

# *Hawaii before Statehood* *by President (2x) Patrick Irish*

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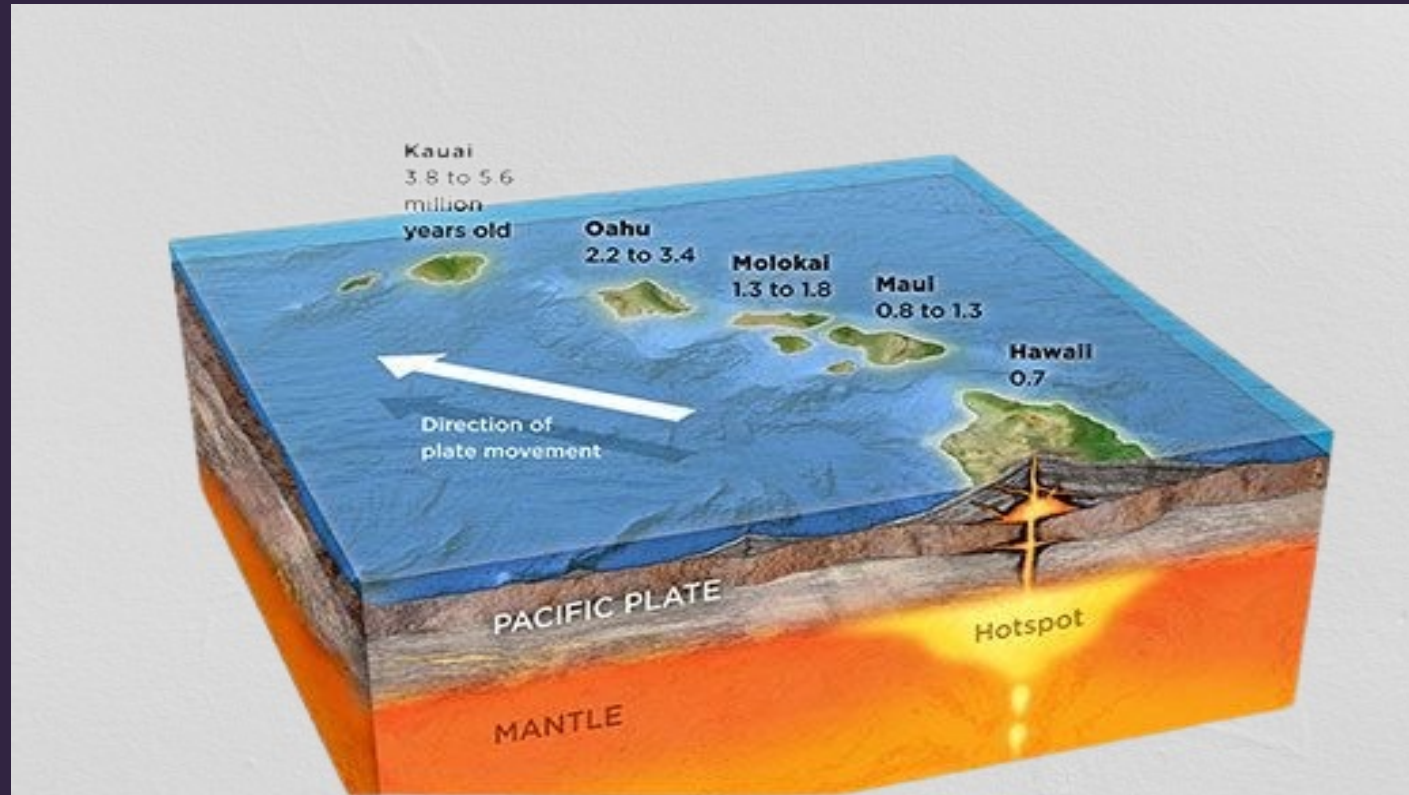
*In the Beginning...darkness was over the surface of the deep*



*A little over 5 million years ago, give or take a day*



# *Nation Formation*





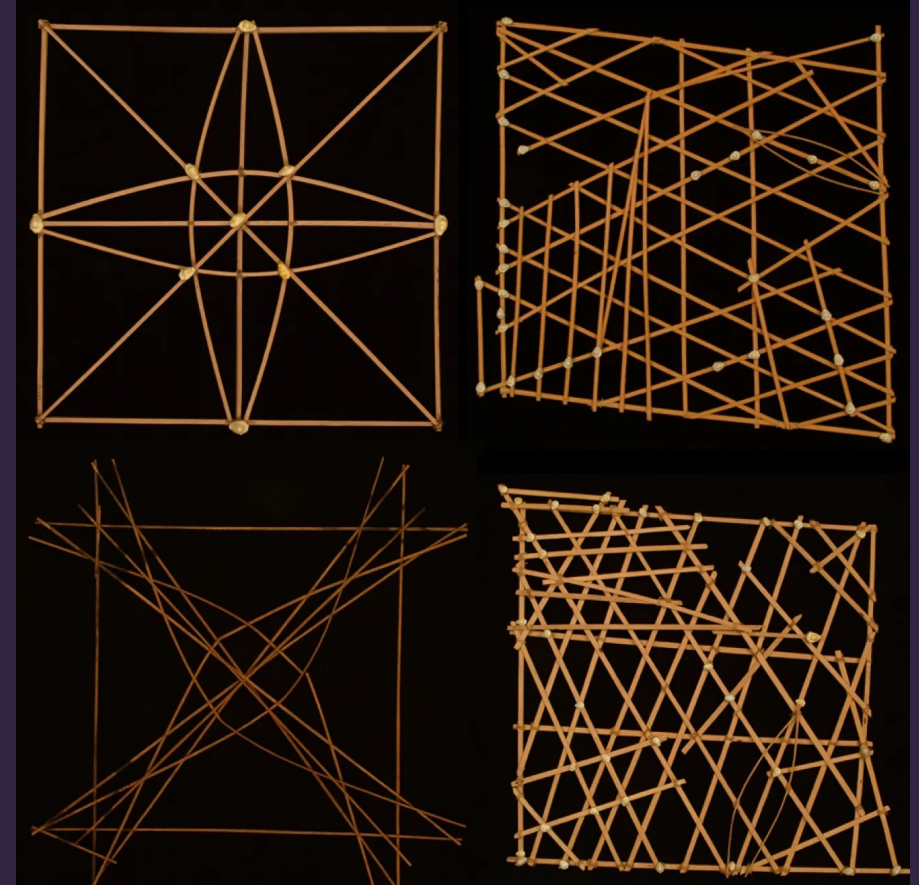
## *Don't forget the dog*



- Polynesians first settlements 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> century
- Supplies included fresh water, dried fruits, dogs, pigs, fowl, seeds of coconut / banana / breadfruit, roots of taro and sweet potato, plants, sugarcane saplings
- Double hulled canoes – wa'a kaulua – designed from koa wood and coconut fiber

# *Navigate...like a boss*

- The journey from Tahiti to Hawaii is over 2,400 miles long – 20+ days
- Survival depend on knowledge and rapport with the sea
- Wayfinding navigation techniques used celestial bodies, ocean currents, bird migration patterns, wave and cloud formations, wind, temperatures, habits of sea creatures and more
- Stick and Shell chart: Curves are swells by and island, short stick is current, long is direction to and island, shell is an island
- Polynesian Voyaging Society – 33 days





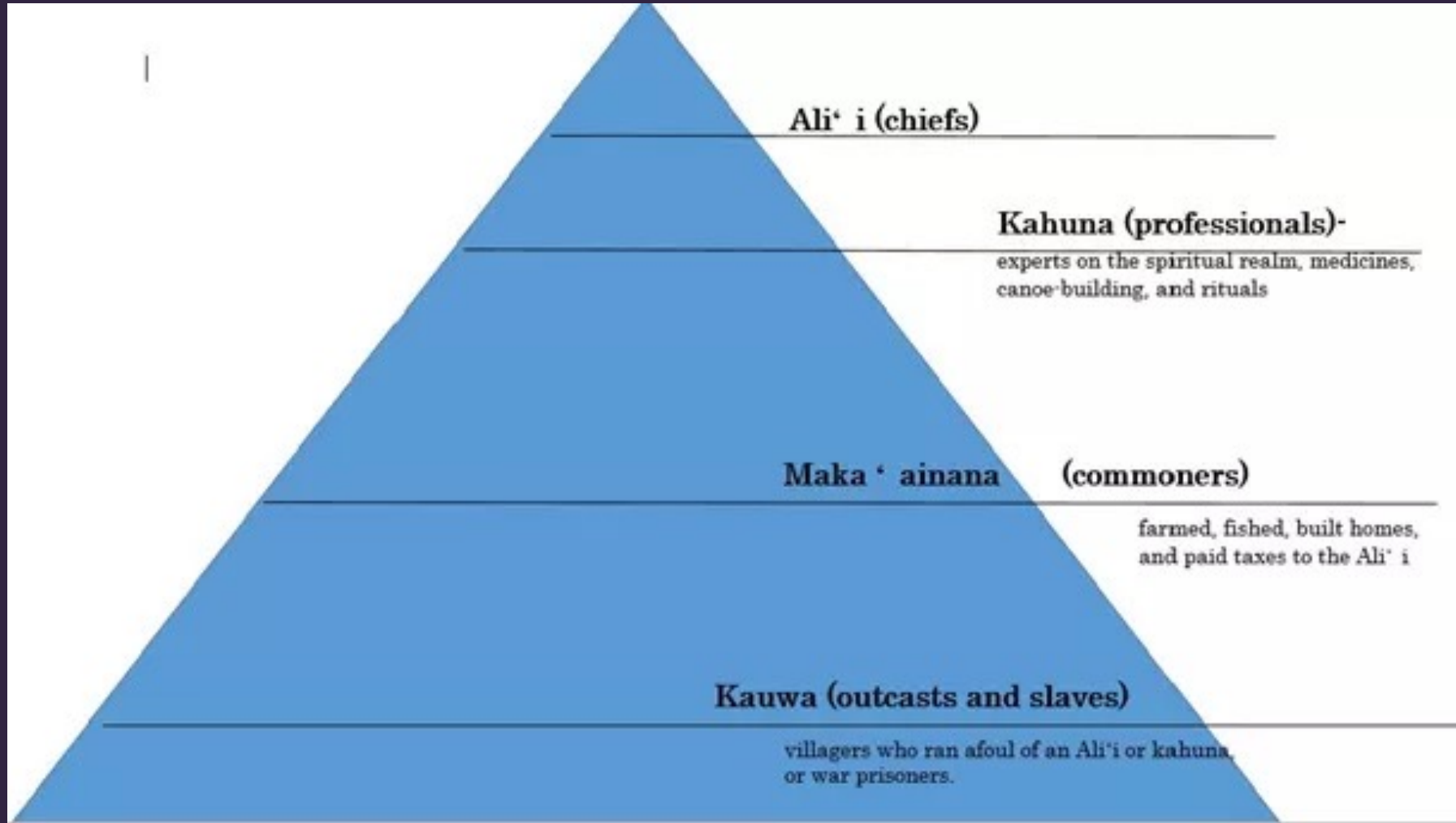


## *Second Place, First are Losers*

- First settlers likely came from Marquesas Islands, arrived at an untouched paradise as early as 400 CE
- No four-legged predators, snakes, few biting insects, flightless birds, fish filled harbors
- Small groups with no hierarchy
- Farmers and fishers
- Second group of settlers likely came from Tahiti hundreds of years later, brought their own traditions
- Sporadic warfare pushed early settlers into mountains or into servitude
- Kauwā, tattooed on 1<sup>st</sup> settler forehead, confined to certain districts as slaves
- Child born between Kauwā and 2<sup>nd</sup> group dashed against a rock, disgrace!
- As population grew, social hierarchy appears



# *Pyramids, not just for food*



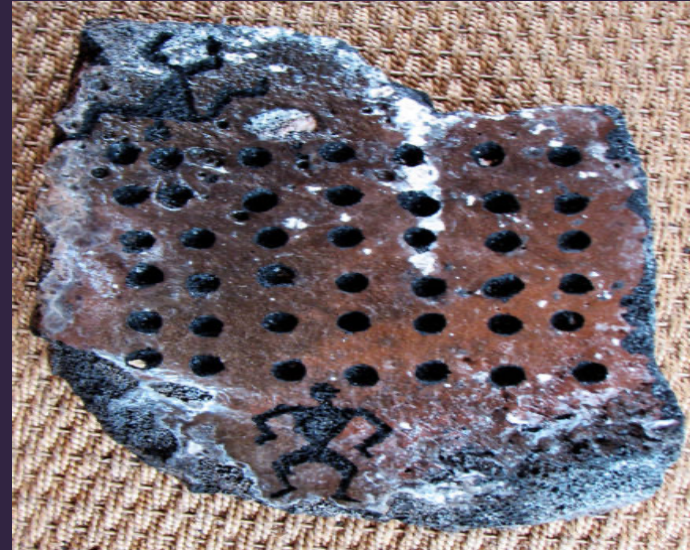
# *Hail to the Chief*

- Descended from Kane, lord of creation, god of sunlight, fresh water, forests
- Treated like gods, “E noho e!” (squat), shadows may not be crossed
- Abundant mana, nurtured through intermarriage
- Trained in spear throwing and dodging
- Commoners owed debt of crops
- Feathered garments denoted status
- Capes, helmets, lei for most powerful chiefs



## *Ali'i want to do is have some fun*

- Surfing carved wood boards as long 18 feet, 150 lbs, best surfing spots (kapu'd)
- Canoe-leaping into cresting wave
- Gambling, mock warfare, religious rituals, feasts, and wife swapping
- Spin coconut bowl or touch with a stick, leave by daybreak and no jealousy
- Boxing matches
- Konane (similar to checkers)
- Masters of songs, poets haku mele



## *Commoners get it done*

- System is similar to European middle age fiefdom
- Swore allegiance to chief
- Warriors used to fight over resources
- Tended crops, laborers, fisherman,
- House and canoe builders
- Bird catchers



# *Ahupua'a* *Stones meet Pig*

- Slice of Pie from top of mountain to ocean
- Timber at the top, lowlands for crop
- No ownership but land tenure was stable
- Konohiki (ali'i) managed land and water
- Irrigated land grew taro, rain fed grew sweet potatoes, dryland coconuts and bananas
- Priests maintained sustainability



## *Fish for dinner...again*

- At least 360 fishponds were built near freshwater streams
- According to legend, Ku'ula built the first fishpond, a fisherman who had supernatural powers for summoning fish
- Fishpond production was over 2M pounds per year
- Lava rock walls, kuapā, fenced in the area





## *Aquaculture (cont.)*

- Sluice gate / Makaha were used to allow free passage of larvae and juveniles while allowing nutrients from the ocean
- Baby fish swim in, feed on seaweed, grow too fat to fit out of gate
- Caretakers known as kia'i loko, an art to manage the balance of species, nutrients, tides, seasons





## *Very Fishy*

- Menehune Fishpond
- Constructed in the 15<sup>th</sup> century
- 900 foot wall on Hulē‘ia River.
- Attributed to the Menehune, mythical people who were short in stature





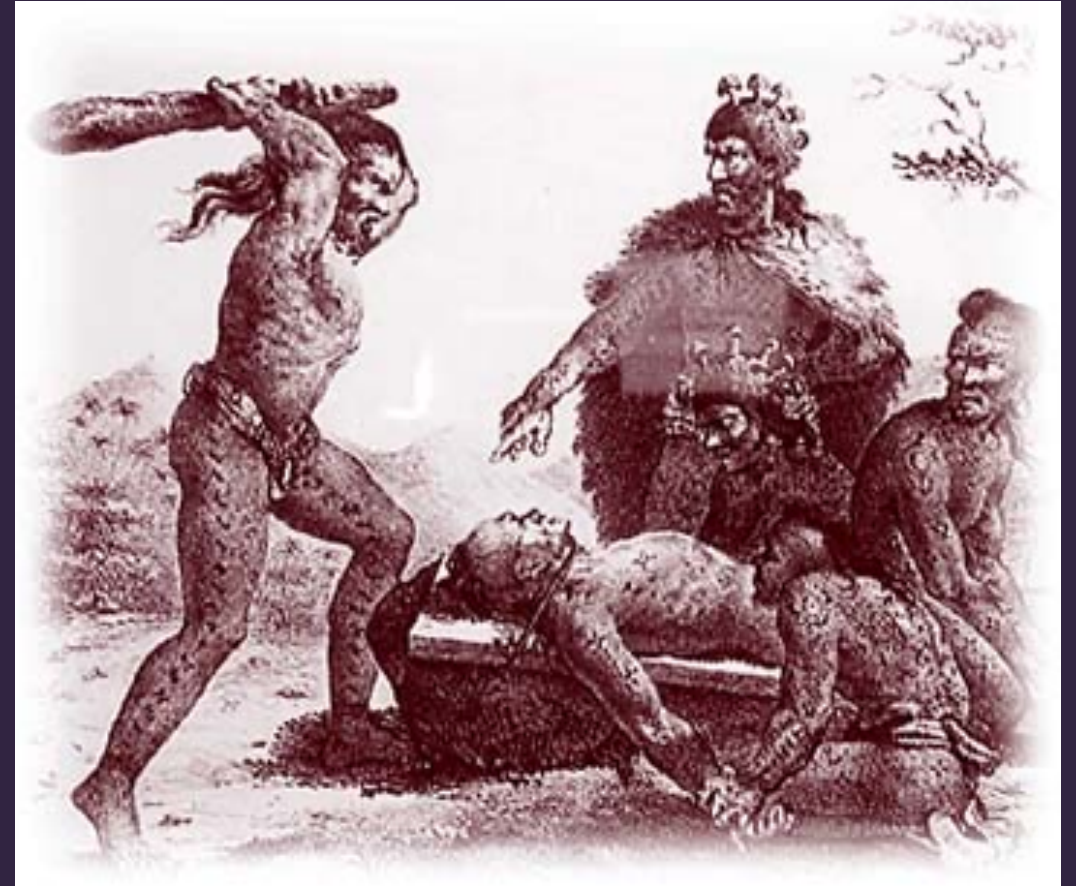
## *Four and more*

- Polytheistic animistic with four main gods
  - Kū: The God of War.
  - Kāne: The God of Creation
  - Lono: The God of Peace, Rain, and Fertility.
  - Kanaloa: The God of the Ocean.
- Balance with nature, in tune with all
- Everything had mana, animate or inanimate
- Chiefs were gods or related to gods
- Kapu – follow to be spiritually pure
- Prayers to various gods for building a house, canoe, sickness, and at temples



## *Rules for thee and not for me*

- Do not violate kapus (religious orders)
- Rules Rules and more Rules
  - No looking, touching, proximity to chiefs
  - Shadow crossing – death
  - Wet loincloth in ali'i home – death
  - Baby soiled high chief's lap – death
  - Lay with menstruating woman – death
  - Did not squat when told so – death
  - Woman could not eat pig, coconut, banana and could not eat with men, food prep



# *Spirit of Aloha*

- Not only a simple greeting
- Engrained in statute, “coordination of mind and heart within each person”
- Good feelings toward others, warmth in caring
- Traits of character that express the charm, warmth, and sincerity of Hawaii’s people
- No obligation in return



# *James Cook*

- James Famous British explorer
- Jan 1778 – Two “islands” Discovery and Resolution arrived in Waimea Bay
- Fear, awe, curiosity
- Second arrival during festival of Lono, bay, direction, temple
- Native tried to steal iron, shot immediately, violated a kapu





## *Cook (cont.)*

- Messengers sent to other kingdoms to tell of Lono's visit
- Highest chiefs treated them like gods
- Women would offer their bodies freely to men in exchange for goods
- Young Kamehemeha was noted by Cook for size, strength, and intellect
- Contact and trade inflection point: fleas, infection, weapons
- Eventually suspicion grew and King of Hawaii, Chief Kalani'ōpu'u, issued kapu
- Cook's men stole women and fence
- Hawaiians relieved to see Cook leave, but storm forced them back for repairs
- Longboat was stolen, Cook went to shore and took King hostage. Warrior attacked
- No longer a god, four marines and cook died while his men escaped

# *Long Live the King*

## *1782-1819*

- King Kamehameha I, an avid learner, he leveraged European weapons to unite the islands, sandalwood decimated
- Moved the Naha Stone at age 14, legend to unify Hawaii
- First Hawaii Island (1791), Maui & Oahu (1795), Kauai (1810)
- Law of splintered paddle
- Over a dozen wives, over 30 children



*Modeled after the Kennedys*



# THE HAWAIIAN MONARCHY



Kamehameha I  
The Great



Kamehameha II  
Liholiho



Kamehameha III  
Kauikeaouli



Kamehameha IV  
Alexander Liholiho



Kamehameha V  
Lot Kapuāiwa



Lunalilo



Kalākaua



Liliu'okalani

1819-1824

Age 27

Measles

1825-1854

Age 40

Brief Illness

1855-1863

Age 29

Asthma

1863-1872

Age 42

Sickness

1873-1874

Age 39

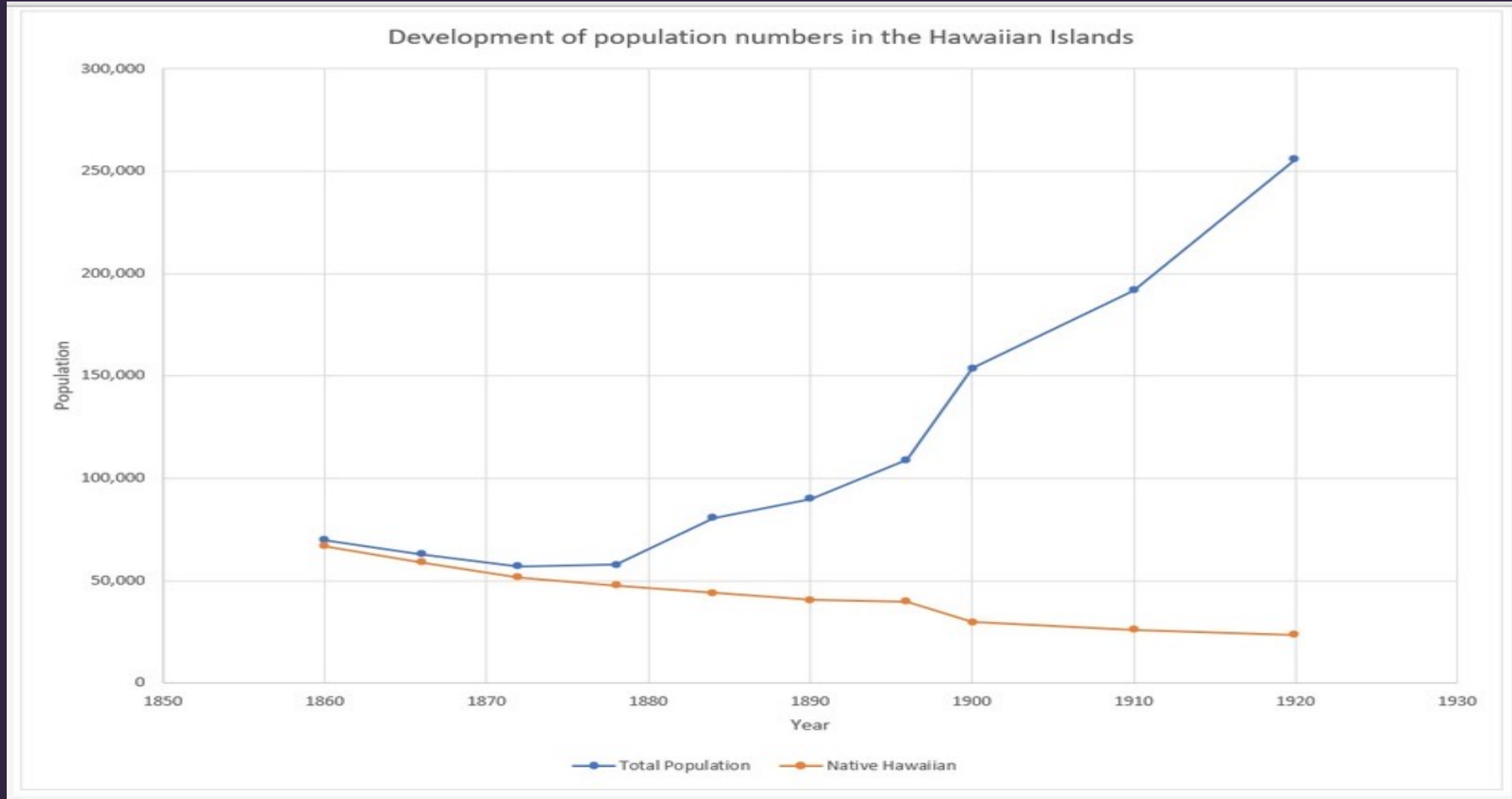
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1874-1891

Age 54

Stroke





Venereal disease, cholera, measles, and tuberculosis all contributed to the decimation of the native peoples, whose population fell from approximately 300,000 to fewer than 40,000 by the 1890s, little more than a century later.

## *Did his own research*

- King Liholiho - Kamehameha II – Son of Kamehameha
- Shared power with father's consort Queen Ka'ahumanu
- Ended kapu system of men and women not eating together, destroyed temples, overthrow of ancient idols
- Welcomed missionaries and their schools
- On tour wishing to see the King George IV, both his wife (22) and the King (27) died from measles. "As if I would sit at the table with such a pair of damned cannibals"



### *Kamehameha III*

1824-1854

- First Constitution (1840);  
Edict of Toleration
- Land reform from communal  
land into individual parcels
- Foreign pressure from British  
and French, invasion and  
surrender

### *Kamehameha IV*

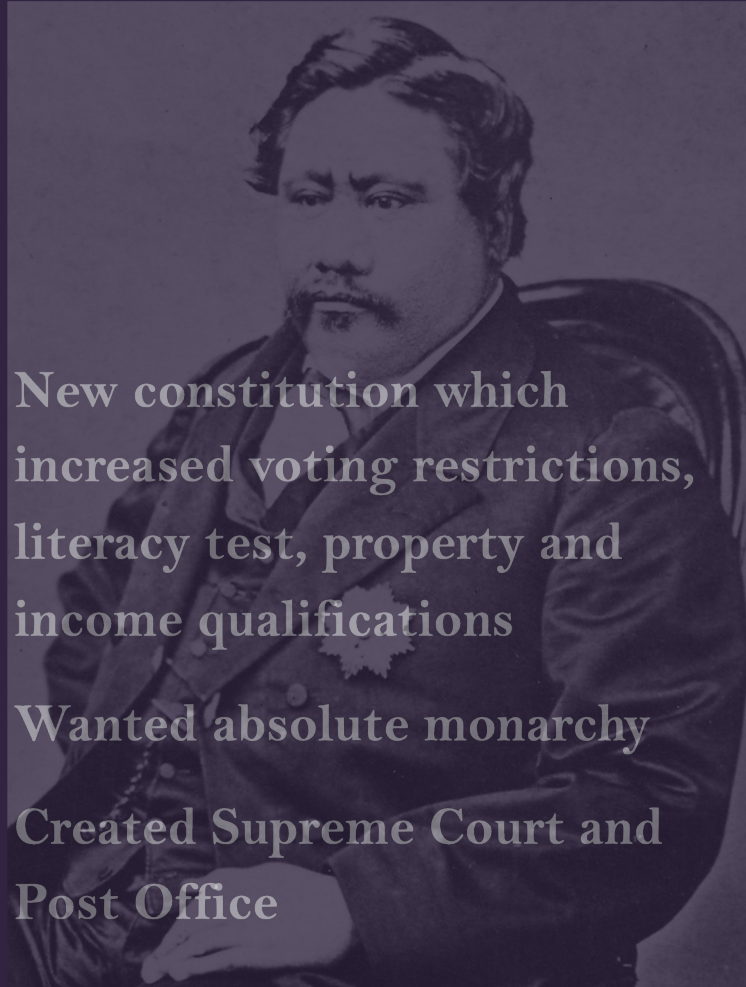
1854-1863

- Queen's Medical Center  
Hospital – Largest non-  
profit in Honolulu
- Train and dinner party  
trouble in US
- Shot friend



*Kamehameha V*

*1863-1872*



- New constitution which increased voting restrictions, literacy test, property and income qualifications
- Wanted absolute monarchy
- Created Supreme Court and Post Office

*Lunalilo*

*1873-1874*



- First monarch to win popular vote
- Wanted democracy, reformed powers
- Disbanded army

*Ranked #731 out of 731 on Tripadvisor*



- Molokai Island
- Land size of Manhattan – Prison fortified by nature (jagged rock, high cliffs)
- 1866-1969 103 yrs of medical segregation
- Over 8,000 people forcibly banished
- No medical care, little food, crude shelter

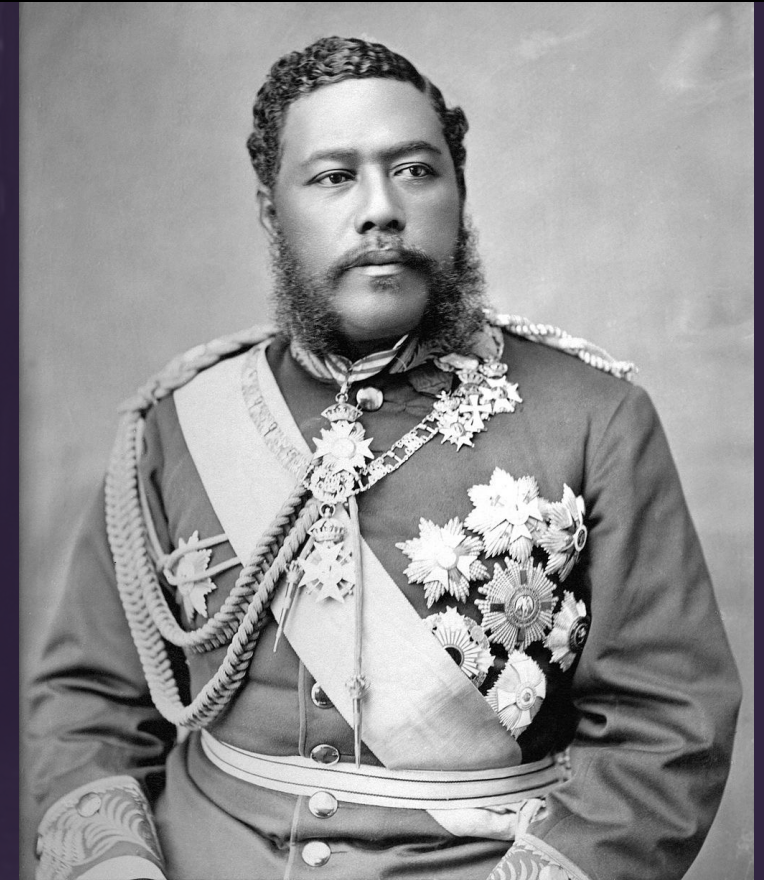
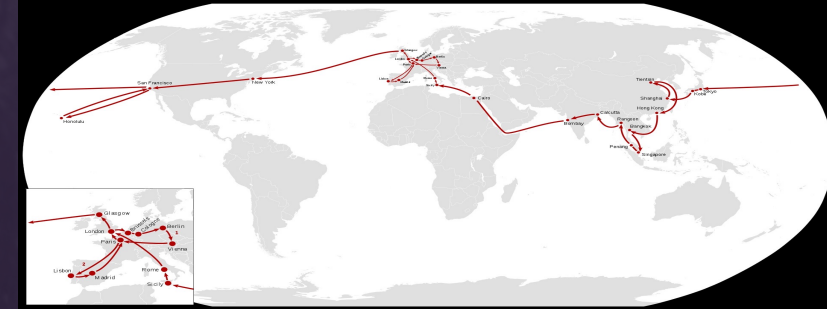
# *One Way Or Another*

- Presidential inquiries, Congressional debate
- Scrutiny from the press and segregation laws
- John Wayne & Shirley Temple visited
- Most famous community in the world
- Over 1,000 couples married, children taken
- Treatment arrived in the 1940s yet patients trapped until 1969
- As of 2015, 6 people remained
- Government bounty hunters
- To resist arrest doctors, soldiers, and sheriffs were murdered.
- Once caught patients were civilly dead.
  - Spouses granted divorce
  - Wills executed
- The settlement resembled a shipwreck where fights over food, water, blankets, and women broke out. \$5.75 yearly allowance
- Mortality rate was 46% in first five years



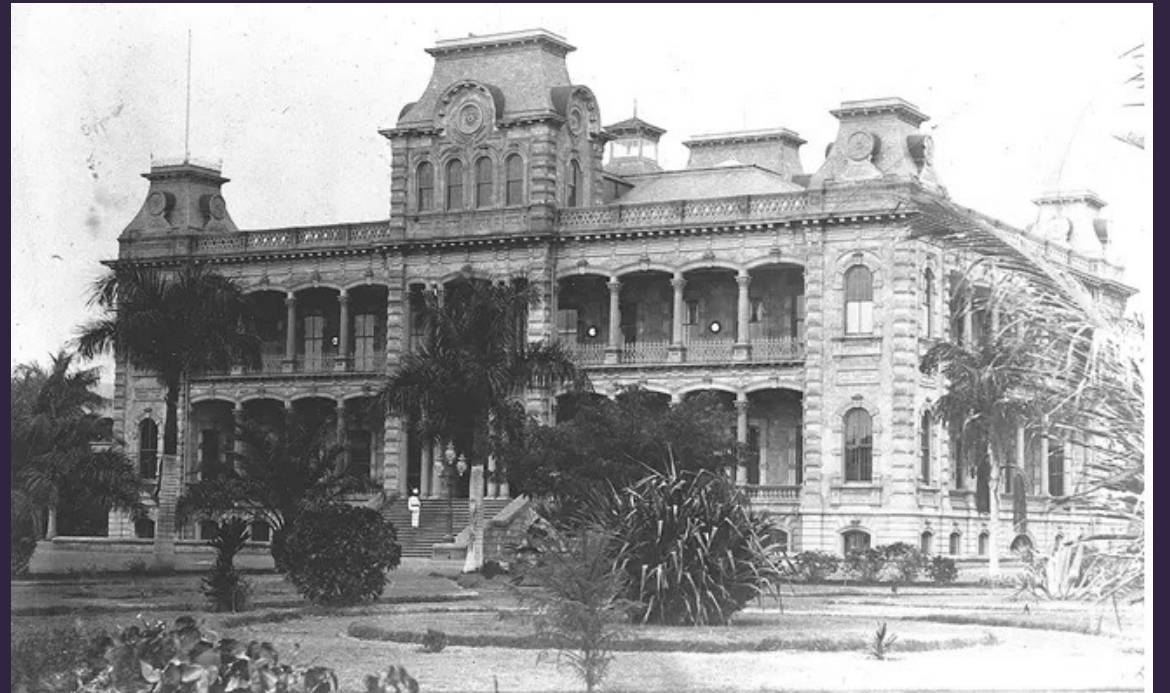
# *Kalākaua* 1874-1891

- Brought the party: Hula, chants, pride, surfing, ukulele
- First monarch to circumnavigate the globe in 1881. 281 day trip, no security guards, Japanese marriage proposal, Portuguese labor, Pope Leo XIII, Queen Victoria, Thomas Edison
- Reciprocity Treaty 1875 took sugar production from 21M lbs to 300M+ lbs 1876-1890. Extension 1884 cost Pearl Harbor
- Bayonet Constitution 1887: Signed law at gunpoint, surrounded by Honolulu Rifles, property ownership of \$3,000 and only American, European, and Hawaiians could vote
- Merrie Monarch or planter's puppet monarch



## *They said it was Lit*

- Iolani Palace – Constructed 1883
- Italian Renaissance Design
- Only royal palace on American soil
- Electricity and indoor plumbing (1887)  
before the White House and Buckingham  
Palace
- Cost was \$343,595 or \$11M today

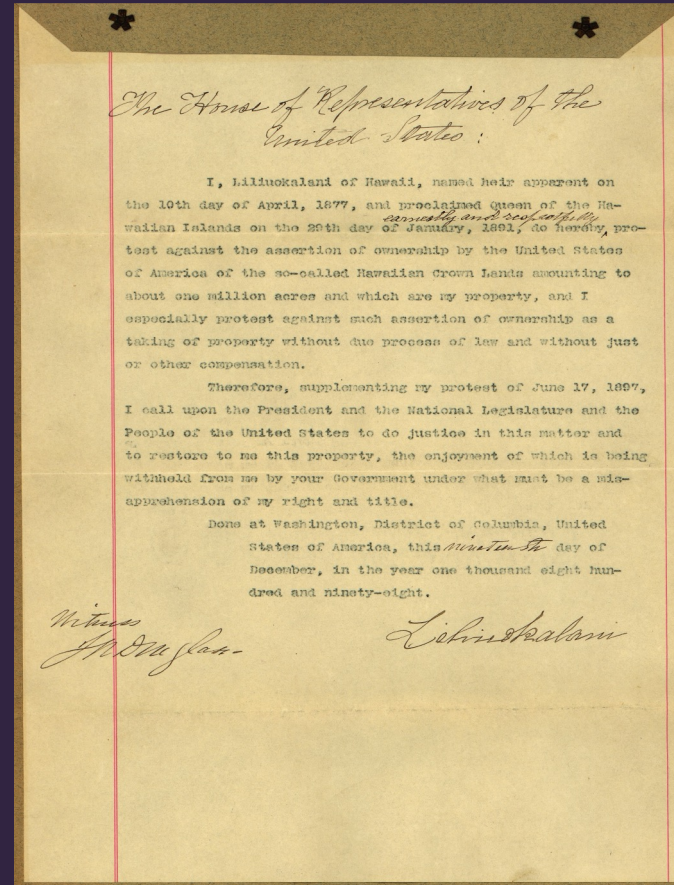




# Queen Liliuokalani

## 1891-1893

- Last Sovereign monarch
- Independent-minded and educated she called Pearl Harbor “a day of infamy in Hawaiian history” and Bayonet constitution “a revolutionary movement”
- Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, 1893 Hawaiian Patriotic Association gave her a new constitution that curbed Haole power and she signed it
- Lorrin Thurston, author of Bayonet constitution, rallied forces with John Stevens and 162 marines





## *John Stevens and a few good men*

- Sent by President Harrison and Secretary of State Blaine to promote annexation
- First American to directly overthrow a foreign government
- John L. Stevens commanded the Boston, a 3,000 ton cruiser, with 162 marines
- Grover Cleveland did not support annexation, removed people involved. Provisional Governor would not give Hawaii back
- Annexation occurred in 1898 under President McKinley



*One of these not like the other*

## Hawaii Governor

Apr 1, 2004 – Oct 13, 2023



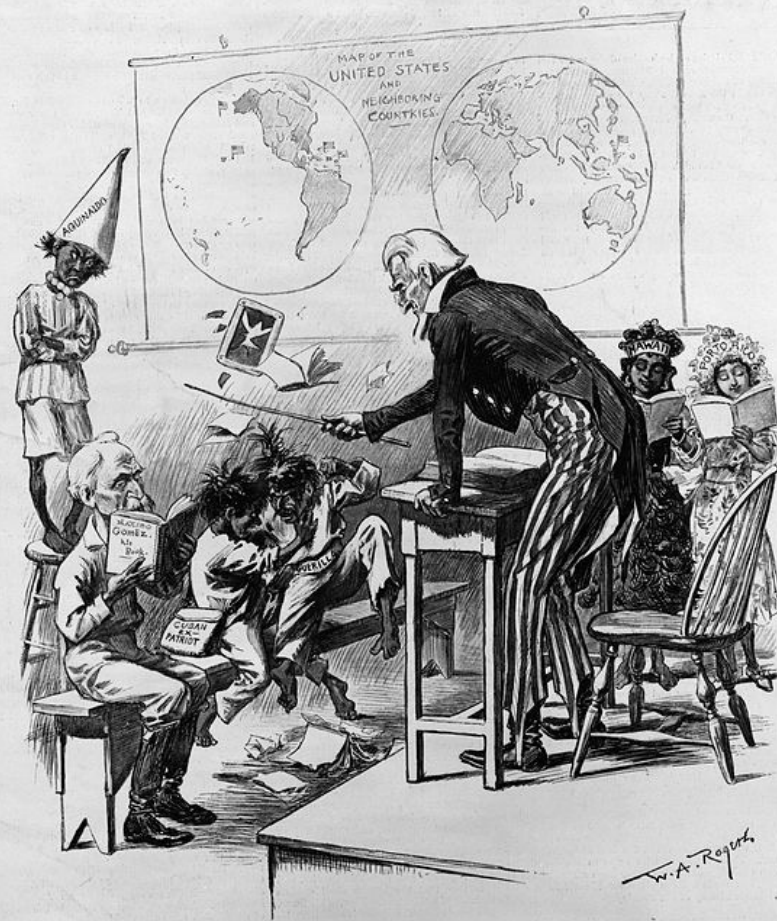
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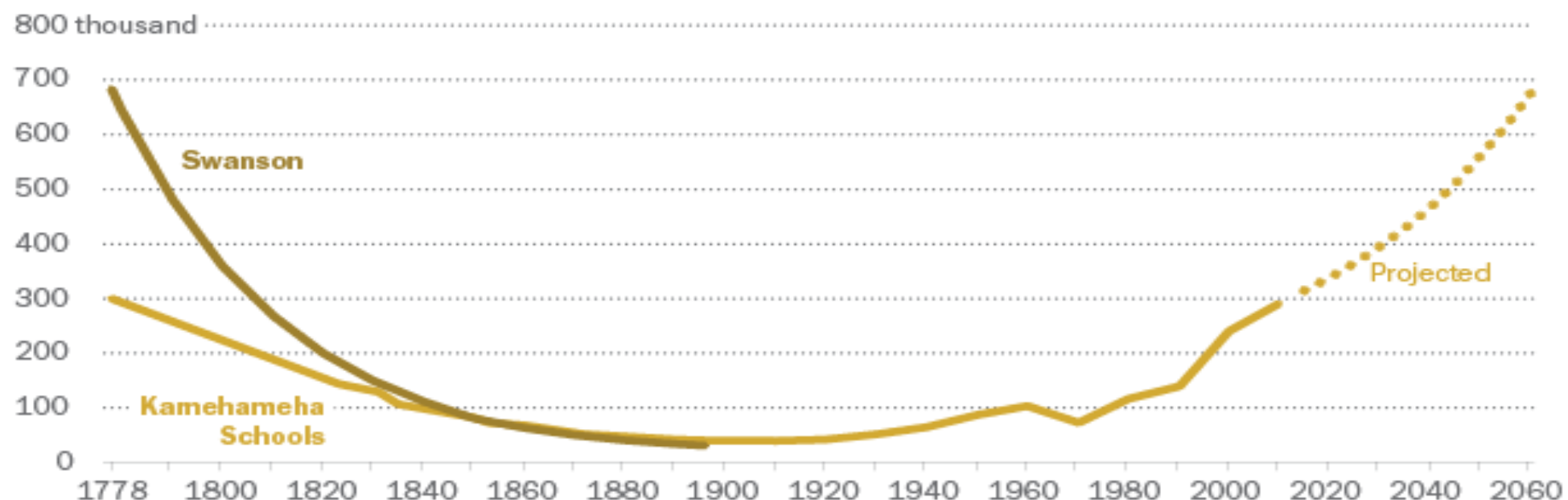


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## Native Hawaiian Population Makes a Comeback After Sharp Decline

*Estimates of the Native Hawaiian population in Hawaii*



Note: Swanson data counts only Native Hawaiian population; Kamehameha Schools includes those who are Native Hawaiian alone and in combination with other races in 2000 and after.

Sources: David Swanson, "A New Estimate of the Hawaiian Population for 1778, the Year of First European Contact"; Kamehameha Schools 2014. Ka Huaka'i: 2014 Native Hawaiian Educational Assessment. Honolulu: Kamehameha Publishing

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