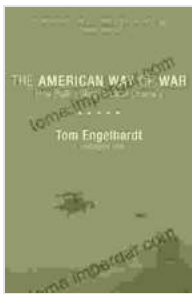


# How Bush Wars Became Obama Wars: The Long and Bloody Legacy of U.S. Interventionism

In his new book, 'How Bush Wars Became Obama Wars,' TomDispatch author Andrew J. Bacevich traces the long and bloody history of U.S. interventionism, from the Vietnam War to the present day.



## The American Way of War: How Bush's Wars Became Obama's (TomDispatch Books) by Tom Engelhardt

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Bacevich argues that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are not simply aberrations, but rather the latest chapters in a long-standing pattern of U.S. interventionism. He traces the roots of this interventionism to the Cold War, when the United States sought to contain the spread of communism. After the Cold War ended, the United States continued to intervene in other countries, but now under the banner of promoting democracy and human rights.

Bacevich argues that this interventionism has been a disaster. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have cost the United States trillions of dollars and thousands of lives. They have also destabilized the Middle East and created a breeding ground for terrorism.

Bacevich concludes by calling for an end to U.S. interventionism. He argues that the United States needs to adopt a more humble foreign policy and focus on its own problems.

## **A Long and Bloody History**

The United States has a long history of intervening in the affairs of other countries. The first major intervention was the Spanish-American War in 1898, which resulted in the United States acquiring control of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines.

In the 20th century, the United States intervened in a number of countries in Latin America, including Mexico, Nicaragua, and Cuba. The United States also intervened in the Russian Civil War and in World War II.

After World War II, the United States intervened in a number of countries in the Middle East, including Iran, Iraq, and Libya. The United States also intervened in the Vietnam War and in the Korean War.

In the 21st century, the United States has intervened in a number of countries in the Middle East, including Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria. The United States has also intervened in Libya and in Yemen.

## **The Costs of Interventionism**

The costs of U.S. interventionism have been enormous. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have cost the United States trillions of dollars and thousands of lives. They have also destabilized the Middle East and created a breeding ground for terrorism.

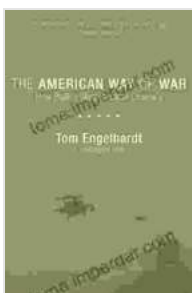
In addition to the financial and human costs, U.S. interventionism has also damaged the United States' reputation in the world. Many people around the world see the United States as a bully that uses its power to impose its will on other countries.

## **A Call for an End to Interventionism**

Bacevich concludes by calling for an end to U.S. interventionism. He argues that the United States needs to adopt a more humble foreign policy and focus on its own problems.

Bacevich argues that the United States should no longer try to be the world's policeman. He says that the United States should instead focus on building a more just and prosperous society at home.

Bacevich's call for an end to interventionism is a timely one. The United States has been at war for far too long. It is time for the United States to come home and focus on its own problems.



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