White

Supremacy,

Capitalism

and

Imperialism

WHAT IS THE UNITED STATES?

The United States is a capitalist nation-state created by military conquest. European colonialists stole the lands of the indigenous peoples of the Americas, committed genocide against the indigenous peoples, then kidnaped and enslaved African peoples to work the stolen land. The wealth created from land theft and enslaved labor made some of the colonialists very rich and enabled them to establish the United States.

The United States was the world's first white supremacy state — a state in which white supremacy and capitalism are like two peas in a pod.

The United States expanded its land by military conquest. It made war on Mexico and took half that nation's territory. It wrote laws that robbed the Mexican people of their homes and lands in *Occupied America*. And it blessed this theft with the myth of "manifest destiny."

The U.S. imported Chinese and Mexican labor to build the railroads that would connect the vast land mass 'from sea to shining sea.' It used Mexican workers to grow the food and extract the minerals that made *Occupied America* a pasture of plenty for the rich. Then it hopped a gunboat and gobbled up Puerto Rico, Cuba, Guam, Hawaii and the Philippines. And it has been invading nations of color ever since, until today the U.S. is the most powerful *imperialist* state in the world.

STOLEN LAND,

ENSLAVED LABOR

AND WAR:

THE

'CAPITAL'

FOR

U.S. CAPITALISM



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