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Exceptionalism

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The Pledge of Allegiance

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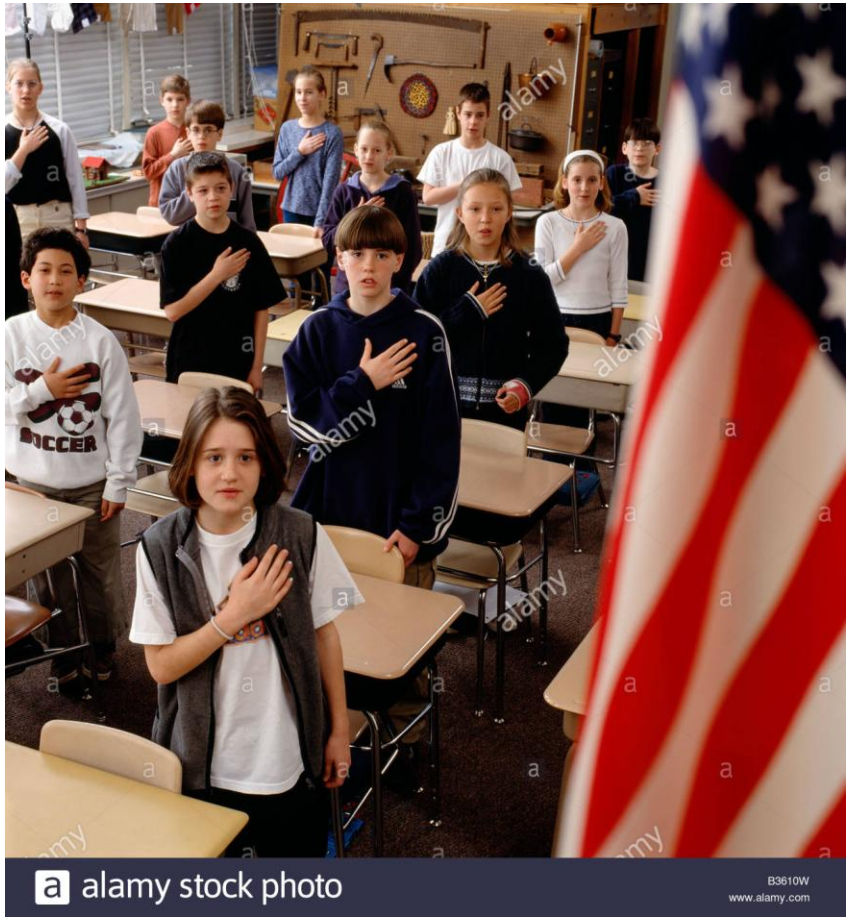

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We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness --

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

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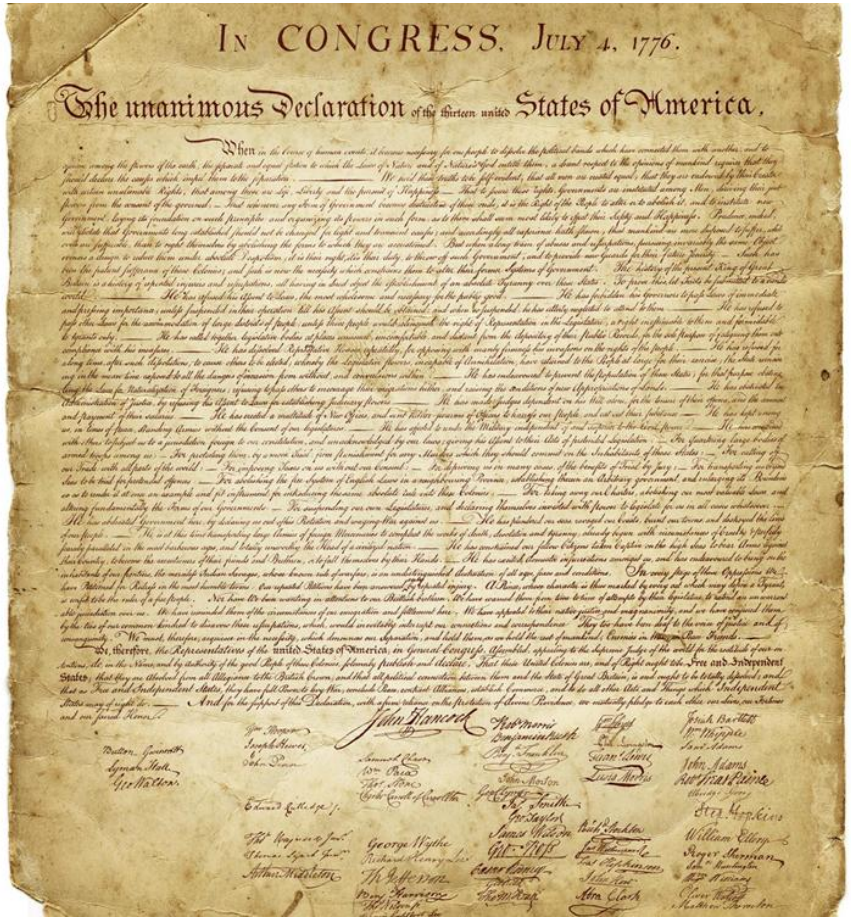
Pilgrim Fathers

Founding Fathers

AMERIKAANSE REVOLUTIE



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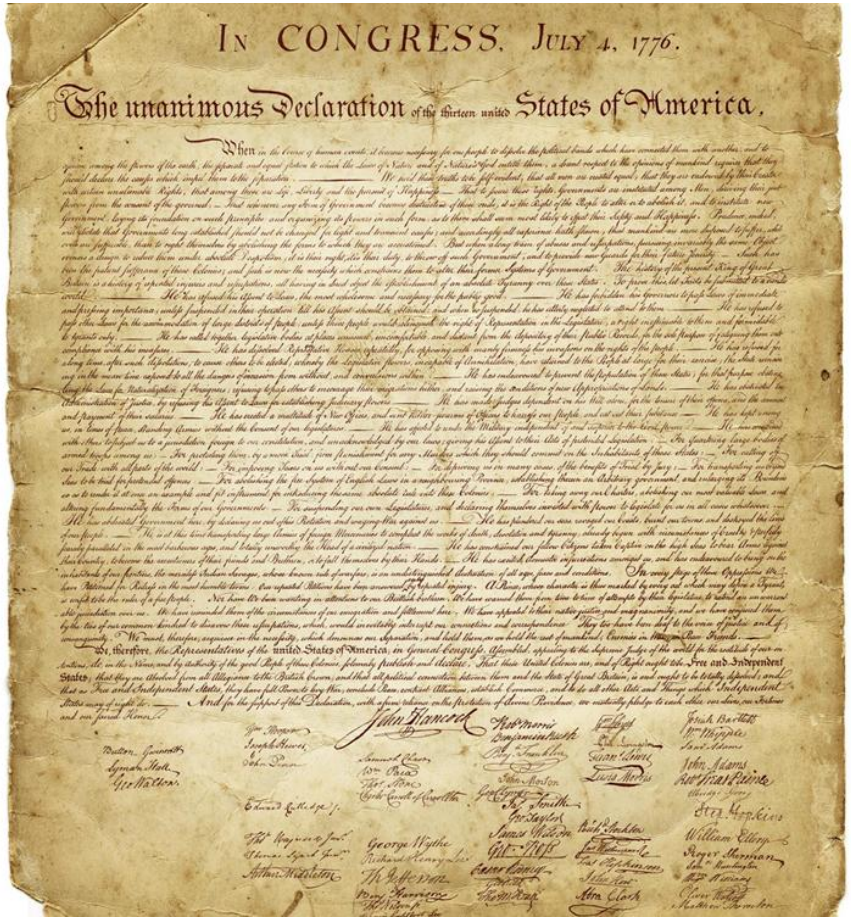

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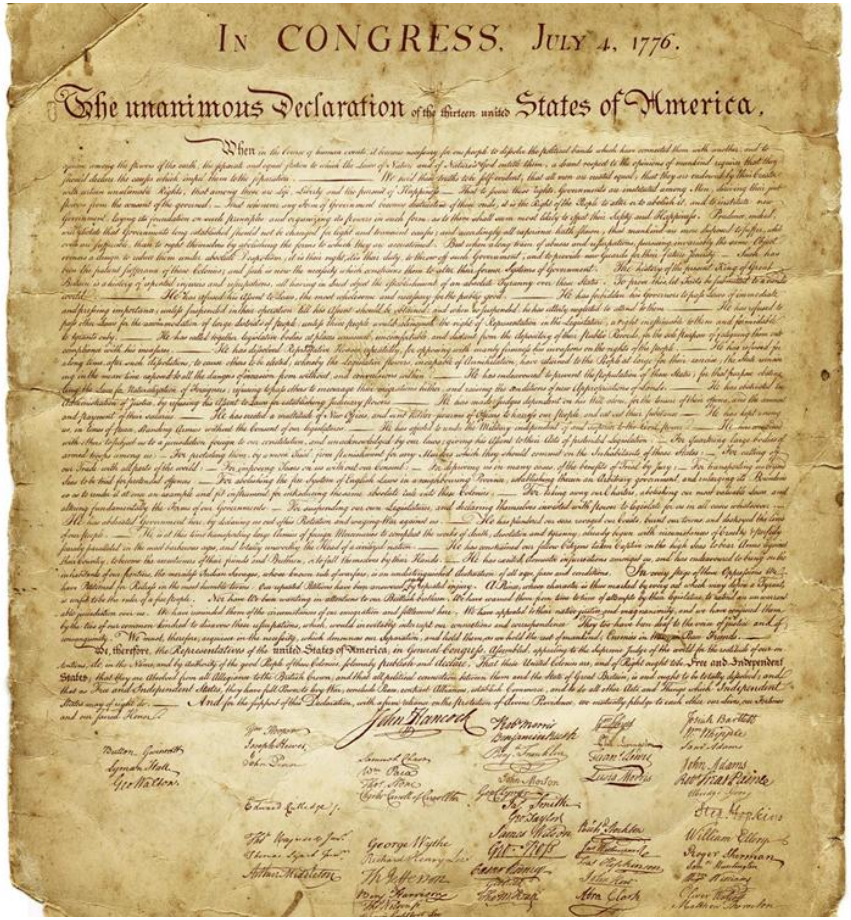

Rechtsstaat

Emancipatie

- abolitionisme
- burgerrechten
- vrouwenrechten
- LGBTQIA+

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AMERIKAANSE IDEOLOGIE: BOUWSTENEN

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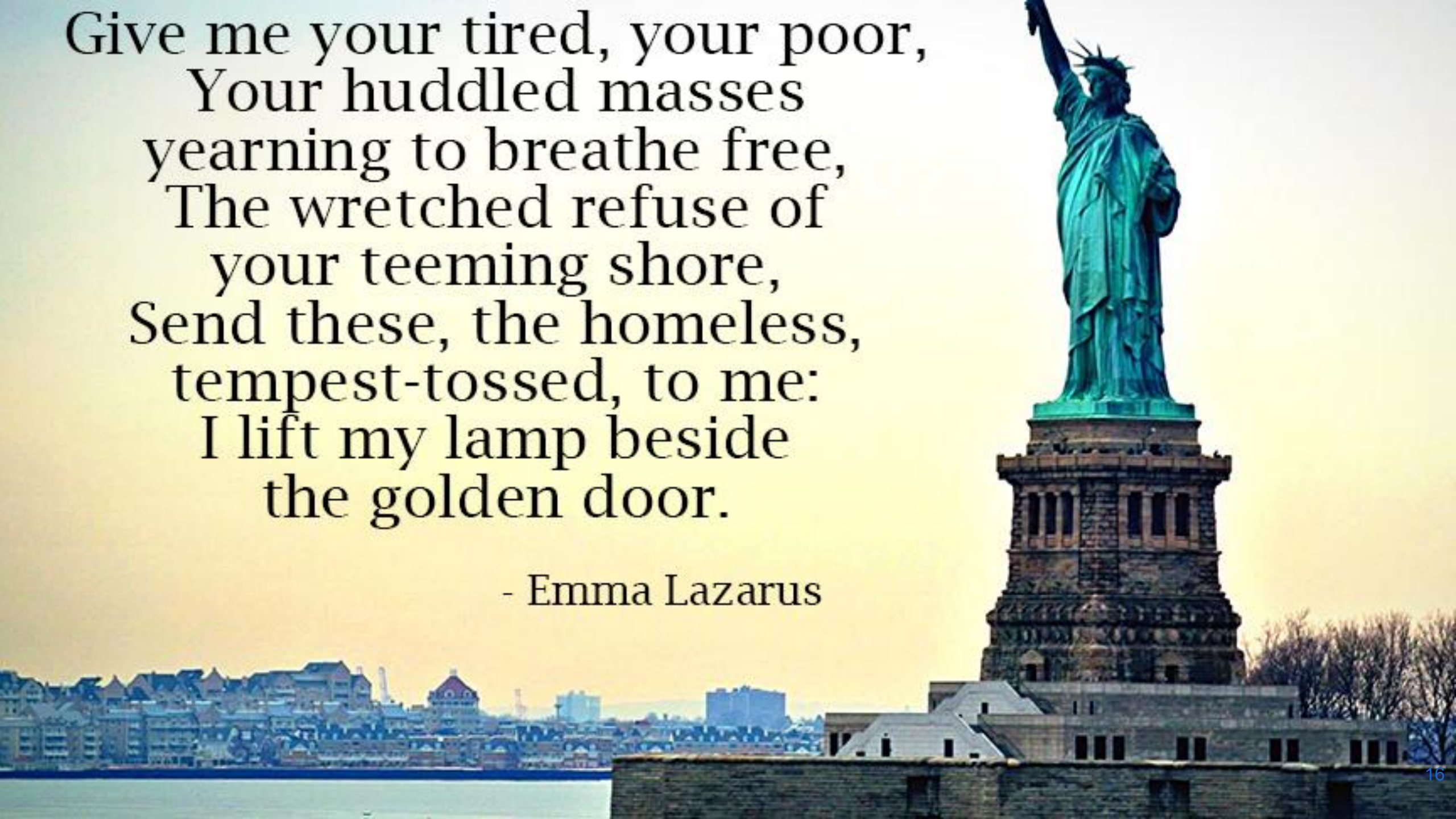
Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of
your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless,
tempest-tossed, to me:
I lift my lamp beside
the golden door.
- Emma Lazarus

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EXPANSION; FRONTIER

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GEORGE CALEB BINGHAM, DANIEL BOONE ESCORTING SETTLERS THROUGH THE CUMBERLAND GAP (1851)

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LOUISIANA PURCHASE

MANIFEST DESTINY

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MANIFEST DESTINY (1845)

And that claim is by the right of our manifest destiny to overspread and to possess the whole of the continent which Providence has given us for the development of the great experiment of liberty and federated self-government entrusted to us. John O'Sullivan

Onontkoombare lotsbestemming

De 19e-eeuwse overtuiging in de Verenigde Staten dat het hun goddelijke recht en plicht was om uit te breiden over het Noord-Amerikaanse continent, van de oost- tot de westkust (ChatGPT).

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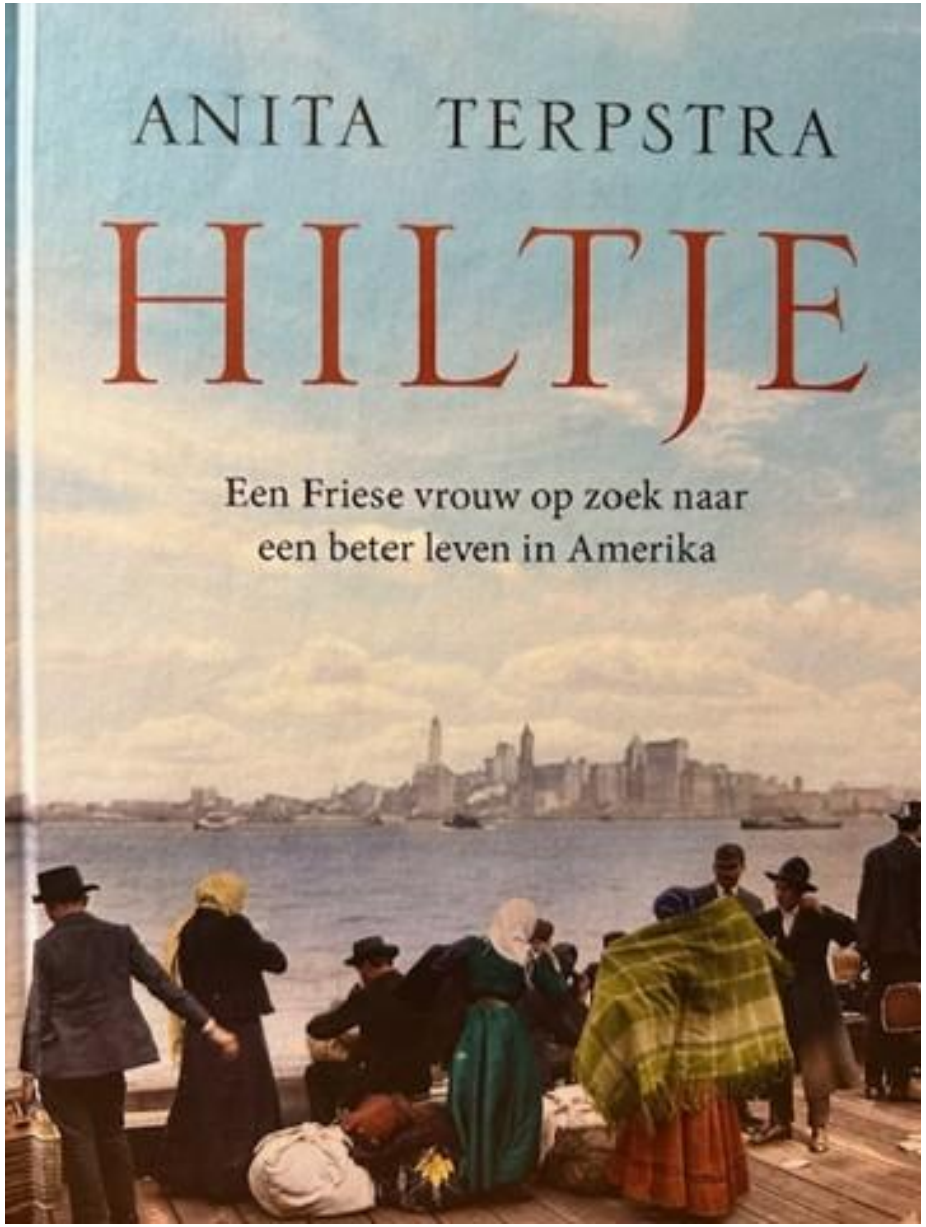

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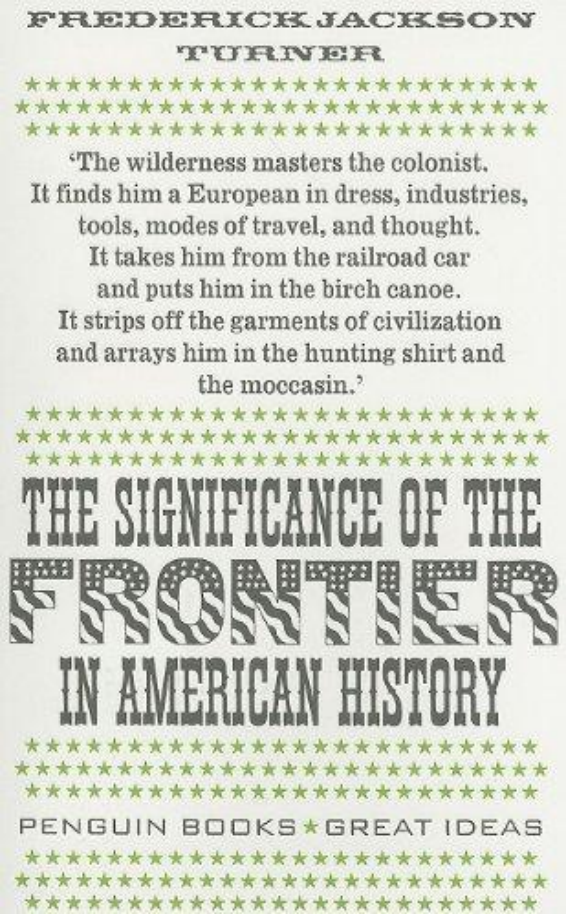

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20. DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES: 1890.

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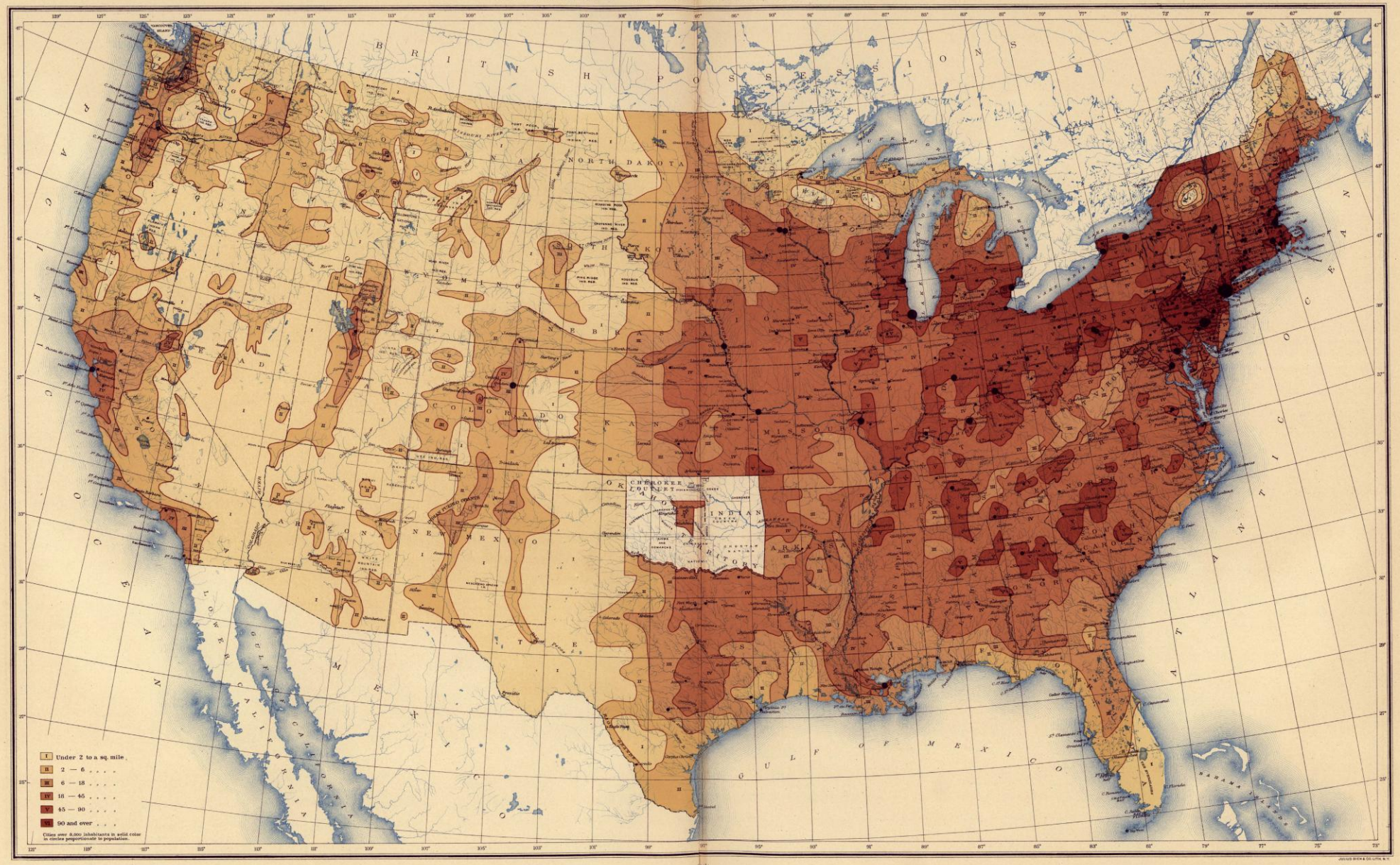

TURNER'S THESIS (1893)

The result is that to the frontier the American intellect owes its striking characteristics. That coarseness and strength combined with acuteness and inquisitiveness; that practical, inventive turn of mind, quick to find expedients; that masterful grasp of material things, lacking in the artistic but powerful to effect great ends;

TURNER'S THESIS (1893)

that restless, nervous energy; that dominant individualism, working for good and for evil, and withal that buoyancy and exuberance which comes with freedom – these are traits of the frontier, or traits called out elsewhere because of the existence of the frontier.

- Turner's Thesis

Land of opportunity
American Dream: from rags to riches
American Hero

1902

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CHARLES SCHREYVOGEL, BREAKING THROUGH THE LINE, CA1895

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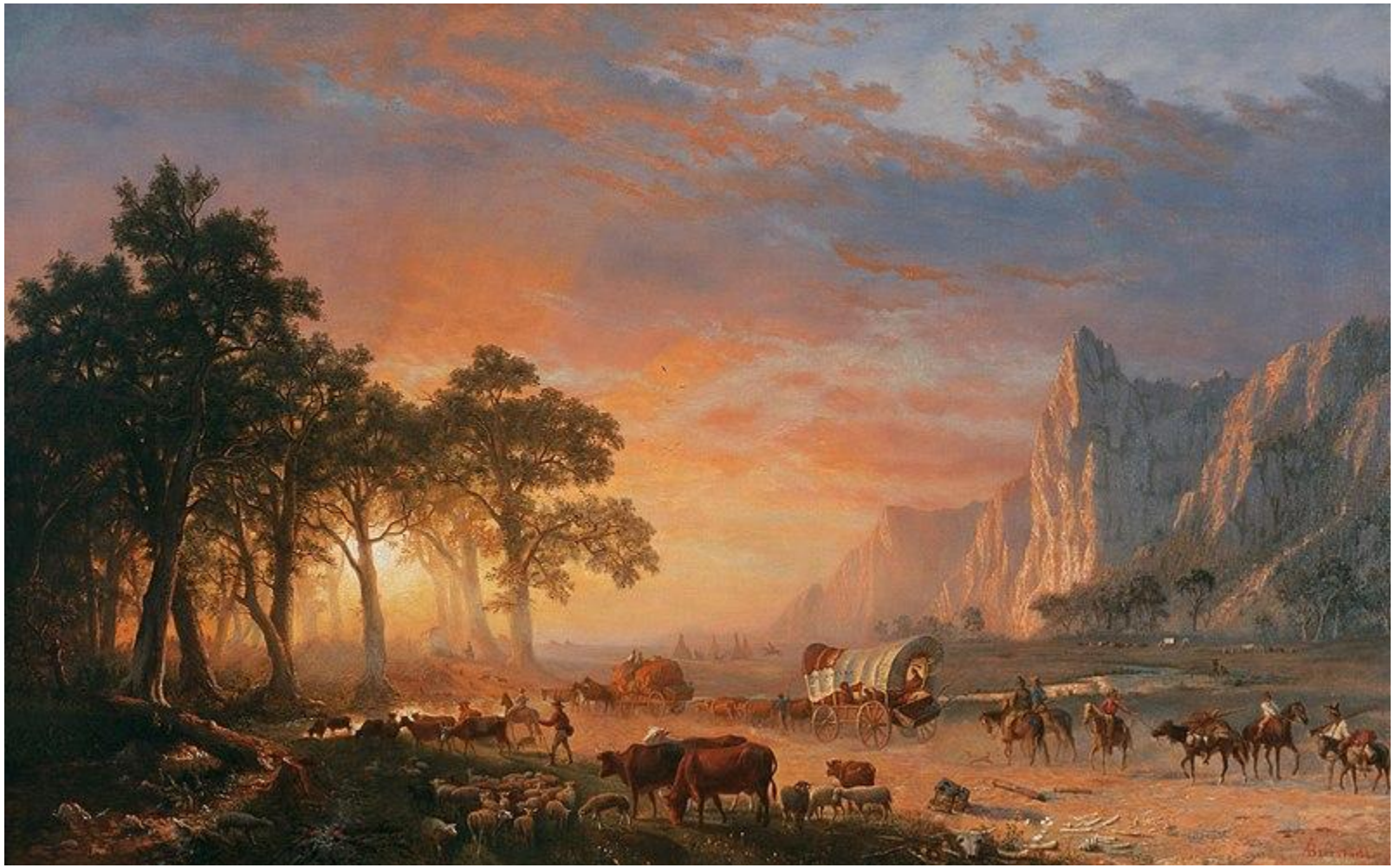
ALBERT BIERSTADT, EMIGRANTS CROSSING THE PLAINS, 1867



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EMANUEL LEUTZE, “WESTWARD THE COURSE OF EMPIRE TAKES ITS WAY.” MURAL, US CAPITOL BUILDING (1862)

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JOHN GAST, AMERICAN PROGRESS (1872)

SCHOOL
BOOK
OVERLAND MAIL

GEORGE A. CROFUTT

A beautiful and charming female… floating westward through the air, bearing on her forehead the "Star of Empire." She has left the cities of the East far behind, crossed the Alleghenies and the "Father of Waters," and still her course is westward.

GEORGE A. CROFUTT

In her right hand she carries a book – common school – the emblem of education and the testimonial of our national enlightenment, while with the left hand she unfolds and stretches the slender wires of the telegraph, that are to flash intelligence throughout the land.

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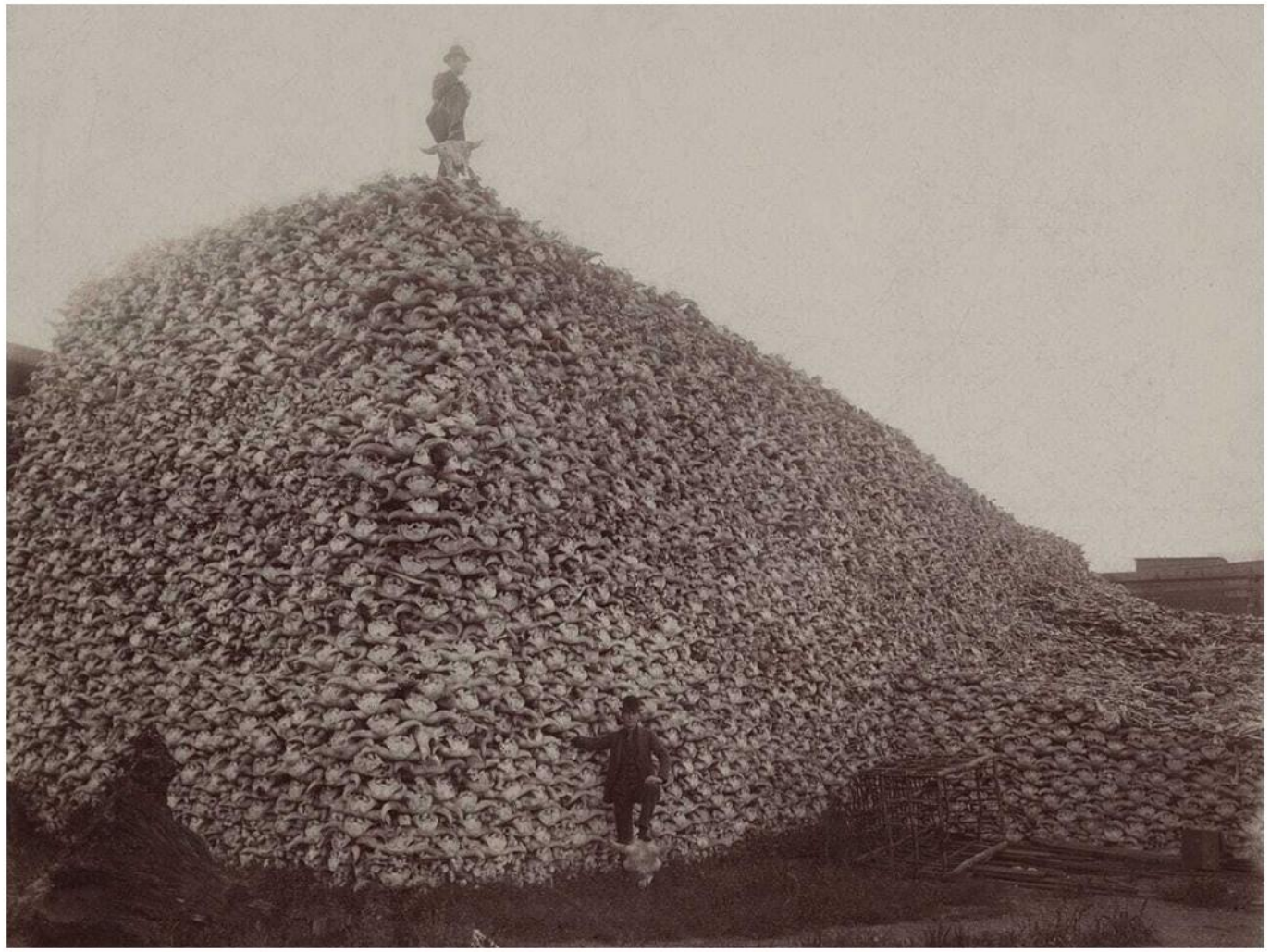

Men standing with pile of buffalo skulls, Michigan Carbon Works, Rougeville Mich., 1892. ***(Credit: Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library)***

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Fleeing from 'Progress' and towards the blue waters of the Pacific…. are the Indians, buffalo, wind horses, bears, and other game, moving westward – ever westward.

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The Indians, with their squaws, pappooses, and "pony-lodges," turn their despairing faces towards the setting sun, as they flee from the presence of the wondrous vision. The "Star" is too much for them.

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  b.veroveringsdrang (Manifest Destiny)
  individualisme, can-do (Turner)
  toxische masculiniteit

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- City upon a Hill
- Pilgrimage and migration are one
- All men are created equal
- E pluribus unum
- Manifest Destiny
- Turner’s Thesis
- Toxic masculinity

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STATE OF THE UNION
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We endured floods and fires and storms. But through it all, we have seen the beauty of America’s soul, and the steel in America’s spine. Each test has forged new American heroes to remind us who we are, and show us what we can be.

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Over the last year, the world has seen what we always knew: that no people on Earth are so fearless, or daring, or determined as Americans. If there is a mountain, we climb it. If there is a frontier, we cross it. If there is a challenge, we tame it. If there is an opportunity, we seize it.

EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE

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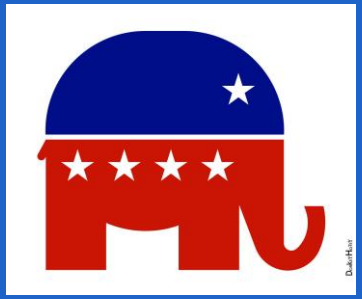
Verlichtingsidealen (rechtstaat) en tolerantie, diversiteit:	Religieus fanatisme en de mythe van het Westen (stoerheid, individualisme, afkeer van de staat):
Democraten	Republikeinen



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