

## 1968: A Tumultuous Year

- Nixon rebuilds his public image. Republicans win White House Nixon eventually ends the war in Vietnam.
- The Vietnam War; the Vietcong's push to capture cities in South Vietnam
- Feelings of despair and hopelessness among his followers
- The Tet Offensive; the growing unpopularity of the Vietnam War and the growing popularity of Eugene McCarthy's antiwar message
- Racism; hatred; intolerance; an atmosphere of violence
- A military defeat for the Vietcong; a dramatic fall in the popularity of Johnson and the war; Johnson's decisions to change his Vietnam policy and not to seek reelection
- Disagreements among Democrats over Vietnam; the presence of 10,000 demonstrators with differing goals; Daley's handling of the situation; the poor judgment and brutality of the Chicago police
- Feelings of anger and despair among his followers; violent riots in more than 100 U.S. cities
- The negative image of the Democratic party; the desire for the peace, law, and order that Nixon had promised; the entry of Wallace into the race
- Hatred; an atmosphere of violence in the country
- Robert Kennedy's decision to run for president, Johnson's decision not to run for reelection
- The negative image of the Democratic party; a Republican presidential victory