

## Post WWII America and President Truman

1. President Truman
  - a. No college degree
  - b. Worked his way up to being FDR's VP -> FDR dies
    - i. Became president on April 12th, 1945
2. Post WWII America
  - a. Americans were ready to spend after years of rationing and saving
    - i. Car sales increased 4x, ¾ of Americans had cars by the end of 1950's.
      1. Urban planning was done around the car, not city center
      2. Highway system created
  - b. Suburban Lifestyle
    - i. Americans were buying new appliances -> i.e. washer and dryer
    - ii. Levittown was modern suburbia in NY
      1. Applied mass production to house building, 30 a day
  - c. Baby Boom
    - i. Soldiers came back, got married and had kids
    - ii. Baby Boomers = people born between 1946-1964
  - d. GI Bill
    - i. Created to help soldiers reenter American life
    - ii. Provided home loans, paid for school etc.