# The 80's and Beyond

The End of the Cold War and Post-Cold War Tensions

#### End of the Cold War

- Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev
   No longer afford arms race
   political, social, economic
- reform
   Allowed for greater individual freedom and living conditions in Russia

Other members of the USSR began to demand similar reform

Soviet Union Collapses by 1991



#### Consequences of Soviet Collapse Tiananmen Square

Communist China experimenting with

reform
- Allowed capitalist ideals in some areas of the economy

1989 - Tiananmen Square Protests

Chinese pro democracy protesters took to the streets hoping for reform - Red Army soldiers killed a large, unknown number of protestors (100's - 1000's)

China's government remains dedicated to the ideologies of Communism







# **BBC** Photojournalist

Jeff Widener Recounts his experience during the Tiananmen Square Massacre

#### Civil War in Yugoslavia

Yugoslavian Prime Minister Josip Tito died in 1989 — Tensions broke out into ethnic conflict — Rise of Ethnic Nationalism

Yugoslavia made of 6 small Republics

- Serbia Croatia
- Bosnia-Herzegovina Macedonia
- Slovenia Montenegro

"I am the leader of one country which has two alphabets, three languages, four religions, five nationalities, six republics, surrounded by seven neighbours, a country in which live with eight ethnic minorities"

Josip Tito



### Civil War in Yugoslavia

UN unable to control the violence

1995 - NATO becomes involved - Launches air strikes against the Serbians

Waring factions eventually agree to ceasefire -American troops join UN troops

- 1998 Serbian forces invades Kosovo Islamic peoples of Kosovo persecuted, murdered, and displaced. '99 NATO mobilized officially for the 1st time
- Canada participated in controversial airstrikes against Yugoslavia to stop the spread of violence to its neighbours.

Raised questions about Canada's Role in NATO & effectiveness of the UN to keep peace



### The Persian Gulf War

1990, Iraqi forces invade Kuwait (oil rich nation)

UN demands withdrawal - Saddam Hussein

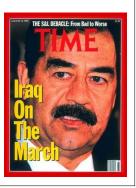
U.S.A. mobilizes against Iraq Canada promises support (military personal & Supplies)

Canadians questioned Canada's role in supporting the war

New laser guided missiles changed the face of

Coalition won stunning victory - Iraq left in ruins

George Bush Sr. Announces "New World Order" - The U.S.A would act as a "Global Police Force"



#### Genocide in Rwanda Legacy of Colonialism

Rwanda is divided by two major ethnic

- groups Tutsis

France - Colonial Power placed the Tutsis in political power - Hutus Overthrew them

Hutus-led government began mass-murdering the Tutsi population

UN peacekeepers under Canadian Lieutenant General Rameo Dallaire - begged for help from the USA

USA denies help fearing defeat

Genocide swept Rwanda - Close to 1 Million murdered



### 9/11 Attacks

Sept 11, 2001: Terrorists part of the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda hi-jacked 4 planes

2 crashed into the world trade center, 1 into the Pentagon and 1 into a field

2976 people died

George Bush Jr. declares "War on Terrorism"

NATO nations in support began enacting anti-terrorist legislation and protective measures





9/11

How the Day Unfolded

# War in Afghanistan

1 month after 9/11, U.S.A with English support attack Afghanistan

Wanted to destroy al-Qaeda and their leader Osama bin Laden

Wanted to destroy the Islamic fundamentalist Taliban government who supported the terrorists

Soon after, al-Qaeda and Taliban leaders fled into Pakistan

Canada's involvement as support and security
- Help secure the country from internal and
external threat
- Foreign nations helped reconstruct Afghan
government and infrastructure

2001 - 20% opposed CDN involvement 2009 - 54% opposed CDN involvement



# War in Iraq

2003 - USA decided to invade Iraq to "disarm Iraq of weapons of mass destruction"

This war not supported by a broad coalition of nations

Canadian government didn't support the war

Most nations were not convinced that Iraq was prepared to use WMD or even had any.

U.S.A & Brit. defeated and occupied the country

4000 American soldiers dead 500,000 Iraqi Civilians dead

Last american troops left Iraq 2011

