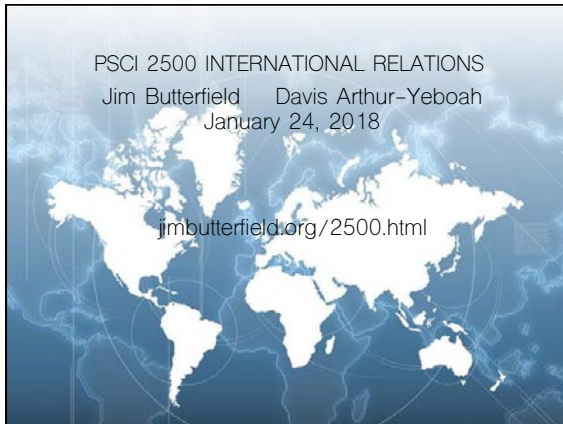


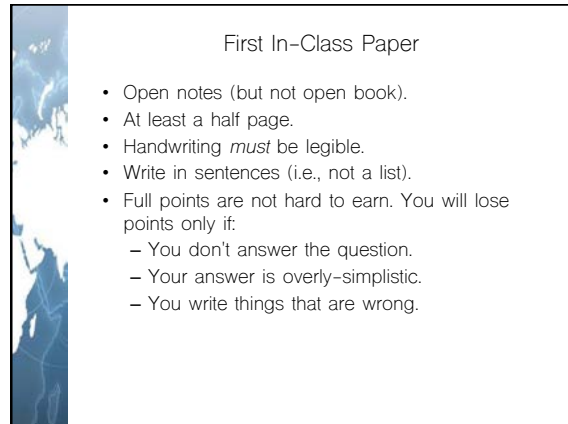
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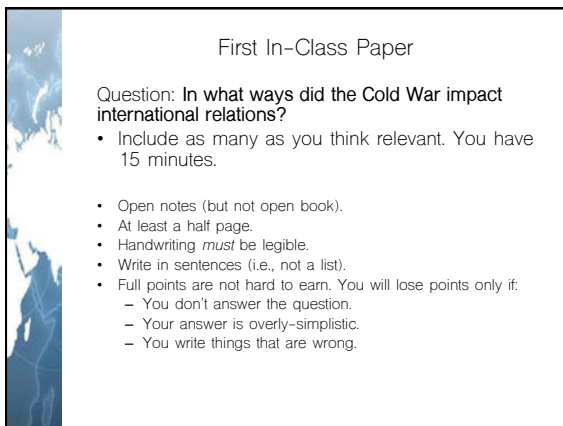
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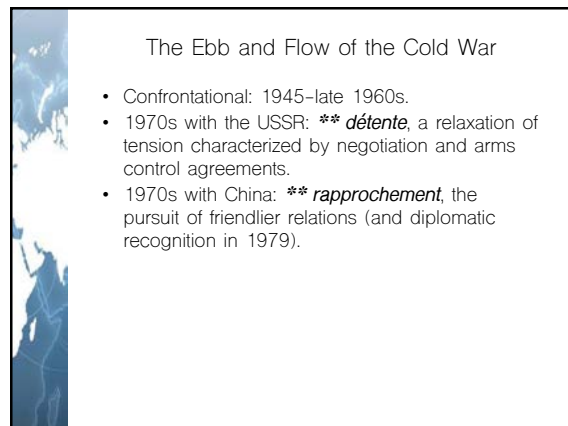
Question: **In what ways did the Cold War impact international relations?**

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The Ebb and Flow of the Cold War

- Confrontational: 1945–late 1960s.
- 1970s with the USSR: **** détente**, a relaxation of tension characterized by negotiation and arms control agreements.
- 1970s with China: **** rapprochement**, the pursuit of friendlier relations (and diplomatic recognition in 1979).



Jimmy Carter and Leonid Brezhnev sign arms control treaty, 1979 (part of *détente*, late 1960s and 1970s)




Mao Zedong and Richard Nixon meet in 1972 (*rapprochement*)



The Ebb and Flow of the Cold War

- 1980-late 1980s: confrontational again.
 - Reagan and the "evil empire."
- Early 1990s: the Cold War ends (because the USSR collapsed on 12/31/91).
- China became increasingly capitalist while remaining politically communist.



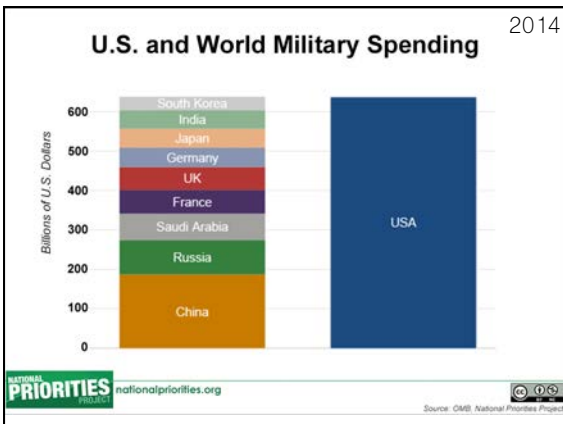
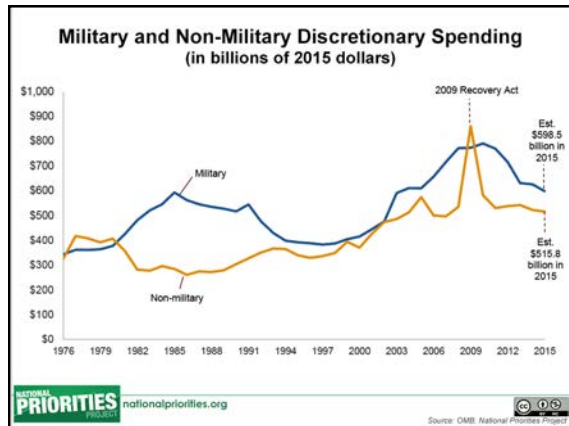
Soviet flag lowered over the Kremlin for the last time on 12/31/91.

So the Cold War is over. Now what?

- American hegemony?
- **** Hegemony:** a system with a dominant leader that has more influence over other actors than anyone else.
- Perhaps for a decade or so. Less so now.

So the Cold War is over. Now what?

- A "new world order" and a "peace dividend"?
 - George H.W. Bush
 - **** New world order:** greater prospects for peace and global cooperation after end of Cold War.
 - **** The peace dividend:** with less money needed for defense, more money would be available for peaceful purposes.



So the Cold War is over. Now what?

- More emphasis on competition and cooperation than confrontation.
 - International political economy: trade and investment.
 - Many free trade agreements.
 - World Trade Organization (1995).
 - Taking advantage of globalization.

Global War on Terror

- Announced in September 2001 days after 9/11 attacks.
- The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq were part of it.
 - Although, Iraq had no connection to al-Qaeda or 9/11.



Global War on Terror

- Obama announced the end of the War on Terror in 2013.
- "We must define our effort not as a boundless 'Global War on Terror,' but rather as a series of persistent, targeted efforts to dismantle specific networks of violent extremists that threaten America."



What of the Military Alliances?

- NATO was a defensive alliance against the Soviet Union. Was it still needed?
- It still exists. It has expanded:
 - Cold War: 16 members.
 - Now: 29 (including seven former Warsaw Pact members).
- The Warsaw Pact was disbanded in 1991.

