

Media technologies and the modern empire

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Colonial power gets stronger at home and in other nations it will seek to colonize as it learns from its military and political experimentation. In his book, 'Policing America's Empire', McCoy discusses in depth the advantage that the colonialist power gets from experimenting abroad, specifically in Philippines. He writes, one way that America uses its colonization over Philippines is as "a social experiment in the use of police as an instrument of power" (McCoy, 16).

"war transforms technology and industry, so colonialism plays a comparable role for government, producing innovations, particularly in the use of coercive controls, with a profound impact on its bureaucracies both home and abroad ... experiments whose lessons were later repatriated through policies and personnel" (McCoy, 37).

Experimentation helps the colonialist power learn about what works and what does not in that state.

Give example of America learning about filipino control of media and of rigging elections.

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