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If George W. Bush died tomorrow, he almost certainly would not receive the kind of universally positive media coverage accorded this week to the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. Yet it would be quite difficult to determine in an objective analysis which of the two made a greater contribution to the decline of the American empire. If the goal is to increase the size of the federal government, spend the country into oblivion, decrease individual freedoms and radically change the ethnic and religious foundations of the country, these two politicians have done an exemplary job. The rise and fall of empires - or even little democracies in Central Europe - is not a natural phenomenon; it is brought about by concrete decisions of concrete individuals. This unnatural process will continue as long as we exalt (or re-elect) the very politicians who, little by little, have brought us to where Western civilization is today.



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