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Defining “Empire”

Identifying the Fundamental Attributes of Empire

• The British Empire

• The Russian Empire

• The “American Empire”
The Fundamental Attributes of Empire

- Expansion/Conquest
- Power/Capability
- Mission/Purpose
Expansion/Conquest

A state’s securing of resources and the establishment of preferable principles and values in other state/peoples.

- US military bases across the globe
- US military intervention in foreign states
- US foreign aid
Power/Capability

A state’s ability to cause change in other state/peoples more effectively and successfully than other states/peoples may cause change in the imperial state and other foreign states under imperial influence.

- US military might
- US economic dominance
- US cultural influence
Mission/Purpose

The presence and establishment of specific ideological driving forces and justifications for the actions of a state.

• Liberal values (democracy, individual rights, liberty, etc.)

• Capitalism
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