

Just below God, or God's Chosen Surrogate?

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For the past several electoral cycles, American commentators appear to have been utterly incensed and scandalized by reported attempts by foreign entities to sway the electoral preference of the American public through some savvy use of the so-called '*social media*'.

From the display of lofty indignation, one would logically expect that the United States of America would be absolutely and irrevocably loath to even think of ever interfering in the political affairs of other nations, however slightly.

Notwithstanding, and quite surprisingly given the uproar of bruised virtuous feelings, it seems the United States of America have never exercised too much restraint when it comes to the downright toppling of foreign regimes, let alone interfering in some other nations elections.

An analysis of historical records shows that since the 19th century, the United States government has participated and interfered, both overtly and covertly, in the forceful removal of many foreign governments.

Find hereafter a non-exhaustive list of 68 American foreign intervention and foreign regime change endeavors, most of which used vigorous military might to achieve their goals, either directly or by proxy:

1. 1846–1848: Annexation of Texas and invasion of California
2. 1865–1867: Mexico
3. 1887–1889: Samoa
4. 1893: Kingdom of Hawaii
5. 1899–1902: Philippines
6. 1903–1925: Honduras
7. 1906–1909: Cuba
8. 1909–1910: Nicaragua
9. 1912–1933: Nicaragua
10. 1915–1934: Haiti
11. 1916–1924: Dominican Republic
12. 1917: Costa Rica
13. 1917–1919: Germany
14. 1917–1920: Austria-Hungary
15. 1918–1920: Russia
16. 1941–1952: Japan
17. 1941–1949: Germany
18. 1941–1946: Italy

19. 1944–1945: Philippines
20. 1945–1955: Austria
21. 1945–1948: South Korea
22. 1945–1949: China
23. 1947–1949: Greece
24. 1948: Costa Rica
25. 1949–1953: Albania
26. 1949: Syria
27. 1950–1953: Burma and China
28. 1952: Egypt
29. 1952: Guatemala
30. 1952–1953: Iran
31. 1954: Guatemala
32. 1956–1957: Syria
33. 1957–1959: Indonesia
34. 1959–1975: South Vietnam
35. 1959–1962: Cuba
36. 1960–1965: Congo-Leopoldville
37. 1960: Laos
38. 1961: Dominican Republic
39. 1961–1964: Brazil
40. 1963: Iraq
41. 1965–1967: Indonesia
42. 1970: Cambodia
43. 1970–1973: Chile
44. 1971: Bolivia
45. 1974–1991: Ethiopia
46. 1975–1991: Angola
47. 1975–1999: East Timor
48. 1976: Argentina
49. 1979–1992: Afghanistan
50. 1980–1989: Poland
51. 1981–1982: Chad
52. 1981–1990: Nicaragua
53. 1983: Grenada
54. 1989–1994: Panama
55. 1991: Iraq
56. 1991: Haiti
57. 1992–1996: Iraq
58. 1994–1995: Haiti
59. 1996–1997: Zaire
60. 2000: Yugoslavia
61. 2001–2021: Afghanistan
62. 2003–2021: Iraq

- 63. 2005: Kyrgyzstan
- 64. 2006–2007: Palestinian Territories
- 65. 2005–2009: Syria
- 66. 2011: Libya
- 67. 2012–2017: Syria
- 68. 2014-2023: The Ukraine

Just saying.

Which is more annoying: interfering in other people's business, which is historically the very essence of sharing the same planet, or indignant self-centered hypocrisy?