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Complete the questions in yellow

- REWRITE = WRITE IT CORRECTLY
- COMPLETE = FINISH THE SENTENCE
- SUMMARIZE = QUICK SUMMARY FOR SUPERSTARS

Send to your teacher to check when complete….

By the end of this BFUs you should know:

- The end of the Cold War
- The War on Terror
- Economic policy

Your teacher grew up in the 1980s. There was no internet, facebook, instagram, cell phones, or debit cards. Everyone watched TV. Everyone played the Nintendo. We called each other up on the telephone from our houses. If nobody was home, we left a message.

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Everyone used cash. Your teacher walked down to the store to buy NERF weapons.

“Say hello to my little friend.”

Then, he probably got with some other kids and played war. USSR versus USA. Russians versus Americans.

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The good guys were the **Americans**. The bad guys were the **Russians**. They pretended to kill each other. The Americans always won. Before we talk about life in the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s, we need to understand what the USSR was.

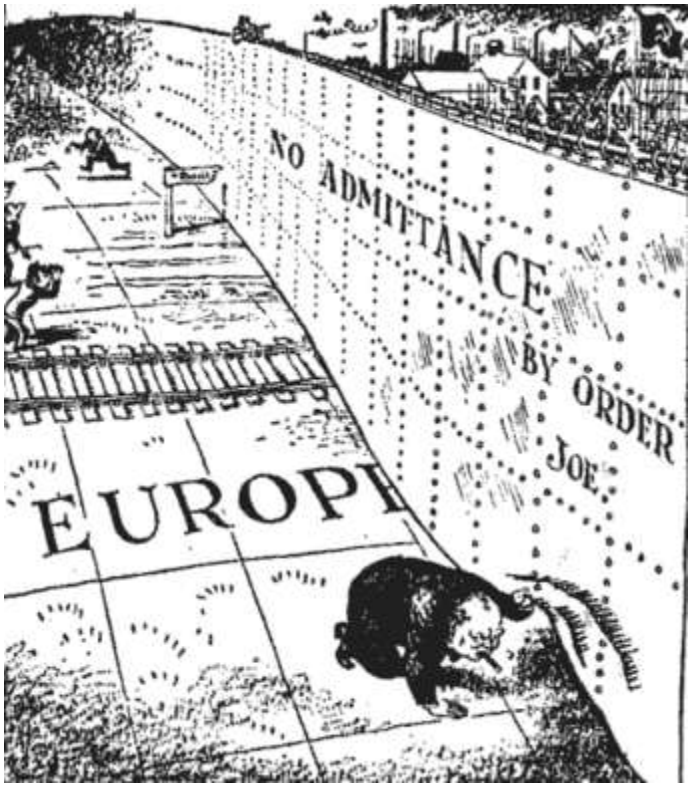
The USSR was controlled by Communist Russia. But it included a lot of places that aren't Russia. These places are other countries near Russia. They were part of the USSR.

Also, the USSR controlled the **Warsaw Pact** countries. These are countries like East Germany, Poland, and Lithuania.

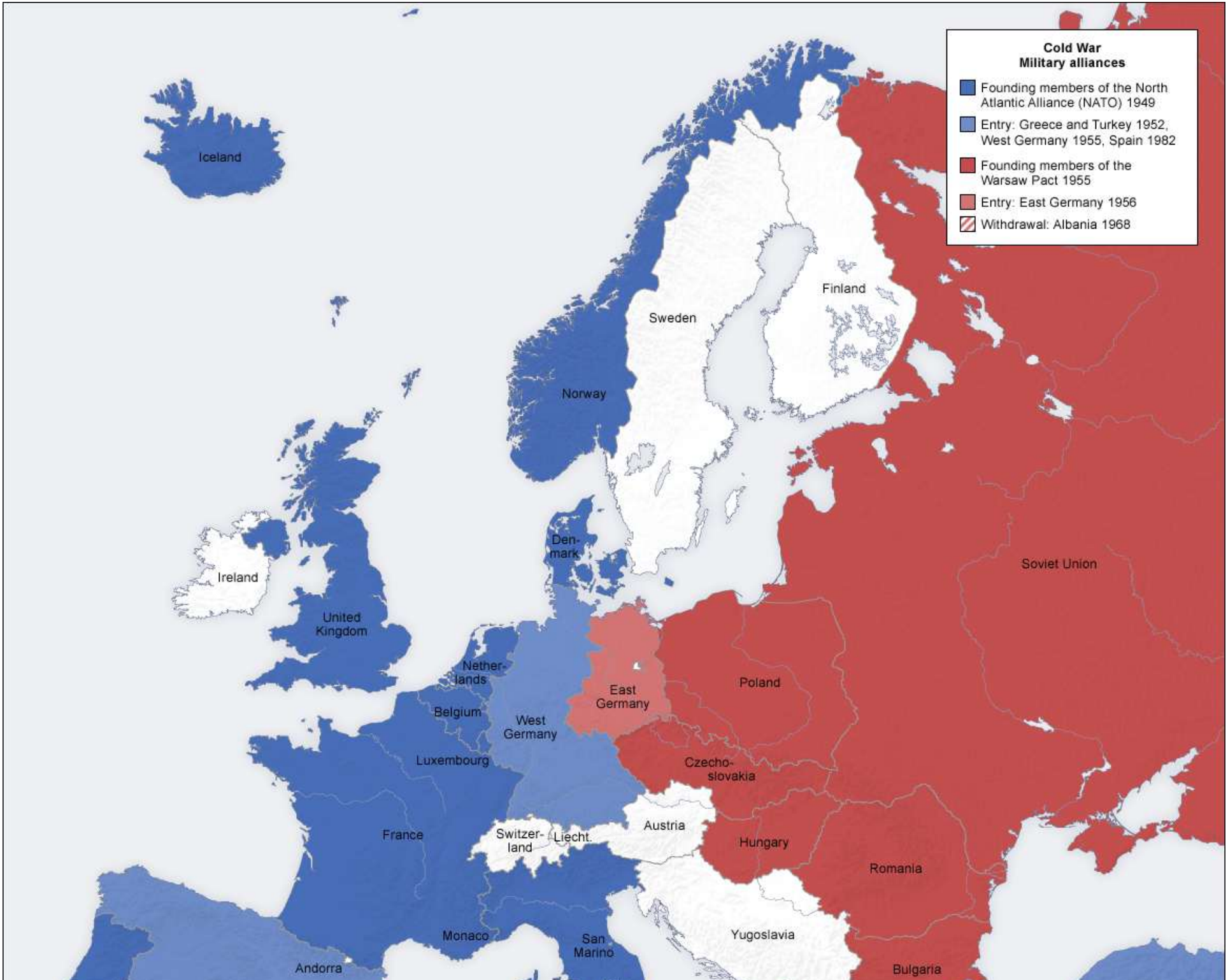
USSR includes many countries, not just Russia

USSR controls many countries. There are many names for these Communist countries.

The Iron Curtain



The Eastern Bloc


Cold War
Military alliances
Founding members of the North Atlantic Alliance (NATO) 1949
Entry: Greece and Turkey 1952, West Germany 1955, Spain 1982
Founding members of the Warsaw Pact 1955
Entry: East Germany 1956
Withdrawal: Albania 1968
Iceland
Norway
Sweden
Finland
Soviet Union
Den-mark
Ireland
United Kingdom
Nether-lands
Belgium
West Germany
East Germany
Poland
Luxembourg
Czecho-slovakia
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Switzer-land
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Austria
Hungary
Romania
Monaco
San Marino
Yugoslavia
Andorra
Bulgaria

The Warsaw Pact

Commie Countries

The Cold War between the USA and USSR was still happening in the 1980s. But the USSR wasn't so scary in the 1980s. We weren't so afraid of them, anymore! We knew that neither the USA nor the USSR wanted to use Nuclear Bombs. And somehow we knew: the USSR was getting weaker and the USA was stronger.

The reason was **economics** and **political freedom.** The USA *seemed* to have a stronger economy and much more political freedom. People from the Communist countries didn't. They had lines for everything. They had lines for food. They had lines for clothes. They had lines for everything. **They had shortages of goods.**

They had protests. They had protests against the government. The USSR “Red Army” came in with tanks and soldiers to shut them down. **There was no political freedom or nationalism allowed.**

A lot of people from the USSR **defected** to the USA. This is when you “escape” your country illegally. Like, for example, the USSR basketball team would come to play in New York. Then, at the airport, half of the team would disappear. They wanted to come live in the USA. If they wanted to live here, why should we be afraid of the USSR? They can’t even keep their own people.

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A DEFECTOR'S STORY
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Also, we Americans just felt cooler than the Russians. We had twenty kinds of blue jeans. They didn't have any. We had Coke, Pepsi, RC Cola, Diet Rite; they only had Pepsi. We had millions of choices; they didn't have any. We saw photos and videos of Russian people getting really excited over a simple thing like McDonalds or blue jeans. In the USSR, you **could get arrested for owning blue jeans**. Why? People smuggled the blue jeans in from the USA or Europe to sell. This was capitalism. It was illegal.

So, it was only a matter of time. The time came at the end of the 1980s when we witnessed the **END OF THE COLD WAR, the END OF COMMUNIST EUROPE,** and the **END OF THE USSR.**

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BERLIN WALL TUMBLES

'Beginning of the End' for Communism

Germany Re-unified

"Beginning of the end" for Communism

Complete

1. What are some names for the Communist countries?

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2. What is another name for Communist Russia?

3. What is economic freedom? Why didn't the USSR have it?

4. What is political freedom? Why didn't the USSR have it?

Summarize

5. What are some reasons that the USSR started having trouble?

6. What event marked the beginning of the end of the USSR?

Opinion

1. Why do you think people defected from the USSR?

The Soviet Union fell. It ended. Goodbye USSR! Goodbye Warsaw Pact. Goodbye Communism in Europe.

The first reason: ***We kids were right!***

THE USSR JUST RAN OUT OF MONEY! IT BECAME BROKE!

Broke ____

We learned that Ronald Reagan started talking SMACK to the USSR! He called them Evil Empire! He built more nuclear weapons!

The USSR responded. They increased **military expenses** to compete with the United States. They got scared of Reagan. They started building more nuclear weapons! But these things are expensive.

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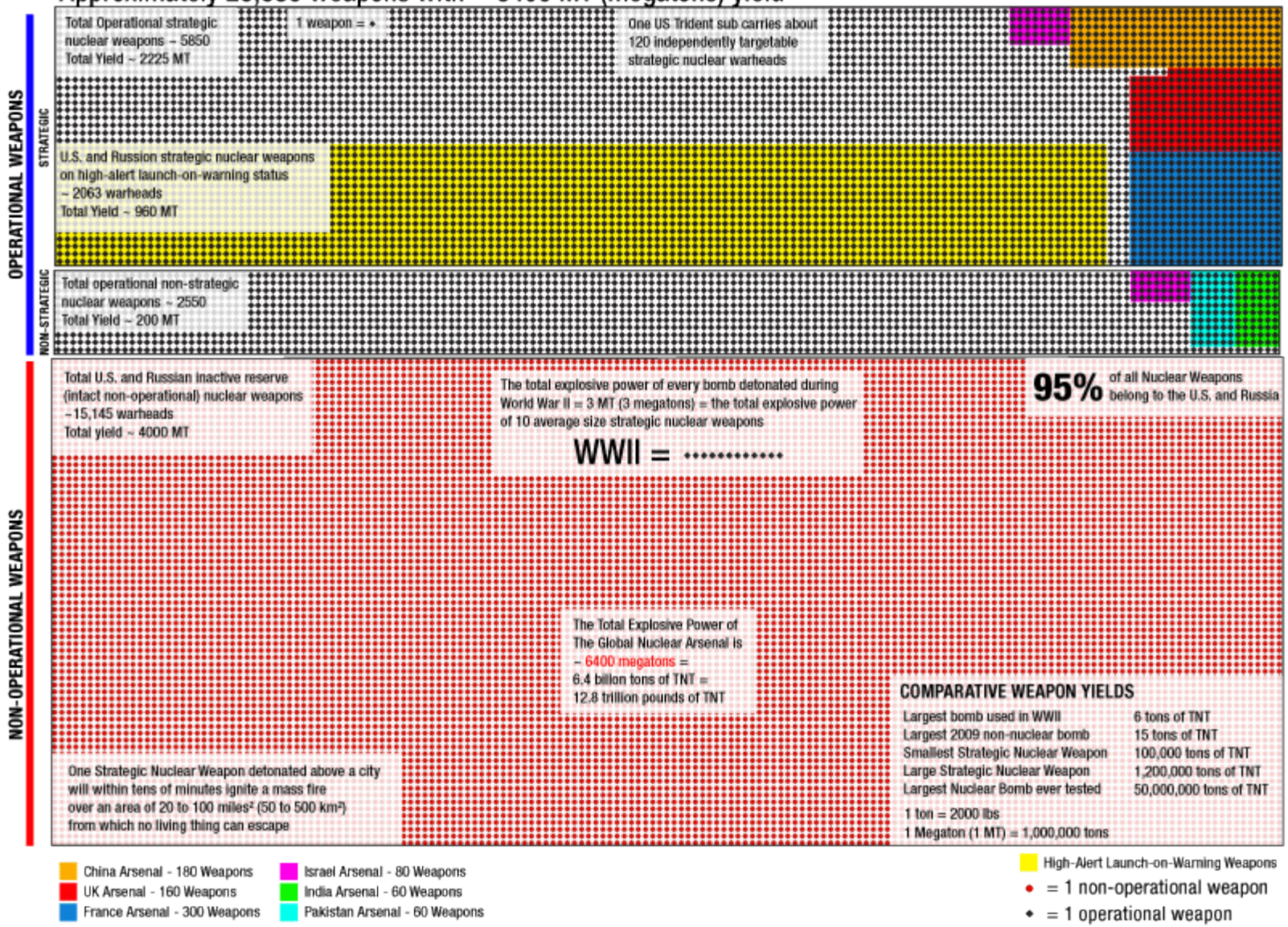

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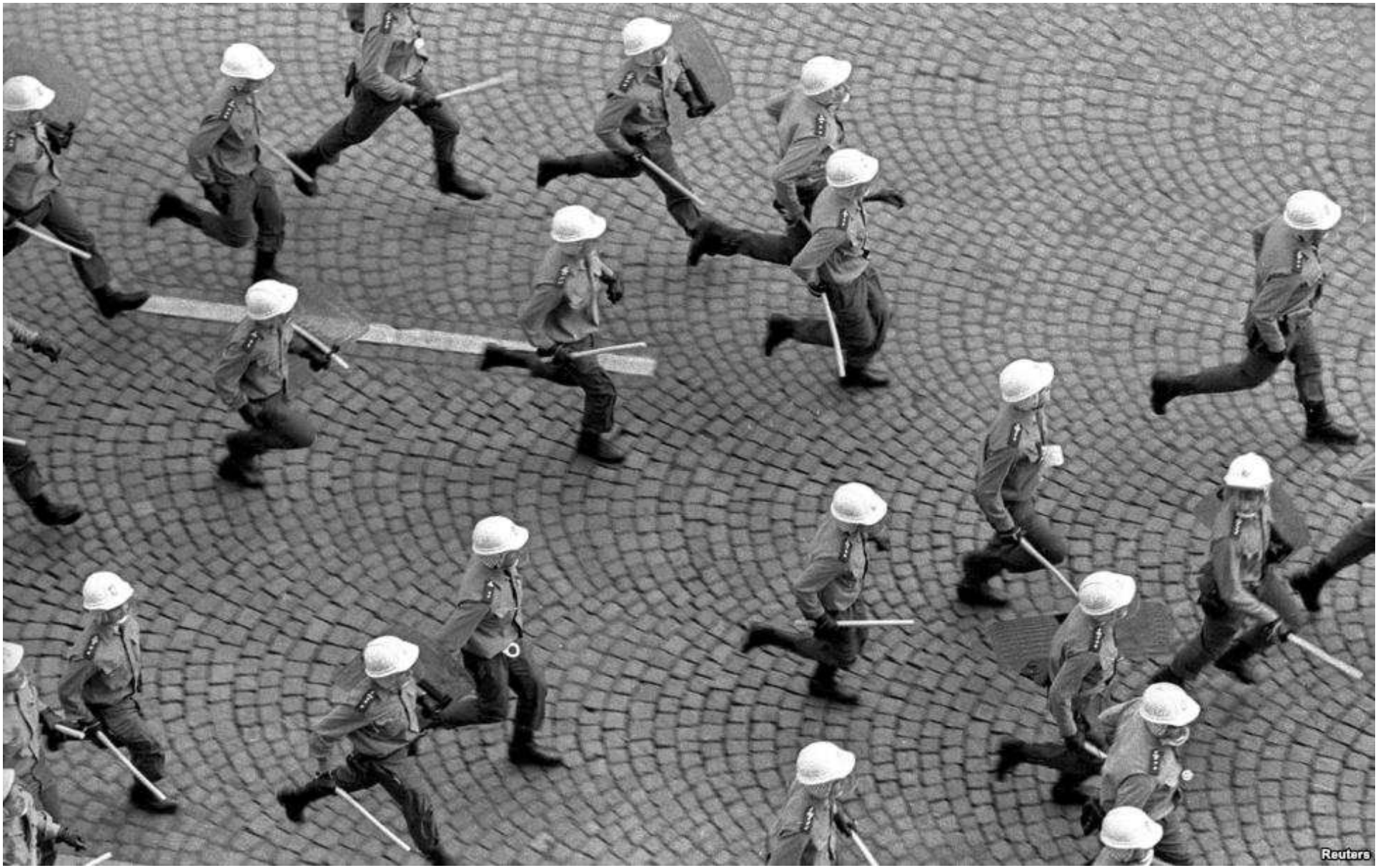
At the same time, there were people in the USSR and Warsaw Pact countries who didn't like Communism. They wanted freedom. Especially people in countries like "East" Germany that were divided. So, they had many protests. The USSR had to spend money to fight against the protesters and keep them quiet.

It was expensive.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The USSR was also spending money in places like Cuba, Nicaragua, Angola, and Mozambique. They were spending money helping Communist revolutionaries and governments.

It was expensive.

Communism is an economic system. Communists try to divide the money equally so everyone gets the same. But guess what happened? They didn't really do that. The leaders of Communism lived the good life.

They didn't really have to work very hard or make new things to stay rich. All they had to do was make sure the poor people didn't complain. So, the USSR and Communist countries were very corrupt. And nobody really wanted to make new businesses or factories there. So, they became poor.

The USSR ran out of money. Meanwhile, it had to spend more and more money to keep up with the USA. It had to spend more and more money to keep people from protesting. So, it fell apart. The USSR and the Communist countries in Europe fell apart. Soon, Communism was dead in Europe.

It started in Germany. The Communist government in East Germany gave up. And the people of East Germany knocked down the Berlin Wall. Germany became one country again: it was a free country. They joined NATO. Germany was America's ally, now. Not the USSR.

The same thing happened in other Communist countries in Europe. They kicked out their Communist governments. Poland kicked out its Communist government:

--“Go to Russia!” They said.

--“We don’t want you here!” They said.

And Poland joined NATO. Same thing happened in Ukraine, and Czechoslovakia. **They all left the Warsaw Pact and joined NATO.**

It’s like switching sides.

The USSR made some reforms. Reform is when you change something about your country to try and keep people happy. They started to let some American products into the country. They started to let people start their own businesses without having to pay money to the government. The economic reforms were called **perestroika.**

Perestroika

The USSR also had to make political reforms. Before, there were a few leaders who controlled everything. If you said anything bad about the government, you ended up in jail. So, the USSR was basically a totalitarian dictatorship. They made some political reforms to try and get more people involved in the government. These reforms are called **glastnost.**

GLASNOST
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The Soviet leader who makes these reforms is Mikhail Gorbachev.

Yes, he has a splotch on his head.

So- THESE ARE THE REFORMS!

* ECONOMIC REFORMS in the USSR are **PERESTROIKA**.

* POLITICAL REFORMS in the USSR are **GLASTNOST**.

Complete

1. Communist collapses because…

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2. What US president challenges the USSR and calls them “Evil Empire”?

3. How did the USSR respond to this comment?

4. Why did people protest against Communism?

5. What did the USSR have to do to these protesters?

6. What is perestroika?

7. What is glastnost?

8. Who is the USSR leader who does the reforms?

Opinion

1. Do you think the reforms will work and save Communism?

The REFORMS didn't work. People wanted a new democratic government. The USSR collapsed. This is another way of saying that it ended. The USSR ended. It broke into a lot of tiny countries and one big country.

So, there was Russia.

Then, countries like:

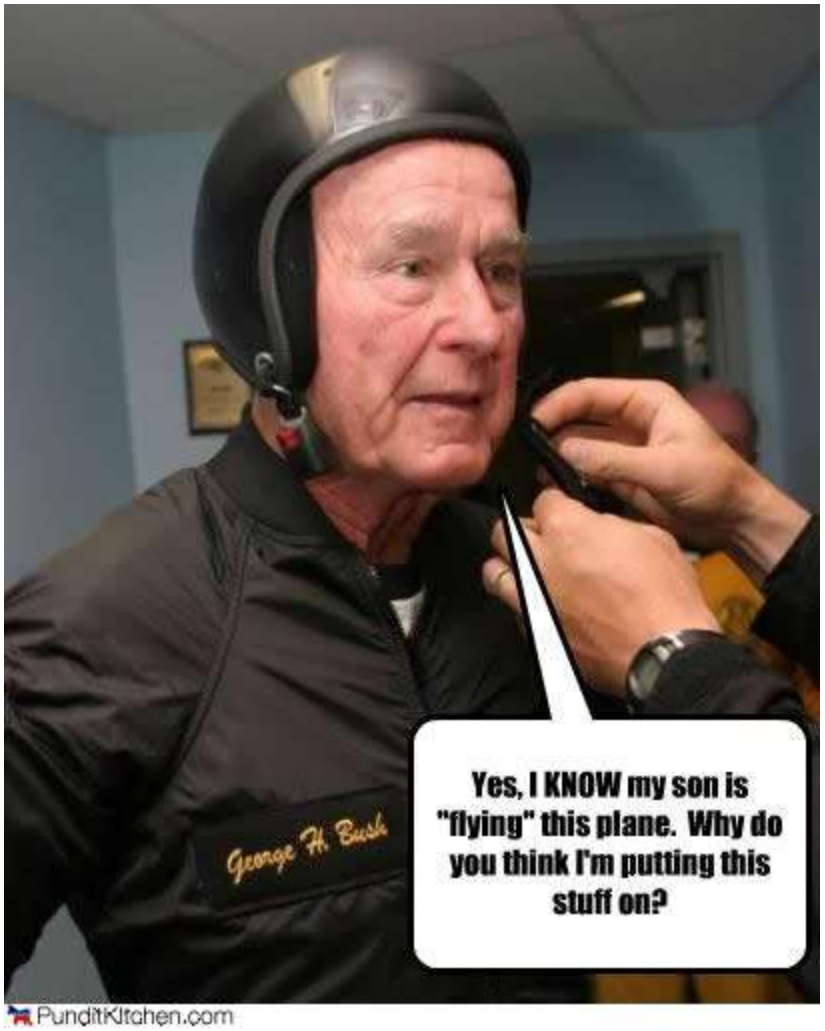
Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

The Communist governments in these countries disappeared and free governments took their place…. with elections!

Look at all the new countries, yo!

All that used to be Communist USSR!

This happened when George H.W. Bush was president.



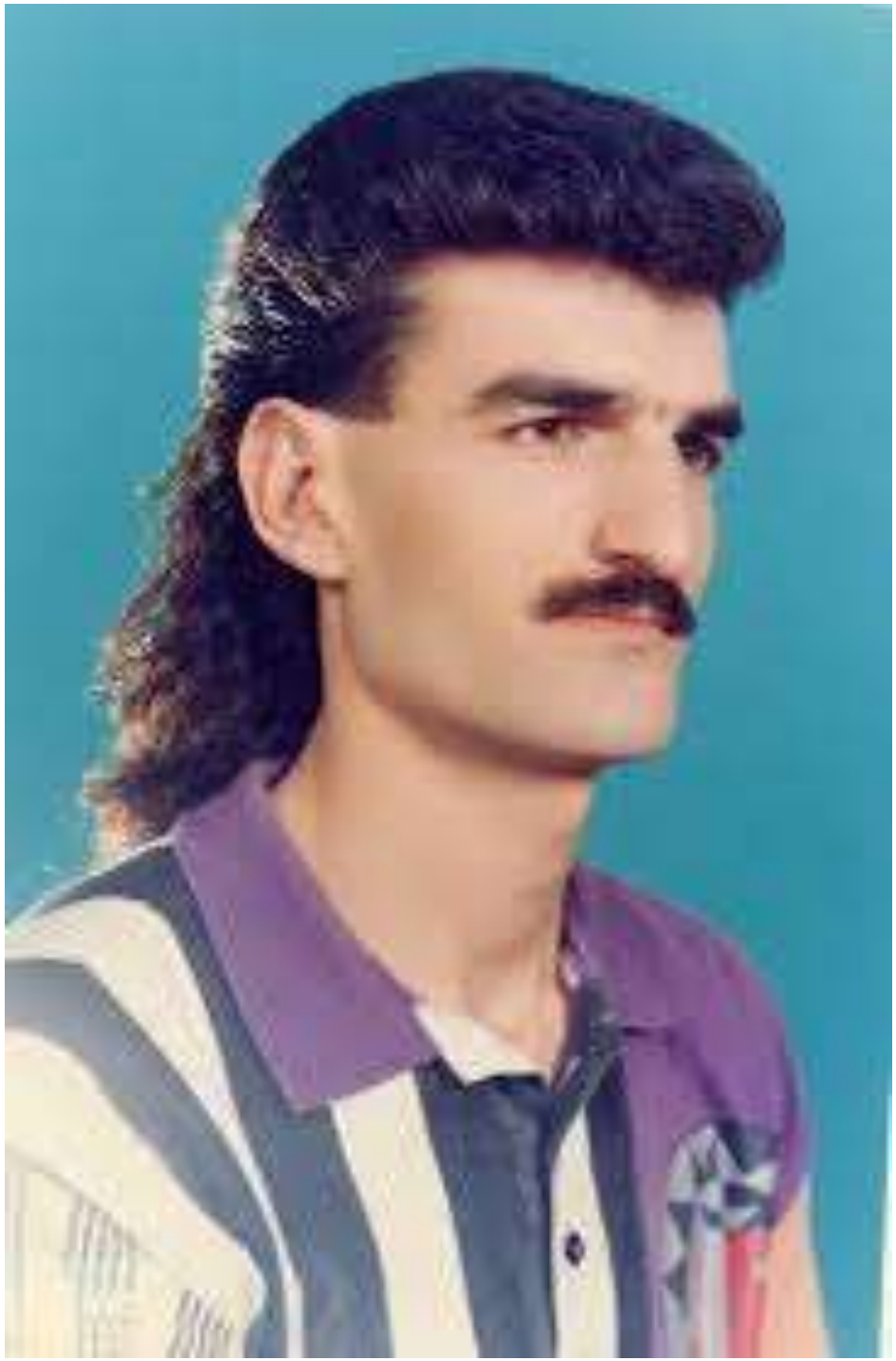
Don’t confuse him with George W. Bush!

A lot of you might be confusing him with his son, George W. Bush, who was also president.

When you think of **George W. Bush** (THE SON) you think about the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. So, it's kind of confusing but **George H. W. Bush (**THE FATHER) had his own war in Iraq.

This was called **Operation Desert Storm**. It started one night when your teacher was going to a dance in Junior High School. Your teacher was wearing his coolest Nike Jordans and he had his hair up in a spike. He was wearing Cool Water cologne because he heard Snoop Dogg rap about it, once.

My Jordans



My hairstyle

It came on the car radio at 7PM: The USA and a UN COALITION were dropping bombs on Baghdad.

Not everyone had CNN back then…

BOMBS
OVER BAGHDAD

The first Iraq War is called the **Persian Gulf War**. It happened when Sadaam Hussein invaded a little country called Kuwait. He wanted to get their oil.

Why did Sadaam invade it? He really wanted the oil in Kuwait and he knew that if he waited, the USA wouldn't let him. He guessed that the USA would be too happy about winning the Cold War to really get involved.

Sadaam Hussein was wrong, though. The Persian Gulf War was a victory for the US coalition. It was also the first war where women served in combat roles. The USA won this war, but it was an easy war. They only had to kick out

Complete

1. The _____ War happened after Sadaam Hussein invaded Kuwait. This was in the 1990s.

2. The US led a coalition against Sadaam and his country of _____. They kicked them out of Kuwait.

3. Who was the US president during the First Gulf War or Persian Gulf War?

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10 years later, we have another war in the Middle East. This is a lot different. It happens when George W. Bush is president. It starts out having nothing to do with the Middle East. It has to do with a terrorist attack on September 11, 2001.

9/11 attacks

The attacks shocked America. Two planes hit the Twin Towers in New York. One plane hit the Pentagon, in VA. One plane crashed in Pennsylvania. It was heading to the White House.

A terrorist group called Al Qaeda claimed responsibility. The leader of Al Qaeda was Osama bin Laden. He was from Saudi Arabia. But, he was living in Afghanistan with the Taliban.

Afghanistan under the Taliban

Afghanistan was controlled by a group called the Taliban. They are like ISIS. Other countries didn't recognize them, but they did what they want. They gave Bin Laden a home.

George W. Bush said: "Give us Bin Laden or we will attack you, Taliban." And the Taliban said: "No." So, the US went to war with the Taliban in Afghanistan.

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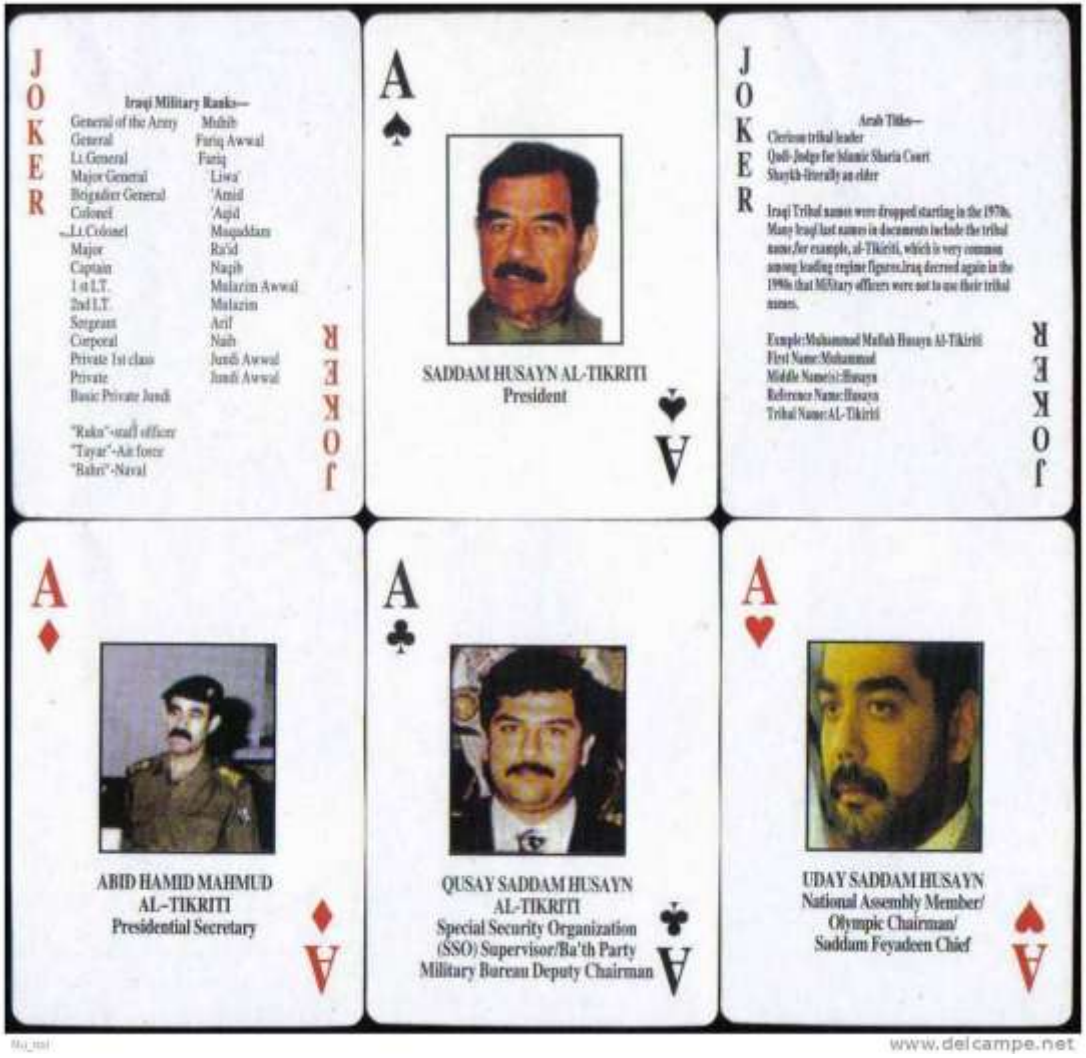
So, the USA is in war with Afghanistan. And Americans start to really focus on **TERRORISM**. There's no Cold War, anymore, and people need a new enemy. George W. Bush hears some rumors that Sadaam Hussein has atomic bombs and he is going to try and use them.

This actually isn't true. Sadaam and other Arab nationalist leaders like Al-Assad and Mubarak are more scared of terrorist groups than the USA. But we end up going to war with Iraq to remove Sadaam.

We don’t like dictators, but we don’t trust radical Islamic groups. So, maybe we are better off with Mubarak and friends? This is the new question.



The USA made Iraqi playing cards before the war. It was a show of the poor foresight of the time.

The US gets rid of Sadaam and all of his supporters. But now there is a power vacuum in Iraq. The same happens in Afghanistan. There is no tradition of democracy and there are many groups that don't trust each other. The global jihadi movement sends its craziest soldiers to Iraq and Afghanistan. It becomes sort of like a proxy war: but this time, the USA is fighting against decentralized groups of terrorists.

The war in Iraq and Afghanistan are still going on. The outcome is still unresolved. Terrorism and extreme Islam is a growing concern for all of the world.

ISIS is the newest group. They are good at using the internet and youtube.

Complete

1. What happens on 9/11?
2. What group is responsible for 9/11?
3. Who is in charge of this group?
4. Where is he from?

5. Where was Osama bin Laden hiding on 9/11?
6. Who was ruling this country?

7. Where does the US go to war first? Iraq or Afghanistan?

8. Why does the USA go to war in Iraq?

9. Who is the US president during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan?

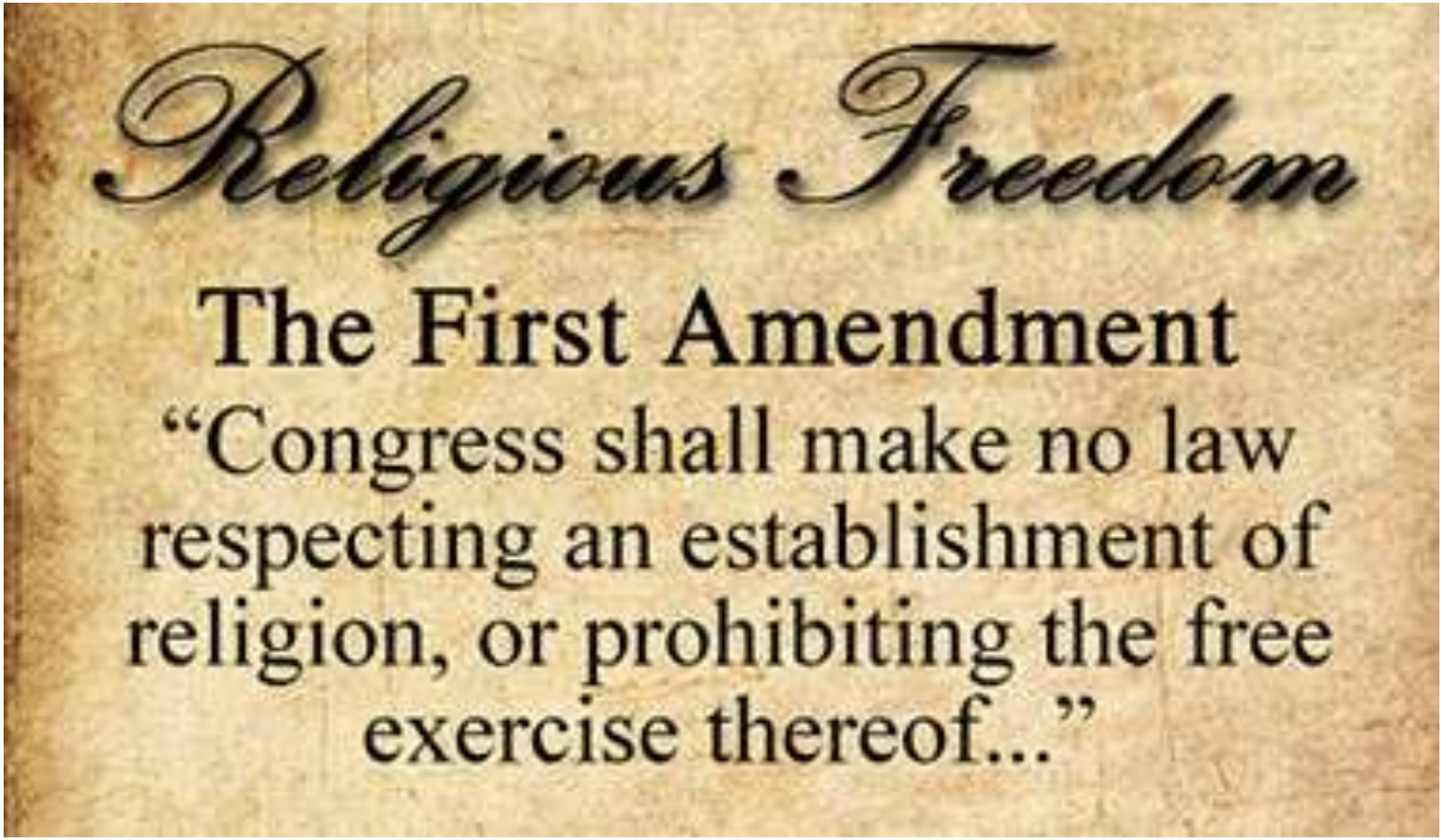
Opinion

10. How do you think we will win the “War on Terror?”

THE WAR ON TERROR is the newest "era." It is difficult for Americans to understand how radical Islam cannot be the enemy of the USA.

At the same time, Americans are struggling to understand that Islam was a religion that existed peacefully with Christianity for a thousand years. We had the Crusades and some fighting between Ottomans and Eastern Europeans, but that's about it.

In many ways, the goal of **radical Islam**—when we say radical, we are talking about ISIS, the Taliban, and other groups—is similar to the goal of the USSR. They want to take over the world. So, even though most Americans aren't affected by this kind of terrorism, they **fear it** in the same way they feared NUCLEAR WAR. Actually, for Americans it is even worse because it threatens our ideas about religious freedom and many religions being able to exist under one democratic government.

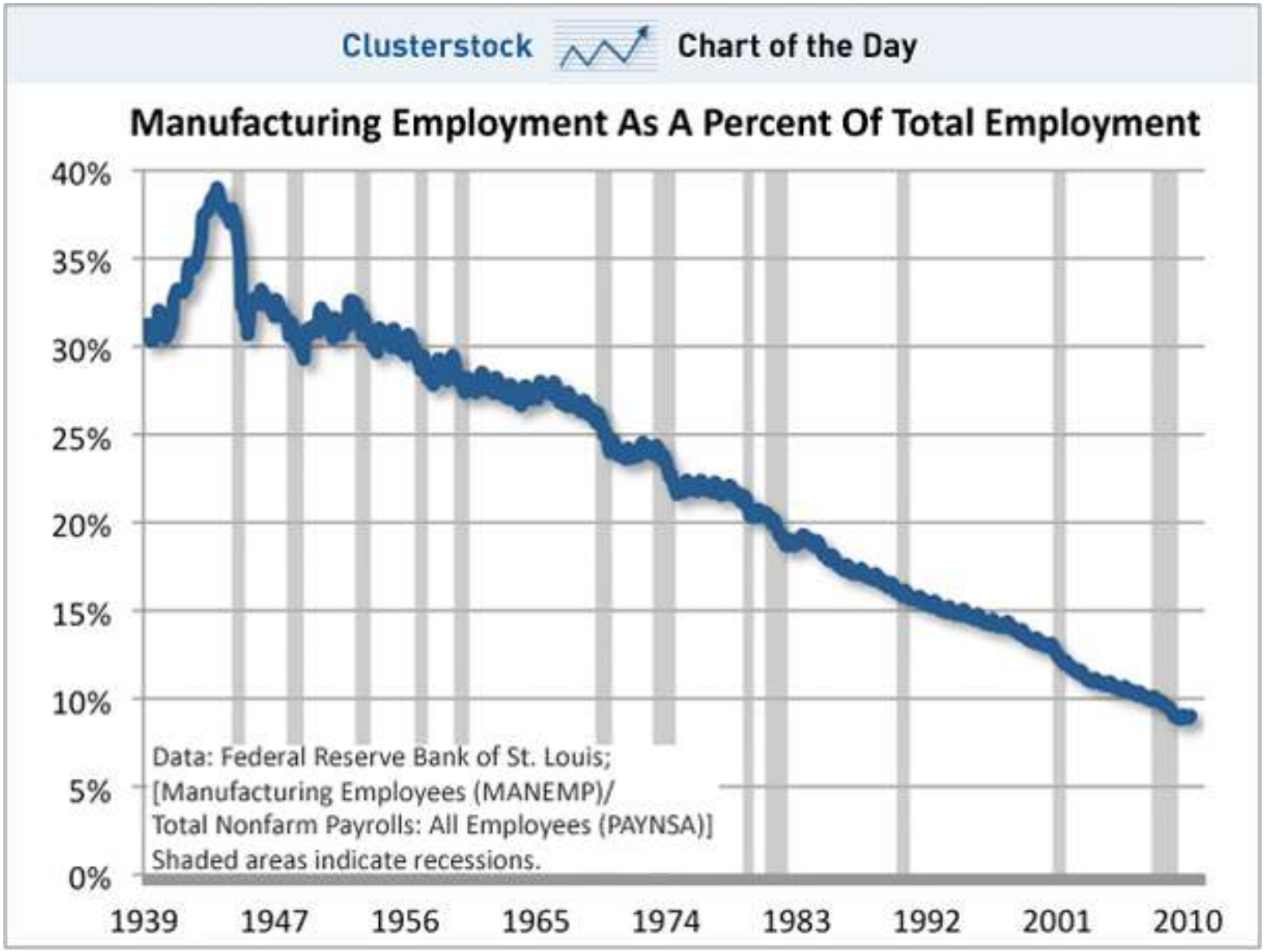


Summarize Why is the "War on Terror" and the growth of Radical Islam difficult for Americans?

The last thing we need to talk about is money. In the 1980s, it seemed like the USA was going to be rich forever. Times were good!

“Yo, I’m making so much money! Check out my cell phone!”

But even as technology advanced… the USA went through cycles. Sometimes the economy was good. Sometimes the economy was bad. One thing that happened slowly was this: FACTORY JOBS LEFT THE USA. So, if you didn't have a good education, you didn't have many options.



This graph shows that factory jobs have disappeared.

When Mr. Elias was young, he never wanted to get a factory job. But many of his classmates wanted to get these jobs. They didn't like school. They just wanted to start making money. These jobs disappeared.

And so we really have a divide between rich and poor. But our political system hasn't totally adjusted. Supposedly, the Republicans are the party of the rich. They want lower taxes, benefits for business, and a smaller government. They oppose labor unions and regulations. This is the program really started when **Ronald Reagan** was president. It's the **conservative revolution.**

Back in the 1990s, George H.W. Bush lost the next election, though. He was famous for saying: “READ MY LIPS, NO NEW TAXES!” But when he became president, he made some taxes. He lost the next election, even though he won the Persian Gulf War. People said: “It’s the economy stupid!” There was NO COLD WAR, so people focused on their bank accounts.

Bill Clinton won the next election. Everyone sort of liked Bill Clinton, even if they didn't trust him. When Clinton was president, the economy improved. He was a Democrat. Democrats are "supposed" to like making lots of taxes and not having free trade. Democrats are "supposed" to be bad for business and the economy.

But Clinton was different. He made a trade arrangement with Mexico called NAFTA. Before, trucks coming from Mexico to the USA with vegetables or whatever needed to pay taxes on their goods. After NAFTA, they didn't. He reformed welfare. He did a lot of conservative economic things, and some liberal programs. He was a good balance.

Complete

1. George HW Bush said: “Read my lips, no new _____.”
2. Who is the president that beat George HW Bush?

3. What political party is Bill Clinton?

4. What is NAFTA?

5. How are Republicans supposed to be for the economy?

6. How are Democrats supposed to be for the economy?

But it's hard to tell. The economy goes in cycles. It got good during Clinton's time, but it stayed good during the time of George W. Bush. We think maybe it has to do with construction and computers, but we're not sure.

While the US economy increased, so did immigration. Before, immigration was mainly from European countries. But the US has recently seen immigration from Africa, Latin American, and Asian countries. Just like always, this is a difficult issue for Americans.

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Many Americans opposed immigrants. They especially don't like the idea that immigrants are coming illegally.

“Illegal” immigration has always happened. It’s just we are a more advanced society, so it’s more obvious. Another difference between now and 100 years ago is the economy is different.

There are fewer manufacturing jobs. Most jobs for low-skilled workers are in farming or service jobs. We are talking McDonalds, cleaning services, working in Target, lawn maintenance.

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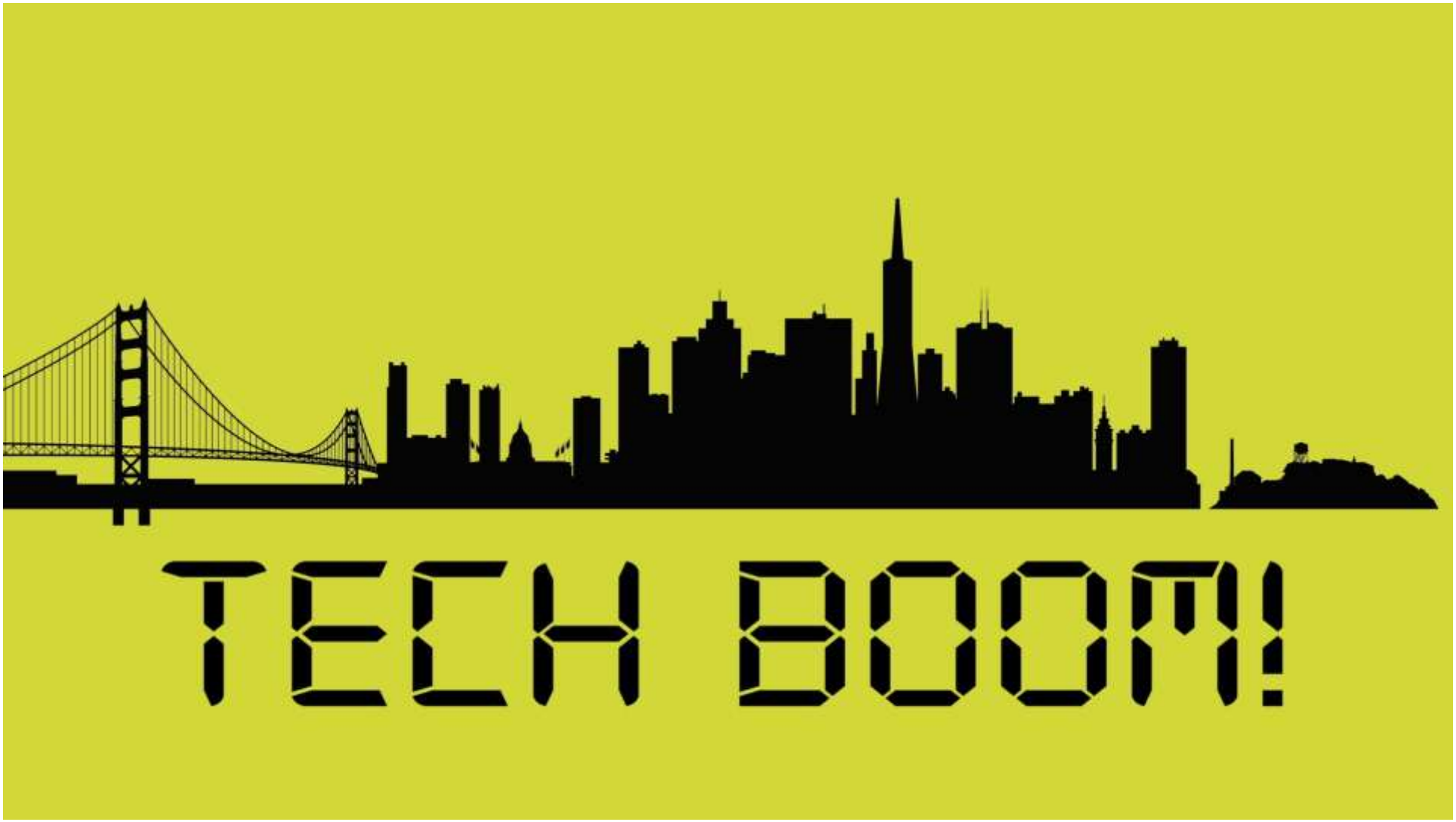
Unlike factory jobs, these jobs don't pay a lot. They are also unstable. Many people need to work two of these jobs just to make enough to live. They can't pay them much more because the industries are not hugely profitable like factory sectors.

There are no more factory jobs. The economy is highly dependent on service jobs like working in businesses or computer firms or restaurants. During the presidency of Bill Clinton and George W Bush, there was strong economic growth. The US kept growth strong by keeping interest rates low and taxes low.


TECH BOOM!

The economy grew because of high-tech innovations and construction of new housing. Now, we're not so sure if the economy can rebound! Barack Obama was elected president. He was the first black president. He was elected to save the economy.

The economy is better, but mostly for rich people and upper-middle class people.

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New York: **Today**, sunny, a few afternoon clouds. High 77. **Tonight**, slightly more humid. Low 65. **Tomorrow**, sun then clouds. High 81. **Yesterday**, high 81, low 63. Weather map, Page C19.

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Mission Accomplished!

OBAMA WINS!!!

Sulzberger says, Pinch me, I must be dreaming!

Obama thanks New York Times for media support, says, Yes we did!

We are now facing a situation where the economy is recovering, but wages are not. In other words, there is a big divide between the rich and poor. For example, Mr. Elias has been a teacher for 5 years. His salary really hasn't gone up, even though the economy has recovered.

Teaching and other “middle-class” professions are now considered risky because government salaries have not kept pace with inflation.

It’s the same with being a police, fireman, librarian, or other middle class positions. Even some medical professionals face this problem!

The cost of living in the United States is going up and nobody has yet come up with a solution.

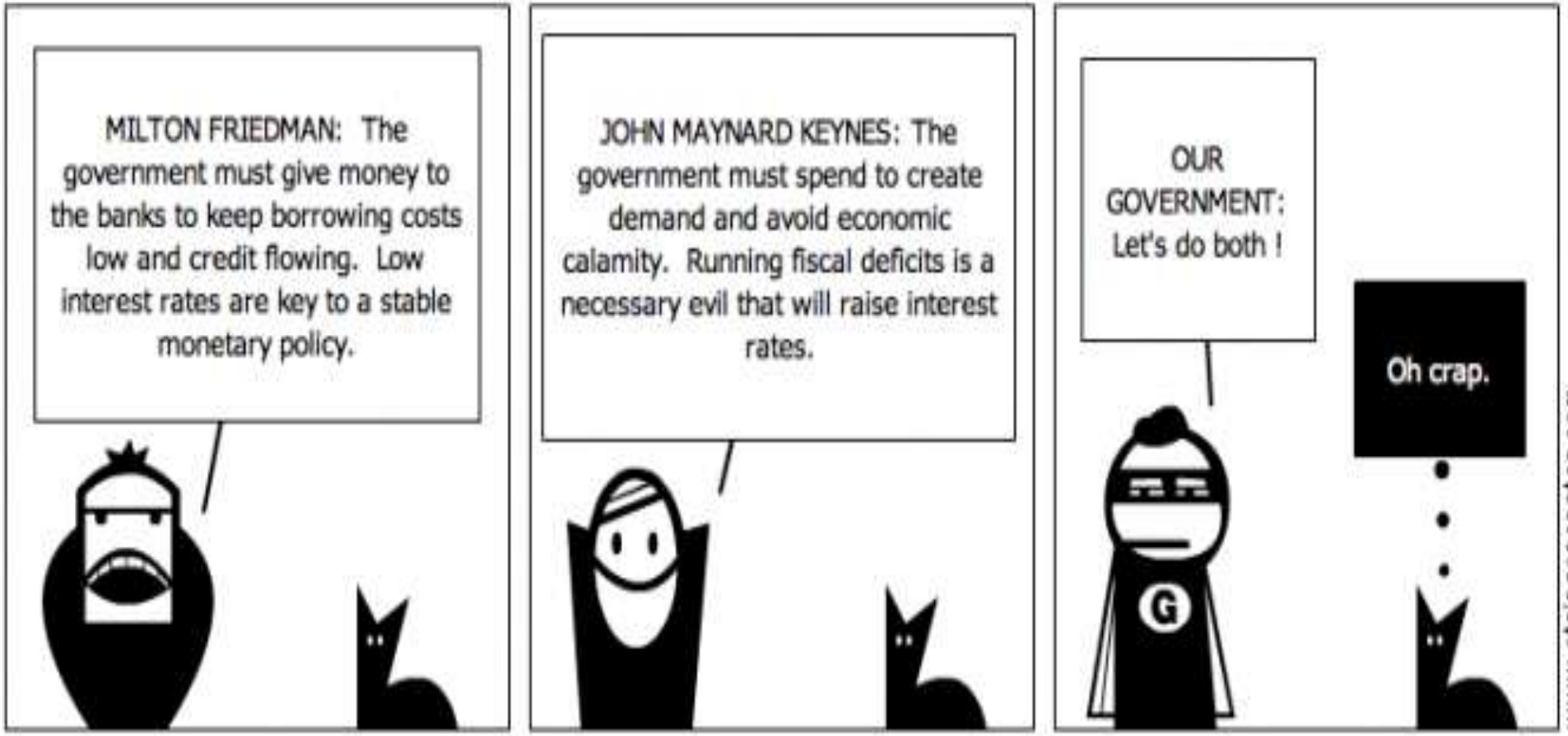
This shows how $$$$ wages are going down while prices are going up.

In the past twenty years, since Mr. Elias has had hair, the government has used two different kind of policies to help the economy.

There is **monetary policy** and **fiscal policy**. Monetary policy is when you adjust the interest rates. If you keep the interest rates low, then people will invest money, and the economy will grow. Fiscal policy has to do with taxes and spending. When you keep taxes low, people will have more money to spend.

Then again, maybe you can spend money to create jobs.

Monetary vs. fiscal policy. Oh crap.



Nobody really agrees on what the solution is. Maybe things will turn around and you will all get great jobs. But it's also possible that the USA is headed for an economic downturn. It's always impossible to predict!

Education has become increasingly important to your future. Without a 4-year college degree, you will be guaranteed at least two jobs with horrible hours. Then again, if you go to college without a scholarship, you face loans and debt.

Complete

1. What changed about “jobs” in the last twenty years?

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2. What is monetary policy?

3. What is fiscal policy?

4. What are the challenges you face when you leave high school?