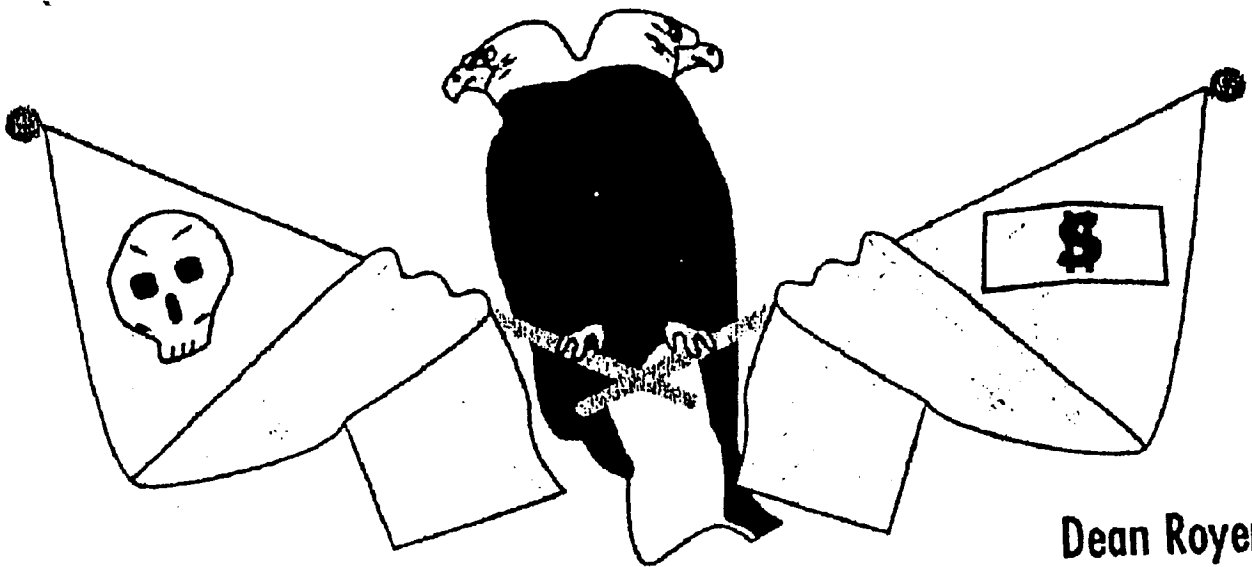


# IMPERIALISM: THE 2-FACED MONSTER



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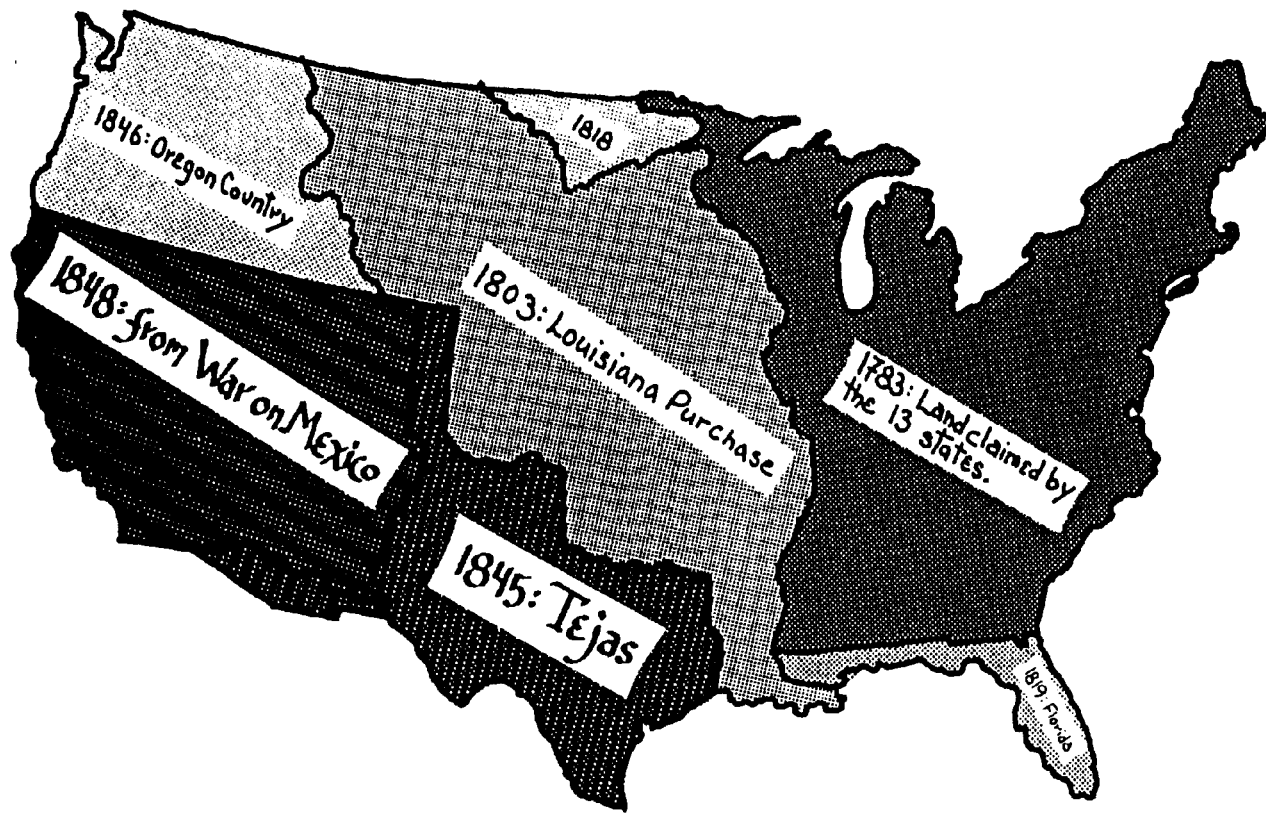
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\* Graphic of 'Imperialism: the 2-Faced Monster,' by Dean Royer

# IMPERIALISM

"We will simply say that imperialism can be defined as the worldwide expression of the search for profits...by monopoly finance capital, centered in Europe, and then in North America...imperialism is piracy transplanted from the seas to dry land, piracy reorganized, consolidated, and adapted to the aim of exploiting the natural and human resources of our peoples..." *Amilcar Cabral*

\* Definition of Imperialism by Amilcar Cabral, a revolutionary leader of the national liberation struggle in Guinea-Bissau in the 1970's.



## “Manifest Destiny” or Imperialism?

\* 'Manifest Destiny' or 'Imperialism?' from 500 Years of Chicano History in Pictures. Edited by Elizabeth Martinez. New Mexico: (SW Organizing Project: 211 10th St. SW. Albuquerque, NM 87102.) 1991. p. 36.

\* 'The American Century: A Chronology of U.S. Intervention'  
(source unknown)

## **[THE AMERICAN CENTURY: A CHRONOLOGY OF US INTERVENTION]**

- PHILIPPINES, 1898-1910:** seizes from Spain, 600,000 Filipinos killed
- PUERTO RICO, 1898:** seizes from Spain
- PANAMA, 1901-14:** separates country from Colombia and annexes canal zone
- HONDURAS, 1903:** US marines intervene against revolution
- NICARAGUA, 1912-33:** 20-year occupation and war against guerrillas
- HAITI, 1914-34:** occupation
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, 1916-24:** occupation
- CUBA, 1917-33:** military occupation, made into economic protectorate
- RUSSIA, 1917-22:** five landing of troops to try to overthrow revolution
- YUGOSLAVIA, 1919:** marines intervene against Serbs
- PANAMA, 1925:** marines suppress general strike
- CHINA, 1927-34:** marines stationed throughout the country
- EL SALVADOR, 1932:** warships sent during revolt
- JAPAN, 1945:** firebombs Tokyo and other cities, drops atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- PUERTO RICO, 1950:** independence rebellion crushed
- KOREA, 1950-53:** US and South Korea fight China and North Korea to stalemate. US threatens to use nuclear bombs. At least two million Korean civilians killed or wounded
- IRAN, 1953:** CIA overthrows democracy
- GUATEMALA, 1954:** CIA directs invasion after government nationalized land belonging to US United Fruit company
- LEBANON, 1958:** US troops land
- VIETNAM, 1960-75:** two million Vietnamese killed in longest US war
- INDONESIA, 1965:** one million killed in CIA-assisted coup
- GUATEMALA, 1966:** troops intervene
- CAMBODIA, 1969-75:** US carpet-bombs. Two million killed by years of bombing and starvation
- CHILE, 1973:** CIA-backed coup overthrows democratically elected government
- ANGOLA, 1976-92:** CIA assists South African-backed rebels
- LIBYA, 1981:** two Libyan jets shot down
- EL SALVADOR, 1981-92:** troops and air power assist death squads, 75,000 people killed
- NICARAGUA, 1981-90:** CIA directs Contra invasions
- LEBANON, 1982-84:** US forces intervene, navy shells Beirut
- HONDURAS, 1983-89:** US troops build bases for death squads
- GRENADA, 1983:** US invasion
- LIBYA, 1986:** capital Tripoli bombed in effort to kill President Gadaffi
- IRAN, 1987:** Iranian passenger jet shot down over Persian Gulf
- PANAMA, 1989-90:** invasion, thousands of civilians killed
- GULF WAR, 1990-91:** US-led coalition kills 100,000 Iraqis
- SOMALIA, 1992-94:** US-led United Nations occupation, thousands killed
- EX-YUGOSLAVIA, 1995:** bombs Serbs and assists ethnic cleansing
- SUDAN, 1998:** bombs pharmaceutical factory
- IRAQ, 1998:** four days of air strikes, raids continue until present day
- SERBIA, 1989:** 78 days of NATO air strikes
- AFGHANISTAN, 2001:** US-led war kills thousands

# **COLONIALISM**

**Colonialism is a system of national oppression in which a colonizing state maintains total economic, military, political and cultural control over a colonized nation or people.**

**The purpose of colonialism is to extract maximum profits from the colonized nation for the colonizing state.**

# **NEO-COLONIALISM**

**Neo-colonialism is a system of national oppression in which the colonized nation wins political independence from the colonial power.**

**But the colonial power actually retains control of the oppressed nation by:**

**(1) maintaining ownership and control of the oppressed nation's economy;**

**(2) financing and training the nation's military; and**

**(3) 'offering access' to the colonialist's education in order to colonize the minds of government officials and other leaders.**

**In the present era of imperialism, the IMF, World Bank and WTO function as the neo-colonizers of most Third World nations.**

\* Neo-Colonialism: A Definition (Thanks to Harmony Goldberg of SOUL, the School of Unity and Liberation, for this definition. SOUL's contact info is 1357A 5th Street, Oakland, Ca. 94607. Ph: 510-451-5466. [www.youthec.org/soul](http://www.youthec.org/soul).)

# NEO-LIBERALISM

Neo-liberalism is a set of world wide economic policies which, over the last 25 years, have resulted in the rich getting richer and the poor growing poorer.

These policies include:

(1) The rule of the market without restrictions imposed by governmental bodies, regardless of the human or environmental costs;

(2) Drastically reducing the safety net for poor people by slashing governmental budgets for social services;

(3) Deregulation: reducing government regulation of everything that could diminish corporate profits;

(4) Privatization: selling off state-owned institutions to private investors -- railroads, postal services, schools, hospitals, fresh water-- so that corporations profit and people pay more for less;

(5) Eliminating the concept of "the public good" or 'the community' and replacing it with 'individual responsibility.'

Neo-liberal economic policies are enforced by brutal police and military repression locally and globally. "Cutbacks, crack downs and corporate power" summarize these policies of global capitalism or imperialism in the era of Y2K.

(Definition adapted from "What is Neo-Liberalism? A Brief Definition for U.S. Activists" by Elizabeth Martínez with Arnoldo García. The phrase "cut backs, crack downs and corporate power" was created by the Bay Area organization, STORM —Standing Together to Organize a Revolutionary Movement.)