

World War III by Bad Religion (1981) lyric annotation

[Verse 1]

US government blew its plans

Too much money down the can

From my perspective, this shows that the band thinks the government has wasted a lot of money and is now going down hill, beginning to fail American citizens.

Look and listen to what the president says

The first lady's a fucking lez

They think they know it all

America, China's about to fall

Lethargicism will overrule us

US government's wading pool

[Chorus]

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[Verse 2]

"Forget it" came from the president's door

I'll make us have another world war

It doesn't matter what the people think

We have to save our precious brink

The band tries to show that the government is giving up and using war as the only way to solve the problems they caused for America.

Here I go I'll push the bomb

It's headed straight for Guam

All the rest will release soon

Into your living room

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This entire song is alluding to the idea of the beginning of a World War III. It talks about the government and environment of the '80s and how The Cold War was allegedly developing into World War III.

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