

## GEOG 4712 Political Geography



Lecture 5: Classical Geopolitics: The Pivot, The Heartland, and the Eurasian Landmass

### Outline

- 1) Administrative issues?
- 2) Classical elements
- 3) Mahan's prescriptions
- 4) Mackinder's legacies
- 5) The dictum
- 6) The map
- 7) Some criticisms

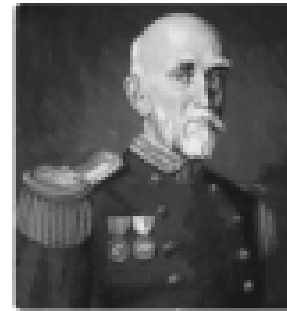




## Mahan's Geopolitical Vision

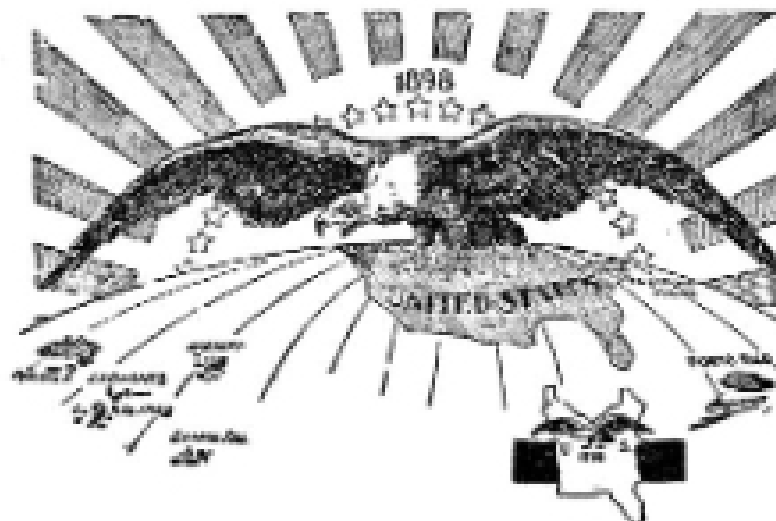
### *Basis for Great Power Status*

- 1) Territory: size matters
- 2) Population: bigger = better
- 3) Geopolitical Position: Island
- 4) Strong Government: Presidential
- 5) Strong National character: Anglo
- 6) Strong Navy/Good Harbors



## Mahan's Prescriptions

- 1) Build Panama Canal
- 2) Expand Into Pacific + Caribbean
- 3) Build Strong Navy
- 4) Contain Russia
- 5) Formal Alliance with British Empire



Ten thousand miles from tip to tip.—Philadelphia Press.