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Former U.S. President Donald Trump defended Washington’s move against Venezuela — including the seizure of its president — by appealing to the **Monroe Doctrine**, a policy first framed in the early 1800s.

Under this doctrine, the United States claims that the **Americas constitute its strategic backyard**, and that any outside involvement — especially by European powers — would be viewed as an unfriendly intrusion and resisted accordingly.

APSC relevance: Foreign policy doctrines, U.S. strategic outlook in the Western Hemisphere, implications for global politics.