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Sommario/riassunto	The end of the Cold War ushered in a moment of nearly pure American dominance on the world stage, yet that era now seems ages ago. Since 9/11 many informed commentators have focused on the relative decline of American power in the global system. While some have welcomed this as a salutary development, outspoken proponents of

American power--particularly neoconservatives--have lamented this turn of events. As Jeanne Morefield argues in *Empires Without Imperialism*, the defenders of a liberal international order steered by the US have both invoked nostalgia for a golden liberal past and succumbed

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