

Reasons for Cold War

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- Cold War
- Conflict between nations
 - No **direct** military action
 - American - Soviet 1947 - 1989

- Reasons to tensions
1. Ideologies
 2. History of mistrust
 3. Yalta & Potsdam
 4. Worsened relations
- Background info

1 Conflicting Ideologies

Ideology	USA Democracy	USSR Communism
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Individuals have the right to choose their own government◦ Individual liberty is protected◦ Sustain capitalism; prevent communism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Destroy capitalism◦ Support class struggles and revolutions◦ Create ideal and utopian world where people are equal; everything is shared
Vision & Belief	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Free elections to choose govt◦ Contested by parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ one party dictatorship◦ all candidates are communist
Creating wealth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ wealth created through free market◦ inequality betw/ rich & poor◦ Capitalist w/ free economy◦ People can own business & buy & own good	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ shared through state control; low inequality & employment◦ communist with command economy◦ Goods allocated according to need◦ Govt control resources to produce goods
Individual or society	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ value individual freedom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Interest of society more important

2 History of mistrust

- 1 Communist vision called for revolutions against capitalist states
⇒ USA is capitalist
- 2 1919 : Germany to not be broken up so as to be a barrier to communism
⇒ Shows Britain & USA suspicions
- 3 Civil War in Russia in 1918 to 1921 between whites and reds
⇒ US & British sided with whites to prevent communist victory
- 4 1920s red scare in USA led to alot of Russians being imprisoned
- 5 British & French policy of appeasement towards Germany.
⇒ Wanted Germany to oppose communism
⇒ USSR thought they allowed GER to conquer Eastern Europe.
- 6 Nazi-Soviet Non Aggression Pact
⇒ Surprised USA

Ideologies clash

Increased suspicion

USA going against USSR

High tensions

High tensions sus each other

USSR against USA

3 Yalta & Potsdam Conference

a Yalta Conf.

FEB 1945

- Background :
- Allies winning war against GER
 - USA & USSR more prominent as superpowers
 - Both had differing views
 - Japan was an issue still

<p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Alarmed by all the Communist parties in Eastern Europe ⇒ looked like they wanted to spread communist ideology◦ Trade with Europe disrupted due to WWII ⇒ Europe suffering from post-war impacts → unstable◦ Wants to assert USA dominance globally	<p>USSR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Had been invaded twice already ⇒ through Poland then into USSR◦ Aftermath of war had 20million Soviet citizens dead◦ USSR industries and cities devastated.◦ Wanted to cripple GER◦ Rebuild USSR
<p>VIEWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Wanted peace, safety and prosperity◦ Democracy & Capitalism for everyone◦ Wants political influence & econ benefits◦ Western Europe recovery essential ⇒ international stability ⇒ US prosperity from trade	<p>VIEWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Wanted buffer states ⇒ prevent future invasions◦ East EUR need to be friendly to USSR◦ Want reparations from GER ⇒ Ensure GER can't threaten USSR again.

IMPORTANT TAKEAWAYS FROM YALTA :

AGREEMENTS	Disagreements	⇒ Compromise
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ USSR enter war w/ Japan once GER Surrender◦ GER divide into 4 : US, FR, BR, USSR ⇒ Berlin too◦ Big Three join UN◦ East EUR Soviet sphere of influence ⇒ Stalin concerned about USSR safety because it was weakened post war	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Stalin want Soviet border move into Poland ↓◦ Poland move border into west EUR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ IF USSR did not interfere w/ Greece ↓◦ USA trying to prevent communist takeover in Greece◦ All accepted the compromise

EVEN IF :
They all seemed united, it was a front
There were underlying tensions that were unaddressed

They thought USSR was against them ⇒ did not trust
Churchill made plans for possible war w/ USSR

3 Yalta & Potsdam Conference

b Potsdam Conf.

JULY - AUG 1945

- Background :
- Roosevelt → Truman [USA]
 - Churchill → Atlee [Brit]
 - Stalin remains [USSR]
 - USSR controlled most of East EUR
 - Stalin went against Yalta conf. agreements
⇒ Free elections were not so free
↳ Said it was to defend USSR
 - Truman told Stalin : A-bomb
↳ Stalin had spies so not surprised
↳ Truman withheld info from Stalin
⇒ ↑ tensions & distrust

TRUMAN → ready to challenge Stalin
→ not as cooperative
→ less experienced

DISAGREEMENTS :

- Stalin wants to cripple GER
Truman does not want TOV repeat
- Stalin want compensation from GER
Truman agreed ; then disagreed
Stalin thought Truman protecting GER
- Yalta : agreed that East Eur is sphere of Soviet influence
- Meant that Stalin could set up communist governments
- Truman sus Stalin wanted to control all of Europe

3 worsening relations

- 1 Atomic Bomb
- 2 Soviet Control of Eastern Europe
- 3 Iron Curtain

A-Bomb
At Potsdam... :
Truman told Stalin about Manhattan Proj.
↓
likely trying to intimidate Stalin
HOWEVER!
Already knew about A-Bomb
↳ From Soviet spies
↳ Already ordered Soviets to develop A-Bomb

1949: Both countries had atomic weapons

Soviet Control of EE

Stalin employed Salami Tactics
↳ remove oppositions one by one
↳ ensure communist govts are lead by politicians loyal to Stalin

- 1 USSR support coalition govt [local communist party popular]
- 2 Communist work with other parties [in the beginning]
- 3 ↳ Then isolate & suppress other parties
- 4 ↳ Ban other parties, arrest & exile leaders
Slices opposition bit by bit
- 5 Communist party takes over

Iron Curtain [Soviet Control of EE]

Stalin : Controlling EE
↳ traditional route
↳ enemies from west attacked Russia
IF region is controlled by buffer states
↳ harder to attack USSR

Churchill : highly respected in USA
↳ gave a speech [Mar 1946]
⇒ iron curtain speech

IMPACT :

- Gave Truman attention he needed
- Support from the people
- More involved internationally
- Drew angry responses from Soviet Media & Stalin

Truman : Stalin's actions
↳ Stalin was trying to build an empire
HOWEVER
Citizens of USA did not want conflict
↳ did not want USA to interfere in international conflict
↳ Stalin's actions not their concern
↳ asked Churchill for help