

# The Debate Over Imperialism

## Imperialists

- 1. The U.S. needs colonies to compete economically.
- 2. To be a true world power, the U.S. needs colonies & naval bases.
- 3. It is the American destiny to expand, and its duty to care for the poor, weak peoples.
- 4. To abandon territories makes the U.S. appear cowardly before the world.
- It is only honorable to keep land that Americans lost their lives to obtain.