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## **The fall of the Soviet Union was a watershed point in world history, amplifying unipolarity. How does Russia's recent aggressiveness strive to re-establish USSR power? (150 words) (GS 2; International Issues) [15-03-22]**

The 1990s were a watershed moment in world history, as the Soviet Union's dominance dwindled and the globe became unipolar until the advent of China in the 2000s. Since then, Russia has been attempting to reclaim its power and influence.

### **The fall of the Soviet Union:-**

#### **Russian influence has waned**

The fall of the Soviet Union marked a shrinking of Russia's sphere of influence. The countries that made up the former union began to lean toward western powers.

#### **The end of communism**

The world's flag-bearer of communism has now evolved into a superb illustration of neo-capitalism. The fall of the Soviet Union coincided with the demise of communism.

#### **The world is unipolar**

Since World War II, the world had remained bipolar. The USSR's fortunes deteriorated, and its status as a superpower deteriorated.

#### **The Cold War is over.**

The fall of the Soviet Union effectively ended the Cold War. In the 1980s, the cold war had progressed to the point where the globe was on the verge of nuclear war.

### **Russia's Recent Attack:-**

#### **Increased Geopolitical Clout**

Russia is attempting to expand its sphere of influence by expanding its boundaries and blocking western states from doing so.

#### **The Anti-Western Axis**

Russia and China are posing a challenge to the West's hegemony. The latest Russian aggressiveness is part of a larger scheme to dethrone the United States from global leadership.

#### **Independence From the Financial System of the West**



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The world's financial system is dominated by the United States and the West. Russia's initiatives are part of a larger scheme to give an alternative to the current process.

As a result, global politics is rapidly evolving. The quick withdrawal of the US and the west from Afghanistan was a clear signal of the west's fading dominance, which Russia took advantage of.

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