

### 1898 Spanish-American War

The US went to war with Spain to free Cuba and seized Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Phillipines in the process.

The war developed from Cuban desires for independence and American desires to protect business interests in Cuba.

The US battle ship Maine sank while in port in Havana harbor on February 15, 1898.

Congress declared war with Spain on April 19 and included the Teller Amendment proclaiming that the future role of the US in Cuba would be one of protection, not ownership