**Outline**

American politics

Format – Essay

Introduction

Overview

**Part 1:**

* A look at American history shows that the period between the 1960s and 1980s is referred to as the decades of change. In this era, the United States saw great social, cultural, and economic changes take place.
* The period is also vital because it saw a shift in the United States politics between liberals who favored progressive politics and conservatives who were keen on preserving the traditions
* They see the government as having the mandate to protect individuals, alleviate social ills, and promote human rights. They adapt and implement policies that are keen on ensuring that the government solves these social problems
* One major illustration is the events that caused a shift in the liberal camp is the Civil Rights movements

**Part 2:**

* These parties advocated for the rights of the communities to be granted their constitutional rights of equality within the nation.
* Drawing inspiration from the Civil Rights Movement, the Women's Movement also sought to assert their rights. According to the National Organization for Women, the women asserted that;
* With the support of liberals, the women were able to achieve an amendment of constitutions that ensured that they would not be discriminated against based on their gender.
* Some of the congressional passages they achieved include programs aligned with great society, such as civil rights, ending segregation, federal education aid, extending welfare, environmental activists, offering subsidies to humanities and art, legislation that sought to guarantee the rights of different groups, and reduce poverty.
* They cited the party’s association with the legislation of civil rights, their support for the counterculture movement, and the democratic party's emphasis on providing minorities and the disadvantaged with federal assistance

**Reflection**

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Conclusion

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