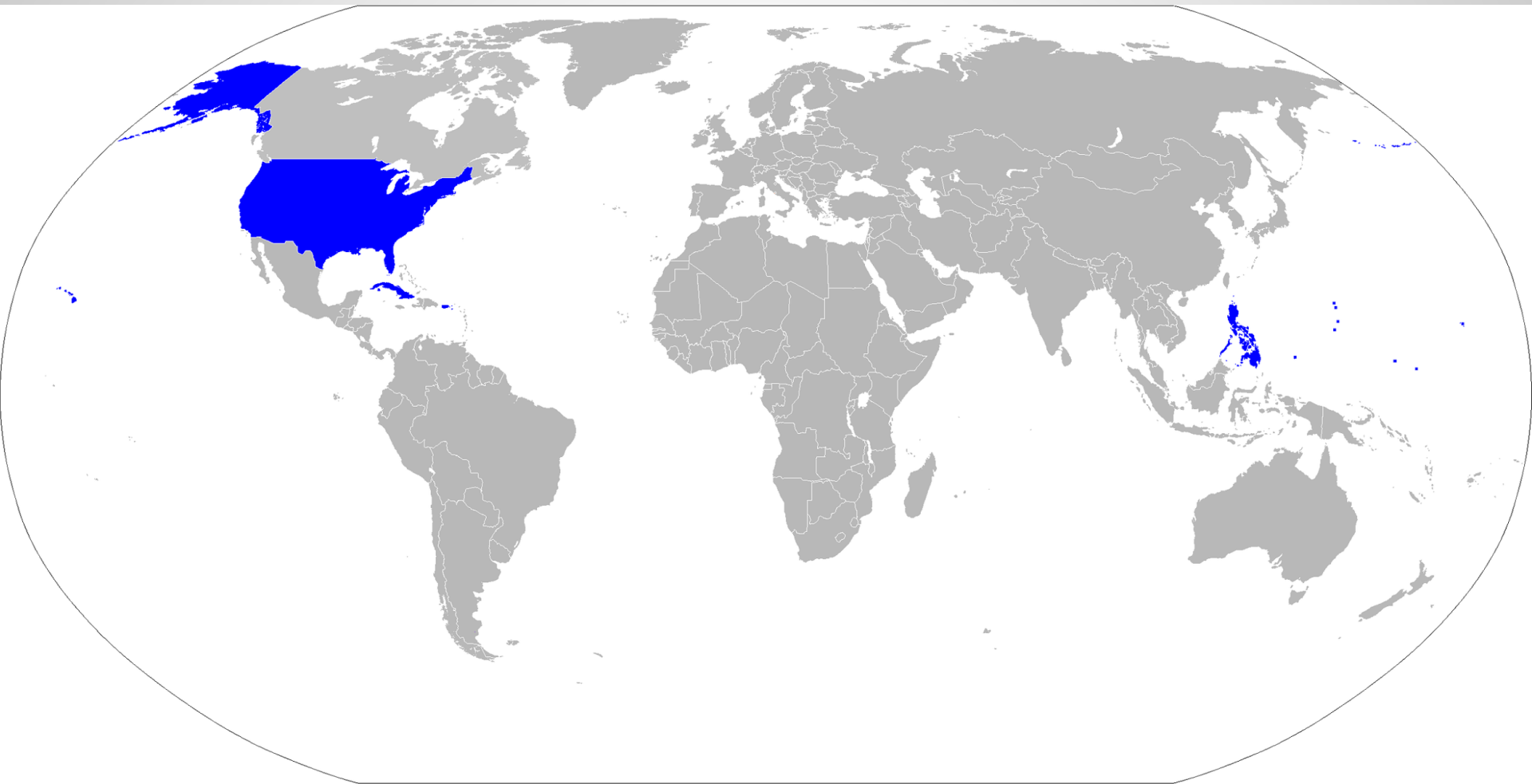


Spanish-American War...

and Hawaii, too!

Modern US History



US international involvement shifts...

- Post-Civil War, very little interest in US expansion
- Anglo-Saxonism - racial superiority
- Willing to risk war to defend American interests

Territory of Hawaii

- Originally trade partner with US
 - Business leaders overthrow Queen
- Established as territory in 1898
- Important military base to hold off Japanese threats

Spanish-American War (1898)

- Cuba was a colony of Spain and wanted independence (sugar plantations)
- US and Cuba had economic ties
 - Citizens sympathized with the Cuban fight for independence

S-A War, cont'd

- US newspapers used **yellow journalism** to win favor for the Cuban rebels
 - Published stories of Spanish atrocities



Remember the Maine!

- US hesitant to go to war (risk to US lives and economy)
- *USS Maine* explodes in Havana Harbor
 - Blamed the Spanish
- “I should welcome almost any war, for I think this country needs one” - TR Roosevelt
 - Flexing of American muscles as an international presence

War

- Spain declares war on the US
- US Navy attacks the Spanish fleet in the Philippines (a Spanish colony)
- The Battle of Manila Bay - US destroys all 8 Spanish warships

Now back to Cuba...

- Spain ill-prepared for war, but so was the US
 - Many US volunteers
- Rough Riders - Mix of volunteer cowboys, miners and law officers (led by Colonel Wood and Teddy Roosevelt)
- Spanish surrender city of Santiago

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