World Order Politics:

The Carter Administration's Bid for a New U.S. Foreign Policy (and What We Can Learn From It)

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The Remaking of American

Foreign Relations in the 1970s

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Crises of the Cold War order





Brandt and Kosygin, Moscow, 1970

Peace Moratorium, Washington, 1969

Nixon's bid for stability

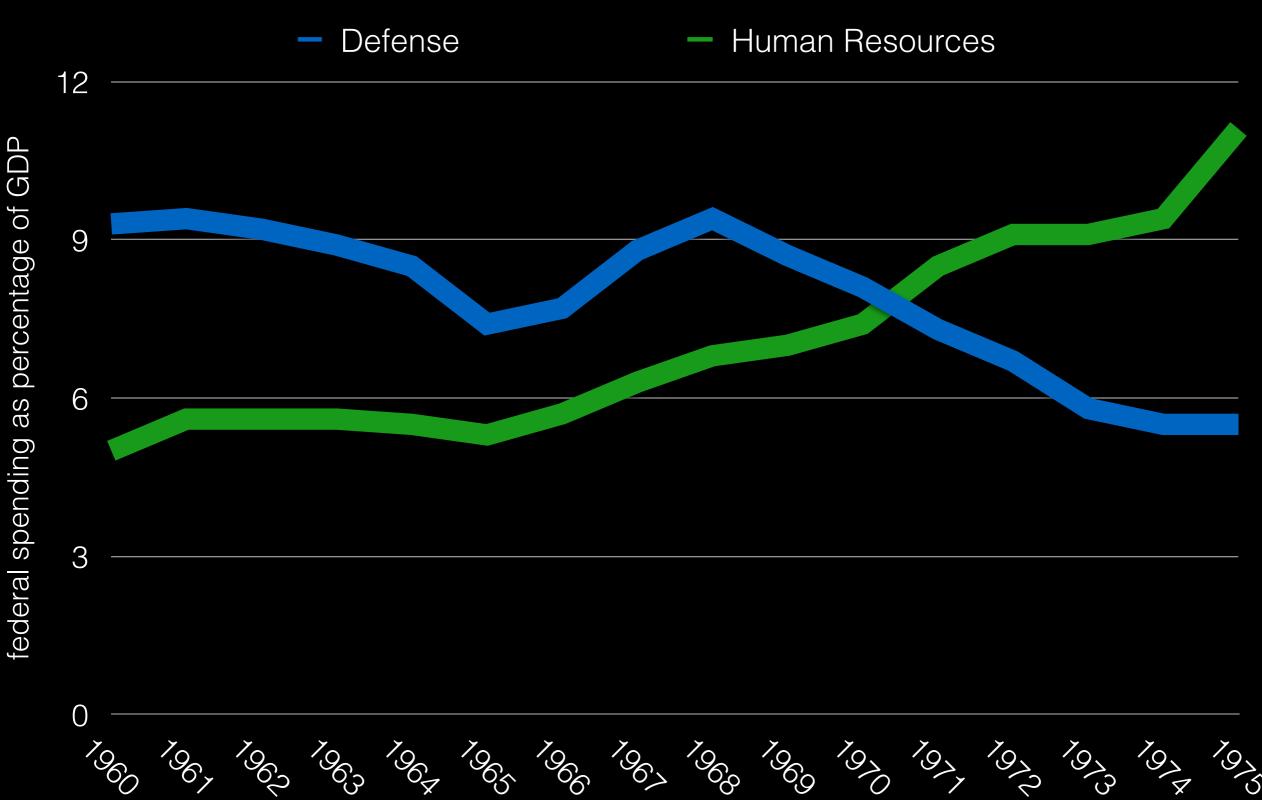




Beijing, February 1972

Moscow, May 1972

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Nixon and the Shah, April 1969

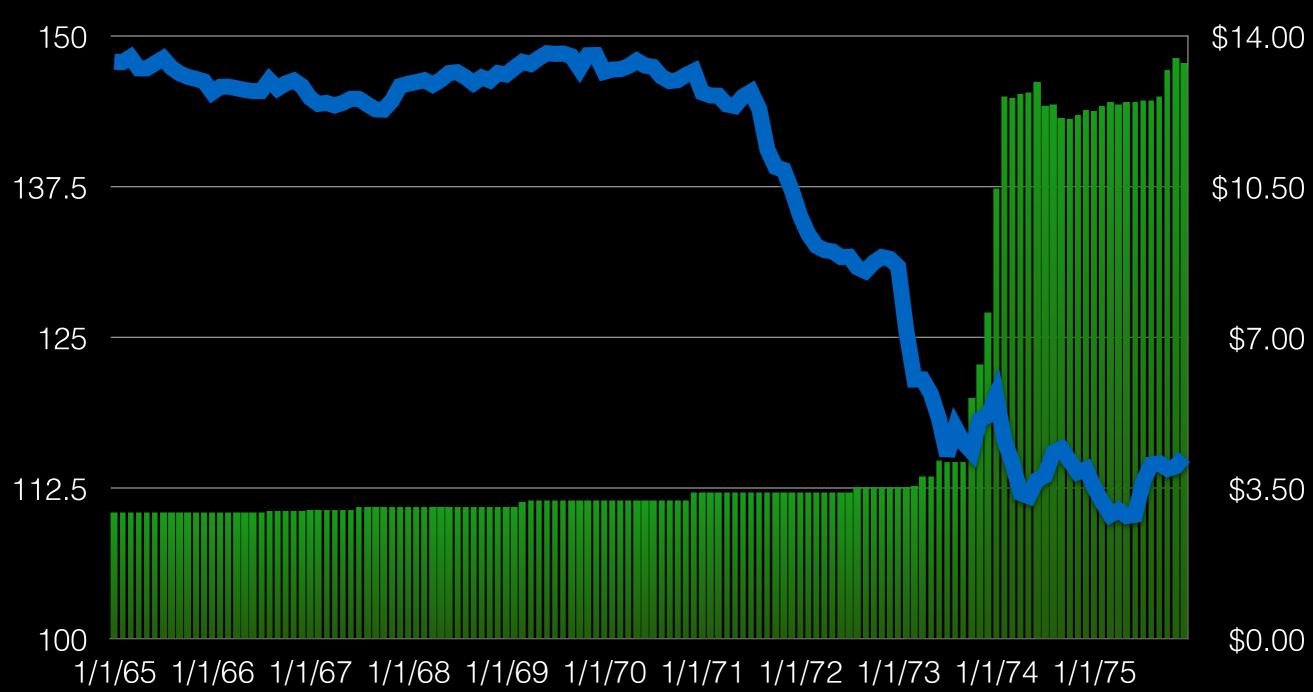
Globalization and human rights



Senator Henry Jackson, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn Senator Jesse Helms, and Senator Clifford Case

The shock of interdependence

Dollar Effective Exchange Rate (2010 = 100)
West Texas Intermediate Crude (nominal)



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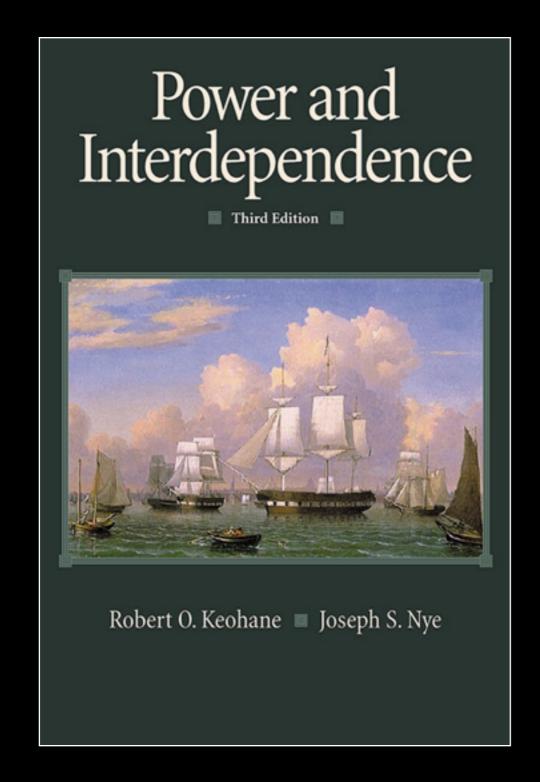
"Did you see the Saudi Foreign Minister come out like a good little boy..."

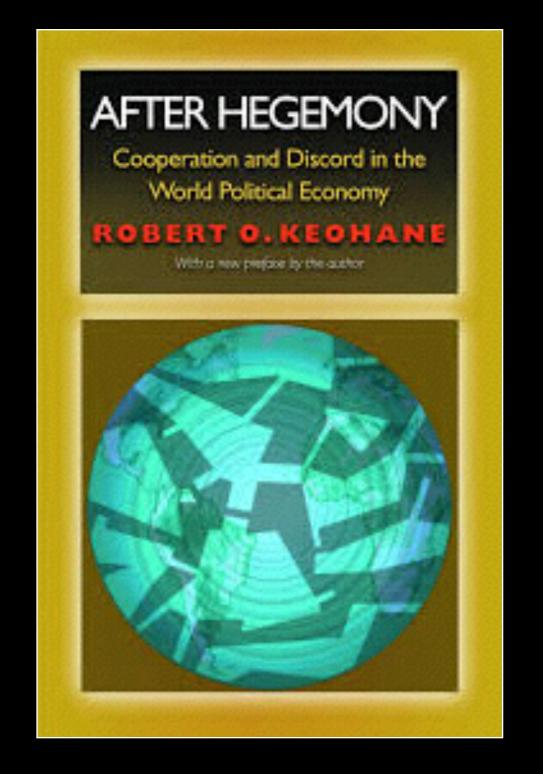
World order politics in opposition

"For the first time in the history of mankind, a global political process is surfacing, a process that is still quite shapeless"

Zbigniew Brzezinski, 1973

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Kissinger's improvisation

"The energy crisis indicates the birth pains of global interdependence... Will we consume ourselves in nationalistic rivalry, or will we acknowledge our interdependence and shape cooperative solutions?"

Henry A. Kissinger

Kissinger's improvisation



Henry Kissinger at the United Nations

Kissinger's improvisation



Rambouillet, France, November 1975

Carter's post-Cold War strategy

"a new phase in U.S. foreign policy going beyond the Atlanticist / East-West Cold War framework of the years 1945–1976"

"Memorandum on Foreign Policy Priorities," 1976

Carter's post-Cold War strategy



Jimmy Carter at Notre Dame, May 1977

Carter's post-Cold War strategy

Carter's strategy:

- USSR no longer "a unifying threat"
- novel challenges of interdependence
- human rights for "politically awakening" world
- U.S. must build "wider framework of international cooperation suited to the new and rapidly changing historical circumstances."

Macroeconomic coordination



London Summit of the G-7, May 1977

Macroeconomic coordination



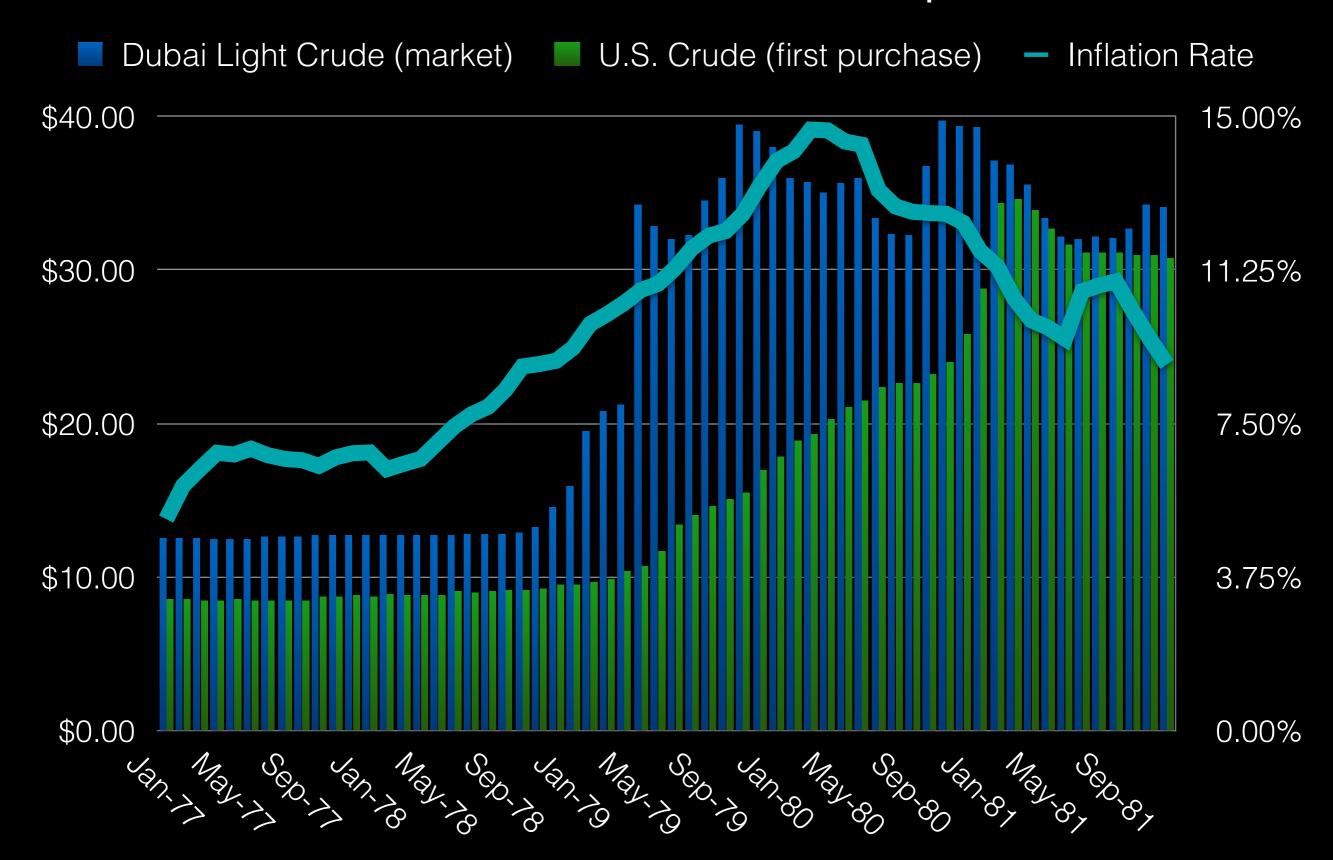
Bonn Summit of the G-7, July 1978

Human rights—and their limits



Jimmy Carter and Shah Resa Pahlavi, December 1978

The limits of world order politics



The Cold War's resurgence



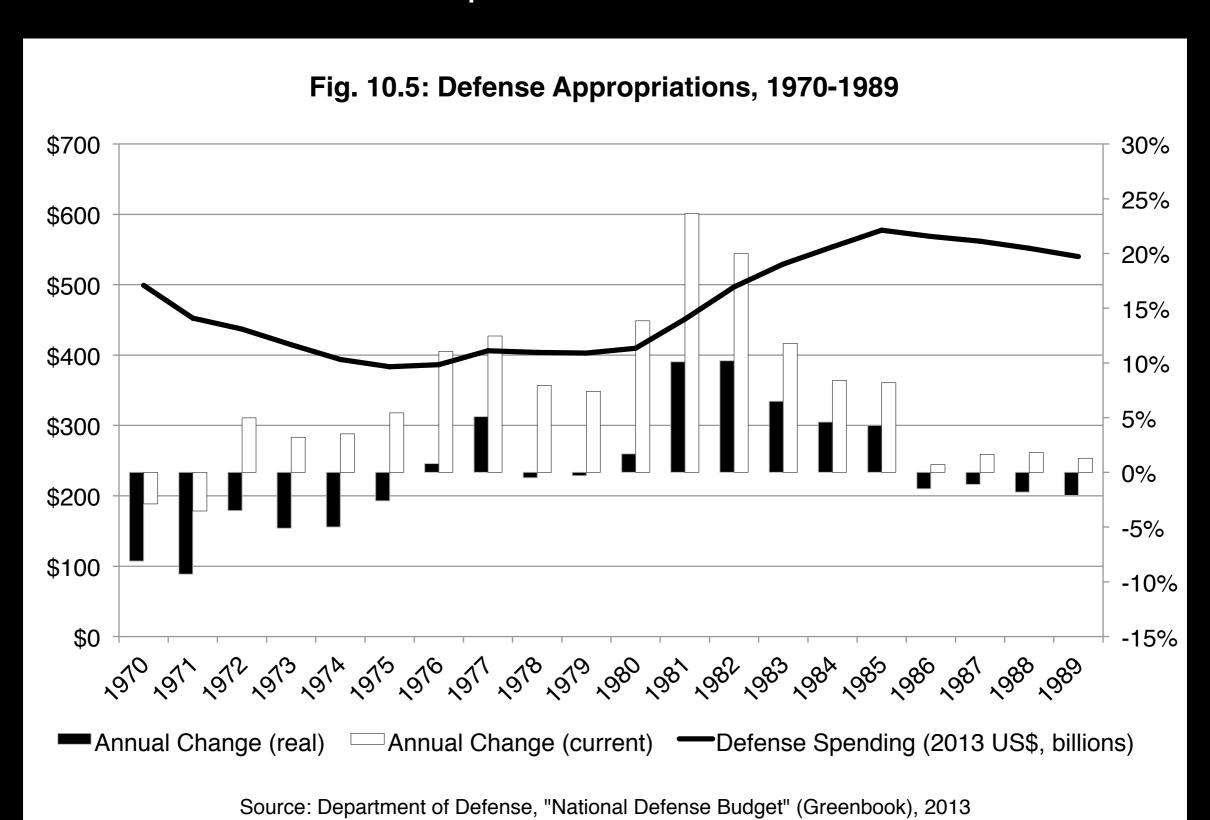
Jimmy Carter and Leonid Brezhnev, June 1979

The adaptation of 1979/80



Zbigniew Brzezinski, Afghanistan-Pakistan border, February 1980

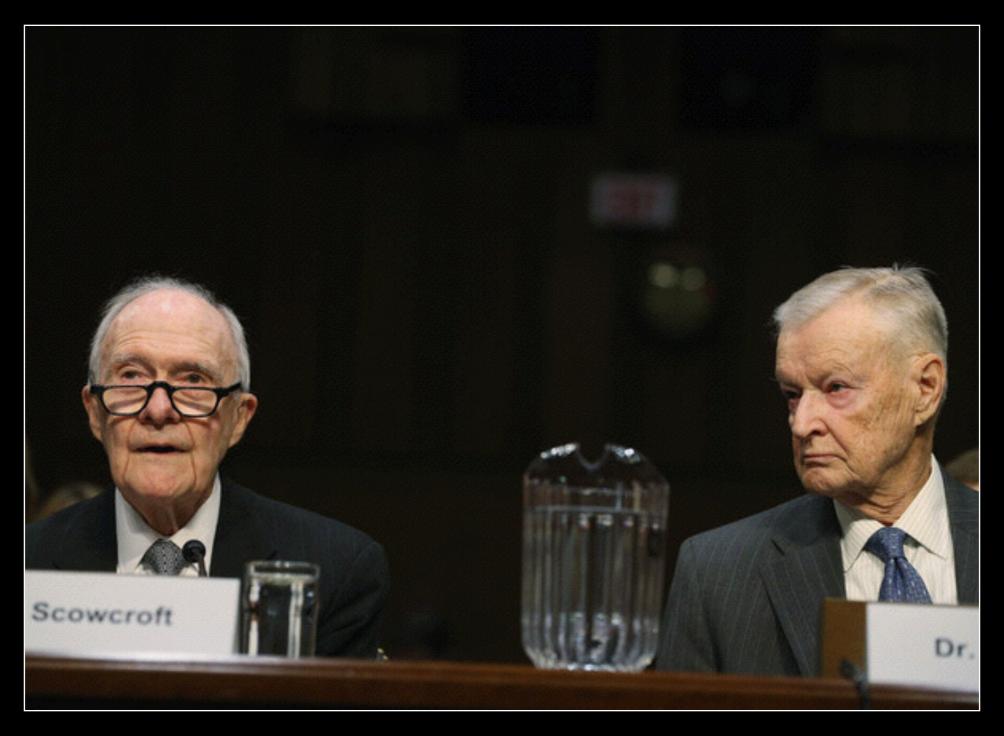
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The 1970s reevaluated



The Carter administration reevaluated



"we knew what the strategy was"