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It is the most important of his legacies and this account is worthy of its subject. While confirming the usual liberal estimation of Reagan as lazy, poorly educated, slow-witted-if-not-senile and so on, Mann's picture of the president is not entirely negative.

The Rebellion of Ronald Reagan: A... book by James Mann

These values ran counter to entrenched ideologies on both right and left, but they allowed him to see the promise of working with honestly reform-minded Mikhail Gorbachev. His second term was primarily marked by foreign matters, such as the ending of the Cold War, the 1986 bombing of Libya, and the revelation of the Iran Contra affair. Turns out that is not completely true.

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The duo embraced a rigid model of geopolitical competition where the existence of two superpowers with contrasting ideologies made some conflict inevitable. Here is also an interesting, and conflicting picture of Reagan.

The Myth That Reagan Ended the Cold War With a Single Speech

Mann concludes by stating that Gorbachev was the main reason that Communism fell in Europe. Mann rightly argues that Reagan played a critical role in the end of the Cold War and that the proper question isn't necessarily whether Reagan won the war all on his own but what effect did he have.

Windy City Raptor: James Mann, The Rebellion of Ronald Reagan

For long stretches, Reagan simply disappears from the narrative. Reagan played his part in the Cold War's ending by talking to Gorbachev and signing the INF treaty which gave Gorbachev enough political capital to launch his reforms which eventually resulted in the demise of Communism in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

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But and Mikhail Gorbachev, unusual bedfellows as they may have been, managed to forge not only a mutual respect, but a friendship, which helped end the.

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Other times Reagan was the dove, proclaiming the Soviet Union as a changed system, no longer the Evil Empire he had originally denounced. In the face of intense opposition to his overtures to Moscow from Nixon and Kissinger, as well as the Republican punditry, Reagan employed political rhetoric to secure his base.

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