

The Cold War



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What does Cold War mean?



- ▣ No direct engagement

- ▣ Opposition in economic, political, military, diplomatic, cultural, and ideological areas



Churchill

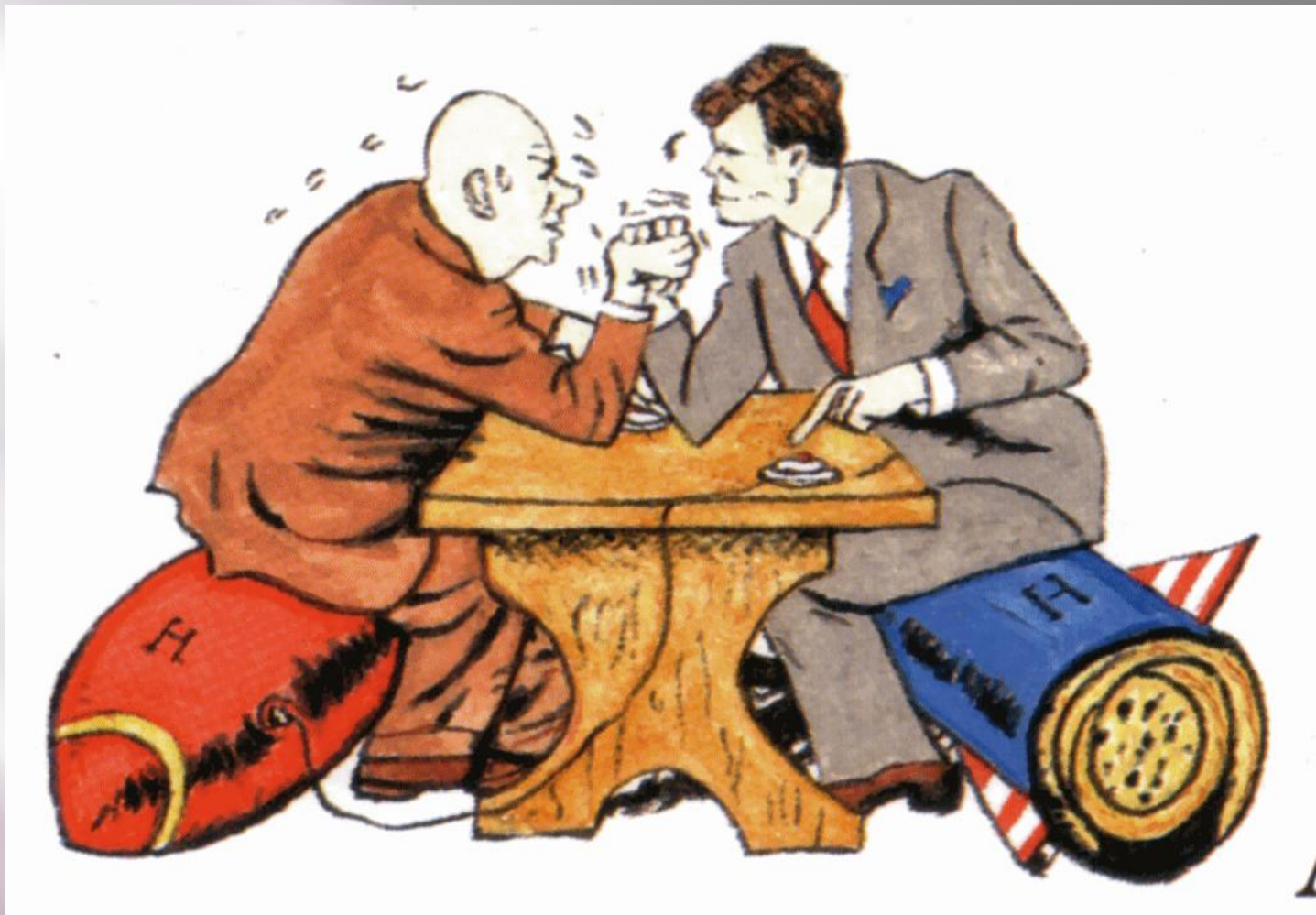


Iron curtain



America VS The soviet Union

The Cold War begins!



The Cold War lasted for forty-four years from 1947 to 1991.

The end of the Cold War



- ❑ What were the major causes that led to the end of the Cold War ?

Major causes

- ▣ Ronald Reagan in the United States.
- ▣ The reforms led by Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev
- ▣ The unification of West Germany and East Germany.

Ronald Reagan



(1981-1989)

The 40th
President of
the United
States

Reagan Revolution

- He reduced inflation, decreased the interest rates, **expanded military expenditure**, and dropped the control of commercial activity.

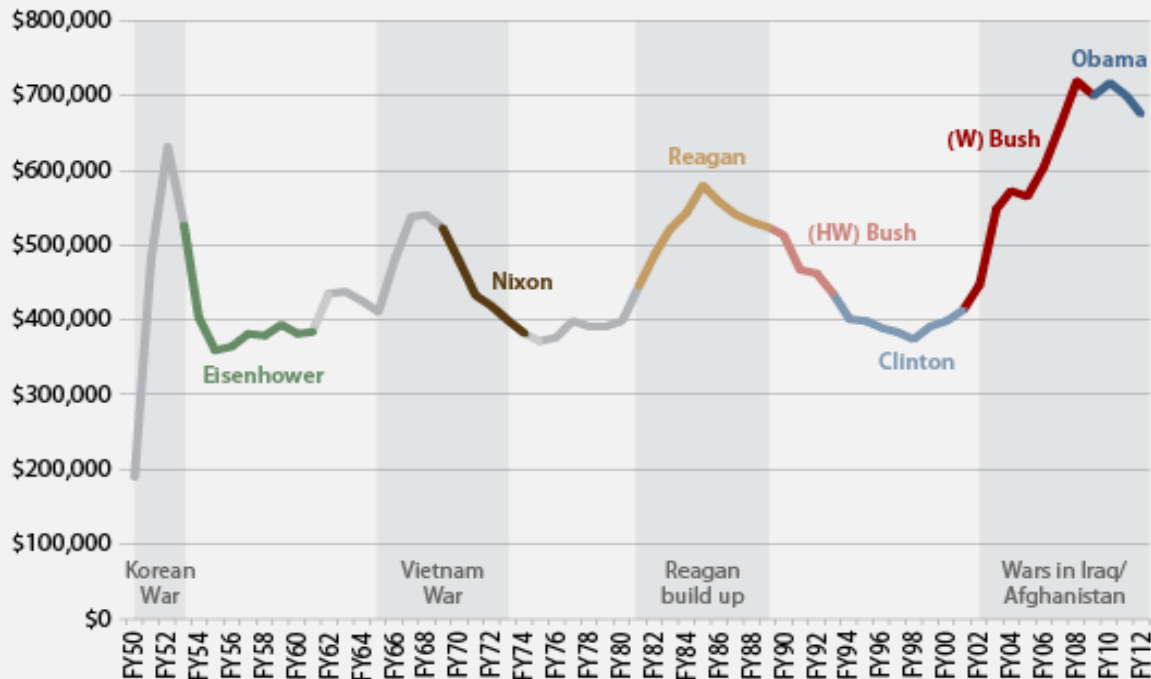


Military Expenditure

Historical defense cuts

Defense budgets, fiscal years 1948-2012

Millions of FY2012 constant dollars



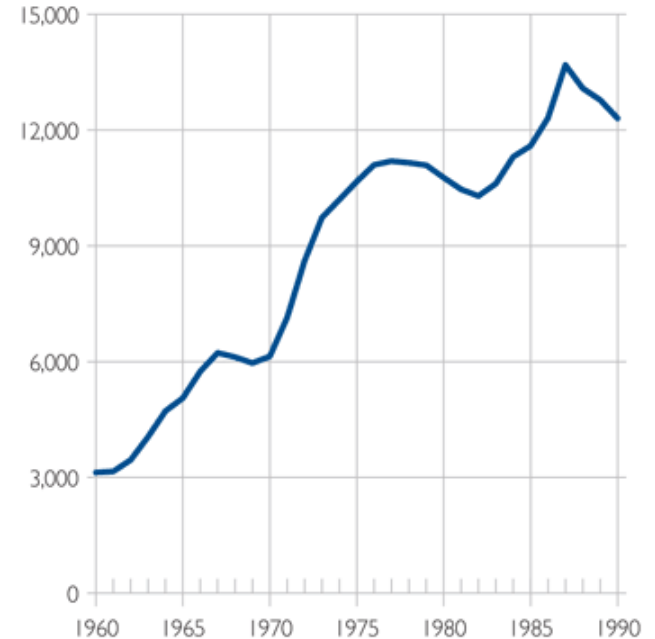
Source: Department of Defense, "National Defense Budget Estimates for FY 2012," March 2011, p. 123-128, available at http://comptroller.defense.gov/defbudget/fy2012/FY12_Green_Book.pdf.

Center for American Progress




U.S. Strategic Nuclear Arsenal During the Cold War

Total Warheads



Source: Natural Resources Defense Council, "Table of U.S. Strategic Offensive Force Loadings," November 25, 2002, at <http://www.nrdc.org/nuclear/nudb/datab1.asp> (August 25, 2010).

The image features a dark background with several stacks of US dollar bills and a large, circular pile of coins. The bills are arranged in a descending staircase pattern from the top left towards the center. The coins are scattered around the base of the bills, forming a wide, shallow ring. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the paper and metal.

**where did the Reagan
Administration get the money to
increase the size of army?**

Tax



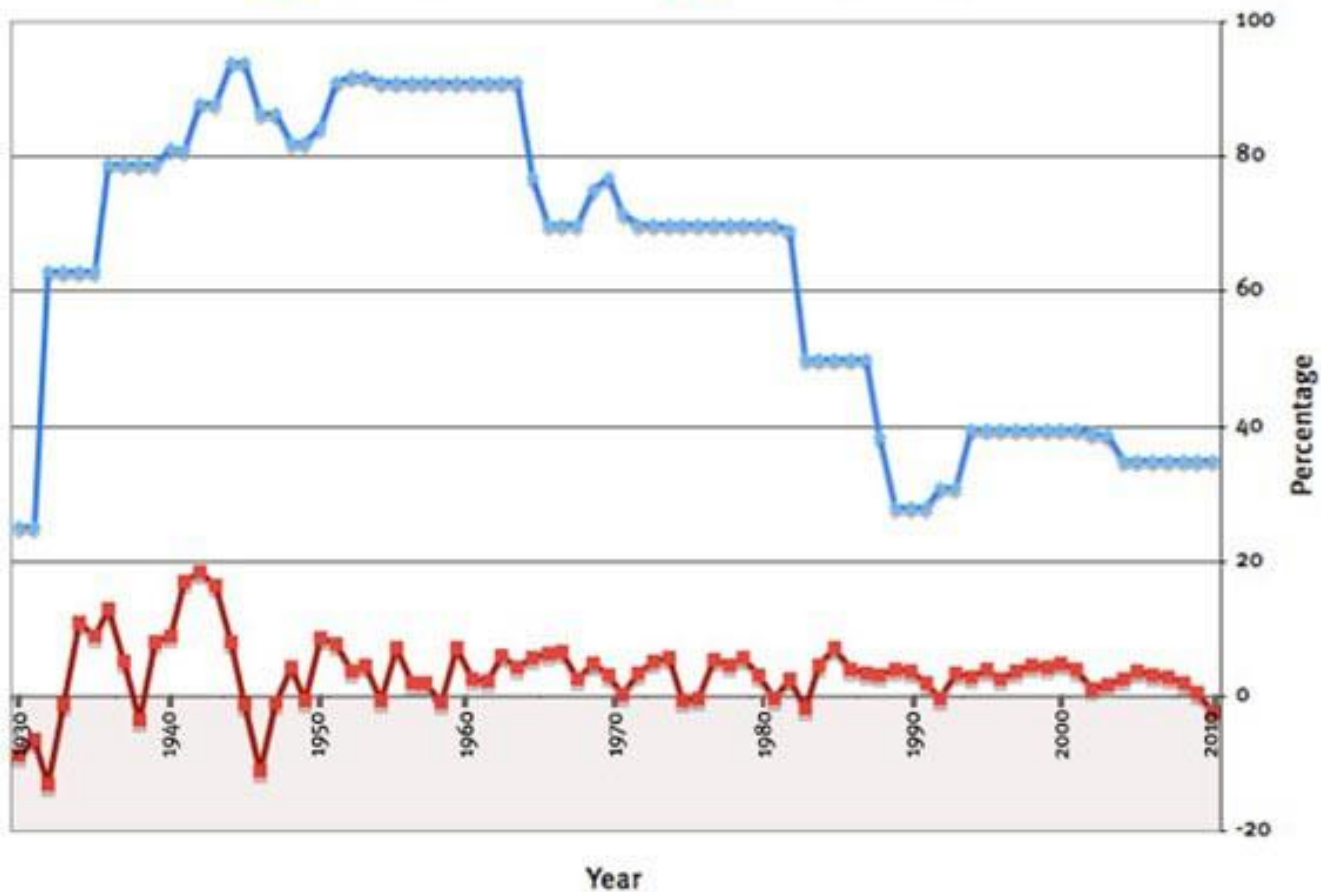
The incomes of
the government
come from the
tax.

But.....

Reduced tax rate

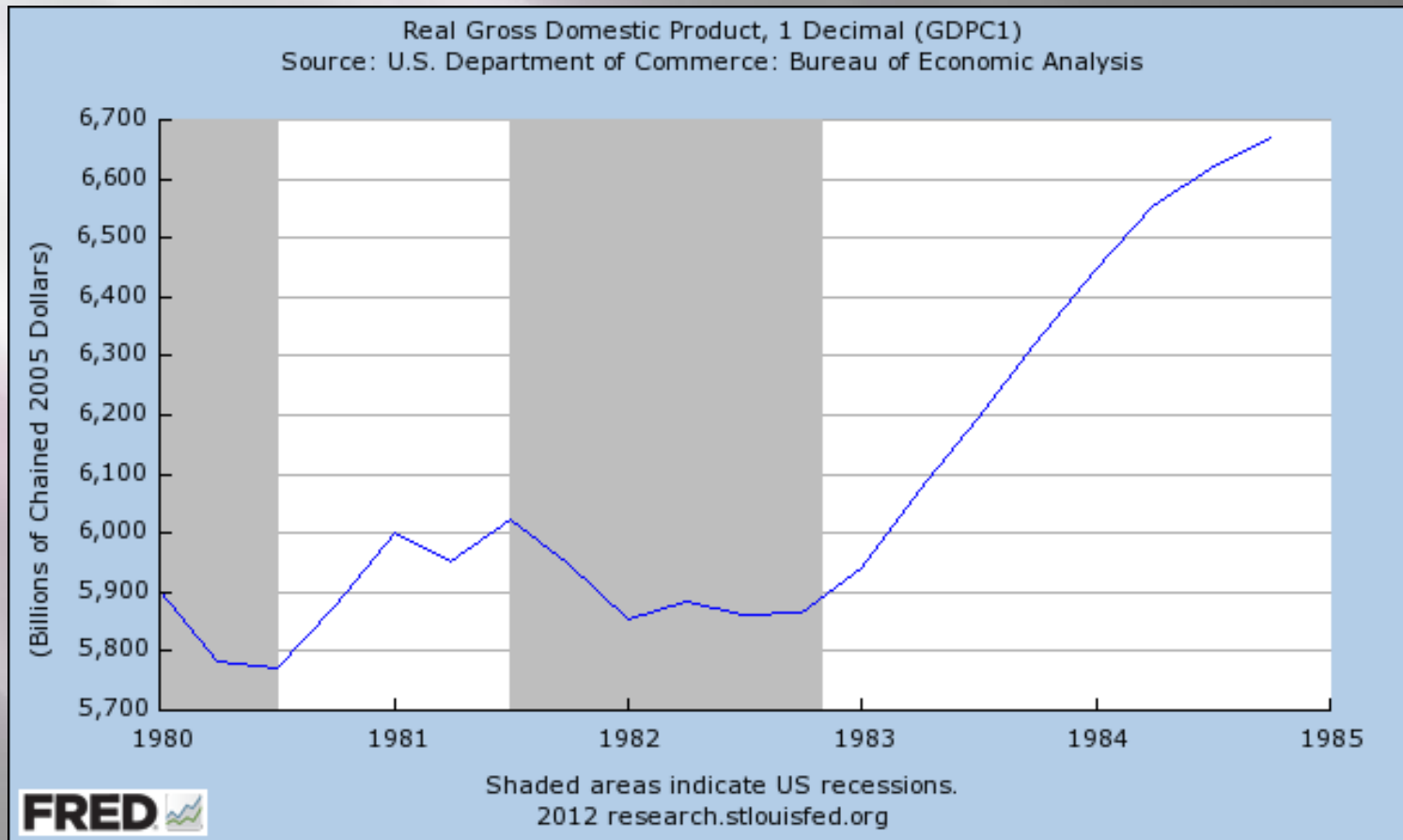
Marginal Tax Rates and GDP Growth from 1930 to 2009

— Top Marginal Tax Rate — Percentage Change in GDP



Truth

- Reagan government got more money from the tax!



So.....

☐ Tax rate



down

Incomes from tax

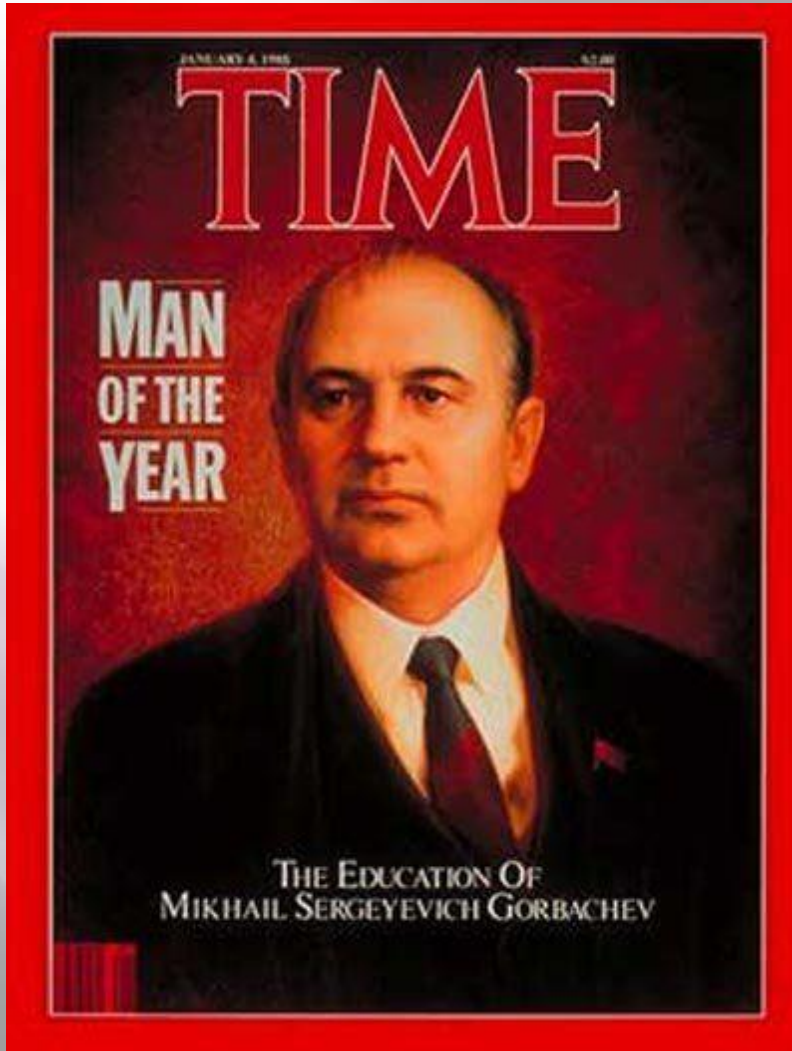


up



The financial support for arms race

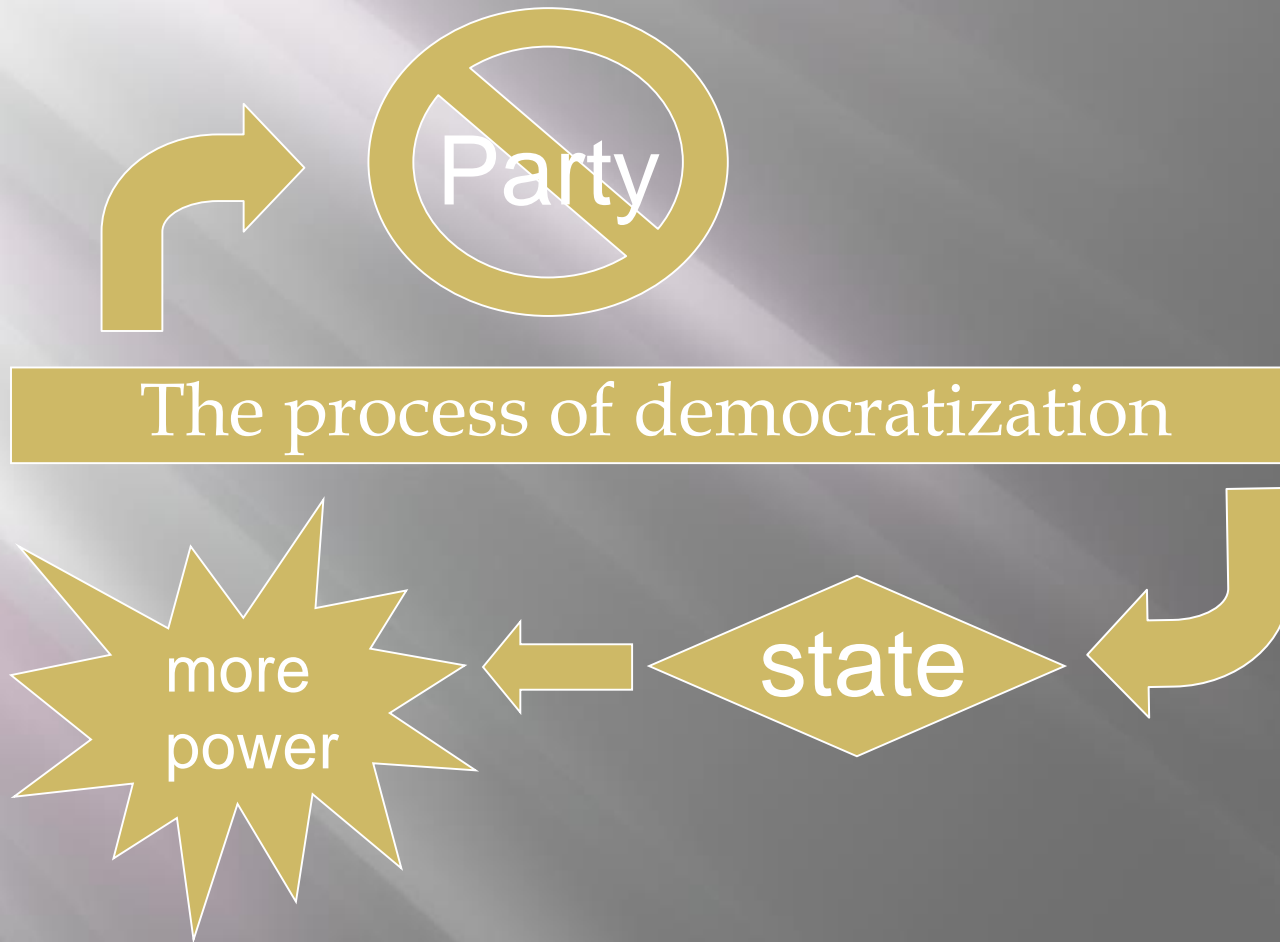
A president of the Soviet Union



Mikhail
Sergeyevich
Gorbachev

1985—1991

The Gorbachev reform



Gorbachev



The political policy
and economics

Advocated decreasing the armament

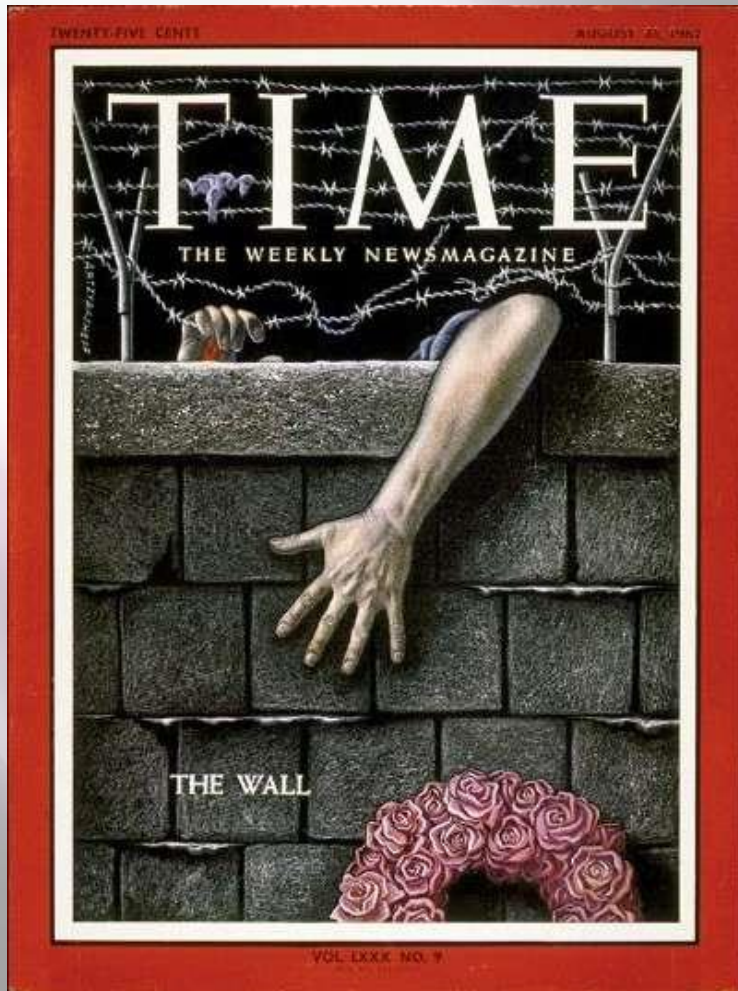
End the Cold War was an
active select of Gorbachev
?????



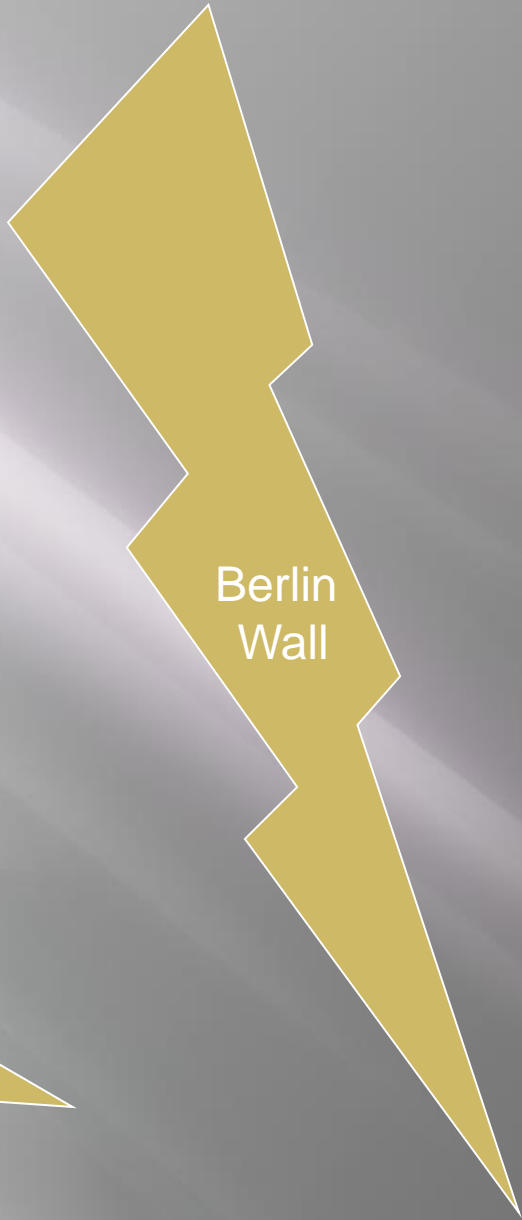


the 1990 Nobel
Peace Prize

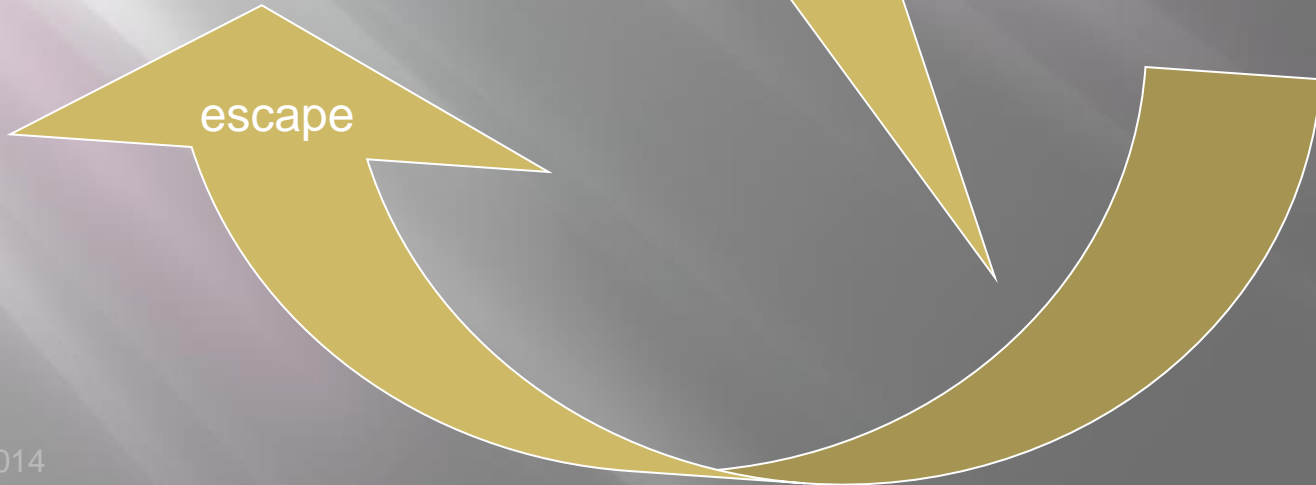
Berlin Wall



West
Germany



East
Germany



Escape

Jumping



Tunnel



Fire balloons



The collapse of the Berlin Wall



November 19, 1989

New Germany

Yes.....,
the newly united Germany
remained in the NATO.

The new Germany did not
belong to the Soviet Union?



NATO:
North Atlantic
Treaty
Organization

The end of the Cold War

Reagan Revolution

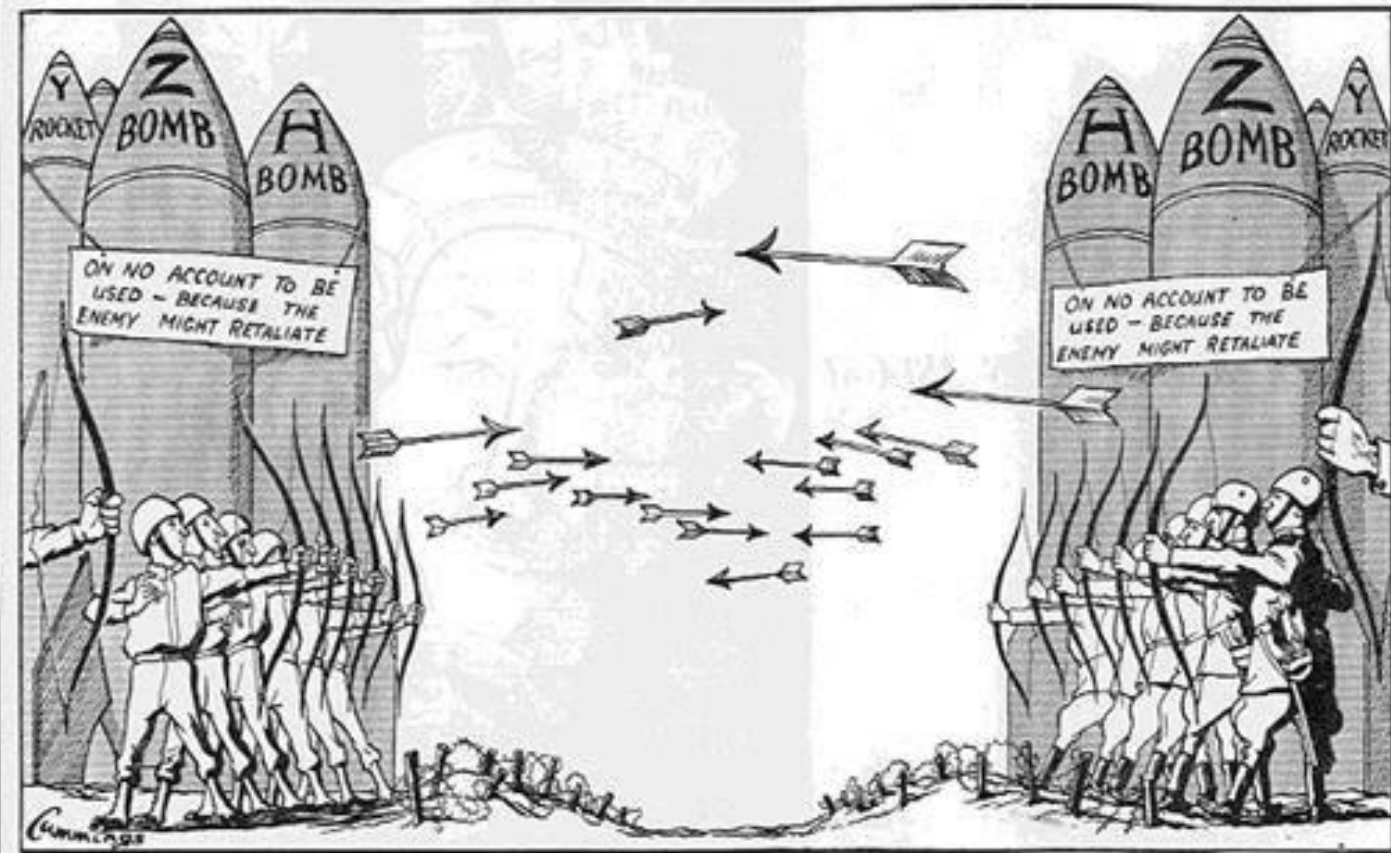


Gorbachev's reforms



The unification of Germany

A long, peaceful time



**The end
Thank you**