

Manifest Destiny:
How Did It Impact America, Socially, Economically, & Politically?

Throughout the course of human history, humans have often wanted to expand. One way that they use to achieve this expansion is by acquiring new territories. In these acquisitions, there are many varied, complicated impacts as a result. Often times these impacts are socially, economically, or politically altering. One idea in the history of the United States that impacted its nation's own inhabitants was Manifest Destiny, the belief that America can, and must, expand westward. Manifest Destiny changed the United States socially, because of more cultural diffusion, economically, because of more land to profit off of, and politically, because of damaged U.S.-Mexico foreign relations.

The United States of America was impacted in several ways by the westward expansionist ideas propagated by Manifest Destiny. For one, Americans changed socially due to an influx of Mexican traditions, as a result of the acquisition of Texas from Mexico in March 1845. Two, America was economically revamped due to an increased amount of territory, namely Texan territory, consequential of the annexation of Texas from Mexico in March 1845. And three, America was shifted politically, due to new tense relations with Mexico, as an effect of the Mexican War of April 1846 to February 1848. These social, economic, and political ramifications in the United States were certainly results of the initiation and usage of Manifest Destiny.

As one can conclude from the above, it is very apparent that Manifest Destiny had numerous social, economic, and political influences on the course of America. Manifest Destiny changed the United States socially, because of more cultural diffusion, economically, because of more land to profit off of, and politically, because of damaged U.S.-Mexico foreign relations. These effects were results of only one cause, and that single cause is undoubtedly Manifest Destiny.