

Fred's quick and dirty view of Dick's points

July 26: Deliberately divided into warring tribes intensifying in the last three years. See Aug 2 below.

Aug. 2 "T's" : US is no longer united. Politicians historically respected the competition

Founding fathers:	Adams v Jefferson Hamilton v Burr Federalists v. Republican, election, 1800 ugly battle
Early America	1812: Ag states vs commercial; VA grip on White House 1820: John Calhoun Era begins, tariff war bitterly divides Northeast and South, slavery issue moves forward, Missouri Compromise of 1820: Maine and Mo admitted 1824 Divided election, House of Rep for JQ Adams and Andy J calls it a "corrupt bargain" 1844: Texas "annexation" issue tied to expansion of slavery; Mexican War creates more concern over slavery 1850: Compromise of 1850 calms slavery for a few years 1854: Kansas-Nebraska Act: Bleeding Kansas, bloodshed over expansion of slavery. Missouri Comp. is destroyed 1856—1865 Coming of Civil War
Post-Civil War	Grant's terms 1868–1876 end with beginnings of the Gilded Age; <i>Reconstruction in the South produces a deep anger that has not yet (2020) disappeared</i> 1876: Tilden (Dem) wins popular vote over Hayes but 20 electoral votes are questioned; Tilden's strong Southern supports accept end of Reconstruction and Hayes is Pres. 1880s: Industrialization, Gilded Age, labor/socialists are stirring. 1884 Dems under Cleveland are called party of "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion." Cleveland wins popular vote. Republican Ben Harrison wins electoral. 1890s: Populism is rising but politically weak; Depression of 1893 a terrible blow War of 1898 and US Imperialism, "that cowboy is Pres."
Twentieth Century	1912: Bitterly divided GOP—TR vs. Taft. GOP now has two closely linked wings: moderate business and moderate progressive until 1964 Goldwater Revolution. 1920s: Rise of postwar racism with the KKK in the Midwest and South. They are anti-Catholic, anti-Asian, anti-Jewish anti-immigrant, etc.,

etc. etc. Voting power is limited but their passion and their many scapegoats, brings admirers.

1930s-1940s: Crisis of Depression and World War unites Americans generally but GOP antipathy toward FDR never lessens.

1950s: The Cold War and USSR ascent; Who lost China? Julius and Ethel, Korean War, etc.; “Are you now or have you even been...” McCarthyism appears, with the right hand man behind the drunk being Roy Cohn, the later patron saint of the young NY business inheritor D. Trump.

1960: Kennedy elected; Cuban Missile Crisis and Berlin issues are unifiers for US.

1965: Watershed Civil Rights movement led by blacks with women, Am. Indians and other minorities, drives Dixiecrats out of the Democratic Party en masse.

1967-8: Summers of Rage in large urban areas; Vietnam is mushrooming into disaster, LBJ resigns. GOP moves in

1968: George Wallace awakens the Midwest. Democratic unity disintegrates over Vietnam (see Chicago 1968). The Nixon Doctrine brings the solid Southern conservative voting block into the GOP where they remain till death do us part. Law and Order and détente with China help Dick until Watergate political operatives are set in motion.

Aug. 3: A Nation full of rubes? Yes, but.....