

# The Post-Cold War World and September 11

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# The 'New World Order'

- Iraq Invades Kuwait (August 1990)
- UN Security Council Ultimatum to Withdraw
- First Gulf War (Jan-Feb 1991)
  - Air Campaign (3 weeks)
  - Ground War (3 days)
  - 147 US soldiers killed



# Humanitarian Intervention and the Specter of Terrorism

## ➤ Humanitarian Interventions

- Somalia
- Bosnia and Kosovo
- Rwanda

## ➤ Saddam Lingers

## ➤ Al-Qaeda Attacks and Retaliation

The *USS Cole*...  
a precursor of  
things to come





# Responding to 9-11

- The Invasion of Afghanistan
  - An Extended Commitment
- The US Case Against Iraq
  - Division among the Allies
  - Invasion and Toppling Saddam
- A Drawn Out Insurgency
- 'The Surge' and Stabilization
- A Democratic Iraq?



George W. Bush  
tries to convince  
the UN...  
unsuccessfully

# The US in the post-9/11 World

- Exercising Power in a Complex World?
  - Unipolarity or Multipolarity?
  - Unilateralism or Multilateralism?
  - Hard Power or Soft Power?
- The War on Terror
  - A 'Clash of Civilizations'?
  - A Renewed Struggle to 'Make the World Safe for Democracy'?