

Causes of U.S. Imperialism

- **New Technology**: improvements in transportation & communication – world more interdependent
- **Need Markets & Raw Materials**: business wanted raw materials from abroad & both farmers & businesses wanted more people to sell their products to
- **Growth of Naval Power**: strong navy needed to protect shipping routes
- **Manifest Destiny**: Americans needed new frontiers beyond their current borders
- **Social Darwinism**: U.S. was obliged to carry its benefits to others
- **Missionary Spirit**: introduce Christianity and “civilization” to others