**Chapter 31**

From the “Age of Limits” to the Age of Reagan

*Reviewing Objectives*

**A thorough study of Chapter Twenty-One should enable the student to understand:**

1. The efforts of President Gerald Ford to overcome the effects of Richard Nixon’s resignation.
2. The rapid emergence of Jimmy Carter as a national figure and the reasons for his victory in 1976.
3. Carter’s emphasis on human rights and its effects on international relations.
4. Carter’s role in bringing about the Camp David agreement and the impact of this agreement on the Middle East.
5. Why the United States had so much difficulty in freeing the hostages held by Iran and the effect of this episode on the Carter presidency.
6. The nature of the “Reagan revolution” and the meaning of “supply-side economics.
7. The staunchly anticommunist Reagan foreign policy.
8. The changing demography of America from 1970 to 1990.
9. The increasingly conservative mood of the American electorate.
10. The emergence of a new era in foreign policy with the collapse of the Soviet Union.