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Sommario/riassunto	Puerto Rico, acquired by the United States from Spain in 1898, has a peculiar status among Latin American and Caribbean countries. Its commonwealth status has been hotly debated since its establishment, and the pervasive presence of US power in the island's military, political, economic, and educational institutions is a source of constant tension. Despite their ongoing colonial dilemma, Puerto Ricans display a strong national identity and pride in their rich culture and history.