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\*Electoral Realignment

Democrats loss of the South

Southern voting patterns; the shift in 1964

Impact of 1950s and 1960s changes on New Deal Coalition

Civil Rights -- successes and failures

Expansion of federal power -- Civil Rights and Great Society

Failure in Vietnam

Division in Democratic Party Over Civil Rights

Losing the South

Labor and urban North

LBJ's challengers in the 1968 election

Eugene McCarthy

Robert Kennedy

Humber Humphrey

Nixon's coalition

The Silent Majority/Quiet Americans

Southern Strategy

George Wallace

The Southern Presidential vote in 1968 and 1972 vs. previous years

The Administrative Presidency under Nixon

White House control/management of the government

Domestic Council

John Ehrlichman

National Security Council staff

Henry Kissinger

\*Chief of Staff H. R. Haldeman

\*“Berlin Wall”

\*Haldeman as gatekeeper: the bad cop

\*Nixon difficulty in dealing with conflict; did not want to meet face-to-face with cabinet

\*On not doing what the president tells you to do, sometimes…

Problems with the Administrative Presidency

\*1. Cabinet Government?

Rogers and Romney examples

\*2. Isolation

Line vs. Staff

Their definition of their responsibilities

\*Staff Protecting the President

\*3. Feeding Nixon's Flaws

\*Nixon and constant crisis atmosphere

\*Enemies List

\*Paranoia

1972 Democrats

Muskie and McGovern

1972 Election

49 state victory

Nixon as a middle of the road, centrist

* Ending the Vietnam War
* Détente with USSR
* Opening to China
* EPA