Détente in late 1960s to early 1970s

- Johnson pursues more cooperative policies toward Soviet Union
- Nixon pursues triangular diplomacy between China and Soviet Union
  - Major HR violations by Chile, Argentina Indonesia
- Carter attempts to improve human rights policies of US
- 1978-79: Iranian Revolution
- Dec. 1979: Soviet invasion of Afghanistan

Reagan and the Revival of Cold War

- increased US-Soviet hostility
- US support for rebels in Nicaragua; gov’t in El Salvador
- nuclear arms build-up
- Soviet decline by late 1980s
- Soviet retreat in E. Europe 1988-1994
- coup in Soviet Union, 1990
- Soviet Union breaks up, 1991