

Committee: The 8th Congress  
Topic: The Purchase of Louisiana  
Country: USA, New Jersey

As a member of the Democratic-Republican Party representing the state of New Jersey, I am convinced that purchasing the State of Louisiana will bring great prosperities to our nation, as well as highlighting the American values of power and majesty. The potential purchase of Louisiana is one that could have a lasting impact on the history of America, as this decision has the possibility to almost double the territory of the United States with extreme implications.

The French control the Louisiana territory and the British still control Oregon, two pieces of land filled with economic potential in the fur trade, forestry, natural resources and trade of the Pacific Ocean. Furthermore, the Spanish control most of California and the western territories, with great ports, important to the economy. (SSUNS) Notably, the trades that have been enormously profitable to the Americans is now threatened by these nations. Juan Ventura Morales, responsible for administrating the colony has ended the American right to deposit goods in New Orleans without taxation. This threatens the economy of our Western territories, as goods can't be stored in warehouses in New Orleans and have to be left on the wharfs, open to the threat of thieves. Therefore, this congress should decide to support these American ideals of expansion to claim power and control over the colony. (SSUNS)

Furthermore, the Louisiana territory has vast economic potential. If there can be a successful negotiation of the sale of the Louisiana territory for a reasonable amount of money, the economic pay off would be astronomical. (SSUNS) As previously mentioned, the varying minerals including gold and silver would bring in extreme wealth for the United States. Furthermore, the land is extremely arable due to the Mississippi and its tributaries. Slave labour could be used to a very efficient extent in this territory for agriculture and to further expand plantations.

Expanding on this, the purchase of the Louisiana territory could increase the United State's international presence. Central and South America become easy targets for expansion, or allies for produce from the Mississippi. The increases in population, commerce, mining, and agriculture the Louisiana Purchase allowed worked to strengthen the nation as a whole.

Furthermore, the Louisiana territory is widely settled by the French, Spanish, Acadian and German settlers, making it a culturally diverse territory. A consequence of the Louisiana purchase is a fundamental change in the American populace. United States is composed mainly of English speaking white Protestants and black slaves. The Purchase adds a population of largely French-speaking Catholics. This could be the real beginning of multiculturalism in the United States, with a purchase price of approximately 10-15 million dollars. In conclusion our young nation is more than capable of showcasing its power on a global scale, and that will only be possible if we vigorously expand economically. This seems to be only possible through investing in the state of Louisiana.

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