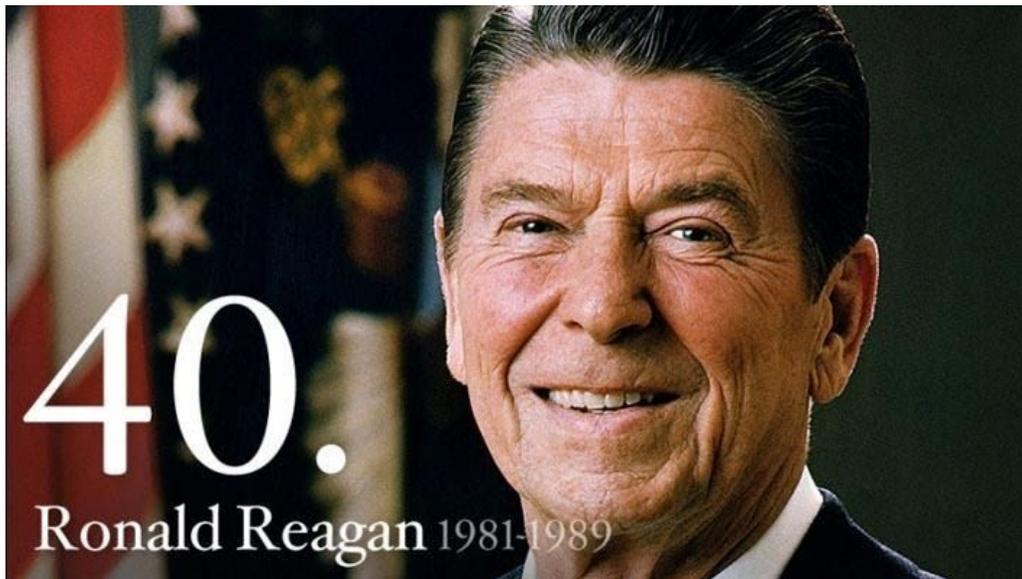


# Ronald Reagan ~ The Fall of The Berlin Wall 24 Years Ago

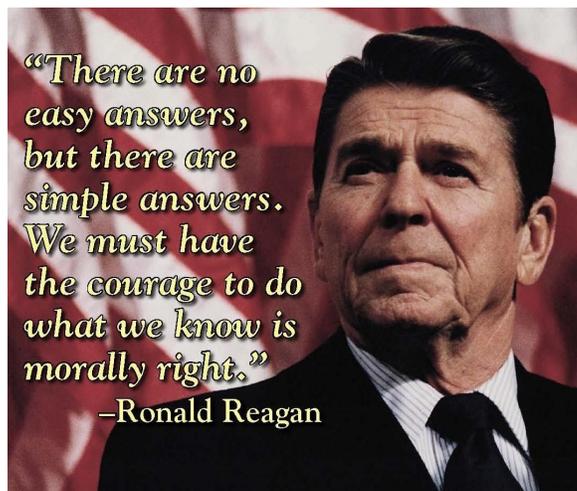
Last week marked 24 years since Communism took a mighty blow and The Berlin Wall triumphantly came down, thereby ending “The Cold War”. This would not have been possible if not for the strength, conviction and diplomacy of one of the greatest of American Patriots of this century, President Ronald Reagan.

He never accepted failure as an option and his vision of living in peace and prosperity was not such an impossible dream during his 2 term presidency. Reagan’s patriotism was infectious and his faith in God and mankind inspired so many. Always ready with a warm smile, a zest for life and fierce devotion to America, he touched our hearts and we will never be the same!



*The celebration of a man of excellence, integrity and courage:  
Honoring the life of Ronald Reagan and the fall of The Berlin Wall 24 years ago.*

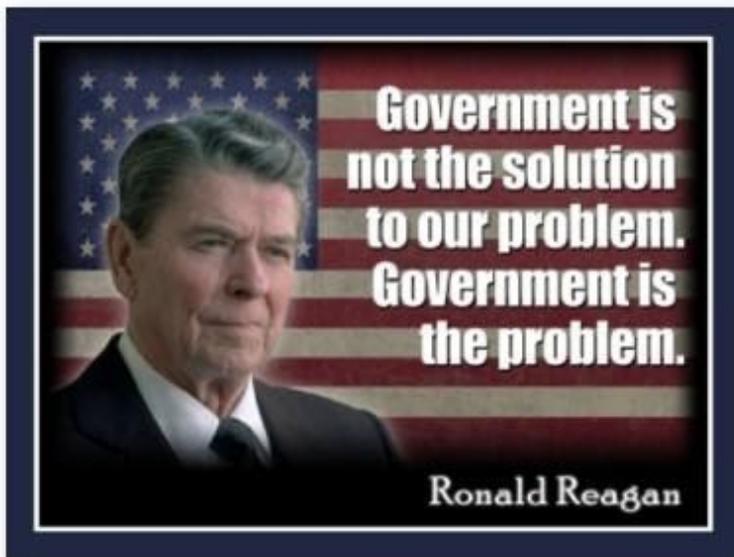
When most of us think of President Ronald Wilson Reagan, we think of a time when things were simpler. When people family values, faith in market system. Most they could accomplish work, diligence and if ethic. During the time validated this belief and policies and his way of Americans that we, as country, have limitless



had patriotism, strong God and a belief in a free Americans believed that anything with enough hard they had a strong work of his presidency, Reagan encouraged it with his communicating to citizens of this great potential and strength of

spirit like no other country in the world.

He restored this American spirit, pride and our faith during a time of indisputable malaise, when this country was divided, disillusioned and very nearly broken down by *recession* and *liberalism*, and on the heels of major social and economic changes in the United States. The 20th century ideologies such as *communism*, *fascism* and centralized "*Big Government*" were running rampant and we had seen the growth of an *expansive welfare state* throughout the industrialized world.



Reagan, having lived through such events as "*The Great Depression*", two World Wars, the Vietnam and Korean Wars, as well as many other significant changes throughout the world, saw that placing too much power in the hands of the government was a dangerous thing to do and that it would be detrimental to life as we knew it in America. At a time when many were saying that our government should be a catalyst for social good and be setting more regulations, doing more to help the needy, be the shaping influence of modern life and the remedy to the ills of society, he maintained the belief that the more the government does for its people, the less the people will be able to do for themselves.

This country had been severely divided on issues concerning our military, social programs, taxes, space exploration and the government's role in the everyday lives of American citizens. The *Republicans* (conservatives) seemed to move further "right" and the *Democrats* (liberals) moved even further "left". There were some who sympathized with various socialist or communist ideologies and attempted to create policies to incorporate these into American politics and life. A major backlash against Reagan began; he was vilified and demonized regularly by the media, who had begun leaning more liberal in their reporting, and many painted him as a "*big government*" man or a "rich republican".

But Reagan stood his ground and was convinced that communism would be the end result of implementing policies giving government more control and by instituting what we now call "*the nanny*"

state". Communism, he believed, was a false religion that would seek to destroy the family unit, right to private property and genuine spiritual or religious faith and practices in order to secure a kind of "utopian" society where everyone was treated the same and had no more or less than their neighbor.

His love of history, the structures of his very fundamental host in the 1970's he proposed) some of his he wanted to see around the world. actually able to see fruition, but others he

**"WE ARE NEVER DEFEATED UNLESS WE GIVE UP ON GOD."**

**-RONALD REAGAN**



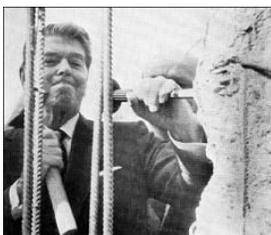
reading and intense study of governments helped shape beliefs. As a radio talk show had explored (and even imaginings regarding changes happen in the U.S. and Later, as president, he was many of his dreams come to did not.

His thoughts ranged from things like his desire to see America revert back to *The Monroe Doctrine*, thoughts of how to rid the world of **Castro**, ways to distribute Bibles and other literature to the people throughout Eastern Europe, rolling back the Soviet Union to its pre-World War II state and so on, to his musings about making *Social Security* voluntary and the elimination of the current U.S. system of *progressive taxation*, and the possibility of a return to *proportional taxation* (now called the *flat tax*).

Undoubtedly, the most well notable of these "dreams", "*Cold War*" between the Soviet Union and the "tearing After many meetings, such as "*SDI*" (the Strategic much strategizing and by principles, Reagan was build a relationship of trust at the time, **Mikhail Gorbachev**, that would forever change the texture of world politics and international relations.



remembered and was the end of the United States and The down of the wall". developing policies Defense Initiative), standing on his ultimately able to with the Soviet leader



On **June 12, 1987**, Reagan made a trip to visit the



**Brandenburg Gate** and during a most chilling and heartfelt speech, he firmly and passionately said, *"General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization; Come here to this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"*

Once called a "*providential man*" by Great Britain's **Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher**, he was known as being gallant and decent and was characterized by his courage, kindness, and simplicity. Today, even liberals speak of Reagan's time as a "*gentler time in politics*", yet he maintained such strength in the face of opposition and adversity. If it is remembered as gentler now, maybe it is because there was a true "gentleman" in the White House at the time. Ronald Reagan courageously fought to protect the very freedoms and advantages we enjoy as U.S. citizens today. During the 1980's, with President Reagan leading the fight, we saw "freedom ring" as it spread its wings, carrying democracy around the world.



Former **Vice President, Dick Cheney** said of Reagan recently, *"He stands tall in our memory... He came along at a time when this nation and the world needed him the most!"*

Soon we will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of The Berlin Gate, which occurred on November 9, 1989, less than 2 years after **Ronald Reagan** made his fervent request to hopefully once and for all put an end to the evils of Communism and spoke at **Brandenburg Gate**. It is my fervent hope that we all can commit to having the kind of life this kind, decent, patriotic and inspirational man envisioned for us. A life of conviction, honor, regard for humanity, belief in God and country and filled with the knowledge that we can have what we want if we are willing to work for it. These are the values **Ronald Reagan** truly embraced and the way in which he lived his life. May his life, and what it stood for, never be forgotten in the minds of men or in the future annals of our country's history.

*"Freedom*

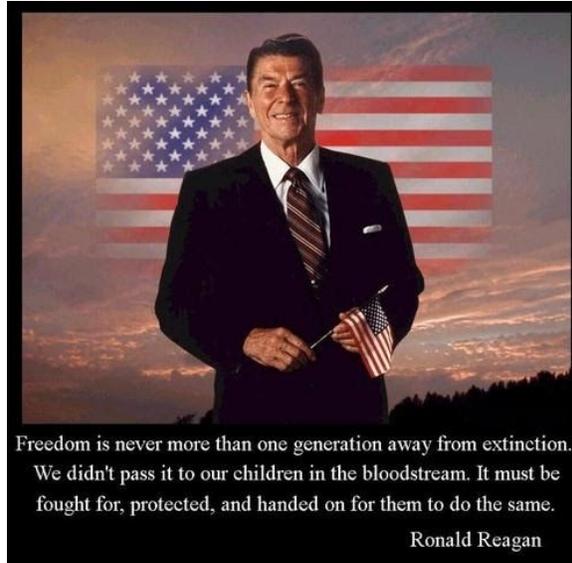


*is never more than one*

*generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must*

*be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."*

~ Ronald Reagan



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[Reagan's "Tear Down This Wall" speech](#)

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[The Berlin Wall Falls: with The Scorpions "Winds of Change" - 11/09/89](#)

There is **ONE** sign  
the Soviets can make that would be UNmistakeable  
that would advance *dramatically* the cause  
of **freedom and peace.**  
General Secretary Gorbachev, *if* you seek **peace**  
if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union & Eastern Europe  
if you seek liberalization: COME HERE TO THIS GATE  
Mr. Gorbachev, **OPEN THIS GATE**  
**O** Mr. Gorbachev..  
*Mr. Gorbachev*  
**TEAR  
DOWN  
THIS  
WALL**

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MDFX-dNtsM>

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