

## Topic #29 Overview

### **Main Themes:**

1. That Ronald Reagan's personality soothed Americans and his brand of conservatism struck a responsive chord as he moved toward a reduced role for government in the economy and an increased emphasis on the military.
2. How the New Right challenged the liberal-moderate consensus that had dominated American politics since the New Deal.
3. How the fall of the Soviet Union altered America's foreign policy and domestic goals, and the new problems and issues that emerged in the post-Cold War era.

### **Objectives: [You should be able to explain each of these in some detail]**

1. The nature of the "Reagan Revolution" and the meaning of supply-side economics.
2. The staunchly anti-communist Reagan foreign policy and the impact it had on the fall of the Soviet Union.
3. The changing demography of America from 1970 to 1990.
4. The increasingly conservative mood of the American electorate.
5. The domestic and foreign policy problems faced by President George Bush.