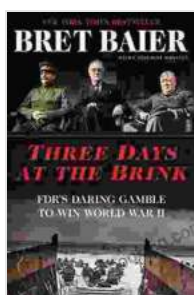


# FDR's Daring Gamble: The Three Days That Won World War II

In the annals of history, few decisions have had a more profound impact than the one made by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in December 1941. Three days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Roosevelt delivered a speech to Congress that would forever alter the course of World War II. In his speech, Roosevelt asked Congress to declare war on Japan and, in doing so, he set the United States on a path to victory.

Roosevelt's decision to go to war was a daring gamble. The United States was ill-prepared for war, and the Japanese were a formidable enemy. But Roosevelt believed that the United States had no choice but to fight. He knew that if Japan were allowed to go unchecked, it would only become stronger and more aggressive.



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In the end, Roosevelt's gamble paid off. The United States and its allies defeated Japan in a long and bloody war. But the victory came at a great cost. Over 400,000 Americans died in the war, and millions more were injured.

In the decades since the war, historians have debated Roosevelt's decision to go to war. Some have argued that it was a necessary decision, while others have argued that it was a mistake. But there is no doubt that Roosevelt's decision had a profound impact on the course of world history.

### **The Three Days That Changed the World**

On December 7, 1941, the Japanese launched a surprise attack on the American naval base at Pearl Harbor. The attack was devastating, and it killed over 2,400 Americans. In the aftermath of the attack, President Roosevelt knew that he had to act quickly.

On December 8, Roosevelt delivered a speech to Congress in which he asked for a declaration of war against Japan. In his speech, Roosevelt said, "Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."

Congress quickly passed a resolution declaring war on Japan, and the United States entered World War II. In the days that followed, Roosevelt and his advisors began to plan for the war effort. They knew that it would be a long and difficult war, but they were determined to win.

The first few months of the war were difficult for the United States. The Japanese were on the offensive, and they quickly conquered large swaths

of territory in the Pacific. But the United States began to turn the tide of the war in the summer of 1942. In August, the United States Marines landed on the island of Guadalcanal, and they began a long and bloody campaign to retake the island from the Japanese.

The battle for Guadalcanal was a turning point in the war. The United States Marines fought bravely, and they eventually drove the Japanese from the island. The victory at Guadalcanal gave the United States a foothold in the Pacific, and it began the long process of liberating the Pacific islands from Japanese control.

In the years that followed, the United States and its allies gradually pushed the Japanese back. The Japanese fought tenaciously, but they were no match for the overwhelming power of the United States and its allies. In August 1945, the United States dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The atomic bombs devastated the two cities, and they forced Japan to surrender.

### **The Legacy of FDR's Gamble**

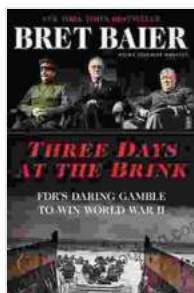
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The victory in World War II came at a great cost. Over 400,000 Americans died in the war, and millions more were injured. But the victory also brought about a new era of peace and prosperity.

In the years since the war, the United States has become the world's leading superpower. The United States has used its power to promote

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