

# Should the United States Have Annexed the Philippines?



**Overview:** In 1898 the United States successfully fought a short war with Spain. One of the results of the war was that several Spanish colonies fell into American hands. Two of these were Cuba and the Philippine Islands. The United States made it quite clear that it would not keep Cuba. But what of the Philippines? Americans at the time were uncertain what to do. In this Mini-Q you are asked the question: Should the United States have annexed the Philippines?

## The Documents:

Document A: Anti-Imperialist League

Document B: Albert J. Beveridge: “The March of the Flag”

Document C: President William McKinley

Document D: William Jennings Bryan