

A promotional poster for the TV show 'After America'. It features a man in a brown pinstriped suit, white shirt, and blue patterned tie in the foreground. Behind him is the US Capitol building dome. The sky is a light blue with a cracked, marble-like texture and several white stars. The title 'AFTER AMERICA' is written in a large, dark red, serif font, with 'AFTER' on a thin horizontal line above 'AMERICA'.

AFTER AMERICA

A nation falls,
a leader rises

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Synopsis

History is littered with the remains of once great empires. When the U.S. fades into oblivion, what will have been the cause, who will survive, and what will become of the rest of the world, after America?

The president has been assassinated, civil unrest is escalating out of control, and the United States is on the verge of economic collapse. Newly sworn-in President David Ramirez finds himself at a perilous and pivotal moment in the nation's history. His predecessor's sweeping cuts to military and government infrastructure, as well as record taxation, have done little to turn the tide of hyperinflation and ballooning debt spurred by an overextended government.

With insolvency comes instability, and military leaders have begun to lose faith in their civilian leadership's capacity to keep Americans safe. Untested and unsure, the new president falters in his leadership, and backdoor discussions ensue to remove him from office. The president's tenacious wife, Ana, who filled his vacated Senate seat, manages to garner just enough support to stave off impeachment. But, their troubles are only beginning.

At the Pentagon, the charismatic and respected Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General Douglas Yates, has fueled military distrust by suggesting the president has become a domestic enemy by placing the nation in such a vulnerable position; and the unthinkable prospect of a military coup gains support. Unbeknownst to the president, a conspiracy is brewing which is about to set into motion a chain of events which will forever change America; and, unwittingly, he continues to play right into the hands of those orchestrating the upheaval.

Once leadership has been seized by Vice President Thomas Finch, who is little more than a figurehead for General Yates, new founding documents are drafted which place military officials in positions of greater influence in order

to ensure that future civilian leadership can never again compromise the security and welfare of the nation with senseless and self-serving policies. However, these brazenly subversive actions enflame the states; and following a flurry of secessions, none remain in the union except a handful put under martial law at the command of the general and, now president, Finch. The territory they have commandeered is dubbed Reformed America and they are determined to subdue the estranged regions.

In the months that follow, economic depression ravages the former nation and small alliances of states emerge to bring some semblance of sovereignty. Among these are the Unified States led by President David Ramirez who, by sheer force of inspiration, has managed to retain a remnant of constitutional continuity. But Ramirez will not rest until he sees a complete restoration of the nation he was elected to preserve, protect, and defend.

Thus, the stage is set for a battle of wills and ideals as each faction vies for supremacy in the ultimate game of winner-take-all — and the stakes have never been higher.





After America

Drama, Thriller

Tagline

A nation falls, a leader rises

Series Logline

A political drama chronicling the intrigue and treachery behind the fall of the republic, its aftermath, and the desperate attempts of an untested president to restore the fractured union.

Pilot Logline

President David Ramirez struggles to rescue the nation from economic collapse while standing against political and military leaders who have lost faith in him.

Tone

Urgent, high-stakes drama injected with moments of poignancy and liberal amounts of tension, *After America* features modern cinematic production steeped in sophistication and credibility.

Key influences in terms of tone and style include *Homeland*, *24*, *Breaking Bad*, *The Americans*, and the *Bourne* franchise.

Audience

Geared toward a wide audience, the political conflicts in the series are of its own making. With our lead characters fighting for survival and ideological supremacy in their new political reality, current controversial topics are of little importance, allowing the series to present the audience with new thought-provoking issues rather than relying on divisive and clichéd contentions.

Additionally, the series includes compelling characters spanning a wide age and ethnic range, and features a modern telling of a story with timeless themes, allowing the series to resonate with the 18-49 demographic and beyond.

Opportunities

- ▶ Designed to be an epic event drama with its premise, characters, and storylines primed to be buzzworthy, keeping the audience engaged and on the edge of their seats.
- ▶ There is also spinoff potential for delving deeper into any of the faction settings or civilian stories.
- ▶ Could generate global interest in seeing what a world without America might look like. This intrigue should only grow in later seasons as other nations are brought into the conflict.

Format

Feature length pilot will flesh out backstory and introduce characters and setting. Remaining episodes will be standard length (60 minutes).

Though being a highly serialized drama, episodes will typically contain a “story of the week” element as well. For instance, while the larger political story continues to unfold throughout the series, each installment also gives a glimpse into the world of everyday people who are affected by the political fallout. These “civilian” stories are our windows into life in this new post-American reality and are all somehow connected to characters within the political story at large. While these B stories will typically reach a resolution at the end of their containing episodes, we may revisit significant characters and build upon their plot lines.

Another recurring element will be the use of distinctive visual cues, such as evolving maps and infographics, in order to guide the audience through story developments from week to week.

Key Factors

The forces ultimately responsible for the nation’s demise are internal rather than external. America is compromised from within.

The premise is not fantastical or post-apocalyptic. An emphasis is placed on plausibility. We are very much interested in exploring how these scenarios could actually play out and what the repercussions would really look like, albeit in the most dramatic way possible.

In addition to being a “political” drama, the series also covers military and geopolitical issues, with special emphasis placed on the unique relationship and tensions between civil and military leadership.

Theme

At its core, the series is about a son of immigrants who earnestly believes in the American dream, even after America itself has fallen. As president, his steadfast belief in these ideals serves as a beacon of hope to the unraveled nation, as well as the audience, throughout this story of great adversity.

That said, President Ramirez is repeatedly pulled in directions that threaten to compromise his principles for the greater good. Through this, we explore the question of whether a good man can achieve greatness while remaining good.

Throughout this timely series, President Ramirez’s sincerity and optimism are a welcome antidote to the cynicism and fear pervasive in the current political climate.

Additional Themes

We are stronger together than we are apart.
Our greatest enemy is often found within.

Absolute power corrupts absolutely.
Sacrifice can bring redemption.



Characters



President David Ramirez - *early 40s, Male, Latin-American*

The first Latin-American president, and part of the first third-party ticket elected in U.S. history, he is the son of Mexican immigrants who instilled in him a deep love for America and an unshakable belief in the American dream.

Relatively new to the political world, having only been added to President Bennet's ticket to draw the ethnic vote, he is a tentative leader when he first assumes the presidency and flounders initially as he attempts to find his own voice.

A populist, an idealist, and an inspiring figure, he has always been loved by the people. However, this does little to help with the nation collapsing around him.

His passions serve him well, though they can also get the best of him. But, when he makes a mistake, he owns it.

First Lady Ana Ramirez - *early 40s, Female, Italian-American*

Elected U.S. Senator from the state of Pennsylvania to fill her husband's seat when he left to become a vice-presidential candidate, she is the president's closest confidant and friend.

A dedicated public servant, she is not to be trifled with; and when pushed, she will push right back.

While the president can be reactive in his passion, the First Lady is calculated with hers. When a mistake is made, she fixes it.



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Vice President Thomas Finch - mid 40s, Male, Caucasian

Former Speaker of the House, he is appointed vice president by Ramirez following President Bennet's assassination.

While he disagrees frequently with Ramirez, he rarely does so openly. In fact, he does very little openly, secretly meeting with members of Congress to plot a movement to impeach the president. However, he seldom has a thought of his own and essentially serves as a puppet of General Yates.

Somewhat uncomfortable in his own shoes, when he makes a mistake, he covers it.

General Douglas Yates - mid 70s, Male, Caucasian

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, he is a charismatic, highly respected military leader and war hero.

He is an elitist who believes the country should be led by military officials with a keen awareness of policy implications on national security and who are not beholden to special interests.

Determined to maintain America's preeminence on the world stage, he begins secretly propagating his toxic views throughout the military and his power of persuasion arouses an unhealthy level of devotion.

Stern and calculated, he executes his plans with precision; and, as a classic narcissist, he believes he is incapable of mistakes.



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Janine Breen - *mid 30s, Female, African-American*

President Ramirez's White House Press Secretary.

Devon Knox - *late 30s, Male, Caucasian*

President Ramirez's Chief of Staff, friend, and close advisor.



Nick Davis - *mid 40s Male, African-American*

Lead Secret Service Agent (Special Agent in Charge).

President Richard Bennett - *60s, Male, Caucasian*

Assassinated president who selected David Ramirez to be his vice-presidential running mate in their historic third-party win.



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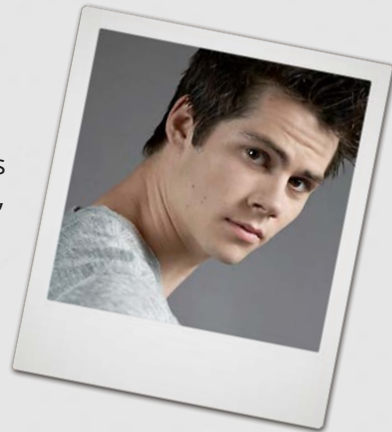


Cassidy Ingram - 20s, Female, Caucasian

White House Intern, selected by former President Bennett, to serve as a presidential documentarian. Typically goes by Cass. Ambitious and attractive, she becomes romantically involved with Vice President Finch.

Christopher Dunn - 20s, Male, Caucasian

White House Intern, also selected by former President Bennett, to serve as a presidential documentarian. Goes by Chris. Astute and well put together, he secretly admires Cass but believes she is out of his league. She is. However, after an agonizingly long wait, we will find out if she is ultimately won over by his impeccable character and boyish charm.



Santiago "Yago" Ramirez - 40s, Male, Latin-American

President Ramirez's older brother, born in Mexico, who came to America with his parents at age five. He is hardened and carries a chip on his shoulder, due largely to believing he was never good enough for his parents. As an adolescent, he became involved in gangs and is now a notorious Mexican gang leader. While his father disowned him, his mother has never given up on him. The president, like his father, wants nothing to do with him.

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Raymond Dobbs - *late 30s, Male, Caucasian*

Rogue Secret Service agent on President Bennett's detail who was his assassin, unbeknownst to the public. He immediately has to go on the run to avoid being taken out by the orchestrators of the assassination.

Marina Dobbs - *30s, Female, Caucasian*

Wife of assassin Raymond Dobbs who goes into hiding with her children after Raymond Dobbs is killed.



Abbey Dobbs - *12, Female, Caucasian*

Assassin Raymond Dobbs' daughter.

Aiden Dobbs - *6, Male, Caucasian*

Assassin Raymond Dobbs' son.



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Chief Executive Nolan Easton

60s, Male, Caucasian

Leader of the New England Commonwealth and an acquaintance of the First Lady's mother.

Governor Allan Bragg

50s, Male, Caucasian

Governor of the Lone Star Republic. Equal parts lively and fierce, his middle name is "Beaumont," often called "Bo" by his friends.



Minister Renee Goode

50s, Female, Caucasian

Reluctant leader of the Western Alliance. She rose to prominence as a political activist.

Chief "Minninnewah" Caleb Sutton

50s, Male, Native-American

Self-appointed leader of Native America. His father was Arapaho and his mother was Cheyenne. "Minninnewah" is a Cheyenne name meaning "Wild Wind."



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Supporting Characters

Terence Walker - *late 30s, Male, Caucasian/African-American mix*

Mentally unstable rioter who is groomed to assassinate President Bennett; and while he believes he is successful, he had actually been chosen to serve as a diversion and is not responsible for the president's death.

Scott Whitley - *mid 20s, Male, Caucasian*

Cattle rancher in Montana and President and Senator Ramirez's son-in-law.

Liliana Whitley - *early 20s, Female, Latin-American/Caucasian mix*

The daughter of the President and Senator Ramirez and Scott's wife. She goes by "Lily" and is a social worker.

Rosa Whitley - *2, Female, Caucasian*

The granddaughter of President and Senator Ramirez, she is named after a flower like her mother Liliana (meaning "lily") and grandmother Margarita (meaning "daisy").

Manuel Ramirez - *mid 60s, Male, Latin-American*

President Ramirez's father and U.S. immigrant from Mexico (just before David was born). Hard-working and driven, he did whatever he could to make a better life for his family. When first arriving in the States, he worked as a farm laborer but eventually became a restaurateur and runs a small chain of restaurants. He is also a stubborn man who does not want to leave Southern California even when it has become impoverished and overrun with rioters.

Margarita Ramirez - *mid 60s, Female, Latin-American*

President Ramirez's mother who immigrated to the U.S. with her husband. She is selfless and typically spends her time volunteering and working with the homeless and disadvantaged youth. Between her two sons, she had a daughter who died as a toddler as well as another daughter she lost in childbirth, which is why she considers David her "promised child."

Marta Leone - *mid 60s, Female, Italian-American*

The First Lady's mother who lives in the New England Commonwealth where it remains fairly stable and safe. Her husband Leo Leone died when Ana was a teenager.

Elena Leone - *late 30s, Female, Italian-American*

The First Lady's younger sister. She is divorced and living with her mother. She has no children.

Cabinet Members

Michael Lin - *50s, Male, Asian-American*

Secretary of State - Surname is of Chinese origin.

Ravi Bala - *40s, Male, Indian-American*

Secretary of the Treasury.

Robert Grady - *50s, Male, Caucasian*

Secretary of Defense - Occasionally called "Bob" for short.

Patricia Helms - *50s, Female, Caucasian*

Attorney General - Sometimes called "Patty" for short.

Abigail Mayfield - *40s, Female, Caucasian*

Secretary of Homeland Security - Frequently called "Gail" for short.

Additional

Joint Chiefs of Staff, military leaders, family members, various civilians, etc. as needed.

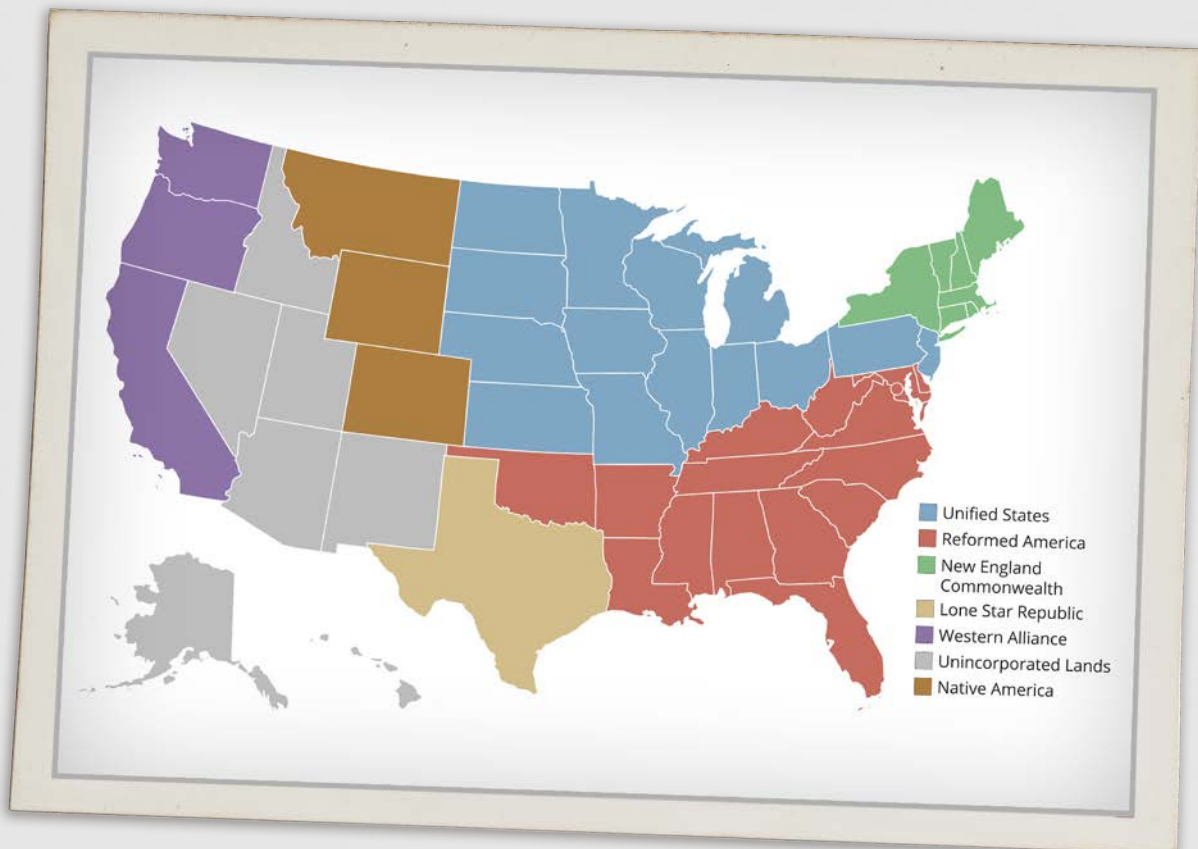


Post-America Factions (Setting)

After America is set in the very near future. Following the cessation of states from the union, each state works to maintain continuation of governance and essential services. However, with the economy and security in such a fragile condition, states begin forming alliances in order to provide greater stability.

The map below shows the approximate configuration of these alliances, or "factions," at the end of the first season. Initially, after the first episode, the few that exist are much smaller.

The series' political story takes place primarily within the capital cities of each faction, while civilian stories occur throughout the factions, giving us a glimpse into the lives of citizens within each territory in the new post-American reality.





Unified States Capital: Harrisburg, PA



Unified States

The remnant of what America was, functioning under its original constitution and led by President Ramirez, this faction is determined to maintain the continuity and legacy of the founders' original vision, as the Union did during the Civil War.

This alliance springs from President Ramirez's home state of Pennsylvania and, due to his inspiring leadership as well as a groundswell of citizen patriotism, neighboring states begin to join his rebuilding effort and the faction starts expanding westward.

While there are initially problems with civil unrest, with an economy in shambles, order is brought gradually as its citizenry increasingly begins turning their collective focus toward stopping their southern enemy and fighting for their very survival.

Their indomitable nature fuels their economy, along with strategic relationships they form with other factions as well as their eventual international allies.

*The hallmark of this faction is **resilience**.*

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Capital Season 1: Washington, DC - Season 2: Little Rock, AR



Reformed America

Following the military coup, the nation's original constitution is replaced with a modified version which places military officers above civic leaders to introduce defense-driven authority over elected officials.

Due to this brazenly unilateral move resulting in a mass exodus of states from the union, this faction is made up of the remaining territory which it manages to maintain by force. Led by former Vice President Finch, this faction expands only by militaristic "persuasion." There is a tenuous order present, with a prevailing societal unrest which continually feels on the verge of erupting into mass hysteria.

The leadership is staunchly opposed to entitlement programs, though they ultimately relent in order to buy the support of the populace. At first the economy is bolstered only by the squandering of available resources. However, when these run out (at the end of season one), General Yates will reach out to China for economic assistance.

The policies of this faction are drenched in irony as they ultimately must do the things they detest in order to maintain control.

*The hallmark of this faction is a brooding sense of **tyranny**.*

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Chief Executive
Nolan Easton



New England Commonwealth Capital: Augusta, ME

New England Commonwealth

The majority of the remaining wealthy from what was formerly America resides in this faction.

While a large portion of the rich has fled the country, many of those who remained have gathered together to protect their wealth.

Insulated by the hedge that the Unified States faction provides them geographically, and protected by a paid force of border patrol agents, there is a sense of normalcy in this region, almost eerily so.

All is not as it seems, though, with such unethical practices as mass deportation of "freeloaders" and criminals in an effort to maintain their safety and wealth.

*The hallmark of this faction is **indifference**.*

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Lone Star Republic

Unwilling to be bound to any of the new governments, the former state of Texas has become a nation unto itself.

They are not interested in joining other alliances and are protected by local militias and state police forces.

Their government structure is essentially the same as it was under their state system.

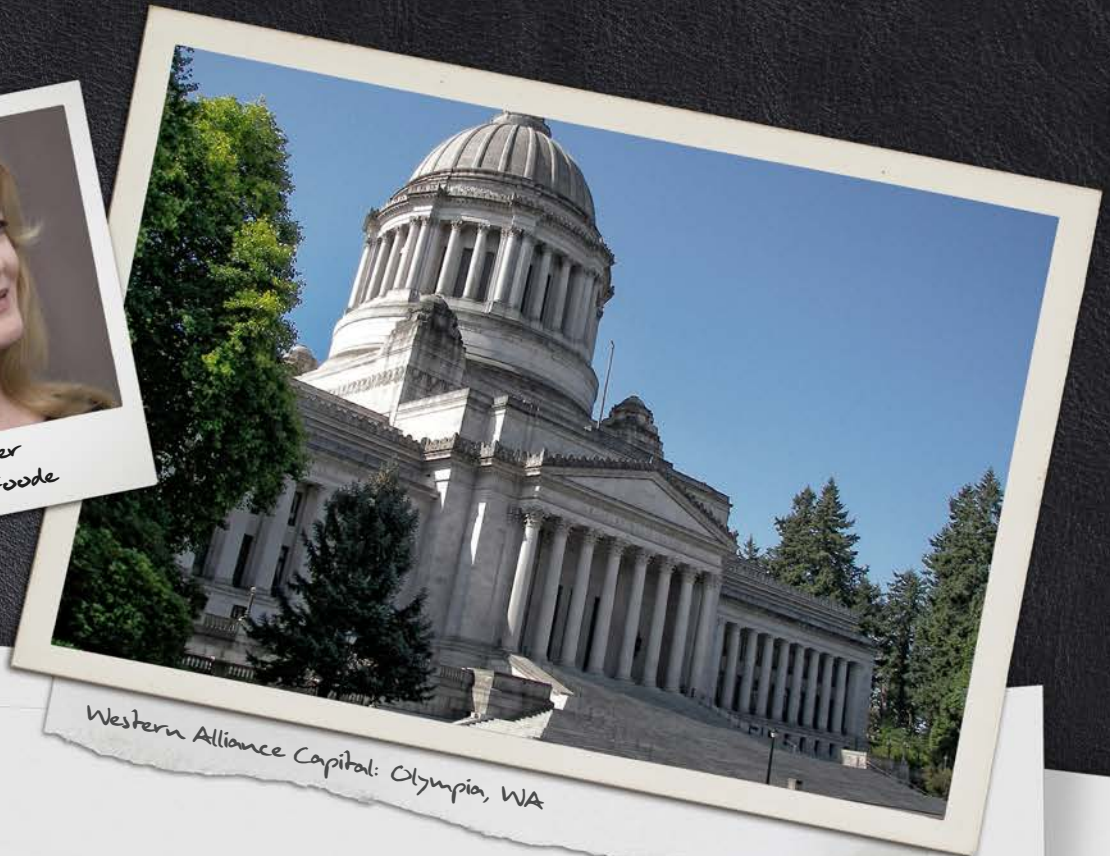
The bulk of their economy is driven by oil production which they export both domestically and abroad.

*The hallmark of this faction is staunch **autonomy**.*

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Minister
Renee Goode



Western Alliance Capital: Olympia, WA

Western Alliance

A smaller pocket of the remaining wealthy, albeit much smaller, resides in the northern portion of this faction; however, traveling southward, the region grows increasingly poverty-stricken, with the southernmost areas being the most destitute.

Formed after the bankrupt and economically ravaged state of California pleads for assistance from its northern neighbors, the alliance is essentially in name only.

With its seat of government in the North, and led by a prominent political activist who is effective as rarely as she is right, it is generally detached from the plight of the South, incapable of bringing stability to the area which has become overrun by looters, rioters, and a destitute populace.

Very little of the northern wealth makes its way southward, and as a result there is great animosity between the two regions.

*The hallmark of this faction is **dissension**.*

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Unincorporated Lands: No Capital

Unincorporated Lands

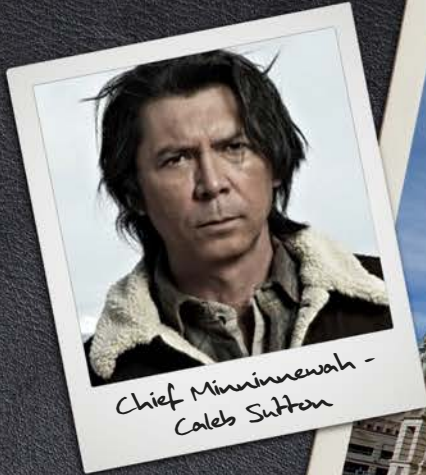
This is the new Wild West. Most of the inhabitants of this area have either migrated to other factions to gain strength in numbers, or they have dug themselves in and are living off the land, forced to fight off stray marauders.

The majority of this area has become desolate and the cities have turned into ghost towns. Some local governments for larger townships have remained, but they are ill-equipped to adequately provide for the needs and security of their citizens.

By and large, these lands have become havens for gangs and criminal activity. However, as we will find out, another group has ideas for these territories.

*The hallmark of this faction is **lawlessness**.*

(Pictured: Red Rock National Conservation Area by "klotz" - 123rf.com)



Chief Minniewah -
Caleb Sutton



Native America Capital: Cheyenne, WY

Native America

Midway through the first season, American Indians (from all Indian nations) band together to stake their claim in the Unincorporated Lands.

They create their own central government in what had been Wyoming and begin to bring some order to this area. The formation of this faction effectively halts the westward expansion of the Unified States and Reformed America.

The descendants of America's indigenous peoples are emboldened by their chance to truly be a separate entity from America's government and they do not plan to give up their newly claimed land without a fight.

While there is some infighting amongst the various tribes, as well as an undercurrent of apathy from those who would rather maintain the status quo, they are mostly unified under their common cause and their radical leader.

*The hallmark of this faction is **vindication**.*

(Pictured: Lou Diamond Phillips)



Episode Summaries - Season 1

Episode 01 - FEATURE LENGTH PILOT: *"The Twilight's Last Gleaming"*

Vice President Ramirez has assumed the presidency following President Bennett's assassination, just one year into his administration, which appears to have been motivated by civil unrest as a result of America's steep economic decline, further exacerbated by Bennett's questionable monetary policy. Being a third-party president, Ramirez has few allies in congress and realizes he must garner support quickly to push his rescue plan through.

Hoping to benefit from Speaker of the House Thomas Finch's influence, he appoints him as vice president, despite their deep ideological divide and First Lady Ana Ramirez's strong misgivings. However, Finch is involved in a conspiracy to undermine Ramirez, and this promotion only empowers him more. Finch also becomes romantically involved with someone close to Ramirez, which will prove to be consequential. Meanwhile, an investigation into the assassination is underway, but all is not as it seems. Though a framed assailant is in custody, the actual assassin is now in hiding, and is soon to be on the run with his young family.

Unable to rescue the failing economy, Ramirez guts the federal government, disbanding cabinet members and dramatically defunding agencies. Yet, all of this is too little too late, and as America's credit rating is slashed, panic sets in. The death blow comes when a coalition of foreign nations announces the introduction of an alternative exchange currency, replacing the U.S. dollar as the global standard. This instantly devalues the dollar and plunges America into a massive hyperinflationary depression.

Meanwhile, Ramirez becomes aware of Finch's schemes and cuts him off, however the damage has already been done. In addition to his vice president's betrayal, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General Douglas Yates, has been sowing seeds of resentment against civilian-led government within the military for years. With deep defense cuts and the instability of the economy putting the nation at great risk, Yates's growing hostility toward the president is about to come into full bloom.

With many leaders having lost faith in the president, efforts to remove Ramirez from office culminate with an impeachment attempt, which Ramirez narrowly survives. Amid the backdrop of a nation reeling from the catastrophic economic downturn, Ramirez is ultimately ousted by a military coup led by General Yates, along with Finch, who are determined to bring stability by reshaping the nation into a military-led power, by any means necessary.

Episode 02

With Ramirez removed from office, Finch becomes president and begins dramatically altering national policy as directed by General Yates. They approach the nation's problems in bold, sweeping, militaristic moves. To address the failing economy, they immediately declare independence from America's creditors, pronouncing a cancellation of all debts. Additionally, they proclaim their intention of raising a "re-formed" nation, with a revised constitution, placing military leaders over elected officials to guarantee national stability and security going forward. This radical move causes every state in the union to secede, with several state alliances emerging as a result. Finch becomes president of the Reformed America faction, while Ramirez returns to his home state of Pennsylvania and heads the Unified States faction intent on preserving America's original republic.

Episode 03

The president's daughter and son-in-law, who reside in the Unincorporated Lands, must fight off raiders attempting to loot cattle and crops from their farm. Cass Ingram continues secretly seeing Finch, covertly crossing the border to be with him. She desires to join him, but he convinces her to continue working with Ramirez in the Unified States, to provide valuable intelligence to Reformed America. Meanwhile, Ramirez and Finch work on expanding the reach of their factions.

Episode 04

Ramirez attempts to bring the Western Alliance into their fold, but is met with resistance by their leader, Minister Renee Goode, a prominent political activist who is leery to trust anyone. The Reformed America faction finalizes their revised constitution which includes such changes as increasing the executive powers of the president, eliminating the position of vice president, and altering the presidential line of succession to place the Joint Chiefs of Staff before elected officials. They also set up a military council with the authority to strike down any laws proposed by Congress which they deem a potential national security risk. Ramirez begins questioning how Finch seems to be able to predict his every move.

Episode 05

As tensions rise and rioting increases in the Western Alliance, Ramirez tries to convince his parents to leave the southern portion as they endure looting and increasingly unsafe conditions. As suspicions of a continued conspiracy within the Ramirez administration escalate, a new investigation into the former president's assassination begins. Ana Ramirez visits her mother in the New England Commonwealth, an area which is strangely idyllic, due to what amounts to privatized martial law, strict curfews, and closed borders enforced by paid patrols. But all is not what it seems, as we discover entire segments of the population (lower income groups, "freeloaders," and criminals) are being rounded up and exported to other factions.



Episode 06

The Unified States are finding it difficult to stand against the advancing Reformed America forces, lacking both manpower and firepower. Without her husband's knowledge, the First Lady seeks the help of the president's estranged brother Santiago, a Mexican gang lord working out of the Unincorporated Lands, in order to secure weapons for the Unified States. While this angers President Ramirez, they are out of options and he relents in his opposition.

Episode 07

The Lone Star Republic seeks support from the Unified States in order to keep the Reformed America faction at bay; though they do not wish to join with the union of states formally. This effectively halts Finch's expansion into the West. Meanwhile, Finch is becoming increasingly concerned with the general's thirst for power and overall level of aggression toward other factions. Ramirez begins planting misinformation amongst members of his administration in order to bait Finch and identify the mole. This draws suspicion toward Ingram.

Episode 08

Ramirez's internal investigation reveals that President Bennett's assassination was in fact orchestrated by General Yates. Intern Chris Dunn follows Ingram to the Reformed America border and confronts her. She reveals that she is going to attempt to bring Finch back with her. When Finch finds out the general's secret, he starts putting things together; and for the first time he sees the general as the tyrant he has become. Finch decides to stay where he is, believing he can do the most good in his current position, and begins to plot against the general.

Episode 09

President Finch is now conspiring against General Yates and is passing intelligence back to the Unified States through Ingram. However, he finds it increasingly difficult to contain his anger and starts to openly push back against the general. At first the general plays it off but soon realizes Finch could become a threat.

Episode 10

Members of Native American nations join forces to create their own united federation in the Unincorporated Lands called Native America. Emboldened by their new alliance, and galvanized by a radical, self-appointed chief, they begin expanding their borders and seizing control of townships, despite resistance by local governments to the Indian land claims. The uprising of this new faction impedes Ramirez's plan to expand the reach of the Unified States by halting their westward expansion.

Episode 11

General Yates has become weary of President Finch's growing obstinance and tensions between the two escalate. The more Yates strong-arms Finch, the more Finch outright defies the general; first secretly, then openly. This infuriates the general and he begins plotting Finch's removal. Ingram relays crucial information about military outposts around Washington, DC, as well as weaknesses in Reformed America's security and key insiders who Finch has secretly turned against Yates. Ramirez attempts to reason with the Native America tribal council, but is unsuccessful in persuading them to join his cause, or to at least halt their aggressive expansion.

Episode 12

The Unified States, with Finch's help, has been preparing an offensive to retake the White House and subdue Washington, DC. Meanwhile, General Yates discovers President Finch's relationship with Ingram and, with two armed servicemen, confronts Finch in the Oval Office, charging him with treason. Finch lashes back, revealing he knows the general was responsible for President Bennett's assassination and accusing Yates of orchestrating the entire government upheaval in order to put himself in power. This sets the stage for an epic showdown, which Finch will ultimately lose.

Episode 13

With the presidency vacated, General Yates assumes leadership of Reformed America. However, intelligence from Finch, as well as groundwork he laid, has proven useful to Ramirez, and Unified States forces manage to infiltrate the White House and retake DC. Having received warning of the imminent attack, Yates manages to escape and flees to his home state of Arkansas. Things are looking up for the Unified States; but as the episode ends, we see Mexican forces amassing on the border of California. And in an ironic twist, Yates reaches out to China for financial assistance, promising to repay all of America's debt once the nation is reunited under his control.





Story Arcs - Seasons 1-7

Season 1: America Collapses - *A nation falls, a leader rises*

Following the coup, America is fractured. The former president desperately tries to pull the nation back together amid the threat of civil war. Factions emerge with each vying for supremacy.

Overall, the Unified States hold their own and seem to be poised to eventually succeed in their goal of reunifying the country. However, the end of the season brings the significant development of General Yates making an unholy alliance with China who agrees to bankroll Reformed America's efforts as long as the new nation pledges to honor their previous financial commitments along with the new debt.

Season 2: Mexico Advances - *A leader falters, a nation encroaches*

Bolstered by economic support from China, General Yates significantly enlarges the size of his military forces resulting in greater success maintaining and expanding their borders. Additionally, in order to improve living conditions, and "buy" the support of the people, he institutes radical welfare programs which virtually eliminate poverty within the faction.

With a large portion of the former nation's southwestern territory having fallen into anarchy, and many attempting to cross the border southward to seek Mexican refuge, the government of Mexico decides to assume southern portions of the Western Alliance and Unincorporated Lands. The Lone Star Republic holds their southern border, but are soon stretched thin. Attempting to hold off the Reformed America faction in the East, and concerned Native America may prove to be a threat, they seek additional support from the Unified States.

Native America and the Western Alliance manage to halt Mexico's northward advancement with help from an unlikely source, President Ramirez's brother Santiago who is finding much success playing all the angles; however, the president and the Unified States have taken a hit due to China's intervention.

Season 3: China Invades - *A leader fails, an empire emerges*

General Yates has squeezed the North and cut off their access to supply shipments from Europe with his naval blockade along the East Coast. President Ramirez forms key alliances with Canada and Mexico bringing much needed resources to the Unified States as well as access to shipments from both the North and South. However, their success has an unintended consequence.

Season 3 (continued)

China becomes concerned that Yates may lose the upper hand and establishes outposts in southern Florida. With the communist power now on North American soil, an international conflict has begun. They begin taking a greater interest in the general's progress and start providing direct oversight, increasingly putting pressure on him to follow their strategic advice.

Ramirez runs for election as President of the Unified States and wins decisively due largely to his success as a negotiator. Yet, little do they know, a great threat is growing in the South.

Season 4: Allies Assist - *An empire advances, an alliance arises*

Dissatisfied with the general's progress and realizing the size of Reformed America's military has been shrinking as mass numbers have defected to join the Unified States, China erects massive armories throughout the South and brings soldiers and equipment from home to help Yates finish the job. As word gets to Ramirez, he begins recruiting the support of allies abroad including the United Kingdom, Israel, France, Japan, and a very reluctant Russia. As allied forces move in to Unified States territory, it becomes clear that a third world war on North American soil is imminent.

Season 5: WWII Erupts - *Battle lines drawn, a war rages*

Tensions are now at a fever pitch with Chinese forces in the South and allied forces in the North growing daily. However, outside of a few minor skirmishes, the threats mostly amount to Cold War-style posturing. China is beginning to realize General Yates has no intention of making good on his promises to them, and they secretly start considering his replacement.

Then, General Yates makes a fatal move by ordering an attack on the Unified States, without Chinese consent. The Unified States' retaliation is immediate and decisive, and Chinese generals order Yates to be arrested.

World War III has now erupted in North America. The fighting is brutal and Unified States' international allies begin wavering, with Russia's motives increasingly in question. With both sides seemingly equally matched, and concerns the war could drag on for years, the unthinkable prospect of nuclear escalation is now on the table.

However, just before this can happen, a key ally has a surprise for everyone which dramatically shifts the balance in favor of the Unified States and their allies.



Season 6: Civil War Ensues - *One war ends, while another begins*

Due to the startling turn of events, the international conflict abruptly ends, leaving the factions to recover from the war. Having never settled the conflicts among factions, however, old rivalries are renewed and this time each one is determined to prevail at all costs.

To make matters worse, General Yates has returned to Reformed America with renewed vigor and rallies them to finish off the weakened factions. In light of the growing threat, Ramirez finally manages to persuade the other factions to settle their differences and join him. After months of fighting, a decisive “battle to end all battles” is about to take place near Washington, DC.

As the armies converge, Ramirez is struck by the scale of the devastation and the apparent futility of war. There, in an act of self-sacrifice, Ramirez declares an end to the fighting, instructing his armies to drop their weapons and refuse to fight. Yates seizes the opportunity and orders his troops to charge.

This culminates in a final confrontation, resulting in an epic clash of heroism and tyranny, which will become legendary. Ultimately, the Unified forces will prevail, and Ramirez will broker a reunification agreement amongst the factions.

Season 7: Reconstruction Begins - *As conflict subsides, a nation rebuilds*

While America is reunited, wounds remain fresh, and bringing the nation together socially and emotionally proves challenging. While there are no more factions, the divisions still run deep for many; thus the unity is fragile and, for some, the states are united in name only.

In this limited season, the messy process of reconstruction is seen firsthand while the spirit that remained in the Unified States steadily spreads throughout the entire nation. Additionally, though war has left American soil, it has moved overseas, and pressure is being put on the tattered American union to assist its allies who had come to her aid.

General Yates and his commanding officers go on trial for treason and crimes against humanity. President Ramirez successfully runs for reelection allowing him to visit each state and personally see progress being made in rebuilding the country.

As he enters his final term in office, he gives an inspirational speech with no equal, recounting the triumph of the American spirit which prevailed over the greatest challenges the nation had faced in its history. As the series ends, we have the distinct impression that America's best days are ahead.





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