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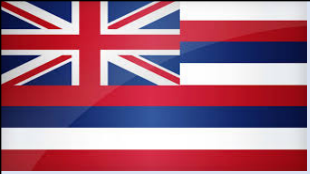
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## When and how did America take over Hawaii?

Before Hawaii's complete overthrow and ratification as a state in the United States, America attempts to colonize the Native Hawaiian settlement, hitting the Native economy hard. In 1890 the McKinley Tariff causes imports to go down in their value and in 1839, America forces Native Hawaiian children to attend Chiefs' Children's Schools in a ploy to assimilate them. Hawaii is overthrown by American army men of the U.S.S. Boston in January 1893, completely breaking the sovereignty. America's takeover is exemplative of the beginning of a transitional process between the Native Hawaiian's sovereignty and the infiltration of the Americans' capitalist government. This all leads to the eventual ratification of Hawaii as an American state in 1959.

## Do Hawaiians think the symptom of colonialism and economic exploitation, as in capitalism, is the cause?

Capitalism being an economic system in which the rich get richer and the poor are somewhat left to fend for themselves; Hawaiians tend not to admire the new American way of life and feel as if capitalism is the cause of the root of the issue of colonization. This comes with no surprise, as the Americans did forcefully come and take over their land.



## Do Hawaiians think capitalism is positive?

Native Hawaiians generally find capitalism to have negatively impacted their home lives and means of income. Although, there are some exceptions.

### Some positive aspects of tourism:

- Sheds light on agriculture and how tourists become infatuated with the new, details the monetary beneficial aspects involved and how illusion of tourism being negative for the economy is only a mere myth.
- More jobs to entertain tourists and local businesses could thrive.

## Are Native Hawaiians nowadays aware or do they even care about the cause of the capitalist expansion in Hawaii in regards to colonialism and economic exploitation?

Hawaiians, although living under authority of the American capitalist system, prevail in maintaining their culture. They are aware of the capitalist expansion in regards to colonialism and economic exploitation, although choose to live their lives focusing on educating their children on Hawaiian culture and proclaiming ownership of their home, by selling homegrown produce, clothing, etc.