I. Wealth, Status and Power

A. American Exceptionalism or "Fifteen Thousand Hours of Indoctrination"

1. Unique country

a. qualitatively different from and superior to all other countries

i. special relationship to God, in fact, the history and future of the U.S. is God's design-Providence

ii. embodies the highest values of humanity

b. country to which all others look as both symbol and

reality for what is possible "City on the Hill"

c. Americans are a unique and special people

2. Infinite possibilities

a. no constraints on the possibilities of individual achievement

i. no class or caste structure

ii. no restrictive culture or social traditions

iii. no class conflict

iv. freedom

b. institutions serve to benefit all: create opportunity for all

i.economy: work hard and you will be successful

ii. education: “great equalizer”

iii. political system: participation and representation

c. unlimited resources

i. early America: infinite natural resources primarily land

ii. today: infinite human resources: innovation, creativity,

entrepreneurship

d. American Dream

**"The only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work hard for them."**

3. Benevolent country

a. guided through relationship to God or highest

human values

b. most generous country in the world

c. acts with force only to defend itself and to help other countries and other peoples

d. burdens itself by trying to be world’s policeman for good