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**CALIFORNIA CONTENT
STANDARD 10.9.2**

The Cold War

Specific Objective: Analyze the causes of the Cold War, with the free world on one side and Soviet client states on the other, including competition for influence in such places as Egypt, the Congo, Vietnam, and Chile.

For nearly 45 years (about 1945 to 1991), the United States and the Soviet Union were engaged in hostility that consumed resources and affected world politics as surely as any war. The period became known as the **Cold War**.

The United States	Both	The Soviet Union
___ was committed to democratic and capitalist systems ___ believed the Soviet Union wanted to spread communism to other countries	___ wanted to be the dominant power in the world	___ was committed to communist political and economic systems ___ believed the U.S. wanted to suppress revolution in other countries

During the **Cold War**, the Soviet Union and the United States competed for dominance—especially in newly independent Asian and African nations:

- ___ **1960 Congo** Patrice Lumumba, prime minister of the newly independent nation, receives support from the Soviet Union.
- ___ **1954–1979 Egypt** Prime Minister Gamal Abdel Nasser receives support from the Soviet Union.
- ___ **1964–1973 Vietnam** In what begins as a civil war, the United States supports the anti-communist regime of South Vietnam.
- ___ **1973 Chile** The United States supports a bloody overthrow of the socialist government of president Salvador Allende.

As the Cold War became global, many feared the possibility of a third world war, or a full scale nuclear war. The “hottest” or most direct confrontation came during the **Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962**. The U.S. response in the Cuban Missile Crisis was an example of **brinkmanship**—the willingness to go to the brink, or edge, of war in order to force an end to a crisis.

- ___ The United States discovered Soviet missile sites on the island of Cuba.
- ___ The United States blockaded Cuba and threatened to attack the Soviet Union.
- ___ The Soviet Union agreed to remove the missiles.