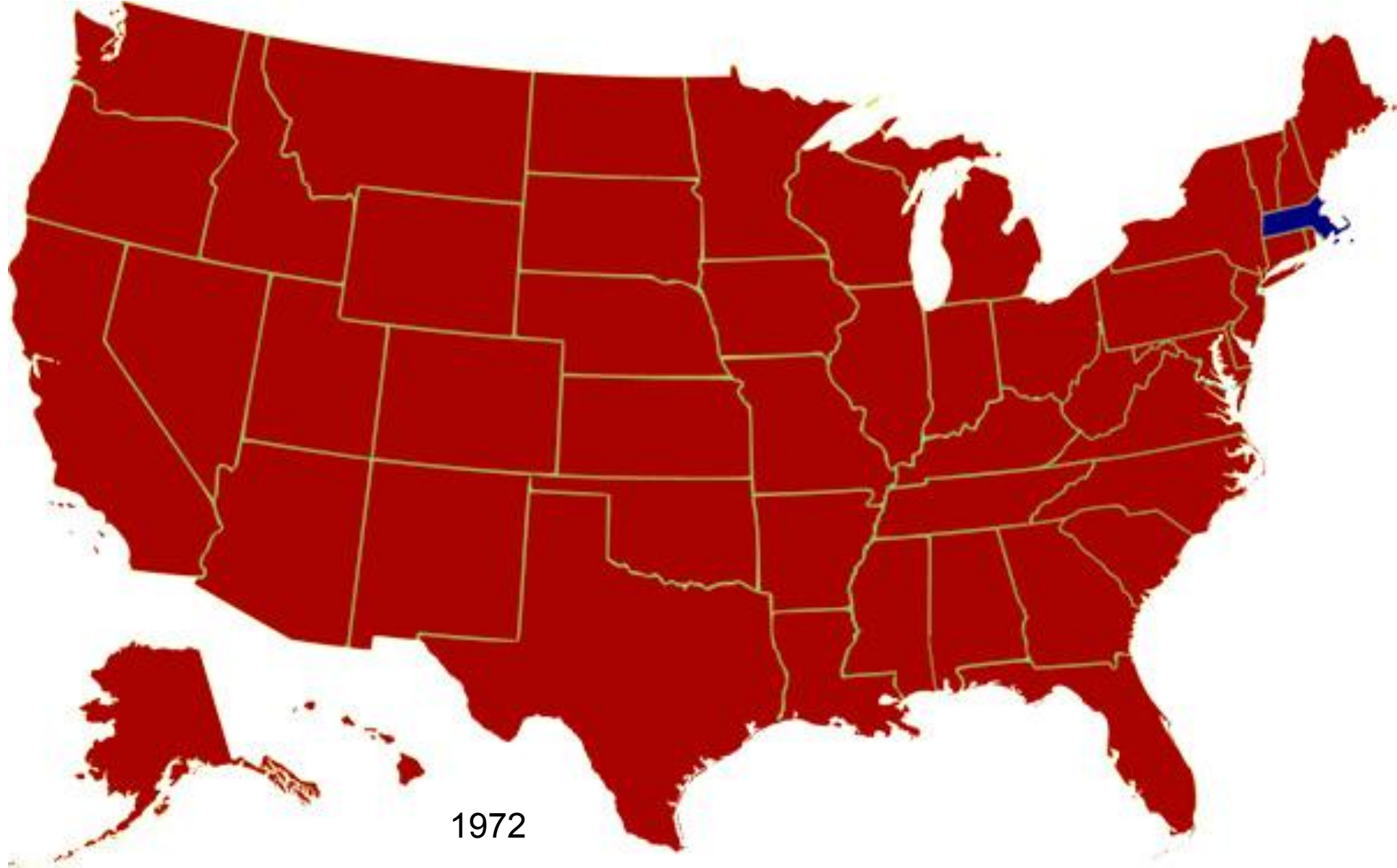
Political Party  
Republican  
Democratic

Presidential Nominee  
Richard M. Nixon  
George McGovern

VP Nominee  
Spiro Agnew  
Sargent Shriver

Electoral  
#  
520  
17

Popular  
#  
47,169,911  
29,170,383  
%  
60.7  
37.5



# Dependence on Foreign Oil

- OPEC - Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
- Oil Embargo - OPEC cut supply of petroleum to nations who aided Israel



# 1973 - Vietnam

- January 27, 1973 - US signed agreement to end the war and leave South Vietnam
  - Peace with Honor
- War Powers Act - president can't commit U.S. troops to combat without congressional authorization unless a national emergency exists

