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### Manifest Destiny

The term Manifest Destiny is an ideology that was created by John O'Sullivan in 1845 with the publication of an article in Texas. The article was "The United States Magazine and Democratic Review", he was the original editor and it was published between the time period of either July through August in 1845 (History.com). Manifest Destiny in the 19th century according to my Internet search was "a widely held belief in the United States that its settlers were destined to expand across North America" (Wikipedia). This means that the word had a meaning that was significant to settlers and it was like the term described it by destiny because of God. It wanted the United States to have more territory as possible for expansion. The expansion for a New World that was destined to be the "best". Although some people argue that it has more than just one meaning depending on their own intake. This term as mentioned before has multiple meanings and for the people in the West it was their reason of settlement, they believed that their destiny was to move and settle in other places other than the West. This ideology influenced the war on Mexico in the mid 1800s because the United States was wanting more and more territory as possible that they took over Texas which was part of Mexico back in the mid 1800s. With Texas being as big of a state this was not good for Mexico, and especially because Texas had a lot of petroleum. This was one of the reason why the Mexican-American war began and why Mexico was extremely mad at the United States. The war ended with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo which was a treaty of peace, love, friendship, limits, and definite

arrangements giving up more than half of what was Mexico. This was states such as California, Utah, Nevada, Texas, New Mexico, part of Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, and Oklahoma (Wikipedia). The term Manifest Destiny has changed meaning and significance over the year until this day present. Manifest Destiny in the twenty first century in my opinion the meaning is more politically than wanting territories. For Global War and Terrorism Manifest Destiny mean for the United States to help other countries in war. The old meaning of manifest destiny was more of the obsession I want to say of the United States wanting more land as well as trying to take over more land as possible. The “destiny” of the settlers was believed to move from the West to fight and conquest more land. Compared to its meaning today having to do not much with territories but more with policies. The reason is because to my knowledge and in my opinion the United States wants other countries to have similar policies and to have similar views in certain political aspects. I would relate the meaning of the old Manifest Destiny of wanting to expand with the meddling that it is occurring today in some countries in a way that the United States ends up benefiting from both. The United States ended up benefiting from territory with Manifest Destiny and with the meddling because the United States at the end can take up to more than half of the credit of winning the war “helping” another country. Meaning that the United States ends up either doing or helping in regards to their own benefit. In my own personal opinion I do not believe that it is and that it is not right for one country to meddle in another country just because they have political power and military power to do so. The reason I have a neutral opinion is because in some cases it is good to help other countries and in others it is best to stay out of it. Meddling in another country just because of better military and political power can make another country feel inferior and it gives a country the want to show off that it feels superior to all countries and it should not be like that. Today countries instead of meddling and going to war should all come to an agreement to strive for world peace rather than Global

War and Terrorism. The innocent people in the country do not deserve such. For example, if a country is in war and is asking the United States for help against another country that is a good friend of the United States it is best to just not get involved because what happens is that the United States gets involved and suddenly we are at war against one country without having the need to be in war. The people get scared and then it decreases people's travel availabilities to that country just because a country decided to help. It is a good decision to meddle in some cases because there are some countries that do really need the help and do not have enough resources to go to war and their chances of winning maybe less than half and it is good to get other countries involved in that case to be able to save the people and the country. There are some strategies that other countries can provide to help win a war against a country or just become a better country with better defense for the people. I strongly believe that if a country is at war and is not asking for help nor seems to need the help then no other country should get involved. My reasoning to that belief is that the people of the other country do not deserve to die nor have their lives threatened. Also that would not be fair for the country in war because it is trying its hardest to be able to win the war without help and when they do get to win the helping country wants to take more of the credit than the actual country fighting the war from the start. To conclude, there are some occasion when it is "right" for countries to meddle in another country only when it is needed and asked for other than that I strongly believe that it is not right.

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