

Why the Cold War Ended

U.S., Allies, & Friends	United Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR)
<p>> 40 Years of United States & Allied policies were politically, economically, ideologically, and militarily successful.</p> <p>> Relationships were maintained and developed with strong consultation and cohesion in Europe and East Asia and general support elsewhere</p> <p>> U.S./Allied Containment (of Communism) and Deterrence worked</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kept USSR from expanding borders ● Greater power/capability than USSR <p>> U.S. and Allies pulled ahead in military capability and technology</p>	<p>> No new allies or rising communist regimes</p> <p>> USSR unable to Expand Borders No new sources of power externally or internally</p> <p>> USSR Foreign Policy poor--yields no results, [Gorbachev pulls back]</p> <p>> USSR Eastern European Empire disillusioned with communist ideals and the lack of success in the USSR. Republics think:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Political effects Internally ● Frustrated with REpression and Occupation ● Favorable towards Western Democratic Ideals ● Sees the material success of the West [Gorbachev does not intervene, save, or support Communist Governments] <p>> USSR Economy Failing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inherently, systematically weak ● Continuous drain of resources to the military and old cold war policies ● Inadequate supply of resources for its people ● Unable and unwilling to compete in foreign (capitalist) markets ● Technologically behind <p>[Gorbachev restructures the economy, cutting foreign and military efforts.]</p> <p>> USSR Political System Failing [CPSU]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unable to meet needs of USSR and its People ● Communist Ideology losing legitimacy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Communist Party no longer dominant or the single ruling body● Political and Bureaucratic Ossification and CORRUPTION● Inability to Change <p>***All above considered, Gorbachev decides that the USSR CAN and MUST coexist in a U.S.-dominated world, and forces this decision on the Soviet Government.***</p>
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SUMMARY

3 Main Reasons Why the Cold War Ended:

1. U.S. and Allied Success
 - a. Ultimately the power of the West surpassed that of the Soviet Union
2. Soviet Internal Failures
 - a. Failing Economy→ Unable to compete in the World economy
 - b. Failing Political System→ Corruption and inability to change
3. Soviet External Failures
 - a. No military superiority
 - b. Unsuccessful Overseas Policies
 - c. No control in Eastern Europe