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**Levels of Intervention**

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| **Word:** | **Definition:** | **Example from US history:** |
| Neutral | Having no position in a conflict. | In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson announced that the US would not involve themselves in WWI that was escalating throughout Europe. He said he wanted the nation to remain “impartial in thought as well as in action.” |
| Humanitarian intervention | Intervention used to end human rights violations in the nation that it is aimed at. | Ethnic tension in Somalia caused war between rival clans who were now competing for control of the state. In addition to fighting for control of Somalia, these rival clans now fought over dwindling food supplies. As a result, thousands of innocent Somali’s suffered from a preventable famine. President George H.W. Bush decided that the U.S. must act and deploy troops to prevent the ongoing famine. |
| Denouncement | Words but no action.  “I don’t agree with what you’re doing, but I’m not going to do anything about it” | North Korea recently fired a long range and with their long history of threats to use nuclear warfare, this raised red flags to many nations, including the US. The US, South Korea and other nations within the UN have deemed this “unacceptable and provocative.” |
| Diplomacy | Managing relations, handling conflicts. Maintaining relationships between nations. (Usually involved peace talks / compromise) | The event known as “The Cuban Missile Crisis” caused extreme tension between the United States and the Soviet Union. Both nations possessed nuclear weapons and were ready to “push the button,” however talks and compromises were used in order to de-escalate the situation. |
| Sanctions | A threatened penalty for disobeying a law or rule. | Obama signed an executive order targeting North Korea’s energy, financial and shipping assets. The executive order blocks certain transactions on property belonging to the North Korean government This was ordered after North Korea conducted a nuclear test and missile launch. |
| Supply non lethal aid | Food, supplies, etc. | The United States delivered ambulances, garbage trucks, generators, school supplies and office equipment, among other items, to civilian local governments and charity groups in Syria. “These deliveries are helping local groups provide essential services for the Syrian people and counter violent extremists,” said spokeswoman, Jen Psaki. |
| Supply lethal aid | Weapons | The US House urged President Obama to begin supplying arms to Ukraine. The resolution was approved by a majority of 348-48. This would allow Ukraine to defend its territory from "the unprovoked and continuing aggression of the Russian Federation." |
| Train and support military on one side of conflict | On one side of a conflict. | In 2014, President Obama said that he was prepared to send up to 300 U.S. military advisors to Iraq to help fend off the Islamic militants who had taken up to a third of the country. Obama said the U.S. team would assess how best to "train, advise and support" Iraqi forces and would take "targeted and precise" actions as necessary. |
| Air strikes | No ground troops. Attacks using planes or drones. | U.S. warplanes and drones targeted ISIS ‘minister of war,’ Omar the Chechen, along with a group of Islamic State fighters outside the Syrian town of Shadadi, in a series of strikes on March 4. |
| Full mobilization | Ground troops, war, etc | Following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, President George W. Bush made a national broadcast March 19, 2003. President Bush and his advisors built much of their case for war on the idea that Iraq possessed or was in the process of building weapons of mass destruction. By October 2007, the US had nearly 160,000 troops stationed in Iraq. |

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**Reflection Questions**

**Do you generally think the U.S. should play a larger role in world affairs? A smaller role? Same as now?**

**How do you think the average American would answer Question 5? (In other words, do you think you are in the mainstream on this issue?) Do you think the typical American view has changed much in your lifetime?**

**Why are there different levels of military intervention?**

**Why is it important that there are different levels of military intervention?**