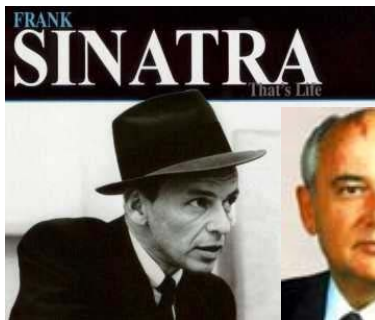


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The Brezhnev Doctrine, 1968. The *Brezhnev Doctrine* was a Soviet foreign policy named after Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. It was outlined in the later months of 1968. Basically it did not allow a Warsaw Pact nation to leave the Soviet orbit, stating that when a country that was Communist threatened to turn to Capitalism, the Soviet Union had the duty to prevent it from occurring for the sake of all other socialist countries. The doctrine was used to justify the invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Soviets in 1968.

Leonid Brezhnev



The Sinatra Doctrine, 1988-1989. The Brezhnev Doctrine was reversed by Mikhail Gorbachev's facetiously named *Sinatra Doctrine*. It said that Soviet client states could break off from the Eastern bloc and independently do it "their way," in reference to Frank Sinatra's song titled "My Way." The satellite nations were free to pursue whatever social, political, and economic policies

they chose, as long as they did nothing to endanger the national interests of the Soviet Union. Clearly, the Sinatra Doctrine signaled the way to democracy for the Warsaw Pact nations. Once the threat of Soviet intervention was removed by the Sinatra Doctrine, the tidal wave began. Hard-line regimes soon fell like dominoes, one after another.



"My Way" begins:

And now, the end is near;
And so I face the final curtain.
My friend, I'll say it clear,
I'll state my case, of which I'm certain.

"My Way" ends:

For what is a man, what has he got?
If not himself, then he has naught.
To say the things he truly feels;
And not the words of one who kneels.
The record shows I took the blows –
And did it my way!

Key Understanding: Gorbachev's 'Sinatra Doctrine'. Mikhail Gorbachev's so-called Sinatra Doctrine for the Soviet satellite nations clearly illustrates the 'My Way' spirit of Democracy, a spirit which clashes with the Lord's doctrine of Isaiah 55:8-9.

*Isaiah 55:8-9 (KJV) For my thoughts are not your thoughts, **NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS**, saith the LORD.*

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

*Isaiah 53:6 (KJV) All we like sheep have gone astray; **WE HAVE TURNED EVERY ONE TO HIS OWN WAY**; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

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