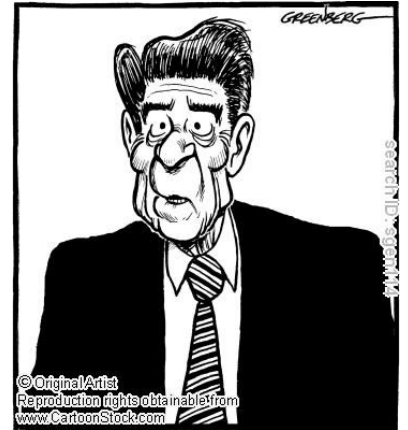


## Reagan Presidential Assessment

Ronald Reagan served as the 40<sup>th</sup> president from 1981-1989. To this day, Reagan is a polarizing figure. He is heralded by conservatives as one of the greatest Republican presidents of our time, while liberals regard him as a modern-day political villain.

In his farewell address, reflecting on his 8 years in office, Reagan asked, “how stands the city on this winter night? More prosperous, more secure, and happier than it was eight years ago... We've done our part. And as I walk off into the city streets, a final word to the men and women of the Reagan revolution, the men and women across America who for eight years did the work that brought America back. My friends: We did it. We weren't just marking time. We made a difference. We made the city stronger, we made the city freer, and we left her in good hands. All in all, not bad, not bad at all.”



**Your task is to evaluate the validity of Reagan’s assessment.**

**The Question: Was America more prosperous, secure and happy for all Americans by the end of Reagan’s 8 years in office?**

- Please consider who benefited and/or suffered under the Reagan Revolution.
- Who supported/opposed Reagan’s administration?
- What domestic and foreign policy successes and challenges did he face while in office?
- Did he appropriately handle these challenges?

**Point Value: 10 points**

- **First**, as a group, please read and analyze the documents.
- **Second**, as a group, discuss Reagan’s legacy and support the questions below using specific evidence from the documents and your class notes.
  - Looking at his quote above, consider why he said this? How could you make this case?
  - What problems do you have with this statement?
- **Third**, discuss how you want to answer the question above. Which 6 events do you feel best support your response to the above question?
- **Finally**, figure out how you want to present this information on the poster. Your poster should answer the question with a combination of text and visuals.
  - You will be evaluated based on both the substance of your response (including both the depth of detail and the thought that went into your response) as well as the visual presentation.

Positives (or Areas of Strength) Under Reagan's Administration	Negatives (or Areas of Concern Under) Reagan's Administration