**The Path of America**

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| **Catagory** | **Example** | **In America** | **Roman Example** | **Is America following Rome?** |
| Patriotism  (Love of Country) | Do most of the adults you know vote? |  | Romans no longer cared about the state of the Empire. |  |
| Trust in Government | Do you trust the government can and will do the right thing? |  | Romans could no longer trusted their government to address their needs and concerns. |  |
| Values and Morals | Does it bother you if people burn the American flag? |  | Romans no longer upheld their values and cared about their history as a culture. They forgot what made them great. |  |
| Opportunity | Are the Rich too rich? |  | Rich Romans used their positions to get richer not to help Rome. |  |
| Unemployment | Are many Americans able to get good jobs? |  | Romans could no longer get good jobs because slaves were cheaper. |  |
| Public Heath | Is there not enough food in America? |  | The number of Romans who were poor increased and the government could not feed them. |  |
| Decline in Trade | Is there not enough trade between America and other countries? |  | Roads and bridges were left in bad repair and it was no longer safe to travel and trade. |  |
| Defense Spending | Is America losing money because of wars? |  | To defend the Empire the Roman government needed to spend more and more on the military. |  |
| Inflation | Is the price of goods going up? |  | As the Roman Government needed more money it printed more and this caused the prices of goods to increase. |  |
| Economic Problems | Are taxes too high? |  | To help pay for services the government increased taxes. |  |
| Urban Problems | Are parts of America too poor to continue? |  | Parts of Rome became so corrupt and crime ridden that the government no longer had control over them. |  |
| Invasions | Are other countries attacking America? |  | Barbarians from outside the Empire began to invade Rome. |  |
| Military | Does America have a good military? |  | In order to save on money the government brought cheaper weapons and hired less professional soldiers. |  |
| Willingness to sacrifice | Are Americans willing to join the military? |  | Romans were no longer willing to sacrifice money, time, or work to help Rome. |  |

**What were the biggest concerns for Ancient Rome? Explain.**

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**Is America following the same path of Ancient Rome? Explain.**