

Presidential Power and Influence

ISSUE: THE HOME FRONT AND ENDING WORLD WAR II

With Germany defeated, the U.S. and its allies is planning to defeat Japan no later than 1946. U.S. leaders worry that diminished commitment to the war effort in the Pacific on the home front could hurt efforts to end the war against Japan. Many citizens want to bring the troops home as quickly as possible. Americans have been at war for more than three years and war weariness has set in. There are fears, however, that a flood of returning soldiers looking for work and the scaling back of wartime industry will lead to a serious recession or depression.

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Chief Diplomat	
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Chief Legislator	
Chief of Party	

ISSUE: POST-WAR EUROPE

In July 1945, President Truman met with Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin in Potsdam, German to plan for post-war Europe. The United Nations is being created with the hope of settling future disputes between nations and solving global issues. Although the U.S. and Soviet Union are allies, President Truman and some of his advisors are growing suspicious of the Soviet Union's global intentions, its control over nations in Eastern Europe, and the decline of freedom in Soviet-controlled nations.

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Current Events

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