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Document A

![Map of the United States with Hawaii and the phrase "Ten thousand miles from tip to tip. - Philadelphia Press, 1898"]

Yes. Protection from U.S. power

Yes. Economic Benefits -resources -trade w/ Asia

Note: Notice the image of the smaller United States 100 years earlier in 1798.
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“Some argue that American rule in the Philippine Islands will result in the better education of the Filipinos. Be not deceived (tricked)...(We) dare not educate them unless they learn to read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States and mock (make fun of) us for our inconsistency. (Think of what these two documents do for Americans and what that SHOULD mean for Filipinos.)

...(A) war of conquest is as unwise as it is unrighteous (against god)...It is not necessary to own people in order to trade with them...”

-no. not economically beneficial

Document C

Source: Albert J. Beveridge, Campaign speech while running for US Senate in Indiana, September, 1898.

“The opposition tells us that we ought (should) not to govern a people without their consent (permission). I answer, The rule...that all just (fair) government derives (gets) its authority from the consent of the governed, applies only to those who are capable of self-government. We govern the Indians without their consent, we govern our territories without their consent, we govern our children without their consent...Would not the people of the Philippines prefer the just, human, civilizing government of this Republic to the savage, bloody [Spanish] rule...from which we have rescued them?

Do we owe no duty to the world? Shall we turn these peoples back to the reeking hands from which we have taken them (Spain)? Shall we abandon them, with Germany, England, Japan...financial benefits

Yes. Ungift to govern
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**Document D**

**Source:** Platform of the American Anti-Imperialist League, October 1899.

**Note:** A platform is a series of positions or beliefs that a group or political party fights for.

“We denounce the slaughter of the Filipinos as a needless horror. We protest against the extension of American sovereignty (power) by Spanish methods…

We hold with Abraham Lincoln, that “no man is good enough to govern another man without that other’s consent. When the white man governs himself, that is self-government, but when he governs himself and also governs another man, that is more than self-government -- that is despotism (rule by a tyrant").”

*No. Wrong thing to do*

*a tyrant is a cruel, often violent ruler*

**Document E**

**Source:** William McKinley speech to a group of clergymen (religious leaders), November 21, 1899.

I walked the floor of the White House night after night until midnight… And one night late it came to me this way…

1. We could not give (the Philippines) back to Spain - that would be cowardly and **dishonorable**

2. **We could not turn them over to France and Germany** - our commercial rivals in the Orient (Asia) - that would be bad business

3. We could not leave them to themselves - they were unfit for self-government- and they would soon have anarchy (chaos) and **misrule** over there worse than Spain’s was;

4. There was nothing left for us to do but to take them… educate the Filipinos, uplift and civilize and Christianize them, and by God’s grace do the very best we could by them…
...It is deeply regrettable that your government should wage war upon us; that millions of dollars and many valuable American lives should be sacrificed... We are fighting for our homes, for all that is dear to us... We have proved our ability to maintain order in the provinces, to carry on the post and telegraph services throughout the country... in a manner that satisfies all nations having business relations with us. But Mr. McKinley won't give us an opportunity to demonstrate our ability...

I hope, dear sir, that you will put it very clearly before your countrymen that the Filipinos do not regard the American people as their enemies. We do not. We regard them as our friends, and we wish to be on friendly terms with them. It is against the actions, the ruthless invasion of our country sanctioned by Mr. McKinley and his colleagues, that we protest by fighting as best we can."