

Presidents Cold War Doctrines: for Assignments 1 and 2 - Week 5 and 9

- a. Presidents and their “doctrines”
 - i. Truman
 - 1. Containment at all costs
 - ii. Eisenhower
 - 1. Employ nuclear weapons and CIA to achieve containment
 - iii. Kennedy
 - 1. Flexible response to communist expansion, especially guerilla warfare
 - iv. Johnson
 - 1. Commit troops to Vietnam as a way to follow through on the Kennedy Doctrine
 - v. Nixon
 - 1. Prevent communist takeovers by supplying arms but not troops
 - vi. Ford
 - 1. Continue Nixon Doctrine
 - vii. Carter
 - 1. Emphasize that Persian Gulf is vital to U.S. interest
 - viii. Reagan
 - 1. Encourage the overthrow of pro-Soviet regimes by sponsoring anti-Communist guerilla groups