

Causes of New Imperialism

“From a world history perspective, the most noticeable trend in the history of the late 19th century was the domination of Europeans over Non-Europeans. This domination took many forms ranging from economic penetration to outright annexation. No area of the globe, however remote from Europe, was free of European merchants, adventurers, explorers, or western missionaries”.

T.A. Brady, Jr. <http://www.suu.edu/faculty/ping/pdf/TheNewImperialism.pdf>

Economic Causes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for Natural Resources • Desire to Expand Markets • Desire to Invest Profits • Outlet needed for Growing Populations • Economies strengthened by Industrial Revolution
Social Causes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desire to Spread Christianity • Desire to share Western Civilization • Belief in European Racial Superiority • Belief in Social Darwinism
Political and Military Causes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bases needed for Merchant and Naval Vessels • Nationalism • National Security • Prestige of a Global Empire • Strong, Centrally Governed Nation-States
Technological Causes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advances in Communication • Medical Knowledge • Advances in Weaponry • Advances in Overseas Travel

