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## **Causes of the Rise of Imperialism in the U.S. at the Turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

- **A belief that the nation had a right to take over new lands. Manifest Destiny**
- **The perceived moral obligation to extend America's way of life to others.**
- **American citizens were already migrating into new lands in North America.**
- **An increased need for foreign trade for economic growth led to a growing interest in gaining control over foreign markets.**
- **A fear that European nations would gain control of strategic locations that were important to the United States.**