

## Chapter 1 : History of the United States - Wikipedia

*The United States purchases Potawatomi land in the Treaty of Tippecanoe () The United States purchases the rest of Potawatomi land west of the Mississippi River in the Treaty of Chicago () Second Seminole War.*

Make no mistake about it: The United States is on the cusp of a civil war. It is a war fought not with swords, firearms, and artillery—“at least not yet”—but through throngs of people chanting and screaming in the streets; in buildings; on university campuses; and in the public square; even outside private residences. These throngs are threatening, ridiculing, harassing, and assaulting Americans who do not share their views, their sensibilities. And physical altercations and clashes have occurred. More of those are on the horizon; that is certain. No one should doubt it. In the present conflict, there can be no negotiation with or compromise between the two factions, for the gulf dividing them is too vast, the chasm too deep. The outcome of the present civil war will be profound. Supreme Court, Judge Brett Kavanaugh. Judge Brett Kavanaugh presently sits as a judge on the U. Court of Appeals for the D. He is, by any estimate, a brilliant jurist with many years of judicial experience. No one should doubt that. No one can reasonably refute or rebut that. One faction intends to strike his nomination down. Senate Democrats and Senate Republicans, sitting on the Judiciary Committee, pose, essentially, as proxies for the two factions in conflict. One faction supports confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to the high Court and is working to see it happen. The other intends to prevent it. Few Americans remain on the sidelines. Both factions in this modern civil conflict know that the Judiciary—“more so than Congress, or the Chief Executive—”has power, predicated on the jurisprudential and philosophical predispositions of the Justices of the U. Supreme Court, either to strengthen or weaken the bedrock of the Nation: In their individual approaches to case analysis, through the methodologies employed, one vision of the Country sees actualization. Democratic Party proxies, frantic and frenetic, fearing imminent confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to the high Court, have lost all sense of decorum, all reason, all self-restraint. That much is clear. Democrats, and the public at large that tuned to the Confirmation Hearing, know that Bret Kavanaugh has a keen analytical mind; that he is legally astute; that his years of experience as a lawyer and as a jurist make him eminently qualified to serve on the U. For, one faction seeks a jurist to sit on the high Court who has no qualms about legislating from the Bench: President, Barack Obama, who nominated him to sit on the high Court—a jurist who would also be championed by the Democratic Party Presidential hopeful, Hillary Clinton who failed to get elected. Knowing what is at stake, Democrats have become frantic, desperate. At the last minute, in a last ditch effort to delay, with the aim of ultimately derailing the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh, Democrats have sought the last refuge of the hopeless: Each side, in this conflict, knows full well that the very soul and psyche of this Nation and its people is at stake. The outcome of the present conflict will, then, from that perspective, be far-reaching—“conceivably more so than that of the previous conflict, devastating as that conflict was and as far-reaching in its consequences that it was for the Confederacy; and for the Nation; and for all Americans. The secession of the Confederate States from the Union was withdrawn, and the Nation reunited. The Confederacy was placed under military rule. Slavery was de facto eliminated. And the Senate did not do so, here. Those Democrats and Leftists, of all stripes, who wanted and had expected the Senate to provide a Hearing and Roll-Call vote on Merrick Garland were apoplectic. Leftists conclude that Republicans have stolen a seat on the high Court that belongs to them. About The Arbalest Quarrel: That purpose is to educate the American public about recent Federal and State firearms control legislation. No other website, to our knowledge, provides as deep an analysis or as thorough an analysis. Arbalest Group offers this information free. For more information, visit:

*That there is a potential for an increase in political violence in the United States seems clear. By European standards, there are terrifying numbers of lethal weapons in private hands. But civil war?*

Initially a dispute over the future of Europe, it grew to include confrontations around the world. Roosevelt assured the American people that any thought of a breakup of the wartime alliance with the Soviet Union was simply Nazi propaganda: In an attempt to ward off the inevitable disaster, the Axis propagandists are trying all of their old tricks in order to divide the United Nations. They seek to create the idea that if we win this war, Russia, England, China, and the United States are going to get into a cat-and-dog fight. This is their final effort to turn one nation against another in the vain hope that they may be settling with one or two at a time -- that any of us may be so gullible and so forgetful as to be duped into making "deals" at the expense of our allies. Cold War confrontations were nearly always conducted through surrogates -- or by economic pressure, selective aid, diplomatic maneuver, propaganda, assassination, low-intensity military operations -- in order to avoid a direct confrontation that could have led to a nuclear war. In fact, on several occasions, the two nations came close to just such a holocaust, for example the Cuban Missile Crisis, but through both luck and strategy they managed to avoid it. Never having been declared, the Cold War did not end on a single agreed date, but it can reasonably be said that it ended with the creation of a united, independent Germany in October, the most important issue of its origins. There has been some controversy over the phrase "Cold War." Some claim that the term can be traced to George Orwell, but Orwell used the phrase generically and not specifically in connection with the Soviet Union and the United States. Baruch should be regarded as the originator of the term "Cold War" within the meaning in which it became universally accepted. Influential author Walter Lippmann wrote many books, including *Cold War*, which aided in coining its name. The wartime alliance between the Soviet Union and the United States was a marriage of convenience. When Joseph Stalin signed the Nazi-Soviet Pact in 1939, Stalin left the West to fend for itself, but when Hitler abandoned the treaty and invaded Poland in 1939, the West concluded that they could not afford for Germany to acquire so much territory and resources. Thus the wartime alliance was born. World War II ends As the war drew to a close, the Soviet Union made it clear that they considered Eastern Europe to be within their sphere of influence and an impotent Germany to be a non-negotiable outcome of the conflict. To ensure their objectives, the Soviet Union established the Soviet Alliance System in 1945, which enabled them to institute military and political control over Eastern European countries. The latter had suffered some 25 million deaths, almost all in the active military. Some 25 million Soviet citizens died, the majority of them civilians. The Soviets were resolved that Germany would never invade their country again. After having been invaded by Germany three times in the last years, the U.S. The Soviets would also not soon forget that their demand for a second front in the west during World War II, had been denied for two years of severe losses before the Allied invasion took place in 1944. For its part, the United States had used altruistic rhetoric to explain its war objectives. Self-determination for all people was one of the cornerstones. While conceding the expected Soviet hegemony over the countries on its western border, at the Yalta Conference in February 1945 where the Cold War supposedly began, the United States was able only to extract promises that pluralistic governments would be allowed there. Greece was in the middle of a civil war and Turkey needed assistance with modernizing its society. Concerned that both countries could fall into the Soviet sphere of influence, undersecretary of state Dean Acheson presented an idea in a meeting with Congress that would later become known as the Domino Theory. His notion was that when one nation falls to communism, neighboring states are weakened and eventually fall themselves. The Truman Doctrine enunciated its support of U.S. At no time, except perhaps during the Cuban Missile Crisis, did the Cold War bring the world so close to direct hostilities between the major powers. Although Acheson had suggested early in 1948, that Korea lay outside the defense periphery of the United States, the invasion of South Korea by the North in June 1950 was too blatant to be ignored. Assuming the invasion had taken place with the knowledge and support of the Soviet Union and China, the United States responded forcefully. The Korean War was fought to an eventual draw by United Nations forces, of whom the majority were American troops. When the Soviets

exploded their own atomic bomb in 1945, the United States embarked on a crash program to produce the exponentially more powerful H-bomb, against strong opposition from one of its creators J. Robert Oppenheimer and chairman of the U. Atomic Energy Commission David Lillienthal. However, within a year of the first American H-bomb test, the Soviets exploded one of their own. Nevertheless, the United States continued to hold a wide numerical advantage in nuclear weapons throughout the 1950s, producing technically superior weapons with the aid of advances in computers, while the Eastern bloc produced a larger number of many types of weapons. For the next decade, both nations continually produced more nuclear weapons and more sophisticated missiles to deliver them. By the late 1950s, with the development of MIRVs multiple independently targeted reentry vehicles, the weapons race had provided each side with "overkill. The treaty defined two categories of nations: Nuclear nations were those who had already tested the atomic bomb, and non-nuclear nations were all others. Non-nuclear nations that sign the treaty are obligated to open their non-weaponry nuclear facilities to inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency and to agree to safeguards that will guarantee that nuclear technology and materials are not diverted to military uses. The nuclear nations agree not to assist non-nuclear nations in the development of nuclear weapons. At the last moment, a compromise, which included the removal of offensive nuclear weapons from both Cuba and U. The talks took place in two phases: That agreement called for peaceful co-existence, the avoidance of military confrontations, and no claims of spheres of influence. The war had been undertaken to demonstrate that the United States would not permit any more countries to be "lost" to communism and was generally popular for its first years, but after the failure of the Tet Offensive in early 1968, public opinion in the United States shifted. Nixon hoped for an exit that would preserve its client state in South Vietnam, but eventually, the United States withdrew and was obliged to watch helplessly as North Vietnamese forces overran Saigon in 1975. The United States believed that the Soviet Union had agreed to a worldwide standoff, while the Soviets considered it their obligation to continue to support revolutions anywhere in the world against what they regarded as oppression. President Ronald Reagan campaigned during the election on a strong, anti-communist platform. He instituted the policy of supporting movements that opposed such communist regimes as the Soviet-backed government of Afghanistan. Gorbachev viewed the arms race as a vestige of obsolete thinking and that beyond a certain point, which had already been reached and passed, increases in military power were useless. In short order, the arms race came to an end. In addition, Gorbachev made it clear in December 1989, that he no longer intended to enforce the Brezhnev Doctrine that no satellite country in Eastern Europe would be allowed to defect from the Soviet sphere. With startling speed, democratic movements emerged throughout the region in 1989, with the last regime falling in Romania before the end of the year. As the two Germanys moved toward reunification, the Soviet Union was faced with the development it had opposed for nearly half a century, a united and prosperous Germany. Assurances by the United States that Germany would remain within the western security alliance, and the evidence that a non-expansionist democracy had taken root there, persuaded the Soviets to accept reunification in 1990. With the resolution of the issue that had been most responsible for starting the Cold War, that conflict effectively came to an end.

**Chapter 3 : How close is the United States to a civil war? - The Boston Globe**

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To some, the Vietnam War was a crime â€” an attempt by the United States to suppress a heroic Vietnamese national liberation movement that had driven French colonialism out of its country. To others, the Vietnam War was a forfeit, a just war needlessly lost by timid policymakers and a biased media. For many who study foreign affairs, the Vietnam War was a tragic mistake brought about by U. Another interpretation, a fourth one, has recently emerged, now that the Vietnam War is history and can be studied dispassionately by scholars with greater, though not unlimited, access to records on all sides. The emerging scholarly synthesis interprets the war in the global context of the Cold War that lasted from the aftermath of World War II to the fall of the Berlin Wall in and the dissolution of the Soviet Union in . In this view, Vietnam was neither a crime, a forfeit nor a tragic mistake. It was a proxy conflict in the Cold War. Unlike the first two world wars, the Cold War began and ended without direct military conflict between the opposing sides, thanks to the deterrent provided by conventional forces as well as nuclear weapons. Instead, it was fought indirectly through economic embargoes, arms races, propaganda and proxy wars in peripheral nations like Vietnam. The greatest prizes in the Cold War were the industrial economies of the advanced European and East Asian nations, most of all Germany and Japan. With the industrial might of demilitarized Japan and the prosperous western half of a divided Germany, the United States could hope to carry out its patient policy of containment of a communist bloc that was highly militarized but economically outmatched, until the Soviets sued for peace or underwent internal reform. The Soviet Union could prevail in the Cold War only if it divided the United States from its industrialized allies â€” not by sponsoring communist takeovers within their borders but by intimidating them into appeasement after convincing them that the United States lacked the resolve or the ability to defend its interests. For this reason, most crises of the Cold War, from the Berlin Airlift and the Cuban Missile Crisis to the Korean and Vietnam wars, occurred when the United States responded to aggressive probing by communist bloc nations with dramatic displays of American resolve. The majority of these tests of American credibility took place in four countries divided between communist and non-communist regimes after World War II: Germany, China, Korea and Vietnam. The Cold War soon turned hot in divided Korea and Vietnam. Korea, Taiwan and Vietnam. Direct Chinese military intervention in the Korean War ensured a bloody stalemate rather than reunification of the peninsula under a non-communist regime. If we had pretended otherwise for such a long period, it was only because during the war we were not obliged to unveil our cards. In , the Johnson administration won congressional passage of the Southeast Asia Resolution after the Gulf of Tonkin incident, using as a pretext for U. The number of American forces peaked in , when more than half a million U. At great cost in American and Vietnamese lives, the attrition strategy of Gen. William Westmoreland succeeded in preventing the Saigon regime from being overthrown by insurgents. The Tet Offensive of January , perceived in the United States as a setback for American war aims, was in fact a devastating military setback for the north. In the United States, public opinion grew opposed to the costs in blood and treasure of the controversial war. Following the Paris Peace Accords of , U. In , upon uniting Vietnam under their rule in , the victorious heirs of Ho Chi Minh imposed Marxist-Leninist totalitarianism on the south and helped their allies win power in Laos. The Third Indochina War soon followed. Of the three great powers that intervened in Indochina after the ouster of France in the s, the Soviet Union gained the most. Just as the Soviets and Chinese had armed and equipped Vietnamese opponents of U. The Soviet war in Afghanistan was the third major proxy war in the Cold War. In , the year in which the Berlin Wall fell and the Cold War effectively ended, the Soviet Union withdrew from Afghanistan, as the United States had withdrawn its troops from Indochina a decade and a half earlier. The discredited secular creed of Marxism-Leninism has survived in only a few dictatorships, including China, North Korea and Vietnam. As the narrative of the 20th century is interpreted, historians are regarding the Vietnam War in a global context that spans decades and concludes with the fall of the Soviet Union. No matter their differences of perspective, they will define the

Vietnam War as the Cold War in Indochina. This provides an answer to those who claim that the United States, by its intervention, mistakenly turned a pure civil war in Vietnam into part of the Cold War. Was South Vietnam too marginal an interest to justify a U. Viewing the Indochina wars as Cold War proxy wars, along with the conflicts of that era in Korea and Afghanistan, answers one set of critics: It also provides an answer to other critics who claim that the United States should have been more aggressive toward North Vietnam. In my view, it was partly because political and diplomatic circles in Washington were disproportionately concerned with the possibility of Chinese and Soviet intervention. Fifty percent of all Soviet foreign aid went to North Vietnam between and Soviet anti-aircraft teams in North Vietnam brought down dozens of U. It is now known that in a secret meeting between Ho Chi Minh and Mao in the summer of , China agreed to enter the war directly if the United States invaded North Vietnam. According to Beijing, between and , there were , Chinese troops assigned to North Vietnam, with a maximum of , "roughly a third of the maximum number of U. Harry Summers had been taken by Washington in Vietnam, there would have been a real danger of a Sino-American war with dire consequences for the world. In retrospect, it appears that Johnson had drawn the correct lesson from the Korean War and had been prudent in his approach to the Vietnam conflict. Elsewhere in Asia, including the Philippines, Malaya and Indonesia, communist insurgencies were defeated by local governments, sometimes with the help of British or French advisers and combat troops. It may be that those insurgencies failed, while communist regimes survived in part of Korea and unified Vietnam, because of one factor: Ever since the fall of Saigon, Americans have sought to draw lessons from Vietnam, but some have been short-lived. In the late 20th century, U. In the aftermath of Vietnam, the United States sought to put Asian conflicts behind it. In a Sino-American conflict in the 21st century, Vietnam might even be an American ally. As a historical event, the Vietnam War is an unchanging part of the past. As a symbol, it will continue to evolve, reflecting the values and priorities of later generations.

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*The United States enters the war Between the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and the U.S. presidential election in November , the situation in Vietnam had changed for the worse. Beginning in September, the Khanh government was succeeded by a bewildering array of cliques and coalitions, some of which stayed in power less than a month.*

Bring fact-checked results to the top of your browser search. Beginning in September, the Khanh government was succeeded by a bewildering array of cliques and coalitions, some of which stayed in power less than a month. The communists were now deliberately targeting U. Air attacks against North Vietnam, they argued, would boost the morale of the shaky South Vietnamese and reassure them of continuing American commitment. On the other hand, National Security Adviser McGeorge Bundy and Assistant Secretary of Defense John McNaughton argued for a series of graduated air attacks that would become progressively more damaging until the North Vietnamese decided that the cost of waging war in the South was too high. Humphrey warned the president that a major bombing campaign would likely lead only to further American commitment and political problems at home. But Johnson was more concerned with the immediate need to take action in order to halt the slide in Saigon. In mid-February, without public announcement, the United States began a campaign of sustained air strikes against the North that were code-named Rolling Thunder. By the summer of , the successes of the Viet Cong on the battlefield led the U. The bombing campaign followed the graduated path outlined by Bundy but was steadily expanded to include more targets and more frequent attacks. It was closely directed from the White House in order to avoid provoking the Chinese or Soviets through such actions as attacking ports where Soviet ships might be docked or hitting targets near the Chinese border. Yet it was soon apparent that the bombing would have little direct impact on the struggle in South Vietnam, where the communists appeared to be gaining ground inexorably. By mid-March Westmoreland and the Joint Chiefs of Staff were advising the White House that the United States would have to commit its own troops for combat if it wished to forestall a communist victory. Unhappy memories of the Korean War , where U. In March U. By June Westmoreland was predicting the likely collapse of the South Vietnamese army, and he recommended the rapid dispatch of U. Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara , on a mission to Vietnam in early July, confirmed the need for additional forces. In late July Johnson took the final steps that would commit the United States to full-scale war in Vietnam: The president publicly announced his decisions at a news conference at the end of July. There was no declaration of warâ€”not even an address to Congressâ€”and no attempt to put the country on a war footing economically.

**Chapter 5 : List of wars involving the United States - Wikipedia**

*It's the war from hell, the savage one that Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, along with seven other Middle Eastern and North African states, have been waging in Yemen since March*

Native Americans in the United States This map shows the approximate location of the ice-free corridor and specific Paleoindian sites Clovis theory. It is not definitively known how or when the Native Americans first settled the Americas and the present-day United States. The prevailing theory proposes that people migrated from Eurasia across Beringia , a land bridge that connected Siberia to present-day Alaska during the Ice Age , and then spread southward throughout the Americas. The pre-Columbian era incorporates all period subdivisions in the history and prehistory of the Americas before the appearance of significant European influences on the American continents, spanning the time of the original settlement in the Upper Paleolithic period to European colonization during the early modern period. Native American cultures are not normally included in characterizations of advanced stone age cultures as " Neolithic ," which is a category that more often includes only the cultures in Eurasia, Africa, and other regions. They divided the archaeological record in the Americas into five phases; [3] see Archaeology of the Americas. The Clovis culture , a megafauna hunting culture, is primarily identified by use of fluted spear points. Artifacts from this culture were first excavated in near Clovis, New Mexico. The culture is identified by the distinctive Clovis point , a flaked flint spear-point with a notched flute, by which it was inserted into a shaft. Dating of Clovis materials has been by association with animal bones and by the use of carbon dating methods. Recent reexaminations of Clovis materials using improved carbon-dating methods produced results of 11, and 10, radiocarbon years B. According to the oral histories of many of the indigenous peoples of the Americas, they have been living on this continent since their genesis, described by a wide range of traditional creation stories. Other tribes have stories that recount migrations across long tracts of land and a great river, believed to be the Mississippi River. Archeological and linguistic data has enabled scholars to discover some of the migrations within the Americas. A Folsom point for a spear. The Folsom Tradition was characterized by use of Folsom points as projectile tips, and activities known from kill sites, where slaughter and butchering of bison took place. Linguists, anthropologists and archeologists believe their ancestors comprised a separate migration into North America, later than the first Paleo-Indians. They were the earliest ancestors of the Athabaskan - speaking peoples, including the present-day and historical Navajo and Apache. They constructed large multi-family dwellings in their villages, which were used seasonally. People did not live there year-round, but for the summer to hunt and fish, and to gather food supplies for the winter. Since the s, archeologists have explored and dated eleven Middle Archaic sites in present-day Louisiana and Florida at which early cultures built complexes with multiple earthwork mounds ; they were societies of hunter-gatherers rather than the settled agriculturalists believed necessary according to the theory of Neolithic Revolution to sustain such large villages over long periods. Poverty Point is a 1 square mile 2. Artifacts show the people traded with other Native Americans located from Georgia to the Great Lakes region. This is one among numerous mound sites of complex indigenous cultures throughout the Mississippi and Ohio valleys. They were one of several succeeding cultures often referred to as mound builders. The term "Woodland" was coined in the s and refers to prehistoric sites dated between the Archaic period and the Mississippian cultures. The Hopewell tradition is the term for the common aspects of the Native American culture that flourished along rivers in the northeastern and midwestern United States from BCE to CE. At its greatest extent, the Hopewell exchange system ran from the Southeastern United States into the southeastern Canadian shores of Lake Ontario. Within this area, societies participated in a high degree of exchange; most activity was conducted along the waterways that served as their major transportation routes. The Hopewell exchange system traded materials from all over the United States. The indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest Coast were of many nations and tribal affiliations, each with distinctive cultural and political identities, but they shared certain beliefs, traditions and practices, such as the centrality of salmon as a resource and spiritual symbol. Their gift-giving feast, potlatch , is a highly complex event where people gather in order to commemorate special events such as the raising of a

Totem pole or the appointment or election of a new chief. The most famous artistic feature of the culture is the Totem pole, with carvings of animals and other characters to commemorate cultural beliefs, legends, and notable events. It was built by the Adena culture. The Adena culture refers to what were probably a number of related Native American societies sharing a burial complex and ceremonial system. A map showing the extent of the Coles Creek cultural period and some important sites. The Coles Creek culture is an indigenous development of the Lower Mississippi Valley that took place between the terminal Woodland period and the later Plaquemine culture period. The period is marked by the increased use of flat-topped platform mounds arranged around central plazas, more complex political institutions, and a subsistence strategy still grounded in the Eastern Agricultural Complex and hunting rather than on the maize plant as would happen in the succeeding Plaquemine Mississippian period. The culture was originally defined by the unique decoration on grog -tempered ceramic ware by James A. Ford after his investigations at the Mazique Archeological Site. He had studied both the Mazique and Coles Creek Sites, and almost went with the Mazique culture, but decided on the less historically involved sites name. It is ancestral to the Plaquemine culture. The Hohokam was a culture centered along American Southwest. They raised corn, squash and beans. The communities were located near good arable land, with dry farming common in the earlier years of this period. The Classical period of the culture saw the rise in architecture and ceramics. Buildings were grouped into walled compounds, as well as earthen platform mounds. Platform mounds were built along river as well as irrigation canal systems, suggesting these sites were administrative centers allocating water and coordinating canal labor. Polychrome pottery appeared, and inhumation burial replaced cremation. Trade included that of shells and other exotics. Social and climatic factors led to a decline and abandonment of the area after A. Ancestral Puebloan archeological sites.

*Under President Woodrow Wilson, the United States remained neutral until and then entered the war on the side of the Allied powers (the United Kingdom, France, and Russia). The experience of World War I had a major impact on US domestic politics, culture, and society.*

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since the war began. And with the advent of Donald Trump, such military involvement has only deepened: Saudi and Emirati airpower and warships supported Emirati and Sudanese troops on the ground joined by allied Yemeni militias. The advance, however, quickly stalled in the face of Houthi resistance, though only after at least 50, families had fled Hodeida and basic services for the remaining , were disrupted, creating fears of a new outbreak of cholera. In response, he allied ever more strongly with Saudi Arabia and the United States, alienating the Houthis, whose main bastion, the governate of Saada , abuts the Saudi border. For good measure, he joined the Saudis in painting the Houthis little more than tools of an Iran that Washington and Riyadh both loathed. When those powers nonetheless came to see the Yemeni autocrat as a political liability, they helped oust him and transfer power to his deputy, Abdu Rabbu Mansour Hadi. Such moves failed to calm the waters, as the country started to disintegrate and Saudi-US efforts to consolidate the transition from Saleh to Hadi unraveled. It was a formula for disaster and when Hadi proposed a plan to create a federal system for Yemen, the Houthis were infuriated. New boundaries would, among other things, have cut their homeland off from the Red Sea coast. So they gave up on his government and girded for battle. Soon, their forces were advancing southward. The following March, they occupied Aden in southern Yemen and Hadi, whose government had moved there, promptly fled across the border to Riyadh. The American Role The commonplace rendition of the war in Yemen pits a US-backed Saudi coalition against the Houthis, cast as agents of Iran and evidence of its increasing influence in the Middle East. Predictably, as this cartoonish portrayal of a complicated civil war gained ground in the mainstream American media and among Beltway pundits as well, of course, as in the Pentagon and White House , inconvenient facts were shunted aside. Moreover, Iran did not jump into the fray during the violent clashes between Saleh and the Houthis and did not have longstanding ties to them either. In addition, contrary to the prevailing view in Washington, Iran is unlikely to be their main source of weaponry and support. Besides, having pillaged various military bases during their march toward Aden, the Houthis do not lack for weaponry. None of that, however, explains the full-scale American backing for the Saudi-led intervention there in the Obama years. In recent years, opposition to the war in Congress has been on the rise, with Senator Bernie Sanders and Representative Ro Khanna playing prominent roles in mobilizing it. They face formidable barriers. The mainstream narrative on the war remains powerful, while the Gulf monarchies continue to buy vast quantities of American weaponry. As the fifth anniversary of this appalling war approaches, American-made arms and logistical aid remain essential to it. Why then would the Saudi and Emirati monarchs worry that the White House might actually do something like cutting off those lucrative sales or terminating the back-end support for their bombing campaign? One thing is obvious: After all, its drone strikes began there in under George W. There were drone strikes in Yemen during the Obama years, according to the most reliable high-end estimates, and civilian casualties ranged between 83 and Under Trump they soared quickly, from 21 in to in The US-backed, Saudi-led intervention is also likely to prove not just self-defeating but self-prophetic. It seems to be cementing an alliance between Iran and the Houthis who, though they have been pushed out of Aden, still control a big chunk of Yemen. Meanwhile, in a move that could make the war even deadlier, the Emiratis appear to be striking out on their own, supporting secession in southern Yemen. In short, a war on terror has turned into a war of and for terror. In Yemen, the United States backs a grim military intervention for whichâ€”unless you are a weapons companyâ€”it is hard to find any justification, practical or moral. Unfortunately, it is even harder to imagine President Trump or the Pentagon reaching such a conclusion and changing course. He is the author, most recently, of *The Conceit of Humanitarian Intervention*. To submit a correction for our consideration, [click here](#). For Reprints and Permissions, [click here](#).

**Chapter 7 : The War From Hellâ€™Supported by the United States | The Nation**

*The United States entered the war against Japan, and would now also have the opportunity to move against Hitler in Europe by aiding the British â€™ this time with forces. Within a few hours of attacking Pearl Harbor, Japanese bombers struck at American bases on the islands of Guam, Midway, and Wake.*

The presentation of the Declaration of Independence. After the French and Indian War, the colonists began to think that they were not getting their "rights as freeborn Englishman". This was mainly caused by new taxes the British made the colonies pay to pay for the war. In , colonists in Boston known as the Sons of Liberty got in a fight with British soldiers. This became known as the Boston Massacre. This was known as the Boston Tea Party It argued that the colonies should be free of English rule. This said that they were free and independent states , and were not part of England any more. The Revolutionary War started in at Lexington and Concord. In , an American victory at Yorktown helped by the French led Britain to decide to stop fighting and give up the colonies. It gave almost all the power to the states and very little to the central government. Many of the people who helped write the Constitution, such as Washington, James Madison , Alexander Hamilton and Gouverneur Morris , were among the major thinkers in America at the time. The constitution created a stronger national government that had three branches: In other states, many people did not like the Constitution because it gave more power to the central government and had no bill of rights. However, this was not true at first, when only white males who owned property could vote. He defined how a person should act as President and retired after two terms. This was the first American election that was between two political parties. One of the most important things he did as President was to make the Louisiana Purchase from France , which made the United States twice as big. This was called the War of By , over three million African-Americans were slaves in the South. Most worked picking cotton on large plantations. Most white people in the South owned no slaves at all. All of these rebellions failed. The South wanted stronger state governments, but the North wanted a stronger central government. Due to the American System, bigger cities and more factories were built. By , thousands of miles of railroads and telegraph lines had been built in the United States, mostly in the Northeast and Midwest. Many factories were built in Northern cities such as Lowell, Massachusetts. Many factory workers were women, and some were children or people from Ireland or Germany. Thousands of people gathered at large religious meetings called revivals. The other was abolitionism , which tried to end slavery. People such as Harriet Beecher Stowe and William Lloyd Garrison wrote books and newspapers saying that slavery should stop. By , slavery was very rare in the North, but continued in the South. This meant that most married women were expected to stay in the home and raise children. Women who were not married had only a few jobs open to them, such as working in clothing factories and serving as maids. In , many of these women met and agreed to fight for more rights for women, including voting. He was the first president elected from the Democratic Party. He changed the government in many ways. Since many of his supporters were poor people who had not voted before, he rewarded them with government jobs, which is called "spoils" or "patronage". He saw it as a symbol of Whigs and of powerful American businessmen. They called it the "Tariff of Abominations". Calhoun , was from the South. He wrote that the South should stop the tariff and perhaps leave the Union secession. These words would be used again during the Civil War. The first people who moved west were people who caught and sold animal skins such as John Colter and Jim Bridger. During this period, Native Americans lost much of their land. They had lost military battles to the Americans at Tippecanoe and in the Seminole War. In , Texas , which was a nation after it left Mexico , joined the United States. During the war, the U. Many people in the North did not like this war, because they thought it was just good for Southern slave states.

**Chapter 8 : The United States On The Cusp Of A Modern-Day Civil War**

*The United States Is Entering A New Cold War – With China It is better to be a conservative realist and nationalist than to be a utopian internationalist and be slapped in the face by reality.*

It killed more people, cost more money, damaged more property, affected more people, and caused more far-reaching changes in nearly every country than any other war in history. The number of people killed, wounded, or missing between September and September can never be calculated, but it is estimated that more than 55 million people perished. More than 50 countries took part in the war, and the whole world felt its effects. Men fought in almost every part of the world, on every continent except Antarctica. The United States hoped to stay out. Drawing on its experience from World War I, Congress passed a series of Neutrality Acts between and , which were intended to prevent Americans becoming entangled with belligerents. Americans in general, however, while not wanting to fight the war, were definitely not neutral in their sympathies and the acts were manipulated, to the frustration of genuine isolationists, to lend more support to the Allies than the Axis. Historians do not agree on the exact date when World War II began. Most consider the German invasion of Poland on September 1, , to be the beginning of the war. Others say it started when the Japanese invaded Manchuria on September 18, . War officially began on September 1, , when Germany attacked Poland. Germany then crushed six countries in three months – Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, and France – and proceeded to conquer Yugoslavia and Greece. By early , all major countries of the world were involved in the most destructive war in history. World War II would go down in the history books as bringing about the downfall of Western Europe as the center of world power, leading to the rise of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics U. That, combined with the outcome of World War I , led to major repositioning of world power and influence. That was fertile ground for the emergence of various forms of totalitarian governments in the Soviet Union, Japan, Italy, and Germany, as well as other countries. Many countries had liberal democratic governments following World War I, but dictatorship developed during the s and s, which destroyed democratic rights. The Germans found it easy to blame the harsh Treaty of Versailles for their troubles. Germany set up a republican form of government in . Many Germans blamed the new government for accepting the hated treaty. People who could not find jobs began to drift into the Communist and National Socialist parties. Prior to , Britain, France, and Germany were the industrial and financial centers of the world. Following World War I, those countries lost their positions and the United States filled their place. America dominated the world market of food, minerals, and industry. When the stock market crashed on October 29, , the financial crisis had worldwide consequences and the reaction of nations to the dire financial straits of the Depression had a huge impact. After World War I, Germany, Italy, and Japan – anxious to regain or increase their power – adopted forms of dictatorship. The League of Nations was unable to promote disarmament. When Adolf Hitler came into power, he promised to end the humiliating conditions caused by German defeat in World War I. Economic problems were among the fundamental causes of World War II. Germany, Italy, and Japan considered themselves unjustly handicapped in trying to compete with other nations for markets, raw materials, and colonies. The Depression destroyed the market for imported silk from Japan, which had provided the country with two-fifths of its export income. Military leaders took control of the government, and in , Japan invaded China, looking for more raw materials and bigger markets for her factories. The League of Nations called a conference of 60 nations in Geneva, Switzerland, in . The conference was one in a long line of disarmament conferences that had been occurring since the end of World War I. Germany, whose military power had been severely limited by the Treaty of Versailles , announced that world disarmament had to be accomplished, or Germany would rearm and achieve military equality. France refused to disarm until an international police system could be established. The conference adjourned temporarily and by the time it was back in session, Hitler had become chancellor of Germany and was already preparing to rearm. Germany withdrew from the conference, which ended in failure, without any hope for disarmament. America prepares for war After the war began in Europe in , people in the Americas were divided on whether their countries should take part or stay out. Most Americans hoped the Allies would win,

but they also hoped to keep the United States out of war. The isolationists, wanted the country to stay out of the war at almost any cost. Another group, the interventionists, wanted the United States to do all in its power to aid the Allies. Canada declared war on Germany almost at once, while the United States shifted its policy from neutrality to preparedness. It began to expand its armed forces, build defense plants, and give the Allies all-out aid short of war. Roosevelt called upon the United States to be "the great arsenal of democracy," and supply war materials to the Allies through sale, lease, or loan. The Lend-Lease bill became law on March 11, 1941. During the next four years, the U. S. At the height of its strength in 1945, the United States had six million in the Army; 3, in the Navy; 2, in the Army air forces; 1, in the Marine Corps; and 1, in the Coast Guard. In 1945, the United States had about 2, airplanes and warships. By 1945, it had about 80, airplanes and 2, warships. The United States used draft laws to build their armed forces. Factories in the United States converted from civilian to war production with amazing speed. Firms that had made vacuum cleaners before the war began to produce machine guns. As men went into the armed forces, women took their places in war plants. By 1945, more than two million women were working in American war industries. In shipyards and aircraft plants, Rosie the riveter became a common sight. Officials discovered that women could perform the duties of eight of every 10 jobs normally done by men. Most governments, both Allied and Axis, had to ration the amount of consumer goods each person could use. In the United States, rationed items included meats, butter, sugar, fats, oil, coffee, canned foods, shoes, and gasoline. Congress gave the president power to freeze prices, salaries, and wages at their levels of September 15, 1941. The United States imposed a special excise tax on such luxury items as jewelry and cosmetics. The government also set up a civil-defense system to protect the country from attack. Many cities practiced "blackouts" in which cities on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts dimmed their lights. Ordinarily, the glare from their lights made ships near the shore easy targets for submarines. Every country in the Americas eventually declared war on the Axis, but only Brazil, Canada, Mexico, and the United States actually provided military forces. Great Britain and the United States worked out the broad strategic outlines of the war. They considered Germany the greater and closer enemy. The Allies fought to preserve their countries and stabilize Europe, as well as destroy Nazism and establish democracy. The Soviet aim was to drive out the Nazis and emerge strong enough to continue communization of the world. Germany and its six allies were known as the Axis. The Allies mobilized about 62 million men and women, while the Axis mobilized about half that number. The goal of the Axis powers was simple. Germany intended to build up a powerful empire by occupying territory to the east and south. Then, after overrunning France, it would use air assaults to force Britain to make peace. Hitler had two aims: His ally, Benito Mussolini, had his own aims: Italy hoped to take advantage of German successes to grab territory for itself. Japan had no plans for invading the United States mainland. That was followed by moves into Austria and Czechoslovakia, and finally, on September 1, 1939, German forces invaded Poland. That brought a declaration of war from France and Britain. Some historians believe that the Soviet Union leadership knew in the spring or early summer of that Germany planned to invade Poland in September. Thus, the Soviet Union signed a nonaggression pact with Germany just two weeks before the attack. They also made a secret agreement to divide Poland with the Germans after the conquest. Also, despite having signed a non-aggression treaty with Joseph Stalin, Hitler turned on his ally and prepared to become the master of Europe. Germany and Italy declared war on the United States on December 11, 1941. It was quite important in strategic terms, with the Mediterranean and the British African Empire at stake. It was the only theater in which the Western Allies engaged both German and Italian ground forces. Hitler did not want British planes within striking distance of his one major oil source, the Ploiesti fields in Romania, and in November 1941, he prepared his soldiers to join in the fight. More than 1, German and Italian prisoners of war were taken. Following seesawing control of Libya and parts of Egypt, British Commonwealth forces succeeded in pushing the Axis back. The dispersion of the Axis forces throughout Europe during this time was an important reason why the Allies were able to gain the upper hand in North Africa. Hitler was preoccupied with the Russian front and many divisions of the German army were already committed to it. North Africa was essentially used as a springboard for the Allied invasion of Sicily in July and Italy in September of the same year. Along with worldwide domination, Hitler also aimed to rid the world of various ethnic, religious, national, and secular groups. The Holocaust began in 1941 and continued until 1945. The goal of the

Nazis was to attempt, on an industrial scale, to assemble and exterminate as many people as possible. Concentration camps were established and mass executions carried out. The Jews of Europe were the main targets, but Hitler also targeted Poles, Slavs, gypsies, the disabled, and gay men. By the end of the war, approximately six million people had been killed by the German Gestapo or the SS.

**Chapter 9 : Office of the Historian**

*The United States maintains large air facilities in both Qatar (Al-Udeid airbase) and on the island of Diego Garcia in the middle of the Indian Ocean. Both facilities were used extensively in the.*

For more information, please see the full notice. Without the remarkable efforts of the Soviet Union on the Eastern Front, the United States and Great Britain would have been hard pressed to score a decisive military victory over Nazi Germany. Nevertheless, in spite of intense pressure to sever relations with the Soviet Union, Roosevelt never lost sight of the fact that Nazi Germany, not the Soviet Union, posed the greatest threat to world peace. Following the Nazi defeat of France in June of 1940, Roosevelt grew wary of the increasing aggression of the Germans and made some diplomatic moves to improve relations with the Soviets. Welles refused to accede to Soviet demands that the United States recognize the changed borders of the Soviet Union after the Soviet seizure of territory in Finland, Poland, and Romania and the reincorporation of the Baltic Republics in August 1939, but the U. Government did lift the embargo in January 1941. Finally, during the Congressional debate concerning the passage of the Lend-Lease bill in early 1941, Roosevelt blocked attempts to exclude the Soviet Union from receiving U. Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles. The most important factor in swaying the Soviets eventually to enter into an alliance with the United States was the Nazi decision to launch its invasion of the Soviet Union in June 1941. President Roosevelt responded by dispatching his trusted aide Harry Lloyd Hopkins to Moscow in order to assess the Soviet military situation. Although the War Department had warned the President that the Soviets would not last more than six weeks, after two one-on-one meetings with Soviet Premier Josef Stalin, Hopkins urged Roosevelt to assist the Soviets. The United States entered the war as a belligerent in late 1941 and thus began coordinating directly with the Soviets, and the British, as allies. Several issues arose during the war that threatened the alliance. The most important disagreement, however, was over the opening of a second front in the West. In 1942, Roosevelt unwisely promised the Soviets that the Allies would open the second front that autumn. Although Stalin only grumbled when the invasion was postponed until 1943, he exploded the following year when the invasion was postponed again until May of 1944. In retaliation, Stalin recalled his ambassadors from London and Washington and fears soon arose that the Soviets might seek a separate peace with Germany. Harry Lloyd Hopkins. In spite of these differences, the defeat of Nazi Germany was a joint endeavor that could not have been accomplished without close cooperation and shared sacrifices. Militarily, the Soviets fought valiantly and suffered staggering casualties on the Eastern Front. When Great Britain and the United States finally invaded northern France in 1944, the Allies were finally able to drain Nazi Germany of its strength on two fronts. Furthermore, during the wartime conferences at Tehran and Yalta, Roosevelt secured political concessions from Stalin and Soviet participation in the United Nations. While President Roosevelt harbored no illusions about Soviet designs in Eastern Europe, it was his great hope that if the United States made a sincere effort to satisfy legitimate Soviet security requirements in Eastern Europe and Northeast Asia, and to integrate the U. Unfortunately, soon after the war, the alliance between the United States and the Soviet Union began to unravel as the two nations faced complex postwar decisions.