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**Unit 6: The United State and the World Project**

President James Monroe made policies and raised his voice against the European colonization. He introduced the Monroe Doctrine in 1823 whose impact remained till decades. American mindset of power and becoming dominant on African Americans start changing after the Monroe Doctrine which shaped contemporary American society. This can be observed in the statement of President Barack Obama that, “America will remain the anchor of strong alliances in every corner of the globe from Asia to the Middle East." The main purpose of the paper is to understand the changes occurred in foreign policy and how the influence of the Monroe doctrine evolved over time. This is crucial to learn for the understanding of changes that occurred for economic growth and better foreign policy in America.

Monroe Doctrine and its foreign policy were made to highlight the injustice, discrimination, and inequality that occurred by European colonization. America asked Europe to free the newly colonized region. President that time wanted to make free and independent regions. In the era of the Obama presidency, the concept of dominance and power changed. Foreign policies are made based on achieving the highest position through economic and social growth. The main aim of the Obama administration is to enhance positive relationships with different nations and increase free trade. The foreign policy made with the impact of the Monroe Doctrine focused on the concept of not making the world a battleground. It worked for the new world to be entirely separate and independent. However, this aspect evolved over time as Obama's foreign policy is more concerned with the connection with different nations and make the world united and connected (*Viewcontent.Pdf*).

The thing that did not change over time is the struggle for minorities. Monroe Doctrine asserted that European colonization is against human rights and everyone should allow living freely. The main purpose of the interference in the colonization of Europe was to help minorities to be free from slavery and injustice. Obama in his statement also highlights his aim to be a strong alliance that can support from the Americas to the Middle East and from Asia to Africa to increase capacity for fighting with the natural and manmade crisis. Obama did not mention the name of any nation neither he discussed the instability in different regions like in war in Afghanistan; all he discussed was to resolve differences with other nations to ensure peace in the world (Belko).

The concept of the Monroe doctrine and Obama's foreign policy is different based on the mindset that Obama wants peace but also providing policy to make America most powerful nation. The concept of equality that was the aim in the Monroe doctrine cannot be seen in Obama's foreign policy. Obama's foreign policy considers justice, tolerance, human dignity, and opportunity. On the other hand, the Monroe doctrine worked for discrimination, oppression, slavery, and equality. The main purpose of both foreign policies can be the same that is increasing freedom and positivity in the world but side agendas changed with time (“Empire and Latin America in the Obama Era - FPIF”).

Through the analysis between the Monroe doctrine and the Obama statement, it can be concluded that foreign policy shows tremendous change over time. The main vision of the Monroe doctrine was to ensure the freedom and independent world for the minorities by making them free from European colonization. On the other hand, the foreign policy during the Obama presidency is to increase peace and justice but also making America the most powerful nation in the world.

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