Level of American Escalation (y-axis)

Combat (U.S. deaths):
- 1000+
- 501 to 1000
- 251 to 500
- 101 to 250
- 51 to 100
- 26 to 50
- 6 to 25
- 1 to 5
- 0

Short of Combat:
- Uncontested Military Action
- Military Advisers
- Show of Force
- Threats
- Aid or Sanctions
- No Response

Kinetic Military Action

Action Short of Armed Conflict

IMPERIAL PRESIDENCY

Labeled points:
- Vietnam (1964)
- Korea (1950)
- Iraq (2003)
- Afghanistan (2001)
- Gulf War (1990)
- Lebanon (1983)
- US Hostages In Iran (1979)
- ISIS (2014)
- Invasion Of Panama (1989)
- Somalia (1993)
- Kosovo (1999)
- Cuban Missiles (1962)
- Haiti Mil. Regime (1994)
- Libyan Civil War (2011)
- Bosnia (1995)
- Post–Paris Enforcement (1973)
- Nicaragua (1980s)
- Syria Chemical Weapons (2013)
- Berlin Wall (1961)
- Iran Nuclear II (2006)

Congressional Sentiment (x-axis)

- −0.5 : Uniform Opposition
- −0.25
- 0.0 : Neutral / Balanced
- 0.25
- 0.5 : Uniform Support