

Topic: Love Us or Hate Us? America's Image Abroad
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According to many pundits, America's image abroad has never been lower. What accounts for this shift? Is it jealousy over America's freedoms, or is it American international policies? From the war in Iraq to America's rejection of the Kyoto Protocol and its global climate change policy, America's standing abroad deserves closer scrutiny. Does the world view us as arrogant and dominant, or simply wealthy and powerful? Does the rest of the world really want to be like us, or is anti-Americanism a useful tool for foreign leaders to shape their own domestic politics? Join the conversation as we examine the consequences and concerns about the decline of American "soft power," and whether or not it can be redeemed.

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