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U.S. History II/*The 1970s* **Reevaluating President Nixon**

\*The aim of this lesson is for you to evaluate Richard Nixon’s record as President. Despite his disgrace in his second term, from 1970 to 1975, spending on human resource services exceeded spending for defense for the first time since World War II[[1]](#footnote-1). Perhaps he deserves a reevaluation? **Task: You and your partner will review the list of accomplishments and create categories for them.**



Below is a list of accomplishments made by Nixon working with a Democratic Congress. **Create FOUR logical categories** and write the act on the back of this sheet in the corresponding category. Make sure to account for each act of Nixon.

1. Established the **Office of Management and Budget** (assists Pres. in preparing the fed’l budget).
2. **Marine Mammal Protection Act**
3. Signed **Public Health Cigarette Act** in 1970. Law required health warning on cigarette packs and also banned cigarette ads from US television & radio.
4. Signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty, helping to calm U.S.-Soviet tensions
5. **The Office of Energy Policy** (for advice on oil policy)
6. **The Clean Air Act of 1970**
7. Negotiated disengagement agreements between Israel and its opponents, Egypt and Syria
8. Established the **Environmental Protection Agency**
9. Broadened the U.S. Civil Rights Commission mandate to include sex discrimination
10. Signed all civil rights legislation passed by Congress, including **Title IX,** which banned sexual discrimination in educational benefits.
11. Expanded enforcement of **affirmative action** & extended Voting Rights Act
12. The **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission** (enforced civil rights laws).
13. Signed **Clean Water Act**
14. First President to **visit the People’s Republic of China**, where he stated a desire for normalized relations
15. Dedicated $100 million for a **“War on Cancer”**
16. Signed the **Paris Peace Accords** in 1973, ending U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War
17. Agreed to tribal self-determination for Native Americans
18. participated in the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks **(SALT)** with Soviet leader Brezhnev in 1972
19. Ended the Selective Service Act (the Draft)
20. Reorganized the postal service
21. Passed the Consumer Product Safety Act
22. Est’d the **Office of Consumer Affairs**
23. Expanded the National Parks System
24. Passed Occupational Health and Safety Act (OSHA)
25. Established the federal rail system**, Amtrak**
26. **Dramatically increased federal funding for the arts**
27. **The 1974 federal budget had 60% more social spending than LBK’s 1968 budget!**

*Below, write your evaluation of President Nixon. Based on the evidence above, describe the areas in which Nixon made real accomplishments.*

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Category 3: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Category 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Category 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Statistics taken from *The Presidency of Richard Nixon* by Melvin Small and Reevaluating Nixon by Joanna Hoff. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)