

## VI. Domestic Problems and Challenges (pp 874-875)

### A. Family Life

1. Pressure for women to remain at home.

- Seen as a way to fight communism.
- Strengthened the domestic ideal of the nuclear family.
- Domesticity the only path to woman's fulfillment.

2. Child raising only true calling for women and should be more satisfying than a career.

- Benjamin Spock and *Pocket Book of Baby and Child Care* (p.875)
- Beginning of the "women's dilemma" that still stand today.
- "Glass ceiling", paid less, shut out of important jobs (Still there - Scott and my preg.).
- 65 million children born during the "baby boom".
- Profound impact on society: resp. for 60's, McDonalds, social security debate, etc.

3. "Doting parents" begin - Parents had grown up during the Great Depression.

- freedom and permissiveness, good life = baby boomers as the "me" generation.
- led to delinquency? (linked with growing fears of communism).

4. Teens as a unique life stage, society.

- adolescence becomes a new, separate life stage = untapped market.
- records, makeup, etc.
- H.S. the new life center (more staying to graduate)-extracurricular activities, insiders v. outsiders.

### B. Early Challenges to the new order

1. Writers.

- The Beats: a group of writers who distrusted the American virtues of progress, power and material gain (Jack Kerouac).

1. Elvis Presley.

- Mixes Blues, Gospel, R&B found in Southern US "Bible Belt".
- Appears on Ed Sullivan Show, only film him from waist up because of his "gyrating hips".
- Seen as immoral, degrading society (will be replaced by the Beatles in 1960s).

2. Juvenile Delinquency.

- Cars, freedom, spoiled, workaholic fathers, etc (decline of parental control).
- Blame TV, Rock-n-Roll, ban comic book sales (eg: video games, heavy metal, rap, etc).
- No longer trying to get to the root of the problem, attacking the surface (TV?).
- Racism : white girls attracted to black performers? Black performers as heroes.
- Sexuality: sexual permissiveness (cars), expression (rock-n-roll, dancing).
- Remember Billy Graham?
- J. Edgar Hoover believes it to be a communist plot.

## VII. The “Third World” (pp.881-888)

“Does not always conform to the simple assumptions of cold war ideology” *Out of Many*, 512

### A. “Third World” Neutrality

1. Asian and African nations call for racial equality and self determination.
  - Colonization, discrimination in the UN.
  - Remain independent (economically and politically) of the US and USSR.
  - Would not be “pawns” in the Cold War.
2. Vietnam, 1956.
  - French defeated at Dien Bien Phu, US refuses to intervene directly.
  - Nationalist government corrupt, French and Japanese ally, Catholic in 90% Buddhist (sellout).
  - Much like Korea, public support for Ho Chi Minh.
  - Ike and US disrupt elections in order to prevent Communist HoChi Minh from winning.
3. Sec. of State John Dulles: “No nation had a right to remain neutral in a conflict between tyranny and freedom”.
  - What do you think about that?

### B. Middle East Powder Keg

1. Pressure points:
  - One word: OIL.
  - Our dependency starts here.
  - Cold war necessity, domestic necessity.
  - Israel: US ally in the Middle East.
  - Makes Israel a target even more.
  - Soviet Expansion threatens USA oil supplies, poverty and discontent.
2. Iran, 1953.
  - Prime Minister Mossadeagh redistributes oil wealth that had been going to British.
  - Nationalized oil companies, British accuses communism.
  - CIA helps British overthrow Iranian gov’t and replaces with the Shah of Iran (dictator).
  - Allows US access to oil, key for US in region.
  - Iron hand causes extreme anti-US feelings.
3. Egypt, 1956.
  - Gamal Abdel Nasser signs treaty with USSR for military weapons.
  - US Secretary of State John Dulles cancels loan for a dam across Nile River (Marshall Plan).
  - 1956: Nasser seizes Suez Canal (British).
  - Vital trade link between Middle East, Europe and Asia (map).
  - British, French, Israelis attack Egypt.
  - US and USSR actually agree to condemn the attack together.

- Three of US allies had acted alone (embarrassing, consider Cold War context).
- Soviet Union offers money to help build a dam, Eisenhower Doctrine follows (Truman doctrine for the middle east).

4. Lebanon, 1958.

- US troops enter Lebanon to protect from USSR and Egypt.

## **VIII. End of Eisenhower**

### **A. The Military-Industrial Complex**

1. Ike becomes wary of the nuclear arms race.
2. Warns of Military-Industrial complex in farewell address, January 1961.
  - nuclear weapons did not provide security, but threatened the planet with extinction.
  - military establishment and large arms industry = large potential for disastrous misplacement of power would persist (Wasn't he given sole responsibility as Commander of NATO forces?).
  - "We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes."