



# Diplomacy in Action

## US History II

# What is diplomacy?

The profession, activity, or skill of managing international relations, typically by a country's representatives abroad.



# Big Stick Diplomacy

- President: Theodore Roosevelt
- Textbook Definition:  
“Speak softly and carry a big stick you will go far”



# Examples

- Monroe Doctrine = European powers should stay out of the Western Hemisphere and the US would stay out of European affairs
- Roosevelt Corollary – In order to prevent intervention, the U.S. was justified in using force





What is your definition  
of Big Stick Diplomacy?

# Benefits & Drawbacks

## Benefits

- Demonstrates U.S. power without actually having to use it → basically bullying

## Drawbacks

- Expensive to keep an army/ navy/ ability to use force
- If we have to use force we go to war



“THE WORLD'S CONSTABLE”

# Dollar Diplomacy

- President: William Howard Taft
- Definition: Policy of influencing Latin American governments through economic, not military, intervention. “The pen is mightier than the sword”





# Examples (1/2)



- 1911 – U.S. agrees to help Nicaragua pay its national debt
- We have the right to send troops in if we feel its necessary
- Similar deal with Honduras

# Examples (2/2)



- July 1911, Nicaragua failed to pay a loan from G.B.
- \$1.5 billion loan from American bankers
- Bankers get:
  - Control of the National Bank
  - Gov't owned railway
- Marines sent it, remained until 1933

What is your definition  
of Dollar Diplomacy?

# Benefits & Drawbacks

## Benefits

- Uses American businesses and investments – grows our economy

## Drawbacks

- Congress did not approve of Taft sending in Marines
- Designed for takeover rather than actually helping

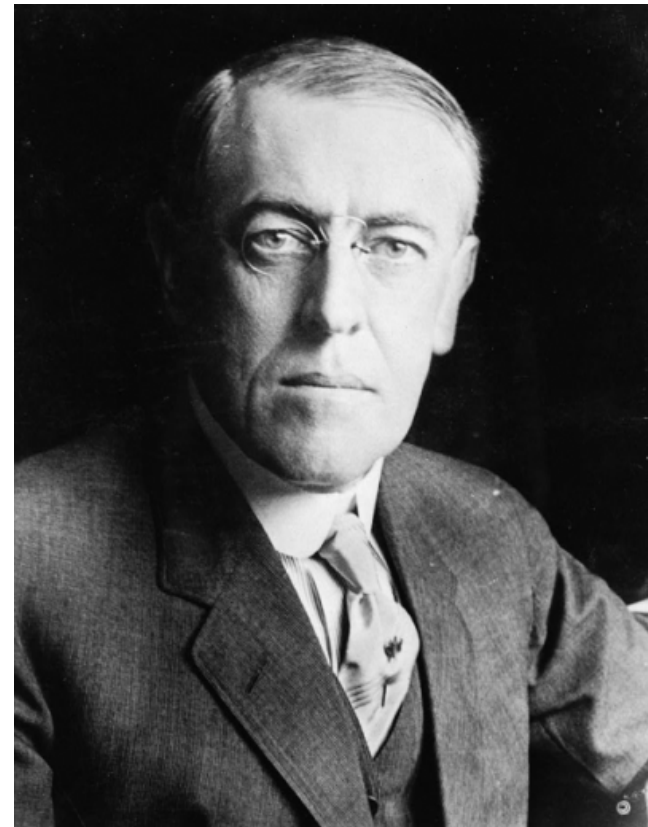




“SEE THE POINT.? THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE BIG STICK.

# Missionary/Moral Diplomacy

- President: Woodrow Wilson
- The U.S. has the moral responsibility to deny recognition to any Latin American gov't it viewed as oppressive, undemocratic, or hostile to US interests



# Examples (1/2)

- Mexican Revolution
  - Military Dictator Porfirio Díaz led Mexico
  - We supported him because he allowed U.S. investment in Mexico
  - Díaz was overthrown





# Examples (2/2)

- General Victoriano Huerta took over the gov't and the US refused to recognize him and his “government of butchers”





What is your definition  
of Missionary/Moral  
Diplomacy?

# Benefits & Drawbacks

## Benefits

- Sets a good tone for the US in the world

## Drawbacks

- Very different from what we've done before – some of our longtime “friends” of the US are not moral (ex: Great Britain)



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“It’s For His Own Good”