

One Hundred Years of Intervention

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The following is a partial list of U.S. military interventions from 1890 to 1993. This guide does not include mobilizations of the National Guard, offshore shows of naval strength, reinforcements of embassy personnel, the use of non-Defense Department personnel (such as the Drug Enforcement Administration), military exercises, non-combat mobilizations (such as replacing postal strikers), the permanent stationing of armed forces, covert actions where the U.S. did not play a command and control role, the use of small hostage rescue units, most uses of proxy troops, U.S. piloting of foreign warplanes, foreign disaster assistance, military training and advisory programs not involving direct combat, civic action programs, and many other military activities. Among sources used, beside news reports, are the *Congressional Record* (23 June 1969), *180 Landings* by the U.S. Marine Corps History Division, Ege & Makhijani in *Counterspy* (July-Aug. 1982), and Ellsberg in *Protest & Survive*.

<i>Conflict</i>	<i>Involvement</i>	<i>Armed Forces</i>	<i>Comments on U.S. role</i>
South Dakota	1890	Troops	300 Lakota Indians massacred at Wounded Knee.
Argentina	1890	Troops	Buenos Aires interests protected.
Chile	1891	Troops	Marines clash with nationalist rebels.
Haiti	1891	Troops	Black revolt on Navassa defeated.
Idaho	1892	Troops	Army suppresses silver miners' strike.
Hawaii	1893	Naval, troops	Independent kingdom overthrown, annexed.
Chicago	1894	Troops	Breaking of rail strike, 34 killed.
Nicaragua	1894	Troops	Month-long occupation of Bluefields.
China	1894-95	Naval, troops	Marines land in Sino-Japanese War.
Korea	1894-96	Troops	Marines kept in Seoul during war.
Panama	1895	Troops, naval	Marines land in Colombian province.
Nicaragua	1896	Troops	Marines land in port of Corinto.
China	1898-1900	Troops	Boxer Rebellion fought by foreign armies
Philippines	1898-1910	Naval, troops	Seized from Spain, killed 600,000 Filipinos.
Cuba	1898-1902	Naval, troops	Seized from Spain, still hold Navy base.
Puerto Rico	1898	Naval, troops	Seized from Spain, occupation continues.
Guam	1898	Naval, troops	Seized from Spain, still use as base.
Minnesota	1898	Troops	Army battles Chippewa at Leech Lake.
Nicaragua	1898	Troops	Marines land at port of San Juan del Sur.
Samoa	1899	Troops	Battle over succession to throne.
Nicaragua	1899	Troops	Marines land at port of Bluefields.
Idaho	1899-1901	Troops	Army occupies Coeur d'Alene mining region.
Oklahoma	1901	Troops	Army battles Creek Indian revolt.
Panama	1901-03	Naval, troops	Broke off from Columbia, annexed Canal Zone.
Honduras	1903	Troops	Marines intervene in revolution.
Dominican Rep.	1903-0	Troops	U.S. interests protected in Revolution.
Korea	1904-05	Troops	Marines land in Russo-Japanese War.
Cuba	1906-09	Troops	Marines land in democratic election.
Nicaragua	1907	Troops	"Dollar Diplomacy" protectorate set up.
Honduras	1907	Troops	Marines land during war with Nicaragua.
Panama	1908	Troops	Marines intervene in election contest.
Nicaragua	1910	Troops	Marines land in Bluefields and Corinto.
Honduras	1911	Troops	U.S. interests protected in civil war.
China	1911-41	Naval, troops	Continuous occupation with flare-ups.
Cuba	1912	Troops	U.S. interests protected in Havana.
Panama	1912	Troops	Marines land during heated election.
Honduras	1912	Troops	Marines protect U.S. economic interests.
Nicaragua	1912-33	Troops, bombing	20-year occupation, fought guerrillas.
Mexico	1913	Naval	Americans evacuated during revolution.
Dominican Rep.	1914	Naval	Fight with rebels over Santo Domingo.
Colorado	1914	Troops	Breaking of miners' strike by Army.
Mexico	1914-18	Naval, troops	Series of interventions against nationalists

Haiti	1914-34	Troops, bombing	19-year occupation after revolts.
Dominican Rep.	1916-24	Troops	8-year Marine occupation.
Cuba	1917-33	Troops	Military occupation, economic protectorate.
World War I	1917-18	Naval, troops	Ships sunk, fought Germany for 1 1/2 years.
Russia	1918-22	Naval, troops	Five landings to fight Bolsheviks.
Panama	1918-20	Troops	"Police duty" during unrest after elections.
Honduras	1919	Troops	Marines land during election campaign.
Guatemala	1920	Troops	2-week intervention against unionists.
West Virginia	1920-21	Troops, bombing	Army intervenes against mine workers.
Turkey	1922	Naval, troops	Fought nationalists in Smyrna.
China	1922-27	Naval, troops	Deployment during nationalist revolt.
Honduras	1924-25	Troops	Landed twice during election strife.
Panama	1925	Troops	Marines suppress general strike.
China	1928-34	Troops	Marines stationed throughout the country.
El Salvador	1932	Naval	Warships sent during Marti revolt.
Washington DC	1932	Troops	Army stops W.W.I vet bonus protest.
World War II	1941-45	Naval, troops bombing, nuclear	Hawaii bombed, fought Japan, Italy and Germany for 3 years; first nuclear war.
Detroit	1943	Troops	Army puts down Black rebellion.
Iran	1946	Nuclear threat	Soviet troops told to leave north.
Yugoslavia	1946	Nuclear threat	Response to shooting down of U.S. plane.
Uruguay	1947	Nuclear threat	Bombers deployed as show of strength.
Greece	1947-49	Command operation	U.S. directs extreme-right in civil war.
Germany	1948	Nuclear threat	Atomic-capable bombers guard Berlin Airlift.
Philippines	1948-54	Command operation	CIA directs war against Huk rebellion.

Puerto Rico	1950	Command operation	Independence rebellion crushed in Ponce.
Korea	1951-53	Troops, naval bombing, nuclear	U.S./So. fights China/No. Korea to stalemate; A-bomb threat in 1950, and against China in 1953. Still have bases.
Iran	1953	Command operation	CIA overthrows democracy, installs Shah.
Vietnam	1954	Nuclear threat	French offered bombs to use against siege.
Guatemala	1954	Command operation, bombing, nuclear threat	CIA directs exile invasion after new gov't. nationalized U.S. company lands; bombers based in Nicaragua.
Egypt	1956	Nuclear threat	Soviets told to keep out of Suez crisis.
Lebanon	1958	Troops, naval	Marine occupation against rebels.
Iraq	1958	Nuclear threat	Iraq warned against invading Kuwait.
China	1958	Nuclear threat	China told not to move on Taiwan isles.
Panama	1958	Troops	Flag protests erupt into confrontation.
Vietnam	1960-75	Troops, naval bombing, nuclear threats	Fought So. Vietnam revolt/No. Vietnam; one million killed in longest U.S. war; atomic bomb threats in 1968 and 1969.
Laos	1961	Command operation	Military build-up during guerrilla war.
Cuba	1961	Command operation	CIA-directed exile invasion fails.
Germany	1961	Nuclear threat	Alert during Berlin Wall crisis.
Cuba	1962	Nuclear threat	Blockade during missile crisis; near-war with Soviet Union.
Panama	1964	naval Troops	Panamanians shot for urging canal's return.
Indonesia	1965	Command operation	Million killed in CIA-assisted army coup
Dominican Rep.	1965-66	Troops, bombing	Marines land during election campaign.
Guatemala	1966-6	Command operation	Green Berets intervene against rebels.
Detroit	1967	Troops	Army battles Blacks, 43 killed.
United States	1968	Troops	King shot; over 21,000 soldiers in cities.
Cambodia	1969-75	Bombing, troops, naval	Up to 2 million killed in decade of bombing, starvation & political chaos.
Oman	1970	Command operation	U.S. directs Iranian marine invasion.
Laos	1971-73	Command operation, bombing	U.S. directs So. Vietnamese invasion; "carpet bombs" country side.
South Dakota	1973	Command operation	Army directs Wounded Knee siege of Lakotas.
Mideast	1973	Nuclear threat	World-wide alert during Mideast War.
Chile	1973	Command operation	CIA-backed coup ousts elected Marxist president.
Cambodia	1975	Troops, bombing	Gas captured ship, 28 die in copter crash.
Angola	1976	Command operation	CIA assists South African-backed rebels.
Iran	1980	Troops, nuclear threat, aborted bombing	Raid to rescue Embassy hostages; 8 troops die in copter-plane crash. Soviets warned not to get involved in revolution.
Libya	1981	Naval jets	Two Libyan jets shot down in maneuvers.
El Salvador	1981	Command operation	Advisors, overflights aid anti-rebel war.
Nicaragua	1981-90	Command operation, naval	CIA directs exile (Contra) invasions, plants harbor mines against revolution.
Honduras	1982	Troops	Maneuvers help build bases near borders.
Lebanon	1982-84	Naval, bombing, troops	Marines expel PLO and back Phalangists, Navy bombs & shells Muslim positions.
Grenada	1983-84	Troops, bombing	Invasion four years after revolution.
Libya	1986	Bombing, naval	Air strikes to topple nationalist gov't.
Bolivia	1987	Troops	Army assists raids on cocaine region.
Iran	1987-88	Naval, bombing	U.S. intervenes on side of Iraq in Gulf War.
Libya	1989	Naval jets	Two Libyan jets shot down.
Virgin Islands	1989	Troops	St. Croix Black unrest after storm.
Philippines	1989	Jets	Air cover provided for government against coup.
Panama	1989	Troops, bombing	Nationalist government ousted by invasion.

Liberia 1990	Troops	Foreigners evacuated during civil war	
Saudi Arabia	1990	Troops, jets	Foreigners evacuated during civil war. Iraq countered after invading Kuwait. Forces also stationed in Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, UAE.
Iraq	1990	Naval, bombing, troops	Blockage of Iraqi and Jordanian ports reinforces economic boycott. Air strikes.
Somalia	1993	Marines, bombing	Attempts to topple nationalist leader.
Iraq	1993	Bombing	Bombed intelligence installation.

The mock-assault of Bradford Beach on July 3, 1993 makes a mockery of the people's struggle to eliminate violence and poverty and pollution in our communities. The Marines' show of force glorifies violence and wastes resources which are desperately needed to improve the quality of our daily lives. When nearly 50% of our federal taxes are being spent on military interests, we need to demand

- an end to U.S. military interventions
- an end to the glorification of violence
- an all-out effort to end the causes of violence in our society: poverty, joblessness, homelessness, poor education and health care.

Organizations supporting these demands: Milwaukee Mobilization for Survival, Jobs with Peace, Casa Maria, Pledge of Resistance, Socialist Party, Central American Solidarity Coalition, Harambee Ombudsman Project, Global Green Cross, Committee on Draft Education, Coalition for Nonviolence, Veterans for Peace, and other community groups.

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