

# The American Experiment

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Founded on the Principles in the Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights – for 200 years the United States of America was the dream destination for those who were seeking to escape from the restrictions of their ancient societies, and strike out on their own. It was the first society to really break out of the Feudal mindset. It helped if you were White, Christian, and Male, but even if you weren't, the US of A afforded opportunities found no where else on Earth. Rugged Individuality, Yankee Ingenuity, Liberty, Equal Rights – these qualities and ingredients to a good life were for quite a while safely insulated by oceans and weaker neighbors.

The constantly warring mature Colonial Powers of the Old World continued in their subjugation of most of the rest of the world. Napoleon kept England focused close to home during a critical period. And by the time any of the European Powers could have successfully launched a war of reconquest on the New World society that had slipped their grasp in 1776, the US of A was itself a significant Power. Borne of war, the young country did not stint in giving its army things to do on its home continent. It had its own series of wars with the native (misnamed) Indians, Mexico, and then its disastrous (misnamed) Civil War. It proved itself internationally by knocking off the tottering Spanish Empire in 1898. Its reward was to be thoroughly infected by the deadly disease of Colonialism and Empire. The US had officially joined the club of Despoilers of Weaker Peoples.

Basically, the US has gone on to win in all categories in the world arena. Perhaps its high point relative to the rest of the world was between the end of the Second World War and the beginnings of the Viet Nam Police Action. And on a grand scale, if I were asked to name the end of the era, I would say that the 1989 fall of The Wall in Berlin was the defining endpoint in the Civilization Era, which had begun before Histories were written. After millennia, the US was the only player left standing. Barring an attack from Mars, there was no threat to the US left anywhere. Since then, the incredible Empire built on the foundation of Personal Freedoms has been winding down (as have its Personal Freedoms). The process is far from a pretty one – as the Global Cop, the US is thrashing about in the world – or perhaps a better analogy is the triumphant drunk after the brawl is over. He's still on his feet swaggering around daring anyone to challenge him. But there are none foolish enough to stand up in front of him and duke it out. All the new pretenders to the throne are content to bide their time and watch as the drunken bully sinks into the inevitable consequences of his unchecked alcoholism.

The Game is over. The champion has been crowned. Now, world domination is just being remolded and accommodated to a new setting. The Old Order of conflicting races and ideologies is basically done. There are a few ongoing mopping-up operations, as in the Middle East, but these are sideshows, in comparison to the feature presentation now over. However, if left unchecked, the Process of Civilization will continue; it will now turn on its own, and civilize Man into a compliant chattel animal on the Worldwide Corporate Farm of Sustainable Profits for the Elite.