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**The imperialist actions used by U.S during the late 19th and early 20th century**

**1Introduction**

**A Historical Context**

American imperialism refers to when the military, economic and the cultural influence of American had on other countries. The imperialism was popularized first at the time of president James K. Polk. The American Empire concept came to reality through the middle of 1800s.At this time, the issue of industrialization was causing business people to go out the nation and seek international markets for selling their goods. The increasing social Darwinism influence was leading to belief that America was exclusively responsible for bringing issues like democracy, industry and Christianity to the less developed societies. All these attitudes including other factors led to America moves toward imperialism (Drake).

**B Argument**

American imperialism is rooted in the exceptionalism of America, the issue that United States is not the same from different countries because of its specific mission of the world for it spreading democracy and liberty. The imperialism theory is traced back on 1800s from observes of Alexis who was concluding that America was not the same nation like the others and it was proceeding in the path in which there was not limit perceived. It is not easy for one to trace the exact beginning of imperialism in America. It is because some historians say that imperialism started with the writing of constitution. A historian named Donald W. Meining was arguing that the behavior of imperial of America was dating back at least the purchase of Louisiana. Donald was describing the event as being an encroachment of one person on the territory of one person coming in the subjugation of the alien rule. Donald was referring to United State policies to the Native Americana which he was saying they were designed to the remolding them into people who were appropriately conformed to the imperial desires (D.Moore).

Despite the origin of imperialism, it was experiencing its pinnacle from the 1800s to the years that were following the world war two. During that 1800s age, the America was exerting social, political and also economic control over countries like Cuba, Philippines, Austria, Japan and Korea. One of the main notable examples of the American imperialism in the specific age was the annexation of Hawaii in the year 1898 and it was allowing the United States to gain control and possession of all the buildings, military equipment, ports, public property and harbors which were owned by the government of the Hawaiian island. On January 1893 the last Monarch Hawaii kingdom, the queen Liliuokalani got deposed in a coup defat largely led by American citizens opposed to the attempt of Liliuokalani for establishing an improved constitution. The action resulted eventually in Hawaii becoming the 50th state in America in the year 1959.

**2. Opposition to Imperialism**

The Anti-Imperialist American league was an established organization in America in the year 1898 to fight the annexation of the American of the Philippines insular area. The league was arguing that the American-Spanish war was an imperialism war of camouflaged as the war of liberation. The anti-imperialist was opposing the expansion as they believed imperialism was violating the republicanism mostly the need for the governed consent. They were not opposing the expansion of constitutional, religious, commercial or the humanitarian grounds but rather they were believing the -administration and the annexation of the third-world areas of tropical which was meaning the abandoning of the ideals of the American of isolation and self-government, the ideals was getting express in America independence declaration. The farewell address of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The league was representing an older generation and rooted in earlier era which was defeated in the terms of the opinion of the public, the election of 1900, the actions of the president and the congress were becoming the young progressive who were coming to support the imperialism.

**C Conclusion**

In conclusion, the American imperialism was made popular at time of President K. Polk and the empire of America concept was coming to the reality through the middle year of 1800s.The increase of Darwinism was leading to the belief that America was responsible for causing the issue like democracy, industry and Christianity to less developed societies. American imperialism is rooted in the exceptionalism of America, the issue that United States is not the same from different countries because of its specific mission of the world for it spreading democracy and liberty. The imperialism theory is traced back on 1800s from observes of Alexis who was concluding that America was not the same nation like the others and it was proceeding in the path in which there was not limit perceived. It is not easy for one to trace the exact beginning of imperialism in America. It is because some historians say that imperialism started with the writing of constitution.

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