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I am pretty sure it was not only me who struggled with understanding the “Who is who and what is what” of Star Wars. I am not saying Star Wars wasn’t fascinating. Still, there were instances when I could not understand why the Senate changed its emblem, why the troopers became bad all of a sudden, or why Star Destroyers were attacking innocent people. So, suppose you are interested in learning more about Star Wars than just the futuristic laser blasters, colorful yet deadly lightsabers, intense battles, and some really alluring Senators. In that case, I recommend you carefully go through this extensive Star Wars factions explained guide. But remember, after reading this extract of my countless years of research, you will become the keeper of the memory crystal containing all the information about the major Star Wars factions. So, choose your path carefully! Bottom Line Up Front It is hard to trace the exact history of the Star Wars universe. However, if we focus on the main events of the original Star Wars saga, we can classify the major galactic powers into ten factions that played the most significant role throughout the Star Wars timeline. These factions include: Jedi Order Sith Order Galactic Republic Confederacy Of Independent Systems/Separatist Alliance Galactic Empire Rebel Alliance New Republic First Order Final Order Resistance Jedi Order Image from Wiki Fandom The Star Wars history of the Galaxy spread over hundreds of millennia, and there seems to be no end to it. However, while keeping in view the original saga, the starting point, in my opinion, has to be the Jedi Order. After all, Star Wars is never complete without Jedis. Almost 25000 years before the fall of the Galactic Empire, or 25000 BBY (before the battle of Yavin), the forever reigning Infinite Empire came to an end. For those interested in the Infinite Empire, it was just like the Galactic Empire but more advanced and far-spread. Yes, you heard me right! One of the most powerful empires Star Wars has ever seen. However, being more inclined toward the Dark Side, the Empire saw its downfall owning to a deadly plague that killed millions of its subjects. As they say, nature has its own ways of doing things. After the fall of the Infinite Empire, some of the greatest scholars of the Galaxy gathered on the planet of Tython to study “Ashla,” the spiritual power that enhanced the capabilities of the Force-sensitive beings. This “Ashla” later became known as the Light Side of the Force. And the scholars that practiced this power and taught its use became the Force wielders, known as Jedi. Image from Wiki Fandom Now, as these Force-wielders focused on spreading and practicing good, the driving force behind the Light Side or Ashla, some followers became clouded by the desire to reach the top and started undermining the values that the Light Side. This rogue group, which began to lean more toward the Dark Side, was then resisted by a group of Jedi loyal to the Light Side of the Force called the Jedi Order. These Jedis remained the most powerful Force wielders of the Light Side throughout history and tried to maintain the balance in the universe by becoming its “peacekeepers.” In the meantime, a lot was going on in the Galaxy. After the emergence of the Galactic Republic, some diplomats of the Republic made contact with the Jedi Order, and they were warmly greeted by the Jedi council for their great democratic values. After a few talks, considering democracy a way forward for future generations, the Jedi Order pledged to serve the Republic by becoming its ambassadors and settling on Coruscant. Sith Order Image from Wiki Fandom Now, you might be wondering what happened to the rogue Jedis who were inclined toward the Dark Side. Well, around 7000 BBY, these rogue Jedis started to experiment more with the Dark Side of the Force. Although they still stood for some good values, such as ending suffering and even reviving the lost lives, these apparent virtues were against the Jedi code. Consequently, these rogue Jedis got into many battles with the “good” Jedis. This “good and bad” Jedi war called “100 years of darkness” lasted for about 100 years, obviously, which resulted in heavy losses on both sides. However, owing to the overwhelming number of Light Side Jedis, the rouge Jedis finally gave in. And our peace-loving Jedis, despite the Republic’s recommended execution, exiled these Dark Force wielders to the Unknown Regions. As they say, love begets love, or should I say, Dark begets Dark; these exiled Jedis landed on the planet of Korriban, which was populated with the Sith specie, a natural wielder of the Dark Force. And this is where the real fun began. Although the Canons have not given a detailed account of what happened next, the Legends explain that these rogue Jedis were soon accepted as masters by the Sith. And after almost 2000 years, these rogue Jedis became a part of the Sith culture; and the Sith Order emerged. However, this Sith Order was a little different from what we have seen in the Star Wars saga. After settling in Korriban, the emerging Sith Order was becoming more and more powerful. Even though it was at endless war with the Jedi Order, the power struggle also found its way to the Sith Order. And this consequently led to the almost extinction of the Sith Order. However, this extinction was, in fact, the emergence of the new Sith Order based on the “rule of two,” thanks to Darth Bane. Under this new rule, a Sith Order could only have two Lords at a time: a master and its apprentice. Image from Wiki Fandom And although this new Sith Order seemed very timid and frail, after all, there was the whole Jedi Order against the two Dark Lords; we all know how this duo inflicted trouble throughout the history of the Galaxy. Galactic Republic Image from Wiki Fandom If you watched the original Star Wars saga in chronological order, you might have noticed a parliamentary form of government in the prequels. With various ugly creatures hovering in their Repulsorpods, the Galactic Senate seemed nothing short of the parliaments that we observe here on our planet. And this Galactic Senate was actually the governing body of the hundreds of planets and star systems that made up the Galactic Republic. After the fall of the Infinite Empire, around 25000 BBY, several star systems vouched for an independent system of democracy that could deal with the affairs of the Galaxy. Although not many planets, especially those of Unknown Regions and the Outer Rims, joined in this collective effort, the Galactic Republic still became the biggest political faction of the Galaxy. Established to maintain peace in the Galaxy, this alliance joined hands with the Jedi Order and convinced them to be their ambassadors and peacekeepers. Although I cannot still comprehend how come these spiritual and mystical Jedis took such a naïve step of becoming a part of a political association, a reality the Jedi Council always denied, we all know how it destroyed the whole Jedi Order. This association could not have been described better than the words of the leader of the Zygerrian Slave Empire, Queen Scintel, “They are no different than others we have forced into submission. For they have forsaken their ideals to serve the corrupt Senate… Every Jedi has become a slave to the Republic!” Talking about its constituents, each planetary member of the Galactic Republic, simply known as the Republic, had their representation in Senate as Senators. These Senators had two primary duties: being the voice of their people and maintaining Intergalactic peace. Along with these Senators, there were also Representatives, for instance, our favorite Jar Jar Binks, who represented some minor specie of a planet or marginalized group of the Galaxy. Not to mention, the Republic also had the representation of several private entities such as the Trade Federation, Banking Clan, and Corporate Alliance. Image from Wiki Fandom Just like every parliament, the Republic had a head of government called the Supreme Chancellor and a sub-head called Vice-chair. Although they had ceremonial roles and were only supposed to regulate the affairs of the Senate, they manipulated different Senators. They provoked and used Senators for their underlying benefits, which eventually led to the fall of the Republic. The capital of the Republic was based in Coruscant, one of the most advanced planets of the Galaxy with high-rise buildings, busy airways, and home to many underworld species. Also, all the major institutions, such as the Senate, the office of the Supreme Chancellor, and the Jedi Temple, were present on this planet. Although Jedis led the Clone Wars, Supreme Chancellor Palpatine had direct control of the Republic’s war plans. Due to the raging Clone Wars under the influence of the Supreme Chancellor, Jedis became more involved in “peacekeeping missions.” And with the Jedi Code becoming more questionable among the general public, many protests erupted against the Jedi Order, one of which led to an attack on the Jedi temple. In the meantime, the Jedi were pressing hard against the Separatist armies. However, exploiting these tumultuous conditions, Supreme Chancellor Palpatine bestowed himself with Emergency powers and ordered more intensive attacks against the Separatist settlements. At last, these orders made the Jedi Council question the illegal and ruthless authority of the Supreme Chancellor. Image from Wiki Fandom On the other hand, our young Skywalker was also going through an existential crisis. After the death of his mother and constant visions of his inability to save the love of his life, Anakin also started questioning the Jedi Code. And when the remaining members of the Jedi Council on Coruscant went after Sheev Palpatine to apprehend the recently revealed Sith Lord, Anakin was taken over by the Dark Side, who was then manipulated by Sidious into killing these Jedis. If Jedi Master Krell had been alive in 19 BBY, he would have changed his mind about the “useless clones.” After killing the Jedis on Coruscant, Darth Sidious used the final trick up his sleeve, Oder 66! This order initiated the Great Jedi Purge in 19 BBY, and the Clones hunted down whatever was left of the Jedis in the Galaxy, bringing down the millennia-long rule of the Republic. Confederacy of Independent Systems/Separatist Alliance If you are wondering whether only your government is corrupt, then you better take a second look at the history of the world. From the Greek Empire to the Fall of Romans, from colonial rule to the present governments, almost every regime fell victim to corruption. And that, unfortunately, was also the case with the Galactic Republic. Founded on the pillars of compassion, peace, and prosperity of the Galaxy, the Republic became more interested in resource collection and colonization. And with the rapid annexation of the business guilds, the Republic was becoming more of an Oligarchy that only worked for its vested interests. Consequently, the expansion policy of the Republic Core World and its self-centered interests gave rise to tensions with the Outer Rim territories, which led to the creation of a bloc in the Republic. This bloc, consisting of the disappointed members of the Republic, made an alliance with the anti-Republic planets and star systems in 22 BBY and formed the Confederacy of Independent Systems, which also became known as Separatists. Count Dooku, the most-talented rogue student of the Jedi Master Yoda, became the leader of the Confederacy. Although there were some genuine issues that led to the fragmentation of the Republic, the formation of the Separatist Alliance was actually a plot of Darth Sidious to raise a strong force against the Jedi Order and rule the Galaxy. And if you haven’t guessed by now, this mysterious Darth Lord also happened to be the Supreme Chancellor of the Republic Senate, Sheev Palpatine. Although the Separatist Alliance existed for a very brief period, almost three years, it still played a momentous role in deciding the fate of the Galaxy. With more and more planets leaving the Republic and joining Confederacy, the power struggle increased between Separatists and Republic. Though the members of the Confederacy were still low in number than the Republic, due to the extensive production of battle droids, the Separatist army became the biggest in the Galaxy. This might be interesting to know that most members of the Separatists Senate did not even know of the battles that were going on in the Galaxy. And this information was only available to the handful of Dooku’s loyalists called the Separatist Council. But the story does not end here; some of the leading members of this Council, such as the leader of the Trade Federation, Nute Gunray, Chairman of the Intergalactic Banking Clan, San Hill, and leader of the Corporate Alliance, Passel Argente, continued working for Count Dooku while they were still a part of the Republic Senate. As already stated, the emergence of the Separatist movement gave rise to many fortunate and unfortunate events, and one such event was the formation of the Clone army. Anticipating the upcoming war, Jedi Master Sifo-Dyas proposed the idea of a Clone Army. Although his proposition was turned down by the Jedi Council, he managed to trick Kaminoans into creating a Clone army for the Republic. Image from Wiki Fandom However, the introduction of the Clone army cannot be solely credited, or should I say, discredited, to Jedi Master Sifo-Dyas. It was actually Darth Sidious who first approached the Kaminoan Prime Minister Lama Su to make Clones that could be controlled by a single push of the button. Anyway, due to a limited number of Republic forces, given the emerging threat of the Separatist’s Droid army, Supreme Chancellor Palpatine officially commissioned the main force of the Republic, the Clone army, during the battle of Geonosis. From here started the Era of Clone Wars, wherein the Clone army, under the command of the Jedi Council and Republic, pushed Separatists to the Outer Rim. However, with the death of Count Dooku, at the hands of the new Sith apprentice, Anakin Skywalker, this by-product of the Separatist movement did not only turn against the Republic but also became the nemesis of the Confederacy of Independent Systems in 19 BBY. Galactic Empire Image from Wiki Fandom After the fall of the Republic and with remaining Jedis went to hiding, Darth Sidious ordered Anakin, now Darth Vader, to kill all the remaining members of the Separatist Council on the planet of Mustafar and disable the Separatist battle droids army. Now, having everyone removed out of his way, Darth Sidious went to Senate and proclaimed to be the Galactic Emperor, laying the foundation of the Galactic Empire. But before we move on, let me give you a quick overview of what really happened so far, in case you missed any details: Galactic Empire was actually a transformation of the Galactic Republic. The Confederacy of Independent Systems came to an end with the dawn of the Galactic Empire. The Jedi Order was destroyed with the rise of the Empire. The Empire was an Imperialist regime led by Darth Sidious and Darth Vader. The Clone troopers became the loyal subjects of Darth Sidious. The weird thing about the rise of the Galactic Empire was that most of the Senate members wholeheartedly accepted the formation of this newly formed government, and there was no significant resistance from the Republic during this transformation. The most apparent reason for such a response was the purported coup by the Jedi to confront Supreme Chancellor, which was actually staged by Darth Sidious. Image from Wiki Fandom After becoming the most extensive regime in the Galaxy, the Galactic Empire offered the leftover Separatists to join their cause to bring “peace” to the Galaxy, which resulted in many factions annexing the Empire. After all, no one wanted to experience what happened to the Jedi Order. Although the Galactic Empire had its Senate, the supreme authority always remained with Darth Sidious, who used his apprentice, Darth Vader, and Inquisitors to spread his influence through the Galaxy. For some time, the Senate remained façade to the “democratic” values Palpatine pledged to profess; the major decisions of the Empire were still made by a group of loyal subjects of Darth Sidious, called the Imperial Ruling Council. However, the Senate was consequently dissolved, and the control of different regions of the Empire was given to the Imperial Governors, who constituted the high-command military faction of the Empire. Although, after the fall of the Republic, the Clone army came under the Empire’s command, they were soon replaced by natural species due to their short lifespans. Not to mention, the Imperial era also experienced a significant increase in prejudice against the alien species. This resulted in the discharge of these species from any major military or political position, further leading to a great influx of humans in the Imperial force. The Imperial army inherited most of the equipment from the Clone army, while a significant portion of the Separatists’ arms and machinery was discarded. However, the Imperial army did inherit the most formidable military technology from Separatists, Death Star. And with the production of this planet-destroyer, the Imperial army became invincible. It would be hard to believe, but, despite an intimidating naval fleet, humongous infantry, frightening firepower, and a pair of planet killers, this warmongering evil Empire could only survive for 23 years and saw its downfall in the Battle of Endor. Rebel Alliance Image from Wiki Fandom If the Star Wars universe had actually existed, I am pretty sure the feats of the Republic Alliance would have been a part of every history book. With a small group of passionate freedom fighters, limited resources, and insignificant support from the rest of the Galaxy, the Rebel Alliance fulfills all the characteristics of the hero revolutionary groups we have ever heard of. After the dawn of the Galactic Empire, few Senators acquiesced to the rule of the new Emperor but remained determined to bring back the Republic. However, with the expansion of its rule and the formidable army it had, the Empire could not care less about these trivial rebellious elements. Not to mention, the death of Senator Amidala, the possible voice against Emperor Palpatine, further narrowed down the chances of any such uprising. Though not organized, the Imperial forces encountered different factions of resistant movements when the Empire spread its rule in the Outer Rim territories and the Unknown Regions. These movements, however, had a considerable proportion of criminal clans and alien species. The spread of these resistance movements caught the eyes of Bail Organa and Mon Mothma, the Ex-Senators of the Empire. They proposed a unified campaign against the evil Empire, which was consequently accepted by these various rebellious groups. However, this newly formed alliance did not have proper military structures and often solely relied on modified civilian vehicles. Not to mention they did have some stolen Imperial crafts and a sizeable proportion of the Separatists’ equipment that was left untouched by the Empire. The Rebel Alliance was officially formed in 2 BBY, with Mon Mathma being its first Chancellor. This faction had a closed group of different leaders of the resistance movements, Alliance High Command, to regulate the information and develop new strategies. Image from Wiki Fandom Soon after the formation of the Alliance, it established different bases on far-off planets and conducted frequent attacks on key Imperial bases. Moreover, the Rebel Alliance had also established a few naval fleets to coordinate these attacks. However, the actual turning point of the resistance movement was when a group of freedom fighters, Rogue One, became successful in obtaining classified information about the Death Star, the biggest weapon of the Empire. But unfortunately, these heroes were not lucky enough to witness the destruction of this superweapon as the whole planet of Alderaan was blown to pieces before the Alliance could do anything. Still, after the death of their beloved leader Bail Organa and thousands of comrades, the Rebel Alliance delivered its first major blow to the Empire by destroying the Death Star-I in the Battle of Yavin. And this battle also introduced two new leaders to the Alliance, Luke Skywalker and Han Solo. After the destruction of DS-I, the Imperial forces launched a full-scale attack on the Rebel hideouts. And many major Rebel settlements, such as Hoth, fell victim to the ill-fated strikes. With no option left, and due to the continuously rising threat of another Death Star, the Rebel Alliance played their last card in 4 ABY and attacked the Death Star-II. And once again, against all odds, the Alliance emerged victorious by bringing down the DS-II and causing millions of casualties to the Imperial force in the Battle of Endor. At last, the tyrannical rule of the Empire came to an end with the death of Darth Sidious, apparently, and Darth Vader. New Republic Image from Wiki Fandom After the fall of the Empire and the destruction of the Sith Order, there was no Supreme commander left to lead the Imperial forces. This resulted in the escape of the remnants of the Imperial forces to the Outer Rim territories and even the Unknown Regions. During this time, Man Mothma, leader of the Rebel Alliance, became Chancellor of the newly formed faction, the New Republic, to restore peace and equality in the Galaxy. This new alliance was based on the old principles of democracy that laid the foundation of the Galactic Republic. However, to disperse equal power among different constituents of the newly formed government, its capital was proposed to keep changing, with the first being based in Chandrila. With the fall of the Empire, even the locals of Coruscant came out to the streets. Although the aide of the Emperor, Mas Amedda, tried to maintain the rule of the Empire by claiming to be its de-facto leader, with the Imperial army dispersed, he had to let go of the Chancellor’s cozy seat. However, he made one last attempt to confront the New Republic by joining hands with one of the remnants of the Imperial forces headed by Grand Admiral Rae Sloane. But this plan also did not work. After the Battle of Jakku, Mas Amedda had to surrender unconditionally to the New Republic and sign the Galactic Concordance, which brought an official end to the war between the Empire and the New Republic in 5 ABY. Image from Wiki Fandom After its official formation in 5 ABY, the New Republic tried to restore the balance that was badly disturbed by the Empire. However, being a successor of the Rebel Alliance, it lacked the resources to control the vast Empire left by Darth Sidious efficiently. Not to mention, after getting more inclined toward the pacifist ideology, the new Chancellor, Man Mothma, passed the military disarmament act, which further cut down the military power of the newly formed government. Although this act was heavily criticized by many leaders of the New Republic, such as our princess Leia Organa, Man Mothma suggested that the planetary members of the New Republic should establish strong defenses on their respective planets. With time, every coming leader of the New Republic gave different policies that further led to a great polarization in the new Senate. The Senate became divided into two groups: Centrists, who believed in the supremacy of central authority, and Populists, who believed in a decentralized power. This divide led to the deterioration of the New Republic, and its leaders started joining forces with criminal organizations to achieve their goals. The disparity among these Senators grew so big that some Centrists even joined the powerful emerging remnant of the Imperial forces, the First Order, which eventually destroyed the New Republic in 34 ABY. First Order Image from Wiki Fandom As George Orwell said, “The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history.” If you are wondering whether the Imperial forces of the warmongering Empire had enlightenment after its fall, you are too innocent for this world. With constant lies being fed to the Imperial soldiers by their leftover high command, the Galaxy anticipated the rise of another evil soon after the fall of the Empire. However, the New Republic remained ignorant of this growing First Order threat. After the final blow to the Imperial forces in the battle of Jakku, many remnants of this defeated army fled to the Unknown Regions with the sole purpose of getting back what was rightfully theirs. But being a resourceless faction, they could not take the newly founded New Republic head-on. So, following the pattern of Darth Sidious, they started infiltrating the ranks of the New Republic Senate and corrupted many Senators of the Centrist group, who left the Senate later on. Albeit various deadly encounters with the small groups of these forces, the New Republic was so busy building up a new government that they could not see what was coming. And in 34 ABY, the Galaxy witnessed its most unfortunate event, the Starkiller crisis. For those Star Wars fans who still have not watched “The Force Awakens,” the First Order used its Starkiller base for the first time that not just destroyed a single planet but devoured the whole Hosnian Star system, which was home to the New Republic. One of the most distressing scenes of the entire Star Wars saga! The First Order was a military faction that was commanded by a master of the Dark Force, Supreme Leader Snoke. Just like Darth Sidious, Snoke also had an apprentice, Kylo Ren, who used to carry out his dirty work. Kylo, originally Ben Solo, was actually the son of Han Solo and Leia Organa, who turned to the Dark Side and became the leader of the Knights of Ren, a group of powerful fighters like Inquisitors who were tasked with hunting down the leftover Jedis. Image from Wiki Fandom Although most of the ground assault equipment, such as blasters, tanks, and troops’ transports, mainly dated back to the Empire, the First Order introduced significant advancements in its aerial and space vehicles. And it would not be wrong to say it had the most advanced superweapons. After all, no one ever constructed a Star system killer before. The First Order did not have a ground capital, and all of its operations were coordinated by the ships soaring the Galaxy. However, its central command center was based in a Resurgent Class Star Destroyer, the most enormous and frightening Star Destroyer the Galaxy had ever seen. After the destruction of the Hosnian Star system under the order of Supreme Leader Snoke, the Starkiller base was soon destroyed by the Resistance fighters. But unfortunately, the Galaxy’s best scoundrel and the father of Ben Solo, Han Solo, was also killed by his very son during this battle of Starkiller base. The course of events made Kylo despaired of everything, be it Resistance, Jedi Order, or Sith Order. Hungry for power, he went after his leader, Snoke, killed him and all his guards, and became the Supreme Leader of the First Order. And this marked the beginning of the most tyrannical rule of the First Order. Final Order Image from Wiki Fandom The Final Order was the last card played by the Dark Forces. With no one to answer to, Supreme Leader Kylo sent his forces across the Galaxy to spread his reign of terror, while he himself went after whatever was left of Jedis, such as Luke Skywalker. However, soon after his conquest of different planets and Star systems, present both in Core World and the Outer Rims, Kylo encountered the strongest Dark Force present on the planet of Exogel. It was Darth Sidious who was revived by the members of the Sith cult! Darth Sidious soon made Kylo realize that he was the real mastermind behind the formation of the First Order and that Snoke was merely his pawn. He offered Kylo to join hands with him and establish the Final Order, however, on a condition that Kylo had to kill the Force-Sensitive member of the Resistance, Rey. The idea behind this Final Order was more or less similar to the Empire. Sidious wanted to establish a forever Sith Empire through which he would rule the Galaxy with the help of his apprentice. But this time, Darth Sidious seemed more prepared than ever. With an army of Sith Stormtroopers, the Final Order had a formidable fleet of Xyston Class Star Destroyers, each capable of annihilating an entire planet. Although these battlecruisers were a little shorter than the Resurgent Class Star Destroyers the First Order had, their firepower was way more devastating than any other Star Destroyer ever produced. To fulfill his promise of killing Rey, Kylo chased her to the moon of Kef Bir. They got into a fierce duel, but miraculously, Kylo returned to the Light Side and became Ben Solo again. Darth Sidious, who was aware of such betrayal, did not let it deter the execution of the Final Order. He approached his old commander of the Imperial forces, Enric Pryde, who was at that time the Allegiant General in the First Order, to take control of his fleet of “planet killers.” Now, with the alliance of the First Order and Darth Sidious’ forces, the Sith Lord was ready to execute the Final Order. Resistance Image from Wiki Fandom Although officially formed in 28 ABY, the reason for discussing Resistance at the end of all factions was because it served as the last nail in the coffin of the Final Order. Going back to the era of the New Republic, with the demilitarization of the emerging government and no heed being paid to the anticipated attack of the Final Order, some Senators of the New Republic, under the leadership of Leia Organa, founded a private military faction to tackle these evident attacks. This faction started very small, with only a handful of volunteers. But experiencing the deterioration of the New Republic and many Centrists joining the First Order, many individuals joined the efforts of the Resistance. However, it still remained insignificant compared to the Rebel Alliance, which consisted of many planets and Star systems. Still, with its main base at D’Qar, the Resistance probed into many incidents that had a possible link with some powerful hidden forces. But even after discovering the involvement of remnants of the Imperial forces, mainly the First Order, the Resistance remained unsuccessful in convincing the New Republic to launch any significant attack against these factions. And we all see how it ended up for the New Republic. After the destruction of the New Republic in the Starkiller base crisis, the Resistance became the last line of Galaxy’s defense against the ruthless First Order. However, against all odds, it successfully destroyed the most powerful superweapon of that time in ABY 34. But this victory made the Resistance more vulnerable to the First Order attacks, and they, consequently, had to go into hiding. Image from Wiki Fandom When the news about the revival of Darth Sidious and his execution of the Final Order broke out, the Resistance knew it had to act, or there would be nothing left to save. With only a handful of starships, the Resistance made their final move against the massive Sith army stationed at Exogel. However, they were joined by the Citizens’ Fleet, under the command of General Lando Calrissian of the Resistance, just at the right moment, and the battle of Exogel began. This fleet, consisting of thousands of starships from across the Galaxy, turned the tide of events and destroyed the Sith army and fleet of Star Destroyers that was about to launch into the Galaxy. On the other hand, Rey was also successful in defeating the Sith Lord, Darth Sidious, but at the cost of her life. However, the recently returned warrior of the Light Side, Ben Solo, sacrificed himself to bring the last Jedi back to life. With the end of the Final Order and the death of the Supreme Leader and commander of the First Order, the whole Galaxy saw an uprising against the First Order, and under the leadership of the Resistance leaders, the First Order was soon overcome by various rebellious groups and freedom movements. Frequently Asked Questions Answer: There are hundreds of Star Wars factions. However, the sub-factions, clans, political blocs, or guilds, other than the main ten factions, that greatly influenced the history of Star Wars include: • Commerce Guild • Corporate Alliance • Clan Fett • Centrists • Death Watch • Gungans Army • Hutts Clan • Intergalactic Banking Clan • Loyalists • Mandalorians • Night Brothers/Sisters • Pirates • Populists • Techno Union • Trade Federation • Wookie Warriors Skip to content Various weapons, vehicles and crafts Defeat the Empire and restore the Republic (succeeded). “ They were in the wrong place at the wrong time. Naturally, they became heroes. „ ~ Leia Organa The Alliance to Restore the Republic, also known as Alliance to Restore Freedom to the Galaxy, or simply the Rebel Alliance or Alliance) are the deuteragonists of the Star Wars franchise. It was the organization formed to oppose the tyrannical Galactic Empire, and restore freedom to the galaxy. Almost immediately after Emperor Palpatine's declaration of the end of the Republic and the birth of the Empire, resistance movements began to crop up. These included the Path, Corellian Resistance, Alderaanian Resistance and even some of the remaining Separatist holdouts. Eventually all the different resistance movements coalesced into the Rebel Alliance, who represented the main heroes of the Original Trilogy, and all of the Original Trilogy's main heroes were members or allies to the Rebellion at some point or another. The Rebellion's war with the Empire initially went poorly before Rebel agents managed to acquire the plans to the Empire's ultimate weapon, the DS-1 Orbital Battle Station, also known as the Death Star. From there the Rebellion was ultimately able to analyze the plans and discover the Death Star's weakness, a ray-shielded thermal exhaust port that led right to the main reactor core, at which point they mounted a daring attack on the battle station as it arrived to destroy their headquarters on the Yavin 4 moon in the Battle of Yavin. Incredibly, the Rebellion triumphed, and with the Death Star's destruction, the Rebellion's hopes were renewed and victory at last became a possibility. Tragically though, the Empire would strike back with a vengeance over the loss of the Death Star, and the Rebellion was forced to constantly move from one hideout to the next to avoid the Empire's wrath, one such hideout being Echo Base on the remote ice world of Hoth, leading to the Battle of Hoth, which proved to be a crushing defeat for the Rebellion despite getting many of their troops, ships, and supplies off-planet and past the Imperial Navy's blockade led by their powerful Death Squadron, which included the Imperial flagship, the Executor-class Star Dreadnought/Super Star Destroyer Executor. The Galactic Civil War's climax came with the Battle of Endor, where the Rebellion launched an attack on the Empire's second Death Star, this one protected by a shield generator due to not being completely finished, the flaws that made the first Death Star vulnerable having been modified to remove that problem, and having learned that Emperor Palpatine himself would be on-board the battle station. Destroying it with him aboard would cut the head off of the snake as without the Emperor, the Empire would collapse into chaos. Going to the forest moon where the shield generator was located, Rebel Commandos led by Leia Organa and Han Solo destroyed the shield generator, allowing the Rebel fleet under the command of Admiral Ackbar and General Lando Calrissian to destroy the second Death Star. It was also during this battle that saw the destruction of the Imperial flagship Executor as well. With the destruction of the Executor and the second Death Star, and also the deaths of Emperor Palpatine and Darth Vader, along with thousands of Imperial men and materials, the Empire was left crippled beyond repair and the Rebellion began the long process of restoring true, good order to the galaxy. In both the Canon and Legends continuities the Rebellion was reorganized into a New Republic in the months following Endor, and further combat with the remnants of the Empire finally forced its surviving leadership, including Grand Vizier Mas Amedda, to formally sign the instrument of surrender and dissolve the Empire for good. Organization[] Politics[] WIP Military Branches[] Alliance Army Alliance Fleet Rebel Alliance Special Forces Rebel Alliance Sector Forces Scandium Team Alliance and Republic New Republic Army Alliance Military Members[] Leaders[] WIP Officials[] WIP [] Chancellor Mon Mothma (as Commander-in-Chief)[1] 4 ABY,[22] into the New Republic Defense Force[23] Alliance to Restore the Republic[7] "We fight for a cause, but what we're really fighting for is each other. That's why our pilots fly into fire instead of abandoning a wingman and our commandos stand their ground rather than leave a flank unguarded. It's because they care for each other. We fight for duty, yes. But we also fight because we love each other. And that's something even more powerful." —Leia Organa[24] The Alliance Military, also referred to as Alliance Armed Forces, the Rebel military, or the Rebel Alliance Military, comprised the paramilitary forces of the Alliance to Restore the Republic during the Galactic Civil War. It consisted of the Alliance Army, the Alliance Fleet, and the fleet's Rebel Alliance Starfighter Corps.[7] Chancellor Mon Mothma was the Commander-in-Chief of the military.[1] High ranking positions included the Supreme Commander of the Alliance Armed Forces[3] and supreme commander of the Alliance fleet.[4] The Alliance military was rather large; by the time of the Mid Rim Offensive, it included hundreds of battle groups.[25] During the final days of the Galactic Civil War, the Rebel Alliance defeated the Galactic Empire at the Battle of Endor, which led to the Alliance reorganizing into the New Republic . The Alliance Military was therefore transformed into the New Republic Defense Force.[23] This article is a stub about the Rebel Alliance. You can help Wookieepedia by expanding it. Behind the scenes[] The Alliance Military first appeared in the 1977 film, Star Wars: Episode IV A New Hope.[7] Appearances[] Non-canon appearances[] Sources[] Notes and references[] The Star Wars universe is a galaxy full of epic battles, mysterious forces, and complex political dynamics. Among the most intriguing aspects of this sprawling saga are the alliances formed and shattered in pursuit of power. From noble rebellions to treacherous deals, the political intrigue of Star Wars offers a fascinating look at how ambition and survival often clash. Let’s dive into the key moments of betrayal and political maneuvering that shaped the galaxy. Alliances in Star Wars are often built on shaky foundations. Whether it’s the Rebellion uniting disparate groups under a common cause or the Empire enforcing loyalty through fear, relationships in this galaxy are rarely straightforward. A perfect example? The uneasy partnership between the Galactic Republic and the Jedi Order during the Clone Wars. The Jedi may have been peacekeepers, but they quickly found themselves co-opted into a military role, all while the Republic itself was crumbling under the shadowy influence of Darth Sidious. This alliance wasn’t just fragile—it was doomed from the start. When Order 66 hit, it became clear that even centuries of loyalty could be undone by a single calculated betrayal. One of the most infamous betrayals in the Star Wars saga comes courtesy of Lando Calrissian. This smooth-talking entrepreneur might be known for his charm and style, but let’s not forget that his first significant act in The Empire Strikes Back was selling out his friends. Lando’s deal with Darth Vader wasn’t born of malice. Instead, it was a pragmatic decision to protect Cloud City from the wrath of the Empire. As much as we might like to judge him, it’s hard not to see his side of things. You’re running a thriving operation, and then a Sith Lord shows up with demands. What do you do? Unfortunately for Lando, his attempt at self-preservation quickly spiraled out of control when Vader changed the terms of the agreement. Lesson learned: never trust a Sith with a negotiation. If there’s a masterclass in betrayal, Emperor Palpatine wrote the textbook. Throughout the prequel trilogy, Palpatine’s rise to power is a slow burn of political maneuvering, manipulation, and outright treachery. One of the most chilling betrayals in the series comes when Palpatine convinces Anakin Skywalker to abandon the Jedi and join the Sith. What makes this betrayal so compelling is its emotional weight. Anakin doesn’t just betray the Jedi—he betrays himself, sacrificing his ideals and loved ones for the promise of power and the twisted hope of saving Padmé. It’s a devastating reminder of how personal vulnerabilities can be exploited for political gain. And let’s not forget how Palpatine orchestrated the entire Clone Wars to consolidate his power. Playing both sides in a galaxy-wide conflict? Now that’s commitment to the dark side. The Rebel Alliance may be the moral heart of Star Wars, but even they aren’t immune to the complexities of political alliances. This ragtag group of freedom fighters includes a wide variety of factions, from ex-Imperial officers like General Madine to Mon Mothma’s idealistic leadership. Keeping such a diverse group united is no small feat. Take Saw Gerrera, for instance. This Rebel extremist pushed the boundaries of what the Alliance was willing to do, forcing leaders like Mon Mothma to distance themselves from his tactics. While Saw’s methods may have been effective, his unwillingness to compromise highlighted the fragility of the Rebellion’s unity. Even within the Alliance, betrayals weren’t unheard of. In the expanded universe (now part of Star Wars Legends), spies and informants working for the Empire regularly infiltrated the Rebels, showcasing how trust is a rare commodity in a galaxy at war. The Disney+ series The Mandalorian offers fresh insights into the theme of political alliances and betrayals. Din Djarin’s journey frequently explores the cost of loyalty in a post-Empire galaxy. One standout example is his uneasy alliance with Moff Gideon. While the two are nominally enemies, their interactions reveal how pragmatism often trumps ideology. Whether it’s teaming up temporarily to take down a greater threat or making morally gray decisions to protect Grogu, Din’s story underscores how loyalty can shift depending on the stakes. The show also highlights betrayals on a smaller, more personal scale. From Greef Karga’s initial double-cross to Bo-Katan Kryze’s conflicted relationship with Din, The Mandalorian reminds us that trust is hard-earned and easily broken. Beyond the movies and shows, Star Wars video games and comics are filled with tales of shifting loyalties and double-crosses. In Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic, for example, players are faced with their own potential betrayal when they discover their character’s hidden identity as Darth Revan. This twist forces players to question their alliances and decide their own path. In the comics, one of the most notable betrayals comes in the Darth Vader series, where Vader himself is often the victim of schemes within the Empire. Watching the Sith Lord navigate treacherous waters within his own ranks adds depth to a character we often see as invincible. What makes the political betrayals of Star Wars so compelling is their universality. These aren’t just stories about spaceships and lightsabers—they’re tales of human ambition, trust, and the price of power. Whether it’s Lando’s deal with the Empire, Palpatine’s grand manipulations, or the fractured loyalties of the Rebel Alliance, these betrayals serve as a mirror to the real world, where political alliances are just as fraught and fragile. At the heart of it all is the question: what are you willing to sacrifice for power? In Star Wars, as in life, the cost of betrayal often outweighs the benefits, leaving scars that linger long after the credits roll. The political alliances and betrayals in Star Wars remind us that power is never free. From Lando’s reluctant deal with the Empire to Palpatine’s galaxy-wide schemes, these moments define the saga’s rich tapestry of intrigue and drama. They show us that even in a galaxy far, far away, ambition and survival often come at a steep price. Whether you’re watching the movies, diving into the expanded universe, or exploring Star Wars through video games, these themes of loyalty and treachery remain central to the story. And isn’t that what makes Star Wars so endlessly fascinating? Each era of the Star Wars Skywalker saga is defined by a conflict between two major factions, but how many of these factions are there in total? The original trilogy centered on the Galactic Civil War, where the Rebel Alliance sought to free the galaxy from the Galactic Empire. The prequels saw the buildup, ignition, and devastating ending of the Clone Wars, between the Galactic Republic and the Separatists. The sequels saw the resurgence of Imperial and Sith ideology in the form of the First Order, leading to the creation of The Resistance and their subsequent war with the First Order. Non-movie material in both the Canon and Legends continuities showed the Rebellion reform itself into the New Republic, and the Empire degrade into Imperial Remnant factions. One of the core thematic elements of both Star Wars continuities is the conflict between democracy and authoritarianism. Palpatine didn’t conquer the galaxy through brute force. Instead, he gradually twisted the Republic into the authoritarian Empire and convinced its populace to support the coup. Using the Jedi as a scapegoat, he framed the order as the architects behind the Clone Wars (in truth, his machinations as the Sith Lord Darth Sidious), stoking the fires of xenophobia and portraying himself and the Republic’s citizens as victims of a Jedi conspiracy. Long after Palpatine’s apparent death during the Battle of Endor, the cult-like supporters of his ideology kept the Empire’s oppression alive and well long after the Rebellion’s decisive victory. The heavy focus on politics was one of many aspects of the prequel trilogy that viewers criticized, but it ultimately added context to the original trilogy and nuance to the lore of both continuities. The original trilogy itself kept things simple: the heroes sought to overthrow a fascist state and reinstate democracy. The politics of the sequel trilogy and non-movie material set after the original trilogy dealt with the reestablishment of democracy and the lingering ideology of fascism, which wasn’t helped by the literal resurrection of their leader in both continuities. The Star Wars franchise is renowned for its lore and world-building, and the politics of all eras helped reinforce the immersion. Galactic Republic Founded over 25,000 years before the events of the Skywalker saga, The Galactic Republic governed most of the known galaxy as a representative democracy. For over a thousand years before the saga, the Republic and the Jedi Order worked together to unite the galaxy, successfully maintaining peace after the apparent destruction of the Sith. Despite its noble intentions, the Republic was not without its flaws. By the timeframe of Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace, the Republic had become corrupt, representing the whims of lobbyists rather than its citizens and using the Jedi Order as its paramilitary force. This played perfectly into the plans of Darth Sidious who, as Senator Palpatine, took advantage of the Invasion of Naboo and the Clone Wars (both crises he secretly orchestrated) to first become the Supreme Chancellor and then Emperor, blaming the Jedi for the Republic’s woes and enacting the Great Jedi Purge in an attempt to eradicate them. Officially founded by the former Jedi Count Dooku (now the Sith Lord Darth Tyrannus), the Legends-era Confederacy of Independent Systems was a Separatist movement who felt that the Republic’s bureaucracy and corruption left it beyond repair and that it was time to establish a more laissez-faire government to allow planets and sectors to manage themselves their way. In truth, the CIS was a corporate oligarchy, ruled by a cabal of the galaxy’s most unscrupulous tycoons and greedy politicians, making it far more corrupt than the Republic it seceded from. The power behind the Separatist Council and Count Dooku, however, was Darth Sidious, who successfully created the perfect threat to the Republic, forcing them to give him ever-increasing amounts of emergency power. In addition to blaming the Jedi for manufacturing the CIS, Palpatine also used them long after their defeat to discredit the Rebel Alliance as a resurgence of the Separatist movement. In Canon, the CIS was generally referred to as the Separatist Alliance, and unlike Legends, it had a capital world (Raxus) with a Separatist Parliament to represent its member worlds. Unknown to the senators, however, this was functionally little more than pretense, as the Separatist Council and the Sith Order were the true leaders of the Separatist Alliance. As the result of Darth Sidious’s plans coming to fruition, the Galactic Empire was a fascist dictatorship ruled by Sidious as Emperor Palpatine. Much of the galaxy was under the dystopian rule of the Empire, who brought the Jedi to near-extinction via the Jedi Purge. The Empire maintained the pretense of a legislative body through the Imperial Senate, but once it finished construction of its planet-destroying Death Star battlestation, it quickly dissolved the senate. The Empire’s true intention was to keep planets subjugated through fear of the Death Star’s destructive power. When the Rebellion destroyed the Death Star at the Battle of Yavin, the Empire was quick to build another, since the superweapon was essential to their ruling philosophy. Just as the destruction of their Death Stars decapitated their governing policy, the apparent death of Palpatine at the Battle of Endor fractured the Empire. The earliest iteration of what would become the Rebel Alliance was the Delegation of 2000, a group of Republic politicians who witnessed their government’s gradual march towards authoritarianism during the Clone Wars and hoped to repair its democracy before it became too late. Needless to say, they were unsuccessful, but throughout the Empire’s reign, they formed rebel cells (or connected with already-existing ones), eventually coalescing into the Rebel Alliance, a movement that sought to overthrow the Empire and restore democracy. The Empire’s destruction of Alderaan showed the galaxy their unbridled cruelty. The Rebellion’s subsequent destruction of the first Death Star proved their legitimacy as well. As a result, the Rebel Alliance’s supporters flourished, and after three years of full-scale war, they destroyed the Second Death Star, fracturing the Empire and allowing them to reorganize themselves as the New Republic. With Palpatine seemingly dead at the Battle of Endor and the Empire in chaos, the Rebel Alliance quickly re-established itself as the New Republic as it continued its war against the weakened Empire. In Legends, the New Republic was in many ways a rebuilt Old Republic, though it avoided many of the pitfalls that left it vulnerable to the Sith’s authoritarian coup. The Legends-era New Republic was also rarely at peace, fighting the Empire in its various forms for fifteen years before they finally surrendered in 19 ABY. Starting with the election of Borsk Fey'lya as Chief of State in 23 ABY, the New Republic gradually fell back into impotence and corruption similar to the last days of the Old Republic. Towards the end of the Yuuzhan Vong War, the New Republic reformed itself once more, evolving into the Galactic Federation of Free Alliances. In Star Wars canon, the New Republic’s war with the Galactic Empire only lasted roughly a year. With the Empire formally surrendering after the Battle of Jakku, the New Republic quickly demilitarized and became a government more akin to a confederacy than its Legends-era counterpart. Over time, the New Republic became increasingly divided, with two political parties, the Centrists and Populists, fighting amongst each other and deteriorating the government’s effectiveness. An alarming amount of the Centrist party’s members were privately supportive of the old Galactic Empire and eventually joined the fascist extremist group known as the First Order. The New Republic as a whole failed to take the First Order seriously, an oversight that cost it dearly. When the First Order used its planet-destroying superweapon, Starkiller Base, to annihilate the Hosnian system, the New Republic was effectively destroyed. In Legends, the Galactic Civil War was far from over when the Emperor seemingly died at the Battle of Endor. Without his leadership, however, the Galactic Empire fractured into various sub-factions, each led by an Imperial warlord who controlled portions of the Empire’s territory. The Imperial warlords fought amongst themselves almost as often as they did against the New Republic, but attempts at unity were made. Notably, Grand Admiral Thrawn nearly unified the Imperial warlords under his rule during the Thrawn Campaign, Thrawn’s death at the Battle of Bilbringi led to the Empire’s fragmentation once more and the in-fighting resumed. Palpatine himself returned from the dead, revealing a hidden backup portion of the Empire in the Deep Core. With an arsenal of nightmarish military forces and superweapons, Palpatine brought the remaining Imperial forces under his command once again, forming the Dark Empire and attacking key New Republic strongholds during Operation Shadow Hand. After Palpatine’s final death on Onderon, the Dark Empire eventually reformed into the Imperial Remnant, a military oligarchy under the command of Gilad Pellaeon. The Imperial Remnant continued to wage war against the New Republic until it formally surrendered in 19 ABY with the signing of the Pellaeon–Gavrisom Treaty. In Star Wars canon, Imperial remnant factions are similar to the Legends-era Imperial warlords, albeit far smaller and less dangerous. Officially, the Galactic Empire continued to exist after its surrender, though it was largely demilitarized and confined to limited portions of the Inner Rim and Core Worlds. Unofficially, former ISB members, such as Moff Gideon, established bases throughout the galaxy attempting to destabilize the New Republic and re-establish themselves as the galaxy’s foremost regime. Following the Battle of Jakku, Imperial military forces who fled to the Unknown Regions combined with Imperial remnant factions and members of the New Republic’s Centrist party to form the fascist military junta known as the First Order. With a massive military force, the Knights of Ren, and a new superweapon at their disposal, the First Order destroyed the New Republic and used the ensuing chaos to begin their conquest of the galaxy. Like real-world fascist regimes, the First Order glorifies the past, seeking to return the galaxy to a new iteration of Imperial rule. Ultimately, the First Order was the public “face” of Darth Sidious’s contingency plan to return and subjugate the galaxy. Recognizing the ever-growing danger of the First Order and the New Republic’s failure to properly fight against it, Leia Organa and her many like-minded New Republic and former-Rebel allies created the private military force known as the Resistance. Unlike the Rebel Alliance, which sought to overthrow the Empire and reestablish democracy, the Resistance was created to stop the spread of the First Order and fight the battles that the New Republic proved unable to. Unfortunately, without the full support of the New Republic, the Resistance wasn’t nearly as large or well-equipped as the Rebellion. When the New Republic fell following the destruction of the Hosnian system, the Resistance became the galaxy’s last line of defense against fascism. Headquartered on the Unknown Regions world of Exegol, the Sith Eternal was a cult of Sith-worshippers, who helped resurrect Darth Sidious after the Battle of Endor and built a force made of the newest and deadliest iterations of the former Empire’s military. In 35 ABY, the Sith Eternal combined with the First Order, creating the Final Order. Like the Legends-era Dark Empire, the Final Order was no longer concerned with any pretense of subtlety or deception, seeking to reconquer the galaxy under Sith oppression. Like the Dark Empire, the Final Order was an authoritarian theocracy who sought to rule through fear as the old Empire did. The final film in the Star Wars Skywalker saga ends with the destruction of the Final Order and the final death of Palpatine. Next: Star Wars: Every Upcoming Movie & Release Date For other uses, see Alliance. Declaration of the Rebel Alliance[2]Declaration of Rebellion[3] Alliance guiding principles[4] Secretary of the Cabinet[6] Alliance High Command[7]Alliance Civil Government[7] 5 BBY (unofficially)[15]2 BBY (officially)[16] 4 ABY;[17] as the New Republic[18] "We, the Rebel Alliance, do therefore in the name—and by the authority—of the free beings of the Galaxy, solemnly publish and declare our intentions: To fight and oppose you and your forces, by any and all means at our disposal; To refuse any Imperial law contrary to the rights of free beings; To bring about your destruction and the destruction of the Galactic Empire; To make forever free all beings in the galaxy. To these ends, we pledge our property, our honor, and our lives." —Declaration of Rebellion[3] The Alliance to Restore the Republic (2 BBY–4 ABY), commonly known as the Rebel Alliance, Alliance, and the Rebellion, was a resistance movement to oppose the rule of the Galactic Empire and to restore the Galactic Republic. The Alliance was publicly and formally declared with the Declaration of the Rebel Alliance by Senator Mon Mothma, which brought numerous rebel cells together as a common force opposed to the Empire. Indeed, the concept of a "Rebel Alliance" had its roots in smaller movements that had worked to unite disconnected cells, such as a movement secretly led by fellow Senator Bail Prestor Organa and a rebel network formed by revolutionary Luthen Rael, who received funding and aid from Mothma. Such early groups and the eventual Alliance came together from a number of unrelated rebel cells, including the crew of the Ghost and the Phoenix Cell. The Atrivis Resistance Group was one of the first cells to join what Mothma began calling "the Alliance" before the formal formation of the Alliance to Restore the Republic. The Alliance and the cells it united were born from the overall discontent within the Empire of those who wished the Galactic Republic restored. Its efforts were by supportive senators in the Imperial Senate such as Mothma, Organa, and later, his daughter Leia Organa. Its members were citizens of the Empire or defectors from the Imperial Military, such as Jan Dodonna, Ryder Azadi, and Wedge Antilles. Founded and united by Organa and Ahsoka Tano, the early rebels were assisted by surviving Jedi, such as Kanan Jarrus, and his Padawan, Ezra Bridger. Clone Wars veterans, such as Captain Rex also assisted in the initial movement. As opposed to waging all-out war, the Alliance waged an insurgency against the Empire, establishing small bases across the galaxy instead of controlling an entire planet. When the Alliance stole the plans for the Empire's ultimate weapon, the Death Star, and destroyed the space station in the Battle of Yavin with the help of Luke Skywalker, the tide of the war began to turn, and the Rebel threat began to prove a severe thorn in the Empire's side. The Rebellion continued to engage in battles with the Empire in the Galactic Civil War. However, under the command of Darth Vader, the Imperial forces succeeded in defeating the Alliance on Hoth, forcing the Alliance to scatter its forces in order to survive. Eventually, the Alliance prevailed against the Empire and critically damaged it by launching an attack against the second Death Star during its construction in what would become the Battle of Endor. Not only did the Alliance manage to destroy the battle station, but the Imperial Navy was severely crippled by the loss of one of its Super Star Destroyers, and Luke Skywalker redeemed his father, Darth Vader, who killed Emperor Sheev Palpatine, before dying himself in the battle. The Alliance was soon reorganized into the fledgling New Republic, restoring the Old Republic and continued the rebellion against the shattered Empire, lasting until the Battle of Jakku one year after Endor, forcing the Galactic Empire to end the war and finally overthrowing it by the signing of the Galactic Concordance. History[] Early foundations[] Resistance movements aided by the Jedi[] "The Separatists have strength in numbers. We're going to show you how to target and destroy them.""Now to be clear, we are not here to fight your war—rather, to show you how to conduct it in the most efficient and successful way possible." —Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi brief the Onderon rebels[19] The Onderon rebels, the first of many militias that were created, receive training from the Jedi. While the Alliance to Restore the Republic was a resistance movement opposed to the tyranny of the Galactic Empire and its New Order, its roots predated the actual birth of the Empire, when the Galactic Republic was in its last years of existence. During the Clone Wars, a conflict that pitted the Republic against the Confederacy of Independent Systems,[20] the Jedi Order helped create resistance units on Separatist-held worlds as part of a plan proposed by Jedi Knight Anakin Skywalker, one example being the Onderon rebels.[19] However, it was not for many more years that such rebel cells would coalesce into a single Rebellion with a centralized leadership.[11] Delegation of 2,000[] "So this is how liberty dies… with thunderous applause." —Padmé Amidala, to Bail Organa following the declaration of a New Order — Link▶ (file info)[21] Mon Mothma, Bail Organa, and Padmé Amidala (left) were among the first to oppose Sheev Palpatine, even before he became Emperor. Also during the Clone Wars, Supreme Chancellor Sheev Palpatine had managed to obtain many emergency powers from the Galactic Senate, which caused certain members of the Chancellor's own Loyalist Committee, including Bail Prestor Organa of Alderaan, Padmé Amidala of Naboo,[22] and Mon Mothma of Chandrila,[23] to start to complain about the chief of state's conduct.[22] The discontented senatorial representatives ended up forming the Delegation of 2,000. They signed the Petition of 2,000, a document that formally expressed its signatories' concerns with Palpatine's rule and called for him to relinquish his emergency powers as soon as possible. Senator Meena Tills of Mon Cala was among the petitioners.[24] Shortly thereafter, the Clone Wars was brought to an end. Far from relinquishing his dictatorial status, Chancellor Palpatine unilaterally abolished the Republic in front of the whole Senate and anointed himself the Galactic Emperor, thus transforming the democratic government into an authoritarian regime, the Galactic Empire. Unbeknownst to most of the galactic community, the self-promoted Emperor Palpatine was in fact the Sith Lord Darth Sidious, who had masterminded the Clone Wars so that he could gain power and overthrow the Republic. The Emperor immediately started to subvert democracy in the galaxy and declared the peacekeeping Jedi Knights enemies of the state.[21] In the immediate aftermath of the Clone Wars and Senator Amidala's death at the hands of her husband, Darth Vader — the identity adopted by Anakin Skywalker when he became Sidious's Sith apprentice — Senators Organa and Mothma started working in secret to overthrow the Empire.[11] Age of the Empire[] "They're not trying to make a difference. They're just trying to strike back.""And I understand that. But if the people who have a beef with the Empire act solely in their own interests, it won't do anybody else any good. In fact, it might make it harder for any kind of real rebellion to flower—" —Kanan Jarrus and Hera Syndulla[25] The Clone Wars ended with Chancellor Palpatine declaring himself Emperor of the Galactic Empire. In the absence of any major opposition, the Galactic Empire thrived during the early days of Palpatine's reign, amassing a vast military and using it to instill fear in the civilian population,[26] yet public opinion[27] and the supposed power of the Imperial Senate remained vital[28] until Palpatine could fully cement his power.[29] All the same, the reformed Senate, being even less effective than it was during the last years of the Republic, did nothing to restrain that massive military expansion. Meanwhile, in the deepest secrecy, the Empire worked on the Death Star, a moon-sized battle station capable of destroying entire planets.[26] Although many people held a grudge against the Empire, few dared to act. Those who did often acted solely in their own interests, which actually made it harder for any kind of real, organized rebellion to appear.[25] A rare example of organized resistance against the Empire was that of Cham Syndulla's Free Ryloth Movement, which wanted to end the Imperial occupation on the planet Ryloth. It was formed from the Twi'lek Resistance, which had resisted the occupation of Ryloth by the Separatists during the Clone Wars. Over the years, the movement established hidden bases across the Ryloth system and executed raids against the Imperials.[30] Meanwhile, Separatist holdouts remained active in the galaxy and continued to fight[26] with hopes of securing independence from Imperial control.[27][31] The former Separatist capital, Raxus Secundus, was occupied by the Imperial Military,[32] yet that did little to quell the spirit of independence amongst its people.[27] As early as circa 18 BBY,[33] rumors swirled that Palpatine was scared about the prospect of planets and whole star systems allying together in the name of overthrowing him. While such a possible rebellion lacked any unifying leaders at that time, Palpatine and his agents were unable to act out in the open because public opinion was still so important to his legitimacy, even if he had the excuse to occupy worlds like Raxus. At that time, a growing number of Pantorans wished for true independence instead of remaining under the Imperial flag. To that end, Pantoran Senator Riyo Chuchi met with the former Separatist Senator of Raxus, Avi Singh, to discuss Palpatine's fears and the prospect of an allied Rebellion. To try and silence a revolution before it began, a clone assassin codenamed CX-1 was dispatched to kill Singh, but his efforts were halted by the Clone Underground, a network of clones who had rebelled against the Empire and hoped to help their brethren.[27] Another rebel cell emerged one year after the end of the Clone Wars when the Empire decided to severely punish the world of Antar 4 for its past ties with the Confederacy of Independent Systems. That murderous operation, spearheaded by Wilhuff Tarkin, prompted the former Republic Intelligence agent Berch Teller to found his own resistance cell. Teller hoped they were contributing to what would eventually grow into a cause against the Empire. Four years after its formation, the insurgents managed to steal the Carrion Spike, the personal starship of Tarkin, to attack various Imperial targets with information provided to them by an Imperial traitor, Vice Admiral Dodd Rancit. Teller's insurgents later launched an attack on an Imperial convoy transporting important parts for the Death Star project. Their plans were soon thwarted by Tarkin's timely intervention, which resulted in the killing of every insurgent except Teller.[26] The early rebellion[] Scattered cells[] Assorted insurgencies, a single Empire[] "There will be times when the struggle seems impossible. I know this already. Alone, unsure, dwarfed by the scale of the enemy. Remember this. Freedom is a pure idea. It occurs spontaneously and without instruction. Random acts of insurrection are occurring constantly throughout the galaxy. There are whole armies, battalions that have no idea that they've already enlisted in the cause. Remember that the frontier of the Rebellion is everywhere. And even the smallest act of insurrection pushes our lines forward." —Karis Nemik[34] However, by 5 BBY, a number of rebel cells had formed, operating all across the galaxy as part of an early rebellion against growing Imperial oppression, especially in light of the Empire's continuing expansion throughout the Outer Rim.[35] One insurgency began in the Atrivis sector, where the Liberators seized an Imperial garrison but were devastatingly defeated by the Imperial Navy soon afterwards.[6] A rebel operative named Luthen Rael did much of the on-the-ground early work in forming a network of rebel cells,[36] receiving funding from[37] and working alongside Senator Mon Mothma.[36] Mothma also established a rebel cell of her own at some point.[38] The three principle architects of the Rebel Alliance would prove to be Mothma, Senator Bail Organa,[39] and Partisan leader[6] Saw Gerrera,[39] the most extreme of the three.[6] However, the Alliance might never have been established if not for Rael's efforts,[40] with future rebel Wilmon Paak, indeed, arguing the Alliance owed its existence to him.[41] Organa and former Jedi Ahsoka Tano operated as part of their own resistance movement that would fall into the larger whole of[35] an emerging alliance of rebel cells.[6] With the Empire beginning to take notice of Mothma's banking activities, Rael set up a rebel infiltration team[37] under Mothma's cousin[42] Vel Sartha to steal the quarterly payroll for the Imperial sector surrounding the planet Aldhani.[37] Rael also reasoned such a major strike against the Empire would make the regime lash out, inspiring more people to rise up as they suffered under a sudden burst of Imperial tyranny.[43] However, the success of the Aldhani mission effectively froze Mothma's bank accounts[44] under new laws,[45] thereby leaving Mothma with few ways to even out her accounts before the Empire fully investigated. In the end, the only solution before Mothma was to marry her daughter Leida off to the son of Chandrilan[44] oligarch[46] Davo Sculdun. If she went through with the proposal, Sculdun promised to deposit into her account,[45] thereby covering up the missing funds she had delivered to Rael.[42] Building the fight[] "We need to pull together, Saw! Whatever our final version of success looks like, there's no chance any of us can make it real on our own." —Luthen Rael, to Saw Gerrera[47] While Mothma could find Rael's tactics hard to stomach, particularly his usage of the Aldhani heist to hasten the speed of Imperial oppression in the name of inspiring more people to rebel,[43] she did reflect in her personal journal that the Rebellion she was helping to form needed to show its teeth, lest Palpatine's military crush it in its infancy.[6] While she did have hope of a peaceful end to the conflict in the Senate,[48] she and Bail Organa helped organize paramilitary attacks from the shadows, all while presenting themselves as principled dissenters in public. Furthermore, she knew that the galaxy's assorted rebel cells needed to unify in the name of opposing Palpatine or else each would be hunted down one by one.[6] Luthen Rael meets with Saw Gerrera to argue that the rebel cells need to band into a unified force. Rael also met with Saw Gerrera of the Partisans in an effort to convince him to work alongside former Separatist Anto Kreegyr's group, arguing that the rebel cells, despite their political differences, needed to join together to become a true threat to the Empire.[47] By the time Gerrera agreed, the Imperial Security Bureau had discovered Kreegyr's looming raid on the Spellhaus Imperial power station. Reasoning that Kreegyr's demise would make the ISB overconfident and protect Rael's agent within the ISB, Lonni Jung, the two reluctantly agreed to sacrifice Kreegyr's forces for the greater good of their war effort.[44] Shortly afterward, the raid indeed ended in the total destruction of Kreegyr's attack party. Following the Rix Road riot, Rael also formally recruited Cassian Jeron Andor into his network.[34] The Atrivis Resistance Group, led by Travia Chan, was also active in the Atrivis sector. After deliberation, they decided to join Mothma, becoming one of the first groups of what Mothma had begun calling "the Alliance."[6] Rise of the Spectres[] One rebel cell was the Spectres, which largely fought on the Imperial-controlled Outer Rim planet of Lothal.[35] Another rebel cell was Phoenix Cell, led by Commander Jun Sato,[49] which was a part of the larger rebel network led by Tano and Senator Organa. At that point, members of those cells were not supposed to know they were part of a larger movement known as the rebellion, so if captured, they could not give information on the other rebel cells. The cells were only provided with intelligence on a need-to-know basis by Tano, using the codename "Fulcrum."[35] Due to the increased rebel activities around Lothal, the

Imperial Security Bureau dispatched Agent Alexsandr Kallus to hunt down the Spectres. Kallus saw the rebel activities as part of a pattern which could lead to a spark of rebellion.[50] The Spectres further came to the attention of Organa and received information from Tano as "Fulcrum."[35] After the Spectres frustrated several Imperial efforts to capture them, Grand Moff Tarkin visited Lothal and warned the Imperial officials and officers that while the various cells lacked unity, the rebels on Lothal were unique because they had unity, which made them a credible threat to the Empire. Tarkin warned that the failures of Imperial forces on Lothal allowed the Spectres to represent hope, and ordered the Grand Inquisitor to execute two of the incompetent Imperial officers. He warned the others that failure would have consequences.[51] The Rebellion's existence was finally revealed to the Empire when they captured Kanan Jarrus after he and the rest of the Spectres were able to hack and send out a rebellious transmission to Lothal and many surrounding systems. His capture prompted his fellow Spectres to launch a mission to rescue him from Tarkin's personal Imperial Star Destroyer, the Sovereign, over Mustafar. In order to save one of their cells and the only other Jedi involved in the movement other than herself, Tano led Phoenix Squadron to assist in their escape. Following the successful rescue, she informed the Spectres that their protocol of secrecy had changed. In response to the transmission sent by the Spectres and the rumors of the rebel action over Mustafar, anti-Imperial unrest began on Lothal and several other worlds. In response, the Emperor dispatched Darth Vader to deal with the issue.[35] New alliances[] Following the Siege of Lothal, the Spectres were forced to retreat from Lothal and Phoenix Cell was crippled when Vader destroyed their command ship. As a result of their encounter with Vader on Lothal, the Spectres decided to permanently join Phoenix Cell.[52] Despite the attack, the Spectres were able to recruit retired Clone Captain Rex to their cause.[53] Phoenix Cell was also able to acquire a prototype B-wing starfighter from Mon Calamari engineer Quarrie.[54] Working with Rex, the Spectres were able to destroy the Imperial Interdictor.[55] The Spectres also prevented members of the Inquisitorius from capturing several Force-sensitive children.[56] The rebellion gets three Hammerhead corvettes for their cause after suffering losses at Garel. Later, Phoenix Cell suffered a major blow when the Empire learned they were hiding on the planet Garel.[57] The Phoenix Squadron managed to escape but suffered some losses during the Battle of Garel. After Senator Organa learned of their losses, he sent his daughter Princess Leia Organa to deliver three Sphyrna-class Hammerhead corvettes to them on Lothal.[58] In 3 BBY, Phoenix Cell undertook a mission to seek safe passage for the Rebellion through the Concord Dawn system. After meeting resistance from Fenn Rau's Mandalorian Protectors, the Spectres managed to kidnap him and force him to meet their demands for safe passage after a second attempt.[59] Afterward, the Spectres and Cham's Free Ryloth movement joined forces to steal a Quasar Fire-class cruiser-carrier above the planet Ryloth.[60] The stolen carrier became the new flagship Phoenix Nest of Phoenix Squadron. With the help of Chopper and the former Imperial RA-7 protocol droid AP-5, Phoenix Squadron established a new base[61] called Chopper Base on the planet Atollon.[62] By 2 BBY,[63] the in-progress Rebel Alliance was also establishing a base in the Great Temple of the moon Yavin 4, where Organa and Mothma intended for the revolution to be headquartered in due time.[64] As a temporary base that ended up being expanded more than originally intended,[65] however, the Alliance's first headquarters would nonetheless be established through the Dantooine base.[66] Eluding Thrawn[] Grand Admiral Thrawn was tasked to eliminate the burgeoning rebel threat. The Imperial tactician Thrawn was promoted by the Emperor to Grand Admiral for his role in obliterating the rebel insurgency in the Batonn sector and the mastermind vigilante Nightswan. Nightswan once planned on bringing various rebel and insurgent groups together as an alliance, but, as he had recalled to Thrawn, he stopped because of paranoia, distrust, "squabbling," and pride. Nightswan did not know if any individual would succeed in creating a rebel alliance, simply knowing he was not the man who could.[67] Grand Admiral Thrawn believed the Empire was facing a galaxy-wide insurgency and studied his enemies' philosophy, art, and history in order to defeat them. In response to the activities of Phoenix Cell in the Lothal sector, Governor Arihnda Pryce enlisted his help in defeating them. Thrawn was not content with destroying Phoenix Squadron but sought to destroy the entire rebel fleet. Consequently, he allowed the squadron to escape with several stolen Y-wings during a mission to Reklam Station. These Y-wings were sent to General Jan Dodonna's unit.[68] The Rebellion also received an unexpected ally in the form of Agent Kallus, a former adversary of Phoenix Cell and the Spectres. Kallus had undergone a change of heart after befriending Zeb Orrelios on the ice moon of Bahryn.[70] Kallus became the rebel spy known as Fulcrum and informed Phoenix Cell that several TIE fighter pilot cadets at the Skystrike Academy were planning to defect. Kallus also helped the rebel Wren escape with the defecting pilots Wedge Antilles and Derek Klivian, who would later join the Alliance's Starfighter Corps. After Governor Gar Saxon massacred the Mandalorian Protectors, Rau finally joined the Rebellion.[72] After the Phoenix rebels evacuated rebel sympathizers from the planet Mykapo, the rebel cell Iron Squadron joined the Rebellion.[73] The Spectres later undertook a mission with the former and original Governor of Lpthal Ryder Azadi's rebel cell to steal Thrawn's plans for a new prototype starfighter from the Imperial Armory Complex on Lothal. During the course of their mission, the rebels were helped by Agent Kallus.[74] Later, Rebel Command dispatched Gerrera and his Partisans on a mission to investigate the disappearance of the Geonosian species. With the help of the Spectres and Geonosian survivor Klik-Klak, the rebels discovered evidence that the Empire perpetrated genocide against the Geonosians. Although Organa hoped to use the information to raise awareness of Imperial atrocities and to sway more worlds to their cause, the evidence, canisters used in the genocide, was lost when the Spectres and Gerrera were forced to escape, although they did manage to take images of the canisters.[75] As the Rebellion continued to grow, Gerrera's violent tactics continued to put him at odds with the rest of the Rebels. In time, Mothma requested an official resolution of Censure Condemning Saw Gerrera of the Partisans to separate him from their growing alliance.[6] Thrawn also embarked on an ambitious program to search for Phoenix Squadron's base by dispatching E-XD-series infiltrator droids to sweep the Outer Rim Territories for signs of rebel activity. One unit, EXD-9, discovered Chopper Base but Orrelios, Chopper, and AP-5 reprogrammed him into an improvised bomb that was sent back to its base and destroyed one of Thrawn's Star Destroyers. Despite this setback, Thrawn managed to narrow down the search for Chopper Base to 94 systems.[76] Thrawn also later discovered that Kallus was a rebel spy and decided to use him against the Rebellion.[77] Rise of the Rebellion[] Official formation[] "This is Senator Mon Mothma, I have been called a traitor for speaking out against a corrupt Galactic Senate. A Senate manipulated by the sinister tactics of the Emperor. For too long I have watched the heavy hand of the Empire strangle our liberties, stifling our freedoms in the name of ensuring our safety. No longer! Despite Imperial threats, despite the Emperor himself, I have no fear as I take new action. For I am not alone. Beginning today we stand together as allies. I hereby resign from the Senate to fight for you, not from the distant hall of politics but from the front lines. We will not rest until we bring an end to the Empire, until we restore our Republic! Are you with me?" —Mon Mothma to the various rebel cells during the Declaration of the Rebel Alliance[2] Mon Mothma, Jon Vander, Gold Two, Erskin Semaj, and the Spectres witnessing the birth of the Rebel Alliance. The Rebel Alliance formally came into existence after Mothma resigned from the Imperial Senate and denounced Emperor Palpatine for his role in the Ghorman Massacre. With the help of Phoenix Leader Hera Syndulla and her Spectres, Mothma escaped Thrawn's forces by traveling through the dangerous Archeon pass to reach Dantooine. There, Mon Mothma gave a HoloNet speech calling for the galaxy to rise up in rebellion against the Empire. Mothma's message was heard by the rebel cells throughout the galaxy including Lothal and Atollon. The Rebel Fleet converged above Dantooine, and the cells were unified into the Alliance to Restore the Republic, which officially began the Galactic Civil War.[2] As part of the Attack on Lothal, Syndulla dispatched the droids AP-5 and Chopper along with the former Imperial cadet Wedge Antilles to steal clearance codes from the Imperial Security Bureau station on the moon Killun 71. During the course of the mission, Chopper was hijacked by a group of Imperial slicers and intelligence officers led by LT-319, who were based aboard an IGV-55 surveillance vessel. LT-319 tried to use Chopper to kill the Spectres and find the location of Chopper Base. However, Syndulla managed to reprogram Chopper and transmitted a data surge that destroyed the Imperial surveillance vessel.[78] Having obtained the clearance codes, the Phoenix Squadron began training for their Attack on Lothal. Ezra Bridger was briefly distracted when he departed with Chopper on an errant mission to Tatooine to save Jedi Master Obi-Wan Kenobi from his arch-nemesis the renegade Sith Lord Maul. Kenobi told Bridger to return to his place with the Rebellion and defeated Maul in combat.[79] At some stage of its existence, the Rebel Alliance undertook an assault on Vivonah and the slaughter on Noult, which were decried as terrorist actions by rebel enemies.[80] The rebellion maintained forces on[6] the planet[81] Gaulus until effecting a withdrawal.[6] Operation Shield Bash was launched as a joint venture between the Alliance and Truwel system rebels at some point.[82] Ambush on Atollon[] "We'll never surrender to you, Thrawn.""You misunderstand, captain. I'm not accepting surrenders at this time. I want you to know failure. Utter defeat. And know that it is I who delivers it crashing down upon you." —Hera Syndulla and Thrawn[83] As part of the final stage of the Attack on Lothal, General Dodonna and the Massassi Group traveled to Atollon to rendezvous with Phoenix Cell. However, Thrawn's spies reported the trajectory of Dodonna's forces to the Grand Admiral. After exposing Kallus as Fulcrum, Thrawn used the trajectories of Massassi Group and Kallus' Fulcrum transmission to determine the location of Chopper Base and Atollon. Thrawn's Seventh Fleet, using Interdictor cruisers blockaded the Atollon system, preventing the rebels from carrying out their attack on Lothal and almost instantly taking EF76 Nebulon-B escort frigate. Trapped in the system, the rebels were forced to attack blockade using a tactic which included bombing runs which would try to break the Imperial positions. Thrawn knew about this and ordered his ships to keep to their positions. He then quickly fragmented Green Squadron as they attempted to cripple his Star Destroyers. He then counterattacked with his TIE squadrons, destroying several rebel corvettes including the Sphyrna-class corvette P2. Realizing his tactic was hopeless, Commander Sato ordered the fleet to charge the blockade, and the Star Destroyers took out a second Nebulon-B frigate and the Braha'tok-class gunship Orion almost instantly.[83] The Ghost and three Braha'tok-class gunships during the Battle of Atollon. Bridger and Chopper managed to escape on the Gauntlet fighter Nightbrother after Commander Sato sacrificed his life to destroy an Imperial interdictor vessel that was blocking hyperspace jumps. Ezra appealed to Mon Mothma for help, but the rebel leader was unwilling to expose the Alliance's true strength to Thrawn. Mothma agreed that Senator Organa was right when he said that the rebels were not yet ready to enter into open warfare with the Empire. With the Rebel Alliance unwilling to help, Ezra solicited the help of Sabine's Clan Wren, who destroyed Thrawn's second interdictor cruiser.[83] As a result, the few surviving rebel forces, under Captain Syndulla and General Dodonna, emerged from the surface taking heavy losses along the way and were able to flee to Yavin 4. Only a few ships, including the Ghost, the CR90 corvette Liberator, two Sphyrna-class corvettes P1 and P3 and an assortment of RZ-1 A-wing interceptors and Y-wings got out.[83] To Mothma and other members of the Alliance, the defeat at Atollon was proof that their rebellion was not yet ready for open war. All the same, other actors across the galaxy believed such a conflict had already begun.[48] As thanks for Clan Wren's aid, rebel forces[83]—specifically Jarrus, Bridger, and C1-10P—joined Sabine Wren and her Mandalorian Clan in the Mandalorian Civil War.[84] Building the Alliance[] "This is a time of difficult choices. Sometimes impossible ones." —Mon Mothma[48] The Alliance headquarters on Yavin 4 By 1 BBY,[85] the Alliance became a full-fledged resistance movement headed by Organa and Mothma,[11] with the latter bearing the title of Chancellor.[5] Now in possession of a respectable starfleet that included T-65B X-wing starfighters, BTL-A4 Y-wing assault starfighter/bombers, A-wing starfighters, and large ships that included MC80 Star Cruisers, at least one MC75 Star Cruiser, EF76 Nebulon-B escort frigate, and various corvettes, gunships, and transports, the Alliance was finally able to fight the Empire on better terms.[11] At the time, the Alliance was headquartered on the lush moon of Yavin 4, in an ancient stone structure known as the Great Temple.[1] Leia, the surrogate daughter of Organa and crown Princess of Alderaan, succeeded her adopted father in the Imperial Senate and was also a secret member of the Alliance.[1] Prominent Alliance war leaders of the time included General Dodonna and Admiral Gial Ackbar.[86] Some of the Empire's Joint Chiefs, like General Cassio Tagge, realized the full threat of what they called "the Rebellion." Others, like Admiral Conan Antonio Motti, believed in the infallibility of the Empire's might.[1] The Imperials, in an attempt to avoid dissent and sympathy for the Rebellion amongst loyal Imperial citizens, ensured that, through the use of propaganda, they did not know how large of a threat the Alliance truly was, assuring them that it was merely an unorganized and vengeful terrorist organization.[8] Return to Lothal[] "Lothal looks like it's dying.""Your home isn't exactly the place you remember, kid. Better prepare yourself." —Ezra Bridger and Cikatro Vizago[87] After their attempt to attack Lothal ended with the loss at Atollon, the Spectres returned to Lothal to help the Lothal resistance group and Azadi. They got information of Thrawn's newly upgraded TIE/D Defender. Bridger and Wren stole the prototype but didn't get far thanks to its kill switch and had to escape with the hyperdrive. They sent Syndulla back to Alliance High Command to call for an attack on the Imperial Armory Complex of which they accepted. Syndulla got promoted to General and returned with a Squadron of X-wing starfighters and Y-wants piloted by Iron Squadron’s leader and the late Commander Sato’s nephew Captain Mart Mattin, Cleat, Duke, Secon Daree, and many others but Thrawn was there and had a trap set for them. One by one they fell, and Syndulla, Mattin, and Daree were the only confirmed survivors. Thrawn sent his assassin Rukh to find them, and he quickly captured Daree and Syndulla.[88] Shortly after, Bridger, Wren, and Jarrus went to save Syndulla. Jarrus broke into Governor Arihnda Pryce's office and rescued Hera whilst Bridger and Wren, disguised as TIE pilots, went to find them a way out. Jarrus and Syndulla escaped on a glider to the Lothal City fuel depot where they were met by Bridger and Wren in a patrol transport. Pryce then arrived on an All Terrain Armored Transport which fired upon the fuel pod. Jarrus sacrificed himself to save the others, and the fuel depot was lost, halting the production of the TIE/D Defender on Lothal.[89] Victory at Scarif[] "They've no idea we're coming. They've no reason to expect us. If we can make it to the ground, we'll take the next chance, and the next, on and on until we win, or the chances are spent." —Sergeant Jyn Erso — Link▶ (file info)[14] The Alliance Fleet above Scarif After mainly relying on surgical operations in the pre-open war period,[7] the Alliance's first major battle with the Empire was on the tropical planet of Scarif, in which the Alliance scored its first large-scale victory in the War. Prior to the battle, the Alliance received stolen intel describing a secret Imperial weapon being construction, which connected to recent events on the planet Ghorman and the ongoing Imperial crackdown on the moon Jedha. The information also suggested the renowned scientist and engineer Doctor Galen Erso was affiliated with the weapon.[90] Soon after, Alliance Intelligence intercepted information confirming Erso was building an Imperial superweapon capable of destroying entire planets. Alliance leadership sent Galen's daughter, Sergeant Jyn Erso, as well as Captain Cassian Andor to learn more about her father's involvement. Their subsequent efforts saw the Alliance discover the existence of the Death Star, as well as a fatal flaw in the design placed there by Galen Erso. During the Battle, the Alliance managed to steal the blueprints of the Death Star, which had just been completed after nearly two decades of work, from the Imperial satellite base on Scarif. The plans to the Death Star were then transported to Princess Leia on the Tantive IV.[14] Victory at Yavin[] "Thanks to your courage, we have delivered a telling blow to the Empire with the destruction of their Death Star. But our own casualties were not small." —Leia Organa[86] Following the Battle of Scarif, Princess Leia's ship fell under Imperial attack over Tatooine, and she was captured by Darth Vader, which prevented her from bringing the blueprints to her father back on Alderaan. She still managed to entrust the plans to the droids R2-D2 and C-3PO, who escaped the ship in an escape pod and landed on Tatooine below. After Grand Moff Tarkin ordered the destruction of Alderaan with the Death Star's superlaser, Leia was rescued from the battle station's jail by the crew of the Corellian YT-1300f light freighter Millennium Falcon, who returned her the two droids. The group—except for Kenobi, who gave his life battling Darth Vader—escaped the Death Star aboard the Falcon and headed for the Alliance headquarters on Yavin 4, where the plans of Empire's superweapon were analyzed.[1] The Alliance launches its attack run on the Death Star. Having traced the fleeing rebels, the Empire discovered the location of the Alliance base, and the Death Star closed into Yavin 4. The Alliance then launched its assault against the battle station, with Princess Leia monitoring in the command center. Leia’s older twin brother Jedi Lieutenant Luke Skywalker joined the mission in his own way, piloting an X-wing under the call sign of Red Five. However, the assault would go bad for the rebels as the stationary defenses and the TIE Fighter defenders would shot down nearly the entire strike force. As the Empire readied to destroy Yavin 4 and the Alliance with a single blow of its superlaser, Captain Han Solo unexpectedly saved Skywalker by blasting a group of Imperial TIE/ln starfighters that were giving chase. Skywalker managed to fire a proton torpedo into the Death Star's thermal exhaust port, destroying the battle station by exploiting its only weakness and killed Governor Tarkin and many of the Empire’s best forces at his hand.[1] Post-Yavin advancements[] Aftermath of victory[] Luke Skywalker and Han Solo were honored by Princess Leia Organa for saving the Alliance in the Battle of Yavin. In the shadow of Yavin, the Alliance had won its first major tactical victory, but at an enormous cost in lives. In addition to the Alliance pilots who died during the assault, at least millions of Alderaanians had perished with their planet, Bail Organa among them. After an award ceremony during which Princess Leia presented the heroes of the day with medals of Bravery, General Dodonna made it his priority to have Yavin 4 evacuated. Now that the Empire knew their location, they had to find a new base of operations as soon as possible.[86] Darth Vader became obsessed with finding the young rebel who destroyed the Death Star and killed Governor Tarkin and most of the Empire’s best forces right under his nose. Unbeknownst to him, until learning Luke's last name through Boba Fett, and the rebels at the time, he was in fact the biological father of both Luke and Leia.[91] Not long after the Battle of Yavin, the Rebel Fleet relocated to the Pantora system.[92] The Rebellion also spread footage of their victory over the Death Star via the DarkNet,[93] and the destruction of the battle station was a boon to the rebellion's efforts: with such a major victory secured, the battle proved that victory over the Empire was actually possible.[94] Shortly after Yavin, the Empire targeted and destroyed the Alliance's fuel refinery within the Choah Belt, only for the rebels to respond by capturing the Imperial fuel tanker Black Ice. The Black Ice was lost in a collision at some point later in the war.[95] Rescuing Drusil Belphorin[] Luke and Nakari Kelen were tasked with rescuing the Givin Drusil Bephorin, who the Empire was watching closely for her expert slicing skills. They met with a Kupohan spy called Sakhet on Denon, who directed them to Drusil. They extracted the Givin and took her to Kupoh, where another one of Sakhet's contacts Azzur Nessin owned a company in the capital of Tonekh city called Nessin Courier & Cargo. He repaired their ship, whilst they kept one of his employees Migg Birkhit from bringing the Empire to them. They managed to contain a Gotal ISB agent called Barrisk Favvin, along with Migg. Then, another employee Ruuf Waluuk called in a Devaronian mercenary and he killed Nessin before Skywalker and Kelen killed them both. They escaped the Kupoh system and went to Omereth, where Drusil's family were waiting after being extracted by Major Bren Derlin. However, bounty hunters intercepted them and they crashed into the ocean and swam to the land where they face the many mercenaries. Kelen died in the fight, but Luke reunited Drusil with her family and she promised to return and help them.[92] Advancement into the Mid Rim[] Bolstered by the victory at Yavin, the Alliance leaders had thousands of ships and hundreds of battle groups, including Twilight Company, advance into the Mid Rim. Many battles broke out and the Alliance gained lots of ground. But nine months in, the Fleet became overextended and a halt was ordered. This was soon followed by a retreat and the forces began evacuating their bases.[96] Attack on Weapons Factory Alpha[] "It would seem the tide of war has finally turned in our favor. In short, I dare say I have a very good feeling about this." —C-3PO[97] Han, Luke, Leia, and R2 enter the factory. Shortly after their victory at Yavin, the rebels launched over a dozen major attacks against the Empire[98] as the tide of the war seemed to shift in the Alliance's favor.[97] Such attacks included a bombing of the Imdaar supply base, the bombing of the Kuat shipyards,[98] and the Assault on Cymoon, which was home to a major Imperial weapons factory known as Weapons Factory Alpha. Luke, Princess Leia, R2-D2, and Han went undercover to the factory, while Chewbacca served as a sniper and C-3PO stayed on the Falcon as their escape pilot.[97] Despite a run-in with Darth Vader, the Rebels were able to destroy the factory,[99] striking another major blow against the Empire.[98] Although the Empire's official explanation was that the destruction of the Death Star and Weapons Factory Alpha were lies spread by rebel propaganda, rumors spread of the rebel victories.[98] However, during the brief encounter with Vader, he saw Luke's lightsaber. He recognized it as his old saber and began his hunt to find the origins of Luke.[99] Battle of Vrogas Vas[] Darth Vader had been getting information on the boy who destroyed the Death Star and killed Governor Tarkin and most of the Empire’s best forces, he recently found out his name confirming Luke to be his son. Vader's rival Commander Karbin discovered his location and leaked it to Vader's helper, Doctor Aphra who sent Vader to the location, Vrogas Vas. He instantly ran into three X-wing squadrons, Red Squadron, Blue Squadron, and Yellow Squadron of which he began obliterating, before Luke crashed his X-wing into Vader's TIE Advanced and they both crashed onto the surface. The Alliance forces at the Rebel Refueling Base, then deployed hundreds of troops supported by dozens of tanks and they went hunting Vader. They also deployed the Y-wings of Gray Squadron to attack Vader and he destroyed them by hurling rocks with the Force.[100] Alliance forces surround Darth Vader. Vader soon found himself surrounded by the many ground forces but did not fear them. He outsmarted them by activating their grenades and scattering them. He then mowed more of them down, whilst deflecting tank shots and taking out the T-47 airspeeders of Cyan Squadron. Meanwhile, Dr. Aphra had come to Vrogas Vas and captured Skywalker. Organa, Solo, and Chewbacca also arrived and Solo went to save Skywalker again, while Organa took a strike team to find Vader. Whilst Han faced off with Doctor Aphra, Vader took out Organa's squad but let her go to attract more rebels to him. Leia sent the Y-wings of Amber Wing to bomb the area, but they were soon stopped by Commander Karbin and his forces and Karbin tried to take Luke. Vader stopped Karbin's men and faced off with Karbin. Vader defeated Karbin, whilst Organa, Solo, Skywalker, and Chewie escaped with a captured Dr. Aphra. With the Empire overrunning them, the Alliance forces were forced to retreat as well.[100] Mid Rim Retreat[] "Talrezan Four. Hope Station. Unroola Dawn. All lost while we were escorting the fleet out of the Mid Rim. General Amrashad is dead." —Micha Evon lists losses the Alliance has suffered — Link▶ (file info)[96] The Mid Rim Retreat was the Empire pushing the Alliance back from the Mid Rim following their former advancement. Companies such as Twilight Company, Fish Eye Company, Bitter Pill Company, and the Twenty-First were either defending, distracting or rescuing. It was part of the Alliance's withdrawal from the Mid Rim.[96] Twilight Company launched a campaign on Haidoral Prime as a part of a distraction for the Alliance Fleet to withdraw from the Mid Rim. During the campaign, Sergeant Hazram Namir and his squad extracted the defecting Governor Everi Chalis. She offered herself as a necessary asset to the Alliance, as she knew a lot about the inner-workings of the "Imperial war machine." Captain Micha Evon took an interest in this, but the soldiers weren't having it. One of them, Corbo, took a knife to her holding cell, because he was still grief-stricken after one of her laws had his pet Felinx killed. They then suffered a run-in with an Imperial patrol. But in the Coyerti campaign, Chalis gave them valuable intelligence on a distillery of which Namir and his squad destroyed. Twilight Company then suffered three more attacks in the Metatessu sector and realized the CR90 corvette Thunderstrike's hyperdrive was leaving a trail. Chalis arranged a raid on an Imperial heavy freighter for them to get supplies. Her plan worked flawlessly, but with the loss of two sergeants, Fektrin and Maximian Ajax.[96] Meanwhile, the Alliance was taking heavy losses during their withdrawal from the Mid Rim. Whilst the Twenty-First battled on Bestine and Bitter Pill Company lost their transport on a trash heap of a planet, the Alliance lost Unroola Dawn, Talrezan Four, and Hope Station, General Amrashad was killed.[96] Chalis and Captain Evon then got an invite to Echo Base and they took Namir, Roja, and Beak with them. Meanwhile, the rest of Twilight Company went to the Elochar sector where a flotilla, including the Sixmoon, was stationed. Chalis, Evon and the other three got to Echo Base on Hoth, where they met up with General Philap Bygar, who took them to a strategy conference. The other three did jobs around the Base in the meantime and Namir got into a fight with an Rebel Alliance Special Forces soldier called Kryndal, over the ethics of the Alliance. The strategy conference went as planned, but the alarm soon went off that the Empire had found them.[96] Rebounding from Hoth[] Defeat at Hoth[] "Your Highness, we must take this last transport. It's our only hope.""Send all troops in sector twelve to the south slope to protect the fighters!" —C-3PO and Princess Leia Organa[10] In 3 ABY,[17] one of the many Imperial probe droids searching the galaxy ended up discovering the Rebels' presence. Death Squadron, Darth Vader's personal armada, headed for Hoth with a contingent of ground troops, ready to crush the rebellion once and for all. However, due to a mistake by Admiral Kendal Ozzel, the Alliance forces were warned of the Empire's arrival. The Rebels had time to activate the deflector shield protecting Echo Base, rendering orbital bombardment impossible. As the Alliance prepared for evacuation, Imperial troops disembarked on the surface of Hoth, beyond the range of the energy shields. Once there, several legions of snowtroopers advanced on Echo Base. A squadron of All Terrain Armored Transports under the command of General Maximilian Veers was tasked with destroying the massive generators powering the Rebel base's shield. Perimeter Outpost Delta fell first with Sergeant Hazram Namir, Roja, and Beak being forced to retreat back to the main base to find Captain Micha Evon and Everi Chalis.[10] Rebel snowspeeders engage the AT-ATs of Blizzard Force during the Battle of Hoth. Luke, who was promoted to Commander by Mothma, led Rogue Squadron of snowspeeders against General Veers' armored transports. By using a harpoon gun and tow-cable, the Rebels managed to bring down one of the transports, but Skywalker's snowspeeder was shot down. Unlike his gunner, Dak Ralter, the Rogue commander survived the accident. With the help of his lightsaber and a grenade, he still managed to destroy another walker. Despite the Rebels' best efforts to delay Veers' armored transports, the Imperial general successfully blew up the protective shield generator, allowing Darth Vader and his men to enter Echo Base. While the Rebel command personnel and material was loaded into transports and whisked away just in time, the unprepared Alliance soldiers engaged the Imperials in conventional warfare. Namir and his two men got back to the main base to find Chalis with and Captain Evon, who was unconscious. They then encountered Darth Vader who killed Captain Evon, Roja, and Beak. Namir and Chalis escaped on a shuttle with Chalis' clearance codes.[96] Unable to reach a transport, Princess Leia Organa, Han Solo, Chewbacca, and the droid C-3PO took their flight in the Millennium Falcon. The Alliance delayed the Imperial troops long enough to get its most important staff off the planet, and its ground-based ion cannon temporarily disabled all ships of Death Squadron, preventing them from attacking the escaping transports. All in all, the Empire still won a major victory on Hoth, as the Alliance was routed from its base once again and barely escaped Death Squadron's blockade.[10] The Imperial victory left the Alliance scattered and General Philap Bygar was killed during or after the battle when running from the Imperials.[96] Rebel Alliance on the run[] Organa, Solo, Chewbacca, and C-3PO were on the run on the Millennium Falcon. They evaded many Imperial-class Star Destroyers before escaping the clutches of Captain Lorth Needa. They then traveled to Cloud City on the gas giant Bespin to meet with Solo's old friend Lando Calrissian. Calrissian had the Millennium Falcon repaired but when the time was right, he betrayed them, handing them over to Darth Vader, who wanted to set a trap for Luke Skywalker. He had Solo frozen in carbonite as Skywalker came to Cloud City with R2-D2. Vader then confronted Skywalker, and after defeating him in a duel, revealed that he was his father. Meanwhile, Calrissian had his security turn on the Empire and Cloud City descended into chaos.[10] Skywalker ran from Vader and was rescued by the two as they escaped Cloud City with Chewbacca, C-3PO, and R2-D2. Solo was taken to be Jabba the Hutt by Boba Fett, who had initially tracked them to Bespin.[10] The Second Division of the Rebel Fleet came to be based off a temporary base in the Outer Rim on Panisia.[101] Operation Ringbreaker[] "Operation Ringbreaker has been vetted by Alliance Intelligence. Its goal is to shut down the naval shipyards at Kuat." —Admiral Gial Ackbar in a report to Mon Mothma[6] Shortly following the Battle of Hoth, the Sixty-First had found itself beheaded with their captain Micha Evon killed on Hoth and the rest of the officers killed in the Elochar sector. They were stranded on Ankhural with vital repairs being done to the Thunderstrike, and they needed a purpose, so Chalis and Namir (who took charge) initiated Operation Ringbreaker, which sought to force Imperial redeployments from the shipbuilding world of Kuat by assaulting worlds such as Obumubo, Naator, Xagobah, and the asteroid mines of the Kuliquo belt, thus allowing the Alliance to assault its ultimate goal. This was led by the Alliance's Sixty-First Mobile Infantry, commonly known as Twilight Company. One of the final planets in the chain before the attack on Kuat itself was the mining world of Sullust. The Twilight Company attacked the Inyusu Tor mineral processing facility. The facility was quickly overtaken, and victory seemed sure until Twilight Company's ship, the Thunderstrike, was shot down and damaged beyond repair while attempting to pick up the division.[96] Liberating Sullust[] "As I recall, Twilight Company already had the situation well in hand." —Caluan Ematt[6] Twilight Company was forced to guard the facility until they could find another way off the planet. The Imperial-class Star Destroyer Herald and the ground forces advanced on them. They were aided by the local rebel cell led by Nien Nunb, although the tide of the battle was only truly changed when Governor Everi Chalis disabled the Imperial-class Star Destroyer Herald using a shuttle and ion mines. In the following days, an interim government would be installed in Pinyumb, while heavy losses sustained by the Sixty-First would ultimately cancel Operation Ringbreaker, allowing the company to act as a temporary police force for the Sullustan people. Their Braha'tok-class gunship the Apailana's Promise had barely survived after returning to help them against the Herald. Subsequent pirate broadcasts and intercepted Imperial signals indicated further insurrections across the planet, delaying the inevitable Imperial counterattack.[96] The Second Death Star[] ""Operation Yellow Moon.""You see? We even have a name." —Leia Organa and General Carlist Rieekan[102] Rebounding from their losses at Hoth after Operation Starlight, the Rebel Alliance formally revealed its survival by attacking the Imperial Unity Day parade on Bar'leth, which was being broadcast to the entire galaxy. The victory was therefore incredibly public and showcased that the Rebels took care to not hurt civilians.[103] After Rebel Command learned of the existence of a second Death Star from Skywalker,[104] the Bothan Spynet began to dig for more information. Emperor Palpatine found out about this and sought to set a trap for the Alliance. He let more information be fed more to the Bothans, with many of them dying in order to get it, and hid the fact that the Death Star II was operational. The new information revealed the location of the Death Star II, Endor, the shield protecting it and the shafts within it big enough for starfighters to pass through to the core.[102] When Alliance High Command got this information, they launched Operation Yellow Moon in order to distract Imperial forces across the galaxy. This was led by Princess Organa and her strike team.[102] Meanwhile, the rebels on the MC80 Star Cruiser Invincible Faith had intercepted a message from Moff Derrek Raythe, which would reveal Emperor Palpatine's trap if they decrypted it in time, but they also captured Commander Iden Versio of the Empire's Inferno Squad, who let it happen so she could get rid of the message. She broke free, forced her way through the ship and deleted the message making sure no-one in the Alliance could know about the trap. Versio escaped with the help of the other members of Inferno Squad.[105] Triumph at Endor[] "Admiral Ackbar is right. The Death Star isn't our only enemy—time is, as well. Our attack must come before the battle station is operational—or all will be lost." —Chancellor Mon Mothma[102] In 4 ABY,[17] the Alliance to Restore the Republic was determined to deal a fatal blow to Emperor Palpatine's tyranny. The Alliance Fleet rendezvoused near Sullust to plan an attack. Thanks to its Bothan spies and learned Palpatine was overseeing the final construction stages of the new battle station.[106] The Death Star II in orbit over Endor during the Battle of Endor. It was decided that a rebel strike team led by Skywalker, Organa, Solo, and Chewbacca would land on Endor in a stolen Lambda-class T-4a shuttle, with the mission to deactivate the Death Star's energy defense shield. Little did they know that they fell into a trap. When they reached the shield's bunker, the Imperial Army was waiting for them. In orbit of Endor, the Alliance Fleet was ambushed by a large Imperial armada led by the Super Star Destroyer Executor that emerged from hyperspace. Unable to attack the Death Star II until its shield was destroyed, the Rebel Fleet focused its attack on the Star Destroyers. Although its starfighters were able to maneuver easily around the Death Star II, they were still vulnerable to the battle station's superlaser, which destroyed the Liberty and the Nautilian.[106] On Endor, the rebel strike team ended up allying with the native Ewoks, who used their knowledge of their homeworld's forests to take the Imperial army by surprise. The strike team was finally able to destroy the shield generator after a lengthy ground battle, allowing its starfleet to attack the Empire's dreaded superweapon. General Calrissian flew the Millennium Falcon into the Death Star with Antilles, Norra Wexley, Keir Santage, Jake Farrell, and another A-wing pilot. They flew through the shafts and were pursued by several TIEs, which gunned down Keir's X-wing starfighter. Calrissian then ordered the group to split up, and Farrell, Wexley and the other A-wing pilot flew down another shaft to lure TIEs back out. Calrissian and Antilles then made it to the reactor core and destroyed the battle station's power plant before retreating back out as the Death Star began to detonate. During an attack on the Executor, Green Leader Commander Arvel Crynyd's A-wing was crippled and crashed into the bridge, killing Admiral Firmus Piett and his staff. Having already taken considerable damage from the Alliance's starfighters, the Executor failed and drifted into the Death Star's gravity well, detonating on impact.[106] Meanwhile, aboard the station, a blow of an entirely different kind was struck against the Empire. A captive Luke Skywalker, now a JediKnight in his own right, appealed to Vader's paternal love, convincing him to turn on his Master. Vader—once again Anakin Skywalker—seized the Imperial Head of State and hurled him down a shaft to his death, but at the cost of his own life. The Death Star II soon exploded from the damages to its core. With the loss of Emperor Palpatine and his apprentice, the destruction of the Death Star II, and significant losses inflicted on the Imperial Fleet, the Imperials were forced to withdraw. The Empire suffered a decisive defeat, leaving the Rebels to celebrate in victory.[106] Founding a New Republic[] "Be patient. Be strong. Fight back where you can. The Imperial war machine falls apart one gear, one gun, one stormtrooper at a time. The New Republic is coming. And we want your help to finish the fight." —Leia Organa's holovid[18] In the days following the Battle of Endor, news of the Emperor's death spread to several worlds across the galaxy including Tatooine, Naboo, Bespin, and Coruscant despite many attempts by the Empire to conceal the fact and declare this information to be false. While there was much celebration,[106] a riot broke out at Coruscant's Monument Plaza.[18] With the Empire in turmoil, the Rebel Alliance launched an assault on an Imperial outpost on the far side of Endor. This attack was led by General Solo and uncovered a lot of data and communications on Imperial plans.[107] The Rebel Alliance was eventually reorganized into the New Republic. The new government, however, still had to contend with Imperial holdouts. But luckily, the Emperor's contingency plan had the Empire thrown into chaos with Operation: Cinder turning them on their loyal planets.[107] Legacy[] One year after the destruction of the second Death Star,[17] Republic and Imperial forces fought a major battle on the desert world of Jakku, which saw a Republic victory and the end of the Galactic Civil War.[108] The Alliance also dispatched shock troopers to eliminate former Imperials that became warlords. The shock troopers were later assigned peacekeeping roles after the formation of the New Republic.[109] The symbol of the Alliance to Restore the Republic was used in the insignia of the New Republic[18] and later became the emblem of the Resistance, a military force founded by Rebel veteran Leia and made up of several Alliance officers, such as Ackbar and Caluan Ematt, to combat the First Order, the successor of the Empire.[110] During the Bail Organa statue-dedication ceremony[80] in 28 ABY,[111] speeches were delivered by Senators Tai-Lin Garr and Organa that reminded the gathered audience of the sacrifices made by the Rebel Alliance, which were further reinforced by an air show performed by Republic X-wings.[80] The Archivist recorded in her holocron her belief that empires required enemies, to give their soldiers targets and a reason to enforce fear. Remarking that Palpatine was very cunning in cultivating enemies in his time as both Supreme Chancellor and Emperor, she suggested that he created the Rebellion to maintain the cycle of violence. When her holocron was later discovered by Luke Skywalker and Leia Organa, they remarked that though the Archivist was incorrect regarding Palpatine being the Alliance's founder, he certainly did use it to his advantage. Organization[] Government[] "Stealing food won't help us win. Killing enemies won't, either. Against might on the scale of the Empire, conventional victory is impossible—when our objectives become purely military, we've already lost the larger fight." —Captain Micha "Howl" Evon of the Sixty-First Mobile Infantry[96] The Alliance to Restore the Republic was a military resistance movement, which was headed by the Alliance High Command and dedicated to upholding the ideals of the Old Republic,[113] but also contained the Alliance Civil Government. The Alliance Cabinet served as political High Command, existing separate from the Alliance Military High Command, and represented both civilian and military interests.[7][6] It was led by a Chief of State and had six cabinet posts: Minister of Education, Minister of Finance, Minister of Industry, Minister of State, Minister of Supply, and Minister of War.[6] The Alliance frequently changed its base of operations, ranging from numerous worlds across the galaxy in order to avoid detection or regroup from an attack by its nemesis, the massive Galactic Empire. A diplomatic corps who sought to maintain friendly relations and procure support from various worlds in the galaxy was maintained.[113] Despite this, the Alliance had few worlds openly declare their support for the movement, as those few that did found their worlds cordoned behind Imperial blockades.[96] Military[] "We fight for a cause, but what we're really fighting for is each other. That's why our pilots fly into fire instead of abandoning a wingman and our commandos stand their ground rather than leave a flank unguarded. It's because they care for each other. We fight for duty, yes. But we also fight because we love each other. And that's something even more powerful." —Leia Organa[102] Members and starfighters of the Rebel Alliance military. Prior to the Alliance's official founding, the various rebel cells operated their own military forces. As the cells began coordinating, joint military endeavors were often overseen by cell leaders such as Jun Sato of Phoenix Group,[52] Cham Syndulla of the Free Ryloth movement,[60] and Ryder Azadi of the Lothal resistance.[74] Rebel cells received information from "Fulcrum" intelligence operatives[114] The formal Alliance Military was served by capable military leaders such as Admiral Gial Ackbar, and received intelligence updates through its own intelligence branch known as Rebel Alliance Intelligence Service.[102][107][106] It could also receive information through the Bothan spynet, and maintained the Alliance Fleet and Alliance Army, along with the Rebel Alliance Starfighter Corps.[92] Rebel troopers across the galaxy fought for an end to galactic Imperial rule in units, such as the Sixty-First Mobile Infantry and Thirty-Second Infantry, while the Alliance Special Forces was composed of elite commandos of the trooper ranks.[96] The Alliance Military was controlled by a Commander-in-Chief and was divided into seven sections: Rebel Fleet Command, Rebel Alliance Starfighter Command, Sector Command, Rebel Alliance Intelligence Service, Rebel Alliance Special Forces, Ordnance and Supply, and Support Services.[6] Behind the scenes[] "Before the Empire takes over, we already had these little groups out there… and they need a way to come together. And that's really where your Bail Organas and your Mon Mothmas come in. They're the way that you can galvanize these rebels, and you get a Rebel Alliance." —Dave Filoni, on how the Onderon rebels help set the stage for the Rebel Alliance[115] Dave Filoni, the supervising director of Star Wars: The Clone Wars animated television series, stated that he and George Lucas intended the Onderon rebels, seen in the Onderon arc, to be the first of many militias that were created by the Jedi during the Clone Wars, militias that would be brought together by characters such as Bail Organa and Mon Mothma to become the Rebel Alliance.[115] The visual design of the Rebel Alliance in Star Wars: Episode IV A New Hope was modelled on the costumes of the western genre and the United States Marine Corps.[116] Appearances[] Non-canon appearances[] Sources[] Non-canon sources[] LEGO Star Wars: Build Your Own Adventure Notes and references[] External links[] Rebel Alliance on Wikipedia