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### **“The Communist iceberg of hatred, distrust and oppression is disintegrating”: the opening of the Berlin Wall and the reaction of the US Congress**

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*Thirty-five years ago, the socialist countries in Europe faced the processes leading to the collapse of the socialist system and the end of the Cold. It is considered the reaction of American senators and congressmen to the news of the Berlin Wall opening for free passage by the GDR government on November 9, 1989. Based on the historical and comparative research method, it is noted that the position of Republicans and Democrats in both houses of Congress did not differ on the opening of the Berlin Wall, but at the same time, representatives of the parties looked differently at the consequences of this step for the development of Soviet-American relations and world politics in general, as well as the place and role of the United States under the new world order.*

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