The “Reagan Revolution” and the Role of the Government
Federalism: a system where power is shared between the states and the national government

- Ronald Reagan’s policies had an impact on the relationship between the federal and state governments.
- The conservative political philosophy of President Reagan prompted a re-evaluation of the size and role of government in the economy and society of contemporary America.
President Reagan and conservative Republicans advocated:

- tax cuts
- transfer of responsibilities to state governments
- appointment of judges/justices who exercised “judicial restraint”
- reduction in the number and scope of government programs and regulations
- strengthened American military
How Supply Side Economics is supposed to work:
The “Reagan Revolution” extended beyond his tenure in office with:

- the election of his vice president, George H. W. Bush
- the election of a centrist Democrat, William Clinton
- the Republican sweep of congressional elections and statehouses in the 1990s
- the election of George W. Bush
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