

# AN INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN CULTURE X: HISTORICAL OVERVIEW: TRENDS IN AMERICAN HISTORY

# Trends in American History I

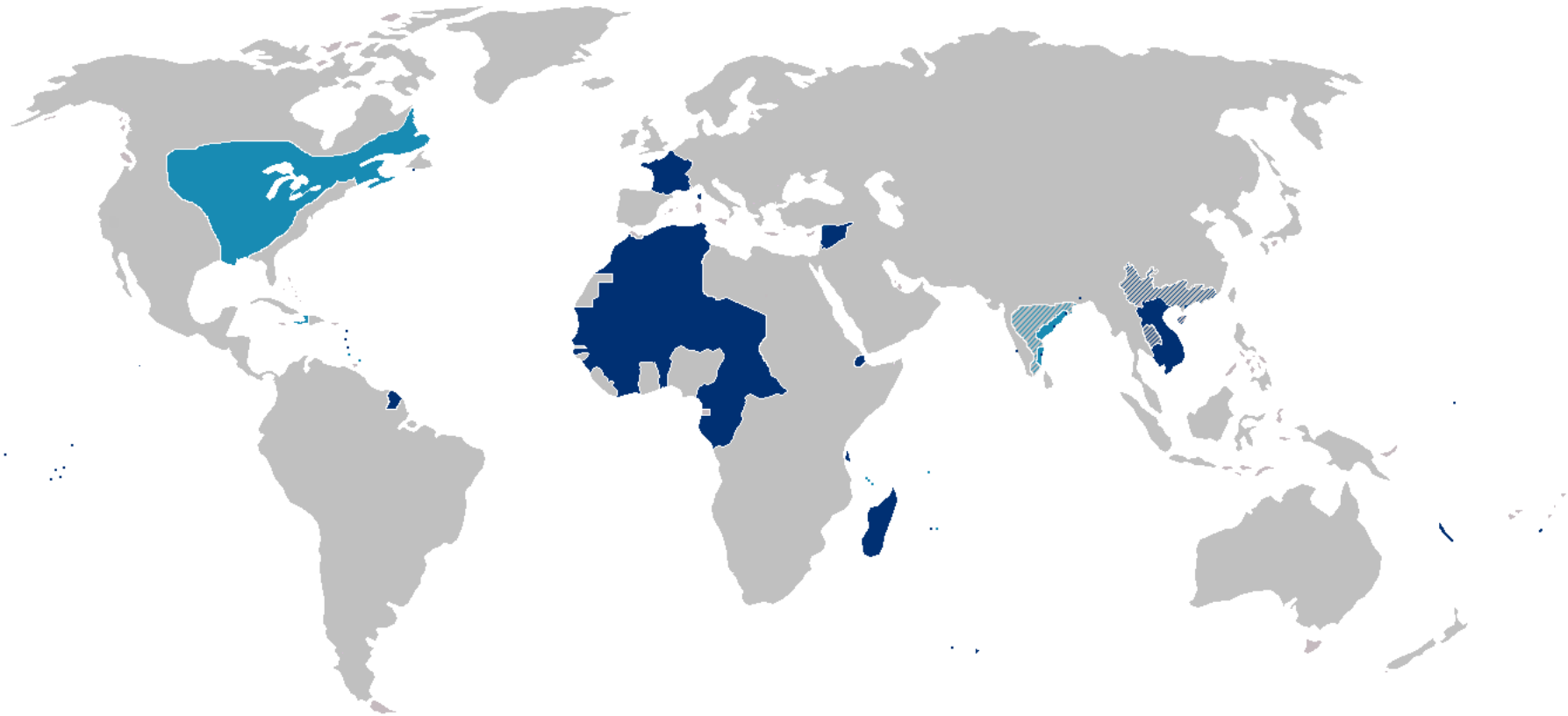
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- s.1800 BCE Mayan states
- s.1200 BCE Pueblo Cultures (Anasazi etc.)
- ~600-1400 Cahokia / Mississippian Culture
- 1325-1521 Aztec Empire / Triple Alliance (Tenochtitlan, Texcoco, Tlacopan)
- 1435-1533 Inca Empire / Tawantinsuyu
- 1492 Columbus' First Voyage
- 1494 Treaty of Tordesillas
- 1507 Waldseemüller Map: "America" (after Amerigo Vespucci)
- 1534-1763 New France
- 1535-1821 New Spain

# Colonial Empires

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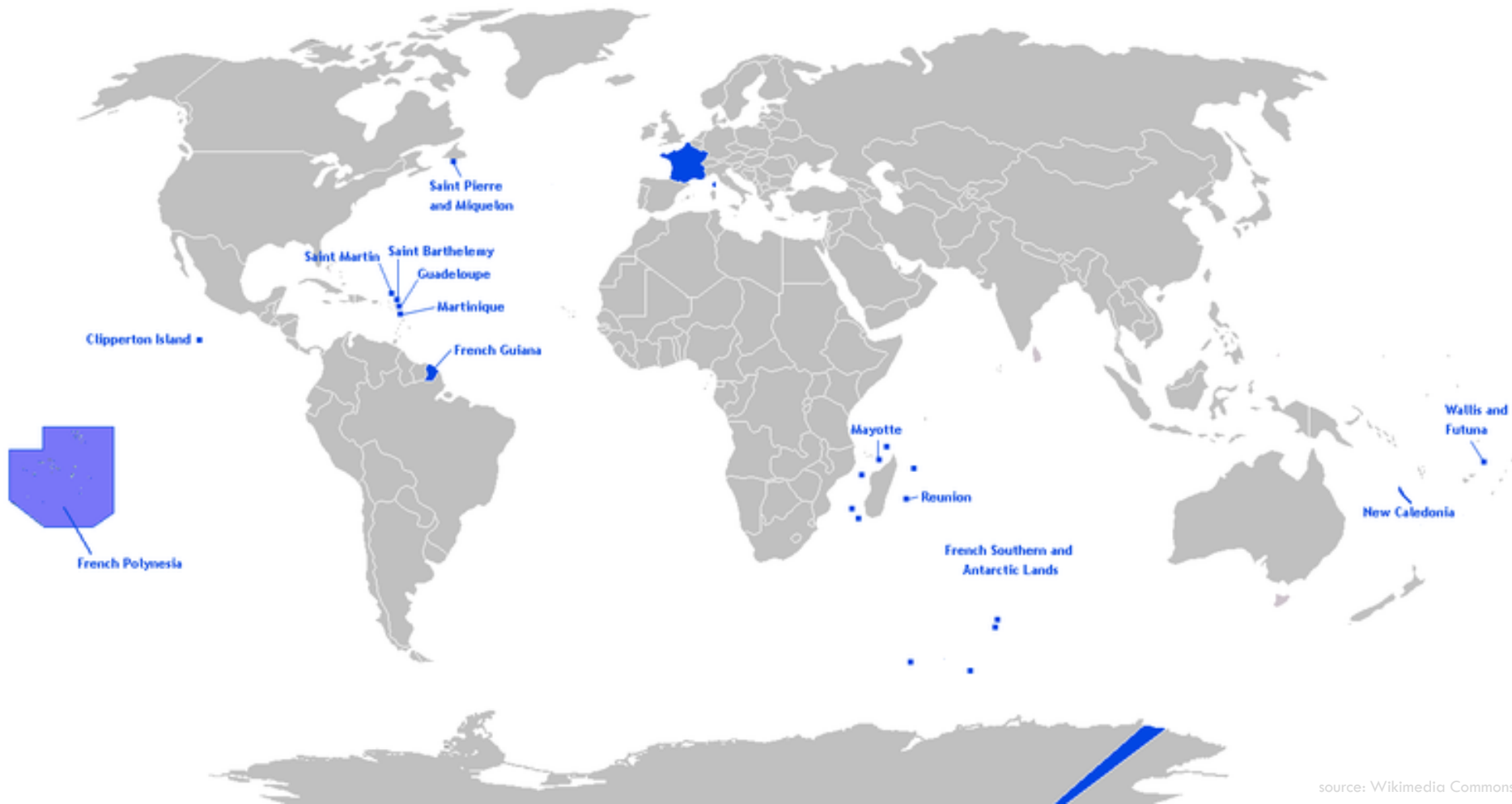
## □ French Colonial Empire (maximum extent)



# Colonial Empires

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## □ French Overseas Territories today:



# Colonial Empires

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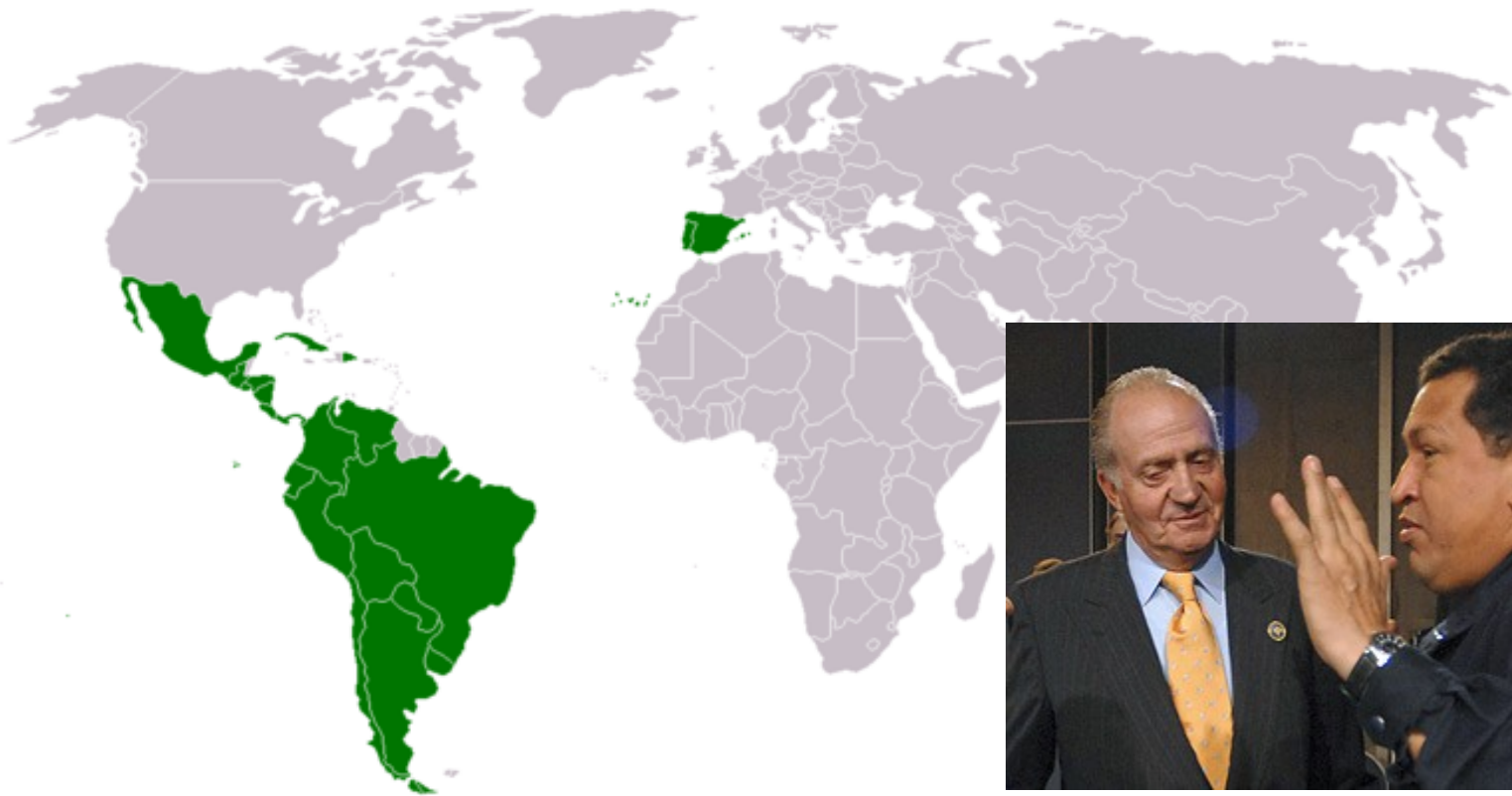
## Spanish and Portuguese Empires (maximum extent):



# Colonial Empires

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## □ Ibero-American Summit (since 1991)

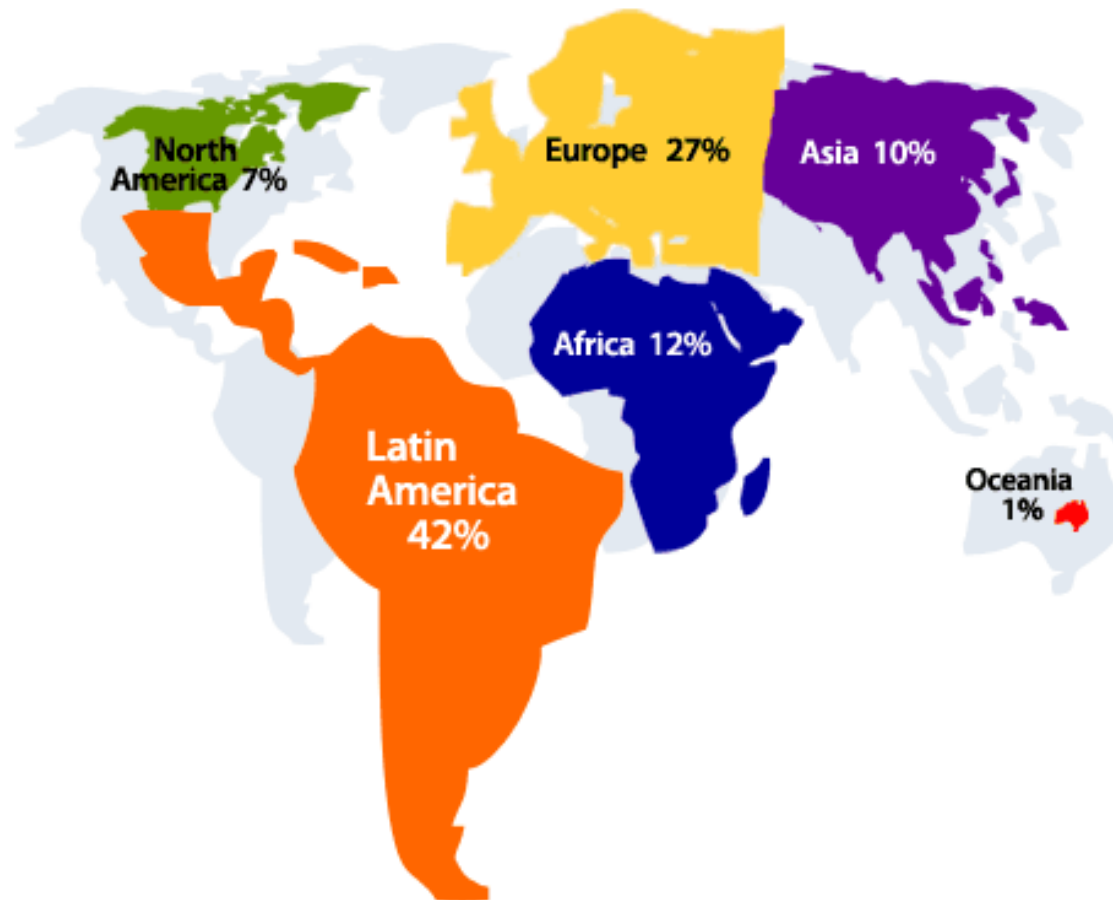


King Juan Carlos I to Hugo Chavez  
November 10, 2007: ¿Por qué no te callas?

# Colonial Empires

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## □ Worldwide Distribution of Catholics 2007





# Colonial Empires

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- ACP States (since 1975):  
historical responsibility or new colonialism?



# Colonial Empires

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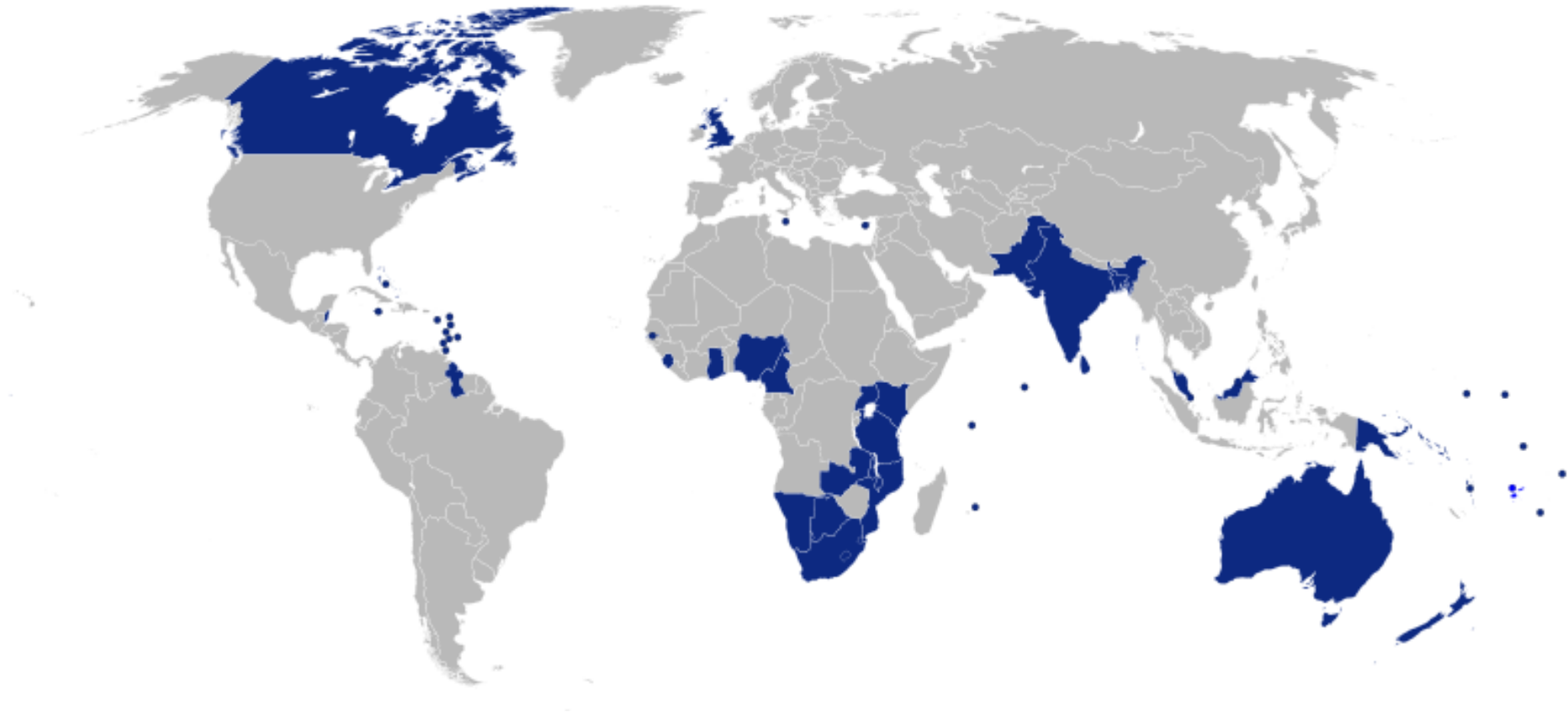
## □ British Empire (maximum extent)



# Colonial Empires

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- Commonwealth of Nations today:



# Trends in American History II

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- 1607 Jamestown Settlement
- 1614-67 New Netherland
- 1620 Mayflower Compact; Pilgrims Arrive
- 1620-91 Plymouth Colony
- 1625 New Amsterdam (1664 New York)
- 1636 Roger Williams Banished
- 1644 Rhode Island
- 1691 Massachusetts Bay Colony
- 1692-93 Salem Witch trials
- 1675-76 King Philip's War / Metacom's War

# Trends in American History III

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- 1754-63 French and Indian War
- 1775-83 American Revolutionary War
  - 1774 First Continental Congress
  - 1775 Second Continental Congress
  - 1776 *Common Sense, Declaration of Indep.*
  - 1777/81 Articles of Confederation
  - 1787/88 Constitution of the United States
- 1789-95 French Revolution
- 1791-1804 Haitian Revolution
- 1803 Louisiana Purchase

# Trends in American History IV

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- 1812 War of 1812
- 1813-14 Creek War
- 1820 Missouri Compromise
- 1823 Monroe Doctrine
- 1830 Indian Removal Act
- 1831-35 Trail of Tears (5 Civilized Tribes:  
Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, Seminole)
- 1837 Telegraph invented (Morse)
- 1841-69 Oregon Trail
- 1841-67 Province of Canada
- 1845 Texas Annexation
- 1846-48 US-Mexican War

# Monroe Doctrine

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- “that the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers”

(President James Monroe, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Message to Congress, Dec 2, 1823)

# Trends in American History V

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- 1848                      **Revolutions in Europe**
- 1848                      Oregon Territory established
- 1849                      California Gold Rush
- 1850                      Compromise of 1850
- 1853-56                 **Crimean War**
- 1854                      Kansas-Nebraska-Act
- 1857                      Dred Scott Case
- 1858-1947             **British Raj / British India**
- 1860                      Abraham Lincoln elected
- 1861-65                 American Civil War
- 1862                      Dakota War

# Trends in American History VI

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- 1864 Sand Creek Massacre
- 1865 Lincoln assassinated
- 1865-77 Reconstruction
- 1867 **Dominion of Canada**
- 1867-77 Great Sioux War
- 1870s-1960s Segregation
- 1876 Battle of the Greasy Grass (Little Bighorn)
- 1869 First Transcontinental Railroad
- 1876 Telephone Patent (A.G. Bell)
- 1889 Spanish-American War (Cuba, PR, Ph.)
- 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre
- 1896 Plessy v. Ferguson (“Separate but Equal”)

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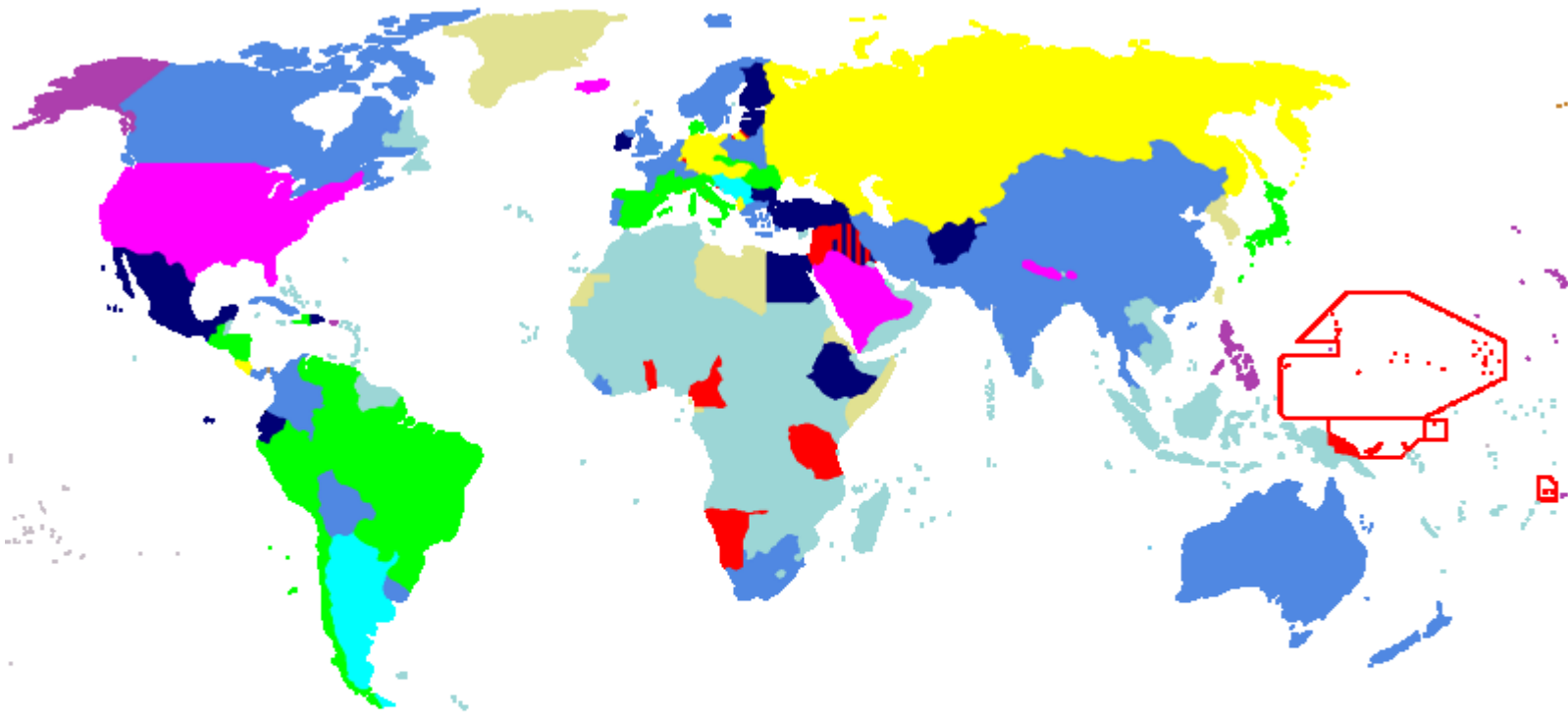
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- 1899-1902 Philippine-American War
- 1905 Russian Revolution of 1905
- 1910-20 Mexican Revolution
- 1914-18 World War I
  - 1915 Sinking of Lusitania, 1917-18 US in WW I
- 1917 Russian Revolution
- 1919-33 Prohibition
- 1919-46 League of Nations
- 1920 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment (Women's Suffrage)
- 10/29/29 Black Friday / Great Depression
- 1931 Statute of Westminster (Canada Ind.)
- 1933-36 New Deal

# Colonial Empires

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## □ League of Nations, 1919-1946:



- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| ● Founding member that stayed until the end  | ● League of Nations mandate           |
| ● Founding member that left and joined again | ● Never members                       |
| ● Founding member that left                  | ● Colonies of members                 |
| ● Joined later and stayed until the end      | ● Colonies of members that left       |
| ● Joined later and left later                | ● Colonies/territories of non-members |



League  
of  
Nations

# Trends in American History VIII

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- 1933-45      3<sup>rd</sup> Reich
- 1939-45      World War II
  - 12/07/41      Pearl Harbor
  - 1942-43      Battle of Stalingrad
  - 05/07/45      Germany Surrenders
  - 08/06+09      Hiroshima, Nagasaki
  - 8/15/45      Japan Surrenders
- 1940      Television in the US
- 1945      Potsdam Conference
- United Nations

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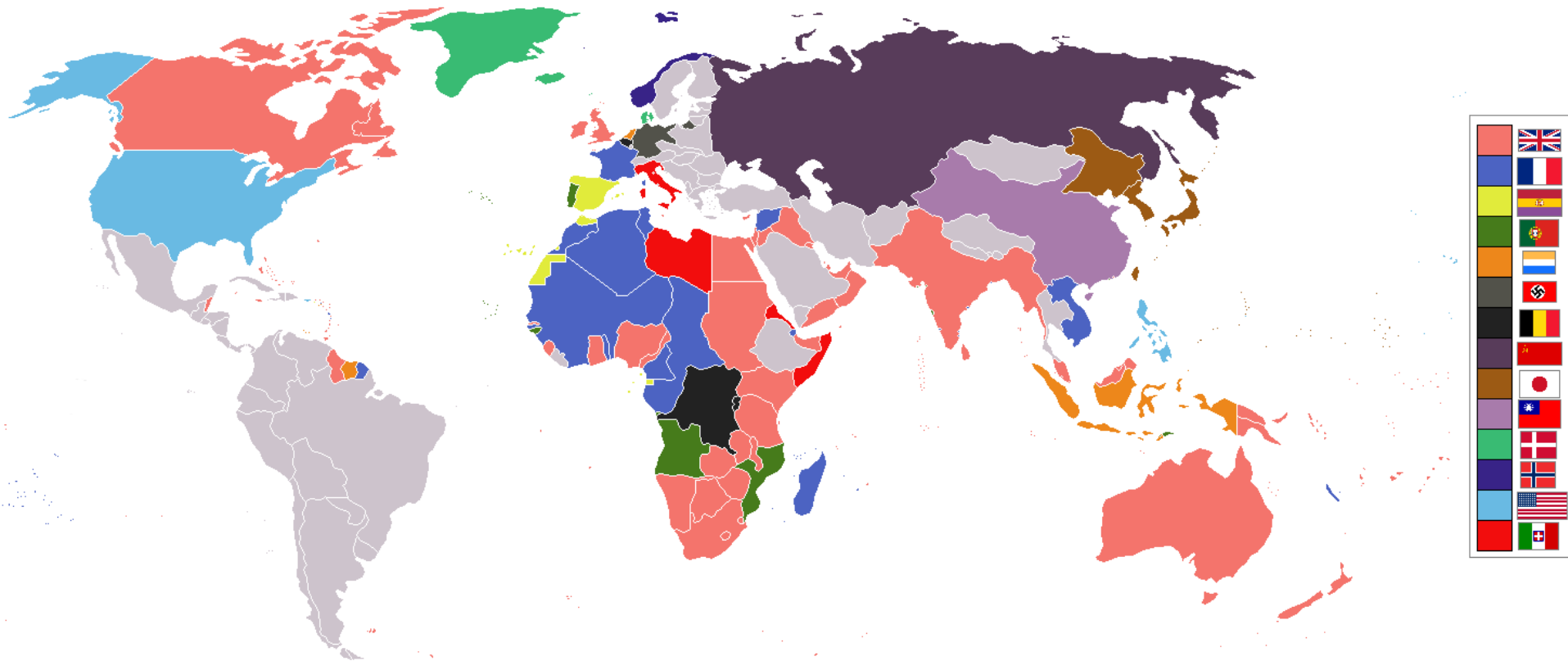
- United Nations, 1945-....:



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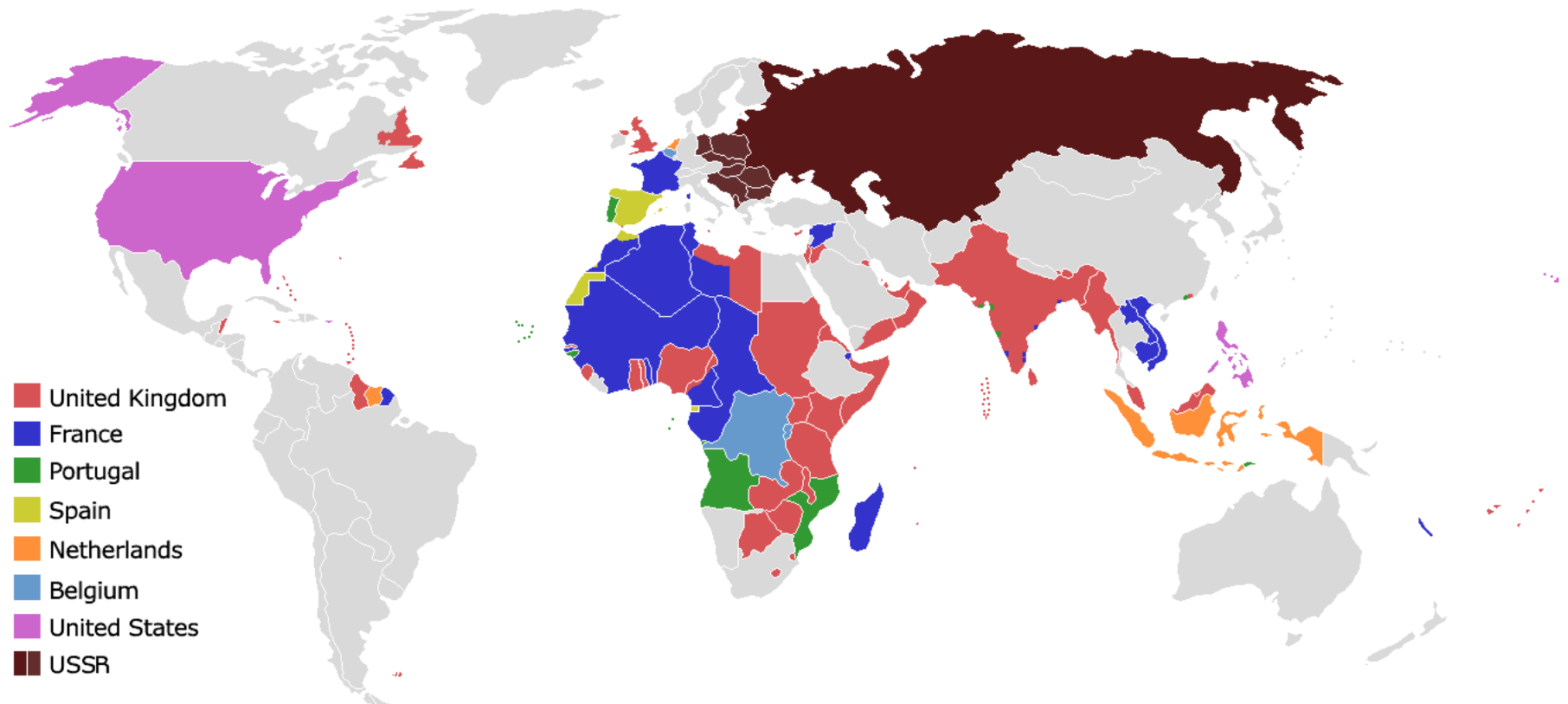
## □ Colonial Empires 1936



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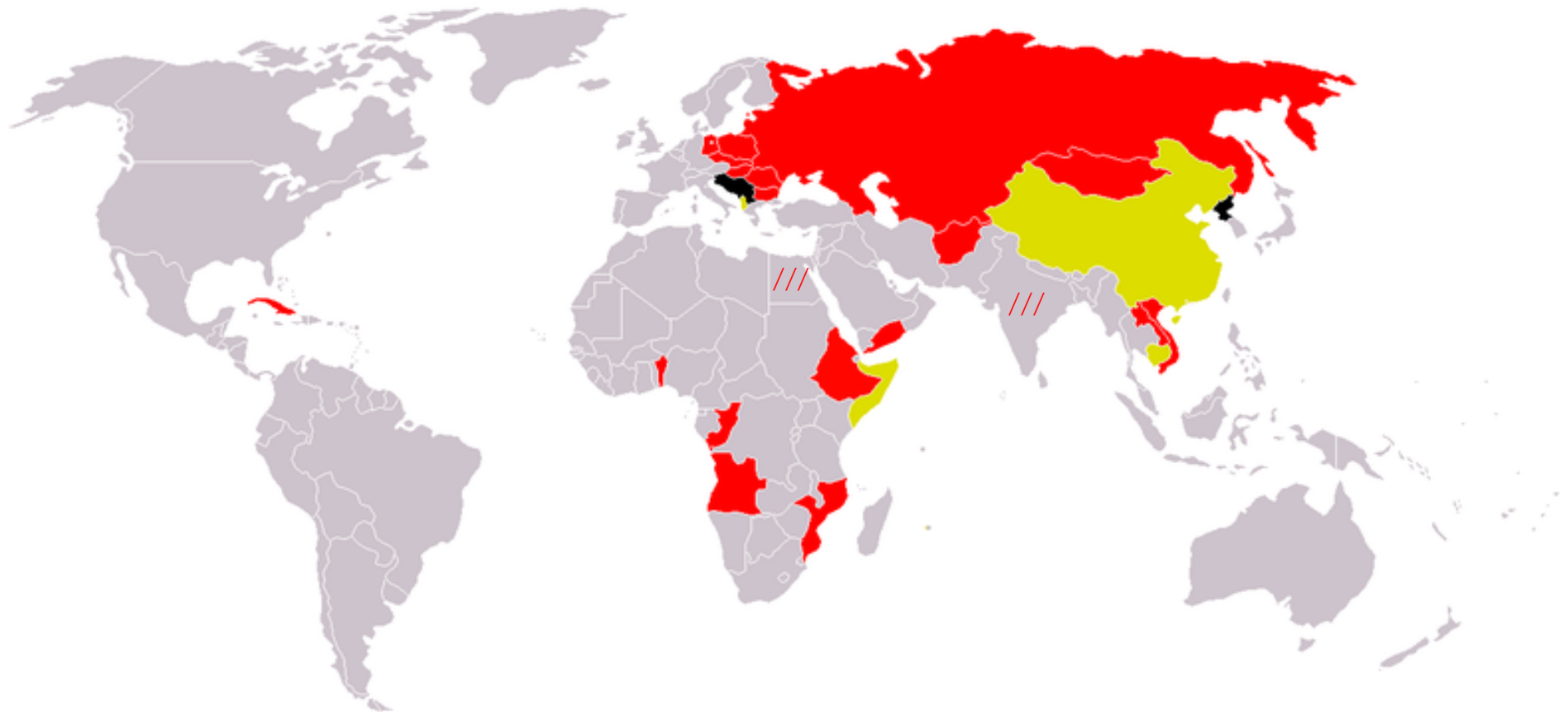
## □ Colonial Empires 1945



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- Soviet Empire (maximum extent):



# Trends in American History IX

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- 1947 Indian Independence
- 1947-51 European Recovery Program / Marshall Plan
- 1950-53 Korean War
- 1952 Schuman Plan / founding of ECSC
- 1954-62 Algerian War
- 1955-68 Civil Rights Movement
  - 1962 Chavez: National Farm Workers Association
  - 1964 March on Selma, AL
  - 1968 Civil Rights Act; King assassinated
  - 1969 AIM: Alcatraz
  - 1973 AIM: Wounded Knee II

# Trends in American History X

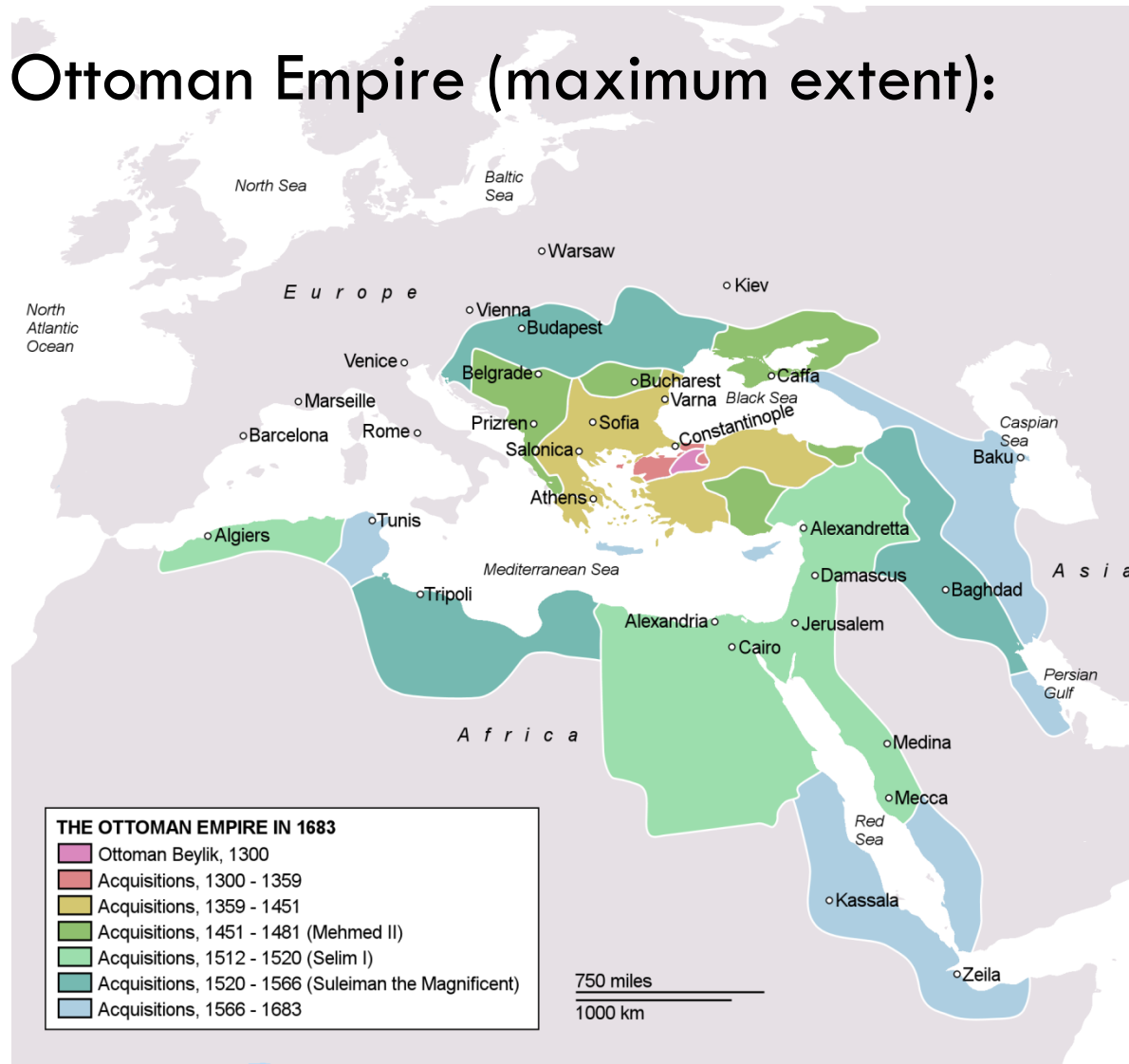
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- 1957                      Sputnik
- 1961-63                JFK President
- 1969                    Apollo 11 lands on the Moon
- 1974                    Nixon resignes after Watergate
- 1979                    Islamic Revolution in Iran
- 1979-89                Soviet Occupation of Afghanistan
- 1980-88                Iran-Iraq War
- 1985-87                Iran-Contra Affair
- 1989                    Fall of the Berlin Wall
- 1990                    German Unification
- 1990                    WWW
- 1991                    Gulf War

# Colonial Empires

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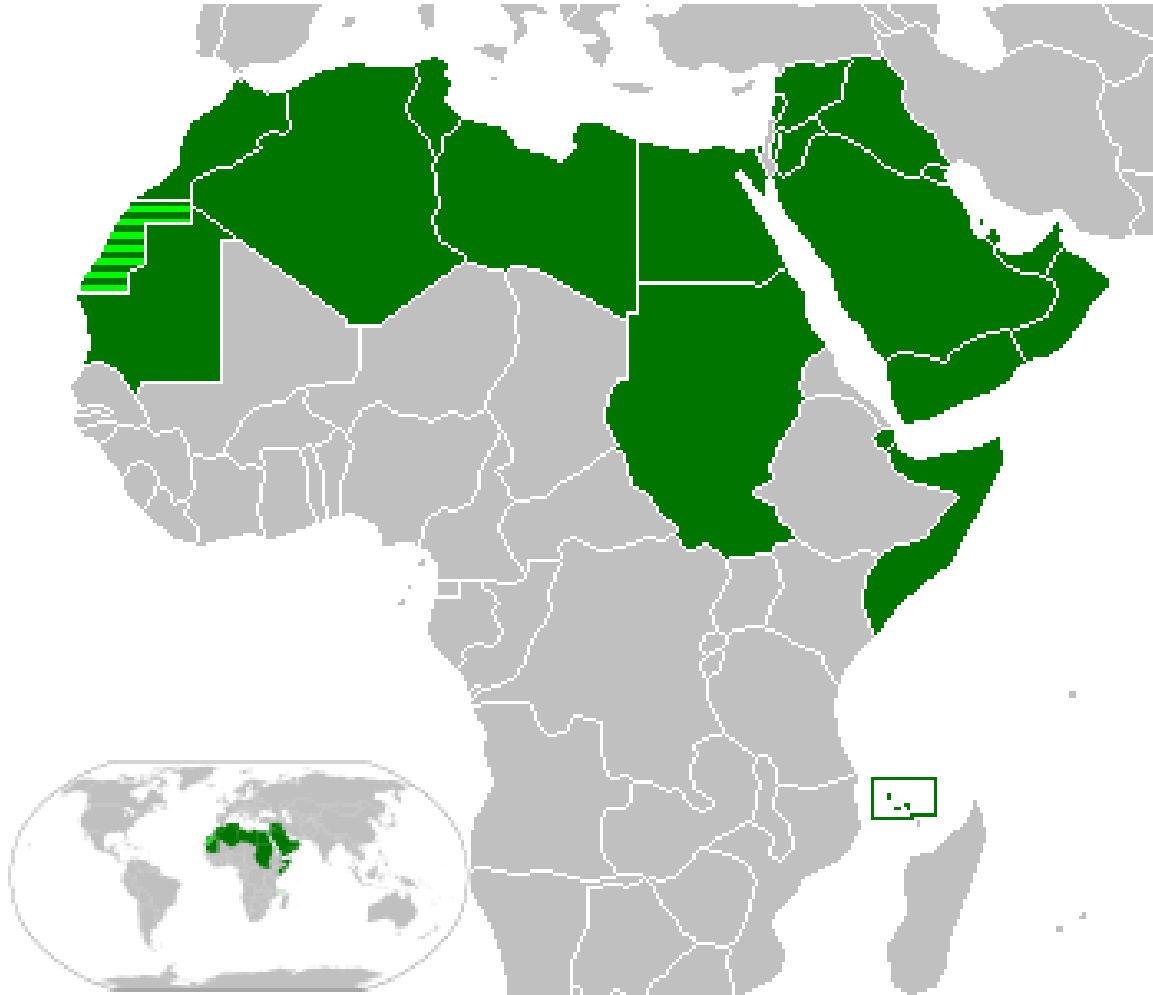
## □ Ottoman Empire (maximum extent):



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## □ Arab League today:



# Trends in American History XI

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- 2001                    9/11
- 2001-...              Afghanistan War
- 2003-...              Current Iraq War

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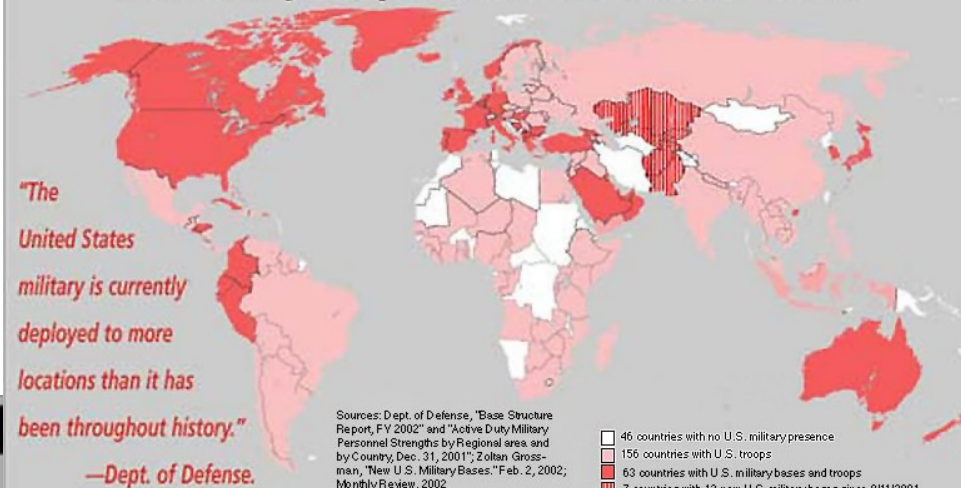
- American Empire?
- conspiracy theories linked to military power: abundant on WWW

## US military bases world wide 2001-2003

In this period the United States has over 730 military installations and bases in over 50 countries.



## U.S. Military Troops and Bases Around the World



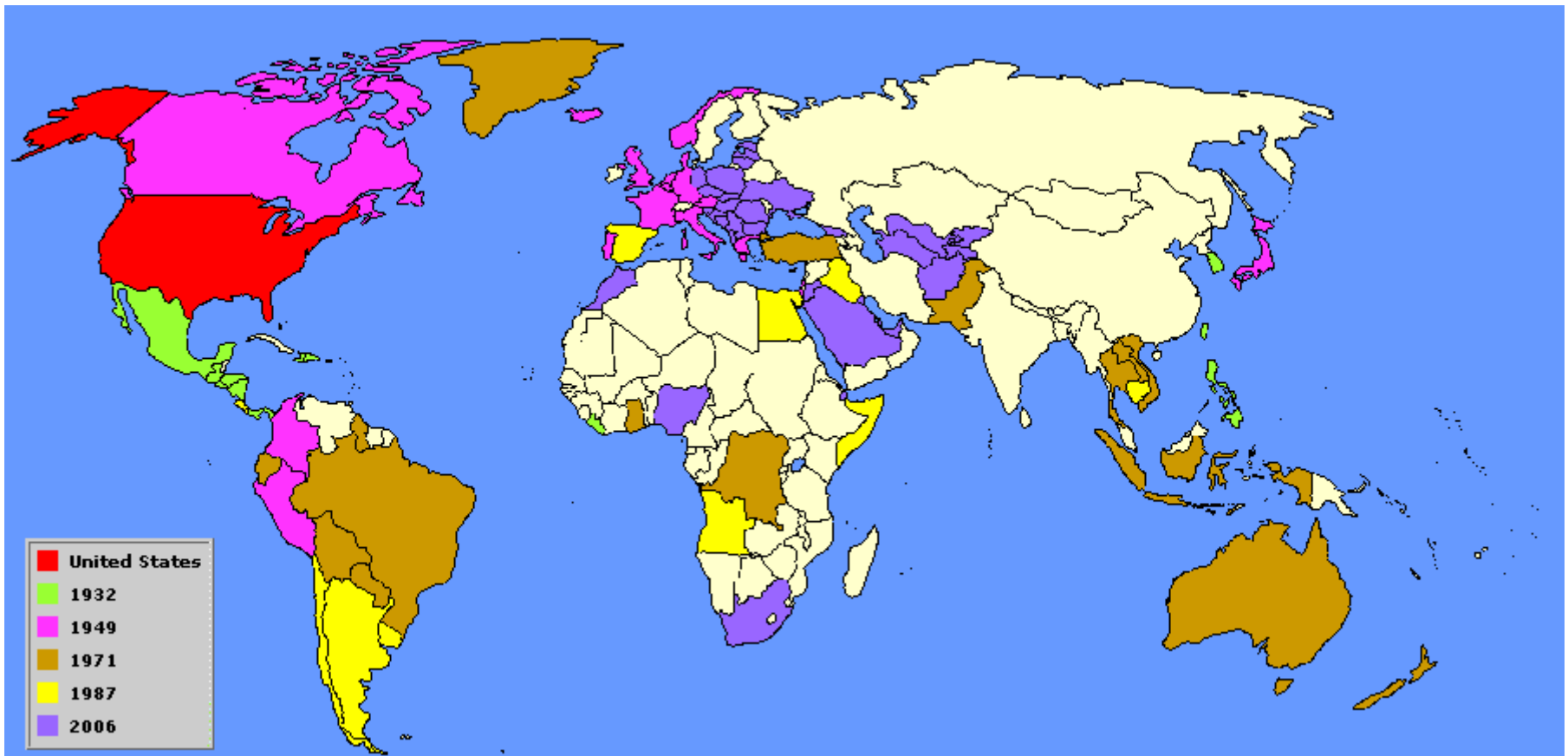
## The American World



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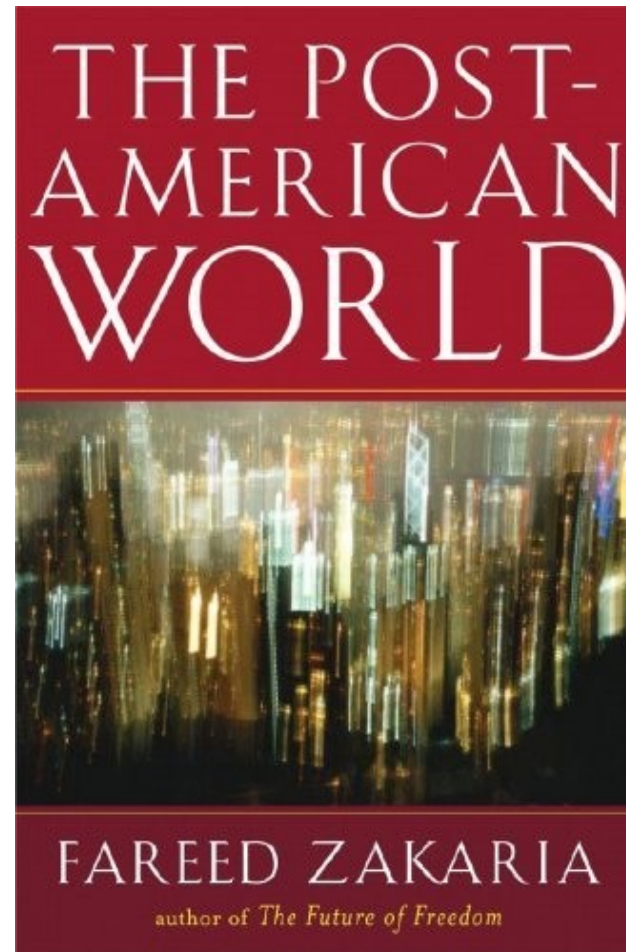
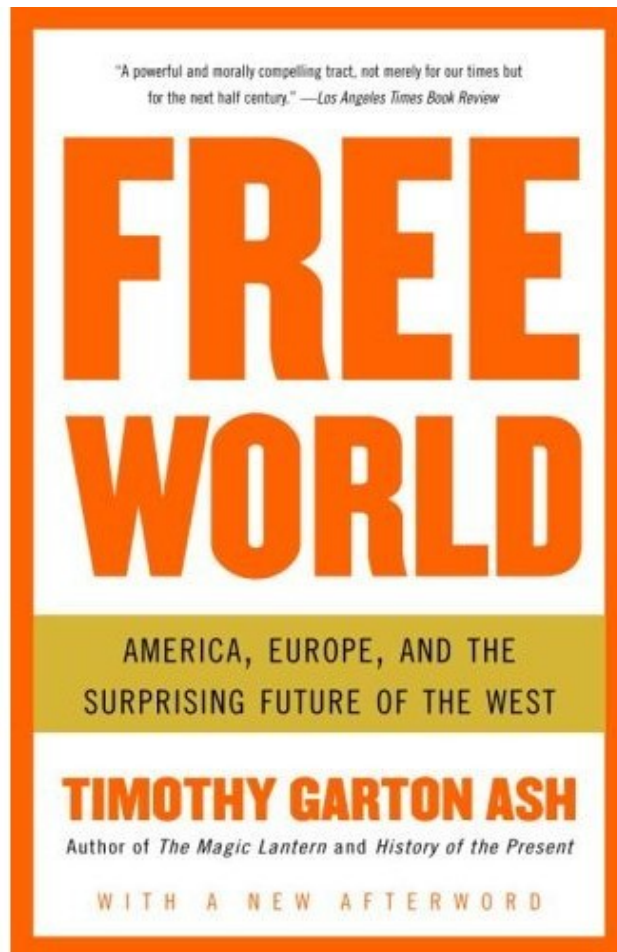
## □ American Empire?



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## □ American Empire? The West? Freedom?

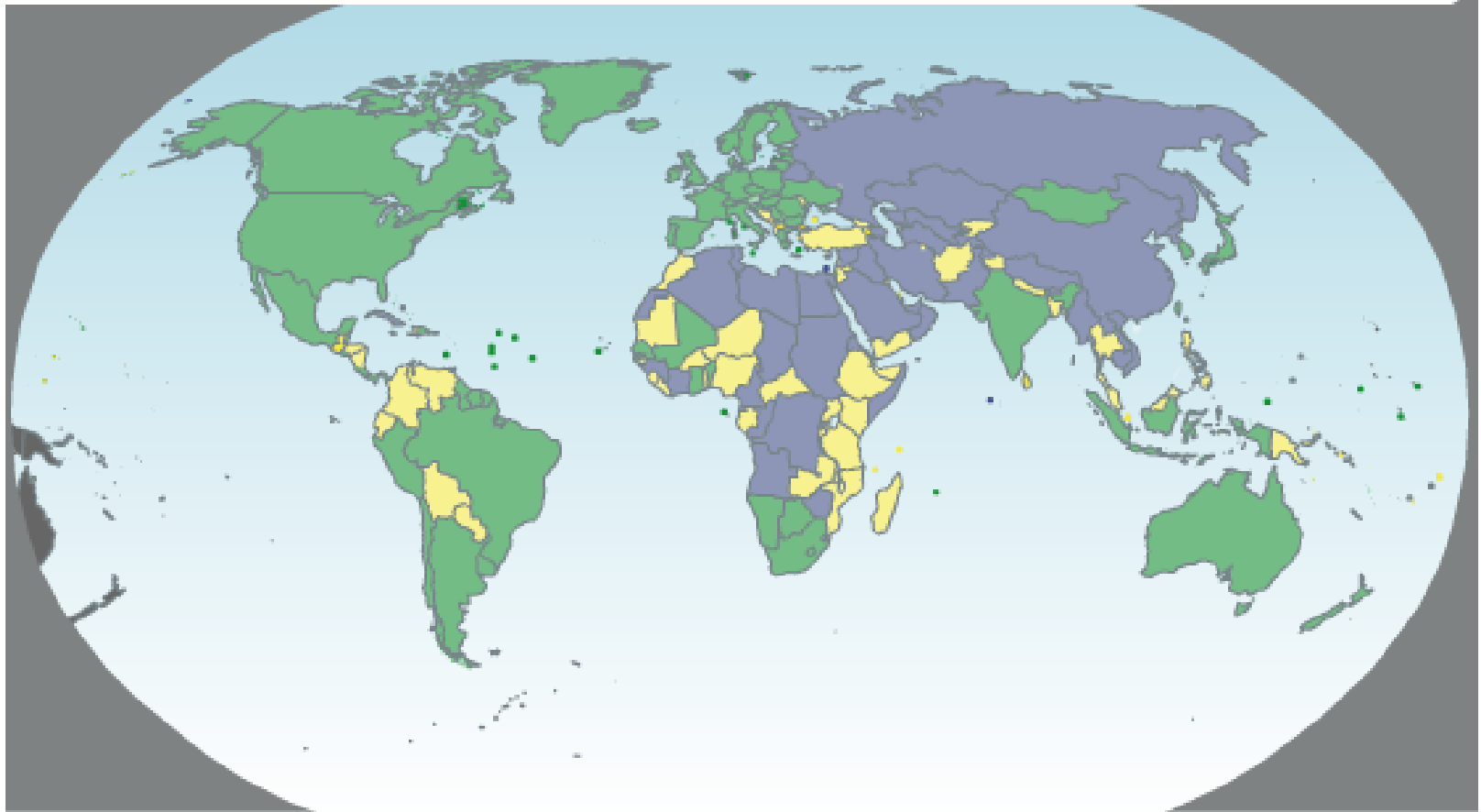


# Colonial Empires

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## Map of Freedom 2008

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Map Legend

Free

Partly Free

Not Free

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- ❑ Failed States Index  
(compiled by Fund for Peace):

