

Imperial Bowl – USA

Pins are arranged in 1-10 bowling layout, in chronological order of significant events. The primary focus is the Cold War, although other events of interest are listed in parenthesis.



Guatemala



South Vietnam



Cuba



Angola



Honduras



Chile



Iraq



Grenada



Nicaragua



Afghanistan

Guatemala, 1954: CIA/United Fruit supports coup against freely-elected Jacobo Arbenz, who is replaced by Colonel Carlos Armas

Cuba, 1961: Bay of Pigs invasion. (Also: Placed under US occupation in 1906; country led by US governor, Charles Magoon, for 3 years.)

South Vietnam, 1964: Tonkin Gulf Incident leads to escalation of war against the North.

Chile, 1964: US funding supports election of Montalva. (In 1973, US supports coup against Allende, installing Pinochet.)

Honduras, 1960s: Used as training base for pro-USA revolutionaries sent to other Latin America countries.

Angola, 1975: US supports FNLA and UNITA, insurgents opposing MPLA.

Afghanistan, 1979: US supports rebel forces against USSR-supported government.

Nicaragua, 1981: US supports Contra rebels against left-wing government. (Also, in 1909: US supports conservative forces rebelling against President Zelaya. US Marines occupy country from 1912-1933.)

Grenada, 1983: US invasion in response to construction of a landing strip for commercial aircraft.

Iraq, 2003: US launches Operation Iraqi Freedom to nab elusive WMD from Saddam Husein.