

# Senior Seminar(Western History 5)– I

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## 1. Course Description

The United States of America is Japan's closest and most intimate "foreign country," but we don't necessarily know American history or the workings of American civilization. Perhaps we don't know anything at all.

The U.S. is the world's most powerful country in terms of medical technology, information and communication technology, film industry, and military power. But what is the source of this power? Kurt Andersen, the author of the text, believes that it is a Christianity that has not been demonized. Medical care, remote communication as shown in social networking sites, the worldview depicted in movies, and even military power with a destructive power that goes beyond the above, can we not think of them as "magic" realized through "technology"? Recalling Disneyland from this perspective, we can see that this soft power could only have come from the United States. Let's taste this America through Andersen's text.