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#### The plan facilitates the exploitation of Latin American talent in service of US cultural dominance – baseball diplomacy affirms a heroic US national identity that provides rhetorical cover for American military and economic adventurism

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¶ Yet while American culture benefited from an increased appreciation for the diversity these players represented, … constituted the United States as the world’s exemplary nation.

#### Baseball diplomacy relies upon the myth of American exceptionalism to retain coherence. The history of baseball diplomacy parallels the history of colonial violence by constructing the narrative that America has been divinely anointed to civilize the rest of the world. This is the narrative justification for US colonialism, militarism and war

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¶ Throughout this book, I have suggested that baseball parallels religious …The liberty we prize is not America’s gift to the world, but is God’s gift to humanity.”

#### This makes extinction inevitable – their catastrophic heroism requires the massive destruction of the other

**Santos, 3** - Boaventura de Sousa Santos is leading Portuguese social theorist, the director of the Center for Social Studies at the University of Coimbra, and has written and published widely on the issue of globalization (“Collective Suicide” Bad Subjects, <http://bad.eserver.org/issues/2003/63/santos.html>)

¶ According to Franz Hinkelammert, the West has repeatedly been under the … the war will cost 100 billion dollars, enough to pay the health costs of the world's poorest countries for four years.

#### The alternative is to reject the notion that baseball diplomacy is productive – the plan’s valorization of baseball as central to US national power enables scapegoating and war. We don’t reject baseball, we reject its use in the service of national power.

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The salience of a good/evil binary was evident as Americans sought to … Accordingly, baseball’s role in the aftermath of 9/11 must be taken seriously and attended to critically.