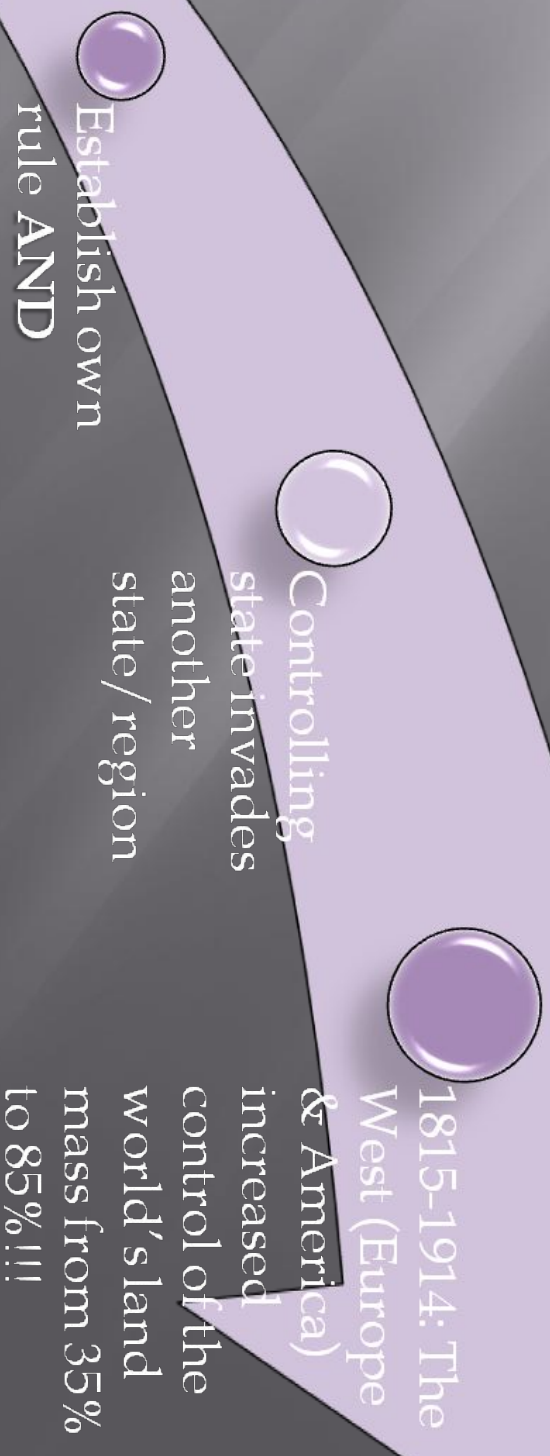


Imperialism and the Industrial Revolution



Need for Resources

EXPLOIT for OWN PURPOSES

LAND=POWER

Industrial Revolution leads to Imperialism

INDUSTRIALIZATION
GAVE THE WEST...

A. Ability to conquer :

- *immense wealth allowed Western world to conquer far-flung places*

B. Reasons to conquer:

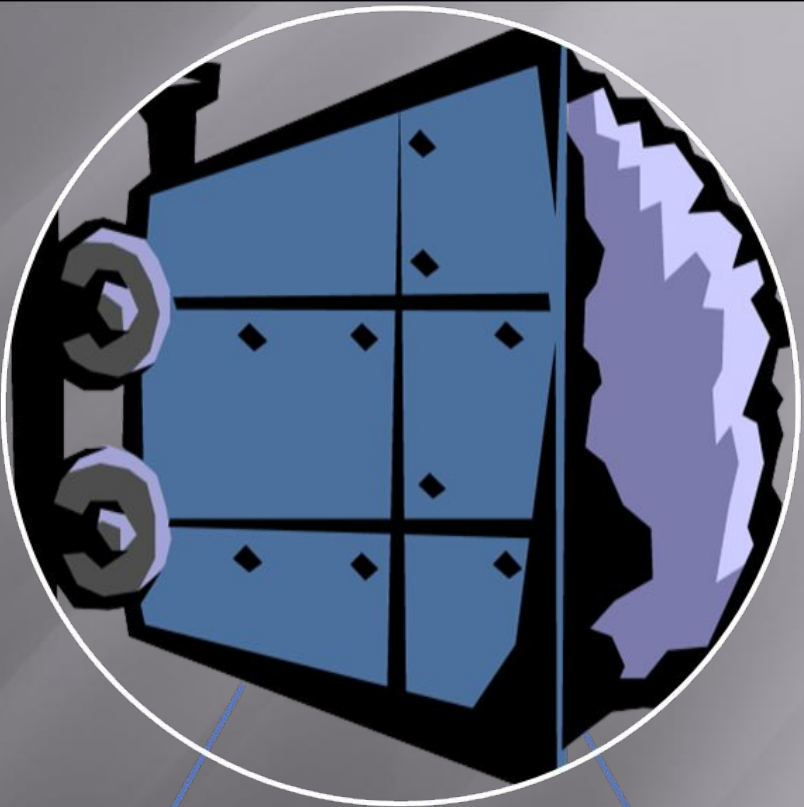
- *factors of production*
- *power struggle*
- *industrial dominance*

Industrial Revolution leads to Imperialism

MOTIVES for Imperialism:

1. Need for **markets**
2. Need for **resources**: land, labor, natural resources
3. Need for *strategic lands* for **military** purposes (i.e. protection)
4. Need to prove **superiority**: *Social Darwinism*: The strong survive; the weak die off:
 - Technology overpowered weaker countries
 - Steam-powered gunboats; Machine guns; Exploding shells

Economics: RESOURCES & MARKETS



RESOURCES

- Large-scale industrialization made Western factories demand more **RAW MATERIALS**

- Raw Materials → seized from less powerful nations
- More materials=More **Capital (\$)** goods=More **Capital (\$)**

MARKETS

- Industrialized nations needed **MARKETS** for **FINISHED** goods
- Colonies controlled served as potential markets → **Capital Gain (\$)**
- Trade increased → dominated by industrial nations

Political: PROTECTION (Militarism)

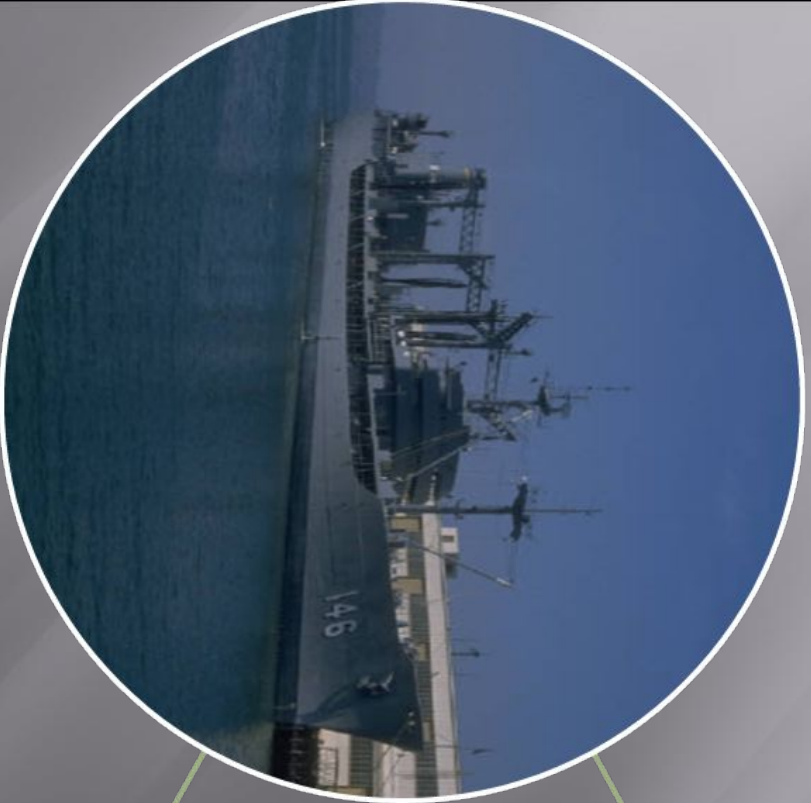
Strategic
Locations

- Industrial (Western) nations need to maintain bases & coal/oil stations around world for growing fleet (trade & other)
- Repair & Refuel

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Protection

- Assured those “uncivilized” natives don’t fight back
- Place based on lands=buffer zone of **PROTECTION**
- Industrialization created new weaponry for the West – rare for native populations to resist military force



Social: Social Darwinism/SUPERIORITY

Beliefs justified in crude & prejudiced ways (social, religious, etc)

Superiority → conquer & colonize areas that appeared “backwards” or “primitive”

Belief that those who were technological & culturally advanced were **PERMITTED** to conquer those who weren't

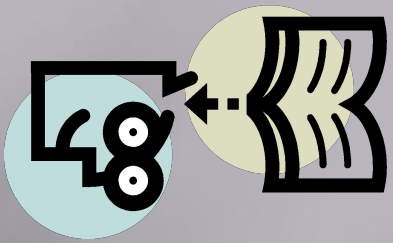
Racial & Cultural Superiority
Widespread in West
→ Created sense of **ENTITLEMENT**

Superiority/Social Darwinism
(application of Darwin's survival of fittest to humans)

Argued in favor of imperialism – **HOW?**

Social: Social

Darwinism/SUPERIORITY

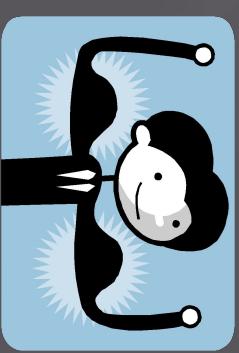


Science & Technology
key to allowing West
to CONQUER &
COLONIZE

Knowledge seen as
POWER

Industrial
advancements
(communication,
transportation,
medical, etc) lead to
empire building in far
away places

Superiority/Social
Darwinism



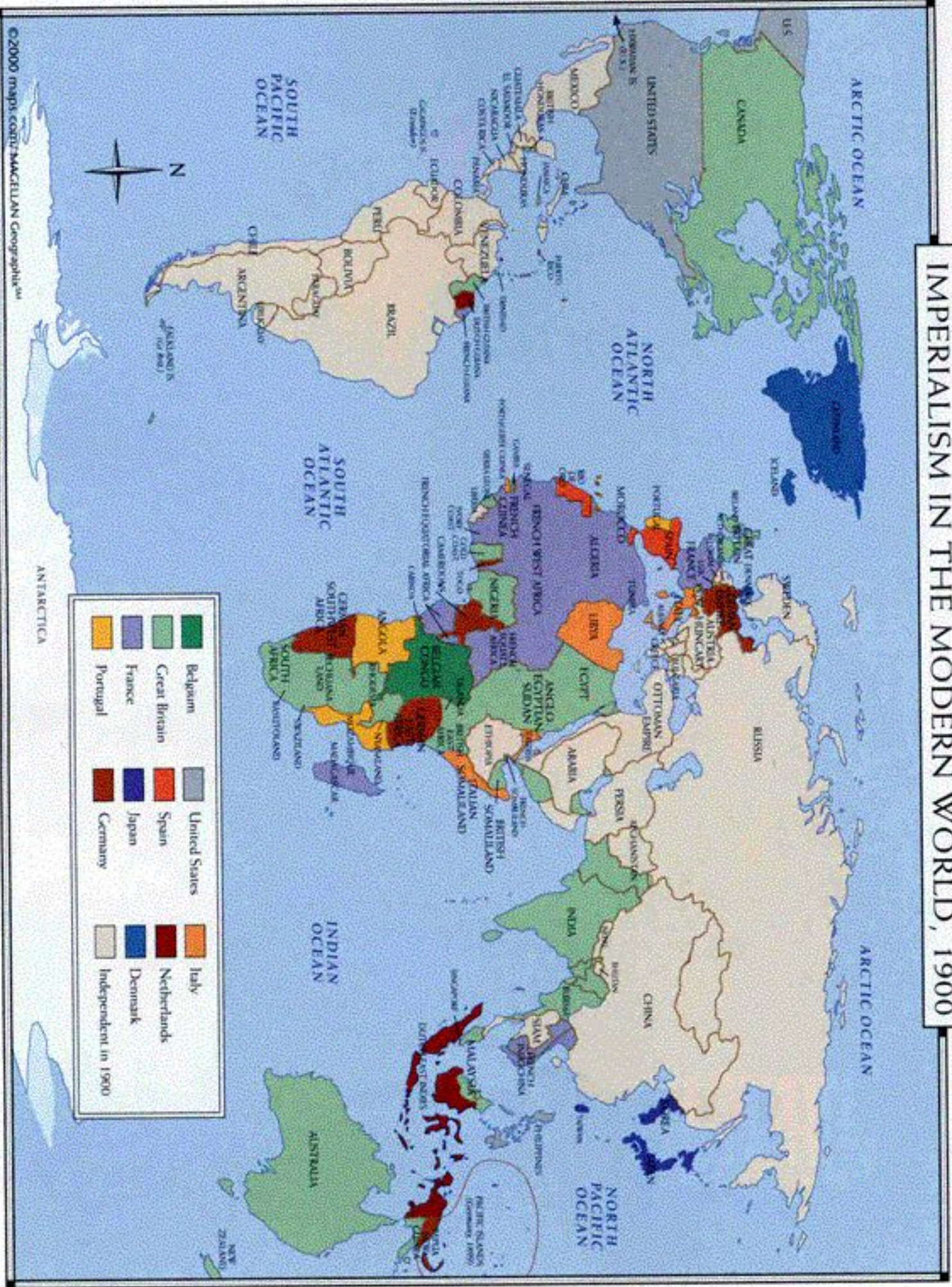
Social: Social **Darwinism/SUPERIORITY**

“I contend that we are the finest race in the world, and the more of it we inhabit, the better.”

--Cecil Rhodes--
British imperialist



IMPERIALISM IN THE MODERN WORLD, 1900



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Types of Imperialism

COLONY: Governors and soldiers sent to control the people

- Most advanced form

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE: An outside power claimed economic (trading) privileges

- China was the best example

PROTECTORATE: Local rulers left in place

- Supposed to listen to advice of mother country
- Belief that natives can't take care of themselves properly
- Cost less to run than a colony