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**- DEFINITION -**

American policy **WARNING EUROPEAN** powers not to interfere with the **AMERICAS** (North or South America)

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**- POINT #1 -**

**U.S. would NOT interfere in the affairs of EUROPEAN nations.**

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**- POINT #2 -**

**U.S. would NOT interfere with colonies that already existed in North & South America.**

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**- POINT #3 -**

**The Western Hemisphere (AMERICAS) was to be OFF-LIMITS to future colonization by any FOREIGN nation.**

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**- POINT #4 -**

**The U.S. gov't would consider any European nation's attempt to colonize in the Americas a HOSTILE act.**

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**- REACTION -**

**Most Europeans criticized the Monroe Doctrine, but few challenged it!**

**Monroe Doctrine remains important to U.S. foreign policy**