Carter Domestic Policy

An Open and Honest Presidency
Carter’s Economic Problems
Recession

Inflation = 13.3%
What can President Carter do to fix the economy immediately?

Limited Options: Little to Nothing
Another Problem: Oil Shortage

OPEC’s Oil Embargo
Short Term Energy Solutions: Presidential Address

Declared “a moral equivalent of war” on energy

April 18, 1977
Long Term Energy Solutions:
Department of Energy

- Develop a national energy policy
National Energy Act of 1978

- Funded alternative energy research with a tax on gas guzzling cars
Does this fix the short term energy crisis?

NO
Americans Affected by the Recession

Presidential Pep Talk

America was suffering from a “crisis of confidence”
July 15, 1979
Another Carter Concern: Education
Department of Education

- Improve education for American students
Jimmy’s Domestic Policy

The Party is Over!
1970s: Other Domestic Events
Nuclear Energy Growing in the 1970s
Three Mile Island (PA)

Accident: March 28, 1979
Three Mile Island Accident
Murder of John Lennon

December 8, 1980
The Dakota Apartment Complex
New York City
Mark David Chapman
Lennon’s Peace Vigil (NYC)
Strawberry Fields Central Park