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Wilson, That's All!

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Woodrow Wilson: Moral Diplomacy

“Moral Principle”

- Duty to work for peace through example & diplomacy
- US has MORAL responsibility to educate developing nations about Constitution & laws
- Moral Nations should obey international laws



REAR VIEW.

—Orr in the Chicago Tribune.

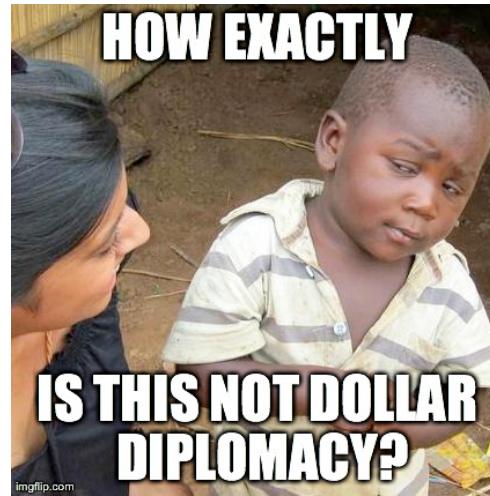
Challenges

- 1913-14 – Wilson & Bryan (Sec. of State) push for non-aggression pacts w/ 27 nations, but doesn't prevent WWI
- Racism – Few federal positions for AfAm, Supports CA in anti-JPN legislation
 - JPN upset, but Wilson's diplomacy avoids war
 - Tension heightened in Asia



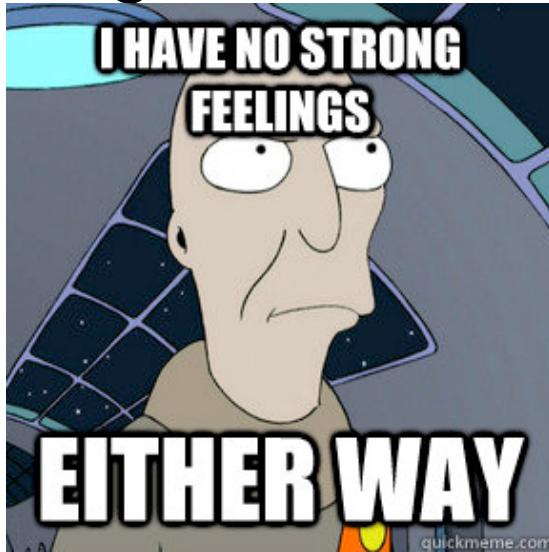
Latin America

- Wanted better relations → ends dollar diplomacy
- Apologized & paid indemnity to COL over Panama
- Unsuccessful b/c LAm didn't trust his motives & he sent political loyalists to carry out his plans
- Oh, and some stuff happened in Mexico...
- BLUM: He never realizes how close he is to Dollar Diplomacy & how much LAm's hate him (597)



Neutrality?

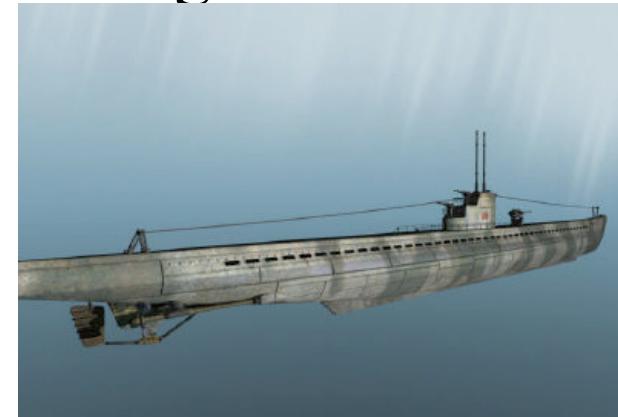
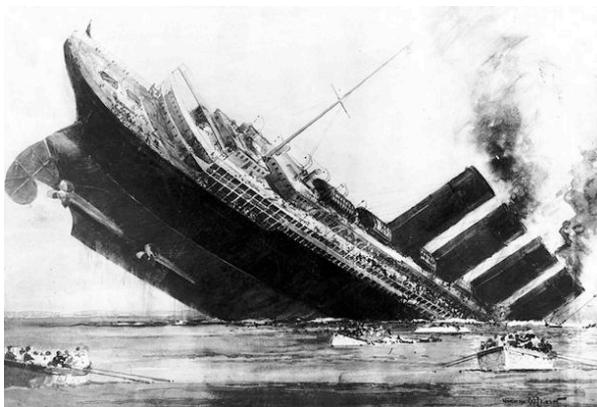
- “Neutral in fact” (601)
 - **BLUM**: Americans wanted to be neutral, BUT they didn’t understand their own nationalist sentiment
 - Standard for “neutral rights” nebulous & American
- UK believes we should only trade w/ Allies →
 - Blockade GER so US goods can’t enter
 - 1915 – Big loans to UK/FRA → invested in Allied victory



But money says otherwise

Unrestricted Submarine Warfare

- Thoughts? (602-605)
- 5/7/1915 – *Lusitania* sunk → 128 US killed → demand for apology & indemnity → GER gives it
 - Republicans/Populists: “moral treason” to let Americans sail on these ships → Wilson defeats in Congress
- Later, *Arabic* & *Sussex* sunk
 - Wilson: If GER attacks → diplomatic relations would end
 - **Sussex Pledge** – No GER attacks w/out inspection
 - **BLUM**: Just gave our decision to go to war to GER!



Americanism & Preparedness

- Pro-war philosophy championed by TR and adopted by Wilson → justified racism/jingoism (605)
- 1916 - \$500M in arms sales to Allies
- **National Defense Act** – Army from 90K → 400K
 - \$313M to build up Navy
- 1916-1917 – GER fakes out US w/ desire to negotiate → resume USW in Feb. & sinks US ships



Zimmerman Note

- Telegram from GER to Carranza asking to keep US busy in exchange for American SW after GER win
 - Intercepted by UK & shown to USA
 - 3/1/1917 – Published to American public



CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED									
First Day Message									
Our Letter									
Midnight Message									
Night Letter									
Please shade the box & answer the question in the space provided otherwise the telegram will be delayed WE PAY FOR PRIORITY MAIL & A FAST DAY MESSAGE.									
 WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM									
NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT									
(C) 3300 M.C. Date: JAN 19 1917 Time Fwd: via Galveston <i>W. A. D. Germany</i> <i>49 Sabine St</i>									
Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to									
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MEXICO CITY									
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BEPNSTOPPF.									
									
Charge German Embassy.									

US Entry into WWI

- 4/4/1917 – Congress votes for war w/ huge majority
- 5/18 – **Selective Service Act**
 - Men 21-30 register (later 18-45)
 - Can't buy your way out like in Civil War
 - 2.8M drafted, 4.8M serve, 50K KIA
- **BLUM**: US unprepared for war; Causes (608)
 - **Gen. John Pershing** wants 6mos. Training in EUR before fighting → to FRA in June 1917

