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Essay 5: American Interventionism

Since the American revolution, U.S. has been characterized as a democratic nation, assuming a responsible role not only for its own well-being, but also for the well-being of all people around the globe.

These sense of duty and paternal commitment towards their neighbors has caused the U.S. many benefits and drawbacks during the course of history. The most current case of U.S. interventionism is in the war between Russia and Ukraine, where its influence is based on supplying artillery for the protection of the Ukrainian army against Russian attacks.

Needles to say, U.S. foreign interventions have not always been for the most noble causes. There were cases in which the purposes of the United States were based on mere imperialism power or domination over the poor and defenseless classes like the Mexican-American War in 1846-1848. Nonetheless, U.S. has proved better stewardship over the new resources earned after the wars.

Some of the most notable instances of U.S. interventionism are the Quasi War (1798-1800), the Barbary Wars (1801-1805), the World War I (1914-1917) , and the World War II (1939-1945).

U.S. interventionism in the Quasi War against France, helped to establish a greater American presence on the high seas. The Barbary War was another important intervention because it helped the United States to stand up against their competitors and streamline international trade. Then, in World War I, the United States intervention was crucial to put an end to the war. Later, United States tried to remain neutral in World War II, but their neutrality ends when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor in December of 1941. The last war brought many benefits for the American economy.

On the other hand, American interventionism has carried many disadvantages to the country: Tens of thousands of soldiers killed in clashes, excessive spending on weapons of war ,and financial problems.

In response to President Nelson's invitation to be good global citizens, my commitment is to strive to live according to the moral principles established in the constitution and in the scriptures. Avoid disputes and defend in a concrete and respectful way our convictions and our religion. To carefully study the historical events of my country, and also to know political issues in order to make good use of my vote by electing honest and upright representatives for my nation.