

Syrians Fight for their Freedom

What are the next steps for the United States' fight against terrorism?

Summary

Since March 2011, Syria has been fighting a civil war. Syrians broke out in pro-democracy protests after complaining about high unemployment rates, political corruption and a lack of political freedom. The breaking point for the beginning of these protests was when fifteen school children were arrested and then tortured for writing anti-government graffiti on a wall. Locals erupted into protests and the government responded by striking fire on protesters. The following day at the funeral, the government opened fire on people mourning at a funeral. With the government responding with violence, it provoked individuals to want to fight back for the injustices. The opposition grew and formed the Free Syrian Army. Since then violence and the use of chemical weapons has spread throughout the country, causing families to flee to safety in outside nations. The Russian government and the Islamic State (ISIS) side with the Assad (the President of Syria) and is aiding them in the fight. The United States is aiding the Free Syrian Army by sending troops out in Syria. The Free Syrian Army's ideals strongly align with democratic ideals.

Goals and Strategies

1. MILITARY INVOLVEMENT:

The United States has brought troops into Syria to combat ISIS. The United States has also used air strikes to fight against the Syrian government.

2. SANCTIONS:

The UN imposed sanctions on Syria due to the violation of human rights and support of terrorist organizations. These sanctions include travel bans, and trade restrictions.

3. FOREIGN AID:

At the beginning of the Syrian Civil War, the United States provided food, clean water and medical equipment to aid the people of Syria. Two United States program trained soldiers specifically for fighting in Syria. [Double click to edit](#)

Evaluation of Goals

America's involvement in Syria's Civil War has had positive outcomes with their goals. By using military involvement, the United States was able to work with other allied nations in attempt to defeat ISIS. According to the Trump Administration, ISIS no longer has land in Syria and has been defeated due to America's military involvement.

Syrian government has been known to use chemical weapons. Through the use of sanctions, it froze the Syrian government's assets. They were unable to produce more chemical weapons. This method of diplomacy was effective because it prevented the government from harming their citizens.

Through military force, America has been able to forcibly remove ISIS from territory in Syria. Through airstrikes, America was able to destroy factories which were producing chemical weapons. Overall military force was extremely successful in the conflict in Syria.

Foreign aid has been given to refugees throughout Syria. America has supplied clean drinking water, toiletries, and food for the people of Syria. Through foreign aid, Syrian refugees have been relocated to other countries. Foreign aid has not been fully successful because the more the United States aids the Syrians, the Syrian government fights back and destroys the humanitarian aid.

