

### III Geopolitical Forces Influencing Today's Map.

#### A. Modern Colonial Independence Movements

1. People wanted control over natural resources, free elections, societal changes
2. UN: started in 1945 supported claims for self determination
3. Within a century of Berlin Conference almost all European colonial territories had won independence
4. Neo-colonialism: controlling former colonies in indirect ways: Economically

#### B. Civil Wars in the Developing World

1. Cultural conflicts led to many many civil wars
  - a) 1994 Rwanda: charges of genocide (mass organized killings based race, religion, ethnicity)
    - i) Two rival ethnic groups Hutu and Tutsi
    - ii) 1961 Rwanda won independence (Hutu won Elections)
    - iii) April 1994 Hutu President's plane shot down
    - iv) Hutu's killed Tutsi's

#### C. The Cold War

1. Period of Diplomatic, political, military rivalry between USA + USSR
2. Started at end of WWII (1945) - Breakup of USSR (1991)
3. Proxy wars: Africa, Latin America, Asia. (Large Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan)
4. Both wanted to extend spheres of influence
  - a) Created satellite states: type of state dominated by another state politically and economically.

#### D. The Collapse of Communism

1. Late 1980's

## E. New Independent States

1. 1993 Czechoslovakia: ~~the~~ Czech Republic + Republic of Slovakia (Velvet Divorce)
2. Yugoslavia 1991: Violent ethnic cleansing (forced removal of an ethnic group  
Serbs + Bosnians)

## F. Changes in Balance of Power

1. Russia scared of change supported Pro-Russian groups

Republic of Georgia (2008) Ukraine (2014) Crimea