“Americanizing” Within and Abroad

I. Jack Johnson’s Challenge
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IV. Lynching Leo Frank
V. Teddy Roosevelt’s Virile Fight for “Civilization”
Jack Johnson
What defines manhood? Or, what qualities are associated with manhood?

Tall, muscular, athletic, facial hair.
Confident.
Low voice, charisma.
Professionally successful.
Protector.
Dominance/dominant.
“Manly”  “Masculine”
Manliness

• Self-control, self-restraint.
• Protect and provide for wife, children, and employees.
• Proper gentleman.
Neurasthenia
Loss of nerve force, nervelessness; lack of physical vigor.

Manliness
“sissy”
“pussy-foot”
“stuffed shirt”
“overcivilized”
Masculine, Masculinity

“having the distinguishing characteristics of the male sex among human beings, physical or mental . . . suitable for the male sex; adapted to or intended for the use of males.”

aggressive, primal, physical force, virility
Key to saving and perfecting “civilization”

Manliness (white virtue)

Masculinity (all males)
Immigration to the United States

1870s: 2.8 million
1880s: 5.25 million
1890s: 3.7 million
1900s: 8.8 million
1910s: 5.7 million
Dagos

“white niggers”
“swarthy”
“dark-skinned”
Rollins v. Alabama (1922)

Sicilian immigrant: “no competent evidence to show that the woman in question . . . was a white woman.”
The end of Leo Frank
Hung by a mob at Macon, Ga., Aug. 17, 1915. 
Leo Frank
Roosevelt Corollary (1904) to the Monroe Doctrine

Warned Latin American nations to stabilize politics and finances. Otherwise, the United States would intervene as “an international police power.”
U.S. Military Interventions in Latin America and the Caribbean
“Gook”

A racial term to refer to any native opposed to U.S. intervention and occupation. Originated in the Philippine-American War.
U.S. Nationalism and Imperialism at Work

Closing borders to “foreigners” to protect “American” workers.