

Chapter 2: The Pinnacle of Liberalism, 1964–1965

1. In your opinion, was the Warren Supreme Court’s “rights revolution” a reflection or a cause of the social upheavals of the 1960s? Use specific examples to support your answer.

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Topic: THE RIGHTS REVOLUTION

2. Was the Warren Court’s “rights revolution” connected to Civil Rights Movement and the student protest movement? Use specific examples to support your answer.

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3. In your opinion, how critical was President Johnson’s role in getting Congress to pass the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1965? Use specific examples to support your answer.

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Topic: JOHNSON LIBERALISM

4. Compare and contrast President Johnson and Senator Goldwater’s positions on foreign policy during the 1964 campaign.

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5. Was the period between 1964 and 1965 “the pinnacle of liberalism?” Why or why not? Use specific examples to support your answer.

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Topic: TONKIN GULF AND THE 1964 ELECTION

6. Compare and contrast President Johnson’s approach to civil rights with President Kennedy’s. Who was more effective and why? Use specific examples to support your answer.

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7. Given that President Johnson, a Democrat, was committed to integration and the civil rights movement, how do you account for the resistance of the Mississippi Democratic Party to registering African-Americans to vote?

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Topic: FREEDOM SUMMER

8. In your opinion, would Americans have supported have supported the American war in Vietnam if President Johnson had not deceived the public about the Gulf of Tonkin incident? Provide reasoning to support your answer.

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9. In your opinion, was President Johnson correct when he asserted that he had "...delivered the South to the Republican Party" by signing the Civil Rights Act of 1964?

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10. Compare and contrast President Kennedy's "New Frontier" program with President Johnson's "Great Society." In your opinion, which had the more lasting effect on American society? Use specific examples to support your answer.

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