

US Interventions and Foreign Policy 1980s-1990s

Soviet Union/ Europe	Middle East	Central America, Africa, China
<p>Détente – negotiation, ease of tension not just MAD nuclear deterrence</p> <p>Strategic Arms Limitation Treaties (SALT II) under Carter, but 1979 Senate blocked ratification</p> <p>Death of Soviet old guard in the early 1980s</p> <p>Under Reagan: massive military buildup US debt/deficit up</p> <p>Cold War heats up, at least in rhetoric</p> <p>Gorbachev: Glasnost (openness) and Perestroika (restructuring), new arms treaties</p> <p>1989-1991</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collapse of Soviet empire</li> <li>• Breakup of Soviet union</li> <li>• Overthrow of Communist dictators in Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Czechoslovakia</li> <li>• Reunification of Germany</li> <li>• Independence of Baltic republics</li> <li>• Slavic nations form their own CIS</li> <li>• New nuclear stockpile reduction treaty = START in 1991</li> </ul> <p>Yugoslavian civil war 1991-1999: Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia, Kosovo</p> <p>NATO bombing/ UN peacekeepers</p>	<p>“instability”</p> <p>Secular dictators: Iran, Egypt, Syria, Iraq</p> <p>Monarchies: Saudi, emirates, Jordan, Kuwait</p> <p>Inequality between rich-poor</p> <p>Rival Islamic sects (Sunni Shi’a v. Israel)</p> <p>US goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) keep oil flowing</li> <li>2) preserve Israel</li> </ol> <p>1979 Islamic republic under Khomeini in Iran</p> <p>Ousted Shah to US, 53 hostages from US embassy. Held for 444 days.</p> <p>Soviets invaded Afghanistan to put down Islamic rebels; their own quagmire</p> <p>1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war, we aid Iraq</p> <p>1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, US sends peacekeepers Oct ’83 bombing; withdrawal Lockerbie bombing; 1985 Iran-backed terrorists held American hostages in Lebanon (Iran-Contra deals hope to free them)</p> <p>Aug 1990 invasion of Kuwait by Iraq</p> <p>UN boycott, then military deployment to Saudi + Gulf (and missile attacks on Israel also)</p> <p>Jan ’91 bombing Operation Desert Storm</p> <p>Feb ’91 liberation of Kuwait but not takeover of Iraq, Hussein still in power</p> <p>1993 Peace agreement: Palestinian West Bank and Gaza but no Palestinian state</p>	<p>Nicaragua: Rt wing dictator Somoza ousted in 1979. Left-wing Sandinista govt.</p> <p>Contras/rebels getting covert support from US (b/c Anticommunist). Boland Amendment cuts off this aid. → Iran-Contra arms deals &amp; subsequent cover-up and Congressional investigation</p> <p>1988 in Panama to overthrow our dictator-on-payroll, Manuel Noriega</p> <p>Late 1980s Drug wars in Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia</p> <p>1989: pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen Square, Beijing</p> <p>1992-1993: UN relief effort/ ethnic fighting, US peacekeepers in Somalia</p> <p>1994-1995 Haiti</p> <p>1994 Rwanda? Should we have gone?</p> <p>Mid-1990s actions in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Central African Republic</p> <p>1999 bombing of US embassies in Kenya &amp; Tanzania</p> <p>2000 Yemen: bombing of USS Cole</p>