Monroe Doctrine and Independence in America

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| Monroe Doctrine | United States concern over European attempt to regain colonies in Americas   * France and Russia had indicated willingness to help Spain regain control in Americas * Britain and United States concerned with protecting trade rights in Latin America | United States support of Latin America would create new economic benefits for U.S. |
|  | John Quincy Adams   * Believed United States should announce protection of Latin America independently from Britain * Joint statement would make U.S. appear to be a junior partner to Britain * Monroe’s Secretary of State |  |
|  | Monroe Doctrine Specifics   * 1823 * Message to Congress announcing U.S. would not allow Europe to interfere with free nations of Latin America * “dangerous to our peace and safety”   Doctrine boosted influence of U.S. in the region |  |