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At first, it seemed like liber action. The Philippines had been a Spanish colony for several centuries. The Americans chased out the Spanish, and the future seemed clear. The leader of the Filipino revolutionaries, Emilio Aguinaldo, was ready to march into the Philippine capital with the US and claim Filipino independence. But it didn't happen. We had second thoughts.

Now the US has to stay. Should this have happened? Is the US doing the right thing by annexing this island country? The answer, is a strong "Yes" for three reasons: the Filipinos are not ready for self-governance, the Filipinos would be gobbled up by some other country, and it is God's design. The United States was correct to annex the Philippines because the Filipinos are not capable of self-rule. Senator Albert Beveridge of Indiana argues the point well. Yes, he says, government should be by the consent of the governed, but only when the people are mature enough to govern themselves.

He said 'We govern our children without their consent'. Like children the Filipinos need our protection. President William McKinley made a similar point. If the United States left the Philippines to themselves the result would be "anarchy, war and misrule" McKinley said it was our duty to educate and civilize the Philippine people.

Both Beveridge and McKinley were right.