

“Americanizing” Within and Abroad

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“Civilization”



Jack Johnson



Jim Jeffries

What defines manhood? Or, what qualities are associated with manhood?

Tall, muscular, athletic, facial hair.

Confident.

Low voice, charisma.

Professionally successful.

Protector.

Dominance/dominant.

“Manly”

“Masculine”

Manliness

- Self-control, self-restraint.
- Protect and provide for wife, children, and employees.
- Proper gentleman.

Neurasthenia

Loss of nerve force, nervelessness;
lack of physical vigor.

Manliness

“sissy”

“pussy-foot”

“stuffed shirt”

“overcivilized”

Masculine, Masculinity

“having the distinguishing characteristics of the male sex among human beings, physical or mental . . . suitable for the male sex; adapted to or intended for the use of males.”

aggressive, primal, physical force, virility

Key to saving and perfecting “civilization”

Manliness (white virtue)

Masculinity (all males)

Immigration to the United States

1870s: 2.8 million

1880s: 5.25 million

1890s: 3.7 million

1900s: 8.8 million

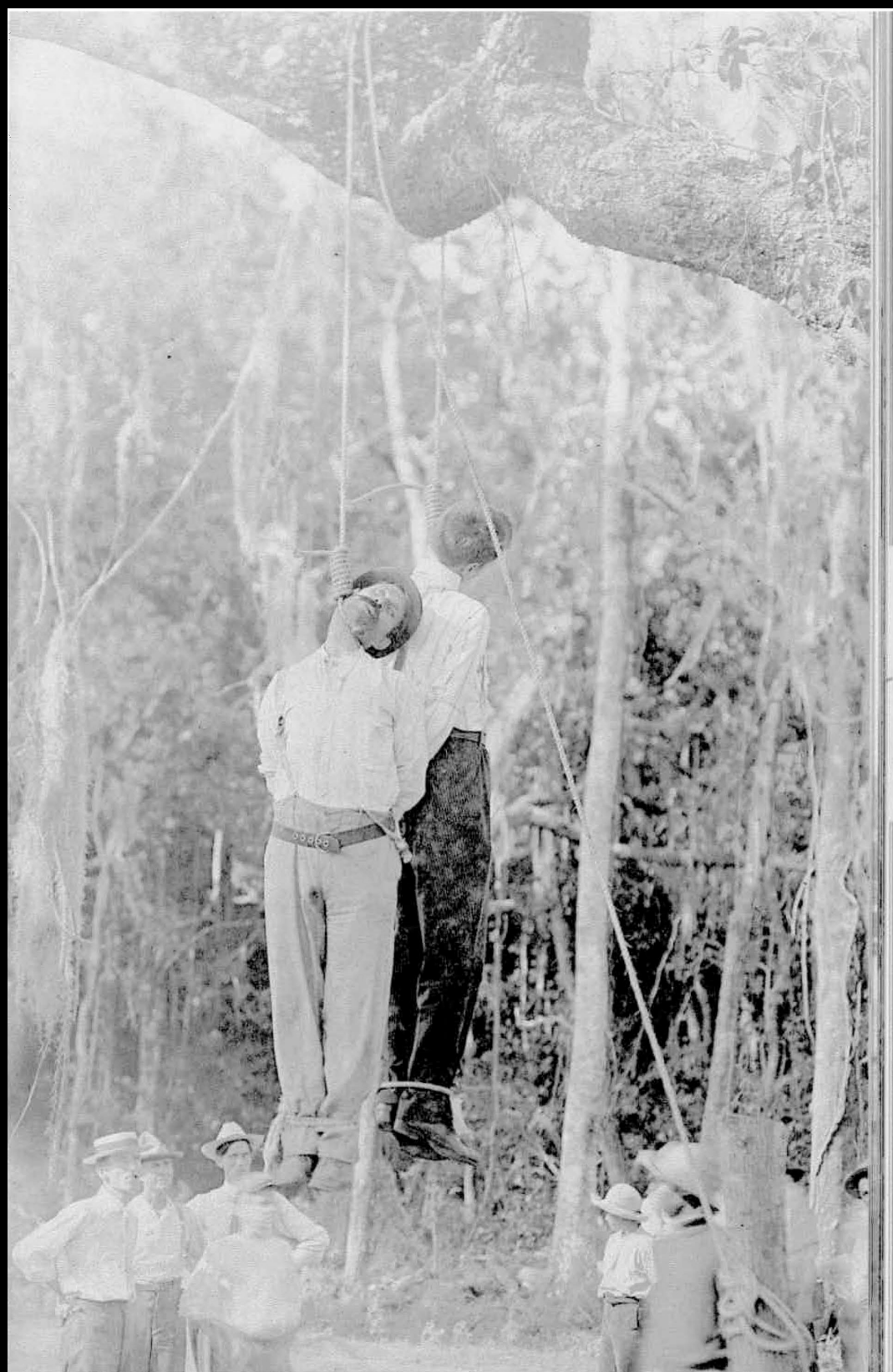
1910s: 5.7 million

Dagos

“white niggers”

“swarthy”

“dark-skinned”



Rollins v. Alabama (1922)

Sicilian immigrant: “no competent evidence to show that the woman in question . . . was a white woman.”



Leo Frank



THE END OF LEO FRANK
HUNG BY A MOB AT MARIETTA, GA.,
AUG. 17, 1915



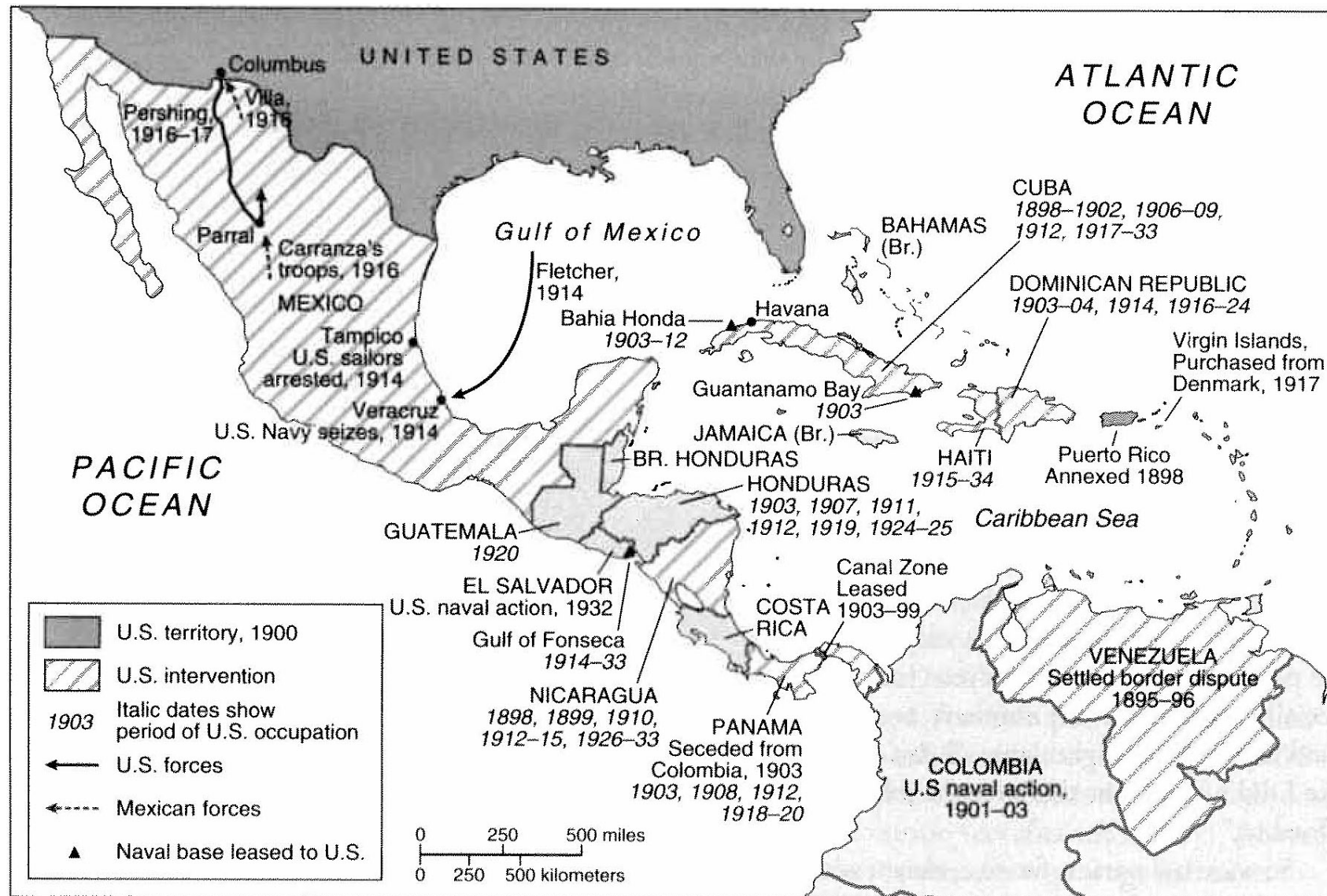
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Theodore Roosevelt

Roosevelt Corollary (1904) to the Monroe Doctrine

Warned Latin American nations to stabilize politics and finances. Otherwise, the United States would intervene as “an international police power.”



U.S. Military Interventions in Latin America and the Caribbean

“Gook”

A racial term to refer to any native
opposed to U.S. intervention and
occupation. Originated in the Philippine-
American War.

U.S. Nationalism and Imperialism at Work

Closing borders to “foreigners” to protect “American” workers.

Opening foreign borders for U.S. capital and U.S. military.