#### Chapter 32: Struggles for Change--1963-1975

#### **Section 1: Women's Rights**

A Revived Women's Movement

- Feminism: advocacy of equal social, political, & economic equality of women
- 1960s saw change in traditional role of women
- Author Betty Friedan--wrote about & studied the quality of life of women/mothers in America
  - Disputed notion that women shouldn't get college education
  - Feminine Mystique: 1963 book
    - Many women felt "trapped" in their comfortable domestic lives
    - Sold over 1 million copies and sparked women to examine their lives & demand more opportunities & fair treatment



#### Helping Women at Work

- Heavy increase of female workers from 1940-1960 & made up 1/3 of US labor force by 1963 (25 million workers)
- 1960: women worked mostly service jobs & earned 40% less than male-counterparts
- Equal Pay Act: JFK's 1st attempt to make it illegal to pay women differently than men--only impacted 1/3 of female workers
  - Helped 171K workers get \$84 million of back pay
- JFK created President's Commission on the Status of Women chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt--concluded women faced heavy discrimination in workplace
- Title VII: law that outlawed sexual discrimination in the hiring of workers
  - Created the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)



#### Heightened Activism

- National Organization for Women (NOW): created in 1966
   w/ over 1,000 members
  - Lobbied gov't members for women's rights
- Move towards women's liberation--more extremist group
- Civil Rights fight influenced women activists--more of a desire to fight for equality NOW and not tomorrow
- 1968: NOW interrupted Miss America Pageant
  - Believed the image of Miss America distorted real image of women in America
  - "Bra Burners"
  - Movement became more militant
  - Encouraged women to run for political office
  - Push to "break the glass ceiling" everywhere





#### The Women's Movement Gains Momentum

- Education Amendments Act: 1972 law that banned sexual discrimination in colleges
- Griswold v. Connecticut: SCOTUS case that protects a woman's right to use birth control
- Roe v. Wade: SCOTUS case that legalizes abortion on fact that women have privacy rights
- Equal Rights Amendment (ERA): failed attempt by NOW & feminist movement to create a Constitutional Amendment to protect women's rights
  - Struggle w/in movement between upperclass white women and everyone else



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#### **Section 2: The Chicano Movement**

#### Stirrings of Protest

- 1960: 4 million Mexican-Americans in US-most in SW states
- Among the poorest & least educated Americans
- Chicano Movement sprang from **migrant** farmer workers in California pushing for higher wages & better treatment
- Cesar Chavez: led strikes & boycotts of different businesses with the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA)
  - Sept. 1965: led nationwide boycott/strike of grape industry
  - Led protests & marches--got national attention
  - Grape industry saw a loss of 17 million customers





#### Mexican American Activism

- Cesar Chavez became national symbol for Hispanics & beloved due to his commitment to nonviolent protest
- Alianza Federal de Mercedes (Federal Alliance of Land Grants): fought to get land back taken from Mexican-Americans over years
  - New Mexico was site of many protests
  - June 1967: protest led to arrests, clashes between protesters & police, and gun fights
- March 1968: 300 students in east LA walked out of school b/c of cancelled school play-caused 15,000 students to walk out--led to arrests & clashes w/ police
- Brown Berets: militant Mexican-American group that encouraged violent protests-influenced by Black Panthers





#### Nationalism and Politics

- Mexican pride/nationalism was at a high in 1960s--led to name Chicano (shortened form of mexicanos.
- Push to educate, provide legal & financial aid, and promote cultural awareness.
- Belief by many in movement that politicians didn't care about them so they needed to help themselves--self reliance
- La Raza Unida Party: created in 1967-pushed Chicano candidates for office & gain attention for Chicano causes
  - Most success was in Texas



#### The Movement Weakens

- No major political success for La Raza Unida led to lack of interest
- Many Chicanos lost interest in extreme nationalism--extremists turned off many members of movement
- Serious victories for Chicano movement
  - Several universities started
     "Chicano Studies" programs
  - Mexican artists, writers, musicians became more popular
  - "Chicano Renaissance"
  - Many Chicanos entered mainstream politics
  - Chicanos became much more accepted by more Americans
  - Focus on fair treatment of all Hispanics



## Native American Movement

- Goals of "Red Power" movement:
- United Native Americans
- American Indian Movement (AIM)—1968
  - Fought against poverty on reservations
  - Demanded reimbursement for lands taken
  - Wanted self-determination
- Russell Means—leader of AIM
  - 1969: <u>Alcatraz</u>: took over and offered beads and cloth to buy it
    - All removed by 1971





- 1970: Mayflower II: took over replica ship over Thanksgiving
  - Painted Plymouth Rock red



— "all of our demonstrations have yet to hurt anyone or destroy any property, however we have found that the only way the white man will listen is by us creating a disturbance in his world."

- 1972: "Trail of Broken Treaties"
  - March of 2000 Indians to DC to present ideas to Nixon
  - Occupied Bureau of Indian Affairs building for 7 days
- 1973: Wounded Knee, SD
  - Same location as 1890 massacre of 300 Sioux
  - · AIM demanded gov't listen to grievances
  - · 71 day standoff with 500,000 rounds shot
  - 2 AIMs and 1 US Marshall killed
  - · Gov't listens to grievances
  - Means and others had cases dismissed due to loopholes



## Dakota Access Pipeline

- Proposed pipeline 1,100 miles long from ND-IL
- Company has used gov'ts eminent domain power to take land from citizens
- Aug. 2016: Standing Rock reservation (Sioux) protested pipeline (clean water & burial grounds)
- Thousands of protesters
- Police/soldiers in riot gear
- Constant skirmishes
- Police accused of excessive force (rubber bullets, attack dogs, concussion grenades, fire hoses)







## 1960s culture

- Counterculture: values that run counter to the main group
- Hippie:
  - Find new meaning to life
  - Dress/appearance-vagrant style
  - Non-conformist
  - Non-violent pacifists
  - Supportive of civil rights





 Haight-Ashbury District (San Fran)—Golden Gate Park





- Drug Culture
  - Marijuana
  - LSD/Acid
    - · Psychedelic/hallucinogen—alter thought processes
    - · Tim Leary—writer, psychologist, professor
      - Icon of movement
      - "Turn on, tune in, drop out"



- Free Love—sexual revolution
  - Love shouldn't be "regulated"
  - Summer of Love (1967)
    - · Gatherings in major cities (San Fran was epicenter)
    - · Communal living



### · Folk music

- Simpler music—more reliance on acoustics—less "production"
- Story-telling-Protest Songs
- Rejects boundaries of rigid musical rules
  - Bob Dylan 🚱



- Joan Baez
- Janis Joplin





- British invasion:
  - **-** 1964-1967
  - Influx of rock and pop groups from UK
  - Impacted movies (Bond) and fashion (hair & clothes)
  - The Beatles
    - <u>February 9, 1964</u>



• CBS News



- Jimi Hendrix



Performance on <u>Dick Cavett</u>



- Motown/Soul
  - African American experience
  - Blues & gospel
    - Improvisational
    - Testifying quality
  - Aretha Franklin



– James Brown 🚱



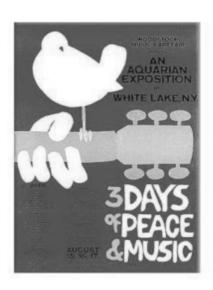
– Ray Charles



# Woodstock

- August 15-18, 1969
- Dairy farm in Bethel, NY (near village of Woodstock)
- 500,000 concert goers
- 32 popular acts
  - Janis Joplin
  - Grateful Dead
  - CCR
  - Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young
  - Jimi Hendrix
- · Meant to be a "for-profit" event
- · Had to make it free due to demand of tickets
- Minds were open and love was free
- Criticism:
  - Lack of security
  - Traffic jams
  - Rampant drug use
  - Lack of sanitation





# Consequences to the Hippie Movement

- Rise in drug use
- · Rise in civil liberties for LBGT's
- Rise in STDs
- Longer hair styles & decrease in popularity of neck ties
- Increased popularity in Eastern religions (Buddhism, Hinduism)
- Increase in violent crimes

# Manson Family





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Charles Manson

- Life-long criminal
- Song writer in Hollywood
- Headed the "family"—communal group
- Helter Skelter: term taken from Beatles—he defined as apocalyptic war btw blacks and whites
  - Beatles: confusion; loud nonsense

## Tate/LaBianca murders

- Aug. 8-10, 1969: Helter Skelter begins
  - Went to LA home of actress Sharon Tate & director Roman Polanski
  - Bound, tortured, murdered, and mutilated 7 people
  - Randomly selected LaBianca household (Leno & Rosemary)
  - Manson & 4 family members arrested, convicted, and sentenced to death for murders
  - Sentence was commuted in 1970s to life in prison
  - Most members up for parole last year or this year