

The Imperial Presidency Triumphant

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1. Why has there been controversy over who has the authority to deploy the U.S. military abroad?
2. Which branch has emerged with the most authority in terms of deploying U.S. troops and directing military action?
3. What is the term given to this phenomenon?
4. Which foreign policy event led to this phenomenon?

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5. Which foreign policy event during the Reagan presidency does the author cite as evidence of continued abuse of power by the executive branch?
6. Which foreign policy event during the Bush presidency does the author cite as a turning point in the tension over war powers?
7. Many believed that the end of the Cold War would lead to what development?
8. What have the Clinton and Bush presidencies resulted in?

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9. When did Congress last declare war?
10. The author argues that the Framers and the U.S. Constitution intended for war powers to be exercised in what manner?

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11. Why might the Framers not be in favor of executive agreements?
12. How has the end of the Cold War impacted war powers?

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13. Who supported/authorized Operation Desert Storm?
14. Why did President Clinton conduct airstrikes against Iraq in 1993? How did he justify his actions?
15. Why did President Clinton conduct airstrikes against Iraq in 1996? How did he justify his actions?

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16. Why did President Clinton conduct airstrikes against Iraq in 1998? How did he justify his actions?
17. How did Congress react to these airstrikes? Why?

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18. What is the Bush Doctrine? What provided the legal framework for it?
19. What is “anticipatory self-defense”?

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20. How does the Bush Doctrine go beyond previous approaches such as containment and deterrence?
21. How does the Bush Doctrine expand executive power?
22. How did Iraq respond to Resolution 1441 passed by the UN Security Council?

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23. What does the author foresee happening to the Bush Doctrine long-term if the War on Terror continues?
24. With what have recent presidents effectively replaced congressional approval for their actions?
25. How has the American public and media responded to the increase in executive power?
26. What impact has President Obama had on the Bush Doctrine?