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"The makers of cotton and iron goods have been very much interested in imperialism. This group of import interests has been greatly strengthened by the demand of giant industries for colonial raw materials...Ship-owners demand coaling stations for their vessels and naval protection. To these interests may be added the makers of armaments and of uniforms. The producers of telegraph and railway material and other supplies used by the government in its colony may also be included....Finally the most powerful business groups are the bankers. Banks make loans to colonies and backward countries for building railways and steamship lines..."

From *Imperialism and World Politics*, written by Parker T. Moon.
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"American factories are making more than the American people can use; American soil is producing more than they can consume. Fate has written our policy for us; the trade of the world must and shall be ours....We will establish trading posts throughout the world as distribution points for American products. We will cover the ocean with our merchant marines. We will build a navy to the measure of our greatness..."

By American Senator, A.J. Beveridge in 1898.
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"...none of the colonial undertakings was motivated by the quest for capitalist profits; they all originated in political ambitions...the nations' will to power...glory or national greatness..."

From *The Century of Total War*, written by Raymond Aron.
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"I contend that we (Britons) are the finest race in the world, and the more of the world we inhabit, the better it is for the human race...It is our duty to seize every opportunity of acquiring more territory and we should keep this one idea steadily before our eyes that more territory simply means more of the Anglo-Saxon race, more of the best, the most human, most honorable race the world possesses."

From *Confession of Faith*, written by Cecil Rhodes, British Imperialist.
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"But the economic side...must not be allowed to obscure [hide] the other factors. Psychologically speaking...evolutionary teaching [about the "survival of the fittest"] was perhaps more crucial. It not only justified competition and struggle but introduced an element of ruthlessness..."

From *The Diplomacy of Imperialism*, written by William L. Langer.
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"Take up the white man's burden
send forth the best ye breed
Go bind your sons to exile
To serve your captives' need,
To wait, in heavy harness,
On fluttered folk and wild
Your new caught, sullen peoples,
Half-devil and half-child."

From *The White Man's Burden*, written by Rudyard Kipling.
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“We could not leave them to themselves. They were unfit for self-government. There was nothing left for us to do but to take them over. Then we would be able to educate the Filipinos. We could uplift and civilize and Christianize them...”

By President William McKinley on the United States take over of the Philippines. (Reprinted by J. Weston Walch Publisher, 1999).

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“Now, the French are come, with their powerful weapons of war to cause dissension among us. We are weak against them; our commanders and soldiers have been vanquished...The French have immense warships, filled with soldiers and armed with huge cannons. No one can resist them. They go where they want, the strongest ramparts fall before them.”

Letter by Phan Thanh Gian, governor of a Vietnamese state to his administrators in 1867. (Reprinted by J. Weston Walch Publisher, 1999).

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“When the whites came to our country, we had the land and they had the Bible; now we have the Bible and they have the land.”

An African Proverb (Reprinted by J. Weston Walch Publisher, 1999).

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