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Abstract: Scholars today continue

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to debate over specifically how the Former Soviet Union collapsed in late 1991.

Unfortunately they must depend on poor Soviet data that is largely unreliable and faulty.

Much of it is ambiguous and therefore cannot be trusted with

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great significance. This is a theoretical analysis and empirical study. I postulate that the weak socialist fundamentals that supported the Soviet Union led it its imminent collapse. The Soviet Union economic model promoted excess centralization, vast

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amounts of inefficiencies and faulty priorities. External factors and economic shocks also prevented the Soviet Union from allocating their resources to their best uses. The Cold War, the largest external shock to the Soviet economy, resulted in large

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defense spending, which caused this internal economic collapse. I attempt to determine to what extent the Cold War impacted the economy in the long run and conclude that socialist theories fail to respond to such shocks. The Soviet Union deviated from

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these socialist principles, and I show this by examining Soviet behavior, including the theory of cognitive dissonance and how they ignored long-term problems (blat), which only exasperated the challenges Gorbachev faced. I draw appropriate conclusions of

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Gorbachev's economic reforms, in that they were inconsistent with economic models of Leninist-Marxist theories.

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victory in the Cold War:
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speech and has persisted for decades -- with disastrous consequences for American standing in the world. As prize-winning historian Serhii Plokhy reveals in *The Last Empire*, the collapse of

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the Soviet Union was anything but the handiwork of the United States. On the contrary, American leaders dreaded the possibility that the Soviet Union -- weakened by infighting and

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economic turmoil -- might suddenly crumble, throwing all of Eurasia into chaos. Bush was firmly committed to supporting his ally and personal friend Gorbachev, and remained wary of

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nationalist or radical leaders such as recently elected Russian President Boris Yeltsin. Fearing what might happen to the large Soviet nuclear arsenal in the event of the union's collapse, Bush

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stood by Gorbachev as he resisted the growing independence movements in Ukraine, Moldova, and the Caucasus. Plokhy's detailed, authoritative account shows that it was only after the

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movement for independence of the republics had gained undeniable momentum on the eve of the Ukrainian vote for independence that fall that Bush finally abandoned Gorbachev to his

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the demise of the Soviet Union a myth, but this misplaced belief has guided -- and haunted -- American foreign policy ever since. The Disintegration of the Communist Party of the

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NATO exercise, "Operation Able Archer," almost led to a Soviet miscalculation, and when the Soviets shot down a South Korean airliner in September 1983, claiming it had strayed into Soviet airspace, the Cold War became

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very tense indeed. After going through three elderly leaders in three years, Mikhail Gorbachev was chosen as the new General Secretary at the relatively young age of 54 in March 1985. Gorbachev hoped to build the Soviet economy

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to relieve the persistent shortages of consumer goods it faced, which were caused by enormous military spending of the Soviet Union.

Gorbachev tried to introduce some economic reforms, but they were blocked by communist hardliners.

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Gorbachev then came to the belief that the Soviet economy could not improved without political reform as well. Limited political reforms, such as broadcasting uncensored debates in which politicians openly questioned government policy,

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backfired when they energized eastern European opposition movements which began to overthrow their communist governments in 1989. Gorbachev was unwilling to reoccupy these eastern European nations and use

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the Soviet army to put down these revolts. Inspired by the revolts in Eastern Europe, the small Soviet Baltic republics, which had long chafed under Russian rule, also began to clamor for independence from the Soviet Union. In 1990,

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Gorbachev allowed non-Communist party politicians to run for office throughout the Soviet Union, and the Communist Party lost to independence candidates in six Soviet republics, including the three Baltic republics. The Baltic

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republics then declared independence from the Soviet Union. In comparison with other Soviet leaders, Gorbachev was leader of the USSR for a relatively short period, but the changes that took place under his leadership

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were monumental, including some that were intended and others that were unforeseen. Gorbachev oversaw the end of the Cold War and the peaceful transition away from communism in Central and Eastern Europe, and he ended the

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war in Afghanistan and many other proxy conflicts in the developing world. Gorbachev improved relations with the West and developed enough trust with President Ronald Reagan and President George H.W. Bush to

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decommission thousands of nuclear weapons. He also liberalized the political environment within the Soviet Union itself, increased accountability, and brought in a certain degree of democracy. Gorbachev was

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