



Reliving the Cuban Missile Crisis

A Wikistrat Historical Simulation

September 2022

Introduction

The world is in a very different geopolitical reality in 2022 than it was in 1962. The Cold War is long gone, the Soviet Union is a thing of the past, and the focus of geopolitical tensions in the past decades has often been the Middle East rather than Cuba or Latin America.

And yet, the basic logic of geopolitical tensions, great power competition, foreign policy decision-making in conflict, and even a **potential nuclear war** are all still relevant to strategists and policymakers in mid-2022.

In light of the upcoming **60th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis**, Wikistrat and the Royal Military College of Canada will run an educational simulation in which a selected number of participants will be given the opportunity to enter the shoes of historical decision makers to better understand what happened in the 13 days that analysts often describe as **“the most dangerous moment in human history.”**

Simulation Overview

Each participant will be assigned the historical character of one of the decision-makers during the crisis - from Cuba, the US, or the USSR.



PHASE I: Collaborative Work

Each team will work collaboratively in its situation room to develop policy proposals. These fit with the actor's strategy at the time but differ from the actions that they actually took. This will allow participants to explore alternatives to the way in which history evolved.

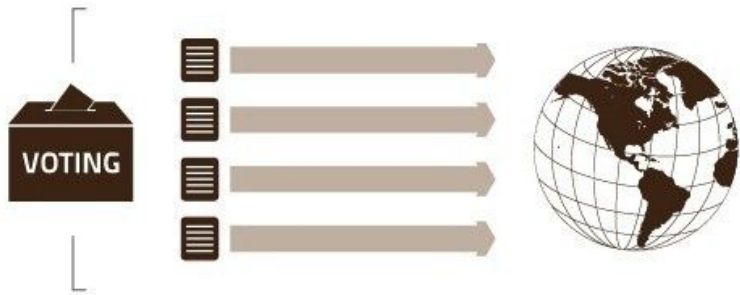
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 JFK beats the war drums commented 47 minutes ago
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PHASE II:
Voting



In the final phase of the simulation, the participants will vote on the proposed policies.

By doing so, they will decide how an alternative reality could have evolved.

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Background
Introduction, goals and an overview

Analytic Team
List of the simulation's participants

Background Reading
Materials for preparatory reading

Q&A Forum
A discussion forum for the participants and Q&A

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Cuba



USA



USSR

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