

IMPERIALISM

Should the United States become an imperialist power by keeping the Philippine Islands?

Theodore Roosevelt

- “There comes a time in the life of a nation, as in the life of an individual, when it must face great responsibilities, whether it will or no. We have now reached that time. . . The guns of our warships in the tropic seas of the West and the remote East have awakened us to the knowledge of new duties.’



DEBATE

Imperialism

- A. Is overseas expansion, and therefore control of the Philippines, part of the inevitable manifest destiny of the US?
- B. Would ruling another nation be compatible with basic American ideals of democracy and self-government?
- C. Is acquiring the Philippines essential for America's economic health and future trade with Asia?
- D. Should the dark-skinned Filipinos be brought under the rule of white-skinned Americans?

Anti-Imperialism

Foreign Policy

- To what extent was US expansion in the late 1800's and early 1900's consistent with previous American expansion?