

Changing patterns in American society at the end of World War II changed the way most Americans lived and worked.

**Factors leading to changing patterns in U.S. society:**

*Strong economy (healthy job market, increased productivity, increased demand for American products)*

*Greater investment in education*

*The "Baby Boom", which led to changing demographics*

*Interstate highway system*

*Evolving role of women (expected to play supporting role in the family, but increasingly working outside the home)*

*Role of Eleanor Roosevelt in expanding women's rights*

*African Americans' aspirations for equal opportunities*

*Changes in make-up of immigrants after 1965 (e.g. Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans)*

**Policies and programs expanding educational and employment opportunities:**

**G.I. Bill of Rights gave educational, housing, and employment benefits to World War II veterans**

**President Truman desegregated the armed forces**

**Civil Rights legislation led to increased educational, economic, and political opportunities for women and minorities**

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the economic, social, and political transformation of the United States and the world between the end of World War II and the present by:  
d) describing the changing patterns of society, including expanded educational and economic opportunities for military veterans, women, and minorities.