

**"THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN"**

**AMERICA BECOMES AN EMPIRE (1890-1903)**

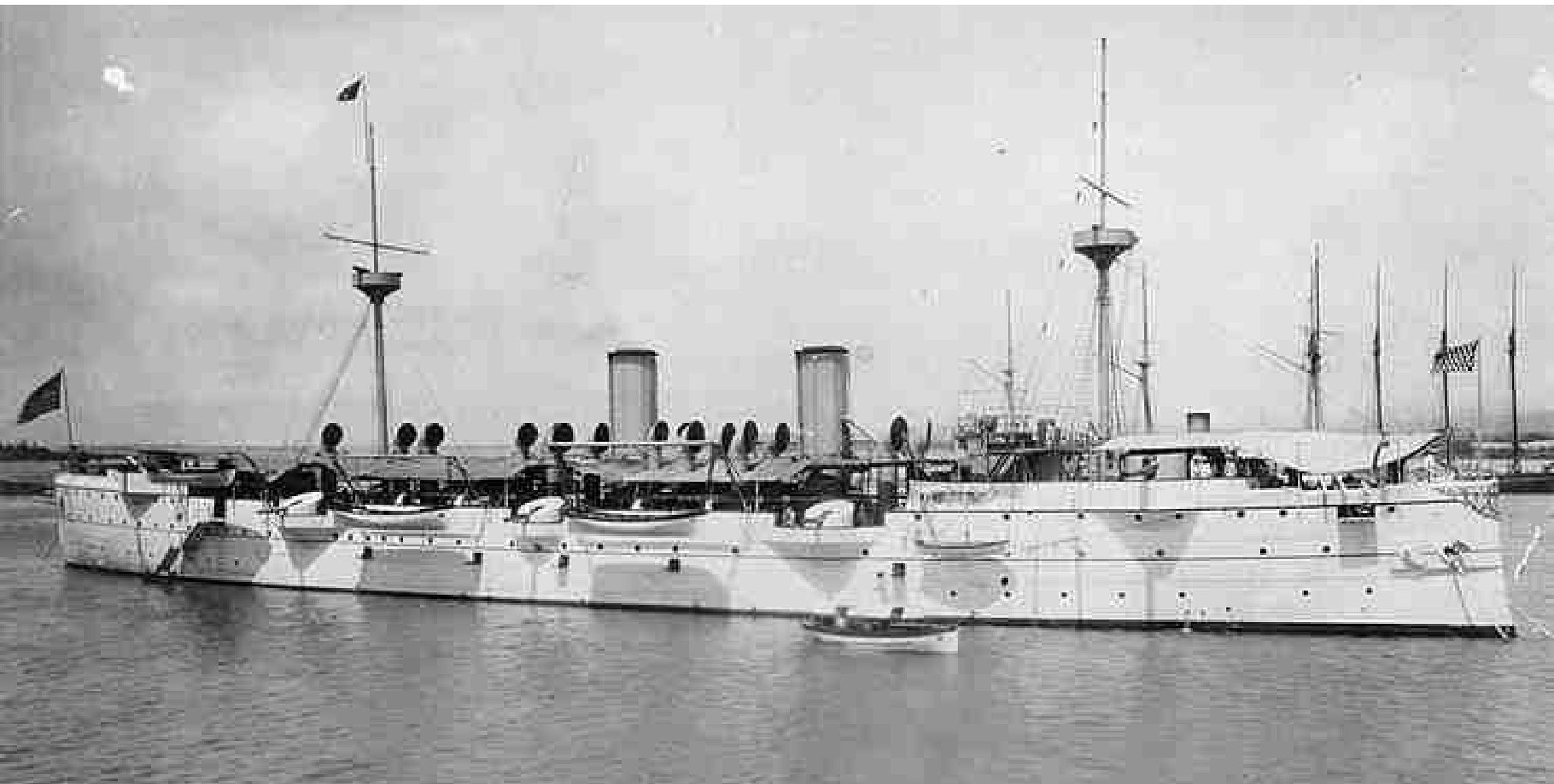
## II. The Path to War

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# Early 1890s: America Not Quite Ready



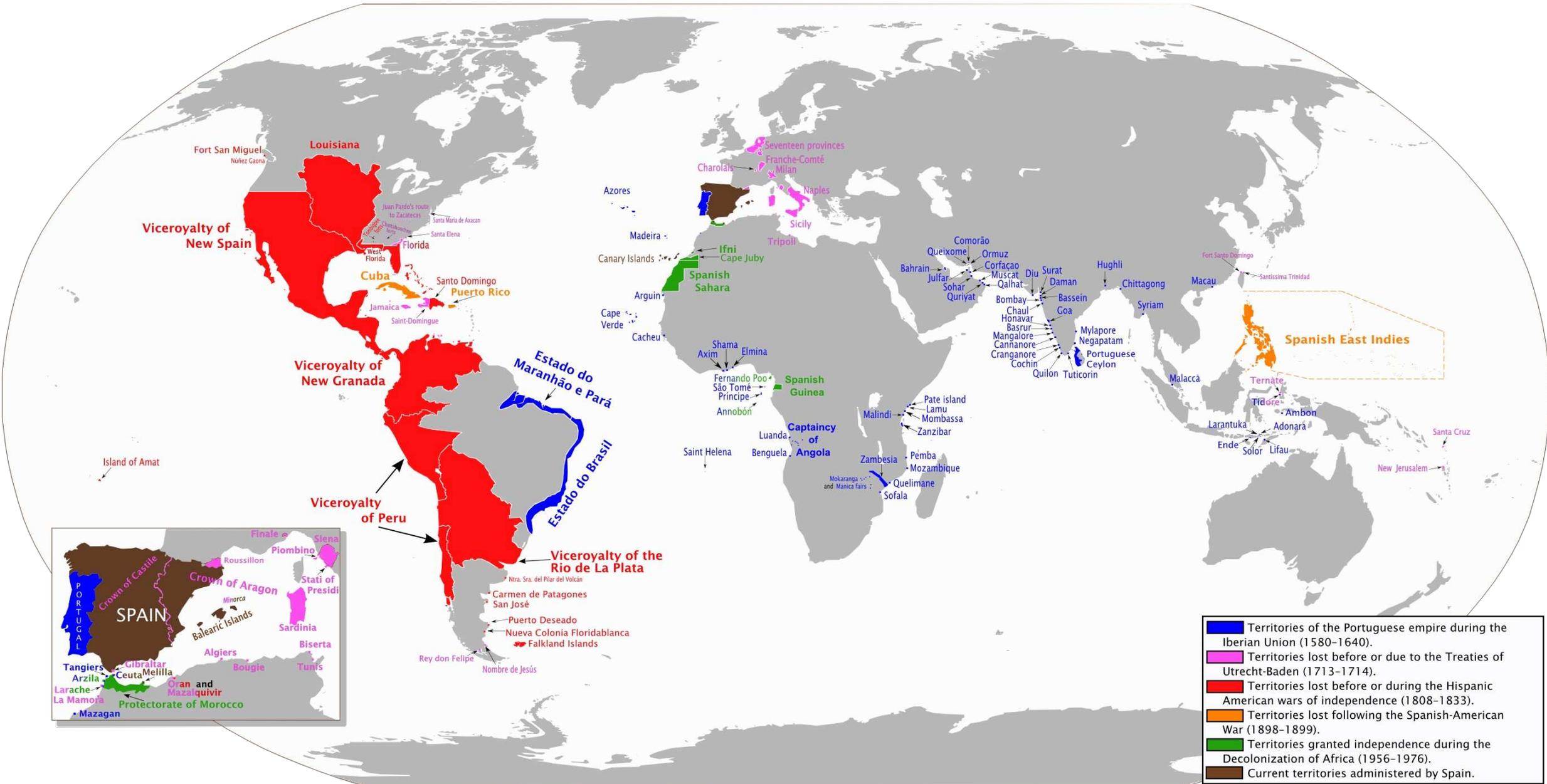
# Early 1890s: America Not Quite Ready (Chile)



# Early 1890s: America Not Quite Ready (Hawai'i)



# 1897: Spain and Cuba



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# Arguments for War\* (Rescue)

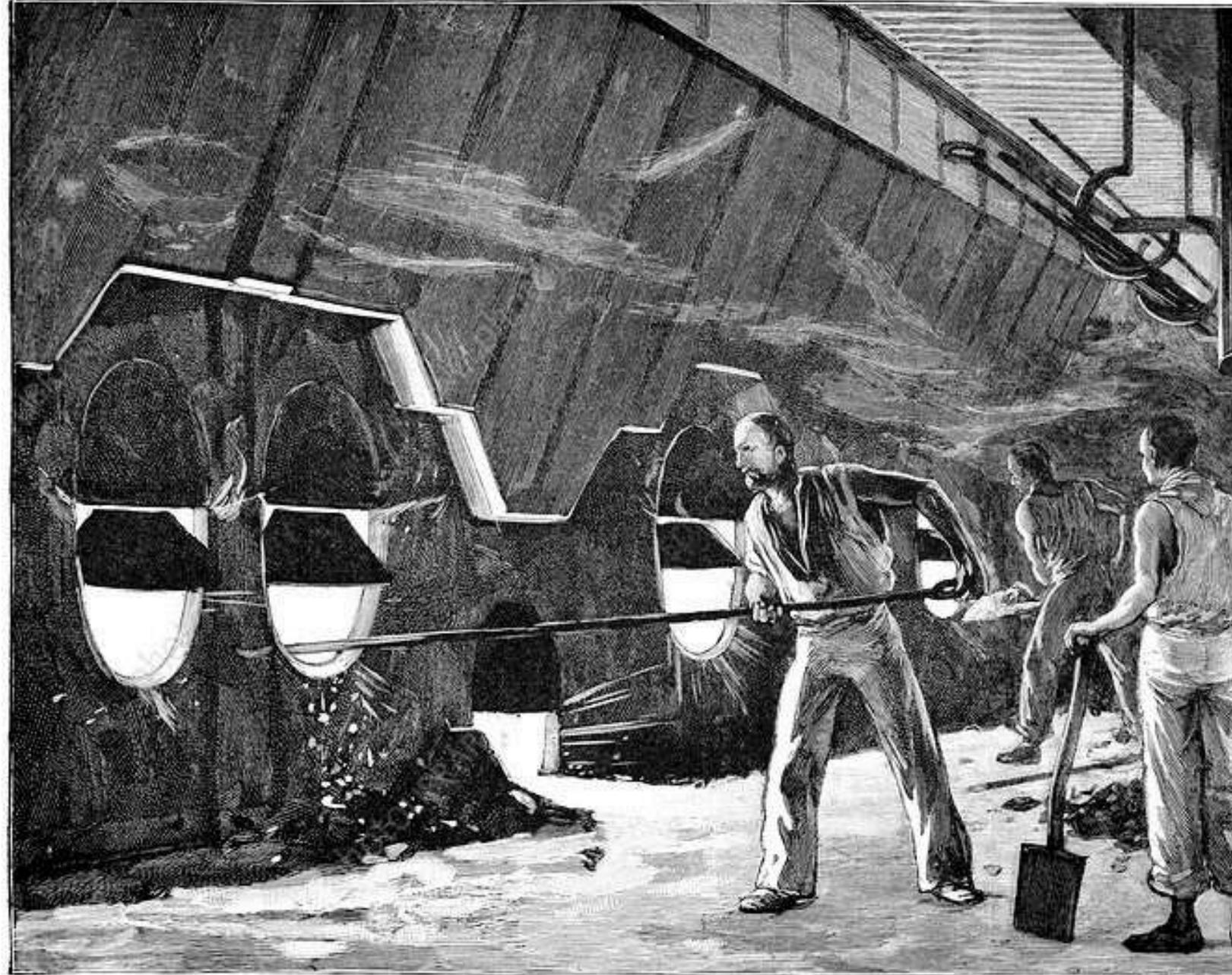


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Take up the White Man's burden—  
Send forth the best ye breed—  
Go bind your sons to exile  
To serve your captives' need;  
To wait in heavy harness  
On fluttered folk and wild—  
Your new-caught, sullen peoples,  
Half devil and half child.

Take up the White Man's burden—  
Have done with childish days—  
The lightly proffered laurel,  
The easy, ungrudged praise.  
Comes now, to search your manhood  
Through all the thankless years,  
Cold-edged with dear-bought wisdom,  
The judgment of your peers!

# Arguments for War\* (National Security)



# Arguments for War\* (Fight Evil)



# Arguments for War\*



# Arguments for War\* (Economics)



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US President Donald Trump said on Thursday that 50 million barrels of Venezuelan oil are on the way to Houston, Texas.

"You've heard about Venezuela, and we're helping them very much with their oil ... We took 50 million barrels of oil. It's right now floating very nicely and (in) extremely large ships to Houston," he said.



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@realDonaldTrump

I am pleased to report that Venezuela is releasing its Political Prisoners at a rapid rate, which rate will be increasing over the coming short period of time. I'd like to thank the leadership of Venezuela for agreeing to this powerful humanitarian gesture! PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

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I love the Venezuelan people, and am already making Venezuela rich and safe again. Congratulations and thank you to all of those people who are making this possible!!! President DJT

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# Arguments for War\* (National Security)



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## Vance argues Venezuela attack will help curb fentanyl crisis

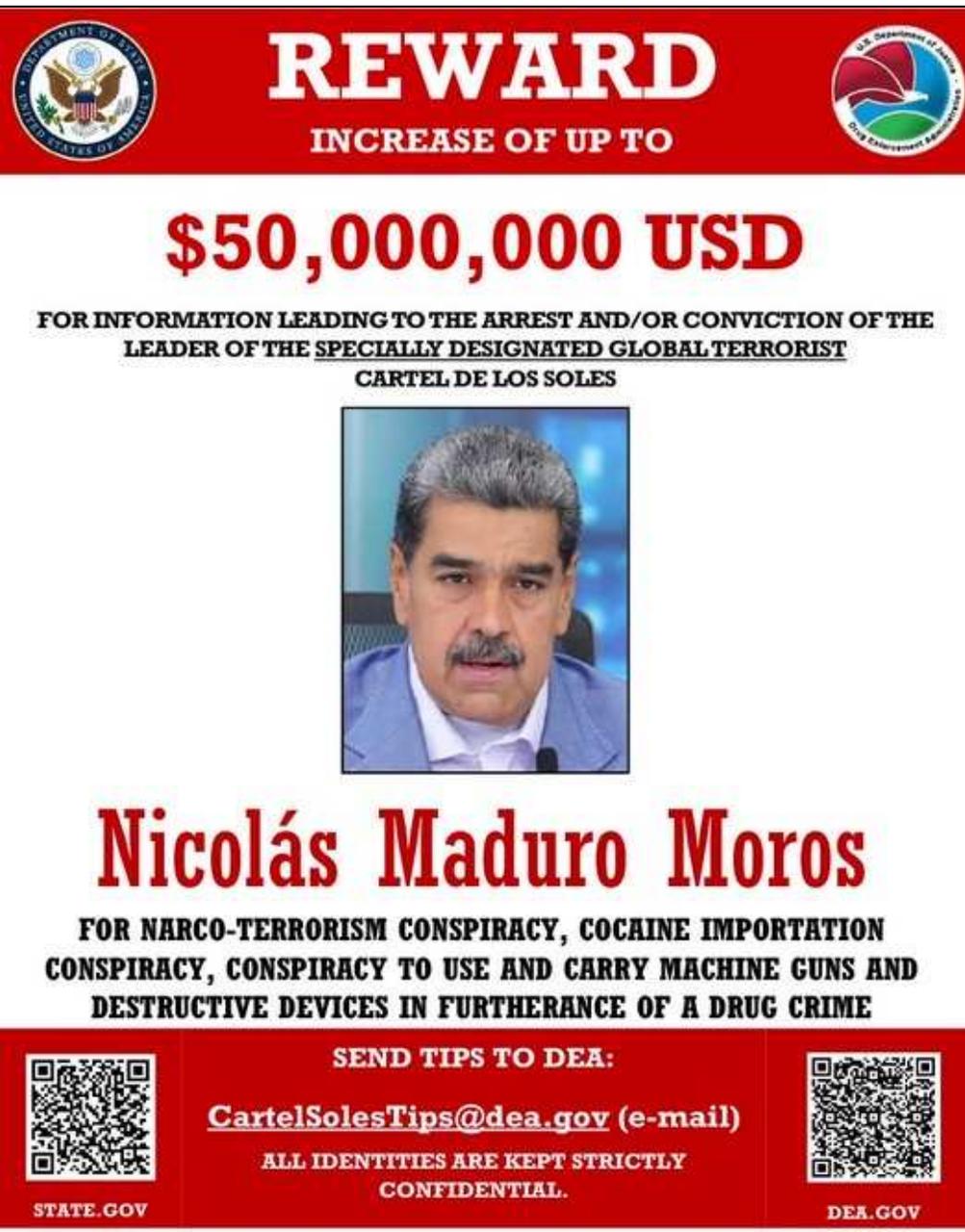
The vice president's defense comes as some GOP lawmakers question the Trump administration's justification for Saturday's attack.



# Arguments for War\* (Fight Evil)

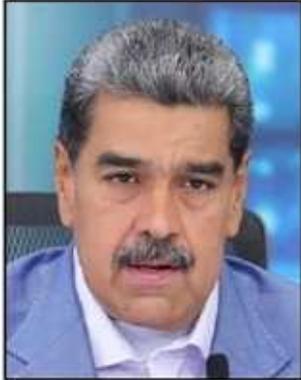


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**REWARD**  
INCREASE OF UP TO  
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FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND/OR CONVICTION OF THE  
LEADER OF THE SPECIALLY DESIGNATED GLOBAL TERRORIST  
CARTEL DE LOS SOLES



**Nicolás Maduro Moros**

FOR NARCO-TERRORISM CONSPIRACY, COCAINE IMPORTATION  
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Secretary Marco Rubio    
@SecRubio



Maduro is NOT the President of Venezuela and his regime is NOT the legitimate government. Maduro is the head of the Cartel de Los Soles, a narco-terror organization which has taken possession of a country. And he is under indictment for pushing drugs into the United States.

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And PSA for everyone saying this was "illegal":

Maduro has multiple indictments in the United States for narcoterrorism. You don't get to avoid justice for drug trafficking in the United States because you live in a palace in Caracas.

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# Arguments for War\*

## 63% of US Voters Oppose Attack on Venezuela as Trump's March to War Accelerates

Most Voters Oppose Donald Trump Taking Military Action in Venezuela —Poll

## Surveys: Aggression against Venezuela is unpopular among Americans

Most Americans Oppose US Military Intervention in Venezuela, Greenland: Poll

Ask Americans — they don't want a war on Venezuela

**Poll shows staggering number of American are against Trump's actions in Venezuela**

**63 percent oppose US military action in Venezuela: Survey**

CBS News poll finds most would oppose U.S. military action in Venezuela, say Trump hasn't explained

**CONGRATS TO DONALD TRUMP ON STARTING THE LEAST POPULAR WAR IN RECENT MEMORY**