
Subject: Re: Empire

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Hi All, I have been following this for a while but resisted commenting. Some things seem really clear to me (not in any particular order). Ukraine didn't start the present conflict, Putin did. China is empire building. Just today they started to improve an island about 400 miles south of Guam. They aren't doing that to improve their trading needs. They have their tentacles in Panama. They don't want Australia to meddle with them on Australian turf. They have navy assets there now. They want Taiwan. There are more such instances. If it isn't empire building I don't know what it should be called. The one thing in their favor (if you can call it that) is that they have already figured out it is more to their benefit to trade with us particularly when it favors them than to get into a global conflict in which neither of us will do well. * At one time the US did engage in empire building. The current President would like to do that but the places he indicates are not for the taking in any peaceful manner. He can buy golf courses and hotels, but Greenland isn't for sale. The EU doesn't want Russian territory and would be glad to have Russia as a respectful trading partner. The opposite certainly doesn't seem true. In all this mess it seems as if our President is screwing up relations with folks he should be cultivating for mutual benefit. There is a lot more, but I'll save that for another time.

* A side issue...trying to get manufacturing back to the US is a good thought. Trying to do so quickly is naive. It will be a really long endeavor. Tariffs will not make that happen sooner.
