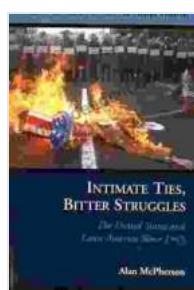


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The Cold War

The Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union had a profound impact on US-Latin American relations. The United States saw Latin America as a potential battleground in the Cold War and sought to prevent the spread of communism in the region. This led to US support for authoritarian regimes in Latin America, even when those regimes were guilty of human rights abuses. The Cold War also led to US intervention in Latin America, such as the Bay of Pigs Invasion in Cuba and the US-backed coup in Chile.



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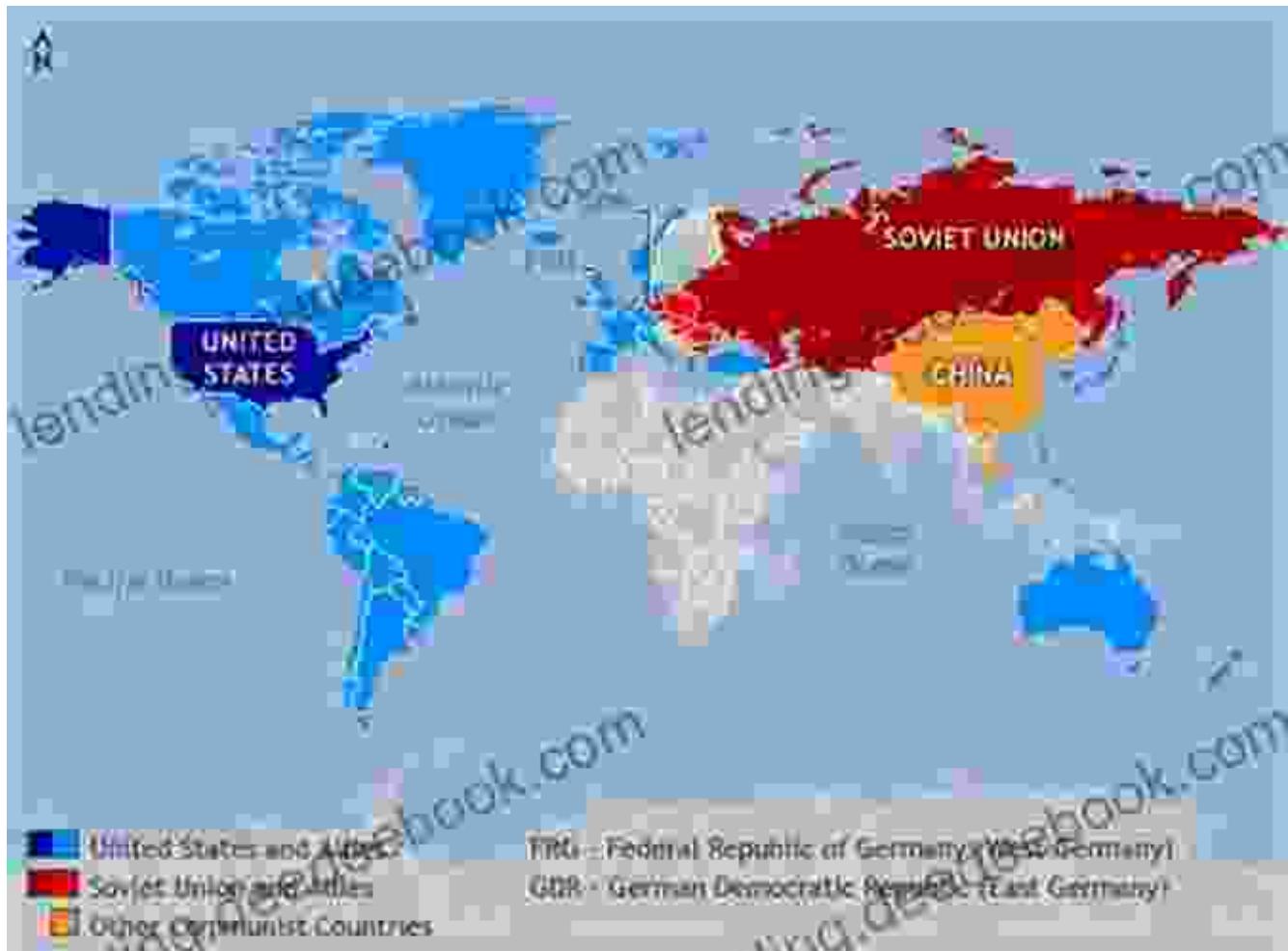
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The Cuban Revolution

The Cuban Revolution of 1959 was a watershed moment in US-Latin American relations. The revolution brought to power a communist government led by Fidel Castro. The United States saw Castro's government as a threat to its interests in the region and imposed a trade embargo on Cuba. The Cuban Revolution also led to increased US support for anti-communist movements in Latin America.



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The Alliance for Progress

In response to the Cuban Revolution, the United States launched the Alliance for Progress in 1961. The Alliance for Progress was a massive economic aid program designed to promote economic and social development in Latin America. The program was initially successful, but it was eventually overshadowed by the Cold War and the Vietnam War. The Alliance for Progress also failed to address the underlying causes of poverty and inequality in Latin America.



The War on Drugs

The War on Drugs has been a major issue in US-Latin American relations since the 1970s. The United States has provided billions of dollars in aid to Latin American countries to help them combat drug trafficking. However, the War on Drugs has been criticized for its negative impact on human

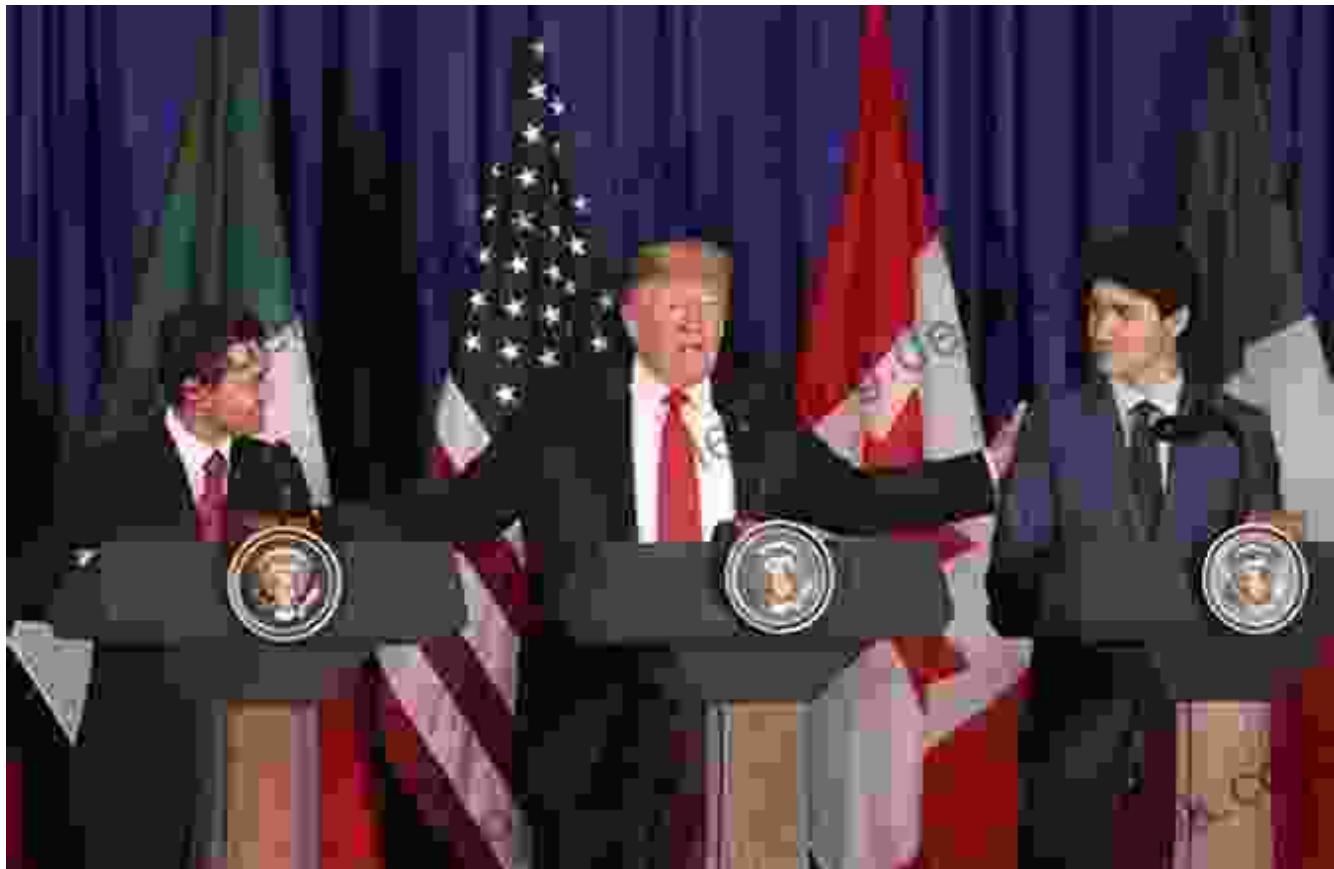
rights and for its failure to reduce drug use. The War on Drugs has also led to increased militarization in Latin America.



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NAFTA and Free Trade

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was signed in 1994 and created a free trade zone between the United States, Canada, and Mexico. NAFTA has been controversial in Latin America, with some critics arguing that it has led to increased inequality and environmental degradation. However, NAFTA has also led to increased economic growth in Latin America.



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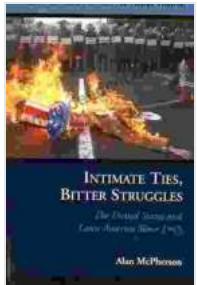
Immigration has been a major issue in US-Latin American relations for centuries. Millions of Latin Americans have immigrated to the United States in search of a better life. However, immigration has also been a source of tension between the two regions. The United States has often imposed strict controls on immigration from Latin America, and Latin American immigrants have sometimes been the target of discrimination in the United States.



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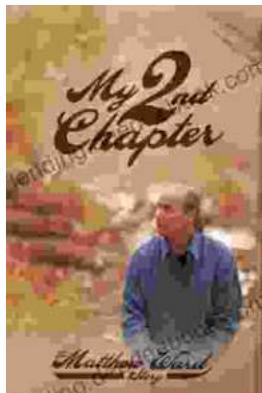
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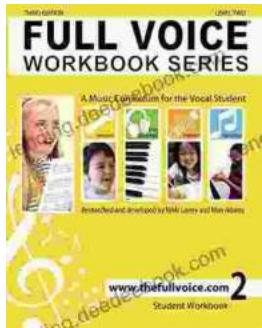
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