

**We're a Republic.
It's Under Assault.**

Class Framework

- **I not a teacher, I'm a facilitator**
- **I present information, express my opinions and STRONGLY encourage constructive dialogue**
- **It's a BIG class so we'll be using a microphone**
- **The the slides used in the class will be available the day after each session**
- **There will be homework**

Class Topics

- **Week 1 – The Assault on the Constitution**
- **Week 2 – The Dismantling of Our Institutions**
- **Week 3 – Fixing Our Broken Immigration Policy.**
- **Week 4 – Repairing Foreign Alliances**
- **Week 5 – What Should Our Future Economy Look Like?**
- **Week 6 – Time for a New Constitution?**

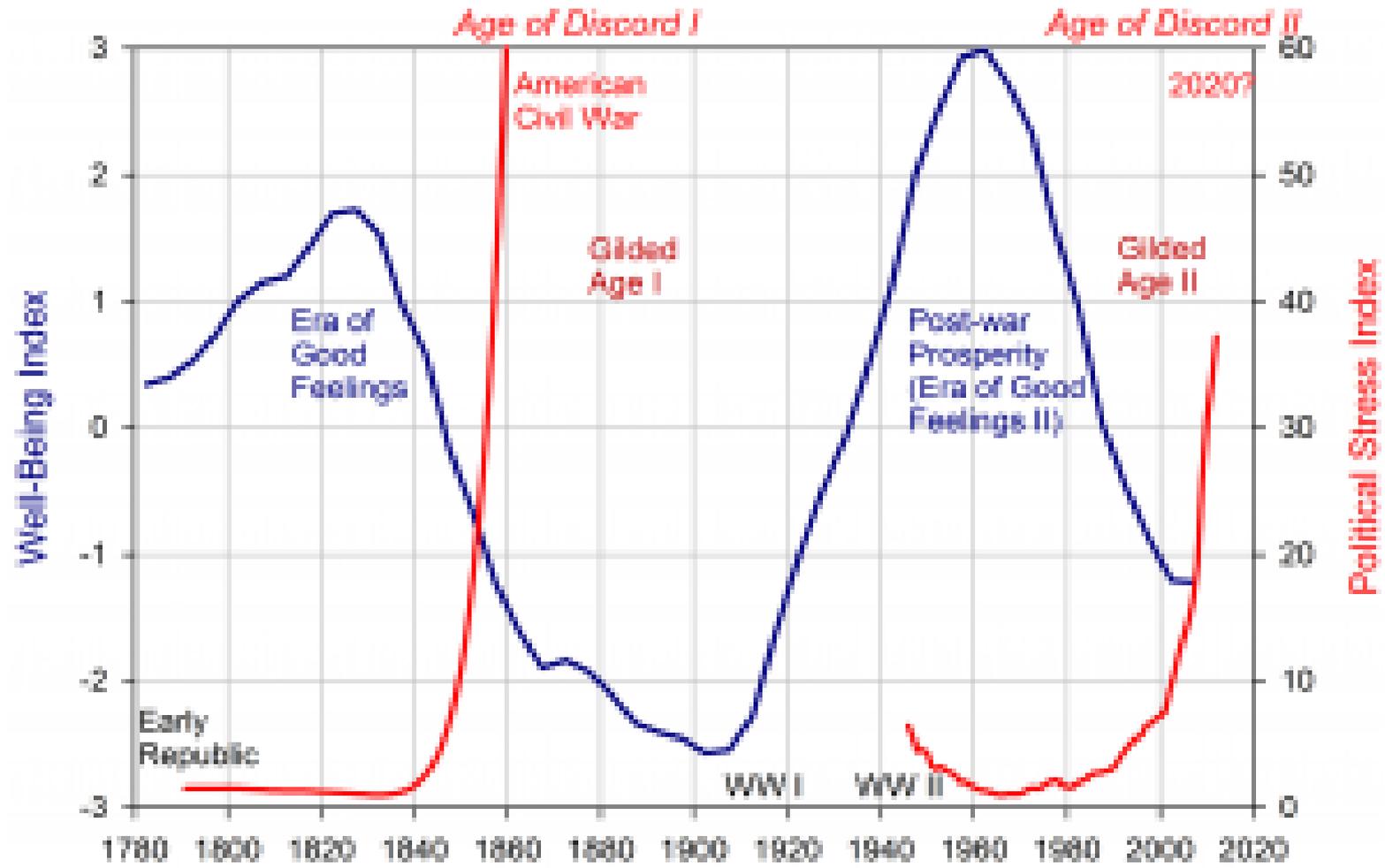
So far, has Donald Trump's presidency made you feel ... CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- Uneasy – 54%
- Frustrated – 51%
- Unsafe – 47%
- Exhausted – 42%
- Confident – 25%
- Satisfied – 21%
- Safe – 20%
- Energized – 18%

We've Been Here Before

- **Colonial America**
- **Founding of the Republic**
- **Civil War, Reconstruction & Jim Crow**
- **The Gilded Age**
- **The Great Depression**
- **COVID - 19**

Age of Discord - Cliodynamics



Minnesota Star Tribune – 01/15/26

- **Minnesota is under siege. This cannot stand.**
- **What we are witnessing is the storming of the state by the federal government.**
- **“It’s not necessarily about which laws are being enforced,” Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O’Hara said. “It’s about how that enforcement is happening.”**

The Assault on Our Constitution

- **Separation of Powers**
- **First Amendment Rights**
- **Due Process and The Rule of Law**
- **Abuse of Executive Power**

How likely is another Civil War?

- **Plurality of Americans Believe ‘Civil War’ Likely in Next Decade (Newsweek – June 17, 2025)**
- **Is the United States Headed Toward a Civil War? (Center for Strategic and International Studies – 09/16/25)**
- **Is America Headed for Revolution? (Stimson Center – 10/22/25)**
- **New poll finds most Americans fear civil war and democratic decline (Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights - 11/06/25)**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6TLoj6lQC4>

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Homework – Pick One!

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