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Of all the topics currently facing the United States, the most significant is the Louisiana Purchase. No other avenue of debate provides the potential for expansive change and development than this subject. While Barbary States may be a thorne in our side and political furors will continue to rage in Washington, we must act on the subject of acquiring Louisiana territory before this opportunity slips through our hands.

The Louisiana Purchase will be very beneficial to the future of America. Not only is this great expanse of land rich with potential for trade, but it could also be beneficial to the growth of our nation.

Moving out west could help the United States financially, as there may be economic opportunities out there with the natives. This would most certainly benefit us. Along the east coast, we have profited from trade with the tribes such as the Iroquois and Algonquin since the earliest days of our nation. It is very likely that the many western tribes might have similar interests in trading. Examples of such trade goods are plentiful: furs, weapons, promises of land, each could bring valuable resources and assets into the American treasury. But this is only one reason why purchasing the Louisiana Purchase would be beneficial.

We would also have full control of New Orleans, the keystone port of the Mississippi river. Having this control over New Orleans would serve not only strategic interests, but multiply our economic capabilities. Customs Houses on the river's only

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mouth would solidify regulation of trade. Having the regulation of trade would not only allow us full freedom of trade in all sorts of goods, but also defend our commercial enterprises from foreign taxation or intervention. In conclusion, the clear solution to America's current economic problems is to buy the Louisiana Purchase. Let's purchase the Purchase!