In 1948, civil rights for black Americans stood higher on the national political agenda than at any
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almost completely dependent on southern Africa for its uranium supply, and was willing to go to
great lengths to secure the critical fuel for its nuclear arsenal. Borstelmann also notes that race
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