The origin and issues of cold war. Could it have been avoided?

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Origin

The famous cold war intensified in 1945 all the way to 1991 and the main battle field was Germany. The war, whose impact can still be felt in Germany, was perpetuated by the First World War super powers which were United States and Soviet Union. The two super powers flexed their muscles in Germany through tough competition in implementing their ideologies which included capitalism for United States and communism for Soviet Union. Both United States and Soviet Union worsened their antagonistic nature by dividing Germany, the battle field, into East Germany and West Germany. The Soviet Union which took control of east built the famous wall which separated East and West Germany. In West Germany USA and its allies who supported the capitalist ideologies implemented their ideologies consequently improving West Germany in all fields including economic, political and social fields. Although communism supporters particularly Soviet Union tried to develop East Germany, it was faced by a lot of challenges and as such West Germany became far much ahead compared to it in terms of development. As such many East German citizens struggled to cross over West Germany. (Divine et al, 2013)

Issues

United States and Soviet Union as the winners of world war one started spreading their capitalism and communism ideologies respectively immediately after the end of the world war one in 1917. Consequently, their ideological rivalries started being serious in 1930 and further became more serious in subsequently years as the two powers tried to extend their ideologies to as many nations in the world as possible. After the world war two the rivalry intensified further hence resulting in cold war in 1947. Additionally, differing economic interest also facilitated to cold war. After the world war two United States had already taken lead in striving to develop new currency stabilizations scheme to remedy the unstabilized world economies caused by the war through leading loans and grants to the poor and most affected nations and states. On the other hand the Soviet Union and her allies started devising war and means to counteract United States moves hence resulting to serious tension which later graduated to cold war. (Divine et al, 2013)

Conclusion

The war could have been avoided if supporters both communism/socialists and capitalist ideologies could solve their issues amicable through existence of a strong worldwide body other than the United Nations then. It could have tamed the prior economic as well as ideological rivalry between the two antagonistic ideologies.

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