

1: The Economic Collapse of the Soviet Union

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Visit Website A close examination of the historical evidence reveals a different picture. Political purposes almost always drive and govern arms races. It is common for a major race to be initiated by a state interested in changing the political status quo. In some cases, the response of states content with the status quo is swift and resolute, but in other cases it is constrained by domestic political or economic considerations or diverted by diplomatic calculations. The course of an arms race has frequently exacerbated a sense of rivalry and occasionally even determined the timing of a war; but most often it has ended in a political settlement between rivals or in a decision by one side to moderate its buildup. The first competitive buildup in which contemporaries used the arms race metaphor seems to have been the naval rivalry in the late nineteenth century, in which France and Russia challenged Britain in the context of acute tensions over colonial expansion. The British responded with a determination to remain masters of the seas. The ultimate result was not war, but rather an Anglo-French political settlement in and an Anglo-Russian rapprochement in against the background of a rising German threat. The German challenge to Britain in the early twentieth century involved the most famous naval arms race of all. As the post-Bismarck political leadership decided that Germany must become a world power, Admiral Alfred von Tirpitz was able to justify building a large German battle fleet. When the British finally responded, the upshot was a competition that fit an action-reaction model more closely than any other arms race. The Germans in the end could not keep up, because of domestic difficulties in raising taxes and pressures to give greater priority to spending on the army. Though the naval arms race did poison Anglo-German relations, it was the actions of the German army, not the German navy, that ultimately produced war in . It was fueled by Japanese efforts to expand their political influence in East Asia and by an American attempt to gain greater political leverage over Britain. This was a race that, for financial reasons, none of the participants wanted to run very far. It ended at the Washington Conference of with the first major arms-limitation treaty ever and a new political settlement for East Asia. In fact, an arms race among European armies had some part in the outbreak of World War I. Similarly, Adolf Hitler was in a rush to attack France in and the Soviet Union in , partly because of the dynamics of an arms race that he had started in the s. Held back by domestic financial constraints, Britain and France had lagged behind. Its naval leaders appreciated that the Japanese navy had gained a lead over the U. Pacific Fleet in every class of warship, but that a massive American naval program begun in would leave them far behind by . Coupled with the effects of an American oil embargo against Japan, this playing out of the dynamics of an arms race helped to prompt an attack on the United States in December see Pearl Harbor , Attack on . But in this case, as in the two European wars, hegemonic political ambitions fueled the conflict. The arms competition between the United States and the Soviet Union did not fit an action-reaction model very well. For domestic political and economic reasons, the United States was slow to rearm in the late s even as it perceived hegemonic ambitions on the part of the Soviets. After the United States did greatly increase its nuclear and conventional arms during the Korean War , the Soviet leadership for its own domestic reasons made only a partial response. When from the mids the Soviets undertook the most massive peacetime military buildup in history, the United States chose to disengage somewhat from the race. Not until after did it reassess its posture. The new qualitative improvements embodied in the last American arms spurt of the Cold War made Soviet military leaders nervous and helps explain why they were willing in the mids to accept the new ideas promoted by Mikhail Gorbachev in hopes of raising the technological level of Soviet society. The arms race that had produced the greatest anxiety among contemporaries ended in the most astonishing political settlement of the past century. Edited by Robert Cowley and Geoffrey Parker.

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The Arms Race and Arms Control by Unknown creator (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute,) *The Prisoners of Insecurity: Nuclear Deterrence, the Arms Race, and Arms Control* by

Story Continued Below Trump has suggested he is willing to launch a new nuclear arms race, despite the costs and the risks. This extension was a key aim of President Barack Obama, whose administration negotiated the arms deal. Without the extension, the U. After reportedly checking with his advisers to learn what treaty Putin was talking about the White House says he was asking for an opinion , Trump apparently told the Russian leader the entire agreement was just another bad deal signed by his predecessor, even though its provisions impose identical obligations on both sides, and even though it was supported by the U. Senate and all the key national security players, including the U. Strategic Command and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Instead of seizing upon a good offer as well as an offer to convene talks on a range of other nuclear issues, including strategic stability, according to a former U. This is a foolish, dangerous delusion. Trump seems to believe he can bend opponents to his will. And, although he evidently knows little about nuclear weapons, he seems to embrace the Dr. Strangelove view that they are for war-fighting and war-winning. During the presidential campaign, for instance, he refused to rule out the use of nuclear weapons to fight the Islamic State, despite the absurdity of wielding them against a lightly armed terrorist group. Against a heavily armed nuclear state like Russia or China, the notion of nuclear war-fighting is beyond absurd. Once nuclear weapons are unleashed, a conflict would almost certainly escalate to all-out proportions and kill hundreds of millions of people. Will Trump come to understand his folly in time to avert an arms race, a nuclear crisis and a nuclear war? His mindset recalls President Ronald Reagan, who also entered the White House intent on launching a nuclear buildup and believing that a nuclear war could be fought and won. Soon after taking office, Reagan signed a presidential directive calling upon the nuclear establishment to plan and prepare for prevailing in a nuclear conflict lasting as long as half a year. Reagan intended to convince the Soviets that they would lose a nuclear war and therefore they had better not start one, but his aggressive rhetoric and nuclear build-up had the unintended effect of provoking the Soviets. The president was startled to learn from top secret reports based on intelligence from a KGB spy working for the British that the Soviet leadership so feared a U. He also faced massive public pressure for a freeze on the arms race. By the start of his second term, he sought arms-control talks with the Soviets and agreed with Gorbachev on the goal of banning nuclear weapons. By then, Reagan and Gorbachev understood that the notion that a nuclear war can be fought and won is the height of self-delusion. The whole point of nuclear weapons, rather, is to deter their use. Believing a nuclear war can yield victory only creates incentives to strike first while inviting a breakdown of command and control and the abandonment of all restraint. This still holds today. In the case of wars with Russia or China, escalation culminating in a civilization-ending nuclear exchange seems the most plausible outcome. Nuclear crises involving coercion and threats meant to subdue an adversary are likewise fraught. Bullying the other side in a nuclear confrontation might succeed, but it just as easily could provoke escalation to the brink of war and possibly beyond. The definitive study of the effectiveness of nuclear blackmail during the Cold War finds it had mixed results, even when the United States enjoyed overwhelming nuclear superiority. In some cases, the United States forced the Soviet Union or China to back down, but in others the threats were counter-productive. Hubris in this arena today, too, threatens to fuel escalation and yield a nuclear war instead of a diplomatic victory. By the end of the Cold War, both the United States and Soviet Union had learned that arms races are expensive and dangerous. Far better to stave them off through mutual agreements based on equal security. Thousands of nuclear weapons on each side have been disarmed and dismantled since the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty 30 years ago. Trump needs a crash course on the probable consequences of a nuclear exchange with our nuclear rivals, especially Russia because of its vast arsenal. His education should include a thorough repudiation of the delusion of U. No matter what armchair strategists may claim, U. Not by a long shot. Even if the United States could surreptitiously raise its nuclear readiness to a war footing and launch a surprise, full-scale nuclear strike that caught Russia flat-footed, the U. At least Russian

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warheads could be delivered by surviving Russian mobile nuclear missiles alone, according to a new study by Global Zero. If those missiles were allocated one to every American city with a population above 1 million, nearly 200 cities would be utterly destroyed in retaliation. Twenty-two million people would die. Nearly 2 million people would be killed by a single nuclear detonation above Times Square in New York City. His newly adopted home of Washington, D. Blair is a nuclear security expert and a research scholar at the Program on Science and Global Security at Princeton and the co-founder of Global Zero. This article tagged under:

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Mutual assured destruction By the s both the United States and the Soviet Union had enough nuclear power to obliterate[clarification needed] the other side. Both sides developed a capability to launch a devastating attack even after sustaining a full assault from the other side especially by means of submarines , called a second strike. Both Soviet and American experts hoped to use nuclear weapons for extracting concessions from the other, or from other powers such as China , but the risk connected with using these weapons was so grave that they refrained from what John Foster Dulles referred to as brinkmanship. While some, like General Douglas MacArthur , argued nuclear weapons should be used during the Korean War , both Truman and Eisenhower opposed the idea. The Americans suffered from a lack of confidence, and in the s they believed in a non-existing bomber gap. Aerial photography later revealed that the Soviets had been playing a sort of Potemkin village game with their bombers in their military parades, flying them in large circles, making it appear they had far more than they truly did. The American presidential election saw accusations of a wholly spurious missile gap between the Soviets and the Americans. On the other side, the Soviet government exaggerated the power of Soviet weapons to the leadership and Nikita Khrushchev. In , the United Kingdom became the third nation to possess nuclear weapons when it detonated an atomic bomb in Operation Hurricane [23] on October 3, , which had a yield of 25 kilotons. Despite major contributions to the Manhattan Project by both Canadian and British governments, the U. Congress passed the Atomic Energy Act of , which prohibited multi-national cooperation on nuclear projects. The McMahon Act fueled resentment from British scientists and Winston Churchill, as they believed that there were agreements regarding post-war sharing of nuclear technology, and led to Britain developing its own nuclear weapons. Britain did not begin planning the development of their own nuclear weapon until January Following this successful test, under the leadership of Churchill, Britain decided to develop and test a hydrogen bomb. The first successful hydrogen bomb test occurred on November 8, , which had a yield of 1. During the Cold War, British nuclear deterrence came from submarines and nuclear-armed aircraft. France became the fourth nation to possess nuclear weapons on February 13, , when the atomic bomb " Gerboise Bleue " was detonated in Algeria , [25] then still a French colony [Formally a part of the Metropolitan France. Eight years later, France conducted its first thermonuclear test above Fangatauafa Atoll. It had a yield of 2. During the Cold War, the French nuclear deterrent was centered around the Force de frappe , a nuclear triad consisting of Dassault Mirage IV bombers carrying such nuclear weapons as the AN gravity bomb and the ASMP stand-off attack missile, Pluton and Hades ballistic missiles, and the Redoutable class submarine armed with strategic nuclear missiles. In the late s, China began developing nuclear weapons with substantial Soviet assistance in exchange for uranium ore. However, the Sino-Soviet ideological split in the late s developed problems between China and the Soviet Union. This caused the Soviets to cease helping China develop nuclear weapons. However, China continued developing nuclear weapons without Soviet support and made remarkable progress in the s. On June 14, , China detonated its first hydrogen bomb. Cuban Missile Crisis[edit] Main article: The Soviet Union supported and praised Castro and his resistance, and the new government was recognized by the Soviet government on January When the United States began boycotting Cuban sugar, the Soviet Union began purchasing large quantities to support the Cuban economy in return for fuel and eventually placing nuclear ballistic missiles on Cuban soil. These missiles would be capable of reaching the United States very quickly. On October 14, , an American spy plane discovered these nuclear missile sites under construction in Cuba. The group was split between a militaristic solution and a diplomatic one. As tensions increased, Kennedy eventually ordered U. This was the closest the world has been to a nuclear war. The theory of mutually assured destruction seems to put the entry into nuclear war an unlikely possibility. While the public perceived the Cuban Missile Crisis as a time of near mass destruction, the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union were working behind the sight of the public eye in order to come to a peaceful conclusion. Premier Khrushchev writes to President Kennedy in a

telegram on October 26, saying that, "Consequently, if there is no intention to tighten that knot and thereby to doom the world to the catastrophe of thermonuclear war, then let us not only relax the forces pulling on the ends of the rope, let us take measures to untie that knot. Eventually, on October 28, through much discussion between U. S and Soviet officials, Khrushchev announced that the Soviet Union would withdraw all missiles from Cuba. Shortly after, the U. This ultimately led to the downfall of Premier Khrushchev. This period included negotiation of a number of arms control agreements, building with the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty in the s, but with significant new treaties negotiated in the s. These treaties were only partially successful. Although both states continued to hold massive numbers of nuclear weapons and research more effective technology, the growth in number of warheads was first limited, and later, with the START I , reversed. Treaties[edit] In , both the U. However, this agreement was ended when the Soviets resumed testing in , followed by a series of nuclear tests conducted by the U. These events led to much political fallout, as well as the Cuban Missile Crisis in All atmospheric, underwater, and outer space nuclear testing were agreed to be halted, but testing was still allowed underground. An additional countries have signed this treaty since Bans on nuclear testing, anti-ballistic missile systems, and weapons in space all attempted to limit the expansion of the arms race through the Partial Test Ban Treaty. This was primarily due to the economic impact that nuclear testing and production had on both U. This treaty significantly reduced nuclear-related costs as well as the risk of nuclear war. A new technology, known as multiple-independently targetable re-entry vehicle MIRV , allowed single missiles to hold and launch multiple nuclear missiles at targets while in mid-air. Over the next 10 years, the Soviet Union and U. S added 12, nuclear warheads to their already built arsenals. Throughout the s, both the Soviet Union and United States replaced old missiles and warheads with newer, more powerful and effective ones. This continued to worsen Soviet-U. Reagan and the Strategic Defense Initiative[edit] Main article: The presidency of Ronald Reagan proposed a missile defense program tagged the Strategic Defense Initiative , a space based anti-ballistic missile system derided as " Star Wars " by its critics; simultaneously, missile defense was also being researched in the Soviet Union. However, the SDI would require technology that had not yet been developed, or even researched. This system proposed both space- and earth-based laser battle stations. It would also need sensors on the ground, in the air, and in space with radar, optical, and infrared technology to detect incoming missiles. Due to high costs and complex technology for its time, the scope of the SDI project was reduced from defense against a massive attack to a system for defending against limited attacks, transitioning into the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. The end of the Cold War[edit] Main article: Cold War " During the mids, the U. S-Soviet relations significantly improved, Mikhail Gorbachev assumed control of the Soviet Union after the deaths of several former Soviet leaders, and announced a new era of perestroika and glasnost, meaning restructuring and openness respectively. With the wave of revolutions sweeping across Eastern-Europe , the Soviet Union was unable to impose its will on its satellite states and so its sphere of influence slowly diminished. By December 16, , all of the republics had declared independence from the Union. The examples and perspective in this article may not include all significant viewpoints. Please improve the article or discuss the issue. December Main article: In the United States, stockpile stewardship programs have taken over the role of maintaining the aging arsenal. Some are being recycled, dismantled, or recovered as valuable substances. On April 8, , former U. Senate ratified the treaty in December by a three-quarter majority. On December 22, , U. President Donald Trump proclaimed in a tweet that "the United States must greatly strengthen and expand its nuclear capability until such time as the world comes to its senses regarding nukes," [39] effectively challenging the world to re-engage in a race for nuclear dominance. We will outmatch them at every pass and outlast them all. India and weapons of mass destruction and Pakistan and weapons of mass destruction In South Asia , India and Pakistan have also engaged in a technological nuclear arms race since the s. The nuclear competition started in with India detonating the device, codename Smiling Buddha , at the Pokhran region of the Rajasthan state. Pakistan had its own covert atomic bomb projects in which extended over many years since the first Indian weapon was detonated. In the last few decades of the 20th century, India and Pakistan began to develop nuclear-capable rockets and nuclear military technologies. Finally, in India, under Atal Bihari Vajpayee government, test detonated 5 more nuclear weapons. While the international response to the detonation was muted,[citation needed] domestic pressure

within Pakistan began to build steam and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif ordered the test, detonated 6 nuclear war weapons Chagai-I and Chagai-II in a tit-for-tat fashion and to act as a deterrent. Defense against nuclear attacks[edit] Main article: Missile defense From the beginning of the Cold War, The United States, Russia, and other nations have all attempted to develop Anti-ballistic missiles. Russia has, too, developed ABM missiles in the form of the A anti-ballistic missile system and the later A anti-ballistic missile system. Chinese state media has also announced to have tested anti-ballistic missiles, [43] though specific information is not public.

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So what does this mean? That Washington has decided to use defence spending to bring Moscow to its knees or that it is preparing for war? It works like this. At times of global economic turbulence, or when the US sees a rise in dollar interest rates, capital from all over the world floods into America, driven by either fear or greed on the part of its owners. At the same time, the exchange rates of developing economies fall, leaving them facing an investment deficit and making it much harder for them to repay dollar debts. It is a well-known phenomenon, and Washington has learned how to use it not just as a tool for curbing its competitors economically, but also for supporting its own economy. Gorbachev and Reagan sign the INF Treaty until recently, getting the outside world to invest in the US economy involved nothing more than setting up a minor geopolitical shock and sense of panic or raising US government bond rates slightly. If America found itself in dire need of an influx of capital from outside, then it was possible to do both at the same time. Foreign investors are buying fewer US government bonds, while America itself seems to have somehow missed the start of the de-dollarisation of international settlements that began back in Treasurys Softens, Unsettling Financial Markets. As well as the passivity of foreign buyers, there has been a reduction in Russian and Chinese investment in US debt instruments. Moreover, Washington does not have much time to solve this recently discovered bombshell of a problem. Even the market participants themselves are having trouble working out who, exactly, will be buying them. This foreign pessimism is also starting to infect North American investors. And despite the fact that his position has met with certain criticism, the gravity of the situation itself is beyond doubt. David Rosenberg, who is well known in financial circles and was the former chief economist for Merrill Lynch Canada before becoming chief economist at the Canadian investment management company Gluskin Sheff, addressed the US President on Twitter: The USD role as the reserve currency is on its last legs. Meanwhile, the share of the euro in accounted for It should be noted that these changes took place even before European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker expressed the need for a de-dollarisation of the European Union and the promotion of the euro as a challenger to the dollar. Those in favour of a continuation of the US hegemony believe that US investors are capable of independently financing the purchase of every bond issued by the Trump administration, as well as any bonds dumped by foreign investors. But even if US investors really do have that kind of money, using it to purchase government bonds will leave the huge and incredibly debt-laden US corporate sector unfinanced. After ten years of low rates, it has become accustomed not just to living in debt, but to living in debt without even thinking about the fact that this debt will need to be repaid one day. Companies like Tesla and Netflix, for example, cannot service their debts without the possibility of refinancing. Thus, if the establishment in Washington has come to the conclusion that traditional methods for solving its financial problems no longer work, then it might be resorting to extreme measures to prevent the end of its hegemony, namely organising wars. They have not even been able to give the desired intensity to the regional crisis in the Middle East. In light of this, the Trump administration seems to have decided to use the current international security environment to its own economic advantage and kill two birds with one stone. After all, military escalation and a new arms race both provide powerful leverage over opponents and are an effective way to attract financial flows. In one comment regarding his intention to withdraw from the INF Treaty, Donald Trump stressed that the US will continue to increase its nuclear stockpiles to put pressure on Russia and China. This tactic of drawing countries into an arms race has been used by Washington several times before. At that time, back in the s, the American economy was going through hard times. Soviet leaders really believed that the US was developing the Strategic Defense Initiative program the so-called Star Wars program, however, and hurried to create their own version. And although Moscow eventually realised the futility of the initiative, huge amounts of money had already been spent that would have undoubtedly impacted on the Soviet economy. In recent years, Washington has been counting on increased defence spending to wear down its main military opponents,

Russia and China. These will require genuine political will and public support, however.

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A final, perhaps even more attractive, point comes if the arms race is viewed as a measure of political will. The fact that it existed was not necessarily a sign that war must come, but simply proof that both sides were competing.

In international politics the Soviet Union was very strong and seemed only to be getting stronger. It was, for example, securing political client states in Africa. The Western powers believed this image was valid. But in the Soviet Union few things were really what they seemed to be. Leonid Breznev In there was a power summit meeting near Vladivostok, U. After the meeting Breznev went to his waiting train. The train however did not depart. The journalist and others who traveling on the train with Breznev were not told the reason for the delay even though the delay extended through the night. The next day they were told that Breznev had suffered a stroke. The symptoms were similar: Kosareve said that if effect Breznev was a drug addict during this period and had merely miscalculated his dosage. It was not uncommon for the top leadership in totalitarian states to be addicted to sleeping potions. Mao and the top leadership of the Communist Party in China had been addicted to sleeping pills by the time of the Long March. Totalitarian leaders have a hard time relaxing and getting to sleep. There were many economic problems for the Soviet Stalinist system. One very general problem was the lack of incentives for productivity. As anonymous Soviet citizen said They pretend to pay us and we pretend to work. The Russian economist, Grigory Yavlinsky, who ultimately became an important advisor to Mikhail Gorbachev, became convinced to the need for reform when he investigated the low productivity in the Soviet mines. He found the miners were not working because they had no incentives to work. Said Yavlinsky The Soviet system is not working because the workers are not working. But there were more immediate causes for the collapse. Oleg Gordievsky, a KGB official who defected to Britain, asserted that at least one third of the total output was going to the military. British intelligence could not believe such a high figure but later Western intelligence sources estimated that it was at least fifty percent. One can only imagine what severe shortages of industrial goods there were for the rest of the economy. To maintain a parity with the U. The planners and decision-makers had to face the fact that it was economically impossible for the Soviet Union to increase the share of its output going to the military. The Soviet authorities then ended the arms race and called off the Cold War. When the justification of an external threat was removed there was no reason for the Russian public to tolerate the totalitarian regime and the political system fell apart. Only the inner circle of the military-industrial complex knew about those missiles. The Soviet reacted to those sitings by starting a peace movement in Western Europe to protest the siting of the Pershing and Cruise missiles. Elena Bonner, a human rights advocate in the Soviet Union and the wife of Andrei Sakharov, characterized the peace movement as a movement of Soviet Con Artists. She also characterized the SALT agreements, which the West was proud of, as an agreement in which million people who were living in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe were handed over forever to totalitarianism. What the West got for the Strategic Arms Limitation was a Soviet agreement to honor a set of human rights measures, the so-called Third Basket. From documents that were later found after the fall of the Soviet Union is that the Soviet leaders had no intention of honoring those agreements concerning human rights. The Soviet leaders concentrated on amassing military power. By the Soviet Union had achieved parity with the United States in military power. They managed to do this even though their military budget was supposedly on one half or one third of that of the U. But achieving parity with the U. Part of the military buildup of the Soviet Union was in tens of thousands of tanks. They had 25 thousand in East Germany alone. They were very pleased and confident with this vast superiority in tanks. This confidence held up until President Jimmy Carter announced that he was considering the development of a neutron bomb. The neutron bomb would produce armor-piercing radiation which would kill the crews of tanks but leave the tanks unharmed. This would have made the tank force of the Soviet Union not only ineffective but a danger since enemies could take over the tanks after the crews had been killed and use them against the Soviet Union. The Soviets organized an international peace campaign against the neutron bomb. It was run by the KGB office near Moscow. It was effective enough to get Jimmy Carter to cancel the development of the neutron bomb only a year after he announced its consideration. Ronald Reagan was elected president in and he

never believed detente with the Soviet Union increase in budget. The budget increase for the military came at the expense of investment in the rest of the economy. Nikolai Leonov, a general in the KGB, described the result as follows: First there was a visible decline in the rate of growth, then its complete stagnation. There was a drawn-out, deepening and almost insurmountable crisis in agriculture. It was a frightening and truly terrifying sign of crisis. It was these factors that were crucial in the transition to perestroika. The Reagan Administration justifiably gets credit for destroying the Evil Empire, but the irony of it is that the successful strategy arose as a result of a blunder rather than a rational decision. David Stockman tells us that the dramatic increase in the defense budget arose as a result of a mistake. The OMB practice in putting together a budget was first to make forecasts of the budget figures assuming no change in price levels; i. An estimate was then made of the rate of price increase and the constant price projections would be multiplied by an appropriate factor for inflation. Stockman says that in one year the inflation-adjusted figure for the Defense Department budget was mistakenly reported as the constant price figure. The mistaken figures were released before the mistake was caught. When OMB discovered the mistake the Reagan Administration tried to tell the Pentagon that a correction would have to be made. The Pentagon people said, in effect, "No way! If you adjust that published figure we will tell people that you are cutting the Defense budget. This was why there was such a big increase in the Defense budget. Many scientist doubted that the Star Wars anti-missile system would work. The Soviet strategic planners had to presume that it would work. Gorbachev and Yakoblev did not intend to dismantle the communist system. Instead they intended to make it work. Years after the fall of the Soviet Union, Yakoblev said in an interview It seemed to us that all we had to do was to remove some prohibitions, some brakes. Free everything up and it would start to work. There is a good engine there. It has got a bit old and rusty. Then just press the starter and it will set off down the track. And we went along under this illusion for one and half to two years. But as soon as we began to make really radical reforms, in foreign policy say, we immediately came up against the resistance of the system, that is to say, the military-industrial complex, the central core of the system. It began to resist. And that is when we began to understand that if we wanted radical reform we would inevitably come up against the resistance of the system. And that is what happened. And from that moment on people began to say that the system is unreformable and the Party is unreformable. Although there did remain some illusions, some hopes, that it could all be done without major conflicts. Andrei Grachev, the Deputy Head of the Intelligence Department of the Central Committee, summed up the denouement of the downfall quite cogently: Gorbachev actually put the sort of final blow to the resistance of the Soviet Union by killing the fear of the people. It was still that this country was governed and kept together, as a structure, as a government structure, by the fear from Stalinist times. The other thing that was keeping this country together was the invented outside threat. And then it fell apart. But there was a more immediate explanation for the collapse of the Soviet Union provided by Yegor Gaidar, who had been acting prime minister of Russia from June of to December of and a key figure in the transformation of the Russian economy. In his last work, Collapse of an Empire: Lessons for Modern Russia, published in Gaidar provides a powerful explanation for the collapse of the Soviet Union. It was necessary to buy grain in the international market. While the price of petroleum was high it was feasible to finance the purchase of grain from internal sources. This severely restricted the international activities of the Soviet Union. It could not send in Soviet troops to put down the rebellions against communism in Eastern Europe because such an action would have resulted in a refusal of Western sources to lend the money needed. Saudi Arabia increased its production of petroleum drastically and consequently the price of petroleum fell. The supposedly progressive system of socialism actually was a replication of feudalism in that there was an absence of personal freedom of the common people and also in that the core of structure was an elite oriented toward militarism. The common people, the workers, were treated like serfs and slaves: This is the same regime that prevailed under slavery. The development of industry served only to further increase the military power at the command of the Communist Party leadership.

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