



## Lesson 54

### Causes and Effects of the Waymarks

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This Movement has long understood waymarks. But just recently, we've understood them in a different way. You see, before, we thought a waymark was one event. For example, the waymark of 1989- the event was November 9th. Then in 2018 we understood that the 2019 waymark was multiple events- covering the entire year and not just November 9th. But we never thought to apply that same concept to prior waymarks. What we have learned is that each waymark consists of multiple events. It's kind of like the middle star in Orion's belt, Alnilam. It looks singular but when you look closer, it expands. Waymarks look singular (as in a straight line on a whiteboard), but they're actually not. For waymarks, the multiple events have a beginning and an end- a cause and an effect. In this lesson, we are going to be looking at the cause and effect of waymarks on the reform line of the Priests.

## 1989

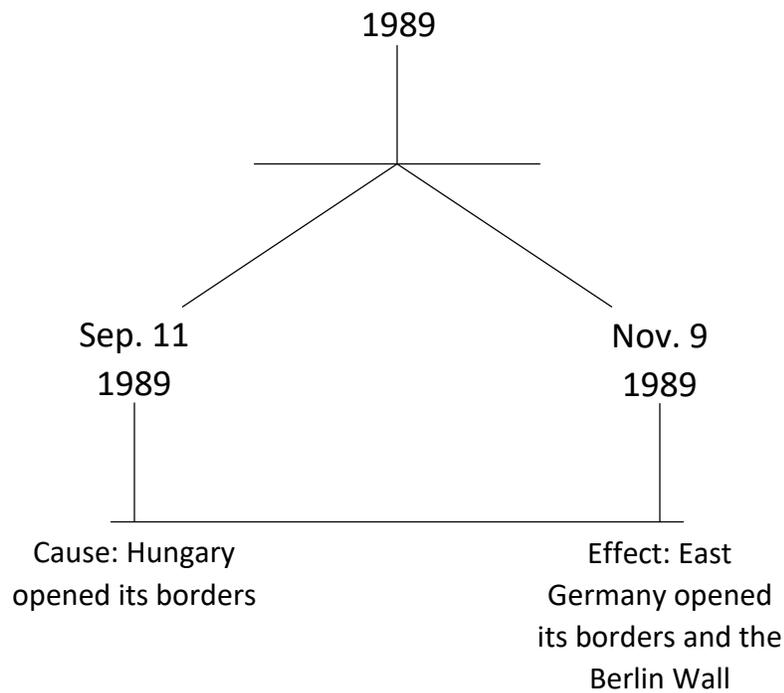
### September 11, 1989

We usually mark the date of the Time of the End as November 9, 1989, but there was a reason for this date. The cause of November 9, 1989 was September 11, 1989. On that day Hungary took down its "iron curtain". Hungary was part of the Soviet Union; it was on the border between the east and the west, so people could leave the USSR through it. In May of 1989, Hungary began to cut down some of the wire gate that was the border between it and Austria (Austria was not part of the Soviet Union). But despite the cut gates only a few people fled out of the USSR. On August 19<sup>th</sup> hundreds of east Germans fled into Austria at the Pan-European picnic. That event was coordinated partly by the government, but that was just the beginning. On the night of September 10<sup>th</sup> the government of Hungary said that people could go over their border into Austria at midnight. So on September 11<sup>th</sup> Hungary opened its borders. Thousands of east Germans fled the Soviet Union that night into Austria and then traveled to West Germany. The opening of Hungary's borders led to the fall of the Soviet Union soon after.

### November 9, 1989

November 9, 1989 was the effect. November 9<sup>th</sup> is usually the date we mark in 1989, but that date had a cause. We looked at September 11, 1989, and saw that's when Hungary's iron curtain fell. The iron curtain was the border dividing the USSR and the rest of Europe that was against communism. It split Germany in half- into east Germany and west Germany. There was a place in east Germany called Berlin. Half of it was communist and the other half of it was free from communism just like west Germany; this free area was surrounded by an iron curtain called the Berlin wall. Before 1989, east Germans wanting to escape communism, managed to get into the free part of Berlin by climbing over the Berlin wall, crawling through sewers, flying over the wall in hot air balloons, or by speeding in a car and crashing through weak parts of the wall. As you can imagine, not too many people escaped, but when Hungary opened its borders, east Germans traveled to Hungary to cross the iron curtain into west Germany. Hungary however, blocked east Germans from coming in. The east German government also blocked people from leaving Germany and only let people cross to the west through train. The Germans then started protesting for change. By November of 1989, east Germans had found ways to sneak into Hungary. The amount of east Germans leaving east Germany became

so great that on November 9<sup>th</sup>, the government decided to open the borders dividing east and west Germany, and to take down the Berlin wall. This was announced on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The opening was supposed to take effect on November 10<sup>th</sup>, but the spokesmen announcing it wasn't told the time delay, so when asked when the borders would be opened, he said immediately. East Germans flocked to the Berlin wall and eventually the requirements for passports in order to cross were deserted. At the border, people started chipping away at the wall. Cranes were brought in and thus the Berlin wall fell. The fall of the Berlin wall was a sign that communism's rule was coming to an end. So the cause or beginning of the 1989 waymark was on September 11<sup>th</sup>, when Hungary opened its borders. The effect or end of the 1989 waymark was on November 9<sup>th</sup>, when borders between east and west Germany were opened, and when the Berlin wall fell.



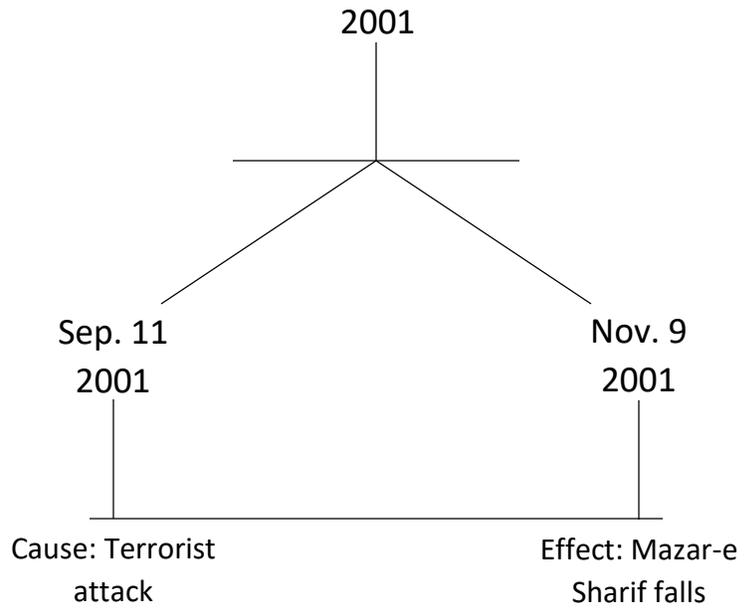
# 2001

## September 11, 2001

It was the morning of September 11, 2001. Business as usual. Then, nineteen hijackers took control of four commercial airliners. They chose planes that had long flights scheduled because they knew those planes would be full of fuel. At 8:46 in the morning, five of the nineteen hijackers crashed one plane into the North tower. Just over fifteen minutes later, at 9:03, another five hijackers crashed a second plane into the South tower. At 9:59, after burning for 56 minutes, the North tower collapsed. At 10:28, the South tower collapsed. Other buildings were damaged or destroyed that day. Nearly three thousand people were killed and six thousand others were injured. It was a dark day- the worst terrorist attack on American soil. The waymark of 2001 has multiple events connected to it. The cause of those events that would take place in the few years to follow was the terrorist attack on 9/11.

## November 9, 2001

The terrorist attack on 9/11 was a cause. Because of that event the United States (along with some other countries like the United Kingdom) invaded Afghanistan on October 7, 2001. They invaded because Osama bin Laden was there but the Taliban didn't want to hand him over until they had evidence that he was responsible for the 9/11 attacks. The turning point in the invasion was November 9<sup>th</sup>, on that day the US and the Northern Alliance (anti-Taliban Afghanistan soldiers) took control of Mazar-e Sharif: a city in northern Afghanistan. Loosing that city was the first major defeat for the Taliban. Just a few days later the Taliban lost power (in December 2001). The United States had invaded that country because radical Islam had attacked them. That action restrained Islam. The form of Islam that was restrained in 2001 was the Islamic government of Afghanistan (the Taliban)- not radical Islam itself; just like in 1840, on August 11<sup>th</sup>, when the Islamic government of Egypt was restrained. So, September 11, 2001 was the cause and November 9, 2001, the turning point in the invasion of Afghanistan- was the effect. These two dates make up the waymark of 2001.



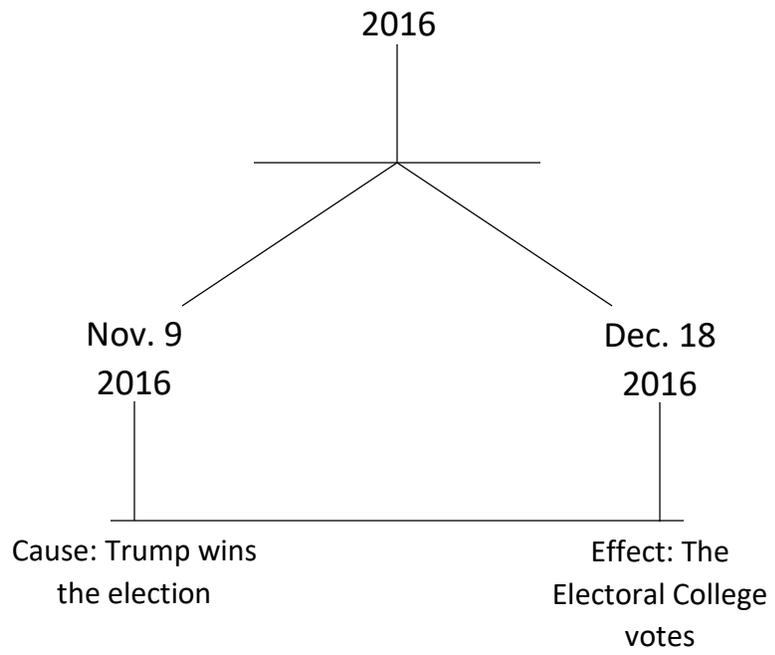
# 2016

## November 9, 2016

November 9, 2016 was the cause. The waymark of 2016 has a cause and effect. The cause, or beginning of that waymark was on November 9<sup>th</sup>. On November 8, 2016, roughly 89 million people turned out to vote for the next president. That was in combination with the 47 million people that had voted early. About 66 million of those people voted for Hilary Clinton, about 63 million voted for Donald Trump, and about 6 million voted for candidates from third parties like the Libertarian party. Even though Trump lost the popular vote, according to early electoral counting, he'd won 306 electoral votes which is enough to win the presidency. That's why on November 9, 2016, Trump was declared the winner of the election. So the event we mark for the 2016 waymark is the election, and Trump won the election on November 9<sup>th</sup>, that was the beginning of the waymark, the cause.

## December 18, 2016

On November 9, 2016, American citizens voted for the president of the United States. That was the beginning of the 2016 waymark. But, in the US, people don't directly vote for the president; they vote for the electors. Back when the Constitutional Convention was being held, one of the questions that needed to be answered was how to elect a president. The result was the Electoral College. Every four years, a group of people, electors, come together. Depending on the size of the population of a state, each state has a different number of electors. For example, California has 55 electoral votes (the most of any state) while Montana only has 3. Say candidate "A" wins the most votes in California (the popular vote); those 55 electoral votes will all be given to candidate "A". That's how it works in every state besides Maine and Nebraska. The Electoral College is a very complicated system. Because of the Electoral College, candidate "A" can win the popular vote (of the country) and yet not become president. That's what happened in 2016. Hillary Clinton won the popular vote. But then, on December 18, 2016, Donald Trump officially won the Electoral College vote and thus became the president-elect. November 9<sup>th</sup>, the people's vote, caused December 18<sup>th</sup>, the Electoral College vote.



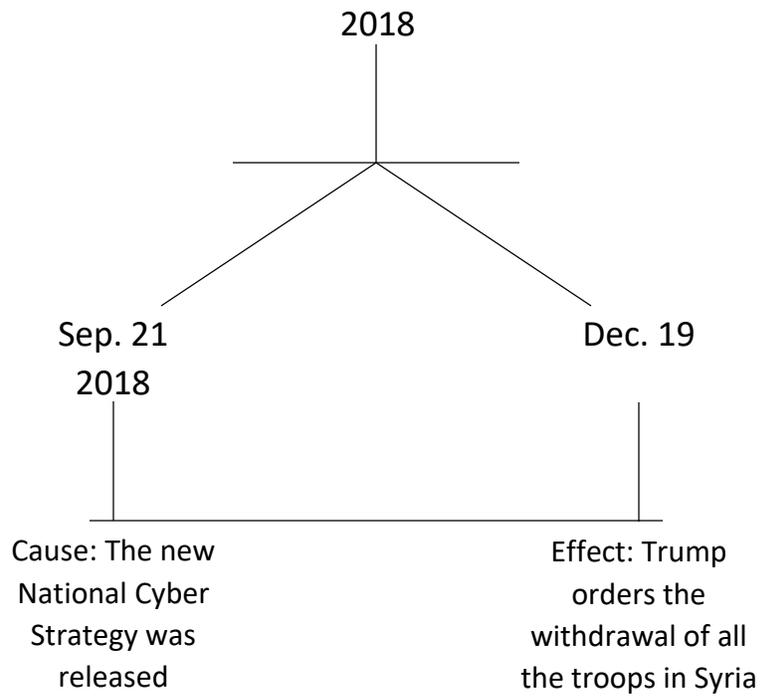
# 2018

## September 21, 2018

The year 2018 was the battle of Heraclea (from the line of Pyrrhus). It was also a midterm election in the United States. Back in 2017 (May 11<sup>th</sup>) Trump signed an executive order (13800) to strengthen cybersecurity. On September 21, 2018 a new National Cyber Strategy was made. The executive order of 2017 was signed to make this strategy. The National Cyber Strategy said that the United States could now not only defend itself against cyberattacks, but it could now also attack countries or groups that could possibly hurt it. The United States used this new ability in the time around the midterm elections in early November 2018. Putin did not like the way Trump was treating him in this time. The battle of Heraclea began on September 21, 2018- that was the cause.

## December 19, 2018

December 19, 2018 was the end of the 2018 waymark. Previously, we saw that the waymark of 2018 began on September 21<sup>st</sup>, when Trump picked a fight with Putin. This fight was the battle of Heraclea. So the effect or end of this waymark must be the end of Heraclea. On December 19, 2018, Trump ordered the withdrawal of 2,000 troops from Syria. In a tweet, of course, Trump said that the reason he was doing it was because the US had defeated ISIS. That can't be the case because there were still some 17,000 ISIS fighters in Syria; what Trump was doing is conceding to Putin. This ended the battle of Heraclea with a victory for Putin. This was a victory for Putin because Syria is his sphere of influence, and the less US soldiers on Putin's turf meant he got more control over it. The next day, on December 20, 2018, Putin spoke about the decision, he said "...Overall I agree with the President of the United States. I already said that we achieved significant progress in the fight against terrorism in that territory and delivered major strikes on ISIS in Syria." So the waymark of 2018 is the battle of Heraclea; it began on September 21<sup>st</sup>, and it ended on December 19<sup>th</sup>.



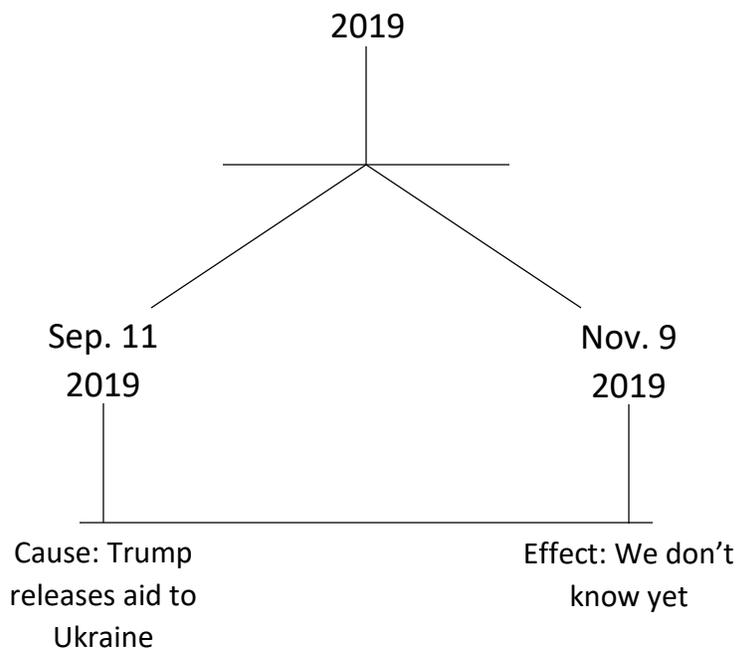
## 2019

### September 11, 2019

On September 11, 2019, hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to Ukraine were released. This was not an isolated event; it was the end of one story and the beginning of another. On April 12, 2019, Volodymyr Zelensky was elected president of Ukraine and he was inaugurated on May 20, 2019. A couple of months later, on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Donald Trump withheld the aid that was already scheduled to be given to Ukraine. The hold was made public on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Trump withheld the aid to intimidate the new president. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, “the phone call” took place. It was between Zelensky and Trump. Among other things, Trump brought up the issue with the Bidens. He wanted Zelensky to investigate Hunter Biden’s involvement with Burisma- a Ukrainian oil company. He alleged corruption. That was a quid pro quo (a favor for a favor- so Trump would release the aid if, and only if, Zelensky would investigate the Bidens). On August 12<sup>th</sup>, a complaint was made by the whistleblower. The whistleblower brought the phone call to the forefront, saying it was a quid pro quo. That complaint eventually led to the impeachment of Donald Trump. On September 9<sup>th</sup>, three House committees began to investigate whether Trump pressured Ukraine to dig up dirt on his political rival to help his own re-election. Trump cracked under all the pressure and two days later, on September 11<sup>th</sup>, he released the aid to Ukraine. Zelensky never opened an investigation into the Bidens. September 11<sup>th</sup> was the end of the aid hold-up issue, but it was only the cause of other problems.

### November 9, 2019

November 9, 2019 didn’t happen in a vacuum; it was the effect of September 11, 2019. We got the date November 9<sup>th</sup> from the study of the Revolutions. Revolutions are internal- so November 9<sup>th</sup> is internal. Another phrase for internal is the western front. Therefore, November 9, 2019 had to do with the western front. The events of September 11, 2019 were part of the western front (they were in the US), and although we don’t know yet what happened on November 9<sup>th</sup> we know that it is connected to September 11<sup>th</sup>. November 9, 2019 was the effect of September 11, 2019.



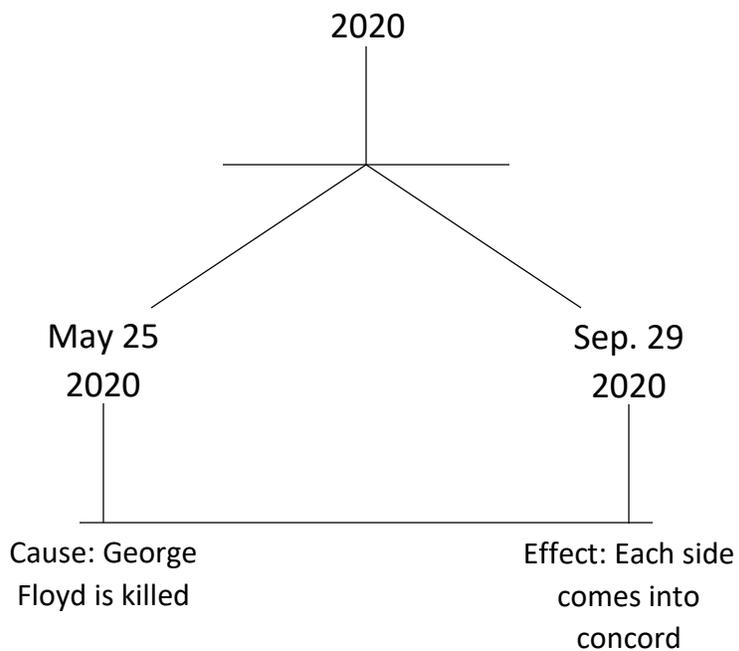
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### May 25, 2020

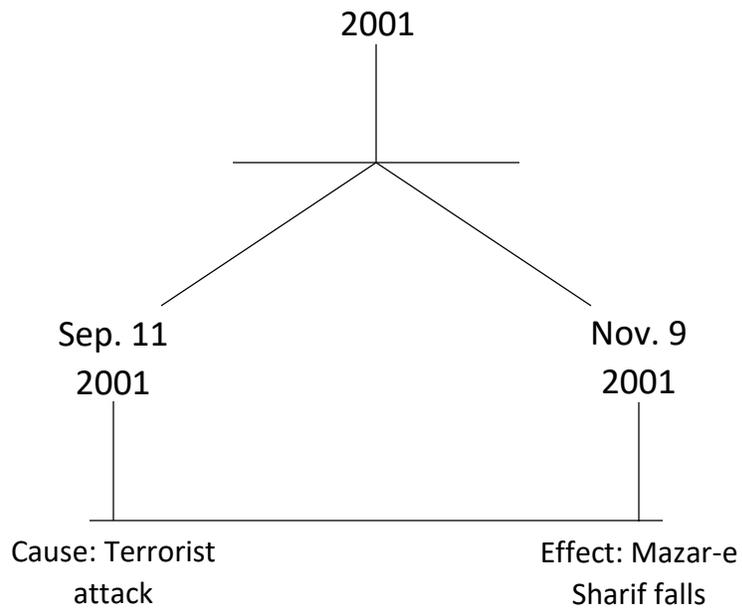
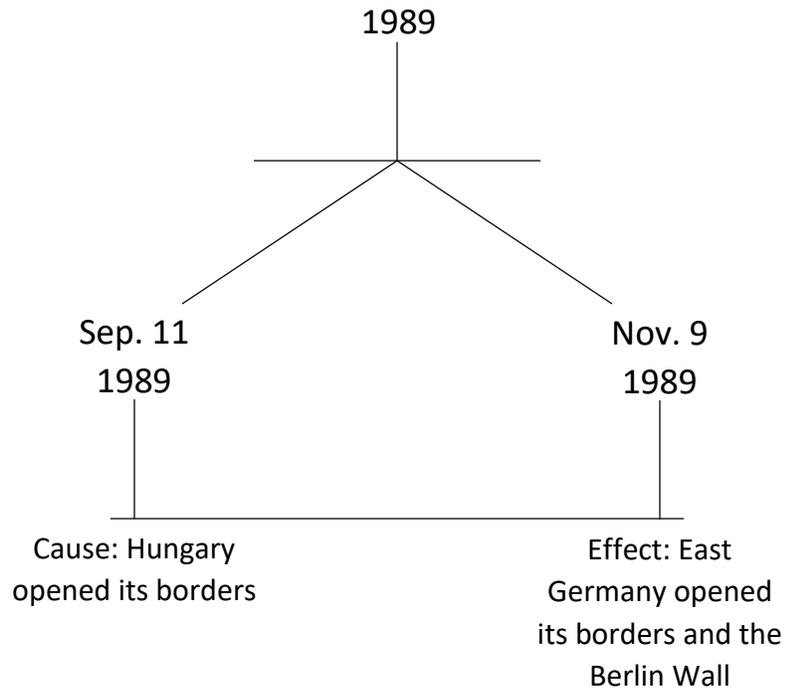
May 25, 2020 was the beginning of the 2020 waymark. We have currently passed the waymark of Concord in this dispensation, we've seen that waymarks have a cause and effect that book end them. The waymark we just passed is no different. On May 25, 2020, the counter revolution began with the death of George Floyd. We mark May 25<sup>th</sup> as the waymark of Concord, but since we are looking at waymarks as causes and effects, May 25<sup>th</sup> is only the beginning of Concord. May 25<sup>th</sup> was the cause, which began the waymark of Concord in 2020.

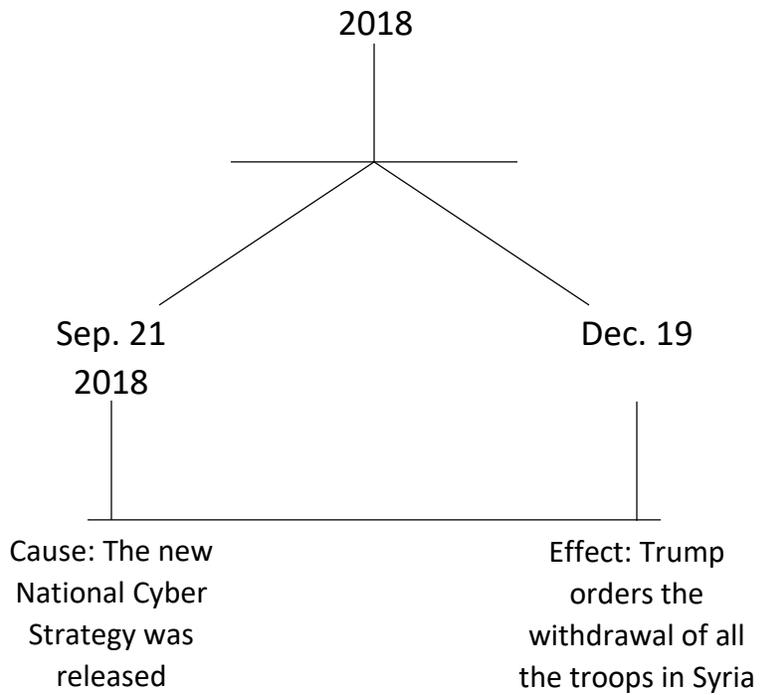
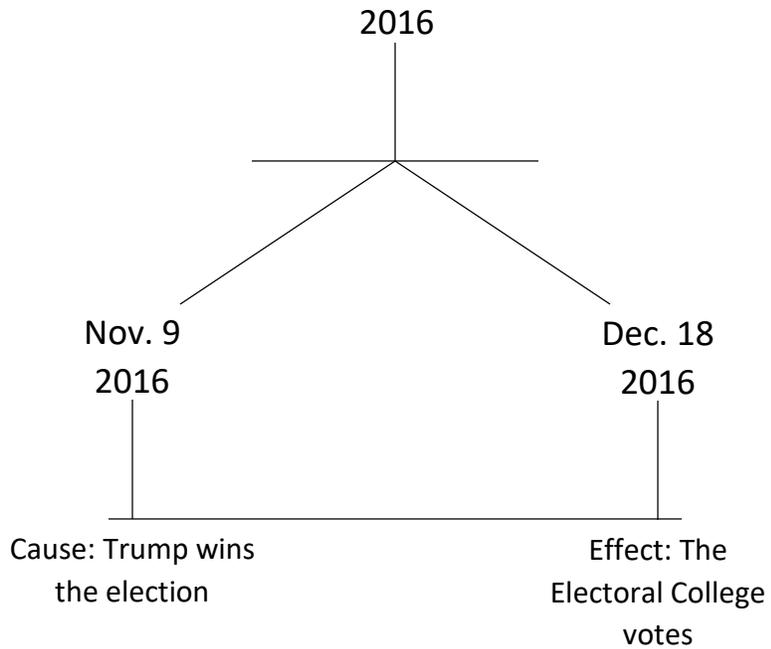
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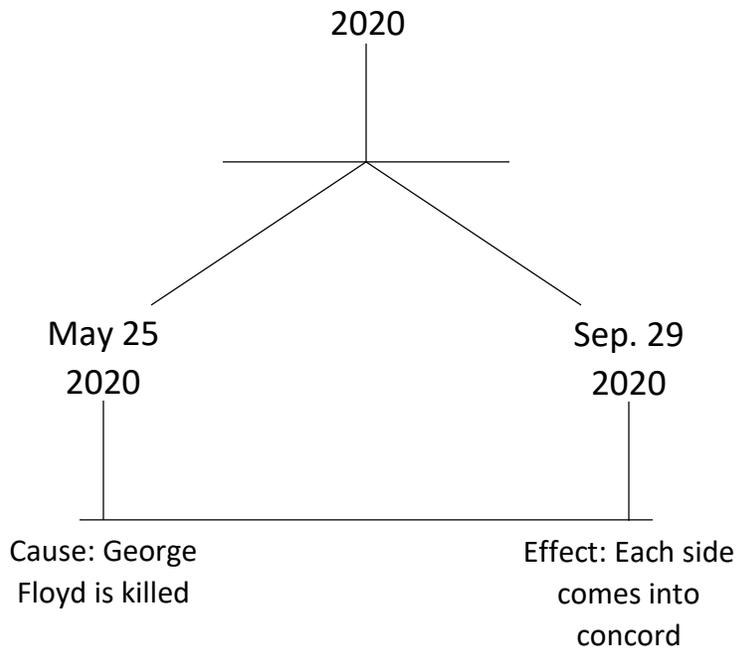
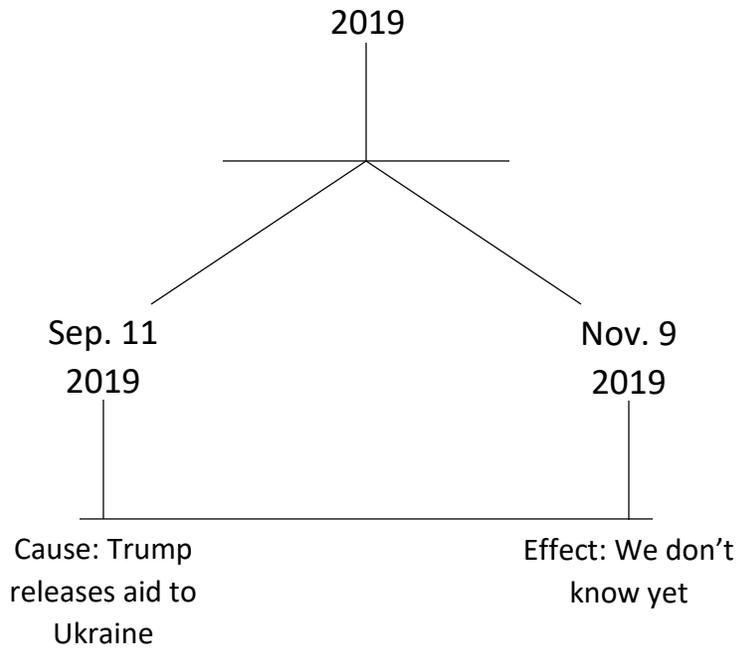
September 29, 2020 was the end of a series of events that this Movement would come to call Concord-the waymark of 2020. It began on May 25, 2020 when George Perry Floyd was killed. That was the cause of all that was to follow. Then there were the deaths of John Robert Lewis on July 17<sup>th</sup>, Chadwick Aaron Boseman on August 28<sup>th</sup>, Ruth Bader Ginsburg on September 28<sup>th</sup>, and Helen Maxine Reddy on September 29, 2020. Helen Reddy was an American-Australian singer. In 1972, she released the song "I Am Woman". That song became the "theme song" of the second wave of feminism. But that's not all that happened on September 29, 2020. The first presidential debate was on that day. That debate was the beginning of a series of debates between Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. and Donald John Trump. The first debate was an absolute mess. Trump didn't know how to follow the rules and he continuously spoke over Joe Biden. Not much was accomplished by that debate, except now everyone saw just how rude Trump can be and how he won't condemn white supremacy. In the debate he said, "Proud Boys, stand back and stand by." As Trump refused to condemn the Proud Boys (a white supremacist group), he sided with them, essentially telling them to be prepared. The Republican party went into concord with white supremacist groups. The other side also united to protest. As this Movement knows, the political (external) events around the world, but especially in the United States, are important, and Concord was part of that. September 29<sup>th</sup> ended the waymark of Concord; it was the effect of May 25<sup>th</sup>.



**In Summary:**







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