

HIST 191C
The Cold War, 1945-1991
Summer Session B
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The Cold War dominated US foreign relations and had tremendous repercussions for the globe in the latter half of the twentieth century. Though it has been over twenty years since the collapse of the Soviet Union, legacies of the Cold War remain with us today. Massive nuclear arsenals, a byproduct of the Cold War arms race, to this day remain on hair-trigger alert, capable of launching on warning within fifteen minutes. The legacy of an unpopular war in Vietnam has shaped both American foreign policy and the political language in which opposition is expressed. Controversial mottos such as “In God We Trust” and “Under God,” originally introduced to distinguish America from its atheistic Soviet counterparts, not only remain with us, but have been reaffirmed in recent years. Simply put, the Cold War has great relevance for our present society politically, socially, culturally, and beyond.

This class will examine the Cold War mostly from an American-centric position. In so doing, I will strive to show the Cold War as more than just a clash between two competing superpowers over opposite economic and ideological philosophies, but as an axis upon which American politics, culture, and society revolved around. Along the way, we will encounter not just American politicians (such as President Truman and Senator Joseph McCarthy), but famous Soviet leaders (such as Joseph Stalin, Nikita Khrushchev, and Mikhail Gorbachev). We will cover the role of third world nationalists, such as Ho Chi Minh of Vietnam, Colonel Nasser of Egypt, and Fidel Castro of Cuba. This course will also explore the relationship between the Cold War and social movements, from the Civil Rights campaign, to the Vietnam antiwar movement, and various antinuclear campaigns. These movements will give students a sense of how ordinary citizens responded to, were influenced by, and, ultimately, shaped events and outcomes of the Cold War.

Since history by its nature can be wrought with politics, much of what we will discuss will be inherently political. Therefore, it is crucial to show respect for your peers, and particularly for those ideas you may not agree with. Disagree with respect—this is an academic setting, not talk radio. As an additional sign of respect, please turn your cell phone off or set to silent. Also, do not send texts, take out a PSP, listen to an iPod, or some alternative electronic means of distracting yourself from lecture! Class is just over an hour long, your iPhone (et. al.) will not curse you for neglecting it during class. (On the other hand, use of it in the class may in fact curse your grade!) If you bring your laptop to take notes, please avoid hanging out on Facebook or whatever other social network the cool kids are using these days. Bottom line: use common sense.

Prerequisites:

This class assumes a general working knowledge of twentieth century world and U.S. history. As such, students are expected to have completed one of the following courses: Hist 2C, 4C, or 17C. Exceptions to this will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Grades

Broadly speaking, this is how I will define each of the following course grades:

A You did everything I could possibly ask of you, and you did it extremely well. You worked very hard, learned a great deal, and showed conspicuous intelligence. The quality of your work was outstanding.

B You did all the work, and you did it well. You worked hard and learned a good deal. The quality of your work was good.

C You did all the work. It is clear that you learned a number of things, though those things may not hang together in a systematic and critical understanding of the course material. The quality of your work was adequate.

D You did most of the work, including all the major course requirements. You may have learned some things, but it is not clear that you learned anything important. The quality of your work was less than adequate.

F You have demonstrated an obstinate ignorance. You did not complete the course requirements. You have proved unwilling or unable to do college level work in this subject area

Grade composition:

Attendance/participation/in-class responses: 15%

A two-three page essay on the in-class film, *The Atomic Café* or *Dr. Strangelove*: 15%

Midterm: 30%

Final: 40%.

Extra credit opportunities:

Students may submit up to three book reviews or three article reviews (or combination therein) for up to 5% total. Book reviews will be worth 2% extra credit each, while article reviews will be worth 1%. As a bonus, any student who reviews three books can receive up to 6% extra credit. Please run all books or articles through me first. Articles should be from peer-reviewed journals such as *Cold War History*, *The Journal of Cold War Studies*, *Diplomatic History*, or *The Journal of American History*. Note: no assigned reading can be reviewed for extra credit. A short list of books relevant to the course will be posted to the course website on Gauchospace. Book reviews should be 600-900 words (~2 - 3 pages), whereas an article review should be about 300 words (~1 page).

Note on Plagiarism:

Don't do it. Plagiarism is using another person's words or ideas and presenting them as if they were your own. It is the worst crime you can commit in the intellectual world. If you are unsure about what plagiarism is or whether you have transgressed, ask me. If you plagiarize and are caught—and you will be caught—you will fail the course and your name will be turned over to the Dean of Undergraduate Study for disciplinary action, which can include expulsion from the university.

Required reading:

Campbell Craig and Fred Logevall, *America's Cold War: The Politics of Insecurity* (Cambridge: Presidents and Fellows Harvard College, 2009)

Mark Atwood Lawrence, *The Vietnam War: A Concise International History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010)

Don Muton and David Welch, *The Cuban Missile Crisis: A Concise History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011)

Ellen Schrecker, *Age of McCarthyism: A Brief History With Documents* (New York: Bedford/St Martins, 2002)

Course schedule:

Class meets four days a week (MTWR) from 2:00-3:15pm in HSSB 4041.

All reading assignments should be done *before* class meets. All reading assignments outside of the textbook can be found on Gauchospace. All books, with the exception of Mark Lawrence's *The Vietnam War* are available at the bookstore, or are easily found online, used and new, perhaps for less money even.

Week 1:

Monday August 5:

Course introduction: What was the Cold War, and how have historians approached it?

Odd Arne Westad, "The Cold War and the international history of the twentieth century,"

The Cambridge History of the Cold War, Vol. 1, 1-19
Craig/Logevall, *America's Cold War*, 1-12

Tuesday August 6:

From World War to Cold War: The Russian Revolution - the Atomic Revolution

Craig/Logevall, *America's Cold War*, 13-58

J. Samuel Walker, "Recent Literature on Truman's Atomic Bomb Decision: A Search for the Middle Ground," *Diplomatic History*, Vol. 29 No. 2, 311-334

Primary source docs:

Leaflets Warning Japanese Citizens of the Atomic Bomb:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/primary-resources/truman-leaflets>

President Truman's Statement on the Destruction of Hiroshima

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/primary-resources/truman-hiroshima/>

YouTube videos:

Watch, Newsreel, "Harry Truman Warns Japan to Give Up 6/7/1945"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InTPC6oylK8>

Watch, "Harry Truman Recounts His Dealings with Joseph Stalin,"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GzIbF9ouMlc>

Watch, "J. Robert Oppenheimer Speaks About Atomic Bombs,"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htJS5GKdaXs>

Watch, J. Robert Oppenheimer, "Now I am Become Death..."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26YLehuMydo>

Wednesday August 7:

The Developing Cold War in Europe: The Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, and the German Question

Craig/Logevall, *America's Cold War*, 59-101

Michael Cox and Caroline Kennedy-Pipe, "The Tragedy of American Diplomacy? Rethinking the Marshall Plan," *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Volume 7, Number 1 (Winter 2005), 97-134

"'Unceasing Pressure for Penetration': Gender, Pathology, and Emotion in George Kennan's Formation of the Cold War," *Journal of American History*, Vol. 83, No. 4 (Mar., 1997), 1309-1339

Primary source docs:

Churchill: Iron Curtain speech (excerpt) [Gauchospace]

X (George Kennan), "The Sources of Soviet Conduct," *Foreign Affairs*

Harry Truman, "Recommendation for Assistance to Greece and Turkey"

<http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=false&doc=81#>

Marshall Plan speech

<http://www.marshallfoundation.org/library/MarshallPlanSpeech.html>

Thursday August 8:

The Developing Cold War in Asia: The Soviet Bomb, the “Loss” of China, and the Korean War

Craig/Logevall, *America’s Cold War*, 102-122

Nin Jun, “The birth of the People’s Republic of China and the road to the Korean War,” *The Cambridge History of the Cold War, Vol. 1*, 221-241

Andrew E. Hunt, “A Rebel in Cold War America,” 84-107 (excerpt from *David Dellinger: Life and Times of a Nonviolent Revolutionary*)

Roger Anders, “The Atomic Bomb and the Korean War: Gordon Dean and the Issue of Civilian Control,” *Military Affairs*, Vol 52 No. 6 (Jan. 1988), 1-6

Footage of the Joe-1 test:

<http://www.sonicbomb.com/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=50>

Combat footage, Korean war - newsreel (1950)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OF_Ts_6oSi8

Jackie Doll and the Pickled Peppers, “When They Dropped The Atomic Bomb,”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W7V4tOdboWA>

Week 2

Monday August 12:

The Red Scare in Hollywood, Espionage, and McCarthyism

Craig/Logevall, *America’s Cold War*, 122-138

Schrecker, *Age of McCarthyism*, 5-106

Primary source docs:

[All from Schrecker, *Age of McCarthyism*, unless otherwise noted]

“To Quarantine Communism: J. Edgar Hoover Speaks to the American People,” 126-133

Atomic Espionage and the Rosenbergs [various documents], 155-170

“I Have in my Hands...” Senator Joseph McCarthy Charges There are Communists in the State Department, 237-241

Venona intercept on Rosenbergs:

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/venona/inte_19440921.html

YouTube clips::

Army-McCarthy hearings,

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lAur_I077NA

“Make Mine Freedom,”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTZmyZ8jtw0>

“The Hollywood Blacklist: 1947-1960”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJzV6-wJ3SQ>

Tuesday August 13:

Stalin’s Death, Eisenhower’s New Look, and the Cold War on the Periphery

Craig/Logevall, 139-173

Primary source docs:

Nikita Khrushchev, “The Secret Speech - On the Cult of Personality, 1956”

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1956khrushchev-secret1.html>

Supplementary readings:

Robert J. McMahon, "US National Security Policy, From Eisenhower to Kennedy," *The Cambridge History of the Cold War, Vol. 1*, 288-311

James Risen, "The CIA in Iran," *New York Times*, introduction - VII,
<http://www.nytimes.com/library/world/mideast/041600iran-cia-index.html>

Paul Reynolds [BBC], "Suez: End of Empire,"

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/5199392.stm

YouTube clips:

"Ike For President" (Eisenhower Campaign AD, 1952),

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9RAxAgksSE>

Eisenhower's "Open Skies" initiative,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pIGJw-h0F-U>

Ray Anderson, "Stalin Kicked the Bucket,"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvMEkBH34CE>

Wednesday August 14:

The Space Race and the Civil Rights Movement

Craig Logevall, 173-176

Mary Dudziak, "Brown as a Cold War Case," *Journal of American History*, Vol. 91, No. 1 (Jun., 2004), 32-42

Mary L. Dudziak, "Josephine Baker, Racial Protest, and the Cold War,"
Journal of American History, Vol. 81, No. 2 (Sep., 1994), 543-570

Thursday August 15:

Film: *The Atomic Café*

Week 3:

Monday August 19:

DUCK! COVER! Civil Defense, Nuclear Testing, and the Movement for a Test Ban Treaty

Boyer, *By The Bomb's Early Light*, 243-287

LA Times: "Raising a Glass to a City's Atomic Past"

Huffington Post: "Atomic Bomb On Moon? U.S. Had Secret Plan To Nuke Moon During Cold War, Media Reports Say,"

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/11/28/atomic-bomb-moon-secret-mission-nuke-cold-war_n_2199615.html

YouTube clips:

"Duck and Cover (1951)"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKqXu-5jw60>

Johnny Cash, "Civil Defense PSA,"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJEglPDrZPs>

Groucho Marx, "Civil Defense PSA,"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTICWa7hMCE>
Bob Hope, "Civil Defense PSA,"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOJPTy0YGa0>
"Ivy Mike—First Hydrogen Bomb,"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7vyKDcSTaE>
"Nuclear Weapons: A Visual Time Line,"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=gJe7fY-yowk>
Sheldon Alleman, "Crawl Out Through the Fallout,"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9-ZxINZWe4>
Sheldon Alleman, "Radioactive Mama,"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQNwG6GTx6E>

Tuesday August 20:

Kennedy, Khrushchev, and the Berlin Wall

Craig/Logevall, 177-201

Dialogue between the U.S. and the Soviet Union on the U-2 spy plane incident (1960),
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/primary-resources/eisenhower-u2/>

Neil Carmichael and Brewer Thompson, "The 1961 Berlin Crisis
Some New Insights," *Prologue Magazine*, Fall 2011, Vol. 43, No. 3.

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2011/fall/berlin.html>

YouTube clips:

Nixon and Khrushchev, "The Kitchen Debate,"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CvQOUneCy4>

Eisenhower's Farewell Address:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWiIYW_fBfY

JFK, "Ich Bin Ein Berliner,"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjHcNhcahv4>

Berlin Wall Erected:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szjFKADu69U>

Wednesday August 21:

Cuba: Castro, The Bay of Pigs, and The Cuban Missile Crisis

Craig/Logevall, 201-215.

Munton/Welch, *The Cuban Missile Crisis: A Concise History*, 1 - 105

YouTube Clips:

John F. Kennedy Tapes: Truman on Cuban Missile Crisis

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBHrNvopHdc>

John F. Kennedy Tapes: Phone Call Between Kennedy and Eisenhower

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hfq6NbdGZ8>

Adlai Stephenson's remarks at the UN:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgR8NjNw_I

Sergie Khrushchev on the Soviet view of the Cuban Missile Crisis

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=phpe0DsisbY>

Noam Chomsky, "Lessons of the Cuban Missile Crisis":

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AcUUgYQASfl>

Thursday August 22: **No class–work on midterm; additional office hours will be held during class time**

Week 4

Monday August 26:

Midterm due, start of class

Film: *Dr. Strangelove*

Tuesday August 27

Vietnam: Origins - JFK; JFK Assassination–a conspiracy?

Craig/Logevall, 216-228

Lawrence, *The Vietnam War*, 1-66

Primary source: Ho Chi Minh, "Declaration of Independence of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam (September 2, 1945)"

http://dangcongsan.vn/cpv/Modules/News_English/News_Detail_E.aspx?CN_ID=150917&CO_ID=30035

YouTube Clips:

The Self-Immolation of Thich Quang Duc [WARNING, VERY GRAPHIC]

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9sKso6h_Ks

Madame Nhu responds to the self-immolation of Thich Quang Duc

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_PWM9gWR5E

JFK: Private dictation about the death of South Vietnam President Ngo Dinh Diem

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQX4cBV5Kfw>

Walter Kronkite reports the death of JFK

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2K8Q3cqGs7I>

Rare footage of Lee Harvey Oswald

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnBIPrCj2_8

Wednesday August 28

Lyndon Johnson, the Escalation of the Vietnam War, and the Peace Movement

Craig/Logevall, 228-251

Lawrence, *The Vietnam War*, 67-136

Supplemental Readings:

Howard Zinn, "A Speech For LBJ"

David Taylor (BBC), "The Lyndon Johnson tapes: Richard Nixon's 'treason,'"

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-21768668>

YouTube clips:

Lyndon Johnson, "The Daisy AD,"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DhkY6d9uqQ>

Lyndon Johnson Tapes: LBJ Consults Eisenhower Over Vietnam (October 3, 1966),

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIKu9t9Q9x8>

Watch, Country Joe and the Fish, "Fixin' to Die" (from the Woodstock Festival)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBdeCxJmcAo>

Phil Ochs, "I Ain't Marching Anymore,"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gv1KEF8Uw2k>

Thursday August 29

Richard Nixon, the Pentagon Papers, and the End of the Vietnam War

Craig/Logevall, 257-260, 270-278

Lawrence, *The Vietnam War*, 137-161

Primary source doc:

Nixon White House Considered Nuclear Options Against North Vietnam

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB195/index.htm>

YouTube clips:

Richard Nixon addresses the nation on the Vietnam War [in three parts],

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5J-AcZBn10>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r23ZsW1la38>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jcm3bCSZ4vI>

Nixon Tapes: Nixon Learns of Pentagon Papers Leak,

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6dytU1gJM8>

Nixon Tapes: Nixon talks with Chuck Colson over Vietnam and the Pentagon Papers leak

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ohb5im8hq8>

President Nixon Addresses the Nation on Cambodia:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cAAnoqmksq>

Week 5

Monday September 2

NO CLASS: Labor Day

Tuesday September 3

Nixon, Kissinger, and American foreign policy: Detente, China, Chile, and the October War

Craig/Logevall, 252-257, 264-273, 278-282

Jeremi Suri, "The Diplomacy and Domestic Politics of Detente," 213-259 (excerpt from *Power and Protest*)

Film paper, *Atomic Café/Dr Strangelove due*

Primary source doc:

Victor Jara, "Estadio Chile" (poem)

<http://reddiarypk.wordpress.com/2007/12/22/estadio-chile/>

YouTube clips:

“Song of General Pinochet,”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNI0ThJ8uto>

“Nixon announces visit to China,”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NwcVv1cxflk>

Nixon in China

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5V9sP_nDCM

The Trials of Henry Kissinger [trailer],

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTPJbpeYS0>

Wednesday September 4

The Collapse of Detente and the New Cold War

Craig/Logevall, 282-302

Artemy Kalinovsky, “Decision-Making and the Soviet War in Afghanistan: From Intervention to Withdrawal,” *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Volume 11, Number 4 (Fall 2009), 46-73

YouTube clips:

Ayatollah Khomeini’s First Speech after returning from exile,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nvkeGmnvRs>

MX ICBM Shell Game,

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=44zytG8O40w>

President Jimmy Carter - Statement on Iran Rescue Mission,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Km3dx7wppA>

President Jimmy Carter - Remarks on the Camp David Summit,

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPtMafxVKeA>

Thursday September 5

Ronald Reagan, the Nuclear Freeze Campaign, and the Nadir of U.S.-Soviet Relations

Craig/Logevall, 302-321

Bradford Martin, “Calling to Halt: The Nuclear Freeze Campaign,” 3-24 (Excerpt from *The Other Eighties*)

Primary source docs:

NATO, “Double-Track Decision,”

http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/official_texts_27040.htm

Randy Forsberg, “A Call to Halt the Arms Race: A Proposal for a Mutual Weapons Freeze.”

Reagan, “Zero Option Speech,”

<http://www.reagan.utexas.edu/archives/speeches/1981/111881a.htm>

YouTube clips:

High Frontier (Missile Defense) promo (featuring Congressman Newt Gingrich)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLDK0G4Wktc>

Ronald Reagan, “Address to the British Parliament,”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DB4ffRjxvJo>

Ronald Reagan, "Evil Empire speech [excerpt],"
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0NXs_uWPgg
The Day After [attack scene]:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VG2aJyIFrA>
Superman IV: The Quest For Peace [trailer]:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drvoAempNTY>
Weird Al Yankovich, "Christmas at Ground Zero,"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t039p6xqutU>
Sting, "Russians,"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHylQRVN2Qs>

Week 6

Monday September 9

Iran-Contra Scandal, Gorbachev's New Thinking and the Changing US-Soviet Relationship

Craig/Logevall, 322-350

YouTube clips:

Reagan and Gorbachev sign the INF Treaty [excerpt],

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0uTYAyiHqA>

Mikhail Gorbachev Reflects on Reykjavik & Status of Nuclear Weapons Today

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-Lk9m-Wqy0>

Rocky IV: Final Speech

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRBak_2X3Do

Iran Contra [American Dad],

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbLD2JyFAIE>

Tuesday September 10

The Fall of the Wall, the Collapse of the Soviet Union and the End of the Cold War

Craig/Logevall, 351-370

Jeremi Suri, "Explaining the End of the Cold War: A New Historical Consensus?" *Journal of Cold War Studies*, 60-92

Reagan Legacy: The End of the Cold War

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmtNJdX0Q44>

Reagan Smash (Family Guy)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvdB6EG844o>

Reagan, "Tear Down This Wall!"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ei1HnWwzmNk>

"The Berlin Wall Falls (NBC news coverage, 1989),"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fK1MwhEDjHg>

Gorbachev's Resignation/Collapse of the Soviet Union (Newscast)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=028gd8Sn3m0>

Wednesday September 11

In class final (cumulative, scantron)