returned to wage war in Liberia and then Sierra Leone successively. At this same time a small group of soldiers called the National Provisional Ruling Party (NPRC) led by Captain Valentine Strasser overthrew the government in a military coup sending Momoh into exile in Guinea and became the ruling authority in Sierra Leone. As a consequence of this, ECOMOG troops were sent into Sierra Leone in an attempt to bring peace and stability to the country and to remove Koroma from his self appointed position as president. This peacekeeping force which was formed in 1990 by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) was mandated to reinstate Kabbah by military means. 1989-1996: first Liberian civil war. 1989: Charles Taylor's NPFL (National Patriotic Front of Liberia) starts an uprising against Doe. 1990: Ecowas (Economic Community of West African States) sends a peacekeeping mission. 1995: signature of a peace agreement ordering encampment, disarmament and demobilisation of all the fighting groups. One of the most significant illustrations of the empowerment of women following the end of the Liberian civil war is the election of Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf as President of Liberia. She took care of giving an important place to women in her government, women being at the head of the ministries of commerce, justice, finance, youth and sports and gender and development. The causes of the Civil War include many factors, but two of the main causes were the different economic engines of the North and the South and the abolitionist movement. The Southern states had an agrarian economy that was built around slave labor. The abolitionist movement, and especially the Republican party under Abraham Lincoln, would have spelled the end of the Southern economy sooner or later. Obviously, the war also caused the end of slavery, but the overall status of blacks in the south remained relatively unchanged, so in real terms it was mostly a change of semantics until the civil rights movement gained momentum. 2.2k Views · View 3 Upvoters. Quora User, I have way too many books on this stuff. I've even read some of them.