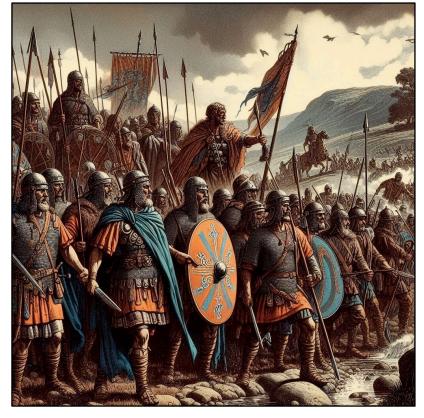
A profligate scion will blow his inheritance on yachts and cocaine and on whores.





A profligate nation will squander its wealth on munitions, aggression, and wars.

See: Mongol Empire, Roman Empire, Spanish Empire, Ottoman Empire, British Empire, and now US Empire.