

The Cold War: Over, Renewed, or Never Ended?

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WHO CARES?

- ❖ The importance of this issue is monumental because it shows that current world events may have a serious impact on our lives.
- ❖ It is also important to understand that as long as Russia is effectively trying to re-emerge as a world super power then Russian actions may continue to have a major impact on United States foreign policy.

The Debate

- ❑ Some historians and analysts argue that the New Cold War is completely different because it will not encompass the entire globe.
- ❑ Historians and analysts suggest that China and other major world powers will not be drawn into this conflict which makes this conflict completely separate from the Cold War.
- ❑ Some historians and analysts suggest that the proof that the Cold War ended directly relates to this wave of world peace that ended with the Cold War in 1989.
- ❑ Decrease in Civil Wars throughout the world following the Cold War due to the lack of funding for rebels following the fall of the Soviet Union.

Improvements in Russian Relations with NATO and the United States

- Since 1989 Russian and United states relations have had their up's and down's.
- 1997– Founding Act, which stated that NATO and Russia no longer saw themselves as adversaries. It laid a road map for future NATO–Russian relations. NATO and Russia have been working to have a cooperative relationship. However, it is still a work in progress.
- 2010– President Obama and Russian President Medvedev sign the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. (New Start) to reduce each nation's nuclear arsenal by thirty percent and also limit the number of Nuclear submarines and bombers.

(Plumer,2013)

Recent decline in U.S. Russian relations

- Since the initial cooperation of the New Start program President Obama has stated that he would like to continue to put limitations on each nation's nuclear arsenal.
- However this has proven to be difficult because Russia is no longer willing to reduce their arsenal any further without the U.S. agreeing to legally binding restrictions on their missile defense programs.
- U.S. spending billions on modernizing its own deterrent force. Including missile defense programs.
- Russia may feel like the U.S. is threatening them by aggressively seeking ways to improve their missile defense programs and modernizing their own weapons programs.
- U.S. and Russian relations are at an all time low since the Cold War.

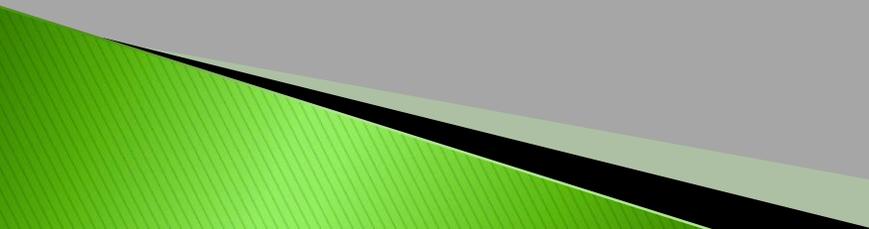
(plumer,2013)

(Feffer, 2014)

Could the New Cold War have the same type of influence as the Original Cold War?

- Most historians and analysts suggest that the New Cold War will not have the same amount of influence throughout the world as the original Cold War. However, these same historians and analysts contradict themselves by continuously acknowledging that these events are likely to have major implications on every aspect of the international system.
- They also acknowledge that the threat of a Nuclear War could quickly become a reality once again.
- They suggest that the best way to quickly solve the New Cold War conflict is by learning from the Cold War .

(Legvold, 2014)



Recent Russian military actions

2014	U.S.	TOTAL NATO	RUSSIA
Population	317 million	917 million	142.5 million
Armed forces	1.5 million	3.6 million	800,000
Reserves	840,000	2.4 million	2 million
Tanks	2,300	7,500	2,750
Combat aircraft	3,500	5,900	1,571
Nuclear weapons	5,000	5,325*	12,000

*Includes 325 from Britain and France

Note: The U.S. has 3,500 additional tanks in storage. Russia has 18,000 tanks in storage.

❑ The United States still sees Russia as the only world power that can single handedly wipe them out.

❑ In the recent months since the Crimea incident started, Russia has test launched an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, Russian Nuclear Submarines were detected off of the coast of Western Europe, and they even sent Nuclear capable Bombers to North America.

(Kroenig,2015) (Nazemroaya,2009)

Putin and Russia Vs. The World

- The 1991 “breakup of the Soviet Union was the greatest catastrophe of the century.” – *Vladimir Putin* (Roskin,2014)
- Putin wants to “re-establish a greater Russia in areas that were formally controlled by the Soviet Union” – Matthew Kroenig, (Kroenig,2015)
- Vladimir Putin views himself as “second only to god.” - *Mikhail Gorbachev* (Whale,2014)
- Either Putin is out of his mind or he sees the United States and NATO at a weakening state.
- "His primary form of compensation for his disorder is extreme control and this is reflected in his decision style and how he governs," (U-JIN LEE, CBS NEWS 2015)

Major areas of conflict That Still Exist Since the Cold War.

ASIA	RUSSIA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Divided Korean Peninsula.<input type="checkbox"/> North Korea can possibly cause some serious issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Russia VS. NATO<input type="checkbox"/> Russian and U.S. relations continue to decline.<input type="checkbox"/> Missile defense and control issues.

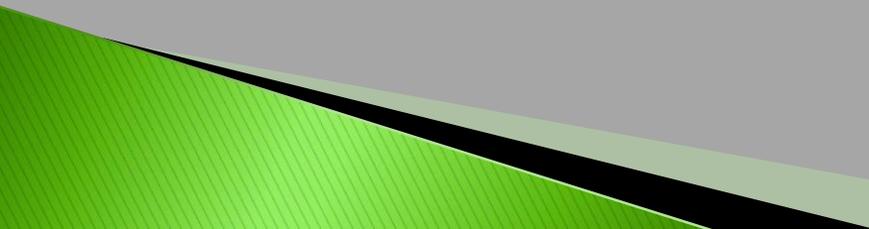
(Nazemroaya, 2009) (Kroenig, 2015)

Looming Asian Conflicts

- ❖ Korean Peninsula could be the most volatile area of the “New Cold War” world. (Threats)
- ❖ Separated between the allies of China and the allies of the United States.
- ❖ Shanghai Five/Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)
 - ❖ China
 - ❖ Russia
 - ❖ Kazakhstan
 - ❖ Kyrgyzstan
 - ❖ Tajikistan
- ❖ Signed this alliance to oppose U.S. hegemony, although this is *not* a formal military alliance it is still concerning and shows that the Cold War Ideals are still very much alive.

(Kroenig,2015) (Roskin,2014)

Conclusion

- ❖ The research has directed me to believe that the Cold war never really ended. The Cold War may have been put on pause; however there are too many similarities between these events to truly believe that they are independent from one another.
 - ❖ There are still major issues that were present during the Cold War that are still present now.
 - ❖ It is important for our foreign policy leaders to handle these situations delicately, and Learn from events that took place over 20 years ago to ensure that this “Cold War” issue finally comes to a long over due conclusion.
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