

US Political Injects

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Turn 1:

- New York Stock Exchange opens and the Dow immediately falls 500 points with business analysts expressing concern with impacts of a potential China conflict on world trade. World-wide stock exchanges around the world fall overnight.
- 24 hour television news networks initiate continuing coverage of the incident with majority of pundits and analysts calling for immediate US response. Scrolling headlines, including in New York City's Times Square highlight "3 US sailors slain along with crew of Japanese vessel in attack by Chinese naval vessel"
- Newspaper editorials throughout the country call for a strong US response to the death of US sailors.
- In interviews on multiple news networks, Senator John McCain calls for strong US response. McCain laments the lack of follow-through on the Trump administration's insecure, tough-guy affect and argues that a lack of action in the face of the killing of American servicemembers is the ultimate failure of "America First". The visible effort required by the somewhat feeble McCain to make the stirring speeches wins him a great deal of sympathy from the public.

Turn 2:

Regardless of US Actions:

- The Dow falls 750 points with analysts expressing concern toward the impact of a potential China conflict on world trade. Average prices of world-wide stock exchanges around the world continue to fall. China closes the Hong Kong Stock Exchange to protect against panic selling of Hang Seng – listed assets. The Nikkei Index is also taking a beating.

If the US has not become involved in direct military action on Turn 1:

- Parents of all 3 slain US servicemen appear on "Fox and Friends," with 2 sets of parents calling for immediate response. Father of one slain sailor states the US President is "a complete hypocrite for not taking action to avenge the loss of my daughter, Navy Chief Petty Officer Michelle Landowski"

If the US has become involved in direct military action on Turn 1:

- Business and finance leaders in the US including Warren Buffett and Michael Bloomberg make public statements expressing concern that war with China could send the world economy into a tailspin of the level not seen since the Great Depression. The DC metropolitan police are inundated by protest permit requests by antiwar groups – fortunately, it's a slow process.

Turn 3:

If the US became involved in direct military action on Turn 2:

- The Dow drops 2000 points in its greatest single-day drop since it reopened following the terrorist attacks of September 11th. The Hong Kong Stock Exchange remains closed.
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If the US became involved in direct military action on Turn 1:

- The Dow drops 2000 points in its greatest single-day drop since it reopened following the terrorist attacks of September 11th. The Hong Kong Stock Exchange remains closed.

- Senator Bob Corker, a Republican, the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, announces that he will convene hearings into the destabilizing impact of a potential war with China. Congressional Democrats – and a significant minority of Republicans – applaud him.

- Business leaders backing the President’s party meet privately with the President expressing their concern with the devastating impact that a war with China could have on the US economy and that they are considering withdrawing support for candidates in the upcoming midterms.

= Antiwar protests have begun in major coastal cities. Even in permit-bound DC there are hundreds of demonstrators on Pennsylvania Avenue agitating for the U.S. to steer clear of war with China.

If the US has not become involved in direct military action:

- The Dow drops 1000 points, driven down by tensions between China and Japan. The Hong Kong Stock Exchange remains closed.

- The Chairs of the House and Senate Foreign Relations committees, both members of the President’s Party, make public statements criticizing the Administration’s lack of backbone and unwillingness to defend American lives.

- Both houses of Congress pass resolutions calling for stronger US action towards China.

Turn 3:

If the US became involved in direct military action on Turn 3:

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- Business and finance leaders in the US including Warren Buffett and Michael Bloomberg make public statements expressing concern that war with China could send the world economy into a tailspin of the level not seen since the Great Depression.

-CNN and MSNBC add analysis that the President isn’t really that good for the stock market to their ongoing coverage of the crisis.

If the US became involved in direct military action on Turn 1 or 2:

- Markets are in freefall as the Dow drops another 2500 points, eclipsing the previous day’s record. Hong Stock Exchange remains closed. The world braces for a depression as wealth in the form of global market capitalization evaporates at a rate of approximately 100 million dollars per minute.

- Senator Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker convenes hearings into the destabilizing impact of the conflict with China. The hearings have broad bipartisan support, leading pundits to ask: was a naval brawl with China finally the answer to the question – what would get Congressional Republicans to break with the President?

-Thousands-strong antiwar protests are in full swing in virtually every major metropolitan area. Pennsylvania Avenue is choked with demonstrations calling the President a draft-dodging warmonger who is trying to start World War 3.

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If the US has not become involved in direct military action:

- The Dow falls another 1500 points, nearly tying its greatest single-day drop (when the New York Stock Exchange reopened following the terrorist attacks of September 11th). The Hong Kong Stock Exchange remains closed. The world braces for a severe recession as wealth in the form of global market capitalization evaporates at the rate of approximately 50 million dollars per minute.

- John McCain and Jack Reed, chair and ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, convene surprise hearings into the administration's mishandling of the servicemember's deaths. It appears that the Navy is stonewalling death gratuity claims by the servicemember's families, and the surviving wife of one of the slain sailors told CNN and Fox in separate interviews that she felt that the President's handling of the situation disrespected her husband's memory and service.

- The President's re-election campaign and a majority of Republican midterm Congressional campaigns are hemorrhaging donor money as corporations and individuals decide they want nothing to do with the unanswered deaths of U.S. servicemembers.