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There is evidence that the question has been understood and its ~~several~~ addressed, although not all implications have been considered. Relevant, mostly accurate, historical knowledge is present and events generally placed in their historical context. There could be a better balance between "outbreak" (there is only limited focus) and "development of" in the answer so that both parts were more thoroughly analysed. Awareness of different interpretations is present and deployed, for the most part, as a supplement to historical knowledge. This answer is borderline 10-12 and 13-15 mark band but there is enough relevant analysis to push it up to 13.

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To what extent were the policies of the United States responsible for the outbreak and development of the Cold War between 1945 and 1949?

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According to the ~~revisionist~~ revisionist school of historiography on the Cold War, the origins from the conflict lied in American imperialism created as a product ~~of~~ from its capitalist system. In this essay I will examine this claim and compare and contrast it to opposing schools of history. I will by looking at the policies of Truman's administration argue that the cold war was a result out of two super-powers ambitions for security.

In 1945 Truman and the US dropped the atomic bomb on Japan. This is by many seen as ~~the~~ marking the beginning of the cold war. It could be argued that it was a warning towards the USSR. At the



Potsdam conference in 1945, Truman was worried about what letter would be given in to Soviet "Sachmi" tactics. This implied that Soviet Union espionage governments in Eastern European countries and quickly turning them more and more communist. In Poland there was two rivaling exile-governments communist Lublin-poles and western liberal London poles. Truman demanded free elections which Stalin accepted. According to the Orthodox School of Cold War historiography, Stalin did not honour this agreement which would lead to American suspicion and in the extension to the cold war. This would imply that the USSR was more responsible and that it was an inherent part of the Marxist ideology to be expansionist.

Evidence further supporting this theory comes in to the context of the Czech coup'd etat in 1948. I believe that since the Congress would accept the Truman doctrine





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① Just after the coup, shows that the Americans waited to get involved until they had stronger proof of Soviet aggression and expensive ambitions. Even though George Kennan wrote his "long telegram" already in 1946 warning about Soviets' "hostile" attitude towards West.

However this can be countered on other grounds which suggest that George Kennan was in fact a man of prejudice. Kennan had been in Russia during the Stalin's purges in the 1930's and perhaps these experiences influenced him to a larger extent. This would imply that Truman had a fairly unpredictable and inaccurate knowledge about what Stalin and Soviet Union would strike to



towards. This suggest that the US were

The Truman doctrine followed by the Marshall Plan which were based on Kennan's Long Telegram marked the start of the policy of containment. In the eyes of Revisionist this was just a plan that America tried to increase its sphere of influence through economical investment or so called "dollar imperialism". By demanding a total overview over those countries (that way to receive Marshall help) finance recons, the Soviets naturally refused. This can be seen as an intention to make to further marginalize West from East.

The Berlin blockade triggered by the introduction of a new currency in West-Germany is rather an indication of American responsibility for the outbreak of the Cold War. The introduction of this currency was obviously seen as the first Western responsible to a large extent for CW outbreak.





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25-27 million Russians die in WW2 makes it clear that they how would seek safety and self-preservation.

The US on the other hand bears^{no} guilt in so far that they had a strong army and the atomic bomb which they sought to use in order to prevent others from creating a worse future for themselves in the same manner as USSR. Truman found himself in a situation where the balance of power had to be between the US and USSR. due to their enormous capacity at the end of WW2.

In conclusion I argue that the US was responsible for the war ~~as well~~ not in themselves or as deliberate methods to gain world mastery. It was rather due to the ^{world} conditions of power and the existing vacuum power which has to be filled which led to the outbreak of the cold war.

