I. Rise of American Empire

A. Prologue

1. Ideology: American Exceptionalism

a. The City on the Hill

**“for we must Consider that we shall be as a City upon a Hill, the eyes of all people are upon us” (John Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush, Barack Obama, Mitt Romney)**

b. Early Pre-Revolutionary Puritans

i. new Chosen People

ii. new “Promised Land”

c. unlimited natural resources

d. no class or caste system

e. infinite opportunity

f. benevolent and moral country ( a “good” country)

g.. a unique and special people (if you are white!)

2. America: Manifest Destiny

a. white race is ordained by God

b. conquer North America

c. justified “expansion”

i. Native Americans

ii. Mexican American War

d. Monroe Doctrine

e. Wilson: a “global destiny”

3. Overthrow

a. Hawaii

b. Spanish American War

i. Cuba/Platt Amendment

ii. Philippines

iii. Puerto Rico

c. Panama and the Canal

d. Roosevelt Corollary to Monroe Doctrine

i. Nicaragua

ii. Honduras

e. Wilson: Haiti, Dominican Republic, and Mexico

4. Grand Strategy

a. dividing up the world: again

b. beginning: containment and an empire of bases

c. “friendly dictators” : Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Chile, Argentina, Brazil,

d. “unfriendly dictators” :Cuba and Castro, Congo and Lumumba, Vietnam and Ho Chi Minh

e. Cold War and Military Industrial Complex

i. Structure

ii. MAD: arms race

iii. economy:

. permanent war economy

.56 cents of every dollar to defense

iv. power elite

v. witch hunts

f. CIA: Killing hope

5. New enemies and old: from the Soviet Union to Terrorism to China and Russia and Iran and Venezuela)

6. The empire now.

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