

Appendix C – World Events Timeline

1970 Chicago 7 convicted of inciting riots at 1968 Democratic Convention; First Earth Day; Kent State shootings
1972 President Nixon goes to China; Watergate Crisis erupts; Nixon re-elected
1973 Roe v. Wade - protecting woman's right to abortion during first part of pregnancy
1974 President Richard Nixon resigns
1975 Fall of Saigon, end of Vietnam War
1976 Jimmy Carter elected President
1977 First woman Episcopal priest ordained; Nuclear nonproliferation pact signed by US, Soviets, 13 others
1978 Camp David peace agreement signed by Israel and Egypt
1979 Shah of Iran deposed; Ayatolla Khomeini takes over; Iran hostage crisis; Three Mile Island nuclear accident

1980 Ronald Reagan elected President
1981 Sandra Day O'Connor appointed as first woman on US Supreme Court
1983 US and allies invade Grenada
1984 Italy and Vatican agree to end Roman Catholicism as state religion of Italy
1986 Challenger space shuttle explodes; 1st observation of Martin Luther King Day; Chernobyl nuclear explosion
1988 1.4 million illegal immigrants apply for amnesty; George H.W. Bush elected President
1989 Exxon Valdez spills 1/2M barrels of oil; Tianamen Square democracy demonstrations; Berlin Wall crumbles

1990 World Wide Web becomes operational; Iraq invades Kuwait to seize oil resources, triggering Gulf War
1991 South Africa repeals apartheid laws; Soviet Union breaks up
1992 Bill Clinton elected President; End of Cold War announced by US and Russia
1993 European Union created
1994 Rwandan genocide begins, Hutus slaughter 800,000 Tutsis; Nelson Mandela elected President of South Africa; IRA and Ulster Protestants declare cease-fire
1995 World Trade Organization replaces General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade; Oklahoma City bombing; Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty extended indefinitely by 170 nations
1995 Cease fire in Bosnia; Space Shuttle Atlantis docks with Russian space station Mir
1996 Taliban capture Afghan capital
1998 Osama bin Laden publishes fatwa announcing jihad against Jews and Crusaders

2000 George W. Bush elected President
2001 Former Klansman convicted of 1963 murder of 4 black girls in Birmingham, Ala.; September 11 - Islamic terrorist attacks; US invades Afghanistan; Taliban government ultimately crumbles
2002 US bishops urge zero-tolerance in Catholic child molestation scandal--Vatican disagrees; Multiple corporate executives indicted for stock frauds and accounting shenanigans
2003 War in Iraq begins; Sadaam Hussein captured and killed
2004 CIA admits no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq; Tsunami strikes southeast Asia, killing 290,000
2005 Hurricanes Katrina and Rita inundate New Orleans, devastate southeast
2008 Worldwide financial collapse; multiple government bailouts. \$700B in US; Barack Obama elected Pres.
2009 Troop surge in Afghanistan
2010 Deepwater Horizon drilling rig explodes, spilling up to 5M barrels of oil in Gulf of Mexico
2011 Earthquakes and tsunami devastate Japan; nuclear plants damaged and leak radiation