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Politics Higher Resource Sheet	
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<p>P1: Dom Policy Reaganomics Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 lowered individual tax rates 70%- 50% 1981 PATCO strike fired over 11,000</p> <p>P2: World Relations Evil Empire 1983 "Star-Wars" MDS 1987 Washington Summit INF Treaty Iran Contra: Sold Weapons funded</p> <p>P3: Controversy Grenada Invasion October 25 1983 Condemned by UN Loved by Americans 1400 Marines Concerns for US medical Students</p> <p>P4: Public Opinion The Great Communicator for Americans 1984 Reelection, 49/50 States 1989 63% Approval Rate 2011 Pew Research survey found that 43% of respondents viewed Reagan as one of the greatest U.S. presidents Response to AIDS crisis</p> <p>References: Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 lowered individual tax rates 70%- 50% 1981 PATCO strike fired over 11,000</p> <p>"But great as our tax burden is, it has not kept pace with public spending. For decades we have piled deficit upon deficit, mortgaging our future and our children's future for the temporary convenience of the present. To continue this long trend is to guarantee tremendous social, cultural, political, and economic upheavals" Ronald Reagan, 1981 Inaugural Address 1981 Ronald Reaga</p> <p>"the temptation of blithely declaring yourselves above it all and label both sides equally at fault, to ignore the facts of history and the aggressive impulses of an <i>evil empire</i>, to simply call the arms race a giant misunderstanding and thereby remove yourself from the struggle between right and wrong and good and evil." <i>Voices of Democracy</i> https://voicesofdemocracy.umd.edu/Reagan_Evil_Empire/ Speech Text - Voices of Democracy</p> <p>"a transformative figure who reshaped the modern presidency," Douglas Brinkley, <i>The Reagan Diaries</i></p>	

Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the USA serving 2 terms in office. Reagan's presidency was marked with ^{many} ~~some~~ achievements and areas of legacy from his tax policies, military ^{power} ~~growth~~ and how he handled other World Leaders. Ronald Wilson Reagan is considered to be one of the most influential World Leaders in modern US History but debated is his effectiveness as a president, We will evaluate his effectiveness by looking into 4 key factors he is most known for; Domestic Policy, World Relations, Controversy and finally Public Opinion. ~~But~~ All of these factors are some of the most important areas Reagan is most known for and some like his Domestic Policies were dubbed as a "Reagan Revolution".

Domestic Policies help show the effectiveness of Ronald Reagan as a ~~president~~ president. Reagan's domestic policies are some of his most well known actions during his presidency but more known ^{is} his policies on tax related issues and the economy, his handling of the economy is called 'Reaganomics'. One of his policies was the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 that lowered individual tax income rates from 70% to 50%, overall seen positive by Americans only until this increased the National debt by 3 times more than before. Another example was the 1981 PATCO strike that was air traffic control operators demanding more pay due to many pressures. The strike was not handled well by Reagan and resulted in over 11,000 people losing their jobs from being fired. Overall Reagan's domestic policies do not show Reagan as an effective President ~~as~~ as his inability to respond to a ~~national~~ national strike effectively leading to thousands losing a job and his increasing the National debt shows us that Reagan was not the best at Economic domestic policies as they only caused more problems and outrage showing that Ronald Reagan was not an effective president. "But as great as our tax burden is, it has not kept pace with public spending. For decades we have piled deficit upon deficit, mortgaged our future and

our children's futures for the temporary convenience of the present. To continue this long trend is to guarantee tremendous social, cultural, political and economic upheavals" Ronald Reagan, 1981 Inaugural Address.

This quote by Reagan shows us that all his tax policies that had a negative effect on the economy were actually planned from the start to further benefit the country in the long run rather than a few years of temporary ^{safety} and with that in ~~mind~~ mind helps show us that Ronald Reagan was actually an effective President due to his ability to make the choice to sacrifice temporary comfort for comfort in the future for much longer.

World Relations helps show us the effectiveness of Ronald Reagan as a president. Reagan was well known for his views on world relations and was in a very good position with allied ^{countries} in NATO especially with Prime Minister of the UK Margaret Thatcher during the Falkland War. Reagan also had the ~~best~~ luck of being the president during the ~~middle~~ middle years of the Cold War however his speech attacking the USSR in 1983 calling them out as an "Evil Empire" strained relationships with communist Russia. Reagan stressed it even more when he passed billions of dollars to a ^{new} missile defence system, or MDS for short, known as "Star Wars" and of the name function, this act was seen as an escalation of the unfought ~~conflict~~ conflict by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. However ~~he~~ he ~~helped~~ healed the wounds of the relationship ~~because~~ ever so slightly ~~when~~ during the 1987 Washington Summit where he met with Mikhail Gorbachev to ~~sign~~ sign the INF Treaty to ~~reduce~~ reduce the activeness and number of intermediate ~~range~~ nuclear response forces, this help ~~calm~~ calm down tensions from both sides as it showed that both sides were willing to show a ~~downside~~ ^{new} ~~direction~~ ^{vision} ~~for~~ ^{into}. Overall Reagan's handling of World Relations ~~and~~ really highlight the effectiveness of him as a president as ~~the~~ Reagan shows a good understanding of his allies, building good relations with them.

With him denying it was next to them blaming solely the Coxy committee and his extremely slow response to try and fix it. Overall Reagan was viewed with really good public opinion that is still prominent to today, all due to his personality, his effective speaking skills and all the good work Reagan had done, despite the negativity on the AIDS crisis Reagan had proven himself to be one of the most effective Presidents to date. "Reagan was a transformative figure who reshaped the modern presidency", Douglas Brinkley, *The Reagan Diaries*. This quote from political ~~analyst~~ ~~analyst~~ Douglas Brinkley tells us that Reagan was that effective and seen so positively by Americans he set the new bar that had to be met to even be seen as a good president.

Controversy Surrounding Ronald Reagan shows us how he ~~was~~ ^{was} not an effective president. As great ~~as~~ as Ronald Reagan is shown as or comes across, there are many president controversies although not as close to ~~see~~ home to America like Nixon's Watergate scandal, Reagan's controversies are still massive, for example ^{on} ~~in~~ October 25th 1983 Reagan launched an invasion of Grenada involving 1400 marines, ~~this~~ ^{was} the Reagan's cause for it was concern over US medical students in the country. This action was severely condemned by the United Nations ~~although~~ although this invasion was loved by Americans who supported the action and seen it as ~~reason~~ ^{reasonable} reasoning. Another controversy was when some illegal and secretive deals came to light ~~involving~~ involving Reagan selling weapons ~~to~~ to the Islamic state of Iran who he stated previously as a terror state, he was selling weapons to Iran during the Iran-Contra conflict and at the same time as selling weapons to Iran he was also funding the Contra rebels to fight ~~the~~ ^{Iran} Iran most likely as an attempt to profit off this war by making Iran ^{need} need weapons to fight the rebels that Reagan was funding. Overall Controversy Surrounding Ronald Reagan showed how he was not an effective president as the invasion of Grenada was met with severe ~~back~~ backlash and tarnishing his

image as a more aggressive president worthy towards peace, this ^{was} also not helped with his ~~secret~~ secret agreement with the Iran-Contra conflict. However the invasion of Grenada was seen as a good action supported ~~by~~ by the American people.

In Conclusion Ronald Reagan despite having Controversies and flaws was a really effective president as his handling of the economy was ~~smart~~ as smart as it shows he is a forward thinking president looking for a better future for the ^{country} ~~country~~ even if that means making a few sacrifices in the present. Reagan was also an effective diplomat and could handle World Relations really well, holding relations with allies and ~~strongly~~ strengthening them with his close allies and even when he ~~to~~ puts strain on relations with the USSR he came about to fix it later down the line showing us that Ronald Reagan can more ~~put~~ put things to benefit the world peace and ties with other ~~countries~~ countries putting past his own personal views if it means a better outcome. Reagan was yet more effective due to his long lasting positive ~~labor~~ Public Opinion has been seen as one of the greatest US presidents to ever serve and also seen as a true voice for the American people its not hard to see why Reagan ~~is~~ is such ^{an} effective president and only getting better during his two terms in office. Overall taking all of factors into ~~account~~ account we can see that ~~they~~ they all tell us how effective Ronald Reagan was as a president, as he is one of if not the most effective presidents in modern US history setting the bar for what makes a president effective.