Nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, August 1945

Harry Truman (D)

As Japan was suing for peace and World War 2 was coming to an end, on August 6, the U.S. dropped the first atomic bomb ever used, on Hiroshima. Between 140,000 and 150,000 people, overwhelmingly civilians, died from the attack and hundreds of thousands wounded. On August 9, the U.S. dropped an even more powerful nuclear bomb on Nagasaki, murdering another 70,000 people.

Military intervention in Greek civil war, 1947-49

Truman (D)

The U.S. armed, trained, and led the reactionary Greek military in a bloody counterinsurgency against anti-fascist guerilla fighters who had driven Nazis from many parts of Greece during WW2. The leftist fighters suffered losses of many tens of thousands before being defeated by a coup in October 1949.

The Korean War, 1950-53

Truman (D), Dwight D. Eisenhower (R)

In June 1950, the U.S. orchestrated a United Nations invasion of Korea, and sent over 340,000 American troops. U.S. and U.S.-backed UN forces killed more than two million North Korean civilians, and around 1.5 million South Koreans, before a negotiated armistice was signed in July 1953.

Vietnam War, 1961-1975

Eisenhower (R), Johnson (D), Lyndon B. Johnson (D), Richard Nixon (R), Gerald Ford (R)

On September 11, 1973, the Chilean military, with secret backing from the U.S., carried out a coup against the leftist government of President Salvador Allende. More than 3,000 demonstrators were executed, thousands more were “disappeared,” and tens of thousands tortured. Over 140,000 people were rounded up during the coup, and in the few years that followed, as many as one million people out of Chile’s population of 11 million were forced into exile.

U.S. foments civil war in Angola, 1975-1994

Ford (R), Reagan (R), George H.W. Bush (R), Clinton (D)

In 1975, when Portugal ended its colonial rule over Angola, and the MPLA, one of the groups that fought for independence, was set to take power, the U.S. began arming, funding, and militarily assisting the reactionary anti-MPLA factions of UNITA headed by Jonas Savimbi. A savage civil war was unleashed which lasted until 2002. Some 500,000 were killed, over four million drove from their homes.

Supporting Indonesian genocide in East Timor, 1975-1999

Ford (R), Carter (D), Reagan (R), George H.W. Bush (R), Clinton (D)

In 1975, President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger met with Indonesian dictator Suharto and green-lit Indonesia’s invasion of its neighbor, East Timor. Up to one-third of the Timorese population, as many as 20,000 people, were killed through massacres and enforced starvation. Many Timorese were imprisoned and tortured by a military armed and trained by the U.S. The slaughter continued for almost 35 years.

U.S. backs El Salvador death squad, 1980-92

Carter (D), Reagan (R), George H.W. Bush (R)

To crush a guerrilla struggle against its brutal client regime, the U.S. supported, funded, and armed death squads that carried out extra-judicial executions and massacres which killed as many as 75,000 people.

Invasion of the Dominican Republic, 1965

Johnson (D)

On April 28, 22,000 U.S. troops invaded the Dominican Republic to crush a just, mass uprising against the country’s pro-U.S. tyranny. Thousands of Dominicans were killed.

U.S.-backed genocide in Guatemala, 1982-1983

Reagan (R)

In 1982, the U.S. backed a military coup by the Christian fascist General Jose Efrain Rios Montt, who then launched a genocide assault on Guatemala’s Indigenous Mayan population.

The Persian Gulf War—the U.S. assault on Iraq, 1990-1991, followed by sanctions

George H.W. Bush (R), Clinton (D)

From January 16 to February 27, 1991, the U.S. waged war against Iraq to strengthen its grip on the Persian Gulf. Some 100,000 Iraqi soldiers were killed and another 300,000 wounded. The war also caused the deaths of 70,000 civilians by January 1992.

Invasion and occupation of Afghanistan, 2001-present

George W. Bush (R), Barack Obama (D), Donald Trump (R)

In 2001, U.S. forces invaded Afghanistan, drove the Islamic fundamentalist Taliban regime from power, and installed a wildly hated, pro-U.S. “Islamic Republic.” The U.S. air and ground war has continued ever since. By August 2016, some 111,000 (including more than 31,000 Afghan civilians) had been killed and over 116,000 injured.

Invasion, occupation, and ongoing intervention in Iraq, 2003-present

George W. Bush (R), Obama (D), Trump (R)

In 2003, the U.S. invaded Iraq and overthrew Saddam Hussein’s regime based on the lie that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction. The U.S. war and occupation sparked armed resistance and led to the rise of reactionary Islamic jihadism and the ethnic-sectarian conflict that continues to this day. Some studies estimate that between 1.2 and 1.4 million Iraqis (and perhaps as many as 2.4 million people) in Iraq have died from the war’s direct and indirect impacts. More than 4.2 million Iraqis had been injured and at least 4.5 million had been forced from their homes.

U.S. support for Israel’s wars, 1948-present

Truman (D), Johnson (D), Nixon (R), Reagan (R), Clinton (D), George W. Bush (R), Obama (D), Trump (R)

The Palestinian Intifada, October 2000 - March 2005

Since 2000, the U.S. has backed Israel’s violent military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, including the 2003-05 Gaza Intifada, which saw more than 1,100 Palestinians killed, including more than 300 children, and over 7,000 injured.

The U.S.-supported Israel’s invasion and occupations of Lebanon, 2006-present

George W. Bush (R), Obama (D), Trump (R)

The U.S. has supported a brutal Israeli military occupation of the Lebanese territories of South Lebanon and Gaza, which has killed over 40,000 Palestinians and injured over 500,000. The U.S. has also provided billions in military aid and training to the Israeli military to support and sustain their brutal occupation of Palestinian lands.

The U.S.-supported War in Yemen, 2015-present

Obama (D), Trump (R)

The U.S. has supported Saudi Arabia’s war against Yemen since March 2015, which has resulted in the deaths of over 100,000 Yemenis and the worst humanitarian crisis in the world since World War II. The U.S. has also provided billions in military aid and training to the Saudi military to support and sustain their brutal war against Yemen.

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