

# EQ: How did the US and USSR respond to third world independence movements during the Cold War?

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**Table 1.1 US-backed regime change attempts during the Cold War (1947–1989)**

<i>Offensive</i>		<i>Preventive</i>		<i>Hegemonic</i>	
<i>Covert</i>	<i>Overt</i>	<i>Covert</i>	<i>Overt</i>	<i>Covert</i>	<i>Overt</i>
Albania (1949–56)	North Korea (1950)	France (1947–52)*	Lebanon (1958)*	Guatemala (1952–54)*	Dominican Republic (1965)*
Belarusian SSR (1949–56)	Libya (1986)	Italy (1947–68)*		Cuba (1960–61)	Grenada (1983)*
Bulgaria (1949–56)		Iran (1952–53)*		Dominican Republic (1960–61)*	Panama (1989)*
China (1949–68)		Japan (1952–68)*		British Guiana/Guyana (1961–71)*	
Czechoslovakia (1949–56)		Indonesia (1954–58)		Dominican Republic (1961–62)*	
East Germany (1949–56)		Syria (1955–57)†		Chile (1962–73)*	
Estonian SSR (1949–56)		Lebanon (1957–58)*		Haiti (1963)	
Hungary (1949–56)		Laos (1959–73)		Bolivia (1963–66)*	
Latvian SSR (1949–56)		Congo (1960)*		Brazil (1964)*	
Lithuanian SSR (1949–56)		South Vietnam (1963)*		Dominican Republic (1965–68)*	
Poland (1949–56)		Angola (1964–72)		Haiti (1965–69)	
Romania (1949–56)		Mozambique (1964–68)		Bolivia (1971)*	
Soviet Union/Russian SSR (1949–59)		Somalia (1964–67)		Grenada (1979)†	
Ukrainian SSR (1949–56)		Thailand (1965–69)		Nicaragua (1979–80)	
North Korea (1950–53)		South Vietnam (1967–71)*		Suriname (1982–85)	
Tibet (1958–68)		Iraq (1972–75)		Chile (1984–89)*	
North Vietnam (1961–64)		Italy (1972–73)*		Haiti (1986–88)	
Cuba (1961–68)		Portugal (1974–75)*		Panama (1987–89)	
Afghanistan (1979–89)*		Angola (1975–76)			
Nicaragua (1980–89)*		South Yemen (1979–80)			
Poland (1981–89)*		Chad (1981–82)*			
Cambodia (1982–89)		Ethiopia (1981–83)			
Libya (1982–89)		Liberia (1983–88)			
		Philippines (1984–86)*			
		Angola (1985–88)			

\* Denotes that the US-backed forces assumed power; † denotes that the intervention was aborted before implementation.

Question 1: How many times did the US attempt a covert regime change operation during the Cold War? \_\_\_\_\_

Question 2: How many times did US-backed forces assume power after regime change? \_\_\_\_\_

**Table 2.2 Regime type of target states—Difference of proportions test**

<i>US-Backed Covert Regime Change Attempts</i>			<i>Country-Years by Regime Type</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage of Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage of Total</i>
Democracy	18	28.1	1,608	34.1
Monarchy	0	0**	431	9.1**
Personal	11	17.2	648	13.7
Single-Party	27	42.2	1,580	33.5
Military	8	12.5	451	9.6
Total:	64	100	4,718	100

Significance Levels: \* -10%, \*\* -5%, \*\*\* -1%.

Question 1: What type of regime was targeted most often for regime change during the Cold War? \_\_\_\_\_

Question 2: Hypothesize why the US would seek to change the regime of democratic governments?

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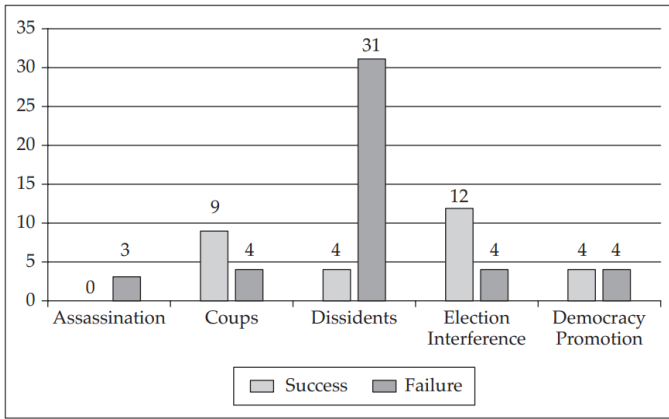


Figure 4.1. Short-term effectiveness by covert tactic.

**Question 1: What were the most, and least successful methods of regime change during the Cold War?**

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**Question 2: Based on your answer to question 1, hypothesize why this is the case.**

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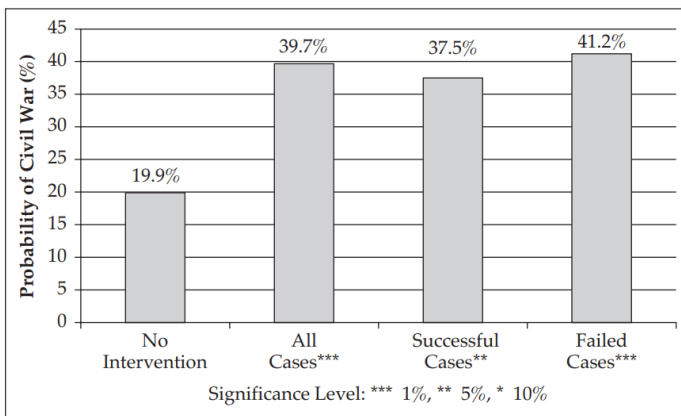


Figure 4.5. US-backed covert regime change and civil war: bivariate correlations. Significance level: \*-10%, \*\*-5%, \*\*\*-1%.

**Question 1: Make an observation about civil war if regime change was successful vs. failed?**

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**Question 2: Based on your answer to question 1, hypothesize why this is the case.**

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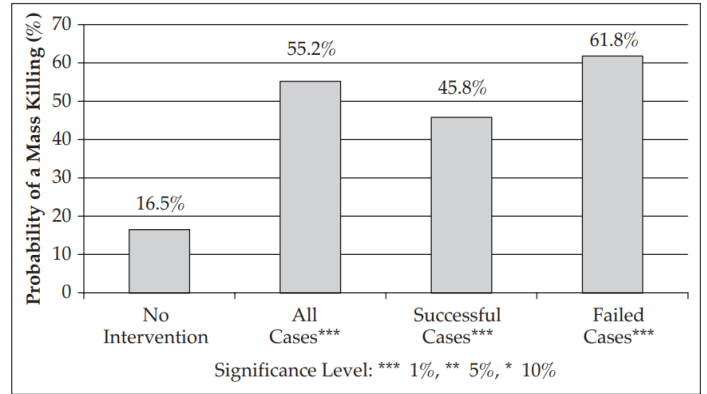


Figure 4.6. US-backed covert regime change and mass killings: bivariate correlations. Significance level: \*-10%, \*\*-5%, \*\*\*-1%.

**Question 1: Make an observation about mass killings if regime change was successful vs. failed?**

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**Question 2: Based on your answer to question 1, hypothesize why this is the case.**

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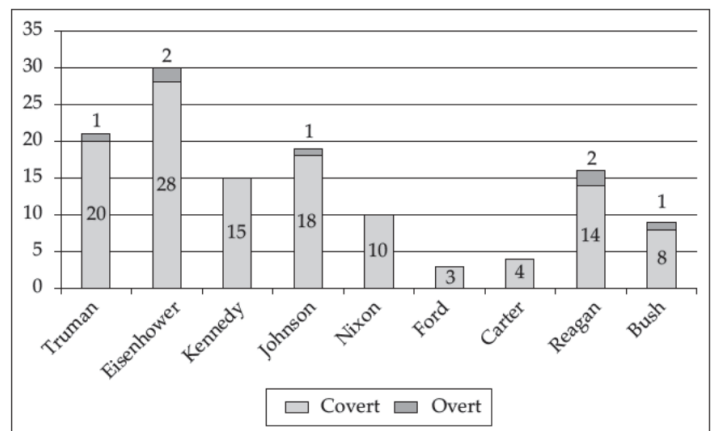


Figure 5.1. US-backed regime change attempts by administration, 1947-1989.

**Question 1: What is the combined number of covert regime change operations conducted by all of the administrations we have discussed so far? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Question 2: Hypothesize why Eisenhower warned of the danger of the influence of the military industrial complex, yet led an administration that was responsible for the largest number of regime change operations during the Cold War?**

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