

The World in the 1990s and 2000s: Between the Cold War and Terrorism

I. The “Halcyon” Days of the 1990s

II. Cases

A. End of the Cold War – Changes in Soviet Union/Russia and CIS

1. Attempted Coup in Soviet Union (August 19–22, 1991)
 - a. Mikhail Gorbachev (1931–), General Secretary of CPSU (1985–1991)
 - b. Gennady Yanayev (1937–), Vice-President
 - c. Boris Yeltsin (1931–), President of Russia (1991–2000)
2. End of Soviet Union (December 25, 1991)
3. Bombing of White House – October 1993 (Aleksandr Rutskoi)
4. “Shock Therapy” – Jeffrey Sachs

B. New World Order

1. Persian Gulf War (August 2, 1990–February 28, 1991)
 - a. George H. W. Bush (1924–)(President of U.S., 1989–1993)
 - b. Saddam Hussein (1937–2006) (President of Iraq, 1979–2003)
 - c. Kuwait, Smart bombs, and Scud missiles
2. Battle of Mogadishu (October 3–4, 1993)
 - a. William Jefferson Clinton (1946–) (President of U.S., 1993–2001)
 - b. Somalia and the warlords
 - c. MH-60 Black Hawk helicopters
 - d. casualty figures and estimates

C. Natural Disasters, NGOs, and IOs

1. Hurricane Mitch (category-5)
 - a. Honduras (October 27–30, 1998)
 - (1) 10,000 fatalities; 7,000 missing
 - (2) 80% of infrastructure affected
 - (3) Michael Glantz: “A failed attempt at disaster response by the international community”
 - b. Nicaragua
2. AIDS – 1999:
 - a. 5.4 million new infections; 4 million in Africa;
 - b. 2.8 million deaths; 85% in Africa

D. Genocides

1. Rwanda (April 6,–mid-July 1994)
 - a. Hutus – *Interahamwe*, *Impuzamugambe*, President Habyarimana
 - b. Tutsis – Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF); Paul Kagame
 - c. UN – UNAMIR, Lt.-General Roméo Dallaire
 - d. refugee camps (Goma, Zaire)
2. Serbia, Kosovo, and “Ethnic Cleansing”
 - a. Slobodan Milosovic (1941–2006)

- E. Nuclear Energy – hundreds of nuclear power plants by 2000
 - 1. reactor accidents:
 - Three-Mile Island (March 26, 1979);
 - Chernobyl (April 26, 1986)
 - 2. problem of disposal of nuclear waste

IV. Global Market and Computers

A. Computers

- 1. Mainframes
- 2. Personal Computers (PCs)
 - a. Altair 8800 (1975)
 - b. Apple I (1976)
 - (1) Steve Jobs
 - (2) Steve Wozniak
 - c. Apple II (1977)
 - d. Commodore VIC-20 (1980)
 - e. IBM PC (introduced August 12, 1981)
 - f. Compaq
 - g. Apple MacIntosh (1984)
- 3. Operating Systems
 - a. CP/M (Control Program for Microprocessors) (1973)
 - (1) Gary Kildall (1942–1994)
 - (2) Intergalactic Digital Research
 - b. QDOS (Quick and Dirty Operating System) (1980)
 - (1) Tim Patterson
 - c. MSDOS (Microsoft Disc Operating System) (1981)
 - d. Windows (1985)
 - e. UNIX
- 4. Programs for PCs

B. Globalization hypotheses

- 1. “Clash of Cultures” – Samuel Huntington (1927–2008), *The Clash of Cultures: The Remaking of the World Order* (1996)
- 2. “The End of History” – Francis Fukuyama (b. 1952), *The End of History and the Last Man* (1992)
- 3. Global Marketplace – Thomas L. Friedman (b. 1953) *The Lexus and the Olive Tree* (1998, 2000)
 - a. Golden Straitjacket
 - b. Electronic Herd
 - (1) Short-Horn Cattle
 - (2) Long-Horn Cattle
 - c. free-market democracies vs. free-market kleptocracies
 - d. transparent vs. non-transparent countries
 - e. connectivity
 - f. glocalism – “revolution from beyond”

4. Oil, Drugs, the Environment, and China as an economic power
 - a. Al Gore and the Global Warming issue
 - b. U.S. “War on Drugs”
 - c. “Made in China”

C. Proposition: The world didn’t change on September 11, 2001; it was the perception of most Americans that changed

1. September 11, 2001 attacks
 - a. Al Qaeda
 - Osama bin Laden
 - Khalid Sheikh Mohammed
 - b. number of hijackers = 19
 - 15 Saudis
 - 1 Lebanese
 - 2 from United Arab Emirates
 - 1 Egyptian
 - c. number of planes = 4
 - d. number of fatalities = 2974
 - 246 in the planes
 - 2603 in New York City (from 90 countries)
 - 125 at Pentagon (55 military personnel)
 - 24 missing
2. Some previous terrorist attacks
 - Amman, Jordan – PLO hijacking of four planes – 1970
 - Munich Olympics 1972
 - Beirut airport – U.S. Marine barracks bombing – 1983
 - New York – World Trade Center bombed – 1993
 - Tokyo subway – Aum Shinrikyu nerve-gas attack – 1995
 - Oklahoma City – federal office building – 1995
 - Atlanta Olympics bomb – 1996
 - U.S. Embassies bombed – August 7, 1998
 - Moscow, Buinaksk, and Volgodonsk (Russia) – Chechen terrorists – 1999
 - Aden, Yemen – USS *Cole* – 2000
3. Airport and airplane security
 - increased airport security
 - air marshals
 - computer-assisted passenger screening system