

## US GEOSTRATEGIC CONTROL OF SEAS AND OCEANS

Montego Bay Convention 1982 and its decisions

90% of global trade volume travels through water

American fleets: particularly the 5th in Africa and 7th in Asia ( China Sea)

Names of straits and canals particularly Malacca and Hormuz

Some facilities in allied countries ( Japan, Vietnam, Philippines) and some partnerships in Asia India, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia

64 US ships present in Asia

Tensions in South China sea :

OBOR BRI: One Belt, One road by China : China encourages cooperation between states for this program- Trump saw this as a threat; Xi Jinping 2013

Disputes: Spratley Island: artificial reefs to benefit from the EEZ and OFF SHORE OIL

Operations FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION by the UD ( but The US has no EEZ)

Senkaku/ Diaoyu : dispute between China and Japan but US takes a stand for Japan

Trump withdrew from lots of programs like: AFRICOM to secure coasts in Africa from PIRACY and AQMI and promote general development, avoid illegal activities in the Guinea Gulf

For a branching out: new routes in the Arctic ( the US claims some EEZ because of Alaska)

## NEW DEAL AND CRISIS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup> BLACK THURSDAY

Hooverilles SPECULATION ON STOCKS, explain what a stock is and why a stock price changes

Unemployment and poverty even **when you did not own a single stock**

Roosevelt NEW Deal: **3 R's**: Relief, Recovery, Reform, very close to Americans: fireside chats

Pump priming ( Keynes): Alphabet agencies to provide jobs for the unemployed AAA, NIRA, WPA,PWA, CWA, EBA, SSA....

Dorothea Lange, artists' sponsoring

Hopkins for the low skilled and Ickes for the highly skilled but no document will has for so much detail, just allude to it

### **Boondoggling**

Remember black were segregated and discriminated against at the same time and gangsters sometimes sponsored soup Kitchens

1936 the Supreme court invalidated Roosevelt's first New Deal but he was re-elected and enforced a SECOND NEW DEAL

## USA AFTER 91

**New World order**, G.H.Bush, First Gulf War 90-91, UN intervention under US command (Operation desert storm) , multilateralism

No documents on Clinton's enlargement policy

G.W.BUSH , 9/11, axis of evil, Rogue states, Afghanistan 2001, Iraq 2003, unilateralism, Al-Qaida, Bin Laden, Crusade against terrorism

Obama governance, Cairo Speech 2009, Nobel Peace Prize 2009

TRUMP's doctrine: rivalry with China – Isolationism- Priority to economics/ COVID is from China

## THE USA IN WW2

A change in diplomacy between 1919 and 1939: Lend-Lease Act (March 1941) replaces Cash and Carry act and in the 41 Charter of the Atlantic ( August 41) the US get ties with Churchill's UK. Dec 7th 41: Pearl Harbor: turning point.

Followed by the " day we will live in infamy" speech.

But controversy: the US had broken Japanese coded " cables": did Roosevelt tried to find a "pretext" to enter the war?

6 and 9 Aug 1945: Hiroshima and Nagasaki: first A Bombs but CONTROVERSY

Was it really necessary? Did it really avoid huge human losses for the Japanese and the US Gi's or was it just a way to impress the Soviets?

Bad conscience: no US president has ever attended the commemoration, and in the 50's: Hiroshima's Maidens.

In the homefront: huge enrichment of the USA, women at work: Rosie the Riveter, Japanese internment camps ( never compensated until recently), rationing, " the greatest generation".