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George Stanley McGovern (July 19, - October 21,) was an American historian, author, U.S. representative, U.S. senator, and the Democratic Party presidential nominee in the presidential election.

Kennedy leading up to the Democratic National Convention. McGovern then spent the remainder of the general election campaign ensuring his own re-election to the Senate. But following the convention, he had planned on running for president again, a decision he solidified in January I seek the presidency because I believe deeply in the American promise and can no longer accept the diminishing of that promise. I make one pledge above all othersâ€”to seek and speak the truth with all the resources of mind and spirit I command. I seek to call America home to those principles that gave us birth. Taking their cue from the McGovernâ€”Fraser Commission, Hart and future United States District Judge Rick Stearns an expert on the new system devised a strategy to focus on the 28 states holding caucuses instead of primary elections. They felt the nature of the caucuses made them easier and less costly to win if they targeted their efforts. Recently retired from Abaco Fabrics, which he had co-founded, Levine and former Robert Kennedy staffer Phyllis Holtzer established the New York office, helped to organize at least five big events, and met regularly with the senator. Campaign developments [edit] The establishment favorite for the Democratic nomination was Ed Muskie , [8] the moderate who acquitted himself well as the Democratic vice-presidential candidate. In August Harris polling amid a growing economic crisis, Muskie came out on top of incumbent Nixon if the election had been held that day. Democratic Party United States presidential primaries, In the initial event of the campaign season, McGovern placed a strong third in the Iowa caucuses. How much attention and momentum this actually generated for his campaign is still debated. The letter, whose authenticity was later brought into question, claimed that Muskie had made disparaging remarks about French-Canadians. Though Muskie later stated that what had appeared to the press as tears were actually melted snowflakes, the press reported that Muskie broke down and cried. Shirley MacLaine appeared with me. Warren Beatty came out, too, and did a lot of fundraising for me. They were with me from the beginning to the end. After McGovern had won the Massachusetts primary on April 25, , journalist Robert Novak phoned Democratic politicians around the country, who agreed with his assessment that blue-collar workers voting for McGovern did not understand what he really stood for. Jackson failed to gain traction against McGovern and only made real news later in the campaign as part of the "Anybody but McGovern" coalition. A lighter incident occurred regarding that accusation during the Nebraska primary campaign. During a campaign speech, Morrison declared, "They say that George McGovern is for the legalization of marijuana, but I say --" At this point there was thunderous applause from the younger people in the audience, which left Morrison puzzled, but when it died down, he finished, "I tell you that George McGovern does not advocate the legalization of marijuana. He continued, "They say George McGovern is for abortion on demand, but I tell you--" Again there was deafening applause, followed by sighs of regret when he finished the sentence: What might have become a forceful campaign was cut short when Wallace was shot and left paralyzed in an assassination attempt while campaigning. Wallace did win the Maryland primary, but his near assassination effectively ended his campaign. But in the end, McGovern succeeded in winning the nomination by winning primaries through grassroots support in spite of establishment opposition. Democratic National Convention[edit] See also: Many traditional Democratic groups such as organized labor and urban constituents had small representation at the convention. Their supporters challenged the seating of relative political novices, but for the most part were turned back by the supporters of McGovern, who during the presidential primaries had amassed the most delegates to the convention by using a grassroots campaign that was powered by opposition to the Vietnam War. The stop-McGovern forces tried unsuccessfully to alter the delegate composition of the California delegation. Although the anti-McGovern group argued for a proportional distribution of the delegates, the McGovern campaign stressed that the rules for the delegate selection had been set and the Stop McGovern alliance was

trying to change the rules after the game. Maneuvering by the McGovern campaign ensued during the convention as they sought to ensure the Democratic nomination despite attempts by the Humphrey campaign and other candidates to block McGovern. The Illinois primary required voters to select individual delegates, not presidential candidates. The delegation was challenged by McGovern supporters arguing that the results of the primary did not create a diverse enough delegation in terms of women and minorities. The credentials committee, headed by Patricia Roberts Harris, rejected the entire elected delegation, including elected women and minorities, and seated an unelected delegation led by Chicago Alderman William S. Singer and civil rights activist Jesse Jackson that pledged to McGovern. Nevertheless, McGovern and his staff felt that a Kennedy-style figure was needed to balance the ticket: This, along with the inexperience of many of the delegates who were wary after the protracted infighting, caused the vice presidential balloting to become almost a farce. By the time the roll call finally began, the delegates were in a prankish mood, casting ballots for the fictional Archie Bunker, Martha Beall Mitchell, New Mexico Lt. With hundreds of delegates either actively supporting Nixon or angry at McGovern for one reason or another, the vote was thus chaotic, with votes scattered over 70 candidates. When Eagleton was at last confirmed, it was 1: This probably hurt the McGovern campaign by not creating the so-called "convention bounce. Many refused to support him, with some switching their support to the incumbent President Richard Nixon through a campaign effort called "Democrats for Nixon". This also had the effect of leaving the McGovern campaign at a significant disadvantage in funding compared to Nixon. Ultimately, Eagleton threatened that if McGovern tried to force him off the ticket, he would fight the move. If he kept Eagleton, the selection did not look good for the decision-making ability of the McGovern team, while if he removed Eagleton, he appeared to be weak and vacillating. This perceived indecisiveness was disastrous for the McGovern campaign. A new search was begun by McGovern. Kennedy and Ted Kennedy. Issues and strategies[edit] McGovern speaking at a rally at the Miller Outdoor Theatre in Houston, Texas, on October 16, , during the final weeks of the campaign. The sign behind him says "Houston is McGovern Country". The Vietnam issue, which remained the one McGovern was most passionate about, did not work for him overall; a majority of the electorate thought that Nixon was a strong leader who would secure "peace with honor". McGovern was giving a speech and a Nixon admirer kept heckling him. Several years later, McGovern observed Mississippi Senator James Eastland looking at him from across the Senate floor and chuckling to himself. This election had the lowest voter turnout for a presidential election since, with only 55 percent of the electorate voting. Part of the steep drop from the previous elections can be explained by the ratification of the 26th Amendment which expanded the franchise to year-olds. Barry Goldwater, who was defeated by Johnson in, sent McGovern a newspaper political cartoon depicting the two of them together "like Grandpa and Granny [patterned after the painting American Gothic] linked by our defeats", with a note scribbled "George -- If you must lose, lose big. You have my full support in such efforts.

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George McGovern talked about the current state of American politics and the. Democratic calendrierdelascience.com doing so, he announced he would not seek the. Democratic presidential nomination, due to.

The Rise of a Prairie Statesman: But remarkably, a great number of Democrats were mostly supportive—including Hillary Clinton and most of the Senate Democratic caucus. Even Bernie Sanders mustered a relatively mild critique, carefully foregrounding the inhumanity of the chemical-weapons attack before calling on Trump to come to Congress for an authorization to use military force. One perspective worth dusting off in this context is that of George McGovern, who is the subject of a new biography by Thomas J. Knock, *The Rise of a Prairie Statesman*. George McGovern has long been known as the man who got steamrolled by Richard Nixon in the presidential election—the fourth-worst loss by popular vote in American history. His crushing defeat became the catalyst for a whole generation of Democratic politicians who rejected both the basic elements of New Deal liberalism and the dovish foreign policy of the New Left. In the 1960s and 1970s, they would also come to embrace a more hawkish foreign policy, often advocating the use of force as a way of solving various geopolitical and humanitarian crises. By doing so, it avoids framing his career in the context of that crushing defeat, thereby reminding us that in his prime, he was both a moral exemplar and a highly effective politician. Starting with his childhood in the Great Depression, he could almost be the saccharine hero in a Frank Capra film. The child of a South Dakota Methodist minister, McGovern witnessed firsthand how the economic calamity of the 1930s devastated neighboring farmers, and he also saw their recovery because of the policies of the New Deal. In high school and in college, he became a renowned debate champion, but his college career was interrupted once the country entered World War II. McGovern was one of the finest pilots of the B bomber—a physically and technically demanding airplane to fly—and he saved the lives of his crew several times with brilliant feats of flying. On one notable occasion, he landed his plane on a dangerously short island airstrip in the Adriatic after it had lost two engines, for which he was later awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. This wartime experience also left scars. The incident haunted McGovern for years: It was almost noontime, and he knew from his own childhood that the family would likely have been at home for lunch. The incident helped sharpen his future skepticism about military interventions—particularly those that depended on attacks from the air. He tried his hand briefly at being a minister like his father, but he quit not long after and decided to attend graduate school at Northwestern University, where he earned a PhD in history. His thesis was a landmark study of the Ludlow Massacre, a gruesome slaughter of striking mine workers and their families in Colorado. After graduation, he considered a career as a professional academic. However, politics had always held a magnetic attraction for McGovern. For their trouble, Wallace and his followers were viciously red-baited by Republicans, Democrats, and the national press. He ended up with a mere 2. McGovern concluded from this that third-party campaigns were futile. By 1964, soon after McGovern had finished his doctorate, the seat in the House of Representatives held by Republican Harold Love beckoned. Running as a Democrat in South Dakota—a rural, agricultural state that leaned heavily Republican—was a steep uphill climb. Increasing agricultural productivity had been the bane of American farmers for generations and had reached a new crescendo in the early postwar years. This was an opening for McGovern, who tied the hated Benson around the neck of his opponent. In addition to his deep roots in the state, McGovern offered an intelligent articulation of how a populist government policy could help farmers: But McGovern refused to back down, skillfully weaving his advocacy of peaceful diplomacy with the problem of agricultural surpluses at home, thereby offering South Dakotans a radical, populist policy line that ran from postwar foreign policy to domestic economics. In the end, McGovern won by a good margin. It was the first time a South Dakota Democrat had been elected to Congress since 1904, and McGovern had had to rebuild the state party from the ground up, virtually on his own, to do it. He put up a decent showing but still lost, likely in large part due to the anti-Catholic sentiment stirred up by John F. The program quickly ran into a

problem: But others, like South Korea, did make good use of the program. In practically no time, he got the program off the ground, and it helped to jump-start the economy of India in particular. He readily and correctly discerned the basic shape of the conflict: American soldiers would thus get stuck in an unwinnable guerrilla war, just as the French had. The domino theory—the notion that a communist victory in Vietnam would lead to the communist takeover of Southeast Asia—was, he argued, ignorant and paranoid. Military intervention would do little to deter the communists from taking power in Vietnam; it might even embolden and empower them. Knock dryly notes that when McGovern attempted to make this case to Johnson, the president interrupted: The United States should recognize the limits of military force, negotiate a withdrawal from Vietnam, and use humanitarian programs especially agricultural ones to shore up Western democratic capitalism against communist influence. Such a strategy had arguably worked in the past, when McGovern was running the Food for Peace program, and it would greatly strengthen the rhetorical claims of American freedom versus Soviet tyranny. He met several dignitaries and military commanders there, including a cordial but ineffectual session with Gen. He made a heart-wrenching visit to a military hospital, where he saw dozens of mutilated American soldiers, and a horrified visit to a severely underequipped Vietnamese hospital, where the injured villagers—many of them wounded by American munitions—were packed together in unsanitary conditions. McGovern took the mounting atrocities personally, and as the war progressed, he tried with increasing anger and desperation to stop the war. Historical hindsight is one thing, but the sheer number of things missed by the elite Harvard liberals who ran the Kennedy and Johnson administrations is simply staggering. The Vietminh earned widespread support among the peasantry by ousting brutal landlords and slashing rents; the Diem regime attempted to reinstate them. Having spent decades concerned with American agriculture, McGovern instinctively understood this—and he kept returning to the point in order to persuade Johnson to change his policies. By capitulating to conservative fearmongering—or, indeed, embracing it, as Truman and other prominent Democrats did—liberal hawks rendered themselves incapable of understanding much of the world. As a result, he became the president who is remembered for starting a major unnecessary conflict, which resulted in over a million South Asians and over 58,000 Americans being killed. In 1968, he won the Democratic primaries albeit at the cost of deep divisions in the party, mainly over Vietnam and was crushed by Nixon. Badly stung by the epic defeat, he went back to the Senate, serving the remainder of his term and getting reelected once more in 1970, until he lost during the Reagan revolution in 1980. McGovern spent most of his remaining years teaching, touring the lecture circuit, and dabbling in business and various side projects. Even when red-baited, McGovern refused to give up his advocacy of diplomacy, nor the use of humanitarian aid to advance the interests of the United States—and in the case of Vietnam, that courage turned out to be politically astute. President Johnson would have been far better served by suing for peace the moment he took office—indeed, if he had, he almost certainly would have won reelection and would be remembered today on a par with FDR. Instead, the war devoured his presidency and besmirched his legacy. Similarly, Hillary Clinton would likely have been elected president in 2008 had she not voted for the Iraq War; but instead of assimilating the lessons of her surprising loss to Barack Obama, she has continued to support hawkish policies and interventions in Libya, Yemen, and Syria—even when, several months ago, it was President Trump firing the missiles. Even in the wake of the Cold War, liberal internationalism has almost always involved various forms of military intervention, as opposed to the diplomatic and humanitarian policies that McGovern advanced as an alternative. But there is a critical difference between the current moment and the Cold War. McGovern ultimately failed to convince his party because, in the Cold War era, a hawkish liberalism was at least intuitively plausible. The Soviet Union really was a credible threat: Today, by contrast, neither the Assad regime nor Islamist terrorism is even in the same time zone as the Soviet Union was in terms of power, and the interventionism of Hillary Clinton, Bill Nelson, and Anne-Marie Slaughter, among others, becomes more obviously a fig leaf for the desire to expand American dominance over the rest of the world. As demonstrated by the Sanders campaign, the left wing of the Democratic Party and the left more generally have struggled to create an alternative. This was due, in part, to a left that is much better at opposing disastrous wars of

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aggression than at formulating an alternative perspective that can win over ideologically sympathetic politicians. Some leftists simply end up concluding that the United States is fundamentally and unchangeably imperialist. Given the seemingly endless wars over the past 15 years, one can understand why they might reach that conclusion. But the terrible harm done to American interests by the Iraq War—which has cost trillions of dollars, killed nearly 4,000 American soldiers, and maimed tens of thousands more, for no strategic benefit whatsoever—demonstrates that the war was stupid as well as evil. In these troubled times, the world hardly needs more American guns and bombs; but what the left still lacks is a persuasive alternative vision of internationalism that can counter the hawkishness of both Beltway parties. If we are to exercise leadership in the world, let it be by setting an example and relieving humanitarian crises where we can—taking in refugees, treating the sick, feeding the starving. But it certainly merits a look—and, just as important, it offers the left, both within and outside of the Democratic Party, a basic template for a different kind of foreign-policy program that it can pursue. To submit a correction for our consideration, [click here](#). For Reprints and Permissions, [click here](#).

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Chapter 4 : What It Means to Be a Democrat by George S. McGovern

George McGovern, in full George Stanley McGovern, (born July 19, , Avon, South Dakota, U.S.â€”died October 21, , Sioux Falls, South Dakota), American politician who was an unsuccessful reformist Democratic candidate for the U.S. presidency in

Had the pacing of their speech been accelerated to normal levels and the haltingness been goosed into urgency, the half-hour interview may have lasted all of four-and-a-half minutes. But on the bright side, it was a dialogue invested with Would Rehm, in other words, ever arrive at the end of her sentence, or would her participial phrase drift off into the infinite wilderness of nothingness? Because it is couched in the warmest of affection. After all, McGovern is and was a die-hard lefty after my own heart , and Rehm reminds me of my grandmother. Not that either of my grandmothers spoke like that or were as liberal as Rehm, to be sure , but Rehm is the idealized, hypothetical third grandmother, tossing softball, mutual-admiration-society questions to her like-minded libby guests. She was too busy making kifli. Have I digressed far enough? Is it time to reel this baby back in? I know that some will accuse McGovern of being a tad too worshipful, but this is a mistake. Abraham Lincoln, despite his faults, is the very best that the executive branch of the U. Meanwhile, I desperately want to bitch-slap those GR reviewers who idiotically criticize these Times presidential series books because of their brevity and their alleged superficiality. Any halfway intelligent person who picks up a hundred-fifty-page book on Lincoln will understand that it is intended to be a brief overview, addressing the highlights and lowlights of the presidency, and not a thorough-going treatment of the man and his times. Consider these books a sample, or a tasting -- designed either to lure you into reading more McGovern suggests several other in-depth books, including Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns Goodwin or into concluding that you know enough, or as much as you want to. This book, I must confess, refortified my admittedly problematic contempt of the American South. They attempt to obscure the essential meaning of the war by clutching for slogans, flimsy rationalizations, and other red herrings. Or a mitigated defense of the Confederate South on the basis that the Civil War was a continuing struggle for states rights and an attack on the Southern way of life? In short, the South favored backwoods regionalism and a repudiation of the spirit of the Declaration of Independence to a unified, stable, federal maintenance of law, order, and civil rights. Anyway, we all know that states rights are often just a legal smokescreen for backwards states to curtail civil rights. To anyone who cites gay marriage as a counterpoint i.

Chapter 5 : Abraham Lincoln by George S. McGovern

More than a quarter of American adults suffer from a serious mental disorder. Yet mental illness is viewed by many as cause for shame and scandal, fear and fury â€” as George S. McGovern knows all too well. The former South Dakota senator infamously lost his presidential bid to Richard Nixon.

Chapter 6 : The Politics Reader: â€œAbraham Lincolnâ€•, by George S. McGovern (Times Books)

George Stanley McGovern, former United States Senator from South Dakota. Decorated Distinguished Flying Cross; recipient Presidential Medal of Freedom, The White House , Food for Life award World Food Program, , Nobel Prize for Food & Agricultural, , National Peacemaker award, National Conflict Resolution Center,

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Chapter 8 : The real George McGovern - The Boston Globe

George S. McGovern represented South Dakota in the United States Senate from 1961 to 1969 and was the Democratic nominee for president in 1972. He was a decorated bomber pilot in World War II, after which he earned his Ph.D. in American history and government at Northwestern University.

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