



Creating An Empire

Day 1 – Expansion and Immigration

**BECAUSE EMPIRES AREN'T JUST FOR
STAR WARS**

OBJECTIVES

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- *Terms:*

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- Discrimination
- Slums
- Barrios
- Sweat Shops
- Expansionism
- Imperialism
- Isolationism
- Interventionism

JOG THE MEMORY...

- Following the Civil War during the time period we call “Reconstruction”, what were some of the biggest issues / concerns?
- When you suddenly have an influx of “free” people, what do they want?
- In addition, as the U.S. starts to prosper, we will see a lot of *new* blood coming to our shores...

MAKE AMERICA IMMIGRATE AGAIN

- Before the Civil War, other than enslaved people, most immigrants came from Northern and Western Europe.
 - *Why do you think that is?*
- *In addition, most shared a common religion, spoke English, and “assimilated” well.*
- However, by the mid-1880s that shifted...

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DON'T GET OVERZ-ELLIS



- By the late 1800s more were coming from “foreign” lands, with other languages, religions, and backgrounds.
- *Thus, we needed a way to “process” those individuals efficiently, and on a massive scale. In the West, it was Angel Island in San Francisco Bay, but in the East...*
- Ellis Island
 - Immigrant processing center
 - New York Harbor
 - Immigrants were questioned about health, occupations, relatives, and plans
 - *Some even had names changed!*

DON'T GET OVERZ-ELLIS



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"GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR,
YOUR HUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE,
THE WRETCHED REFUSE OF YOUR TEEMING SHORE.
SEND THESE, THE HOMELESS, TEMPEST-TOST TO ME,
I LIFT MY LAMP BESIDE THE GOLDEN DOOR!,,

CULTURE CLASH

- *Not everyone to our “golden doors” found America the land of opportunity*
- *After all, they needed to find a job, a place to live, and hopefully room to grow*
- *Meanwhile, those who were now “free” following the Civil War also needed those things...*

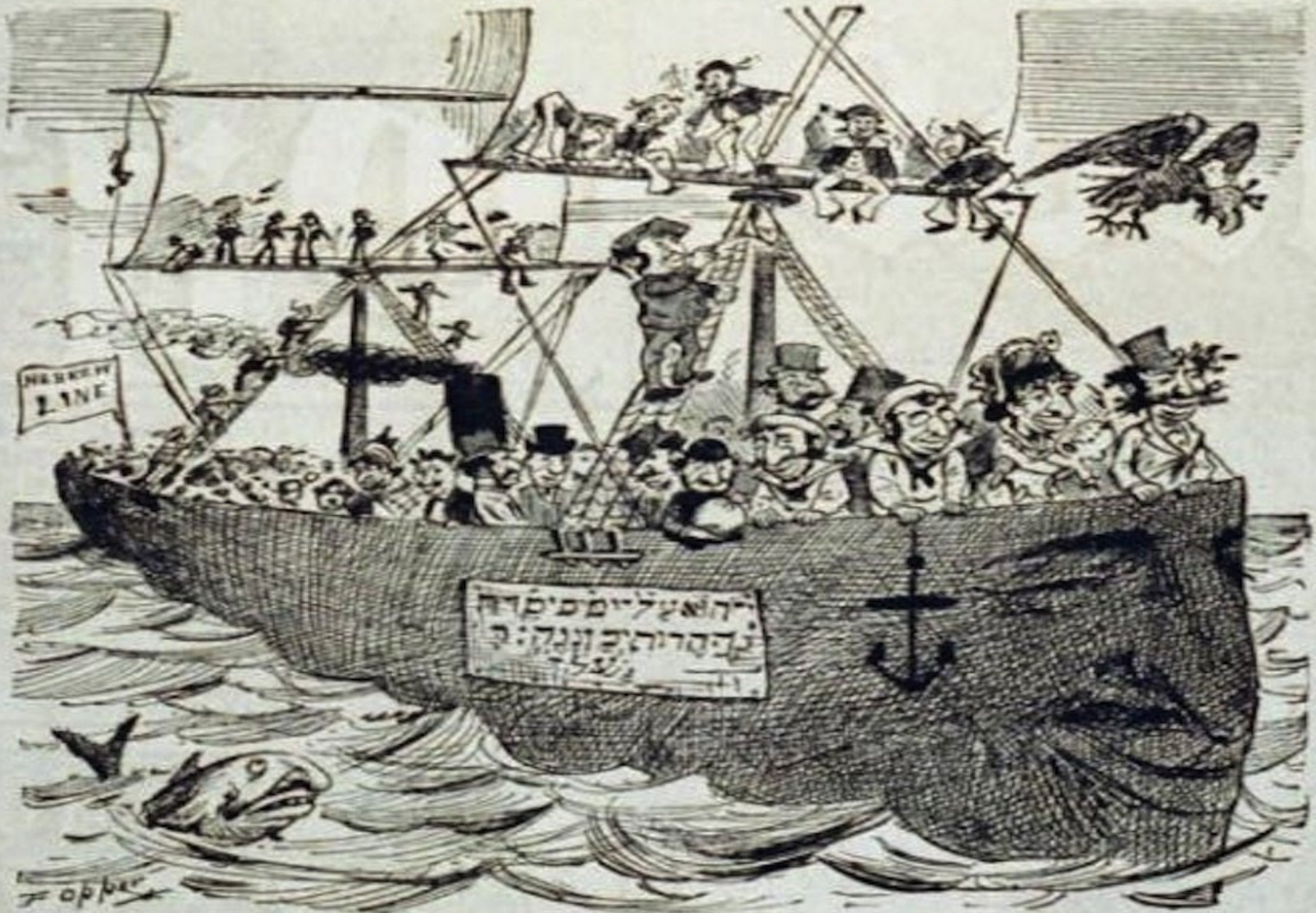
CULTURE CLASH

- *Many suffered* discrimination
 - Unfair treatment of a group
 - In the late 1800s *generally* due to race (*ethnicity*), religion, or place of birth
- *This, along with cramped situations in cities forced many immigrations into “less than ideal” situations...*



CULTURE CLASH

THE "NEW TRANS-ATLANTIC HEBREW LINE"



CULTURE CLASH

"THE LIBERALS' PAL."



THE ALIEN EMPLOYER (to British Workman): "You can go now. Mine friend, who has just arrived, will do your work for half your wages."

Protectionist propaganda 1906 from the Conservative pamphlet 'Topical Tips for Typical Tykes'.

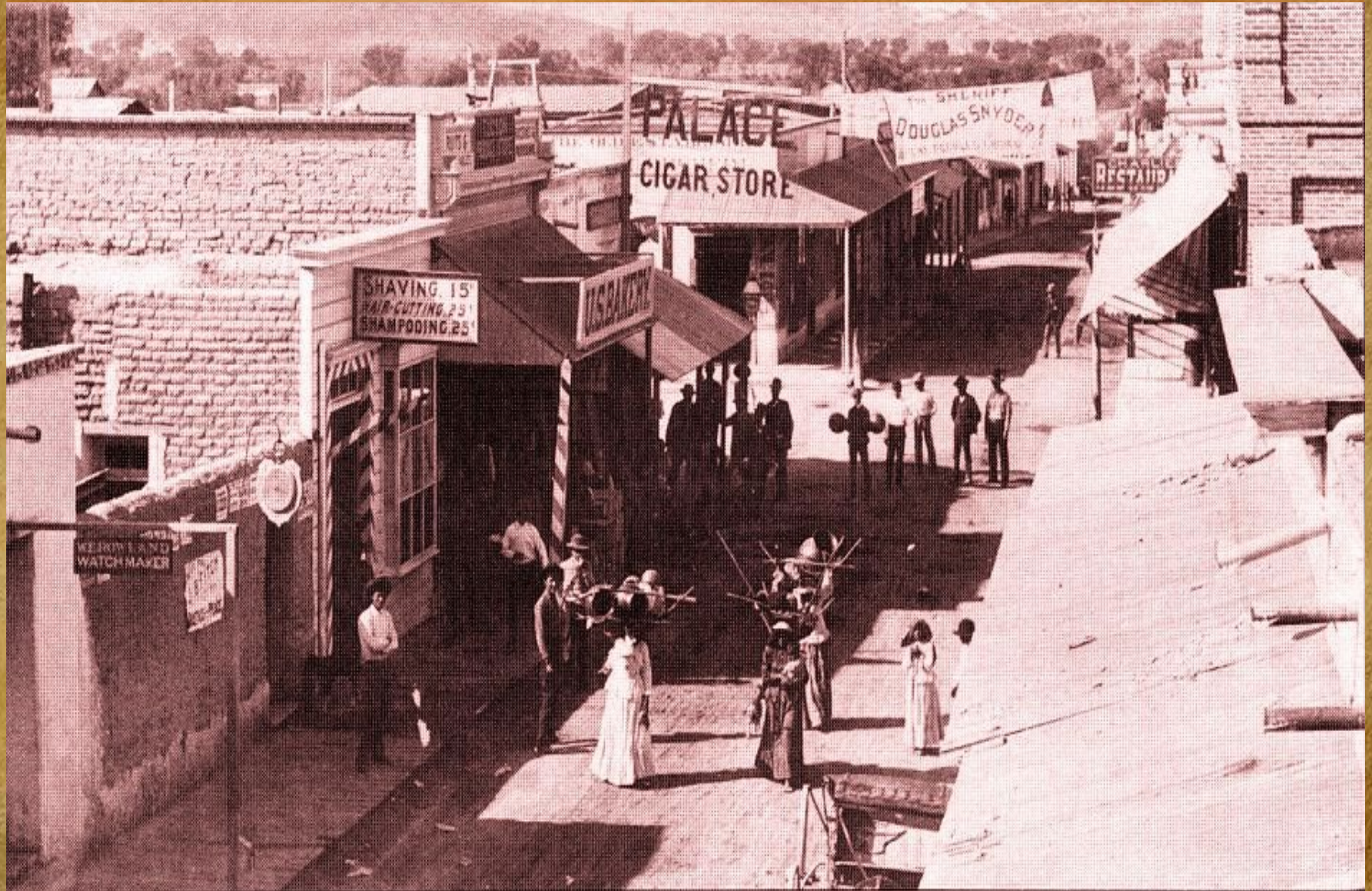
SWEATIN' TO THE MOLDIES

- *In places like New York City, this created slums*
 - Poor, crowded, and run-down urban neighborhoods
 - Often unsafe, and higher in crime
- Others merely chose to segregate by culture group, like the barrios
 - Spanish-speaking neighborhood
- And finally, many had no choice but to take whatever work they could find, even if in sweat shops
 - Long hours, low wages, and unsafe conditions

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SO... WHY MOVE?

- *So... WHY did so many immigrate to the United States between 1870-1910?*
- *Opportunity?*
- *Food?*
- *Land?*
- *Better Treatment?*

ATTITUDES EMERGE

The reasons people came TO the U.S. also forced those IN the U.S. to take a stand, and decide how to view the “World’s Problems” but also America’s role in them...

**RETHINKING
AMERICA’S
ROLE**



ATTITUDES EMERGE

These attitudes can be simplified down to primarily four “isms”:

Expansionism

Imperialism

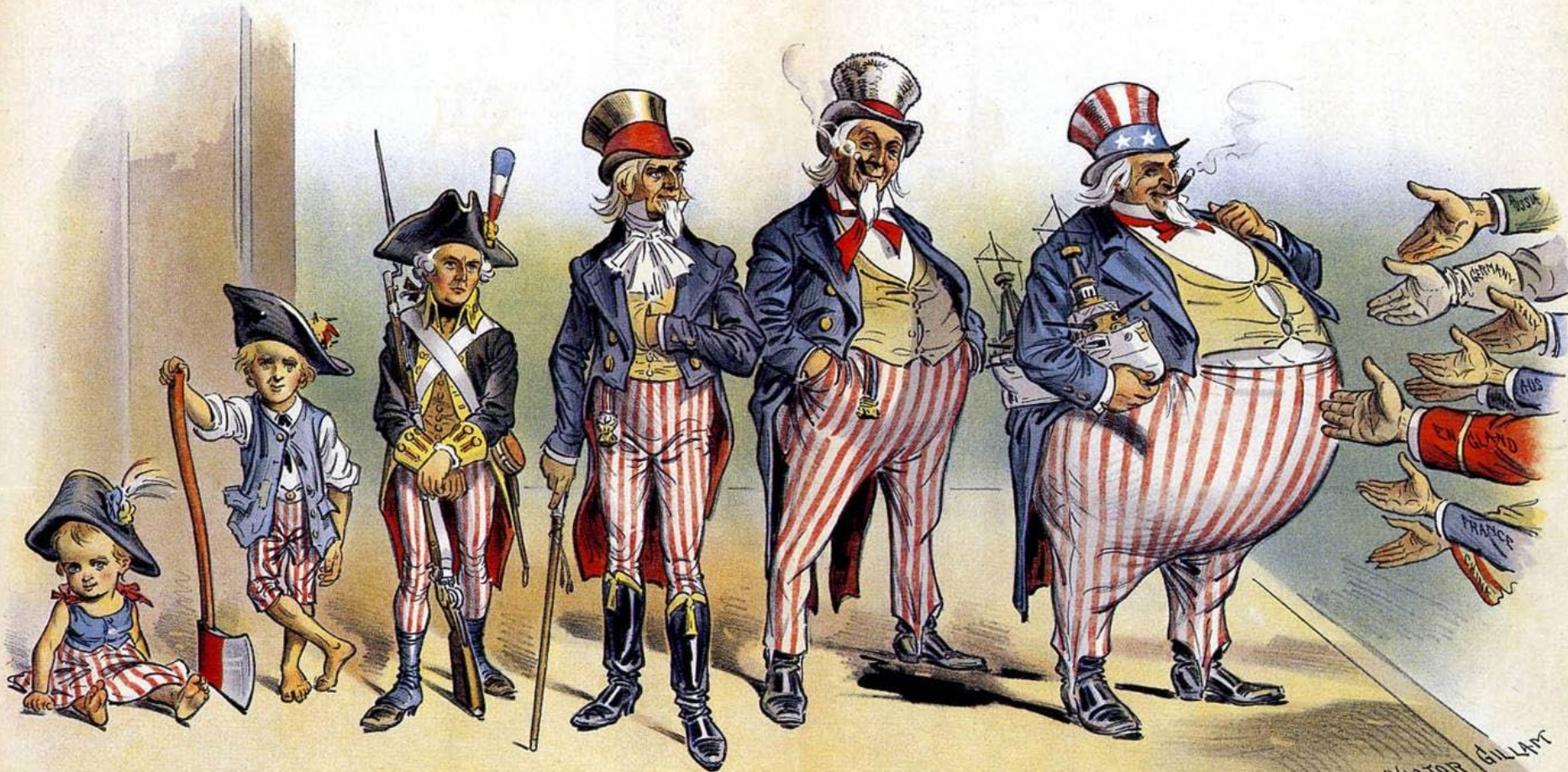
Isolationism

Interventionism

EXPANSIONISM

- Policy for expanding a Nation's boundaries
 - *Thru whatever means necessary*
- i.e. The United States in the early years
 - ...or Putin right now 😊

EXPANSIONISM



VICTOR GILLAM

<p>-1783-</p> <p>THE UNION STARTED WITH 13 STATES. AREA IN SQUARE MILES. 349,845</p>	<p>-1803-</p> <p>THE UNION CONSISTED OF 17 STATES AND THE PROVINCE OF LOUISIANA CEDED BY FRANCE.</p>	<p>-1819-</p> <p>THE UNION CONSISTED OF 22 STATES. FLORIDA CEDED BY SPAIN.</p>	<p>-1861-</p> <p>THE UNION CONSISTED OF 34 STATES TEXAS BEING ANNEXED IN 1845.</p>	<p>-1898-</p> <p>THE UNITED STATES CONSISTED OF 48 STATES AND TERRITORIES AREA SQR. MILES 3,601,270. IN THIS YEAR HAWAII WAS ANNEXED.</p>	<p>-1899-</p> <p>THE UNITED STATES HAS COME INTO POSSESSION OF VALUABLE COLONIES CUBA - PHILIPPINES AND PORTO-RICO.</p>	<p>AND NOW ALL THE NATIONS ARE ANXIOUS TO BE ON FRIENDLY TERMS WITH UNCLE SAM.</p>
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"A LESSON FOR ANTI-EXPANSIONISTS."

IMPERIALISM

- **When** one nation exercises political or economic control over another



- *Usually smaller or weaker*

- *i.e. The British Empire*



IMPERIALISM



ISOLATIONISM

- Policy of avoiding involvement in World Affairs
- *“Hands off”*
- *i.e. The United States during the French Revolution*

ISOLATIONISM

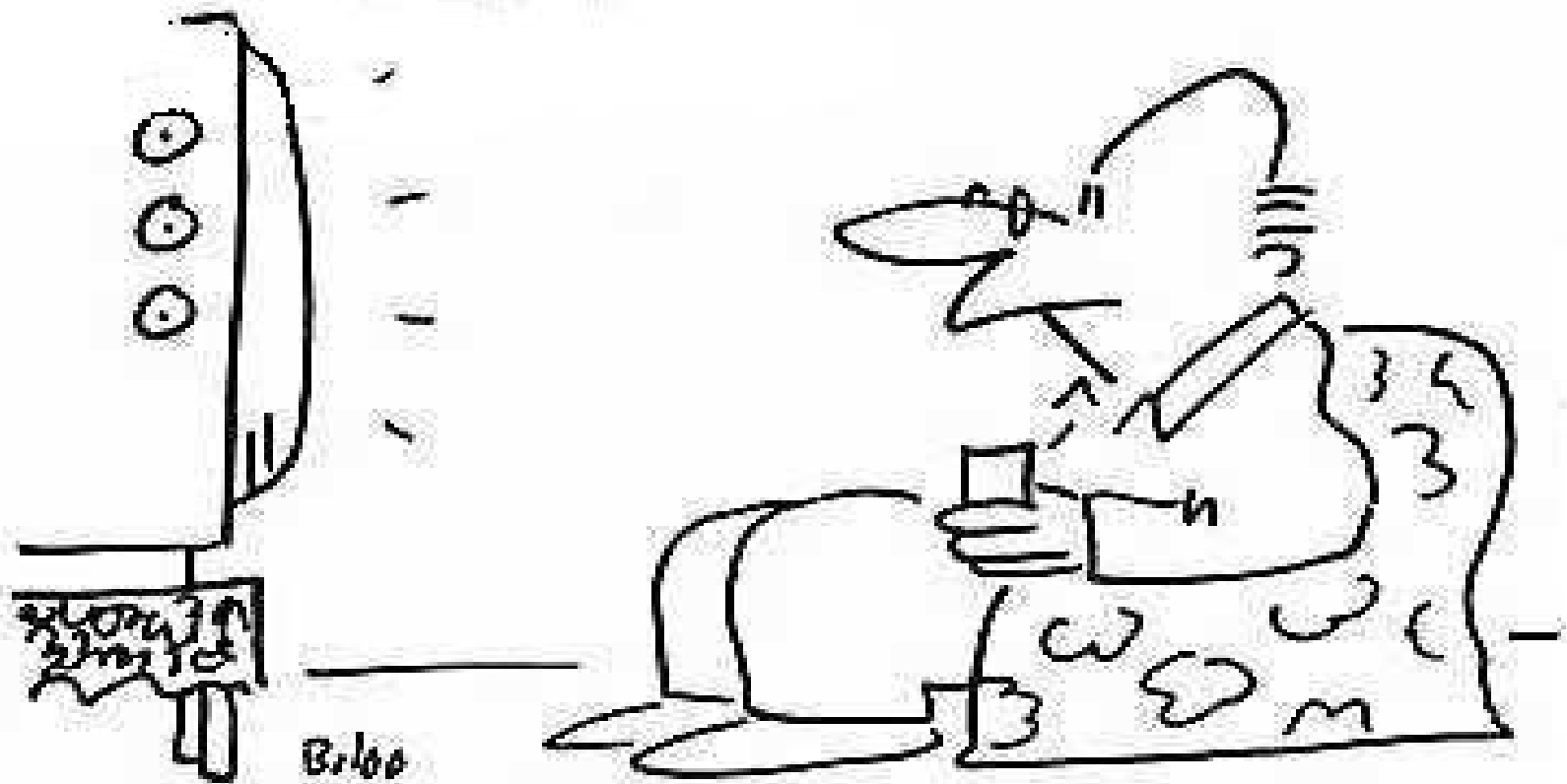
With a Whole World to Rebuild . . .



INTERVENTIONISM

- Being actively involved in world affairs
- *Especially militarily*
 - *But can also mean \$\$\$*
- *i.e. Sending troops to South Korea*

INTERVENTIONISM



"While US troops were busy in Yugoslavia, South Korea, and Haiti today, North Dakota seceded."

AND SO...

- *We should see, in part, that the changing makeup of America's PEOPLE would lead to changes in POLICY, and a need for more "space"*
- *In addition, we need ways to improve the ways we LIVE and WORK*
- *But THAT, is next week... **The Gilded Age***
- *And now, a video tribute to those generations of immigrants, without whom most of US wouldn't be here...*



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