

Manifest Destiny

In 1845, the journalist John O'Sullivan wrote that it was

“...our manifest destiny to overspread the continent allotted by providence for the free development of our yearly multiplying millions.”

Questions:

1. What do you think Mr. O'Sullivan meant when he wrote this phrase?
2. How do you think the policies of manifest destiny affected the American Indian tribes in North America?
3. Can you suggest any other type of policy(s) the government could have used to deal with the American Indians?
4. Do you think most Americans would have supported such a policy(s)?