The Enduring Issue of Power

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An enduring issue is an issue that exists across time and culture, it is one that many societies have attempted to address with varying degrees of success. One enduring issue is power, meaning to show strength or control over a person or a group. The use of power has been shown throughout the world and American History. For instance, power was shown in the Spanish-American war, and when Theodore Roosevelt used imperialism and the US military in Latin America. Throughout American history, power is an enduring issue we have faced.

The enduring issue of power is shown throughout document four. First, power is shown when Roosevelt shows off his Great White Fleet. The Great White Fleet symbolizes power, as it was one of the most powerful navy battle fleets at the time, and the Great White Fleet shows how strong the United States military was. It intimidated other countries and nations. Equally important, power is shown when Roosevelt is seen as big. When Roosevelt is big and tall, as shown in document four, it would indicate that he is very strong and powerful. Furthermore, Roosevelt carrying a stick signifies that he is powerful. For example, the stick that Roosevelt is holding represents his military and its force. According to the Big Stick Policy, Roosevelt is acting peaceful and calm, but if necessary, Roosevelt will have to use his Big Stick, otherwise known as the United States military. Similarly, another way power is shown was when Roosevelt and the United States was acting as the police force of the Western Hemisphere. Roosevelt collect Latin America’s debts using force and power if they refused. Power has affected and been affected by many people. For instance, power has affected Latin American countries. Roosevelt used his Great White Fleet to threaten and force Latin America to pay debt or use it in war against the countries. Also, it improved trading efficiency when the United States gained the Panama Canal by using power against Columbia. Power has continued or changed overtime in many ways. For example, power has continued in future wars and conflicts, and in making new weapons. Undoubtably, the enduring issue of power was shown in American history.

Power is an enduring issue shown throughout document three, as well. First, power was shown when the United States took over and gained Spanish territory, which were Guam, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico. The United States would build naval bases on these islands, which would increase their power and military strength. In addition, power is shown when the United States defeated Spain in the Spanish-American war. Spain was one of the most powerful countries at the current time. Since the United States defeated Spain in the Spanish-American war, the United States was viewed as a world power. Likewise, the United States began taking over and controlling other nations and countries. This would be called imperialism. Imperialism is the act of gaining new land or power through force, especially military force. This showed power because when the United States started forcing nations to hand over hand, it threatened other countries to not mess with the United States. Power has affected or been affected by others when fighting in war. For instance, during war, power would essentially be needed to win a war. Power would include the military, the naval bases around the world, nations gained by the US. Then, power has continued in the United States military overtime to win such wars like World War 1, the Spanish-American War, and more. Finally, power was shown in document three, and in American conflicts.