

When do financial markets react to geopolitical events?

Events	Date	Closing level			Bottom			Days to Recover
		Prior Day	Next Day	% Change	Level	Days	% Change	
Geopolitical Events								
Downing of MH17	7/17/2014	1981.6	1978.2	-0.2%	1958.1	1	-1.2%	5
Donbas conflict erupts	4/13/2014	1815.7	1830.6	0.8%	0.0	-		-
Crimea conflict	2/27/2014	1854.3	1859.5	0.3%	1845.7	4	-0.5%	5
Japanese Tsunami	3/11/2011	1295.1	1304.3	0.7%	1256.9	5	-3.0%	13
Madrid Bombing	3/10/2004	1140.6	1106.8	-3.0%	1091.3	15	-4.3%	23
September 11 Attacks	9/11/2001	1092.5	1092.5	0.0%	965.8	11	-11.6%	30
Iraq's invasion of Kuwait	8/2/1990	355.5	344.9	-3.0%	307.1	22	-13.6%	188
Ronald Reagan Shooting	3/30/1981	134.7	136.0	1.0%	132.7	1	-1.5%	1
Nixon Resignation	8/8/1974	82.7	80.9	-2.2%	62.3	57	-24.6%	209
OPEC oil embargo	10/17/1973	110.2	110.0	-0.2%	110.0	1	-0.2%	2
Kennedy assassination	11/22/1963	71.6	69.6	-2.8%	69.6	1	-2.8%	1
Cuban missile crisis	10/22/1962	55.6	53.5	-3.8%	53.5	2	-3.8%	3
Pearl Harbor Attack	12/7/1941	9.3	9.0	-3.8%	8.4	23	-10.2%	36
Other major market events								
Lehman Bankruptcy	9/15/2008	1251.7	1213.6	-3.0%	676.5	176	-46.0%	827
Collapse of LTCM	9/23/1998	1029.6	1042.7	1.3%	959.4	959	-6.8%	28
Black Monday - 87 crash	10/19/1987	282.7	236.8	-16.2%	224.8	1	-20.5%	367
Median Geopolitical Events				-0.2%		4	-3.4%	5
Median Other Major Market Events				-3.0%		176	-20.5%	367

What are the risks that foreign policy experts worry most about?

The Preventive Priorities Survey: 2017, conducted by CFR's Center for Preventive Action (CPA), asked foreign policy experts to rank conflicts based on their likelihood of occurring or escalating and their potential impact on U.S. national interests.

- A military confrontation between NATO and Russia
- A crisis in North Korea, as might follow an ICBM test launch
- A highly disruptive cyberattack on U.S. critical infrastructure
- A mass casualty terrorist attack.