

俄罗斯会直接进攻美国吗？  
**Will Russia Directly Attack the US?**

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## Summary

*The article appeared on the WeChat account page under the name 三眼两手 Sān yǎn liǎngshǒu or “Three Eyes and Two Hands.” In the article, the author wonders what would happen if a country or leader decides to mount an attack on the imperialist*

*The United States of America. The author also tries to imagine the scenario when the US gradually and eventually replaced the British Empire which it was claimed was an empire on which the sun would never set?*

Let’s wait and watch!

Today, I have been wondering about why did Britain, which was known as an empire on which the sun never sets, eventually declined? Is it true that Britain was gradually replaced by the United States of America?

I glanced through a lot of reading material and found, some people said that it was WWI and WWII that led to Britain’s decline. Some argued its [Britain] technology and culture continued to be “transferred” to the outside world during the war(s). Others say following England becoming the world’s financial centre, its manufacturing declined, so the empire declined too.

Are these reasons historically true? I think they may be true, but not entirely true.

Overall, by looking at various factors of its decline, I have arrived at the conclusion that the biggest reason was its parasitic and reactionary character. Britain parasitized the colonial people all over the world and prevented the development of the colonies themselves. It treated colonies merely as a source of its required raw materials and place to market its goods.

Britain, the colonizer had controlled vast colonial lands with an area of more than 30 million square kilometers – accounting for 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the world’s total land area, engulfing a large number of countries including Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, South Africa and other colonies. At the same time, it ruled over 380 million people or about 25% of the world’s total population at the time.

Colonies created conditions for Britain’s wealth and prosperity. But in turn, they also brought problems. In the words of the British Prime Minister Disraeli: “The colonies are heavy grinding millstones hanging around our (British) necks.”

What made Benjamin Disraeli say this?

He said this because to maintain so many colonies needed to maintain a huge army, to constantly suppress the resistance of the colonial people, and to oppose the competition

among other empires for colonies. World War I and World War II were wars to preserve to consolidate the rule over colonies.

Colonial wars often made Britain lose more than its gains, during such times it thought it was best to “throw away the (colonial) burden.” Wisdom has taught all rulers the lands that are difficult to rule, and the places where the input is seriously greater than the output, to eventually abandon them. Thus, the more the occupied lands (colonies) are abandoned, the weaker the empire will be, and less capable it will be to suppress the resistance put up by more and more colonies, as also less able to compete with other coveted empires.

In other words, the rulers only know how to enjoy success, but do not know how to develop and promote the well-being of the vast numbers of the people of the colonies. This then leads to the inevitable disintegration of the empire.

Such an empire, although large, will eventually fall apart.

This is what is called instead of governing with virtue, ruling by relying upon impoverished soldiers and the martial arts.

*Lì dé lìxìn, lí dé lìxīn, zìgǔ yǐlái rúcǐ a!*

Meaning, what ought to have been a rule based on virtue and trust, actually turned into a rule managed on the basis of “unvirtue” and “immorality.” History is witness to this!

What is called virtue? Dong Zhongshu [**Dong Zhongshu** ([Chinese](#): 董仲舒; [Wade-Giles](#): *Tung Chung-shu*; 179–104 BC) was a [Chinese](#) philosopher, politician, and writer of the [Han Dynasty](#) – *editor’s note*] said: “天德施，地德化，人德义” (“*Tiān dé shī, de dé huà, rén dé yì*”) or “Heaven’s will, earth’s morality, and righteousness.” 施 is giving to the people; 化 is promote or transform people’s morality; and 义 is not individual but common to all.

Let me ask this, who did it in the past – the Great Britain or the Soviet Union? Or the United States today?

If they didn’t lose, then who did?

Such an empire is bound to face resistance and will face both internal and external attacks. Britain suffered an external attack from Germany; the Soviet Union imploded from within; what about the United States?

In the future, there are going to be both internal and external attacks. Internally, various provinces will fight for independent statehood; externally, there may be attacks like the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

The truth is, Russia has long been at war with the United States – in Syria, in Iran, in Ukraine...

Don't fool yourself by thinking only an attack on the homeland is called war, even an attack of your "colonies" is tantamount to a direct war on you.

Let's wait and watch!

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Didn't Japan first attack North Korea?

In sum, don't be surprised if you hear Russia attacking the United States one day. Don't be surprised if you hear various states in the US become independent countries one day.

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