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### **The Cold War with its great power *'realpolitik'* amorality and simplistic framing of Global South liberation struggles as 'Free' World vs 'Communist' World.**

With the Cold War which was essentially this many decades long Mexican stand off between two nuclear armed superpowers it was often 'Hollywood' framed as the Free World versus the Communist world. Yet, what was simplistically perceived as a binary 'good vs evil' scenario (which also ignorantly ignored the history of liberation struggles that had their beginnings well before 1945 going back even to previous centuries thus having nothing to do with such a global ideological binary until co-opted or enmeshed within it by local or international actors) was really more akin – and especially in the Global South - of being a singular amoral (or immoral) one when one sees how many of the governments within the so called 'Free World' were authoritarian in their political nature but despite often being far right and militarist were simply *not communist* - which was the 'greater evil' and so such 'lesser evil' despotic regimes with an anti-communist stance could be 'tolerated' while also willing to be U.S. aligned (while no matter their political complexion non-aligned countries such as Sukarno's Indonesia could not be tolerated in case they eventually aligned with the Soviet Union and so it was tolerated when Sukarno in 1965 was overthrown by a general such as Suharto who was willing to ally with the 'Free World' and which came at the human cost of an estimated 500,000 Indonesian citizens losing their lives having been accused of being communists and years later in December 1975 for Timor-Leste to be invaded and occupied by Suharto which in so many cases could occur 'in the name of freedom and democracy' the somewhat Orwellian doublethink rhetorical banner that became so particularly prevalent during the Cold War.