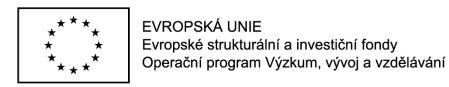
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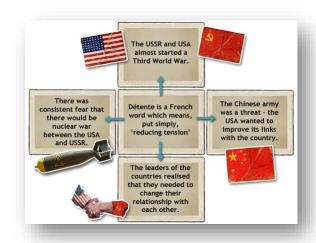


Reasons for détente

- Less bipolarization
- End of Pax Americana Western Europe
 - + Japan economically more important,
 - U.S. defeat in Vietnam



 Growing influence and independence of Third World countries – Oil Crisis of 1973 (OPEC) + Non–Aligned Movement countries



U.S. in Latin America

- After 1964 U.S. harder stance in Latin American countries
- Non-intervention against dictators if they were friendly to US business interests
- Intervention against Communists regardless of their policies (Brazil, Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Chile)
- **Johnson Doctrine** domestic revolution is not a local matter when the aim is to establish communist leadership

More reasons to cooperate

- NATO weakened 1966 France left + began its own nuclear research
- 1968 Czechoslovak Prague Spring Warsaw Pact countries invasion Yugoslavia,
 Romania, China, and Western European communists
- 1968 **Brezhnev Doctrine** USSR had right to violate the sovereingty of any country attempting to replace Marxism–Leninism with capitalism.
- Sino–Soviet split culminating 1969
- Ping-pong diplomacy
- 1972 Nixon visited China, met chairman Mao Zedong
 + Mao visited U.S. wanting to obtain
 advantage over the USSR
- 1972 USSR and U.S. nuclear parity



Détente – peaceful coexistence

- 1972 Strategic Arms Limitation Talks
- SALT I + Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty ban on the development of antiballlistic missiles and nuclear missiles
- 1972–1974 support for increased trade
- Ostpolitik of West Germany (Willy Brandt)
 - change in West German approachto East Germany cooperationinstead of fighting



Helsinki Accords

- Not-binding attempt to improve relations between the Communist bloc and the West
- Signed by 35 states
- Diplomatic boost for USSR?
- American policy remained the same
- Human Rights Watch
- Principles for foreign relations:
 - Sovereign equality, respect for the rights inherent in sovereignty
 - Refraining from the threat or use of force
 - Inviolability of frontiers
 - Territorial integrity of states
 - Peaceful settlement of disputes
 - Non-intervention in internal affairs
 - Respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief
 - Equal rights and self-determination of peoples
 - Co-operation among states
 - Fulfillment in good faith of obligations under international law



The end of détente I

- Still ongoing indirect conflicts in Middle East, Chile, Ethiopia, and Angola
- Beginning of the second Cold War highly intensive military tension in the late 1970s and early 1980s
- 1979 unsuccesfull attempt at SALT II
- 1979 Iranian Revolution (Oil Shock of 1979)
- 1979 revolution in Nicaragua backed by the USRR
- Pro-American leader overthrown in both cases

The end of détente II

- 1979–1989 Soviet–Afghan War USSR supported pro-Soviet unstable government x mujahideens
- New American President Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret
 Thatcher for tougher stand against the USSR as "evil empire"
- Reagan: "My idea of American policy toward the Soviet Union is simple, and some would say simplistic. It is this: We win and they lose. What do you think of that?"
- 1980 U.S. boycott of Summer Olympics in Moscow

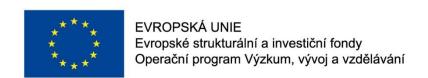


Readings & videos

- Documentaries
 - BBC The Cold War Détente, Good Guys, Bad Guys, Freeze
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bwcobw2KJ0
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Cold War History Videos

- http://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/cold-war-history/videos
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/coldwar/
- Specialized Resources / Collections / Cold War Files
 - https://www.wilsoncenter.org/program/cold-war-international-history-project
 - http://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/collections
 - http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/hi/themes/world_politics/cold_war/default.stm
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 - http://www.avclub.com/special/cold-war/timeline





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