
The American Principle

It takes a country to rise a village; the American struggle in the Philippines.

The United States of America is a world power today and a shining beacon of hope to the rest of the world, not only for its military power but also for the American people's sense of morality; these American ideals and this American strength has been years in the making.

Our ancestors discovered the great land of America in the 1600s. Unfortunately, the land was filled with uncivilized savages. The good American people tried many times to civilize them and help them assimilate, but sadly they were just a lost cause. God has given the moral and just American people another chance to save a race of savages with our involvement in the Philippine War. We must take the common saying, "it takes a village to raise a child" and realize that it directly applies to this situation; it is going to take the support of the whole country to raise the childlike savages of the Philippines into respectable citizens.

Leaving the poor savages in the Philippines to govern themselves would have been an absolute sin and stain on the American ideas of morality. Instead we sacrificed to bring the same kind of democracy and style of humanity to a race in peril. Generously we are willing and plan to send 200,000 American soldiers to help nurture these the Filipinos.

In return for our selfless efforts we have been faced malicious attacks from the Filipino natives. They retaliate against our efforts to civilize with animalist guerilla warfare, killing innocent Americans. We cannot stand and take these attacks; sadly when dealing with these low form of humans force is needed. The Filipinos are so little minded that they do not have the mental capacity to understand that they are rejecting people that only want to help them.

President Mckinley insists that we take a firm hand with these savages. We cannot risk looking weak and it is our duty as superiors to help the inferiors that surround us. He wants to "uplift and christianize" these people, and give them the government that they lack. Our president is taking on a formidable task and he needs the support of the American people. It would be easier to turn a blind eye and ignore the putrid living conditions of these savages, but that is not the moral or Christian thing to do; America as a whole must band together to help raise this Filipino village.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I do not know how you sleep at night knowing that this newspaper is called yellow journalism. The *American Principle*, is supposedly known for its journalistic integrity but I see an article filled with lies and propaganda. We do not need to create a government in the Philippines because they already have a functioning government with a lead by their president, Emilio Aguinaldo. They do not want us there, nor do they need our presence. The article make it seems as though Mckinley is helping these people just to be a good Christian neighbor when he is actually only interested in the Philippines so he have access to the open markets in China. Occupying the Philippines is not in line with American ideals, it actually goes against them. In America we believe in freedom, equality, and liberty but in the Philippines we are putting people in concentration camps, burning down villages, looting, and torturing innocent people. I for one will not support the president in his efforts to terrorize these people, and I am not alone. Many Americans believe that we should be isolationists, there is also no support from the groups at home that are being oppressed. The labor movement, feminists, and the black community that I



am a memeber of will not support this in anyway.