

# Cold war

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COLD WAR The cold war was greatly influenced by the fact United States did not trust communists and Russia didn't trust the capitalists. It was partly due to the fact that Russia was upset due to the idea of U. S. developing atomic bomb without their knowledge. It was all about differences of the world's two leading superpowers of that time in terms of ideas, geopolitics and economic struggle (Johnson & Parta, 2010).

Truman's administration adopted the policy of containment. This policy was based on blocking the spread of communism throughout the world.

Whereas Nixon's administration seemed to continue this legacy of Truman's anticommunist, he had eased out the tension with the communist block after becoming president in the 1960s although this rendered him to appear to be timid and indecisive (Johnson & Parta, 2010).

For the eight years that Truman was in office he won the war and brought peace to the world and created and maintained a foreign policy that managed to prevent the spread of communism to the world. On the other hand Nixon envisioned a phase in which more cordial and relaxed relations among major world powers which would allow for ventures profitable to all (Johnson & Parta, 2010).

Cold war greatly influenced many aspects of American society cutting across social, cultural life and civil rights movements. It led to litany of movies that were meant to promote patriotism, brought about racial inequality, establishment of fair employment commissions. Indeed this war left a great mark majorly on movies, art, poetry and sports. Cultural exchanges both formal and informal were common to help iron out cold war differences.

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