

UNDERSTANDING THE UNITED STATES

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Optional module for CES students (Unit 4)

I. INTRODUCTION: THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE 20th-21st CENTURY

1. Political culture and state system of the US
2. American Identity, values and society post-1945
3. US position in International Relations and basic elements of US foreign policy

II. THE US IN THE BIPOLAR WORLD (1945-1989)

1. US foreign policy post-1945
2. Two superpowers in the Cold War: the US versus the USSR
3. The US and European regional Integration
4. The special relationship between the US and Germany

III. THE US IN MULTILATERAL RELATIONS

1. The US and the UN
2. The US and NATO
3. The US and the WTO
4. The US and the EU

IV. THE US AS THE WORLD POWER INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (1989-today)

1. The US and the new international order after 1989
2. The US facing the Reunification of the European continent
3. The US as the "world police"
4. Post-9/11 US foreign policy and recent reorientations under the Trump residency