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Geopolitics & Grub: A 10th Grade Modern US History Feast

Analyze 10 complex shifts in American power and social policy, from the Iran Bait-and-Switch to the nuances of the Great Recession's regulatory legacy.

1. The 1979 Iran Hostage Crisis is often cited as a turning point in American foreign policy. Beyond the immediate rescue attempts, what was the most significant long-term impact on the U.S. political landscape?

- A. A permanent shift toward isolationism and the abandonment of Middle Eastern alliances.
- B. A public perception of American weakness that fueled the rise of the New Right and 'Peace through Strength' rhetoric.
- C. The immediate successful implementation of the Carter Doctrine across the Persian Gulf.
- D. A mass de-escalation of the Cold War as the U.S. focused exclusively on non-state actors.

2. Passed in 1994, the _____ aimed to reduce tariffs and eliminate trade barriers between the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, sparking intense debate over the 'outsourcing' of American manufacturing jobs.

- A. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)
- B. Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
- C. North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- D. US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)

3. The 'Contract with America' in 1994 was a legislative agenda proposed by the Democratic Party to expand social safety nets during the Clinton administration.

- A. True
- B. False

4. While the 1990s are often characterized by peace and prosperity, the U.S. failed to intervene in which 1994 humanitarian catastrophe, leading to significant soul-searching regarding its role as the 'sole superpower'?

- A. The Bosnian Genocide
- B. The Rwandan Genocide
- C. The First Chechen War
- D. The Kosovo Conflict

5. The _____ Act, signed in 2001, significantly expanded the surveillance powers of the U.S. government, sparking a decade-long debate over the balance between national security and civil liberties.

- A. National Security Act
- B. Homeland Security Act
- C. USA PATRIOT Act
- D. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

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6. The 'Great Recession' of 2008 was primarily triggered by the collapse of which sector of the American economy?

- A. The dot-com and technology sector
- B. The subprime mortgage and housing market
- C. The domestic automotive manufacturing industry
- D. The agricultural and deregulation sector

7. In the landmark 2010 case Citizens United v. FEC, the Supreme Court ruled that corporate funding of independent political broadcasts in candidate elections cannot be limited.

- A. True
- B. False

8. The 'Arab Spring' of 2011 presented a dilemma for U.S. foreign policy because it forced the government to choose between supporting long-term autocratic allies and which principle?

- A. The containment of Russian regional influence
- B. The protection of global oil prices through OPEC
- C. The democratic aspirations of popular movements
- D. The expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

9. The landmark 2015 Supreme Court decision in _____ legalized same-sex marriage nationwide, reflecting a rapid shift in American social norms and judicial interpretation of the 14th Amendment.

- A. Roe v. Wade
- B. Obergefell v. Hodges
- C. Lawrence v. Texas
- D. Windsor v. United States

10. Which 1970s initiative, though it ultimately failed to be ratified by the states, signaled a massive shift in the focus of the Modern Feminist Movement towards constitutional equality?

- A. The Title IX Education Amendment
- B. The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)
- C. The Voting Rights Act expansion
- D. The Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act