

What the Modern World knew

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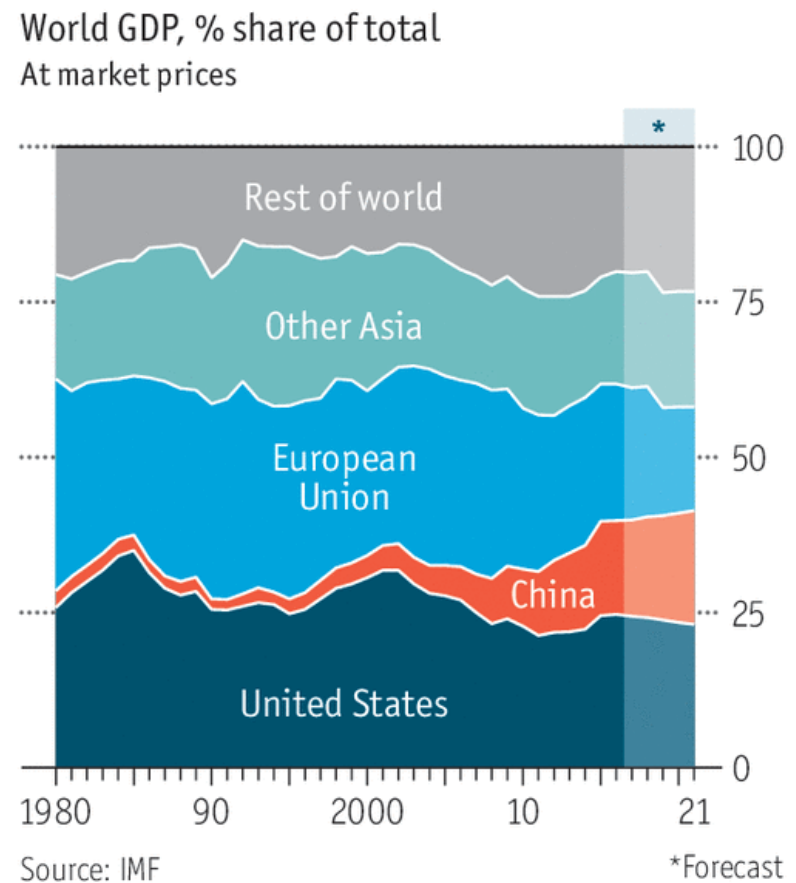
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- Global Disorder (2008-?)
 - Bretton Woods institutions (World Bank, IMF), G7 (1975) promote free trade and the globalization of finance
 - Cold War splits the world into US and Soviet controlled spheres of influence
 - Right and Left of the USA agree on bipartisan foreign policy
 - 1990: West and East Germany are allowed to reunify in exchange for Germany's acceptance of a common European currency

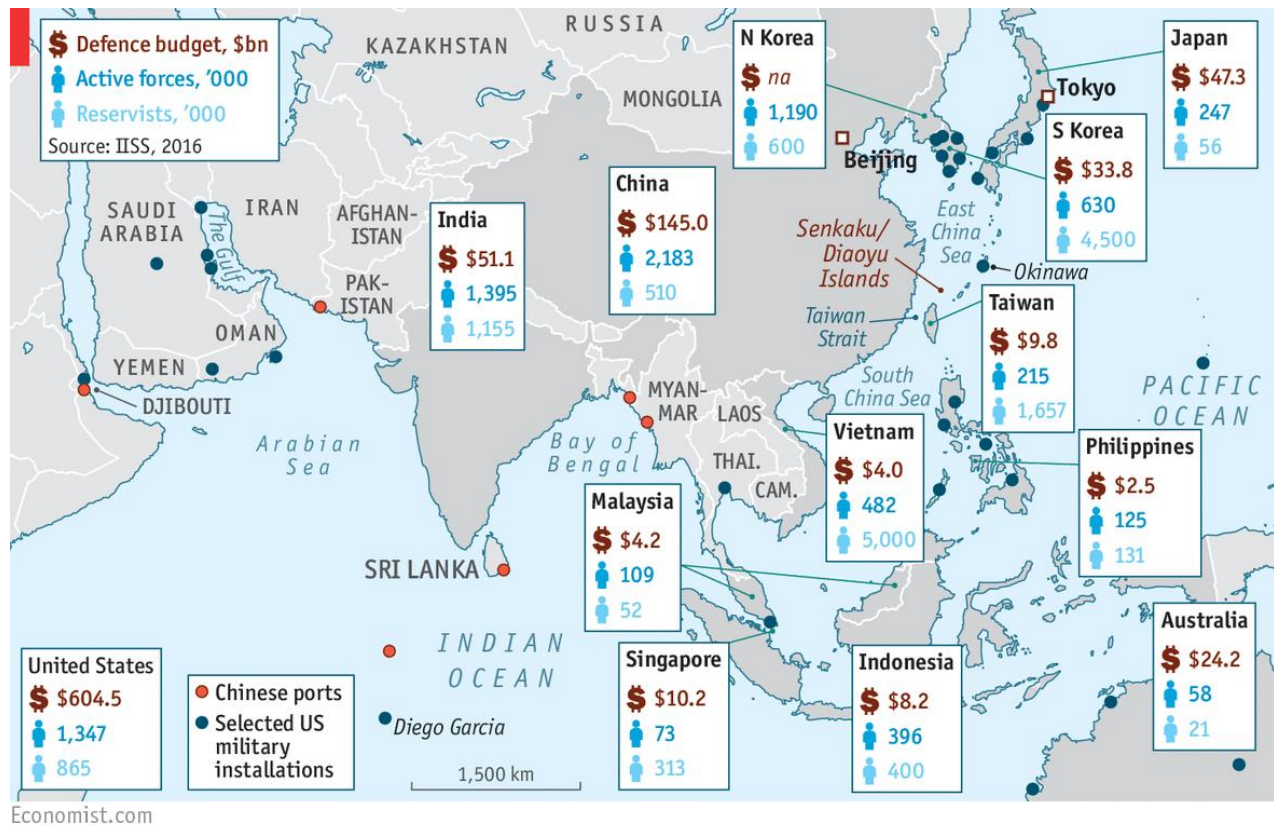
- Global Disorder (2008-?)
 - 1991: The Soviet Union collapses, the world turns democratic and capitalist, the USA remains the only superpower but bipartisan agreement ends in the USA
 - 1999: The euro is introduced by Germany, France, Italy and
 - 2001-03 US invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq
 - Great Recession (2007-2011) and euro crisis (the EU splits into creditors and debtors), China becomes the engine of world growth, declining Western influence
 - 2012: ISIS

- Global Disorder (2008-?)
 - 2014: Russia annexes Crimea, the first military annexation of territory since World War II
 - 2018: China-USA trade war
 - 2020: Covid-19 epidemic

- Global Disorder (2008-?)

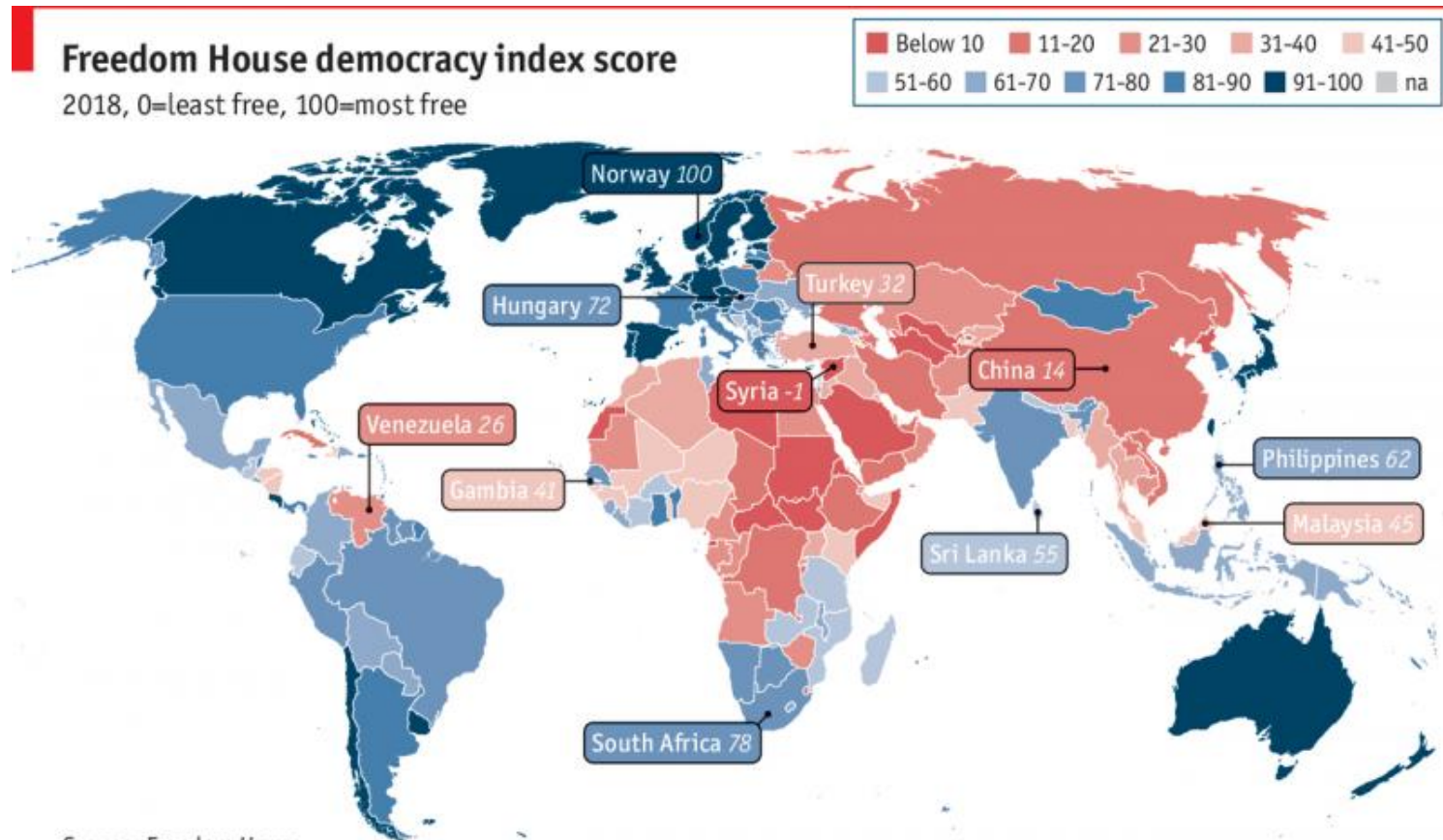


- Global Disorder - Asia (2008-?)



- Global Disorder – The Age of Revolutions
 - Arab Spring (mostly failed)
 - Color Revolutions in the former Soviet Union
 - Myanmar
 - Venezuela (failed)
 - Sudan
 - Belarus
 - Lebanon
 - Mali

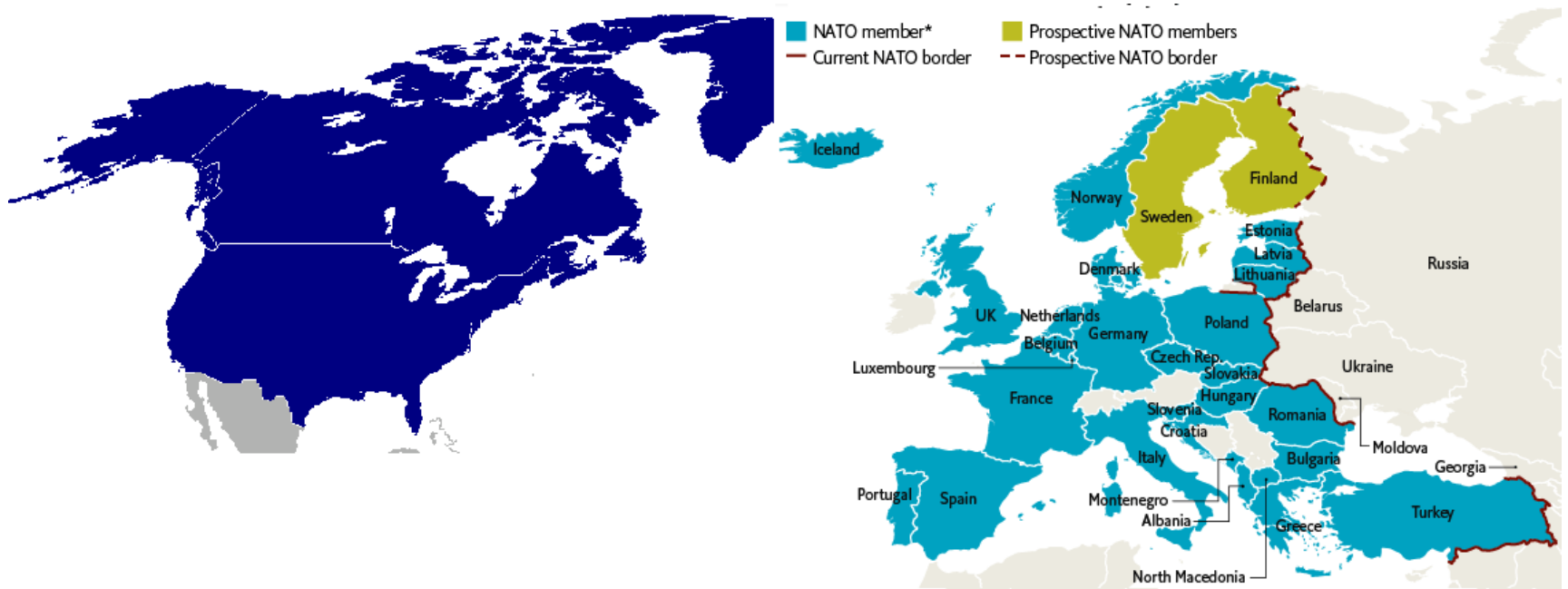
- Global Disorder - Democracy



- Global Disorder – NATO before 1991



- Global Disorder – NATO in 2022

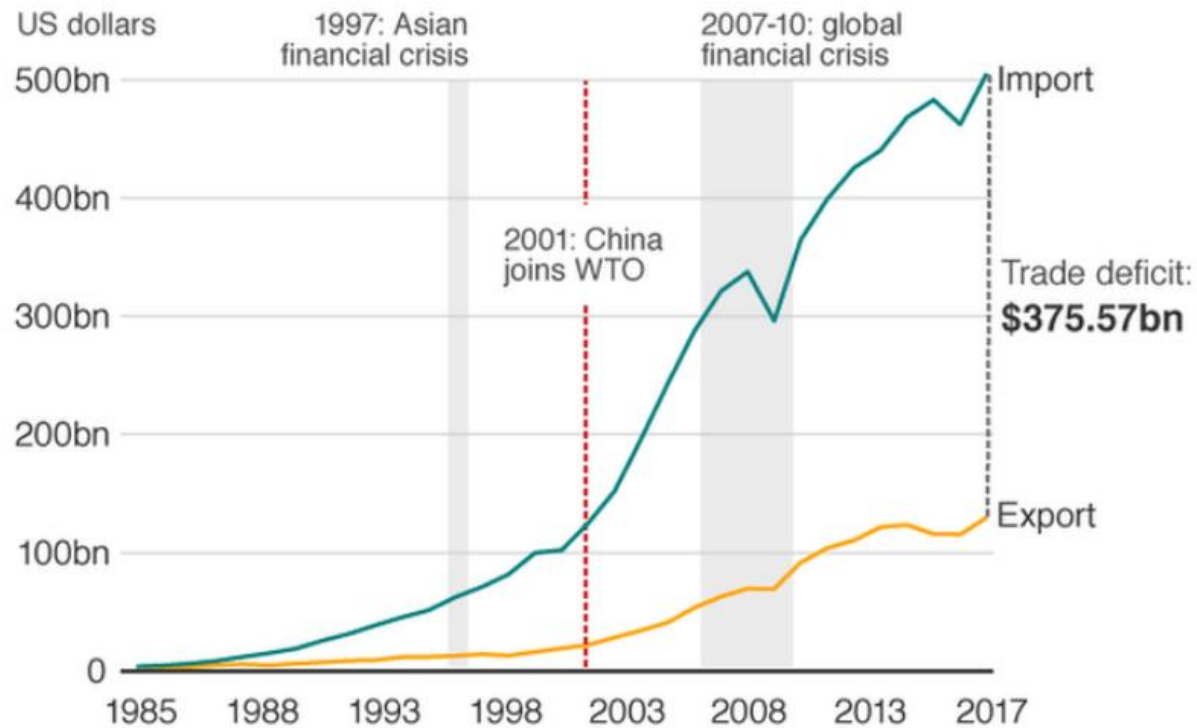


- Global Disorder – NATO in 2022



- Global Disorder – Trade Imbalance

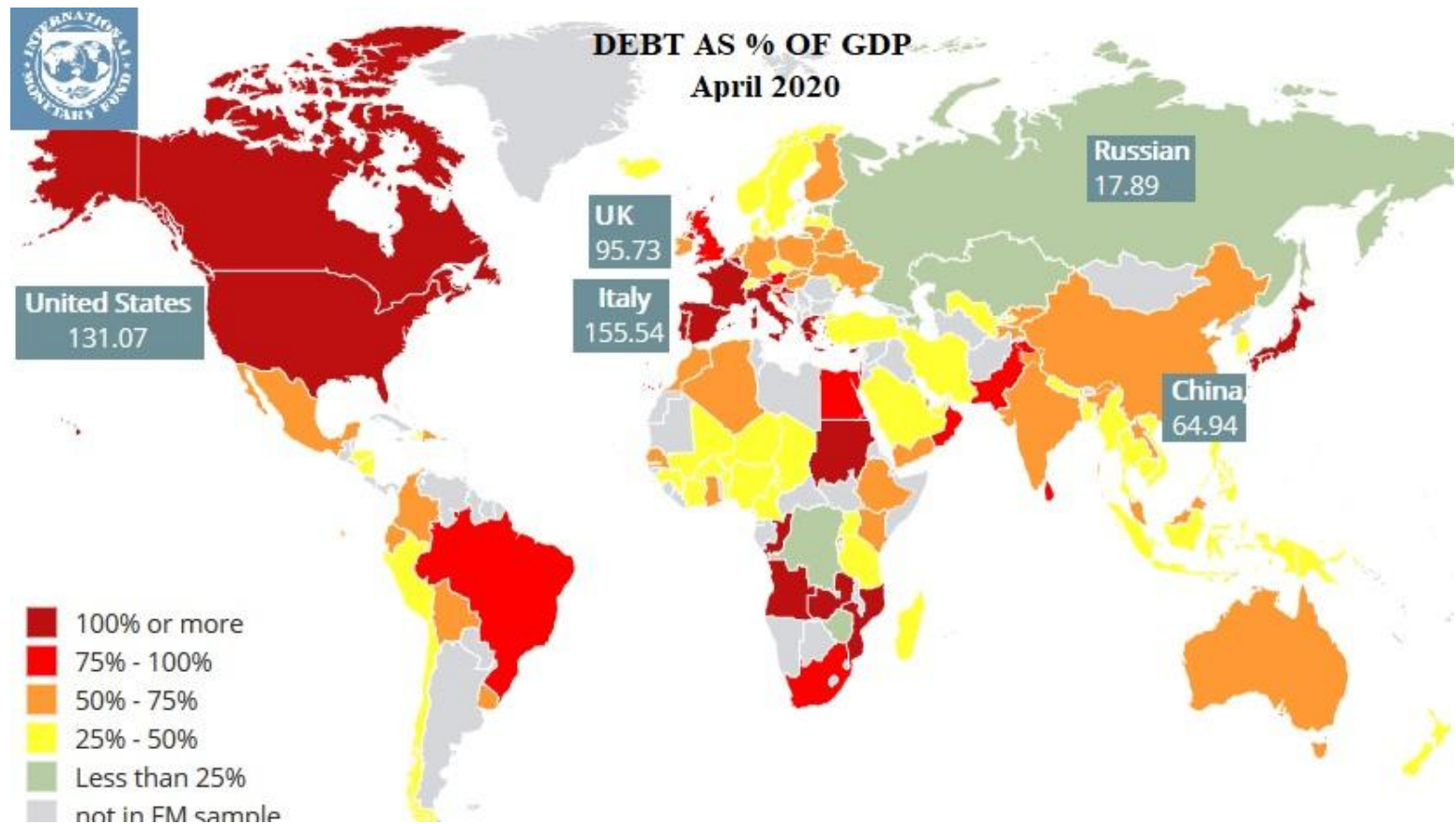
US trade in goods with China



- Global Disorder
- A time of increasing misinformation spread by russian and chinese hackers, extremist media and autocratic politicians

- US crises
 - Military crisis 2001-03 Failed wars in Afghanistan and Iraq
 - Economic crisis 2007 Great Recession
 - Political crisis: political gridlock in Congress, rise of populist movements, polarization
 - Social crisis: breakdown of the family, decline of religion, drug epidemic

- Government debt



Authoritarian Nationalists

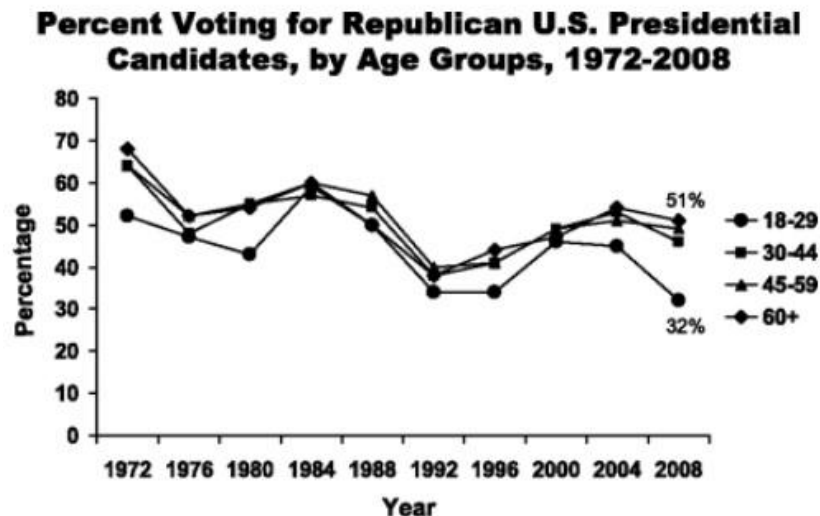
- Benjamin Netanyahu (Israel, 1996)
- Vladimir Putin (Russia, 2000)
- Recep Tayyip Erdogan (Turkey, 2003)
- Viktor Orban (Hungary, 2010)
- Jinping Xi (China, 2012)
- Narendra Modi (India, 2014)
- Jaroslaw Kaczynski (Poland, 2015)
- Brexit: Nigel Farage and Boris Johnson (Britain, 2016)
- Rodrigo Duterte (Philippines, 2016)
- Donald Trump (USA, 2017)
- Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil, 2018)

Generational Gap

- USA: Hillary Clinton won 55%-37% against Trump in 2016 among voters aged 18-29
- Britain: Remain won 70-30 in Brexit referendum among those aged 18-24 (and in 2018 about 82% of 18 to 24-year-olds said they would vote Remain)
- Russia (2021): only 51% of Russians aged 18 to 24 approve of Putin, 57% of those 25 to 39 years old, 60% of 40-to-54-year-olds and 73% of those 55 years
- Election turnout is higher among older voters

Generational Gap

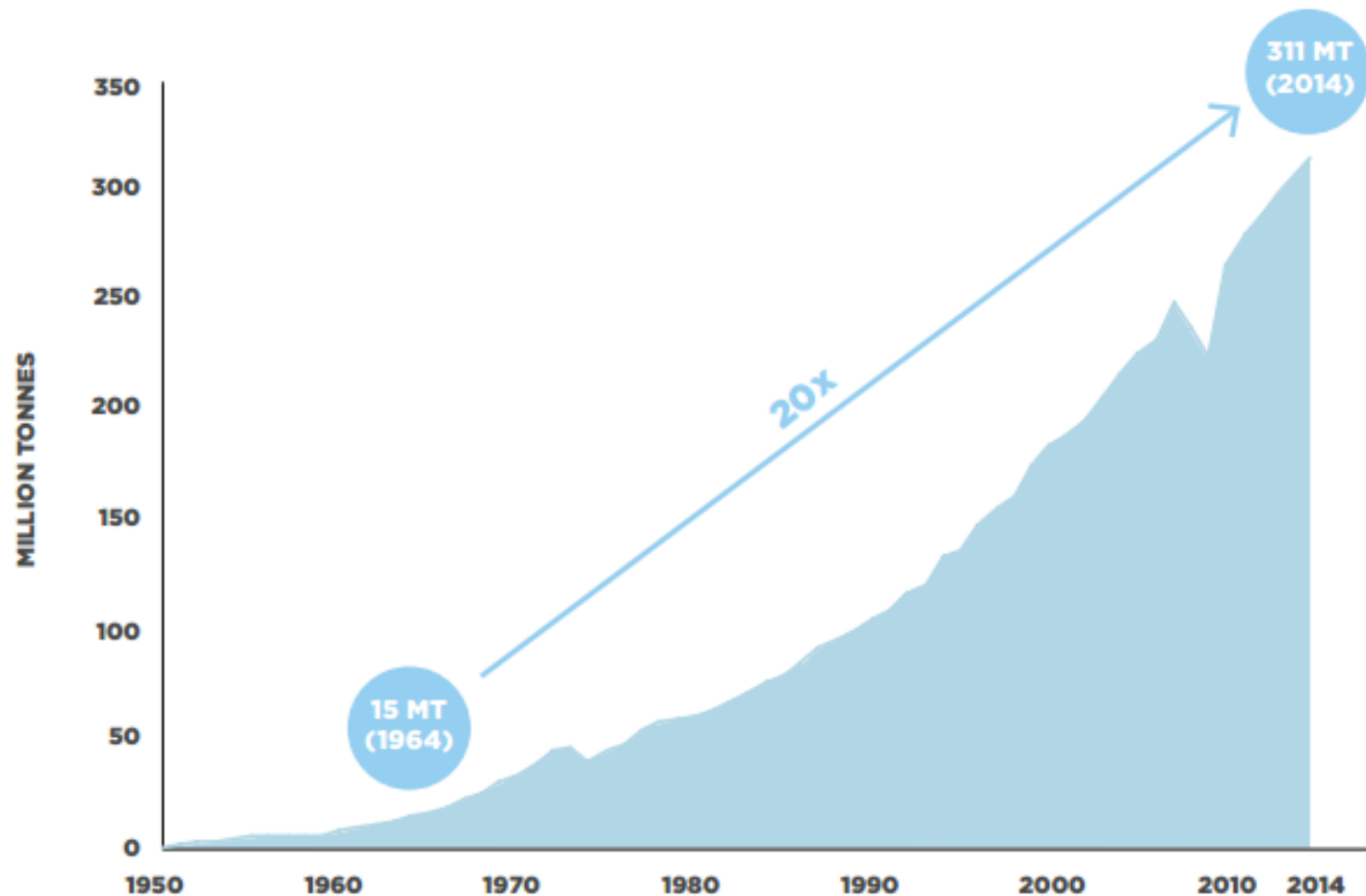
- Percent voting for Republicans in the USA is mostly uniform across age groups until the year 2000.
- But in 2004 the 18-29 age group largely favored the Democratic candidate and in 2008 the gap grew and in 2016 Hillary Clinton won 55%-37% against Trump and in 2020 Biden won 60 to 36% over Trump.



Source: National exit polls (1972-2008)

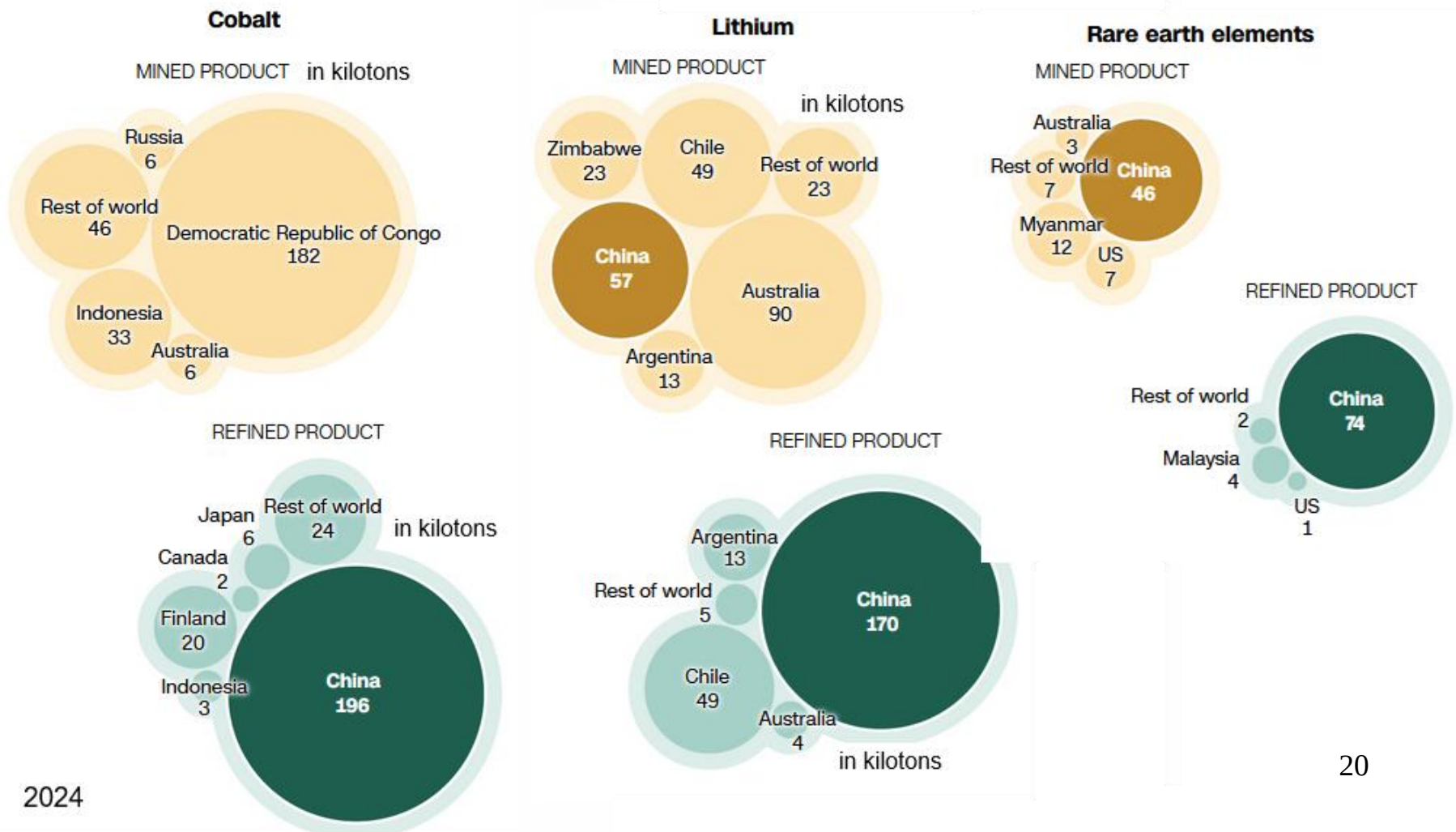
Plastic

Figure 1: Growth in Global Plastics Production 1950–2014



The “green” economy

China dominates processing of key materials

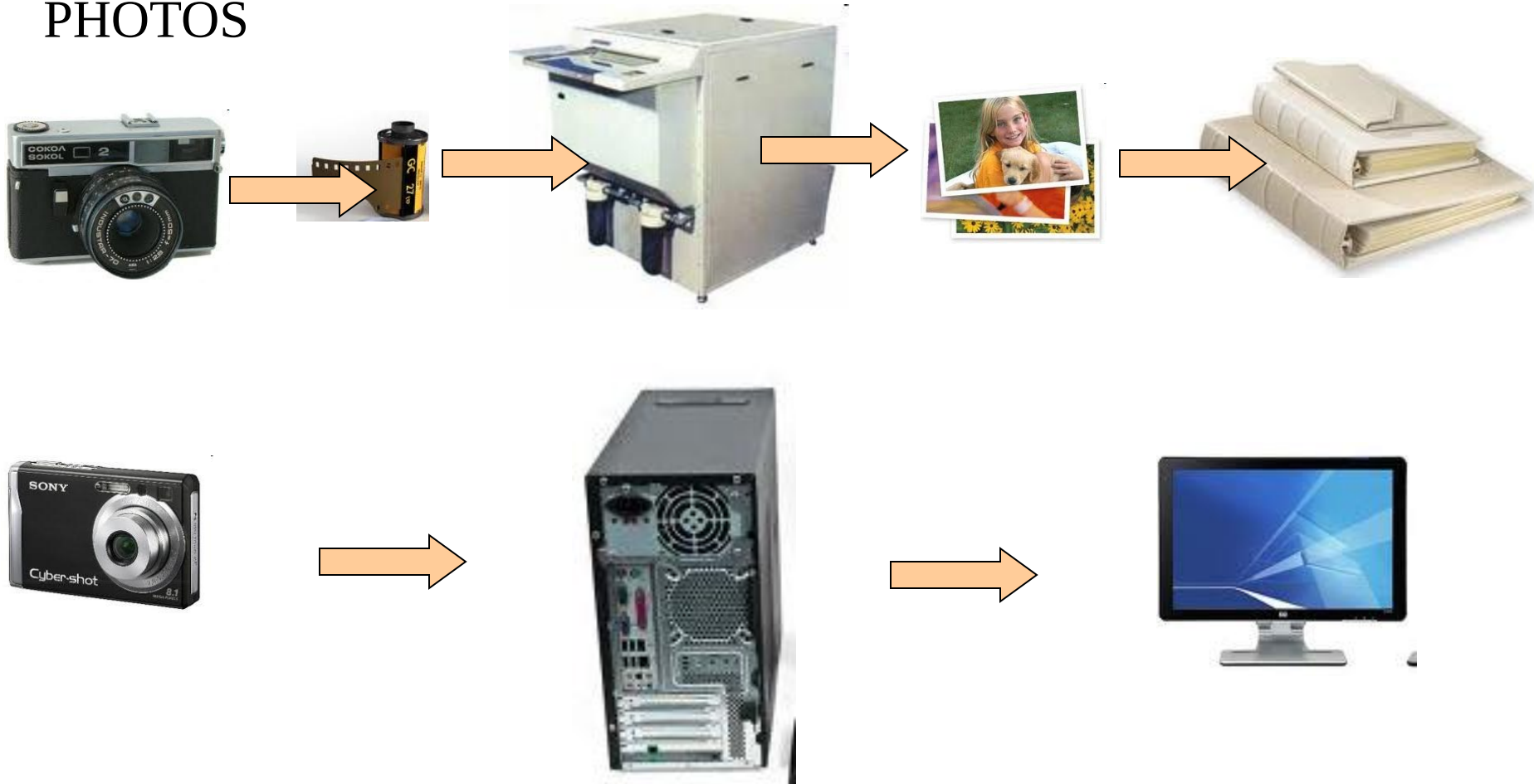


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The transformation of media

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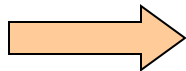
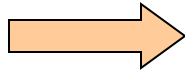
The transformation of media

MUSIC



The transformation of media

VIDEOS



The transformation of media

Age of the smartphone

Workarounds in many languages for the QWERTY keyboard

1. Input (CJK)
2. Contextual shaping (Arabic, Araboid, Burmese...)
3. Dynamic ligatures (Tamil...)
4. Diacritic placement (Thai...)
5. Reordering (Bengali, Devanagari...)
6. Splitting (Indic...)
7. Bidirectionality (Hebrew...)

Contextual Shaping & Dynamic Ligatures

طَبَّيب = ب + ي + ب + ط

ب (b) in medial position ب (b) in isolated position

Bidirectionality

٢٠١٨ طَبَّيب

Arabic numerals run left to right Arabic letters run right to left

Reordering & Splitting

क + आ = का

क + इ = कि

When Hindi consonant क (k) combines with vowel आ (ā), vowel changes shape, but maintains position/order.

When same consonant combines with vowel इ (i), vowel changes shape and position/order.

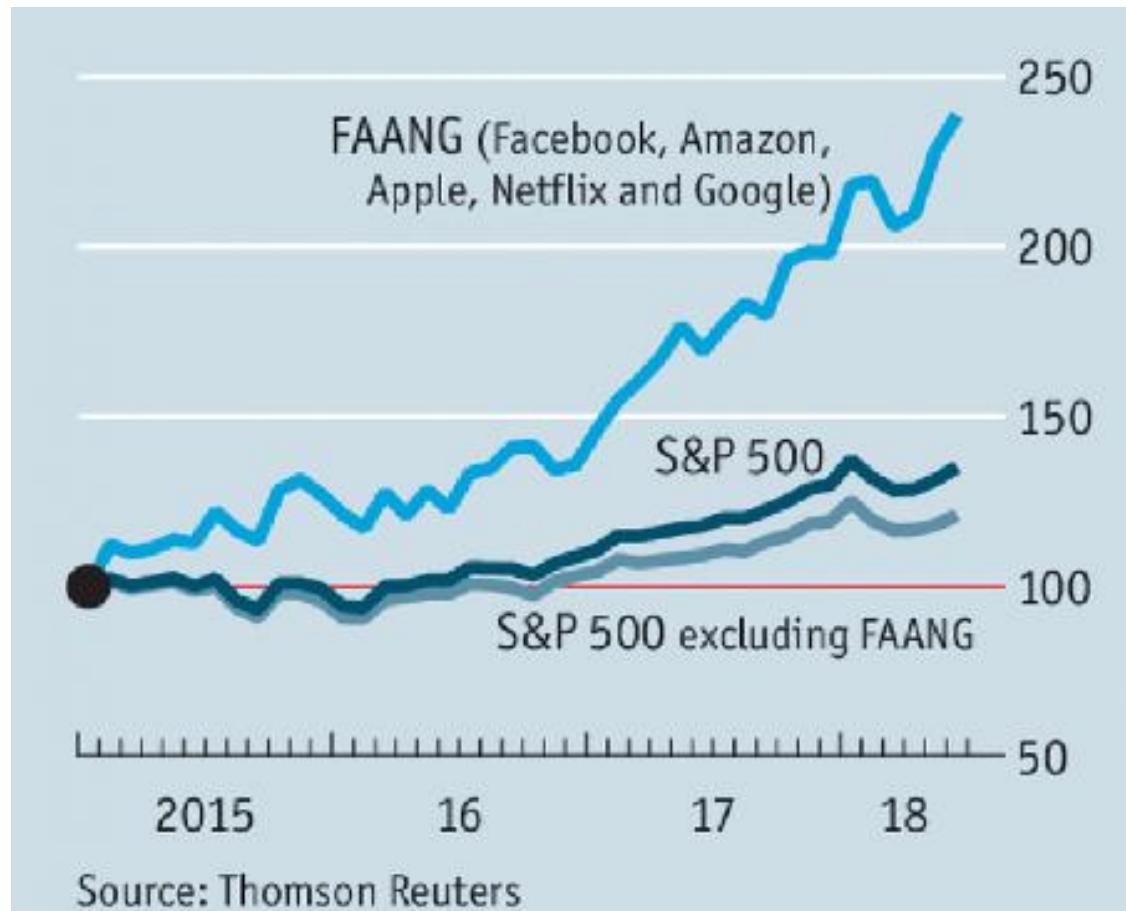
Source: Tom Mullaney

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FAANG (Facebook, Amazon, Apple, Netflix and Google)



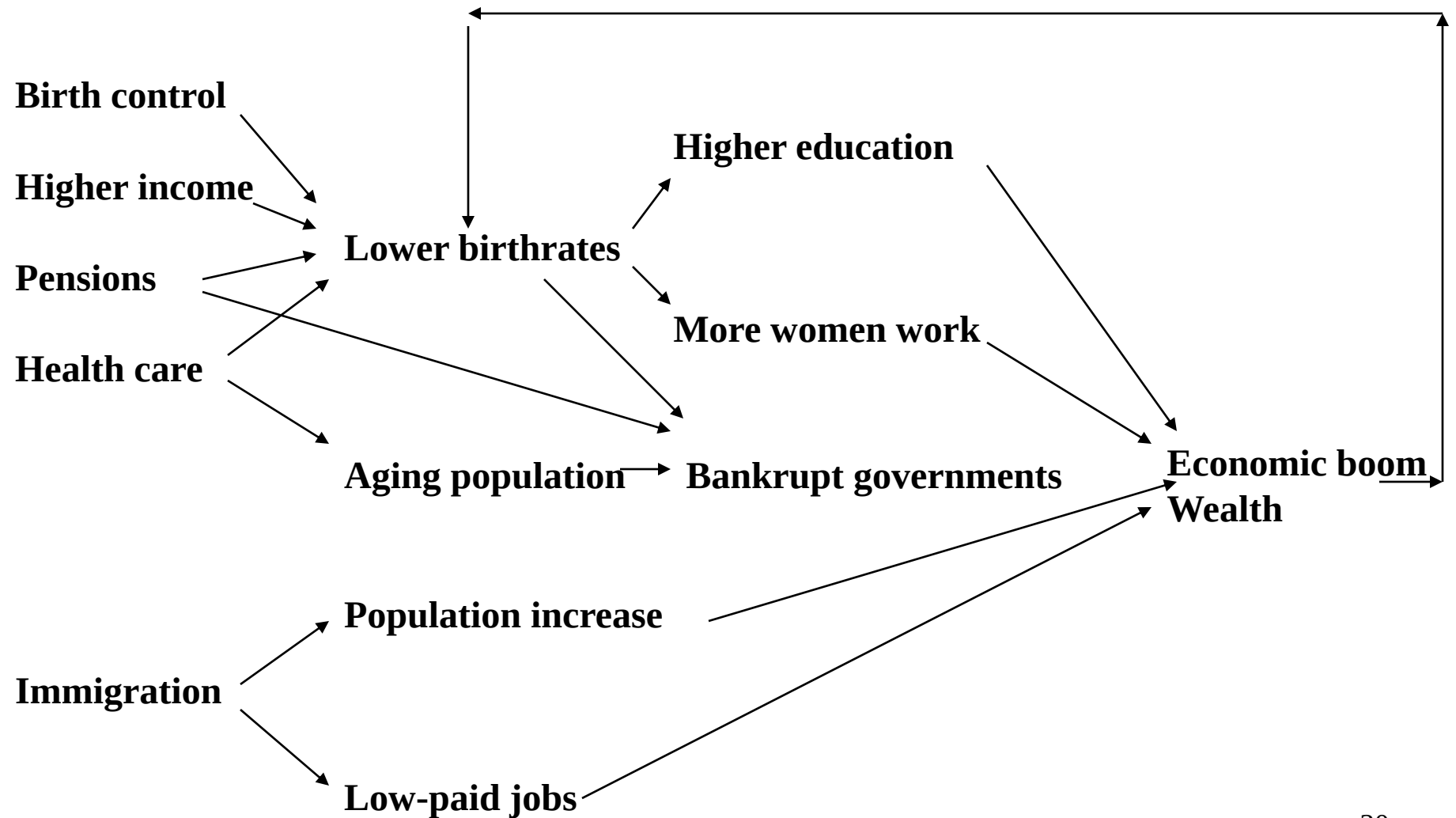
The age of budget airlines



The Future of Jobs

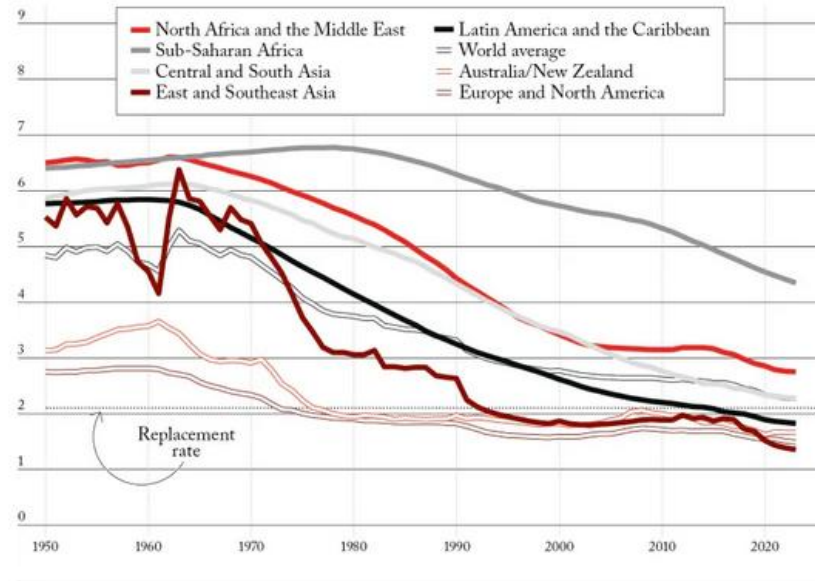
- Entertainment
- Tourism
- Shopping
- Health Care

The Demographic Crisis



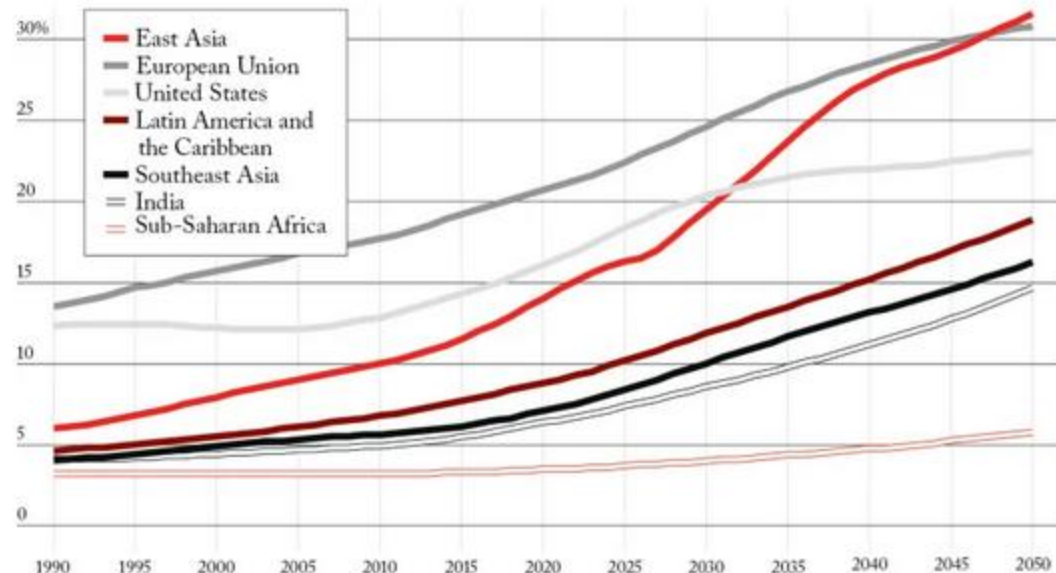
The Demographic Crisis

Total fertility rate, selected regions, 1950–2022



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division.

Percentage of population 65 and older, selected regions and countries, 1990–2050



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division.

Colonization and Globalization lead to Cultural Uniformity

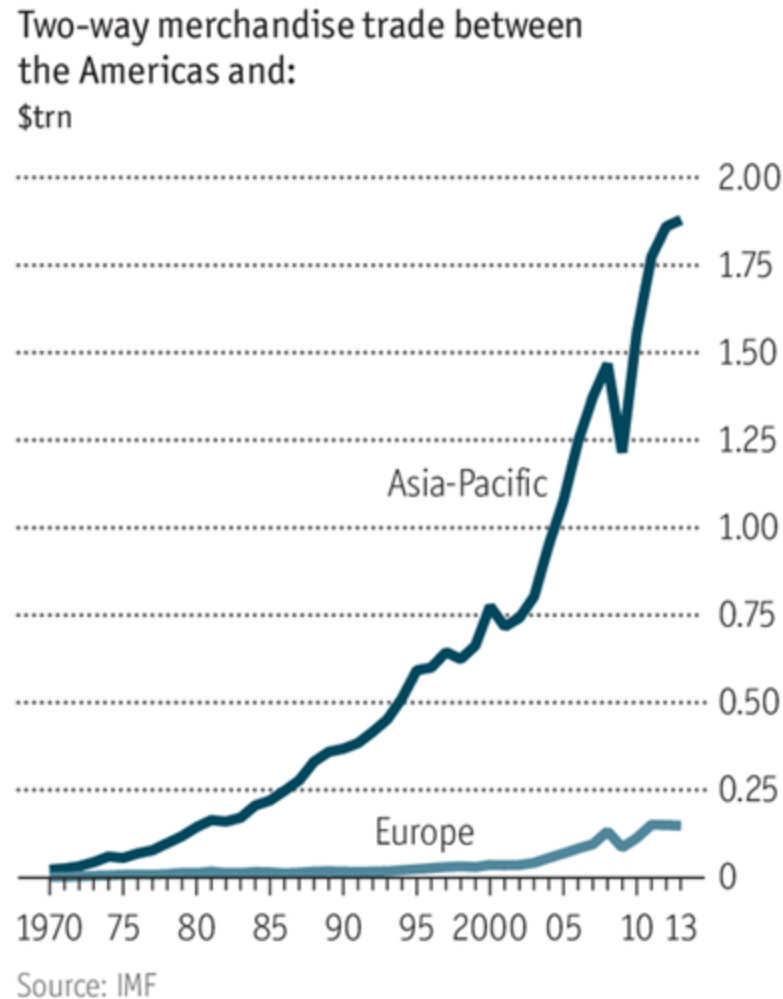


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- Pacific trade

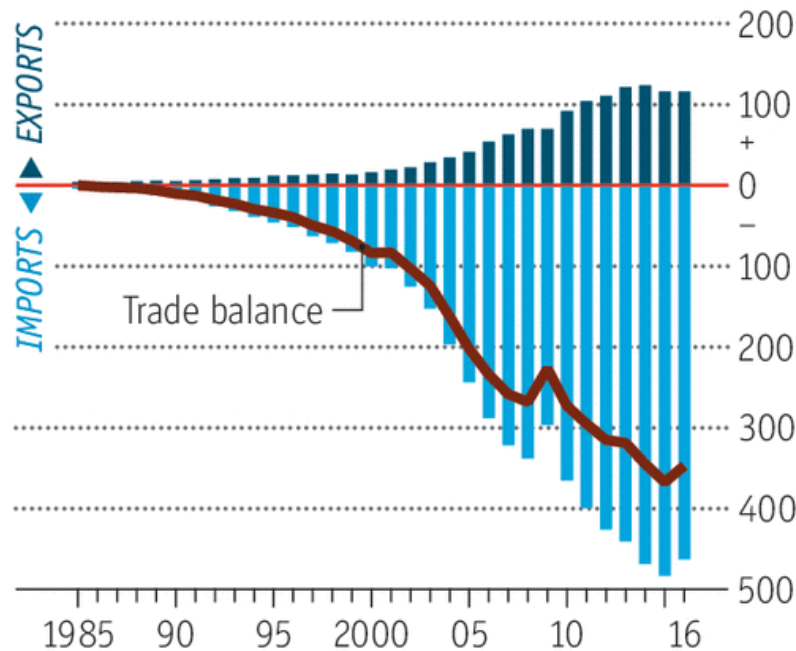


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- US-China

Too open?

United States goods trade with China, \$bn



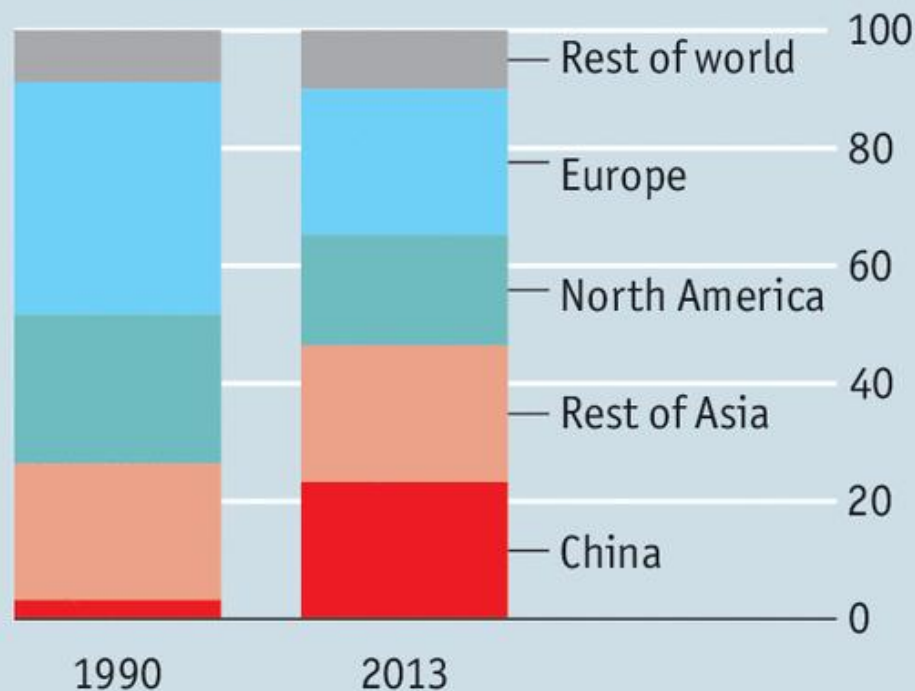
Source: Census Bureau

Economist.com

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- Decline of the West

Manufacturing output
As % of global total



Source: United Nations

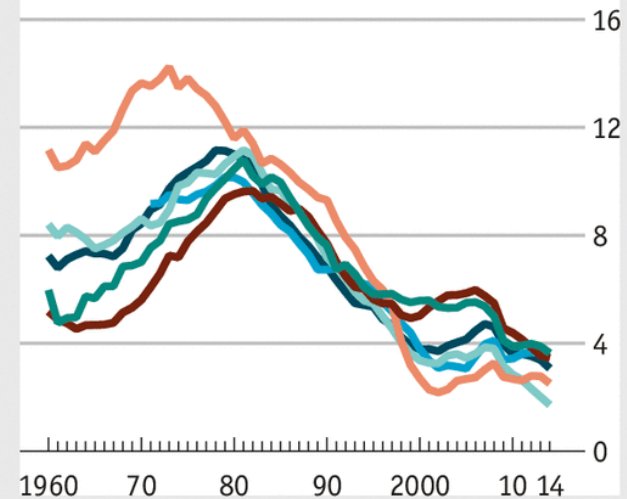
The long slowdown

GDP, % change on a year earlier

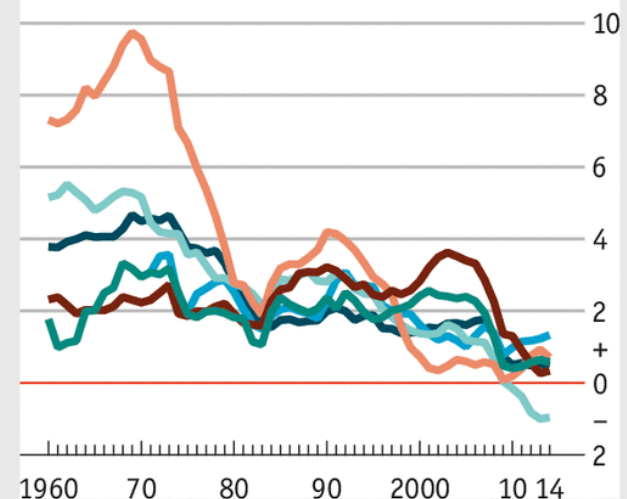
Ten-year moving average

United States Britain Japan
Germany France Italy

Nominal



Real



Sources: Penn World Tables; *The Economist*

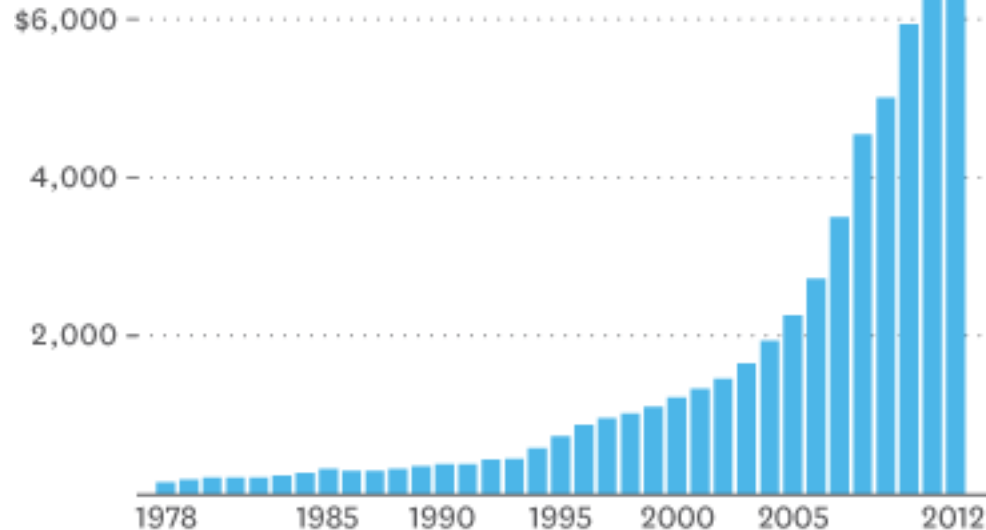
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- China

CHINA'S GDP

China's GDP has risen from less than \$150 billion in 1978 to \$8,227 billion in 2012.

BILLIONS OF U.S. DOLLARS



SOURCE: WORLD BANK

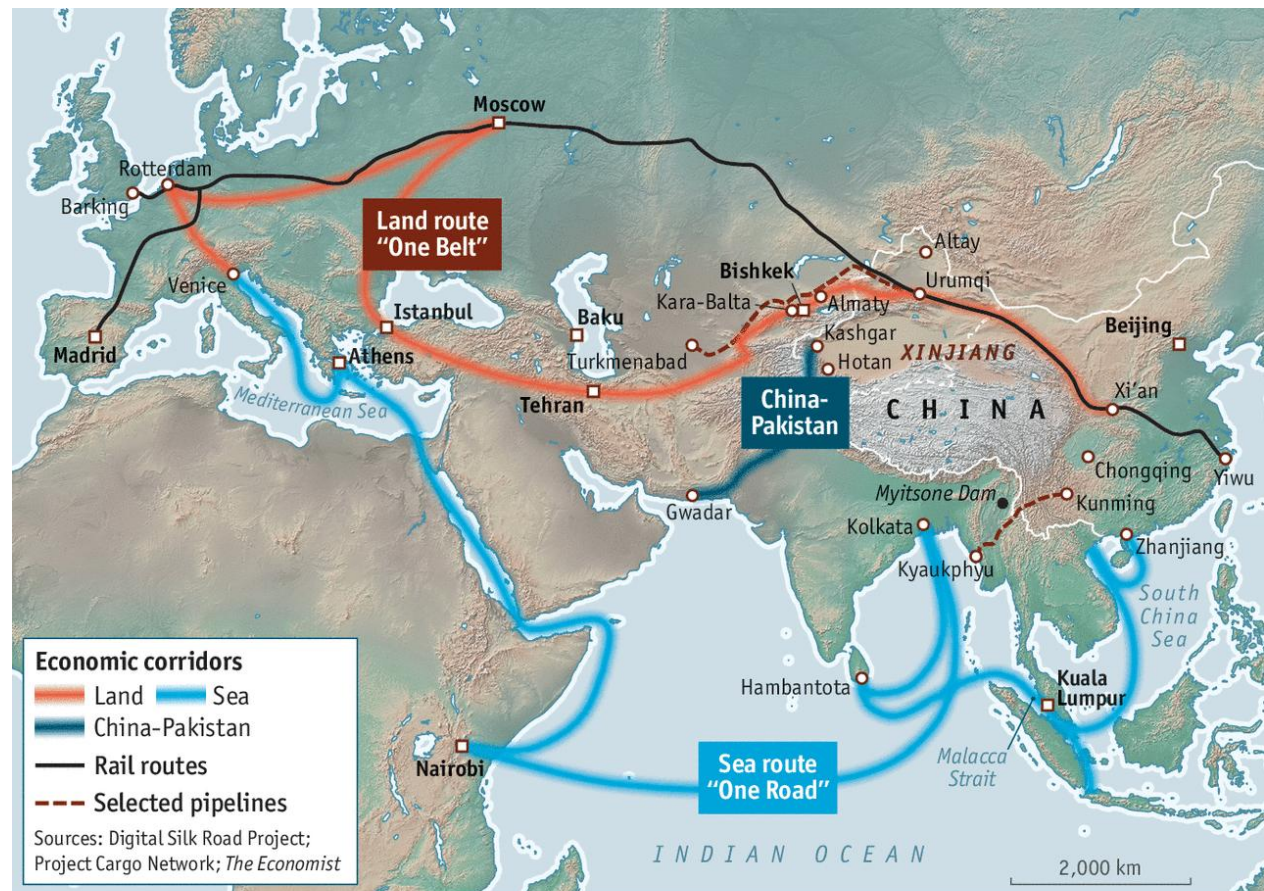
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- China
 - Biggest economic miracle since World War II
 - 2001: China joins the World Trade Organization
 - Zemin Jiang: boom of private sector
 - Jintao Hu: consolidation of state-owned enterprises, boom of state capitalism, but also boom of corruption
 - 2012: Xilai Bo arrested and Jiping Xi elevated to top leader
 - Xi dismantles the collegial system and reappointed himself for a third term

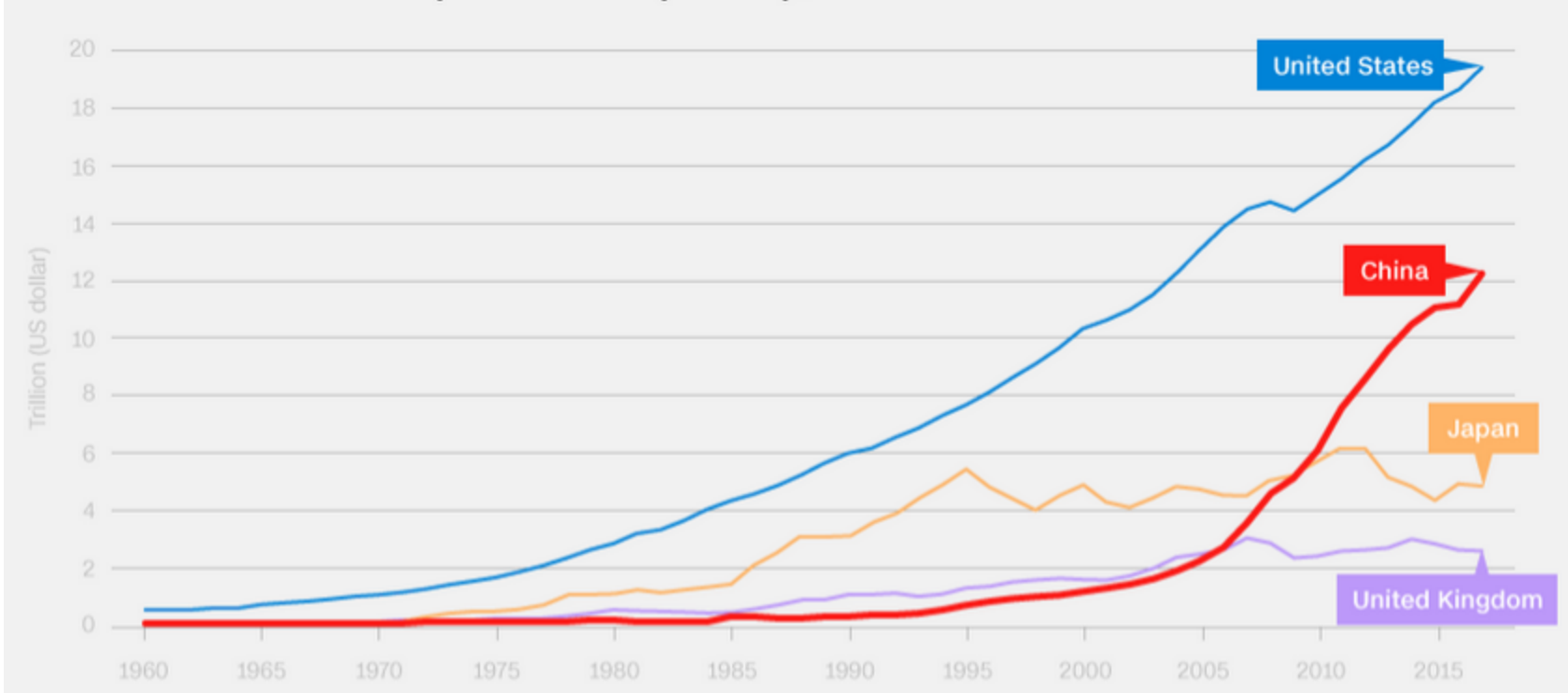
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- China's "One Belt One Road" (2013)



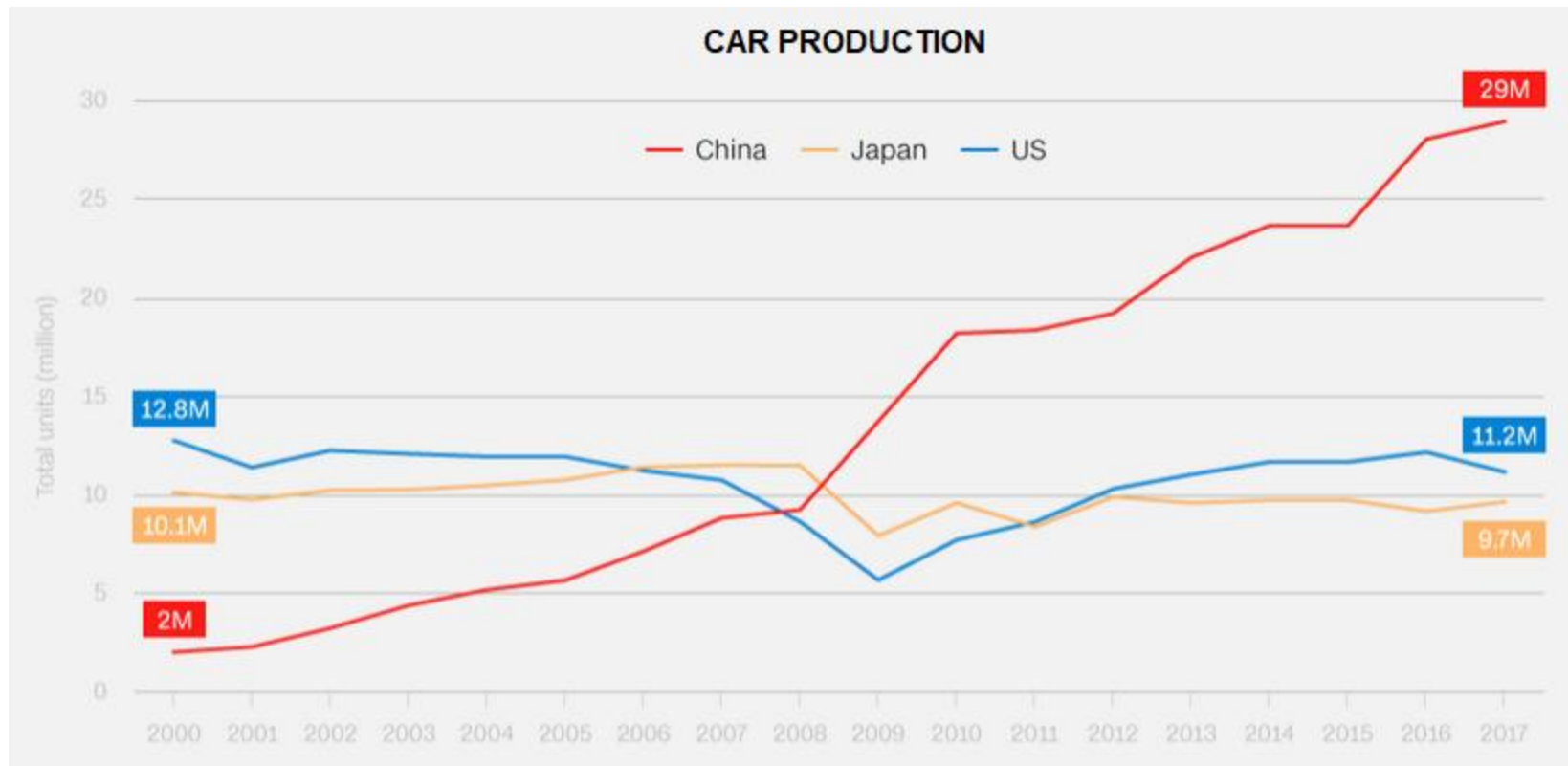
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Gross domestic product (GDP), 1960 to 2017



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- China claims these islands...
- China's “de-radicalization” camps for Uygurs:

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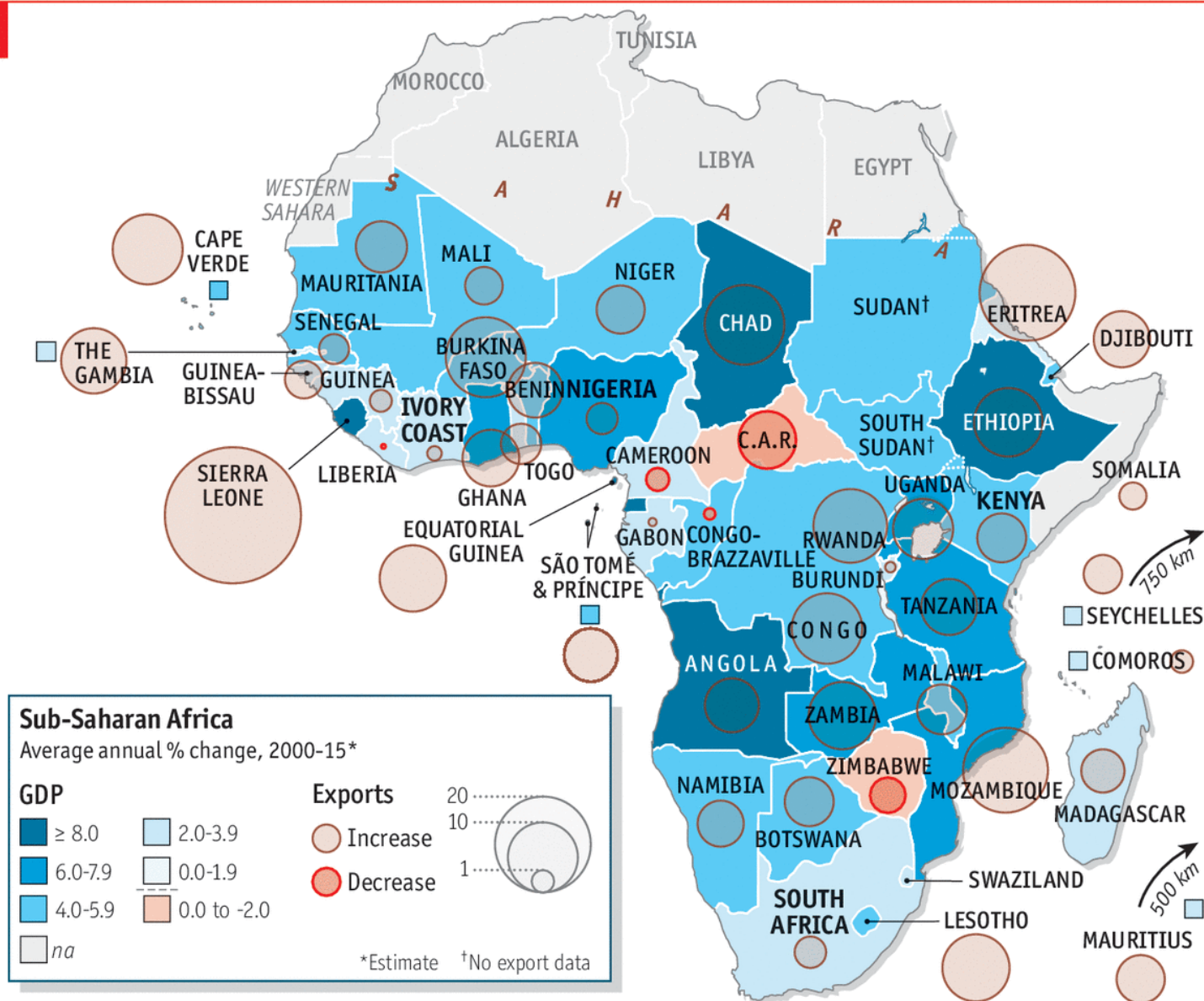
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Fighting terror, protecting human rights in Xinjiang

China Daily | Updated: 2019-03-19 08:12

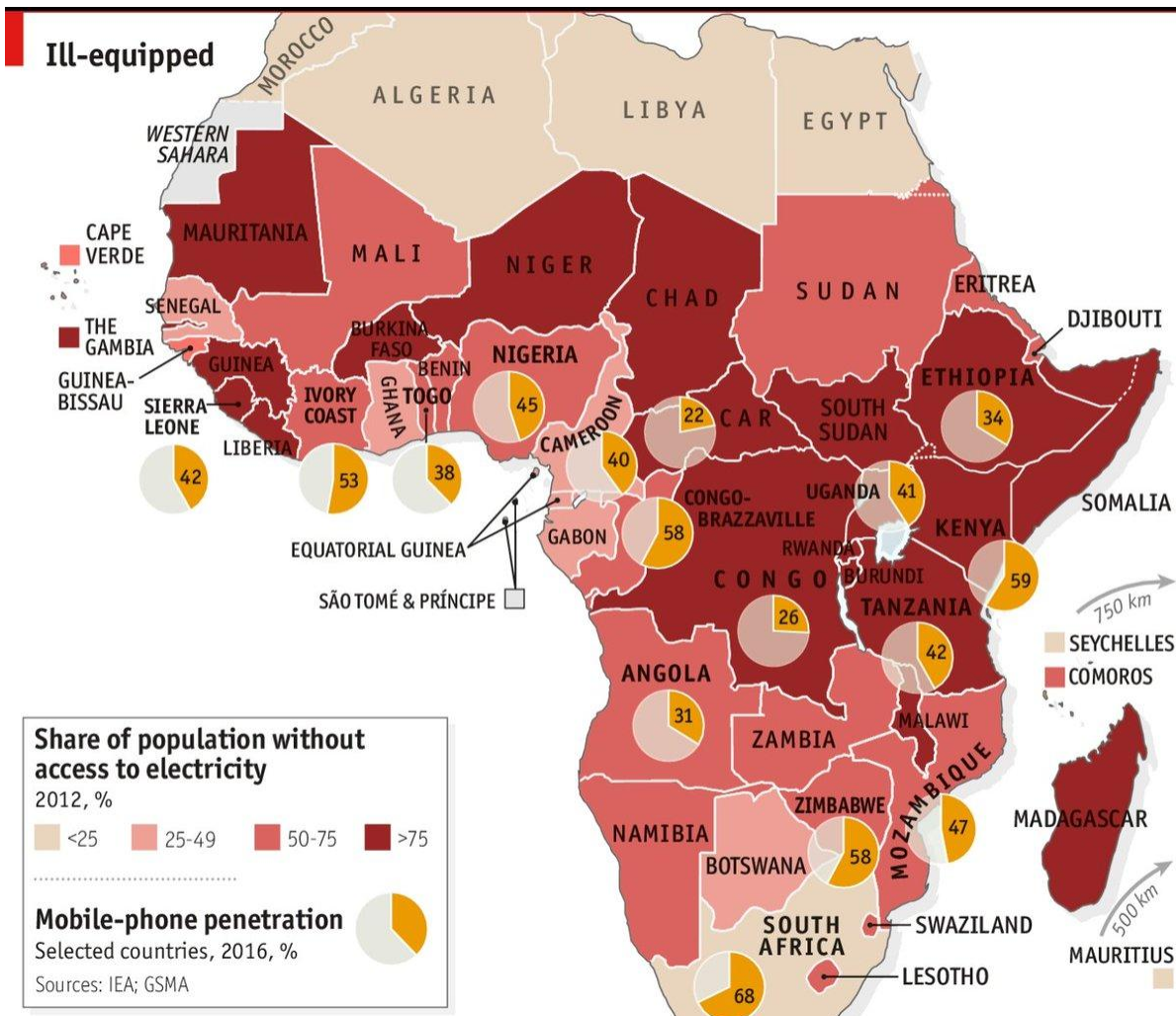


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Source: International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, October 2015
Economist.com

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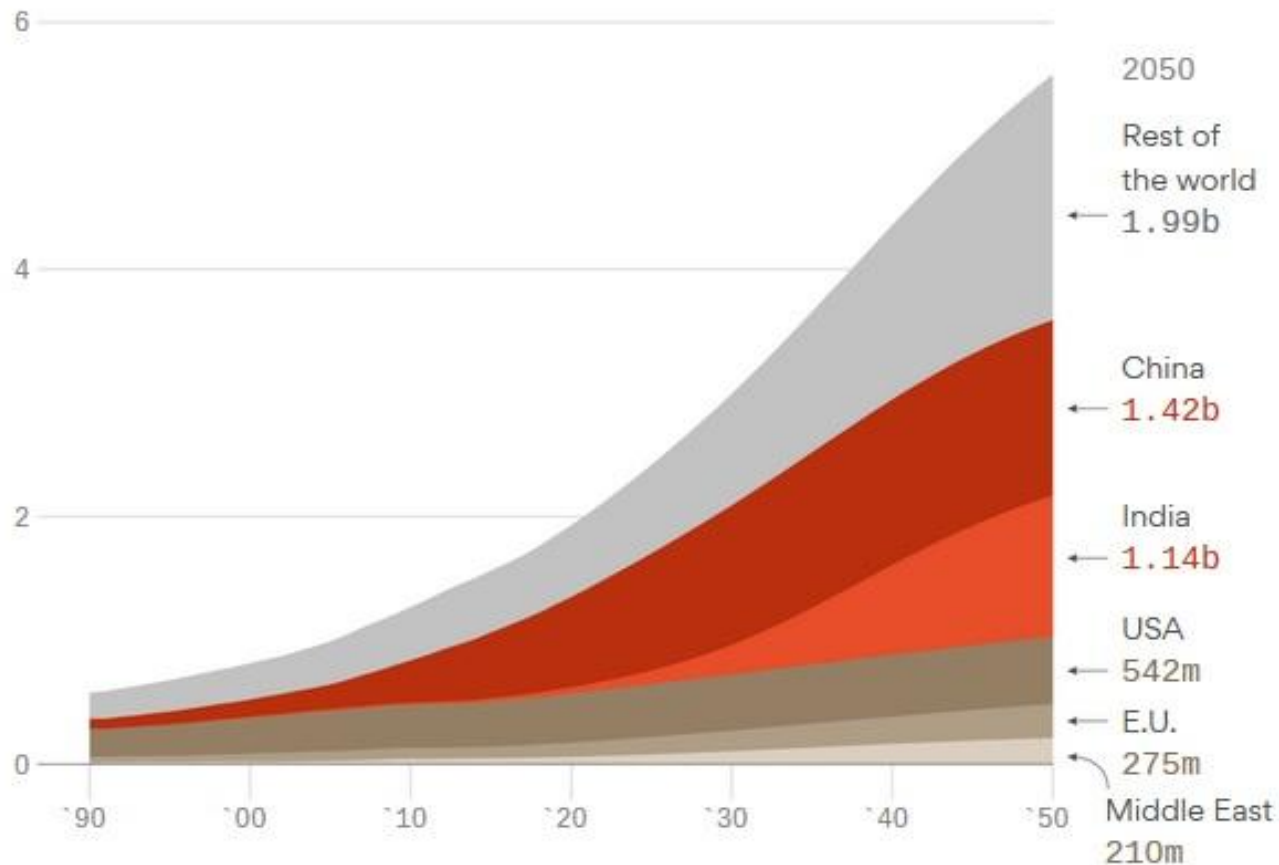


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Air conditioners, 1990-2050

Billions of units

IEA, Future of Cooling [report](#); Chart: Axios Visuals



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- The USA in the 2010s
 - Shrinking middle class
 - Economic insecurity
 - Broken families, single parenthood, gay marriage
 - Low church attendance
 - Towards gender equality
 - Polarizing media
 - Polarized politics
 - Tolerance towards other cultures
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- The USA in 2012
 - A black man (Barack Obama) and a Catholic (Joe Biden) faced a Mormon (Mitt Romney) and another Catholic (Paul Ryan) in the 2012 elections: for the first time there is no WASP on either ticket
 - Both the old and new speakers of the House of Representatives are Catholics: Nancy Pelosi and John Boehner (since 2014)
 - The majority leader of the Senate is a Mormon (Harry Reid) until 2014
 - Since 2010 none of the nine judges of the Supreme Court has been a WASP: six Catholics (Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, John Roberts, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor) and three Jews (Stephen Breyer, Ruth Ginsburg, Elena Kagan).

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- The German model: cheap Chinese labor + cheap Russian fuel + cheap US protection = exports of high-end goods to rich Western countries
- The Chinese model: offshoring R&D to the West + rapid prototyping + manufacturing goods at competitive prices thanks to low-cost labor force = exports of low-end goods to consumers worldwide (mostly in the West)

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- The Age of Disinformation (“disinformation at your fingertips”)

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Longevity

- 1 Jeanne Calment (1997): 122
- 2 Kane Tanaka (2022): 119
- 3 Sarah Knauss (1999): 119
- 4 Lucile Randon (2023): 118

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People live longer in dictatorships

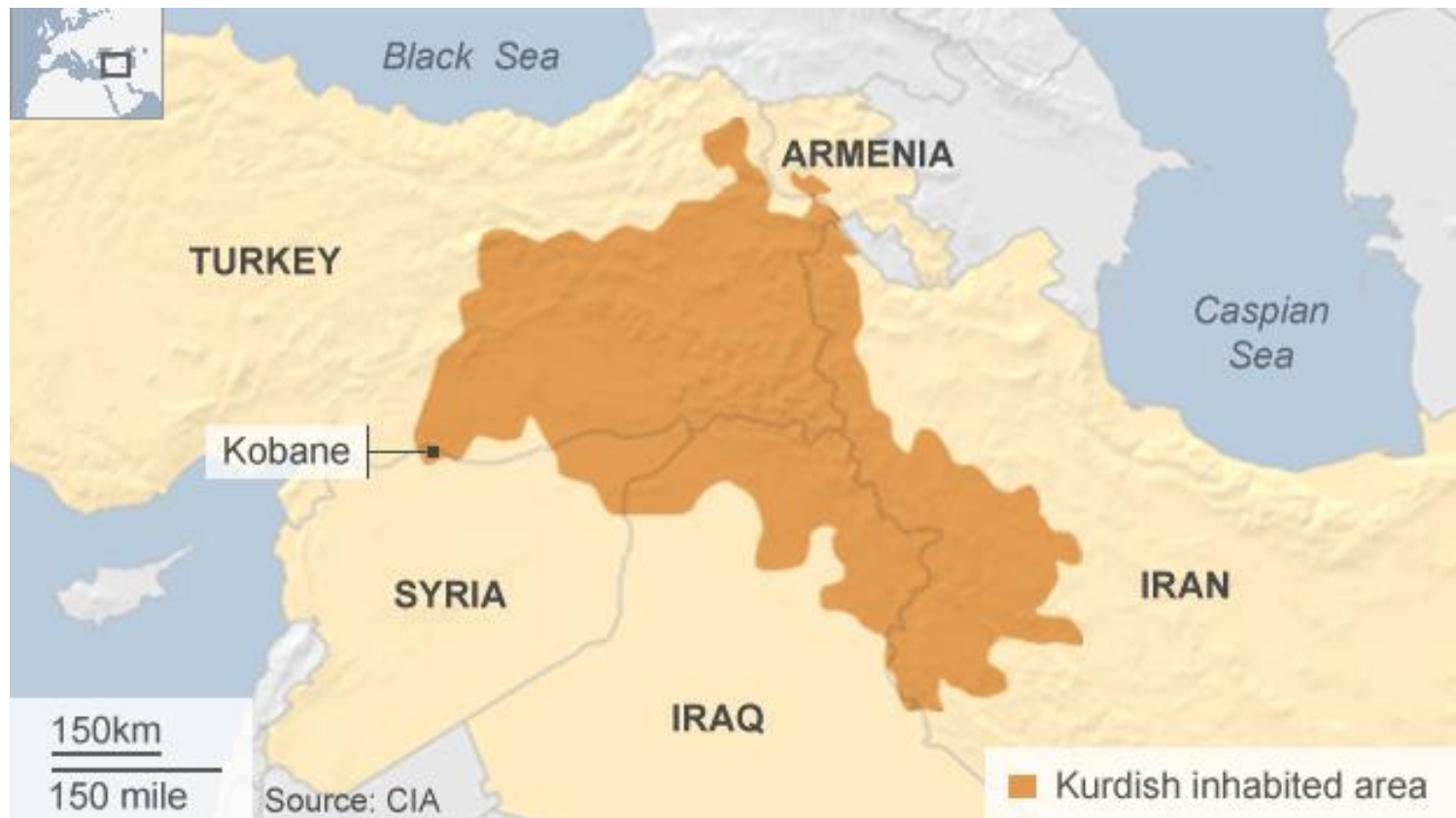
- 2006: Du Pinhua dies at the age of 120 in Sichuan province
- 2013: Luo Meizhen dies at the age of 127 in Guangxi province
- 2021: Alimihan Seyiti dies at the age of 135 in Xinjiang province

- 2003: Zabani Khachukayeva dies at the age of 124 in Chechnya
- 2012: Antisa Khvichava dies at the age of 132 in Georgia and Magomed Labazanov dies at the age of 122 in Dagestan
- 2015: To'ti Yusupova dies at the age of 135 in Uzbekistan
- 2019: Koku Istambulova dies at the age of 129 in Russia, Nanu Shaovadies at 128 and Tanzilya Bisembeyeva dies at 123

- 2017: Mbah Gotho dies in Indonesia at the age of 147
- 2020: Ali Al-Alakmi dies in Saudi Arabia at the age of 147

What the Modern World knew

- The Kurdish question



What the Modern Age knew

- **Egypt (2011)**

4 Feb 1200 local (1000 GMT)

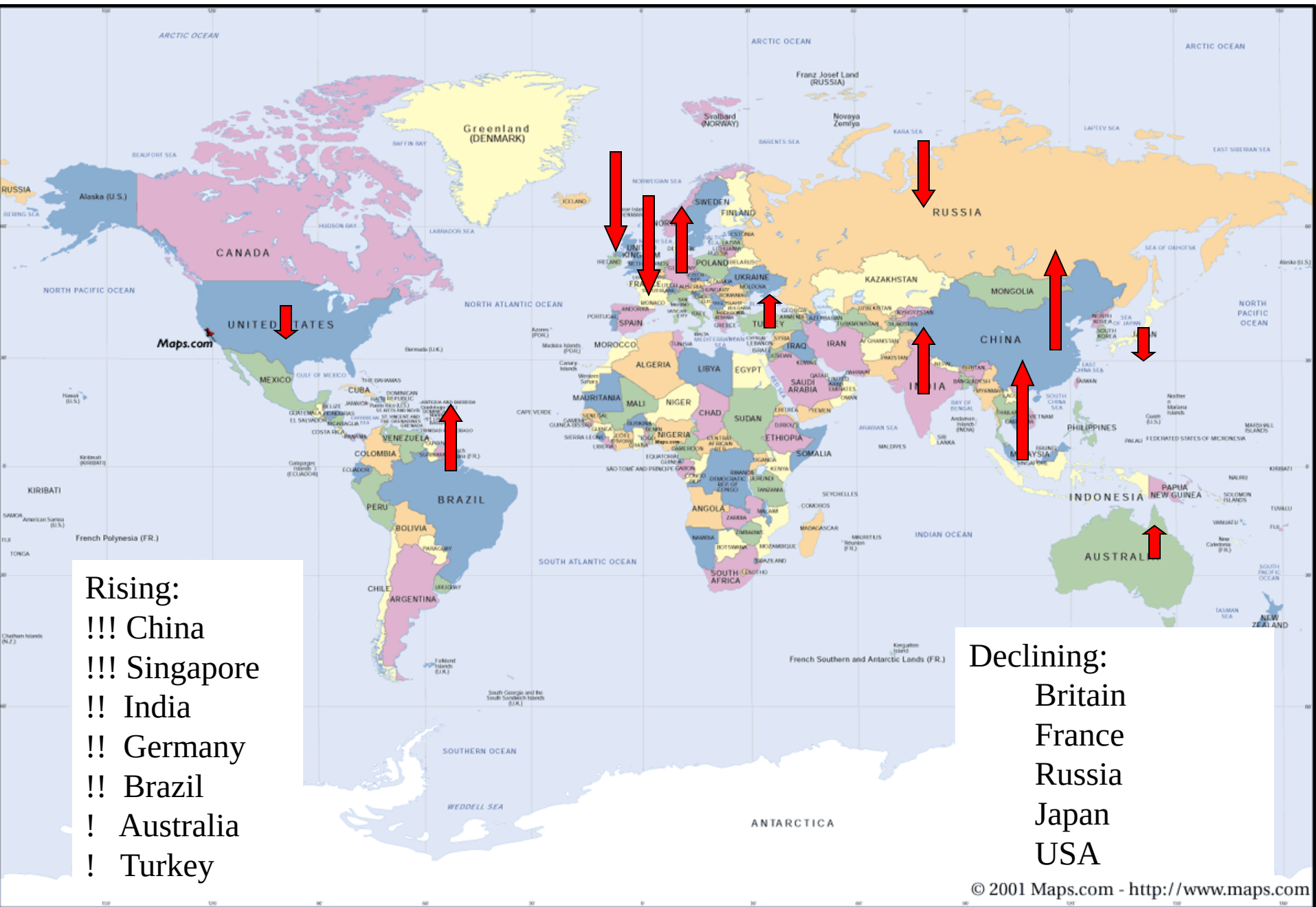


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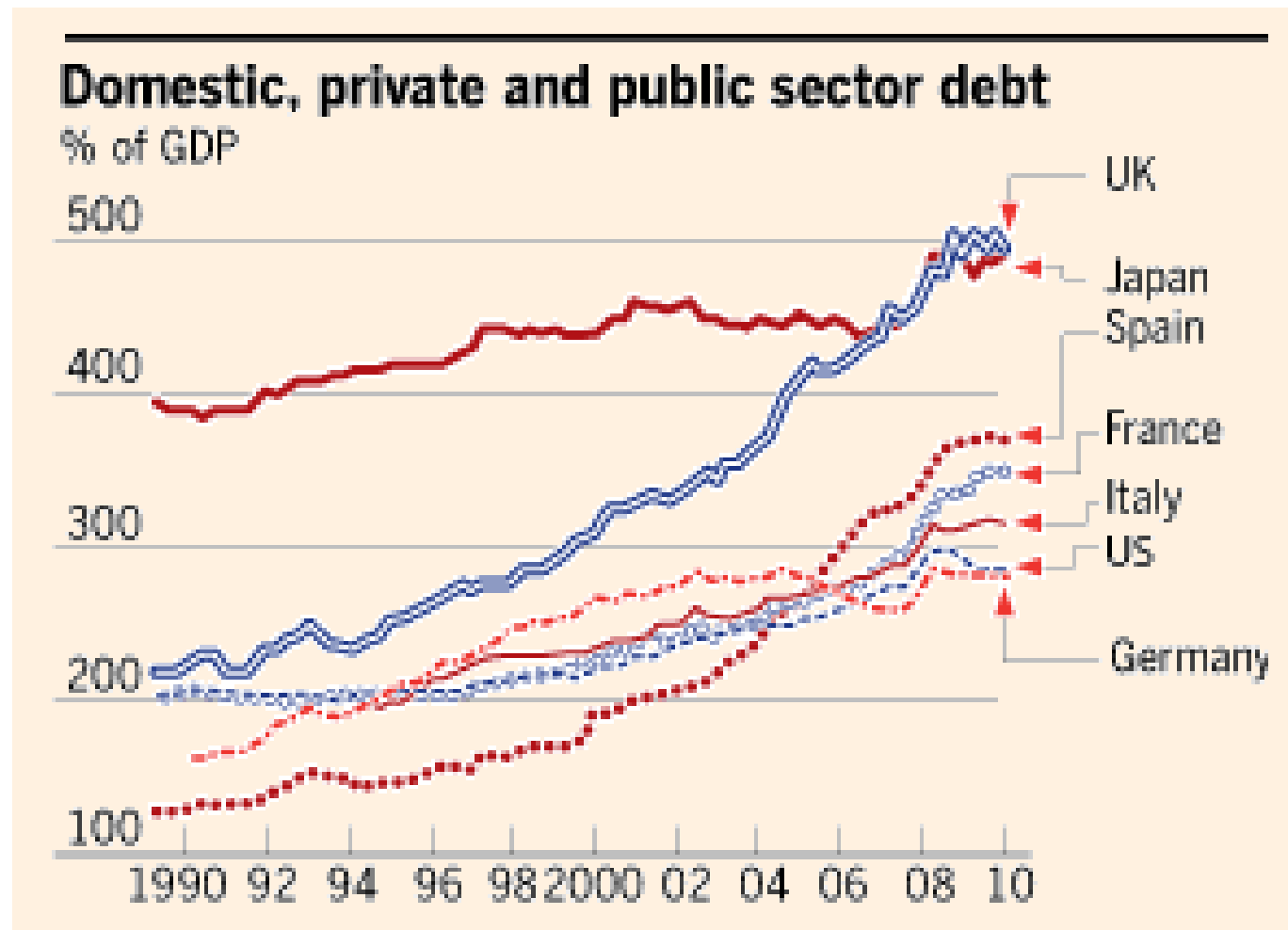
- Libya (2011)



Emerging Powers

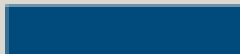


Emerging Powers



(McKinsey 2011)

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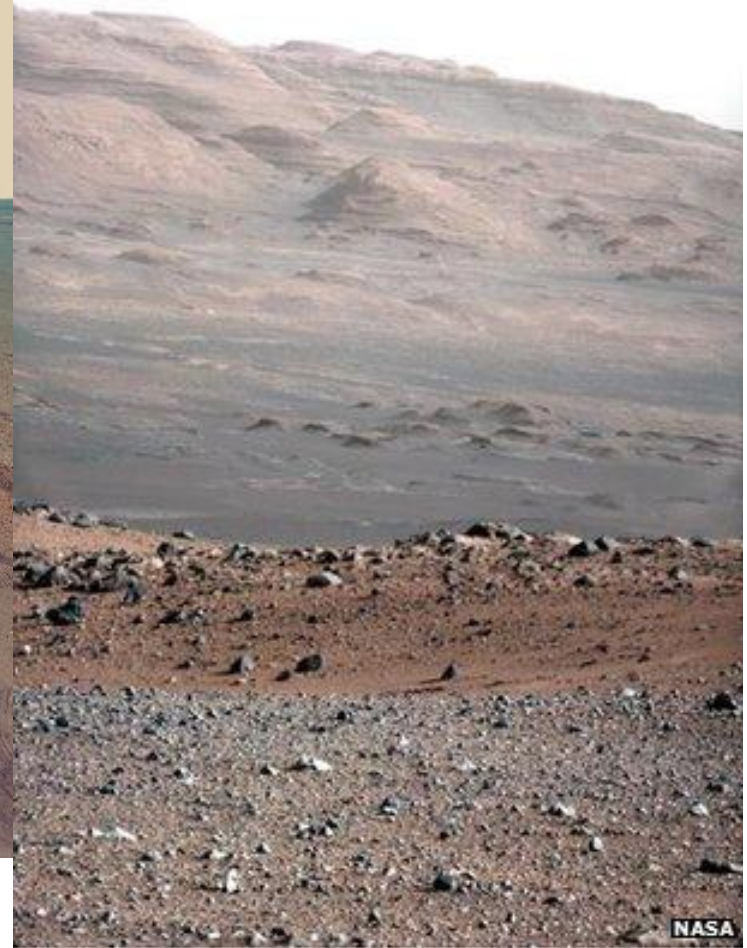
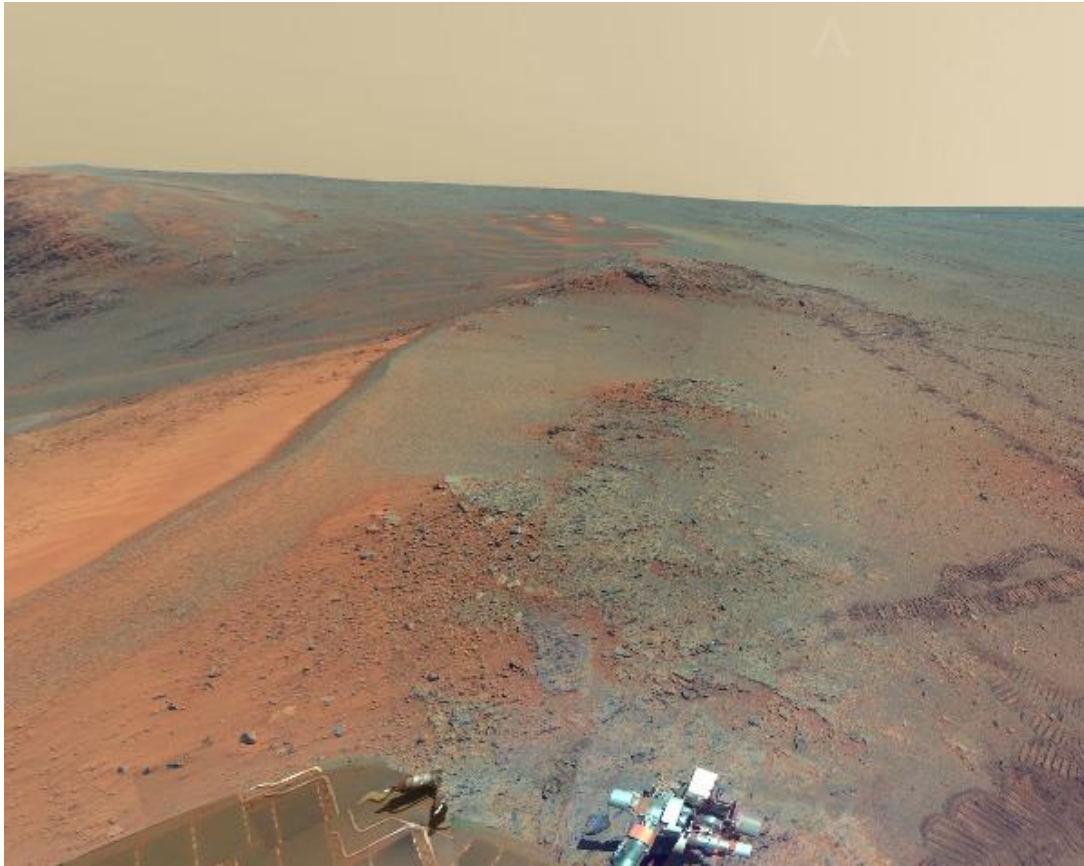
COUNTRY	BILLIONAIRES February 2011	NET WORTH In U.S. billions	NET WORTH As a percent of G.D.P.		2010 GDP In U.S. billions
India	55	\$247	14.3%		\$1,729
U.S.	413	1,518	10.0		14,582
China	115	230	3.9		5,878
Japan	26	76	1.4		5,497
Germany	52	246	7.4		3,309
Britain	32	94	4.2		2,246
Brazil	30	131	6.3		2,087
Russia	101	433	29.0		1,479

(Forbes, International Monetary Fund 2011)

Higgs Boson (2012)



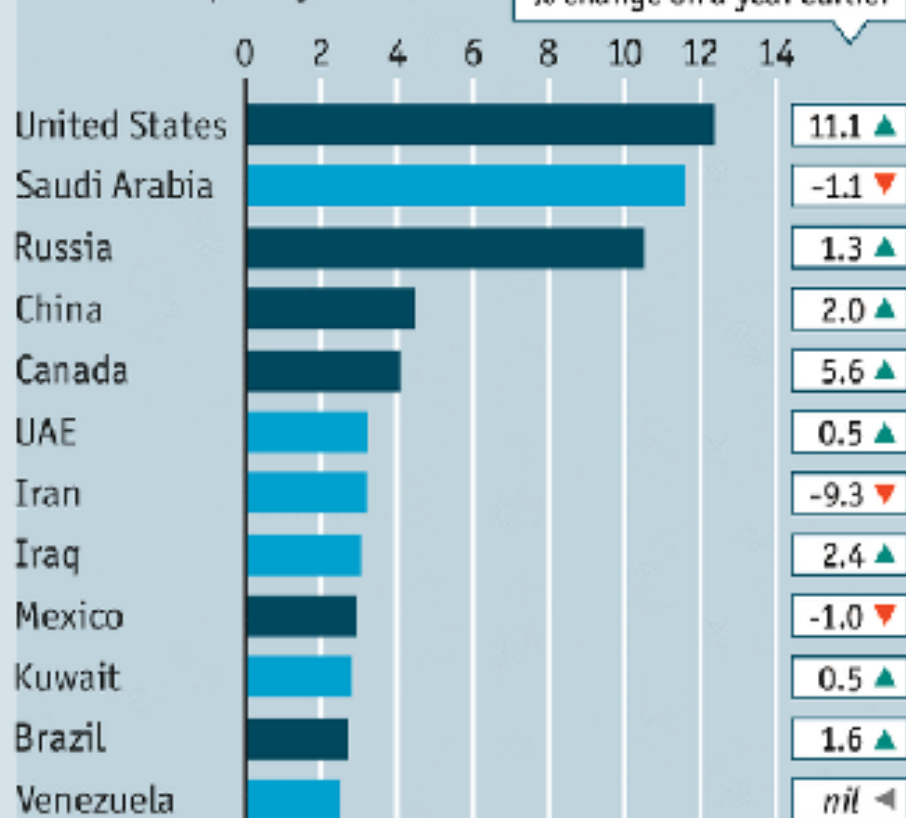
Mars Curiosity (2012)



Oil (2013)

Biggest oil producers

2013, barrels per day, m



2013, barrels per day, m

exporters



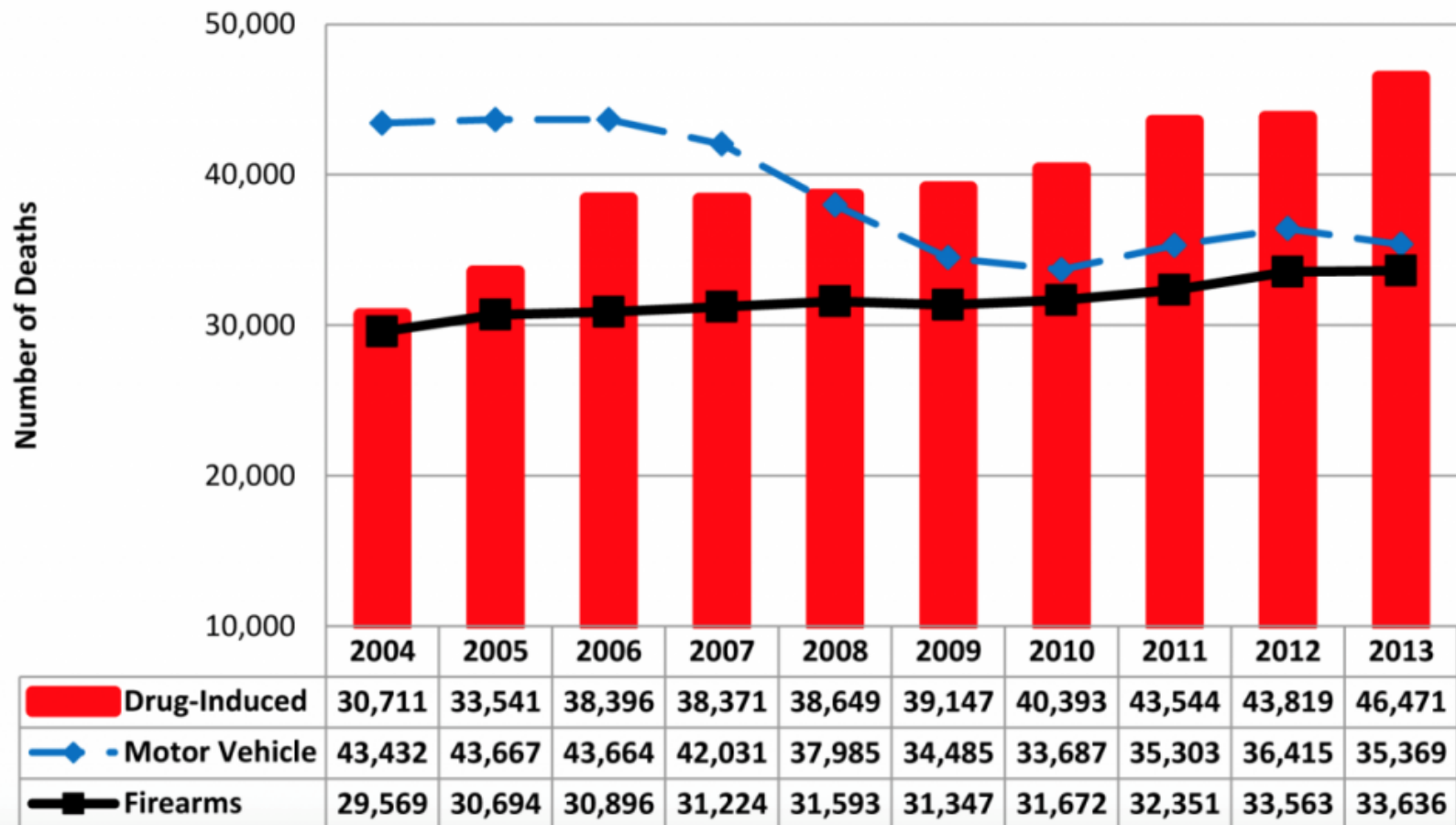
importers



Sources: EIA; Deutsche Bank; Bloomberg

Drugs (2013)

(U) CHART 1. NUMBER OF DRUG INDUCED DEATHS COMPARED TO THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE AND FIREARM DEATHS, 2004 - 2013



Ukraine vs Russia (2014)

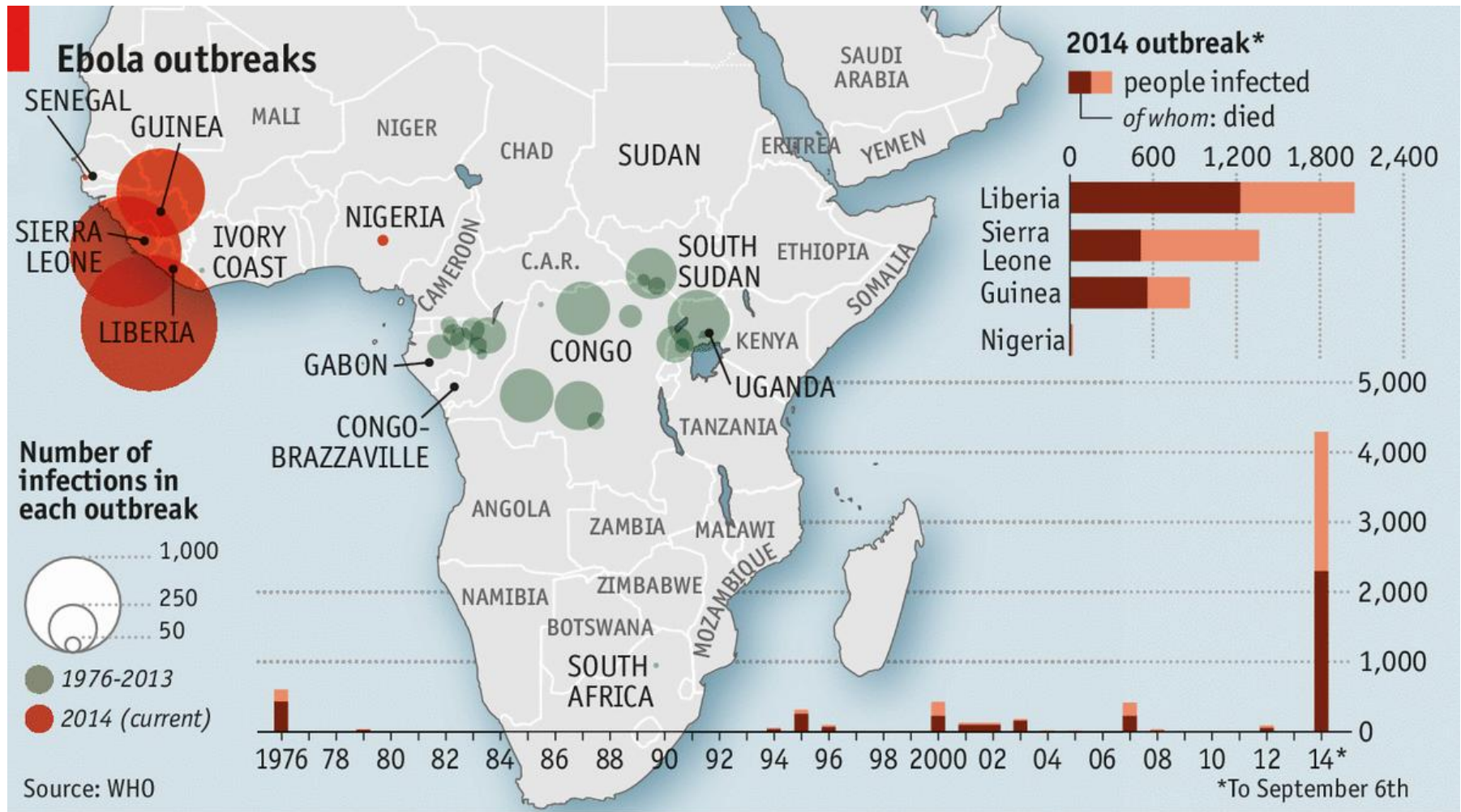
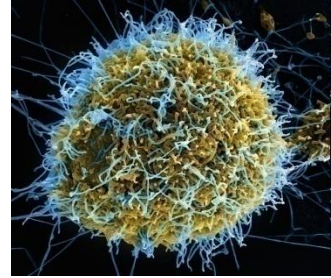
Territories annexed to Ukraine...



Ukraine vs Russia (2014)



Ebola in West Africa (2014)



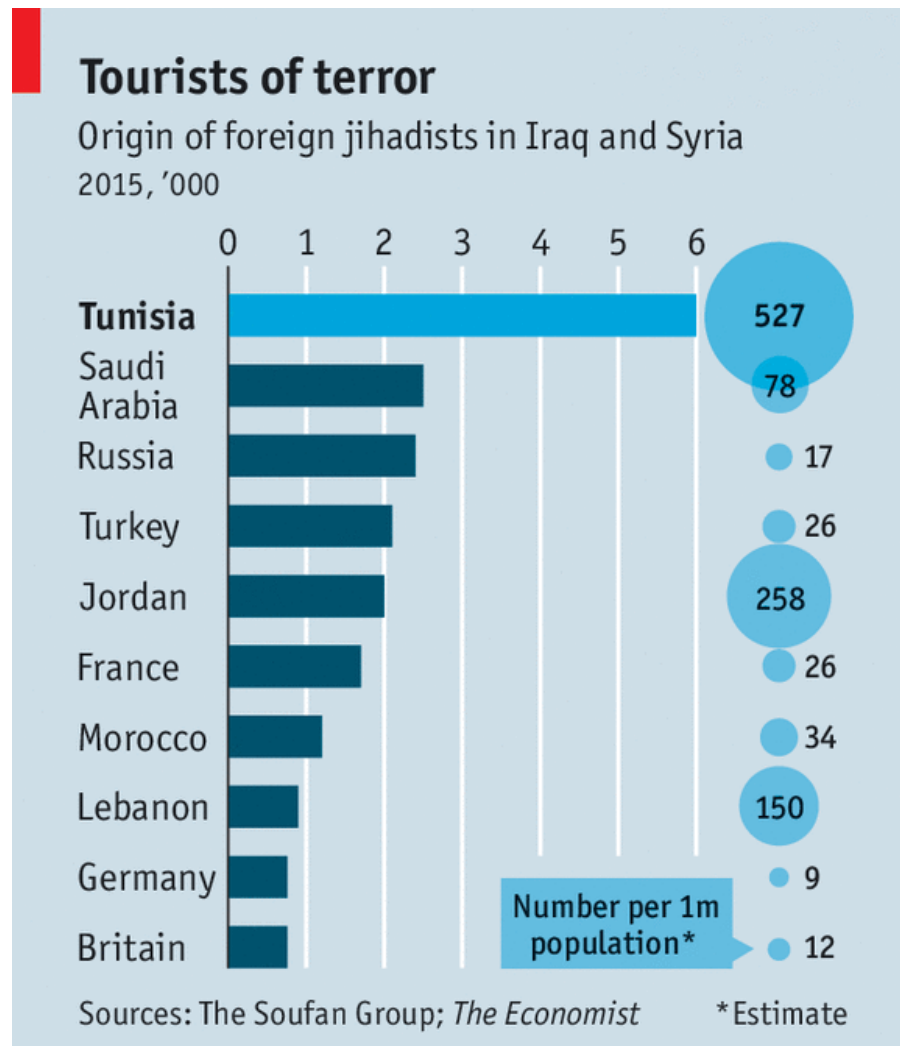
Hong Kong (2014)



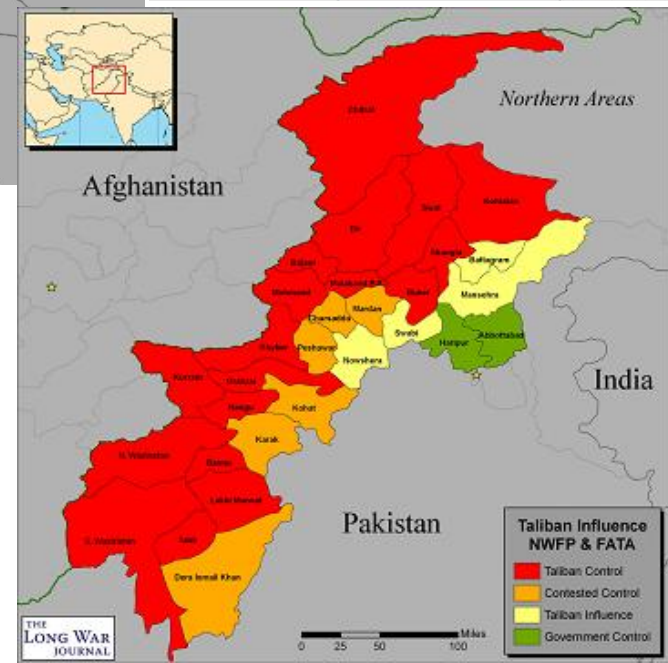
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (2014)



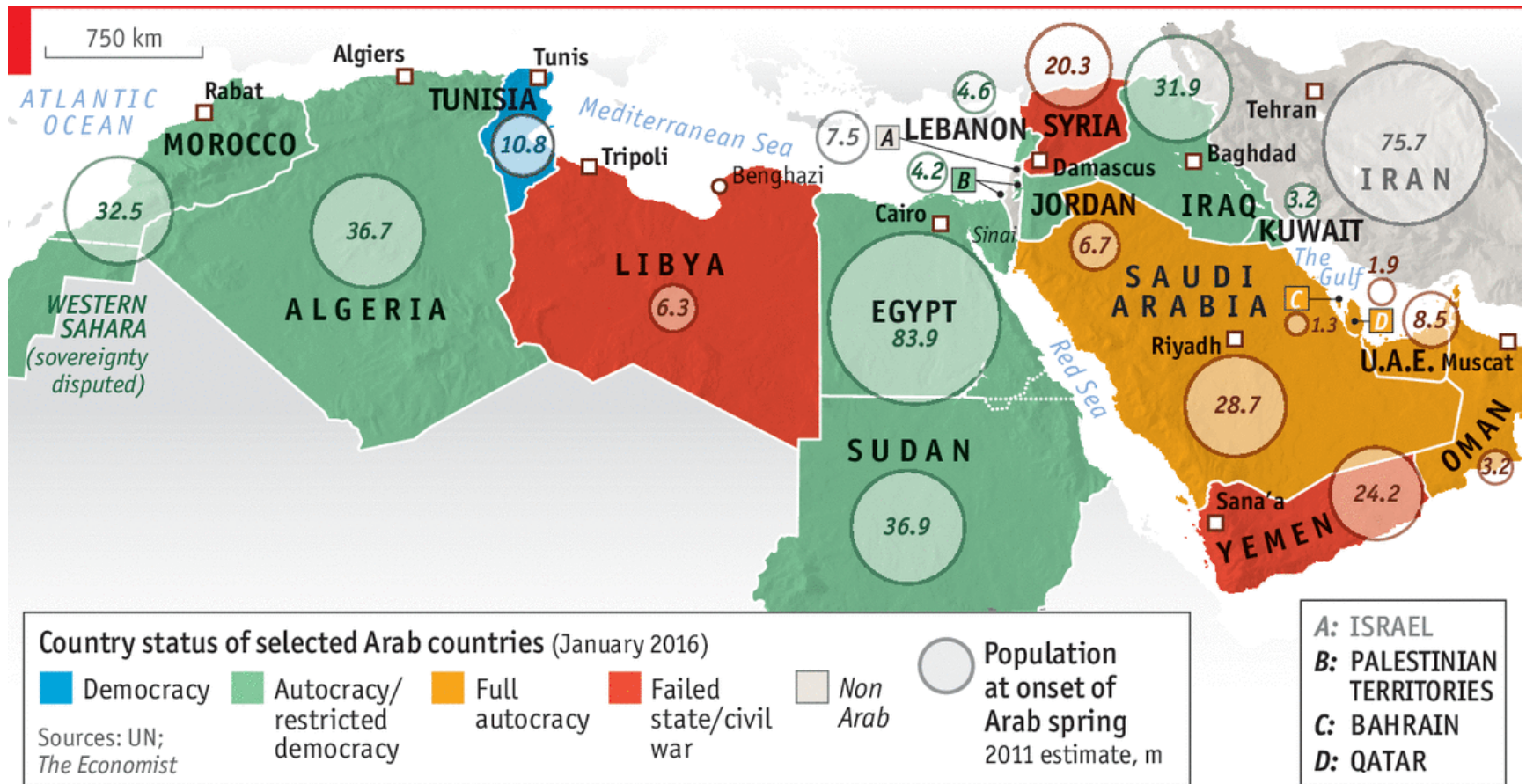
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Islamists (2010s)

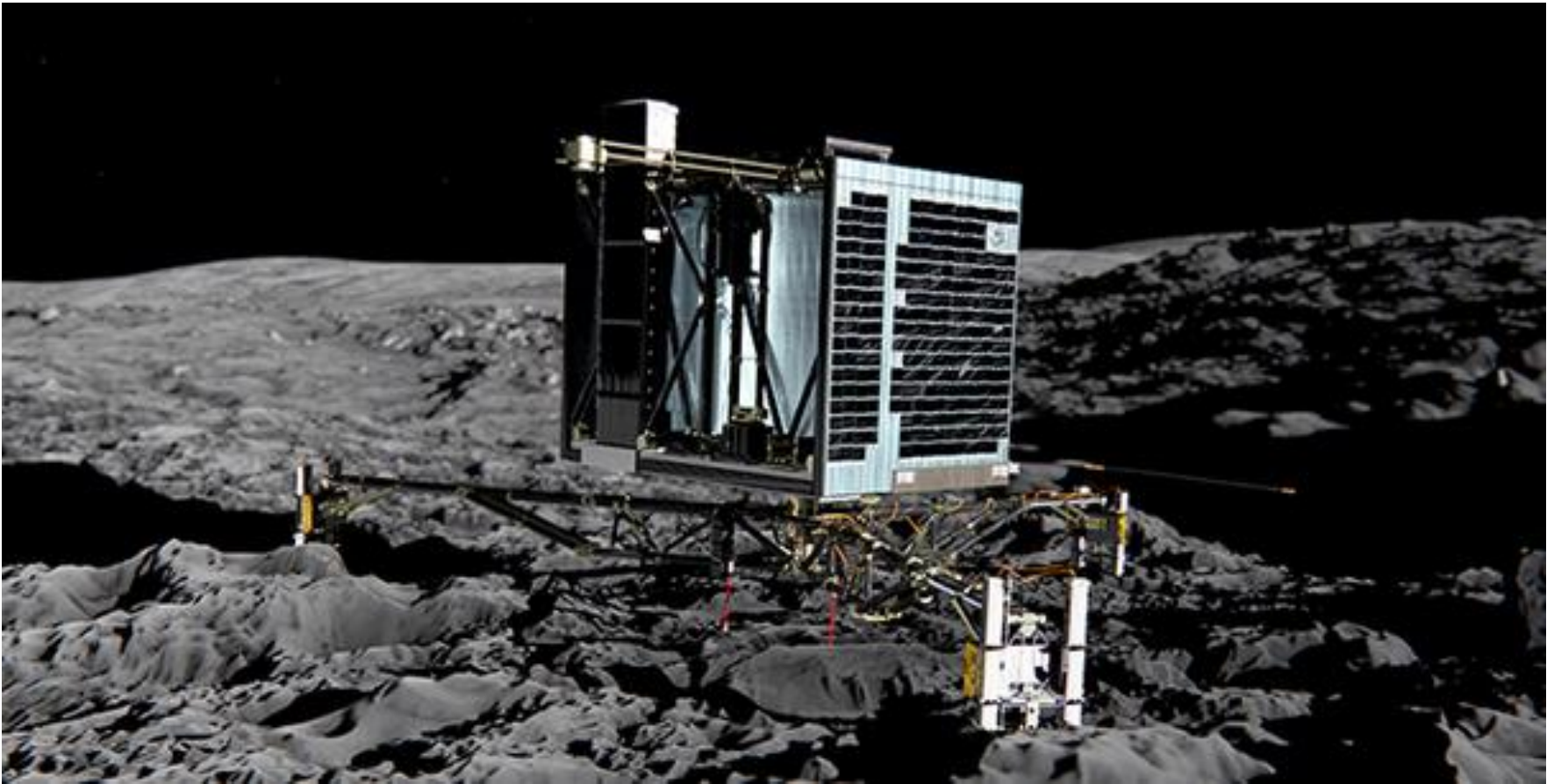


Failure of the Arab Spring



Comet Landing (2014)

- The Philae robotic lander of the Rosetta robotic space probe lands on Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko



Odebrecht (2014)

- Brazil's Odebrecht: the largest corruption scandal in history



Total bribes paid by Odebrecht

Admitted

Brazil	\$349m
Venezuela	\$98m
Dominican Republic	\$92m
Panama	\$59m
Angola	\$50m
Argentina	\$35m
Ecuador	\$33.5m
Peru	\$29m
Guatemala	\$18m
Colombia*	\$11m
Mexico	\$10m
Mozambique	\$1m

Camp Speicher Massacre (2014)

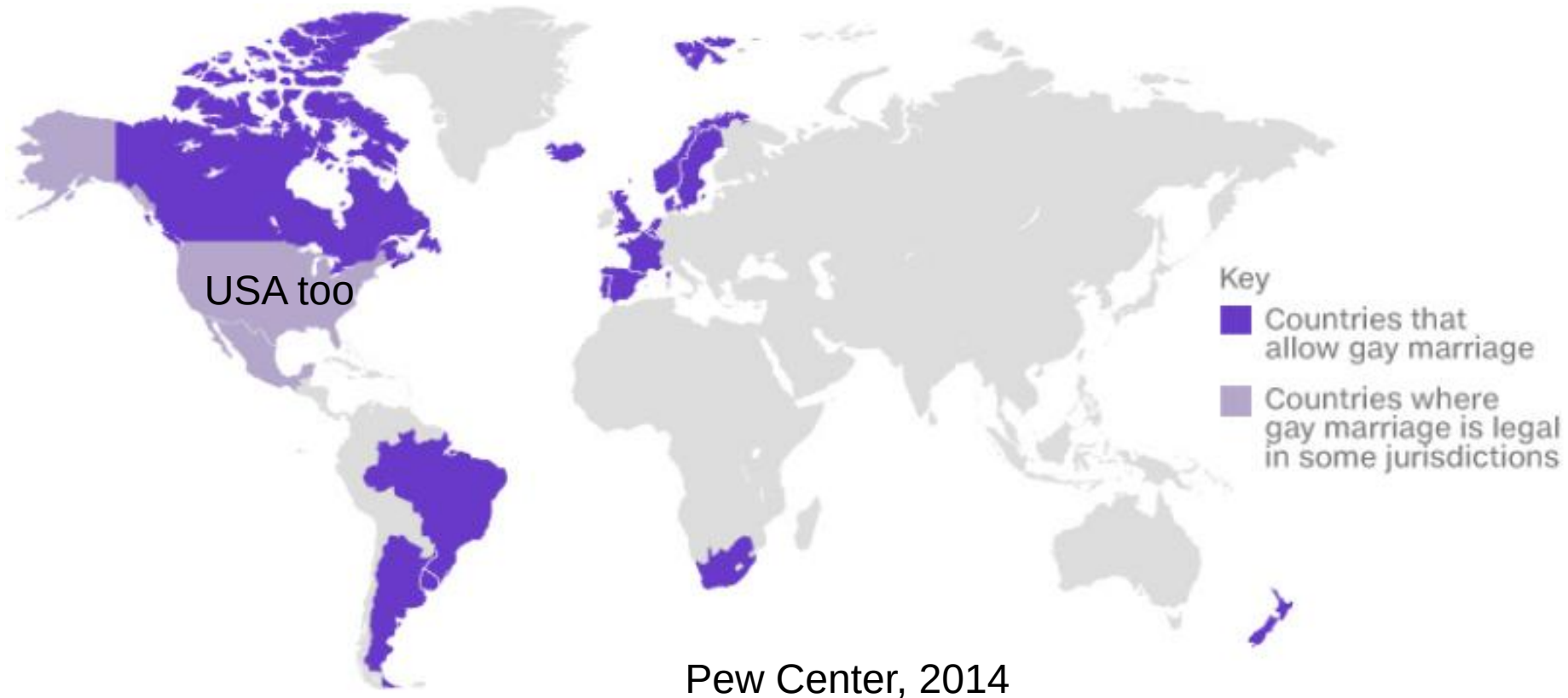
- ISIS massacres 1700 air force cadets, all of them Shiites



Al Qaeda attacks France (2015)

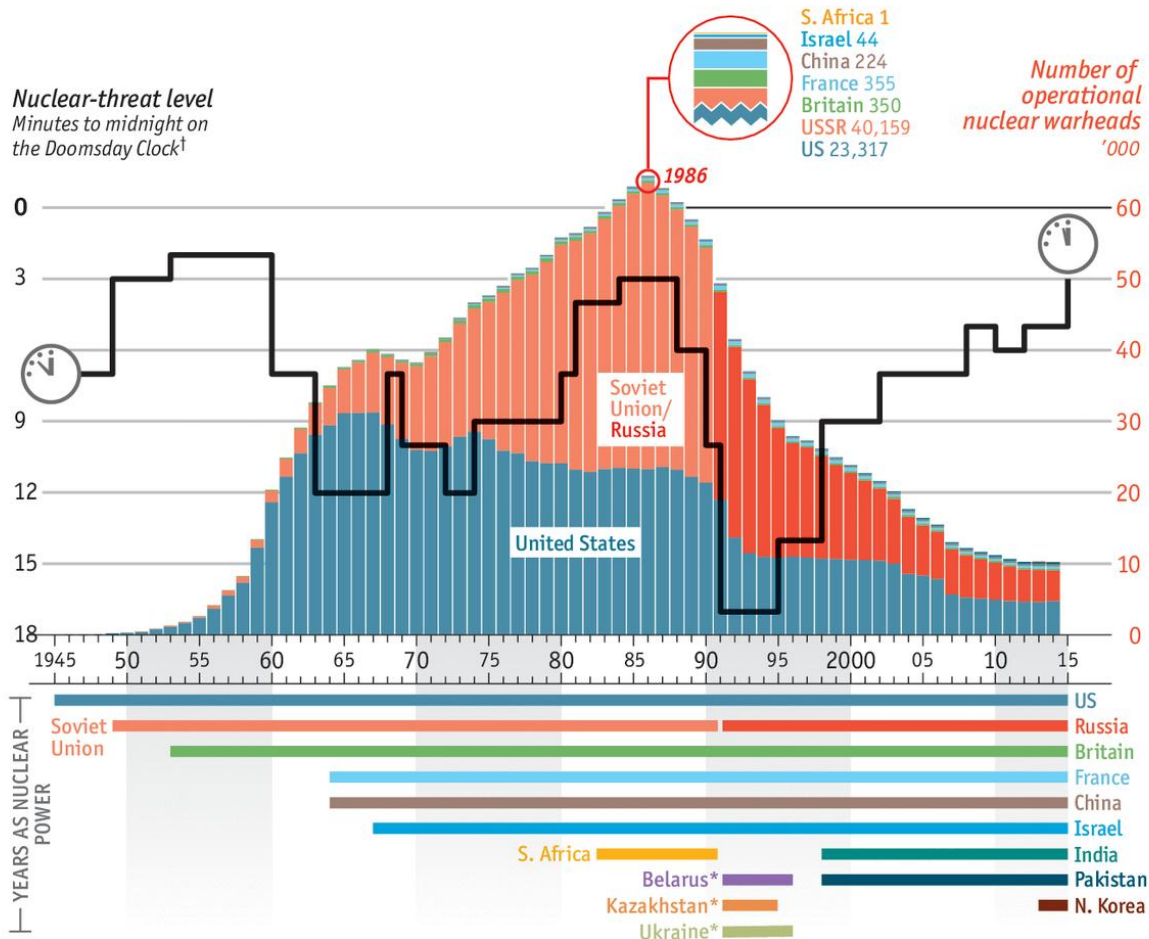


Same-sex Marriage (2015)



Nuclear Proliferation (2015)

Fewer weapons, more worries



Sources: Federation of American Scientists;
Arms Control Association; *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*; SIPRI

*From break-up of Soviet Union, figures n/a
[†]The Doomsday Clock is an indicator of perceived nuclear peril developed by the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*

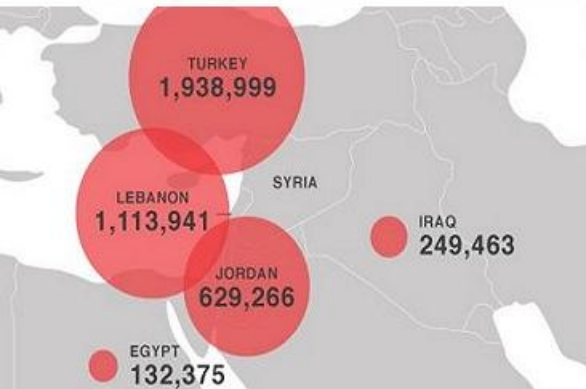
Pluto (2015)



NASA, 2015

Refugee Crisis (2015)

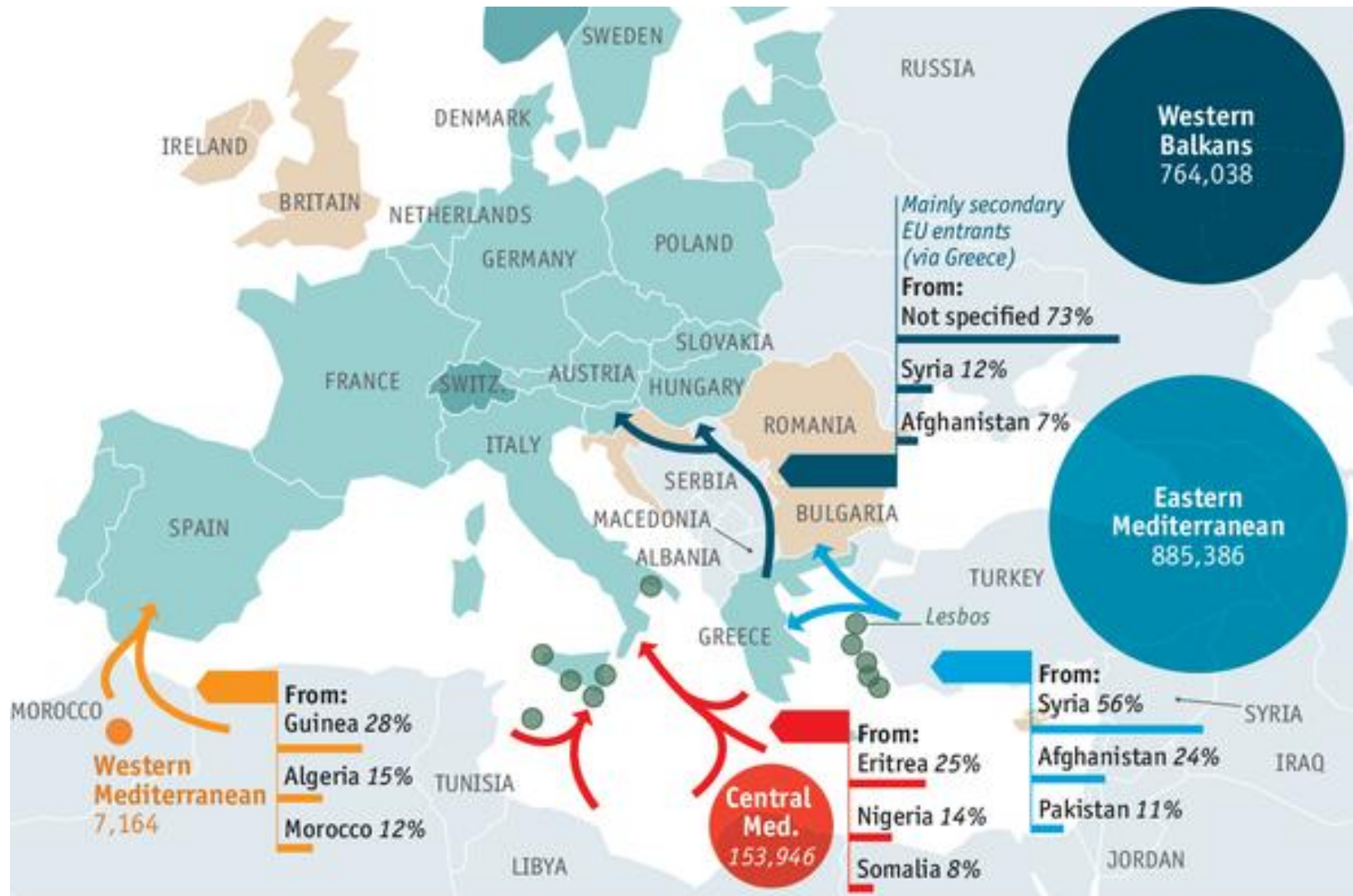
4.1 million Syrians are registered refugees
Most of them live in neighboring countries



**Refugees and migrants arriving by sea in Europe
(January-June 2015)**



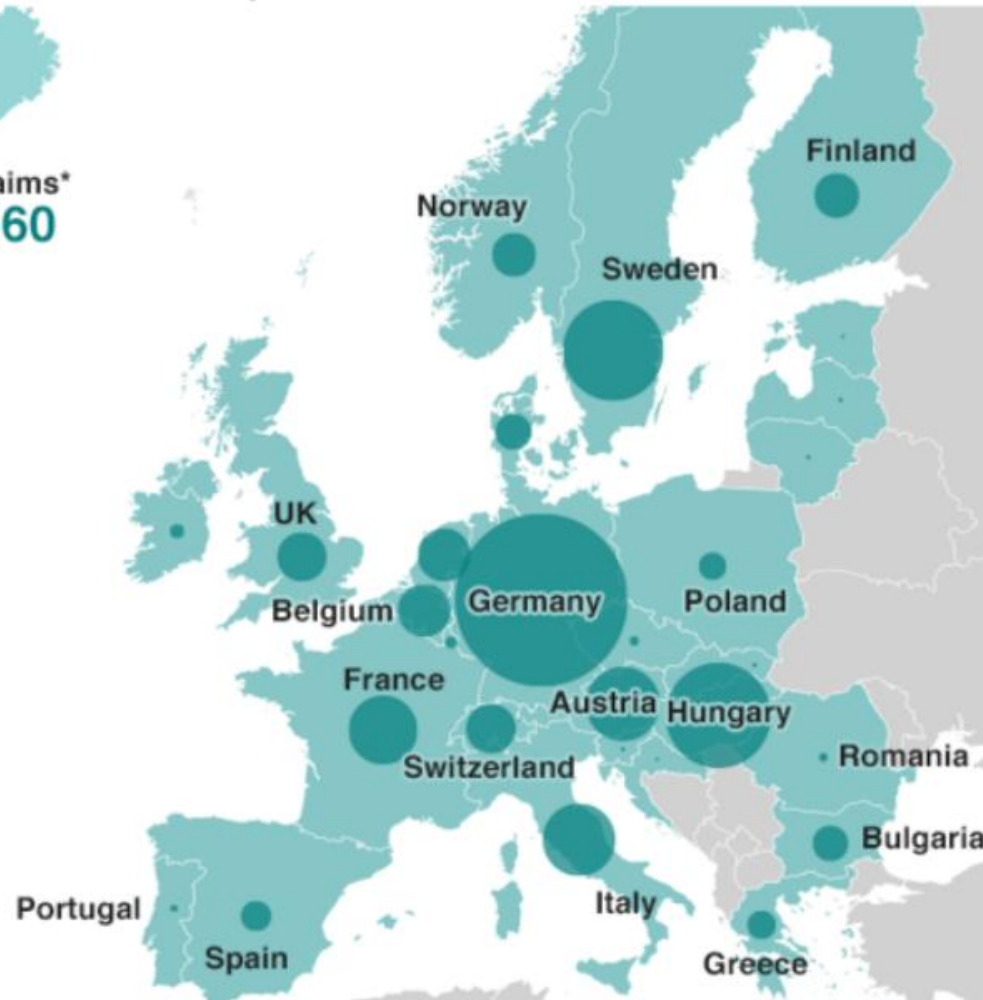
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Asylum claims in Europe, 2015

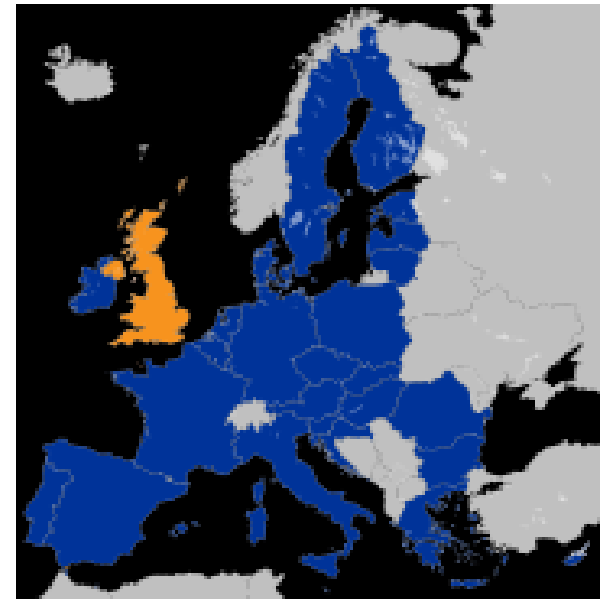
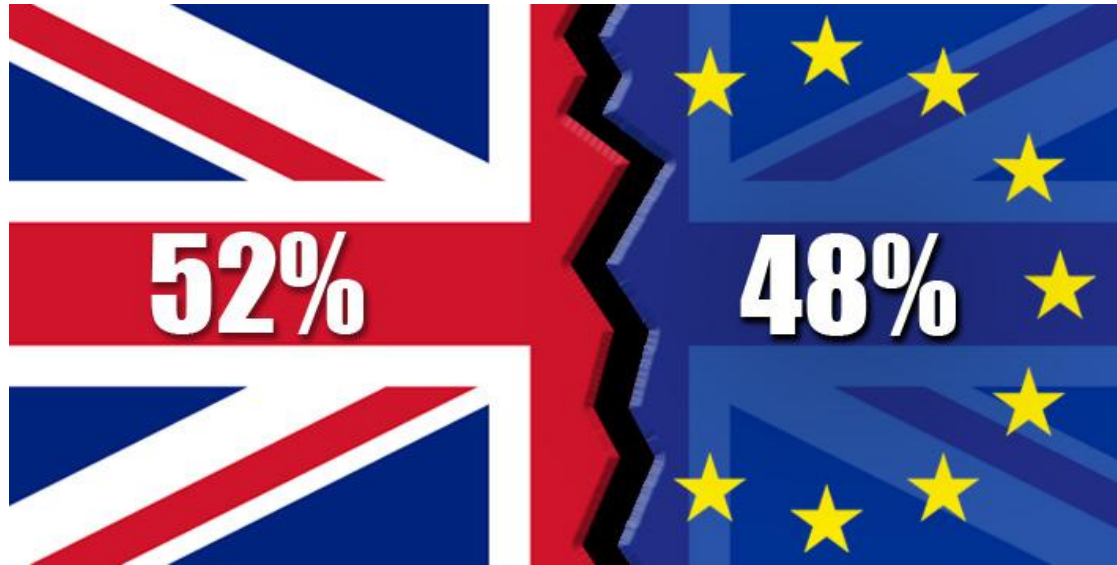
Total EU claims*
1,321,560



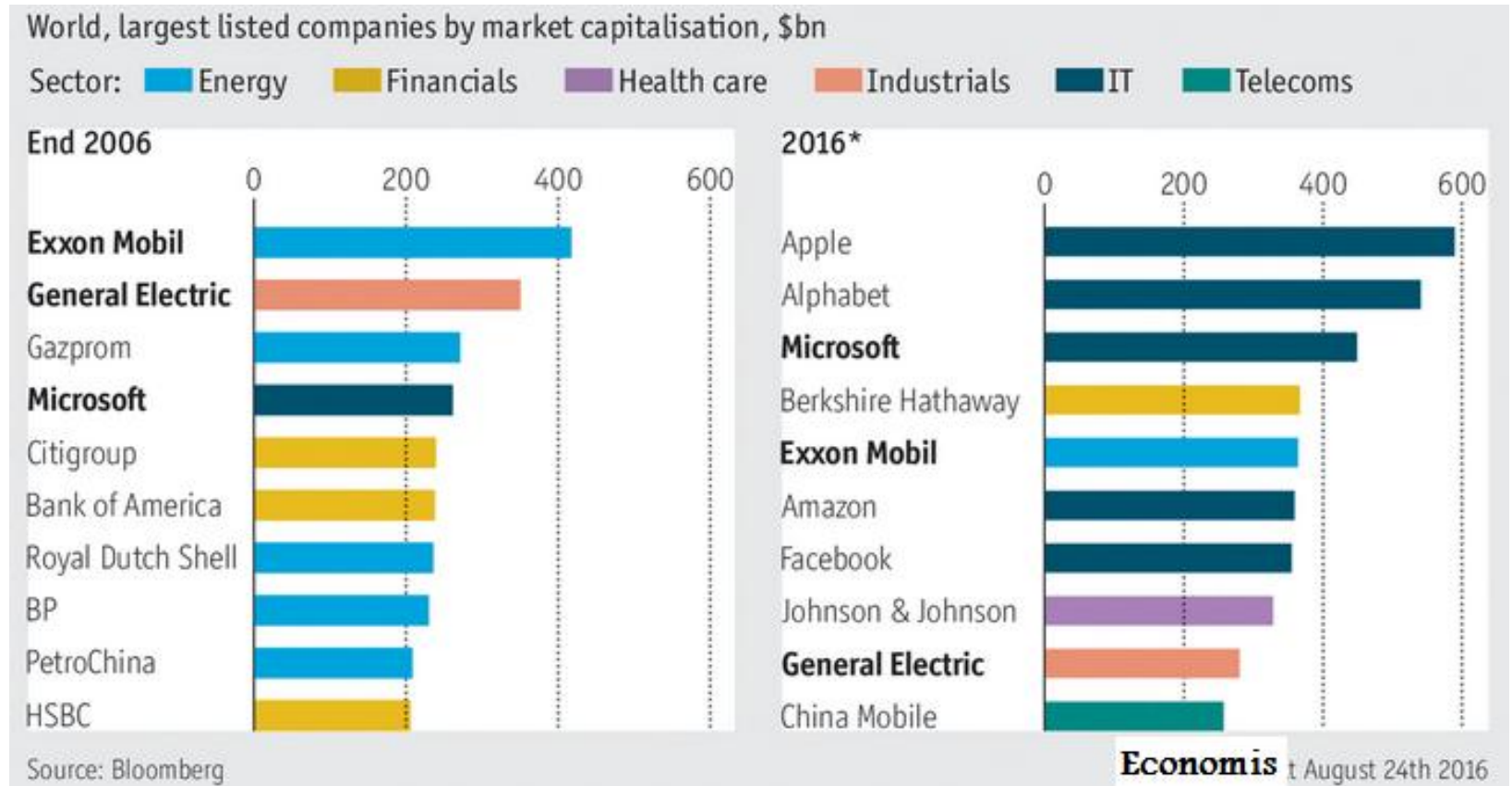
Paris again (2015)



Brexit (2016)



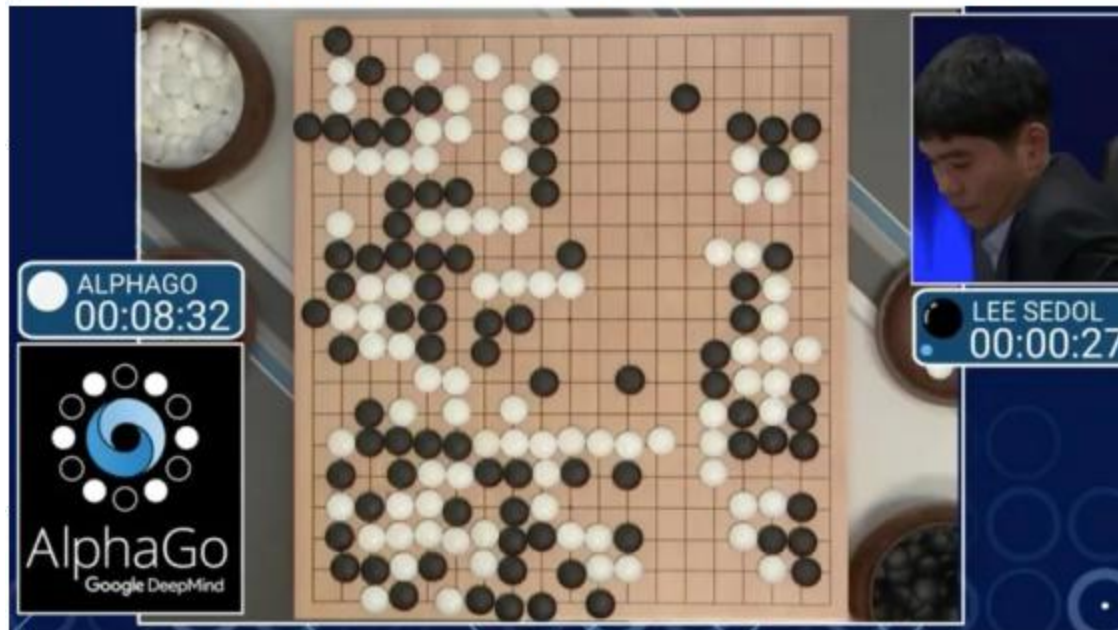
Rise of the IT giants (2016)



AlphaGo (2016)

BBC

Artificial intelligence: Google's AlphaGo beats Go master Lee Se-dol

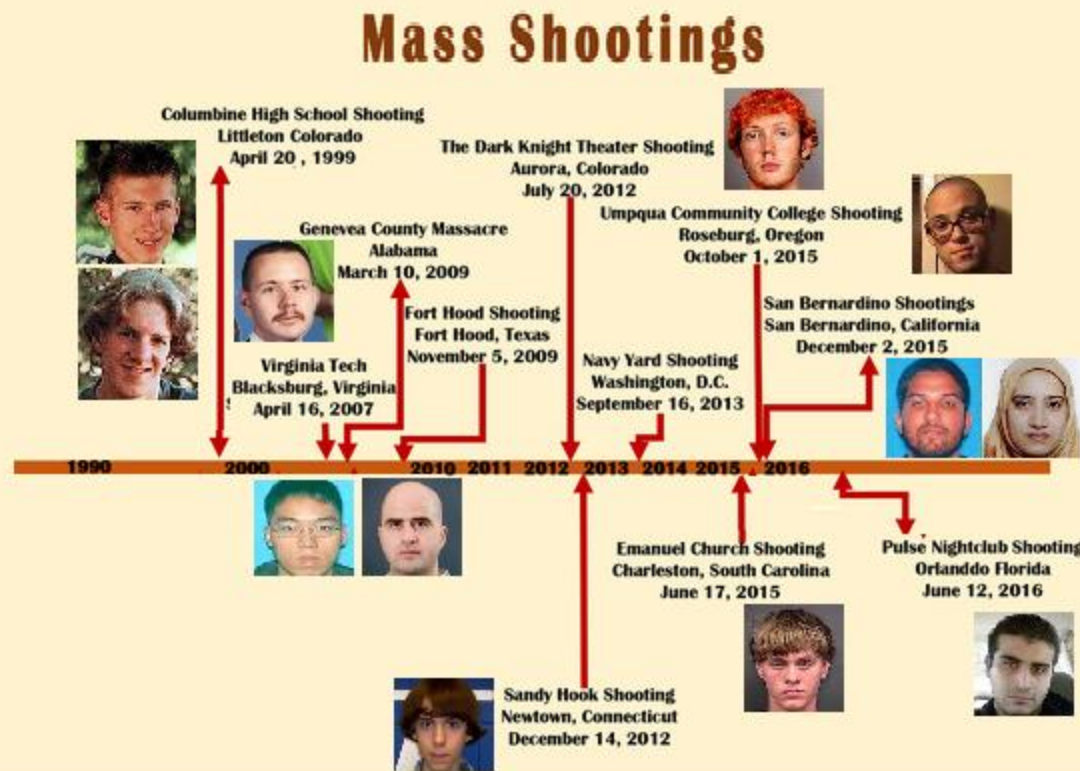


Massacre of Aleppo (2016)

The Russian-Syrian coalition commits atrocities during a month-long aerial bombing campaign of opposition-controlled territory in Aleppo (Sep-Oct 2016)

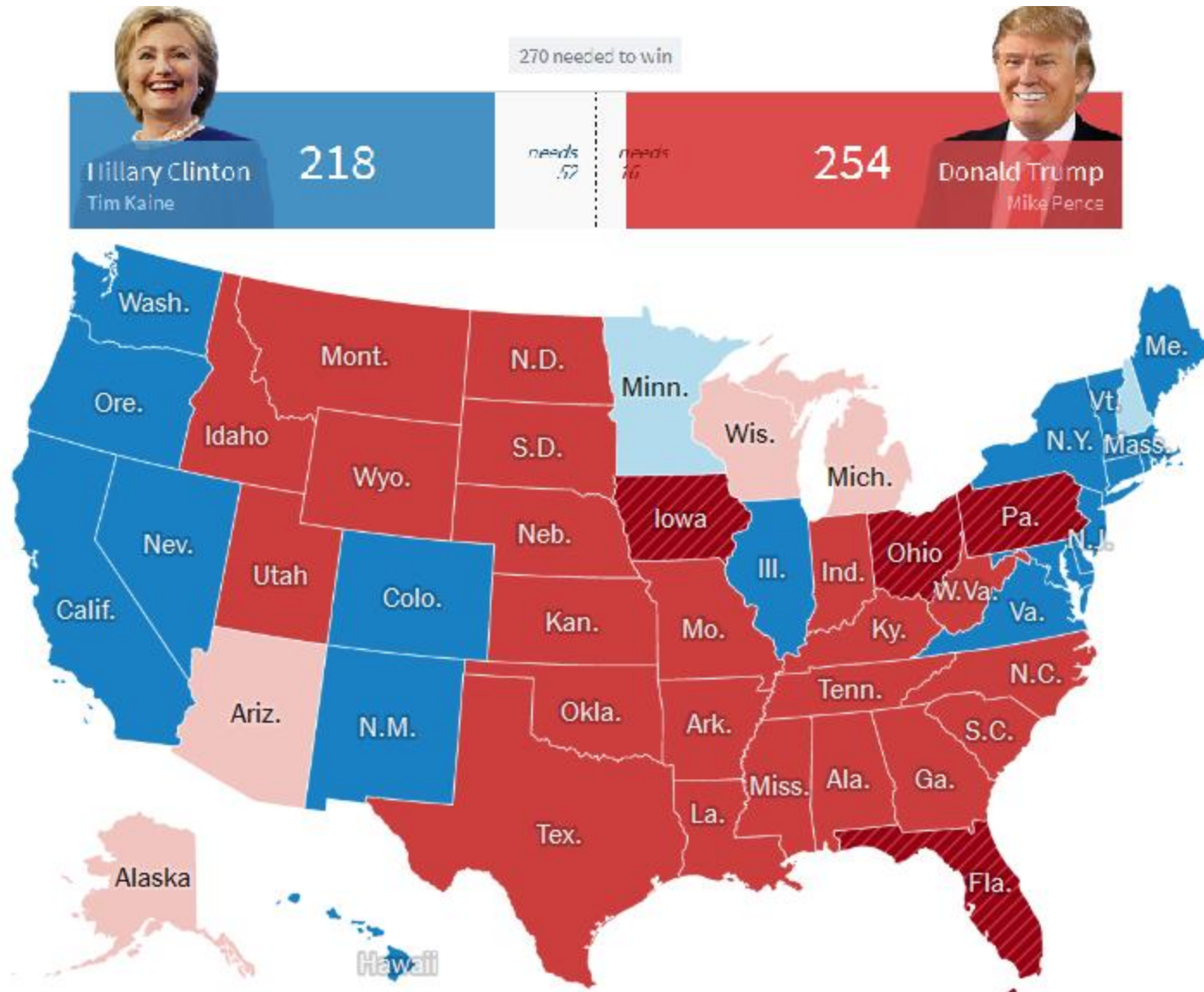


Mass Shootings in the USA (1999-2016)



Columbine High School massacre	1999	Columbine, Colorado	13
Virginia Tech shooting †	2007	Blacksburg, Virginia	32
Geneva County shootings	2009	Geneva County, Alabama	10
Binghamton shooting	2009	Binghamton, New York	13
Fort Hood shooting	2009	Killeen, Texas	14
Aurora theater shooting	2012	Aurora, Colorado	12
Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting	2012	Newtown, Connecticut	27
Washington Navy Yard shooting	2013	Washington, D.C.	12
San Bernardino attack	2015	San Bernardino, California	14
Orlando nightclub shooting †	2016	Orlando, Florida	49

Donald Trump (2016)



Anti-Trump demonstrations (2017)



Las Vegas Mass Shooting (2017)

NEWS

Oct. 1, 2017, 10:46 PM PDT

Las Vegas Shooting: 59 Killed and More Than 500 Hurt Near Mandalay Bay

At least 59 people were killed when a gunman opened fire during a Jason Aldean performance from the 32nd floor of a Las Vegas hotel, police said.



Trump-Putin Collusion (2017)



Source: Eric Swalwell

The Transformer (2017)

Attention Is All You Need

Dec 2017

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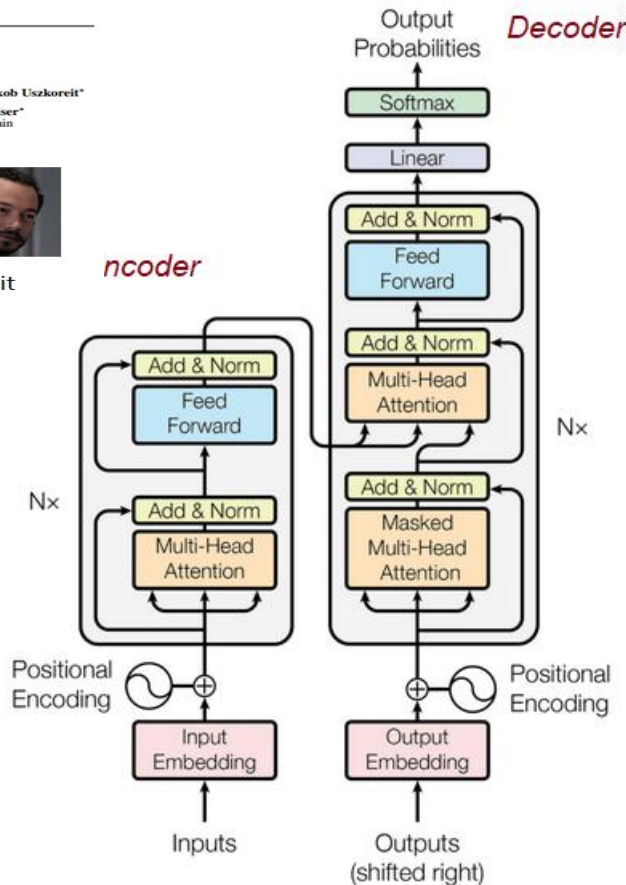
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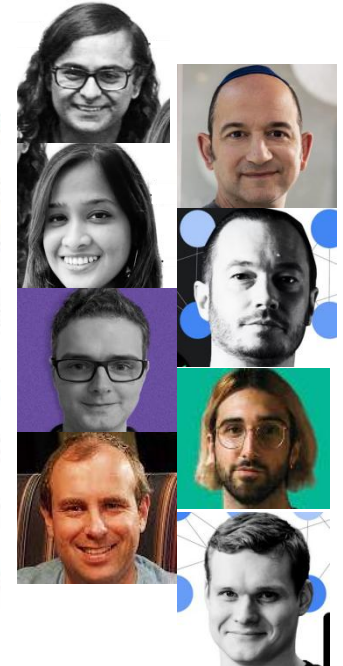
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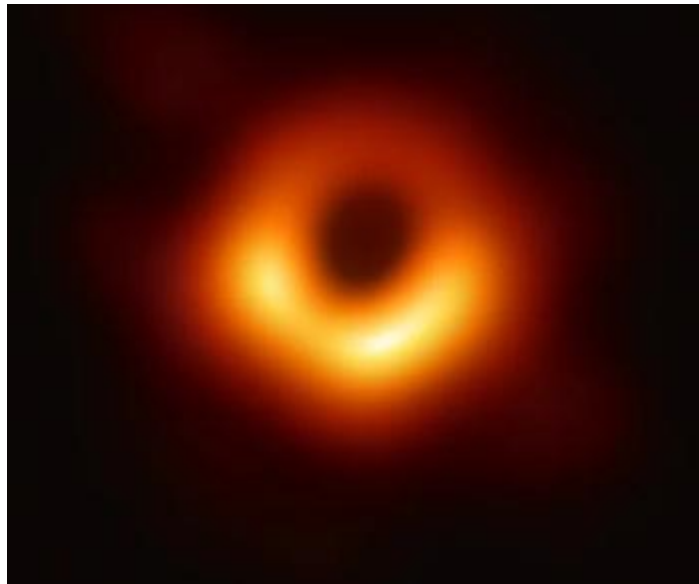
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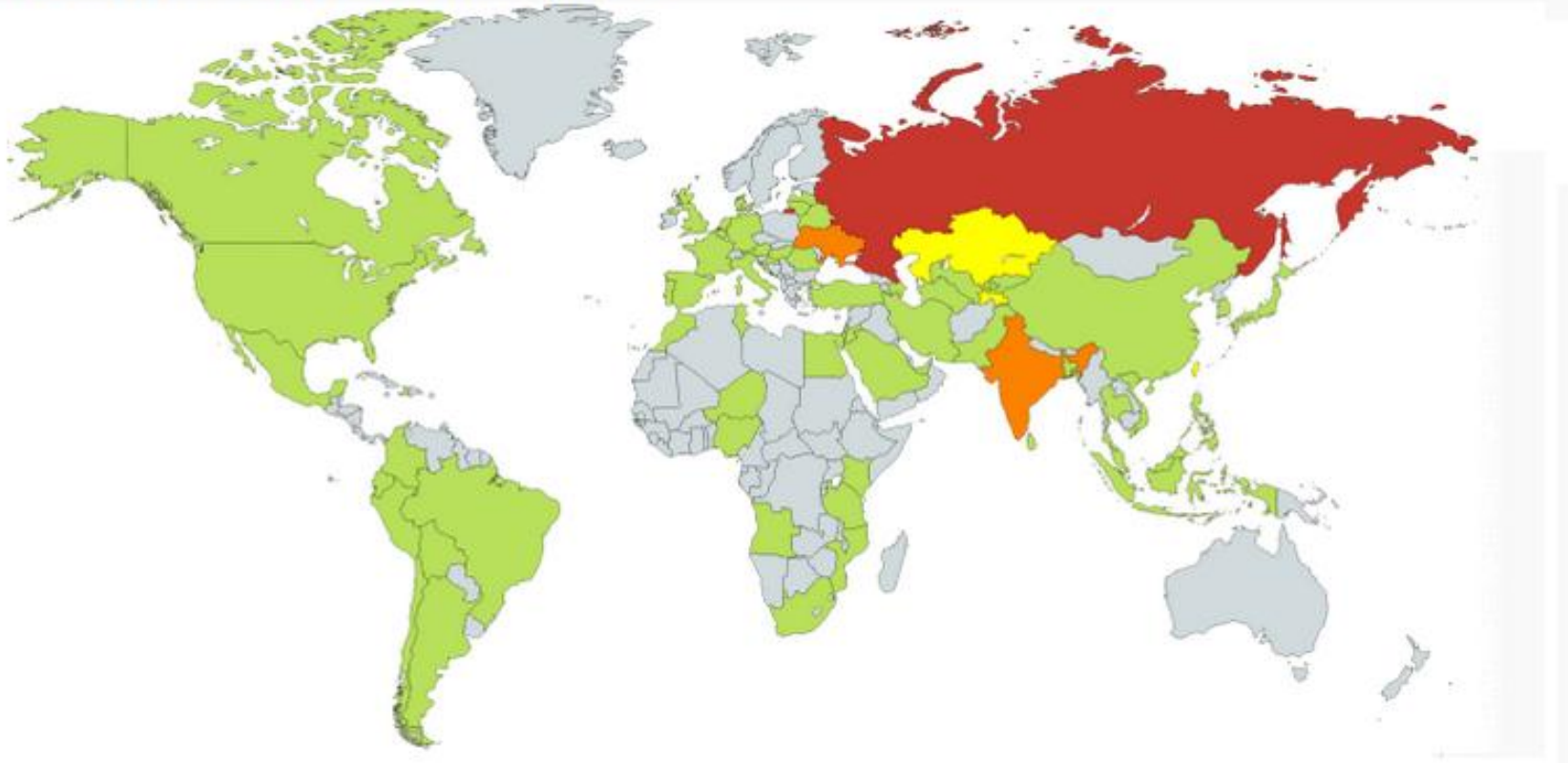
First image of a black hole (2017)

Supermassive black hole in galaxy Messier 87 or M87, 55 million light-years from Earth



Ransomware cyberattack (2017)

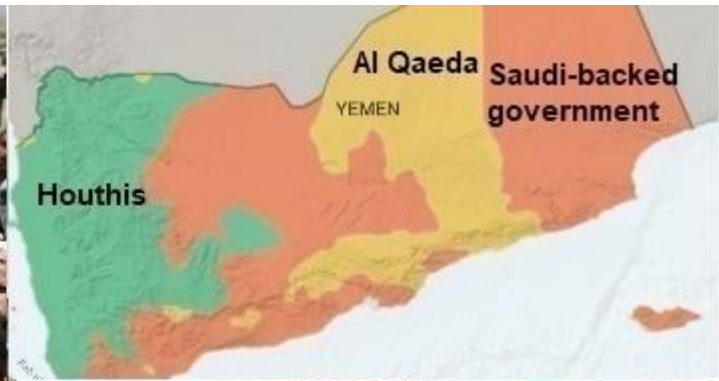
Ransomware based on leaked NSA tools spreads to dozens of countries *May 12, 2017*



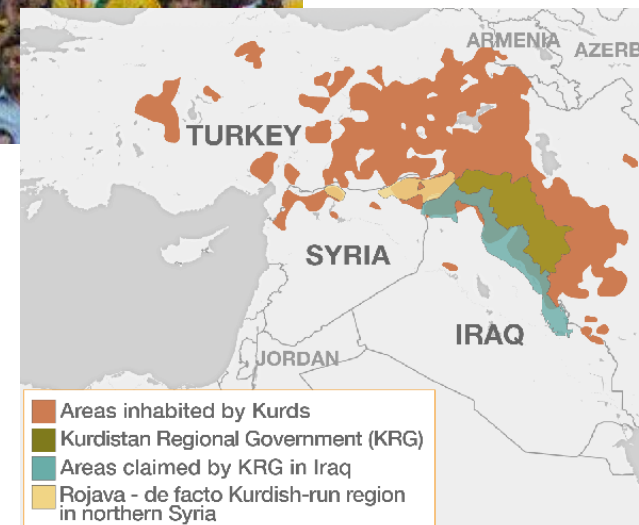
North Korea's nuclear tests (2017)



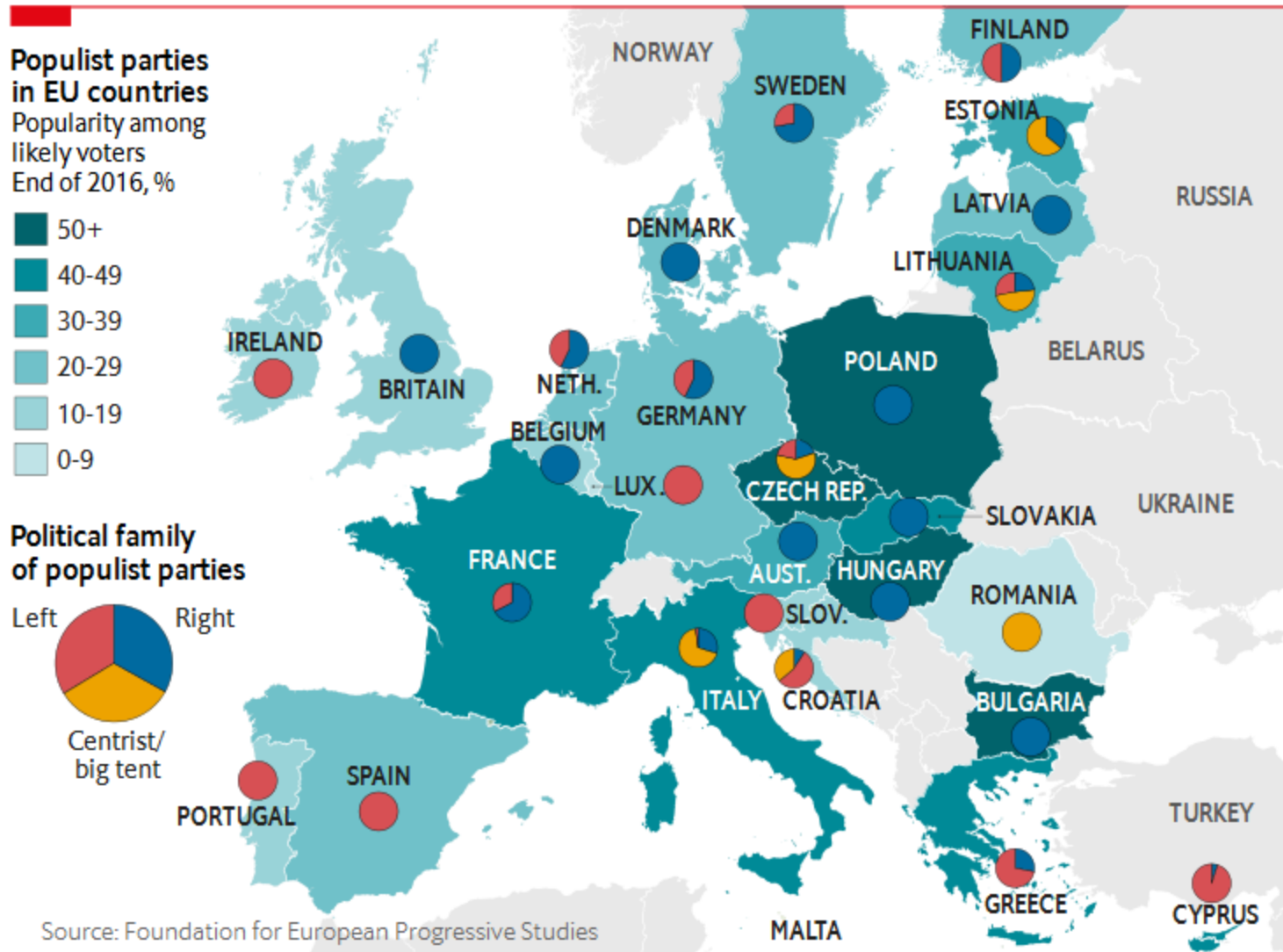
Yemen War (2017)



Kurdish Independence Referendum (2017)



European Nationalists (2017)



Latin America (2017)

Brazil's recession worst on record

**Record 63,880 people
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**Officials: 2017 was Mexico's most
violent year in two decades**

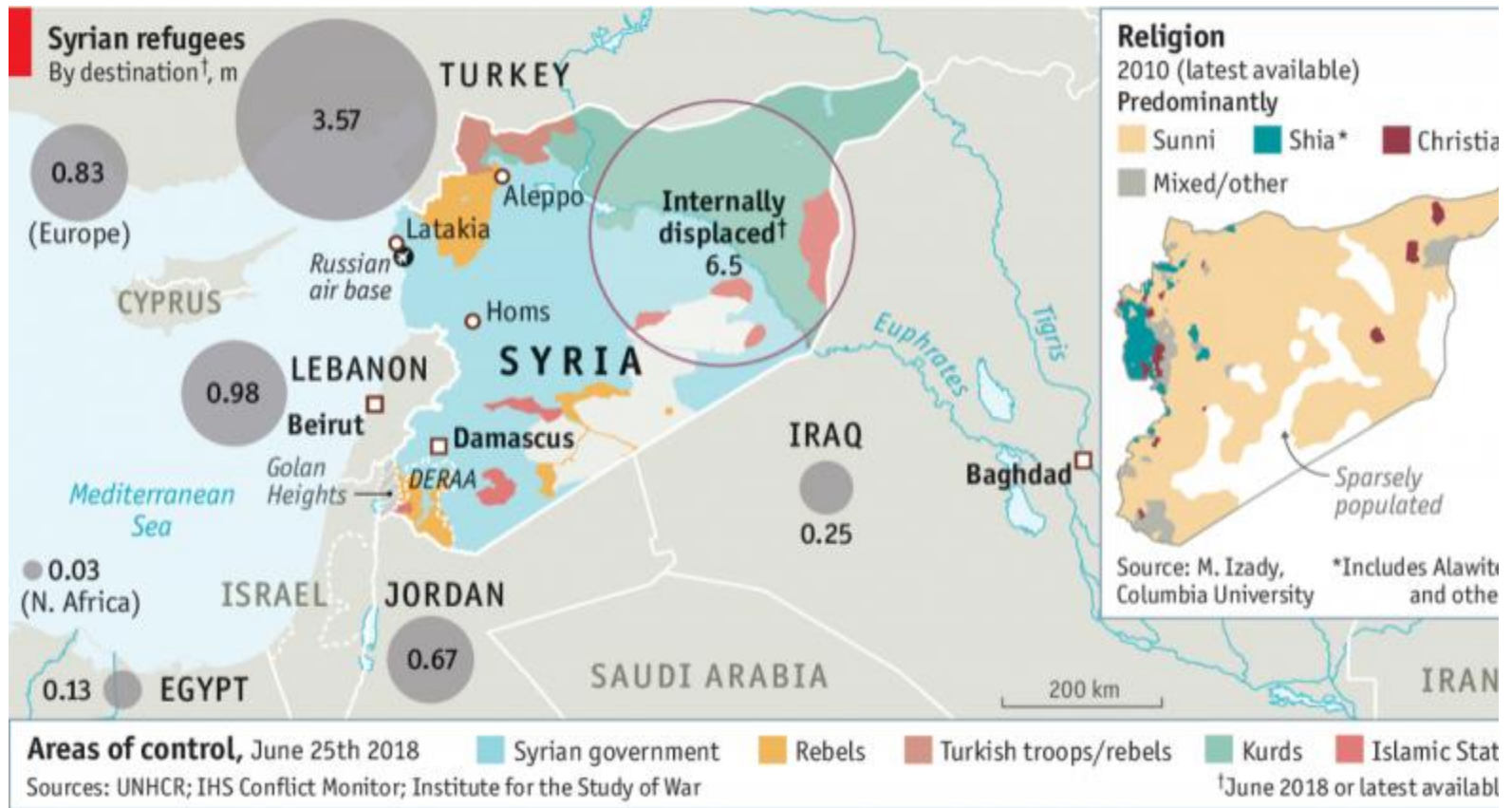
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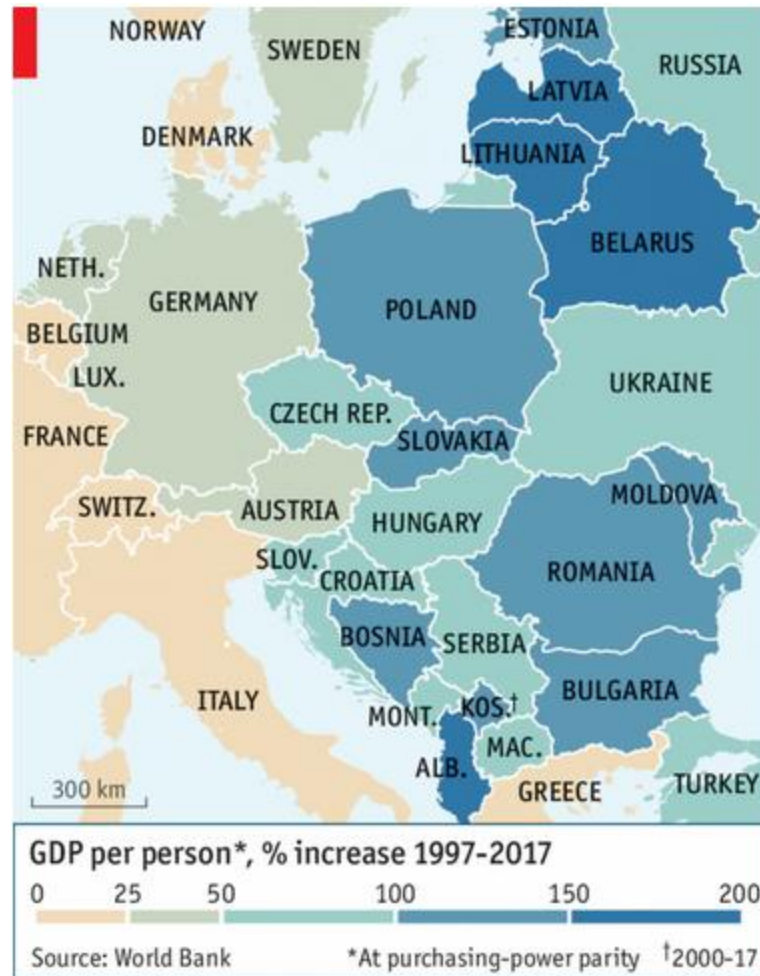


Syrian Civil War (2018)



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Eastern European Boom (2018)



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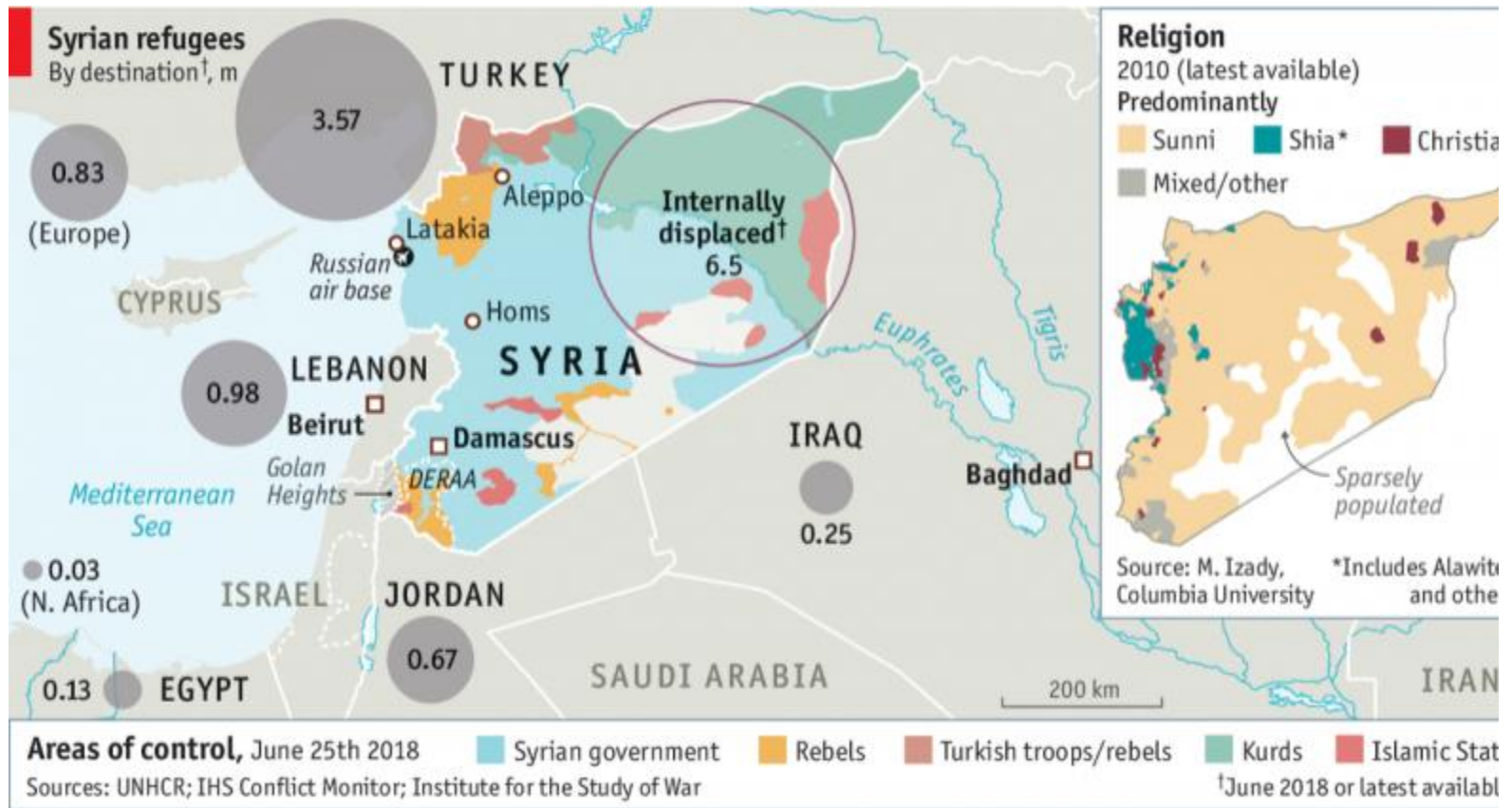
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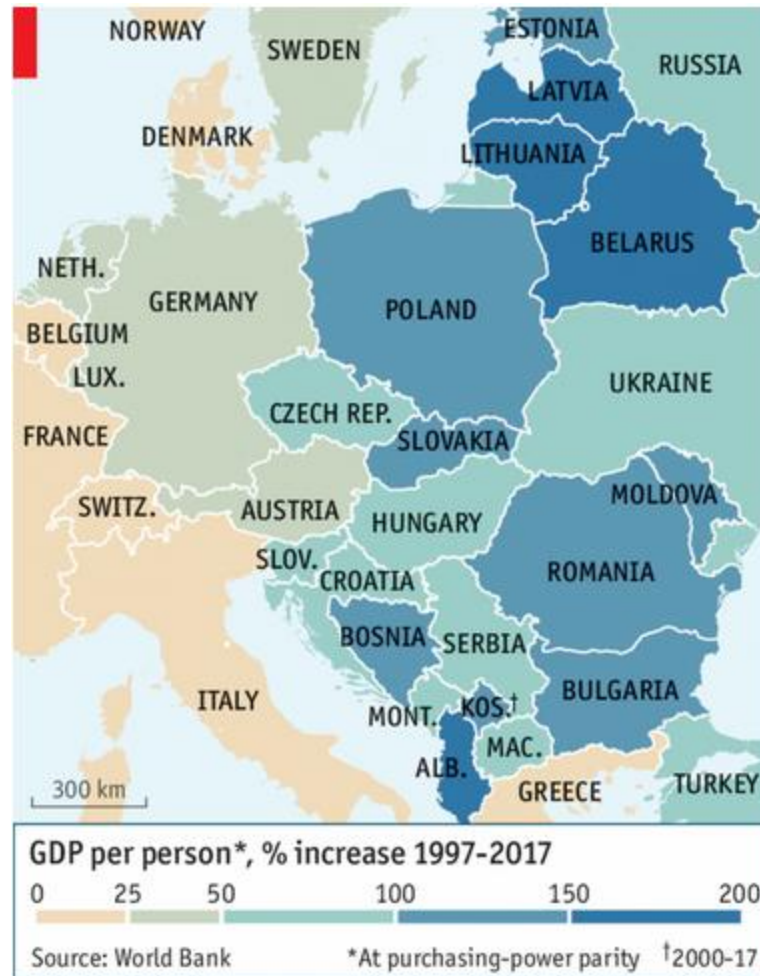
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Notre Dame, Paris (2019)



US-China Trade War (2019)

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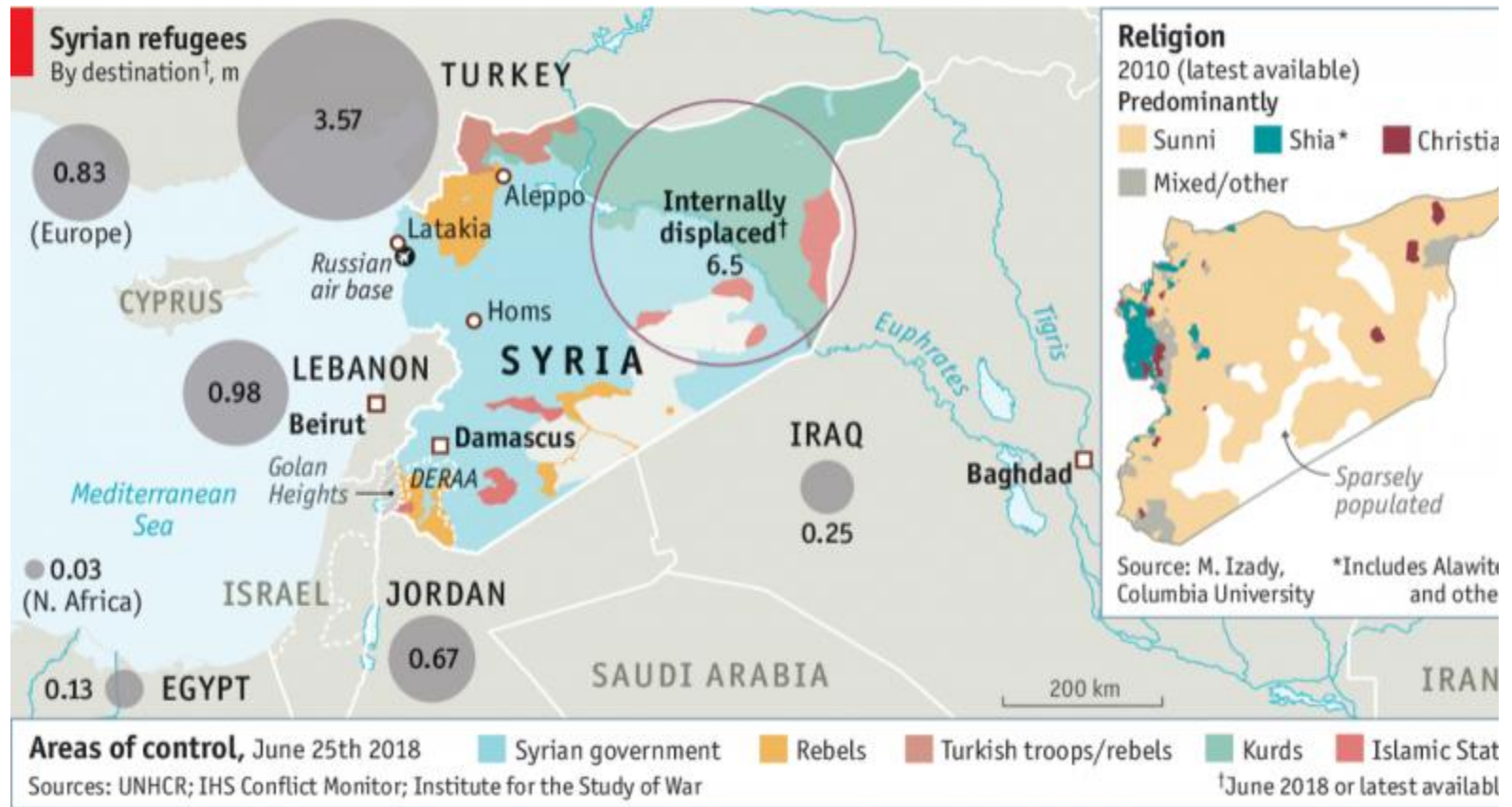
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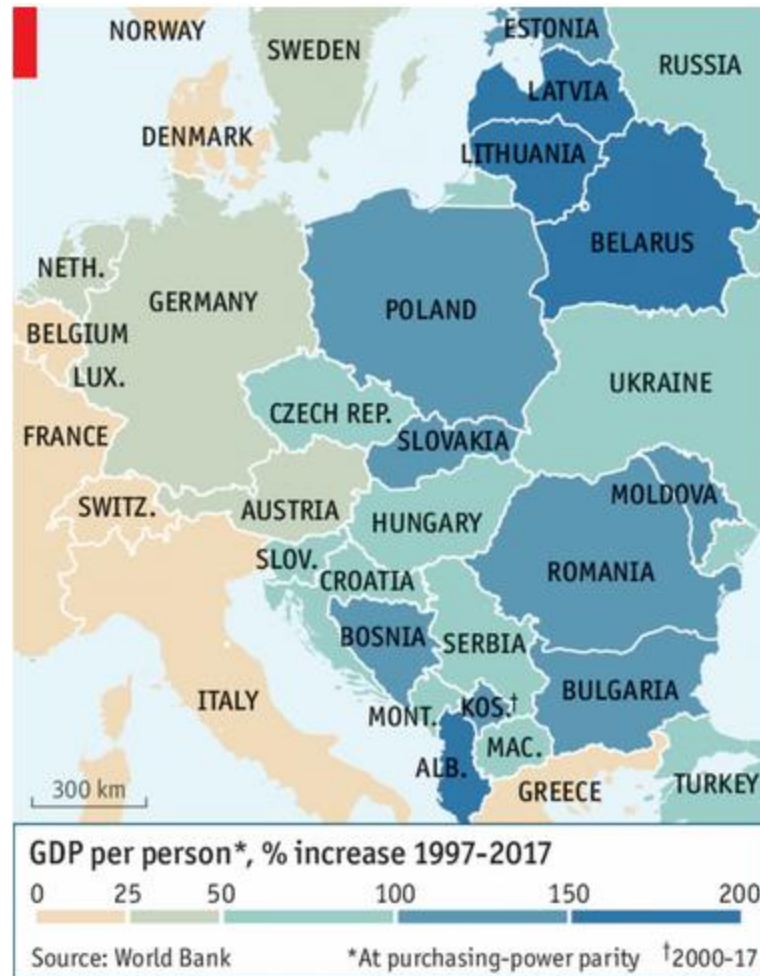
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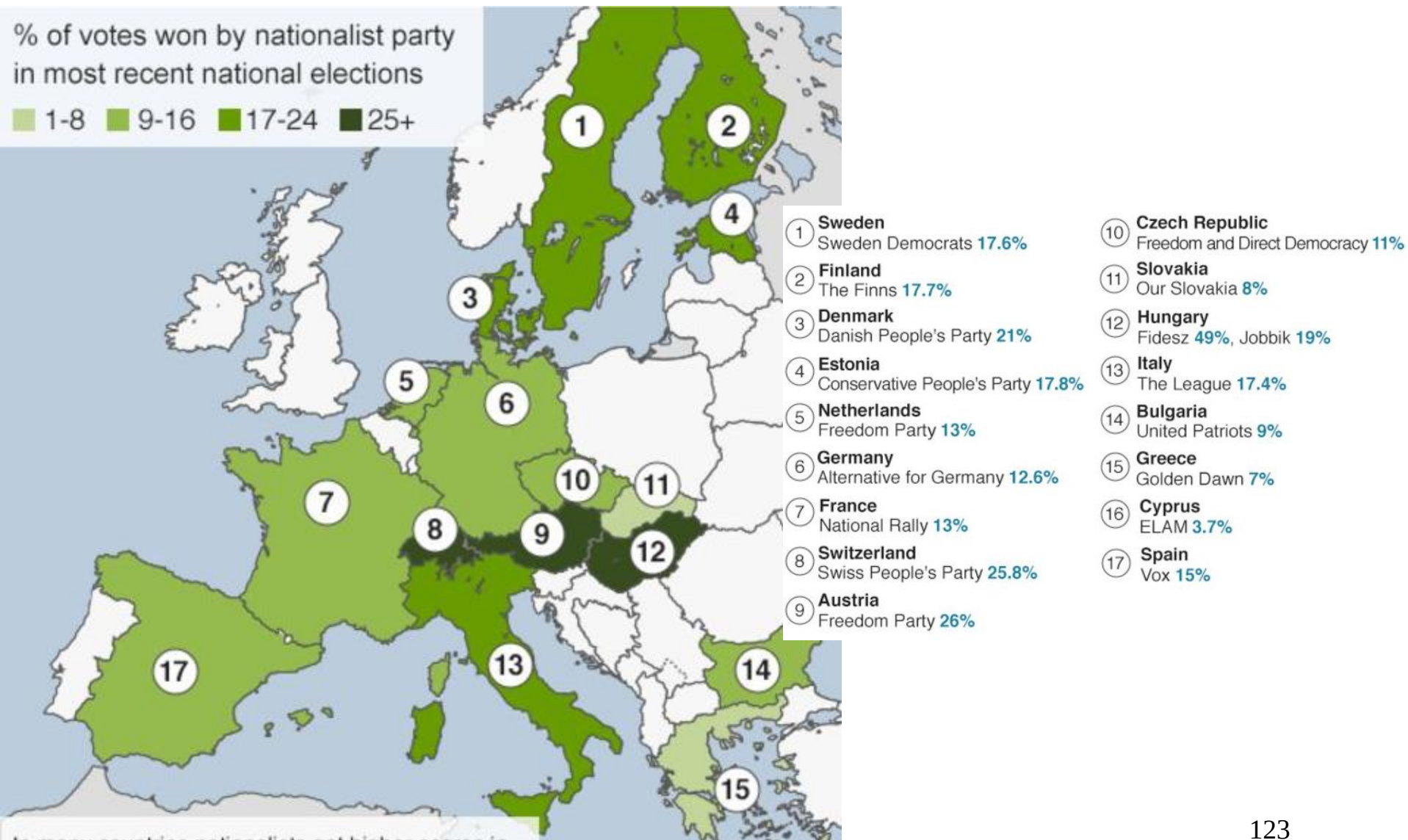
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Attacks on Saudi Oil (2019)



Rise of Nationalist Parties in Europe (2019)



Islamist Terrorism in Africa (2020)

Islamist militant groups and their areas of influence in Africa



Britain leaves the EU (2020)



The Age of Mass Demonstrations

Catalonia's Independence Referendum (2017)



Nicaragua (2018)

Nicaragua protests



Venezuela (2019)



Algeria (2019)



Sudan (2019)



Prague Protests (2019)



Hong Kong Protests (2019)



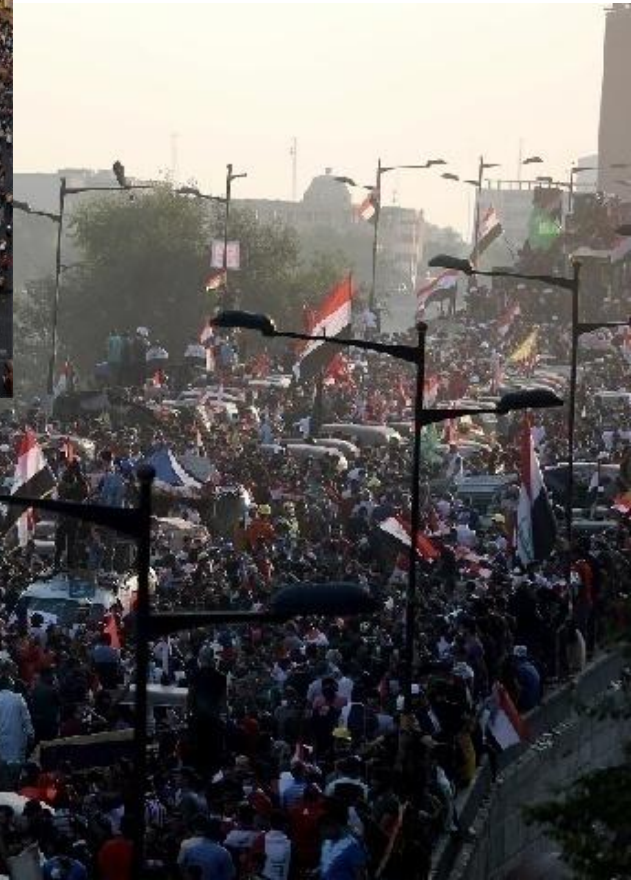
Chile Protests (2019)



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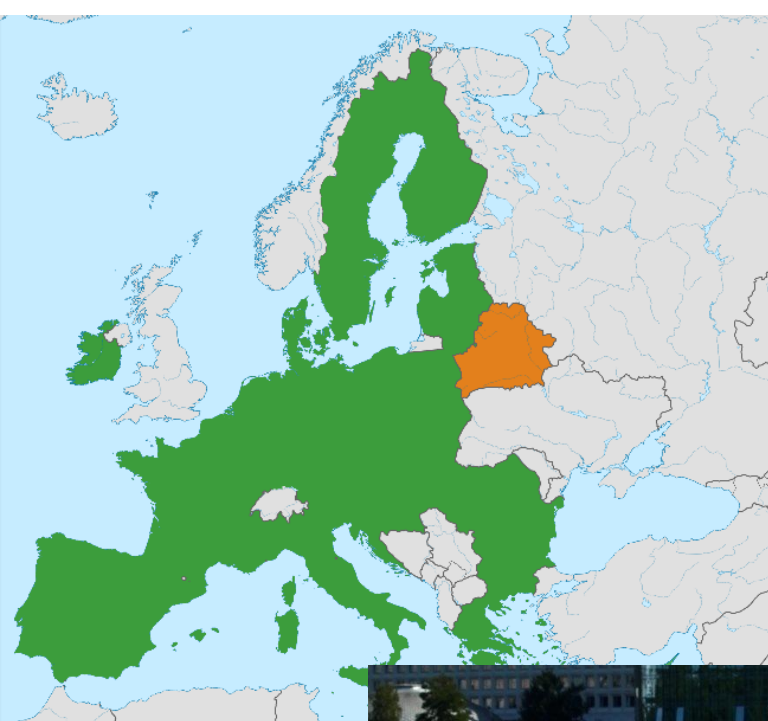
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Thailand protests (2020)



Belarus (2020)



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Activism

- Metoo
- Neveragain
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“Me Too” Movement (2017)



Neveragain Movement in the USA (2018)



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Worldwide Climate Protests (2019)



Protests Around the World against Racism



Protests over killing of George Floyd spread worldwide



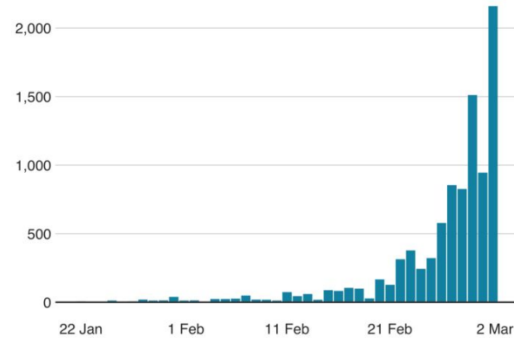
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Covid-19 (2020)

Cases outside China have grown

Daily confirmed cases of coronavirus outside China

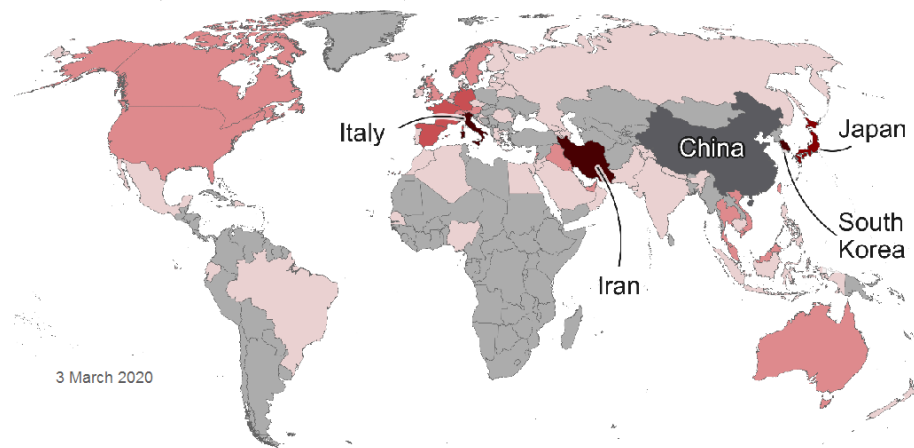


Source: World Health Organization. Updated: 2 Mar 16:00 GMT

BBC

Cases of coronavirus outside China

1 to 10 11 to 100 101 to 500
501 to 1,000 More than 1,000 No confirmed cases



3 March 2020

No cases 1 to 50 51 to 100 101 to 500 More than 500

20 Jan: 291 cases



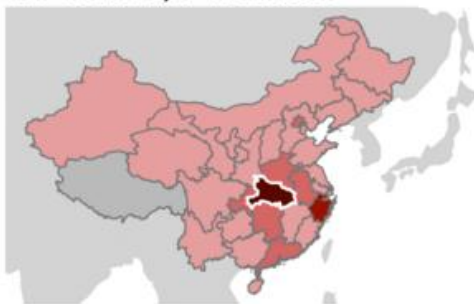
22 Jan: 446 cases



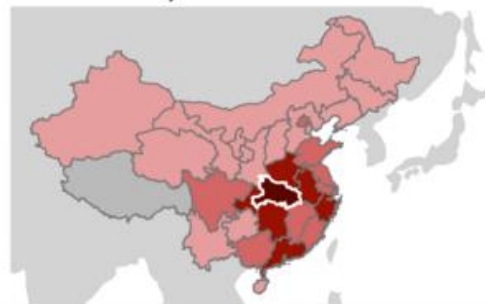
24 Jan: 864 cases



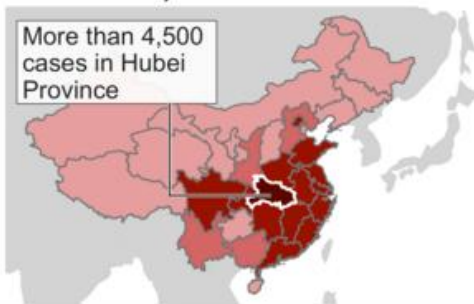
26 Jan: 2,021 cases



28 Jan: 4,524 cases



30 Jan: 7,711 cases

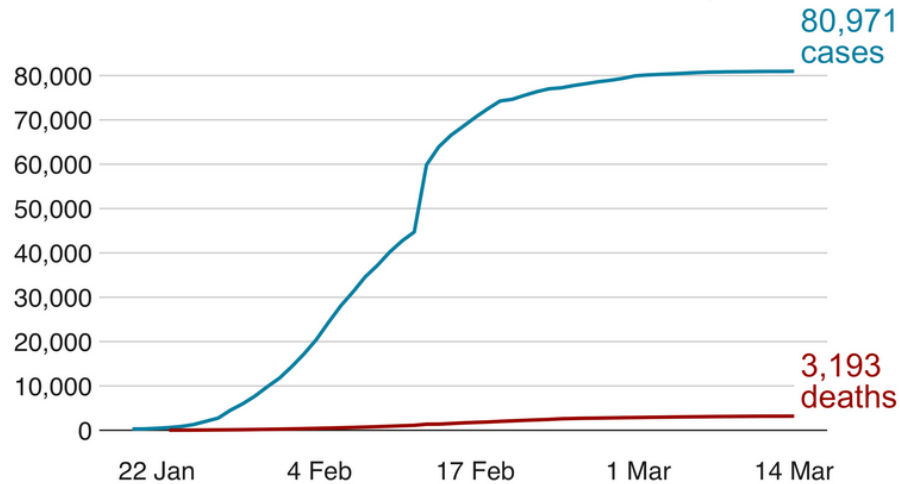


More than 4,500 cases in Hubei Province

Covid-19 (2020)

New cases in China have slowed

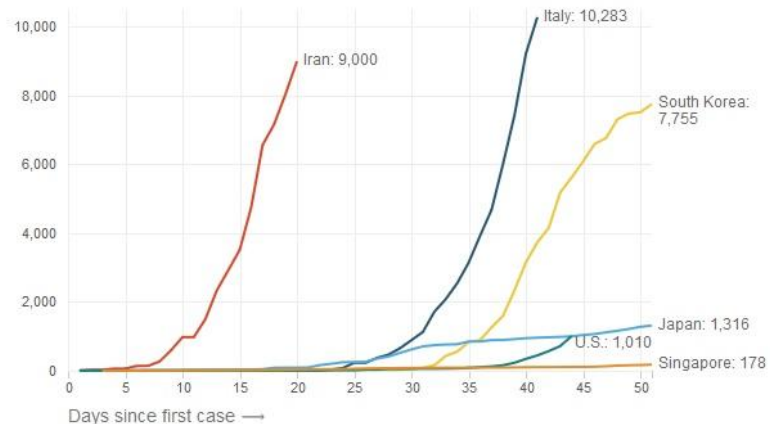
Total confirmed cases of coronavirus in the country



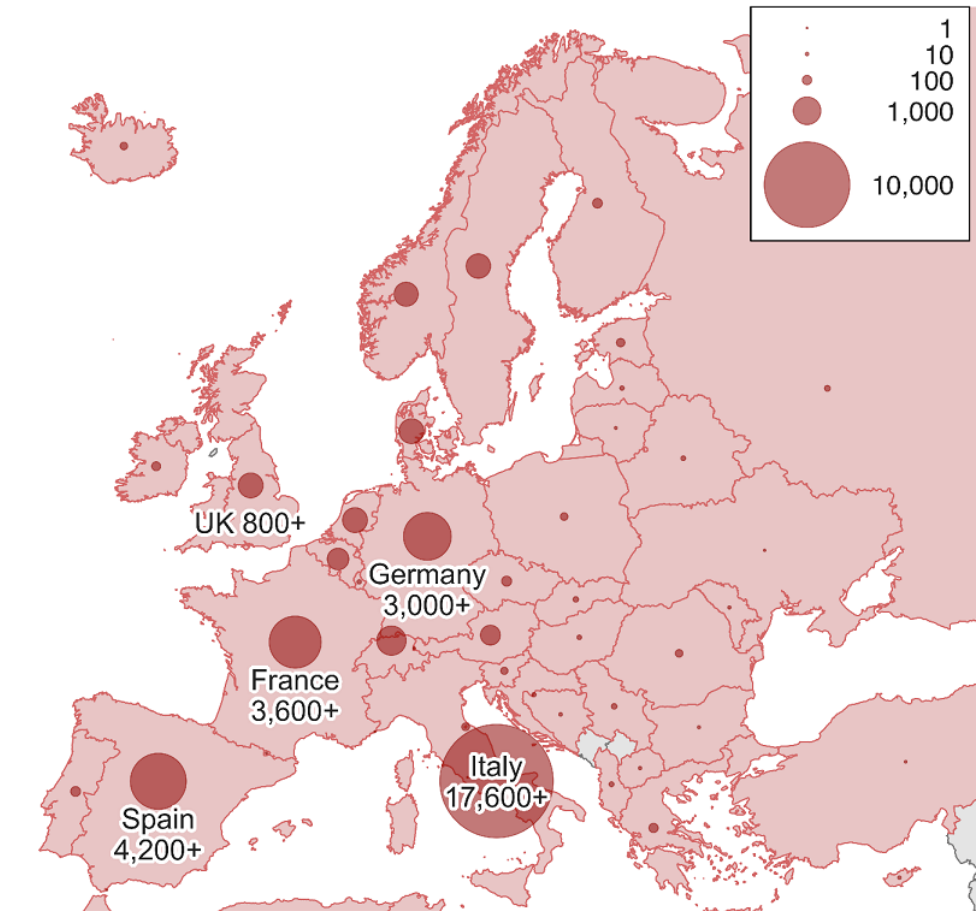
Source: China National Health Commission, WHO, Updated: 14 Mar 06:00 GMT **BBC**

COVID-19 Outbreaks Can Vary Dramatically

The way a country responds to a COVID-19 outbreak has an impact on the speed and degree of spread.



Cases of coronavirus in Europe



Source: World Health Organization. Updated: 14 Mar 06:00 GMT

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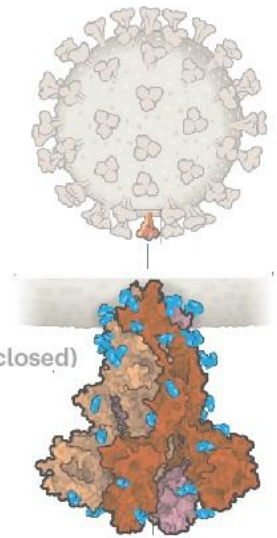
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Ridiculous scenes in Tesco Colney Hatch this morning. Shelves cleared like there's been a riot. The selfishness of some people filling their trolleys with multiple packs and leaving none for others is staggering. (Plus so much for getting here early to avoid crowded spaces.)



♡ 2,735 00:28 - 14 Mar 2020



The spike protein (closed)

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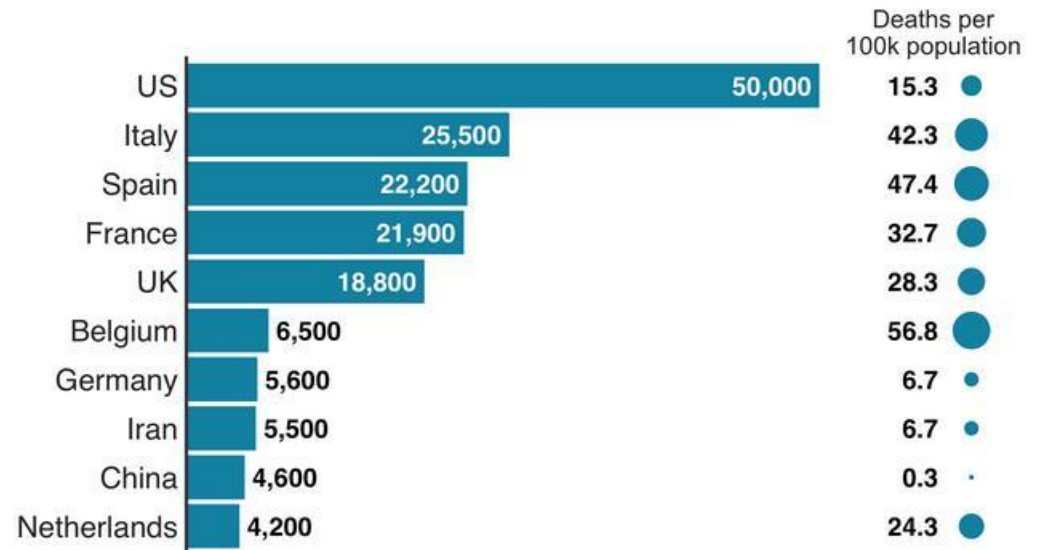


Covid-19 (2020)



Top ten countries by coronavirus deaths

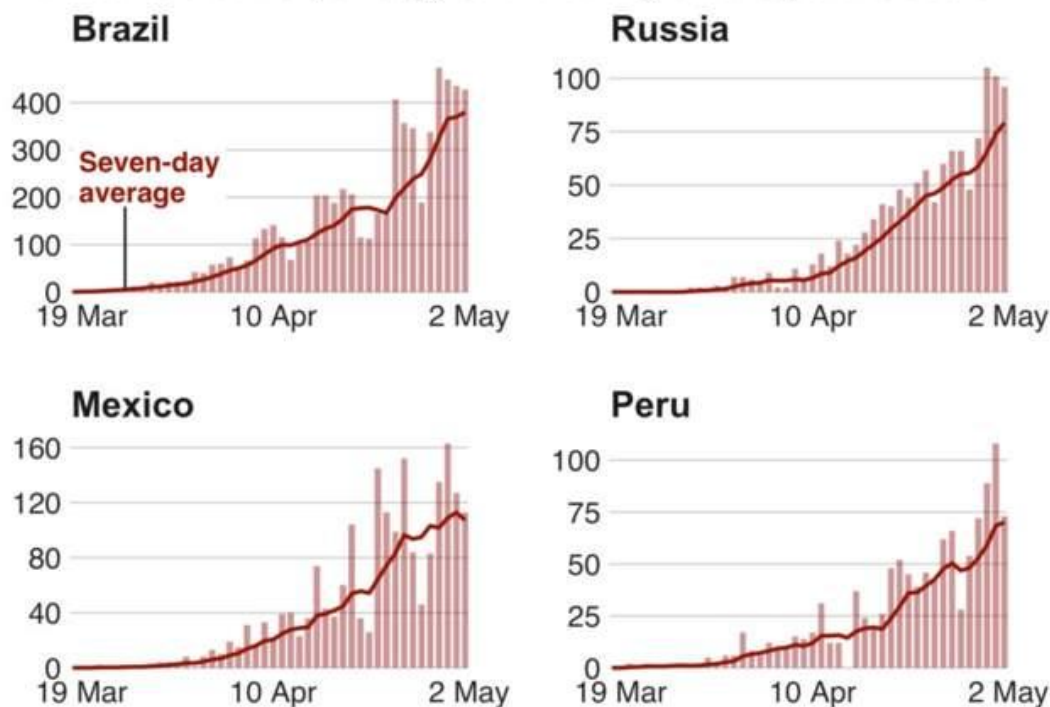
Per capita figures show big differences in scale of outbreaks



Covid-19 (2020)

Where coronavirus deaths are rising fast

Number of deaths per day, each country on a separate scale



Source: ECDC, data up to 2 May

BBC

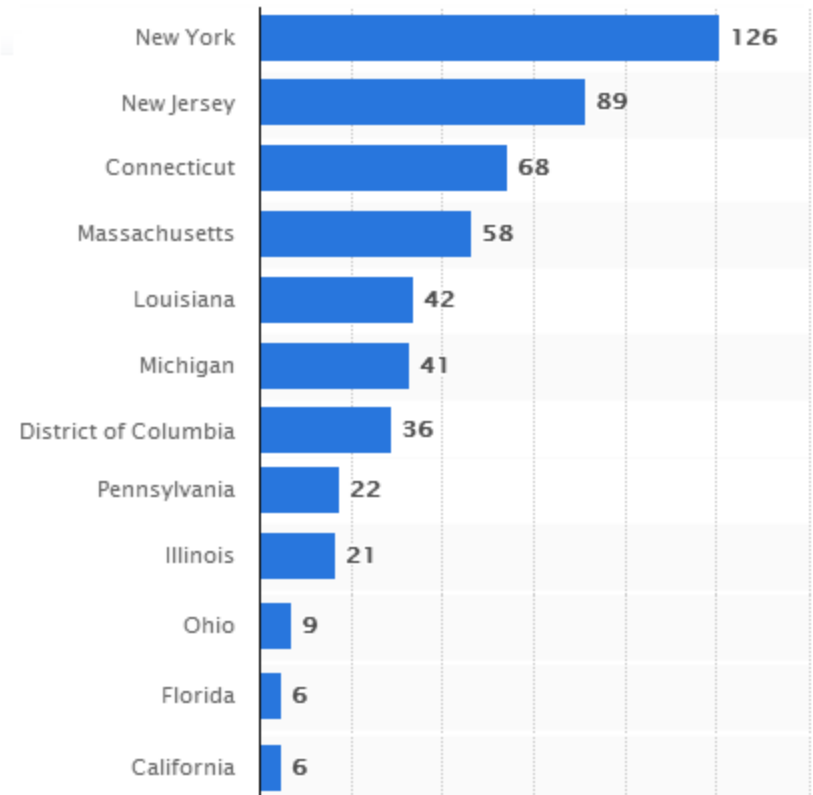
May 26	Total Deaths ↓	Deaths/1M pop ↑
World	349,919	44.9
USA	100,103	303
UK	37,048	546
Italy	32,955	545
France	28,530	437
Spain	27,117	580
Brazil	23,622	111
Belgium	9,334	806
Germany	8,470	101
Mexico	7,633	59
Canada	6,637	176
Netherlands	5,856	342
Sweden	4,125	409
Switzerland	1,915	221

Covid-19 (2020)

May 5,	Confirmed deaths (absolute)	Population (in millions)	Deaths per million
Belgium	7,924	11.42	693.74
Spain	25,428	46.72	544.22
Italy	29,079	60.43	481.19
United Kingdom	28,734	66.49	432.16
France	25,180	66.99	375.89
Netherlands	5,082	17.23	294.93
Sweden	2,769	10.18	271.92
Ireland	1,319	4.85	271.76
United States	68,826	327.17	210.37
Switzerland	1,784	8.52	209.47

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May 4 (per 100,000 people)

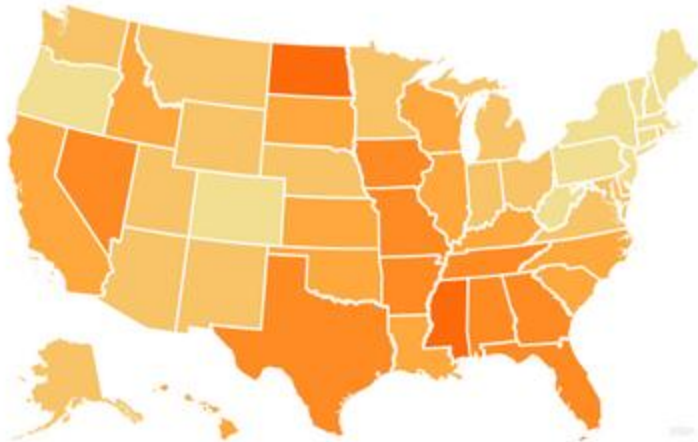


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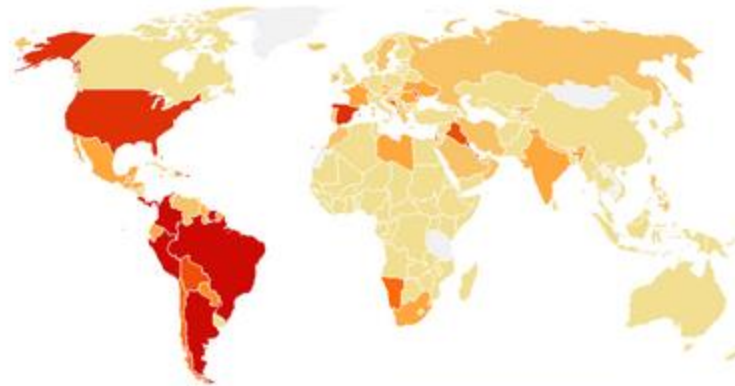
August 21

Peru	818
Spain	616
UK	609
Italy	586
Sweden	575
Chile	558
USA	536
Brazil	530
France	467
Mexico	458
Netherlands	361
Ireland	359
Ecuador	351

U.S. hot spots ›



Worldwide ›



August 24, 2020

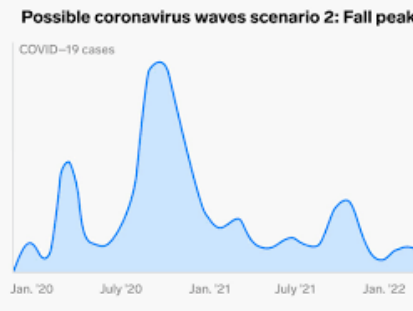
Covid-19 (2020)

Jan-May 2020
The Lockdown

Jun-? 2020
The Reopening

? 2020? 21?
Uncertainty

2021? 22?
Immunity



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June 28, 2020



World surpasses 500,000 coronavirus deaths

The world reached two sobering coronavirus milestones Sunday — 500,000 confirmed deaths, 10 million confirmed cases — and hit another high mark for daily new infections.

U.S. states roll back reopenings »

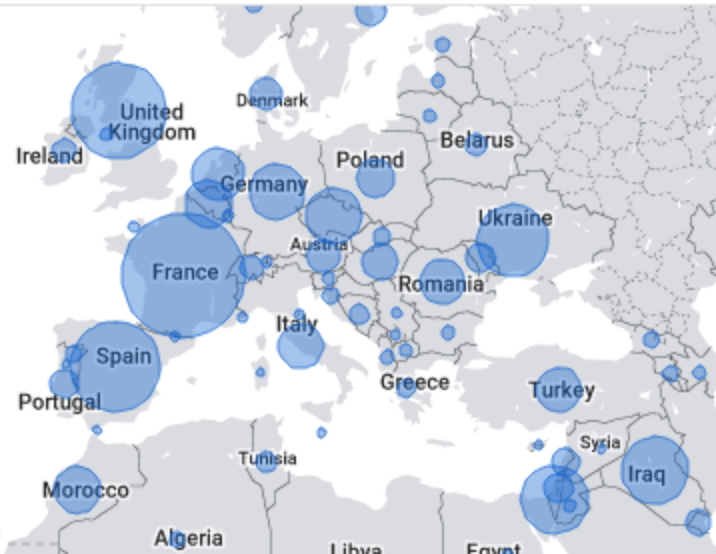


2,234 people reacting

Covid-19 (2020)

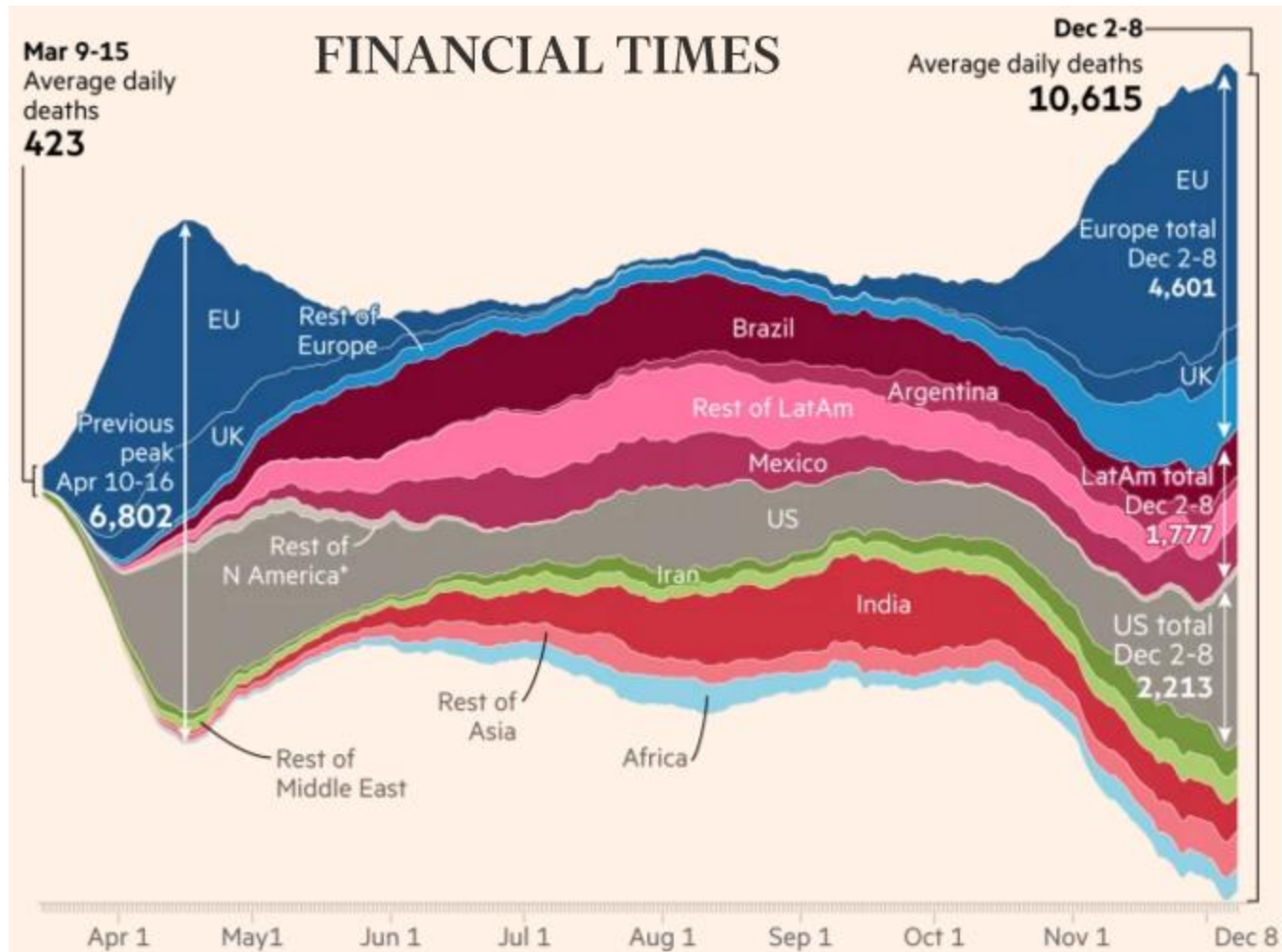
Map of cases (last 14 days)

September 25, 2020



Sep 16	Total Deaths		Deaths/1M pop
World	945,051	Peru	939
USA	201,348	Spain	647
Brazil	134,174	Bolivia	639
India	83,230	Brazil	630
Mexico	71,978	Chile	630
UK	41,684	Ecuador	621
Italy	35,645	UK	613
Peru	31,051	USA	608
France	31,045	Italy	590
Spain	30,243	Sweden	579
		Mexico	557
		France	475
		Colombia	460
		Netherlands	365

Covid-19



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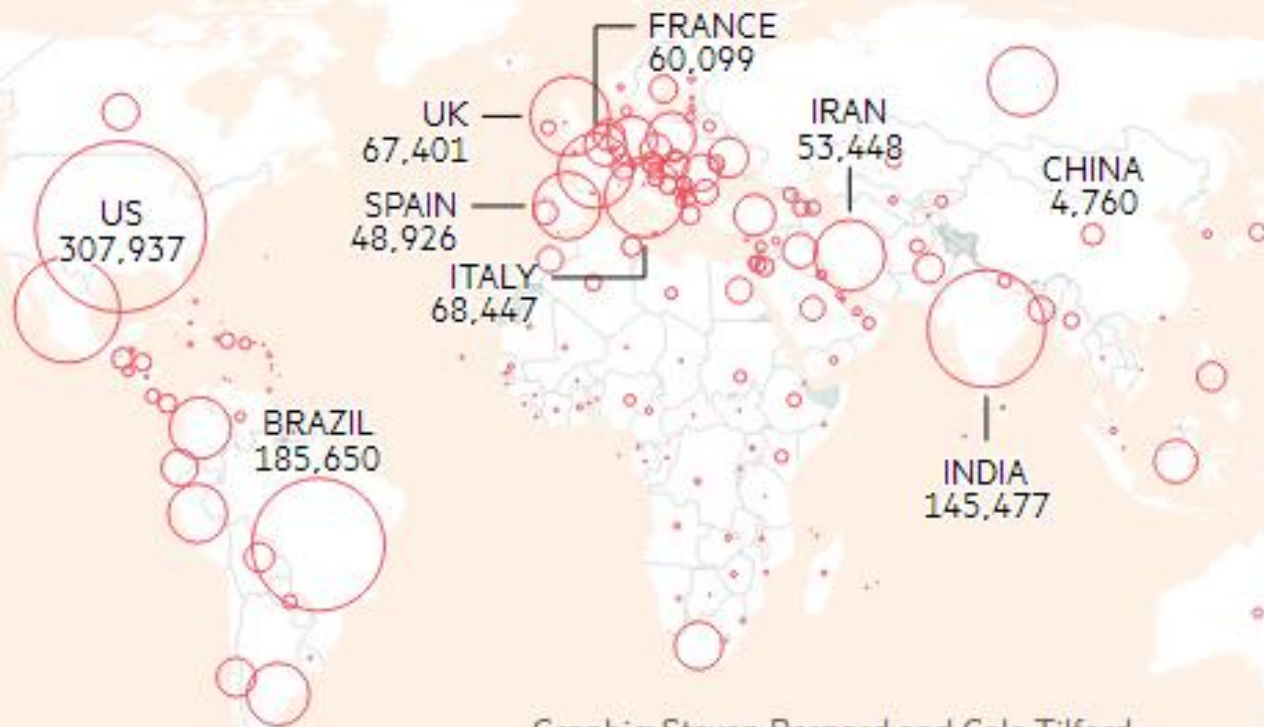
As of 8.12am December 21 GMT

Confirmed cases

76,248,869

Deaths

1,677,947



Graphic: Steven Bernard and Cale Tilford

Covid-19 (2021)

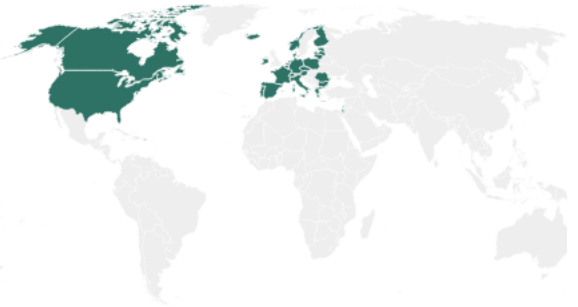
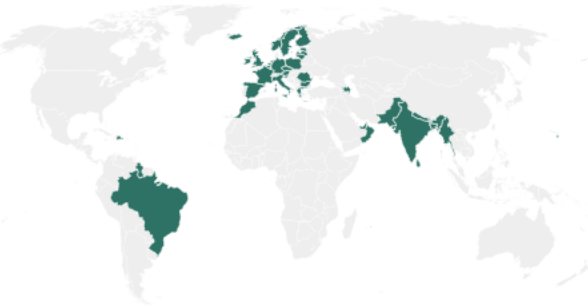
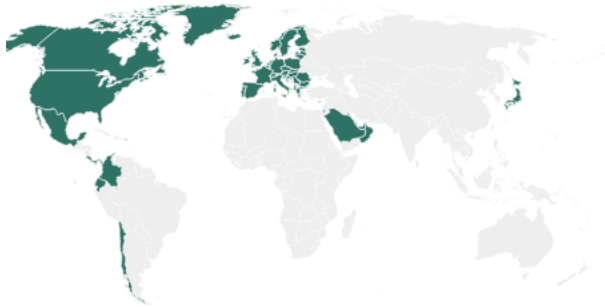
Where each vaccine is being used

February 2021

Pfizer-BioNTech
63 COUNTRIES

Oxford-AstraZeneca
43 COUNTRIES

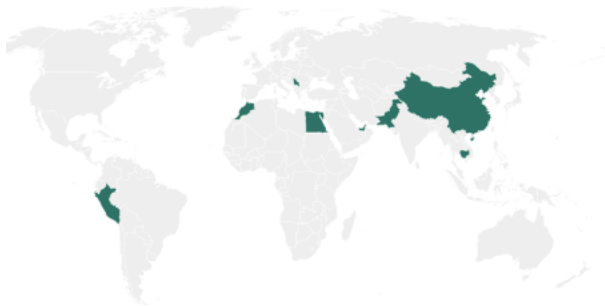
Moderna
27 COUNTRIES



Sinopharm-Beijing
10 COUNTRIES

Gamaleya (Sputnik V)
9 COUNTRIES

Sinovac
6 COUNTRIES



Trump's attempted coup (2021)



TEXAS SUES GA, MI, PA, WI OVER ELECTION RESULTS



Trump's attempted coup – Jan 2021

In Taped Call, Trump Pressures Georgia Official to 'Find' Votes

'I just want to find 11,780 votes': In extraordinary hour-long call, Trump pressures Georgia secretary of state to recalculate the vote in his favor

In call, Trump demands Georgia officials 'find' votes to tilt election

Carl Bernstein: Trump's Call to Raffensperger Is 'Worse Than Watergate'



Trump's attempted coup – Jan 2021



Pro-Navalny protests– Jan 2021



NASA Perseverance rover – Feb 2021



Myanmar protests— Feb 2021



Taliban conquer Afghanistan – Aug 2021

LIVE Flights grounded amid chaos at Kabul airport

Monday, August 16, 2021



Taliban conquer Afghanistan – Aug 2021



Covid Pandemic

Metric	COVID-19	Flu 2009 (H1N1)	Flu 1968 (H3N2)	Flu 1957–59 (H2N2)	Flu 1918–20 (H1N1)
Per-capita excess mortality rate (estimate)	0.15–0.28%	0.005%	0.03%	0.04%	1%
Global excess deaths (estimate) adjusted to 2020 population	12 million–22 million	0.4 million	2.2 million	3.1 million	75 million
Mean age at death (years; United States and Europe only)	73–79	37	62	65	27

Sources: Simonsen, L. & Viboud, C. [eLife](#) **10**, e71974 (2021); COVID-19 estimates: *The Economist's* model (to January 2022); age of death data: US CDC, UKHSA.

Russia-Ukraine tension



White House addresses report Putin
has decided to invade Ukraine, sounds
alarm

*White House Warns Russian Invasion
of Ukraine Could Happen at Any Time*

Ukraine tensions: Russia invasion
could begin any day, US warns

UK's Johnson says next few
days 'most dangerous moment'
in Ukraine crisis

Russia invades Ukraine (Feb 2022)



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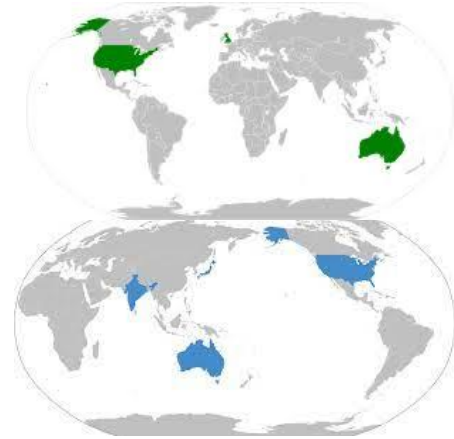
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Bucha Massacre (March 2022)

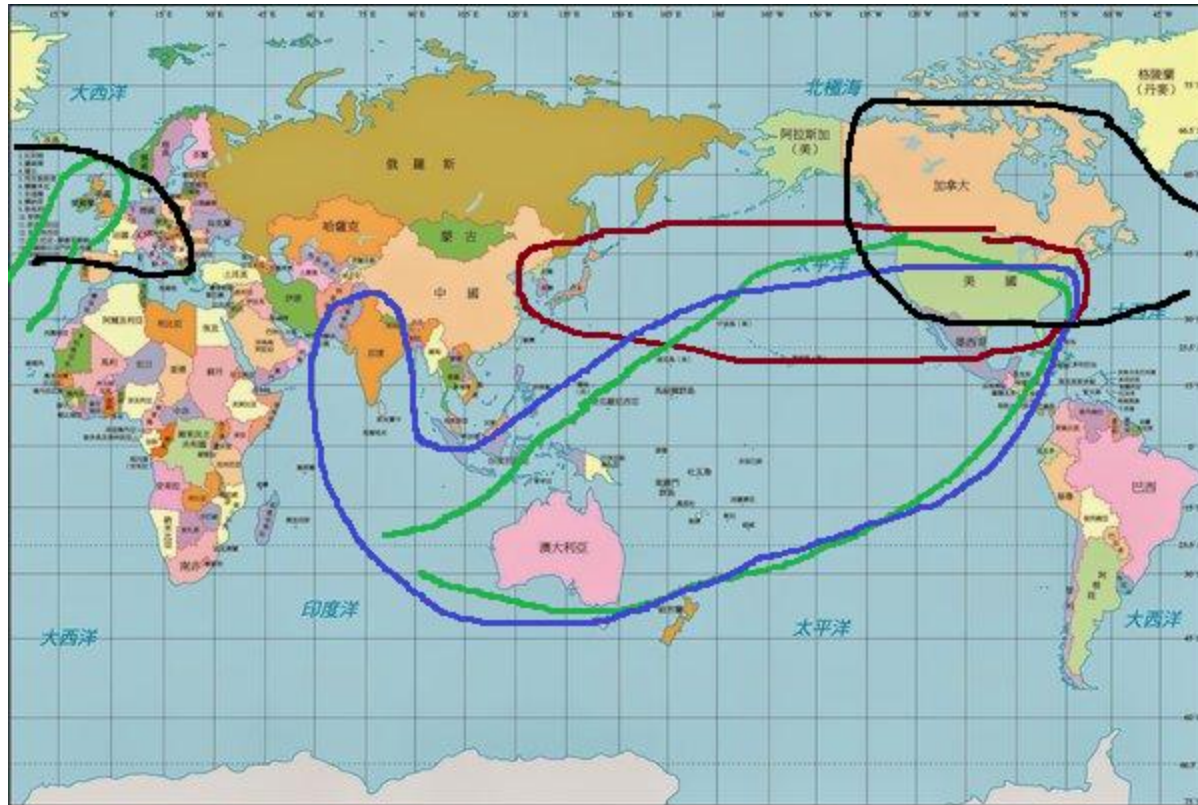


Biden's Anti-Chinese Alliances

- AUKUS in 2021 (Australia, Britain, USA)
- Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (USA, India, Australia, Japan) – targeting China in 2021
- Defense pact of USA, Japan, South Korea – 2023
- G7 (USA, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Britain) – targeting China in 2023
- Expansion of US military presence in the Philippines – 2023
- Strategic “ambiguity” on Taiwan



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Mass shootings in the USA (2017- 2022)

Las Vegas shooting	2017	Paradise, Nevada	60	Boulder shooting	2021	Boulder, Colorado	10
Sutherland Springs church shooting	2017	Sutherland Springs, Texas	26	Buffalo shooting	2022	Buffalo, New York	10
Stoneman Douglas High School shooting	2018	Parkland, Florida	17	Robb Elementary School shooting	2022	Uvalde, Texas	21
Santa Fe High School shooting	2018	Santa Fe, Texas	10				
Pittsburgh synagogue shooting	2018	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	11				
Thousand Oaks shooting	2018	Thousand Oaks, California	12				
Virginia Beach shooting	2019	Virginia Beach, Virginia	12				
El Paso Walmart shooting	2019	El Paso, Texas	23				
Boulder shooting	2021	Boulder, Colorado	10				

Mass shootings in the USA (May 2022)

AP

10 dead in Buffalo supermarket attack police call hate crime

By CAROLYN THOMPSON, JOHN WAWROW, MICHAEL BALSAMO and DAVE COLLINS May 14, 2022



★ THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

UVALDE SCHOOL SHOOTING

21 killed at Uvalde elementary in Texas' deadliest school shooting ever

Robb Elementary teaches second, third and fourth grade students in Uvalde, which is about 85 miles west of San Antonio. Gov. Greg Abbott said the shooter is believed to have been killed by responding law enforcement. The shooting started around 11:32 a.m.

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US Supreme Court expands gun rights while restricting abortion rights

AP AP NEWS

June 23, 2022

Supreme Court expands gun rights, with nation divided

AP AP NEWS

Saturday, June 25, 2022

Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade; states can ban abortion

Confidence in the U.S. Supreme Court

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NASA's James Webb Telescope (2022)



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Sri Lanka revolution (2022)



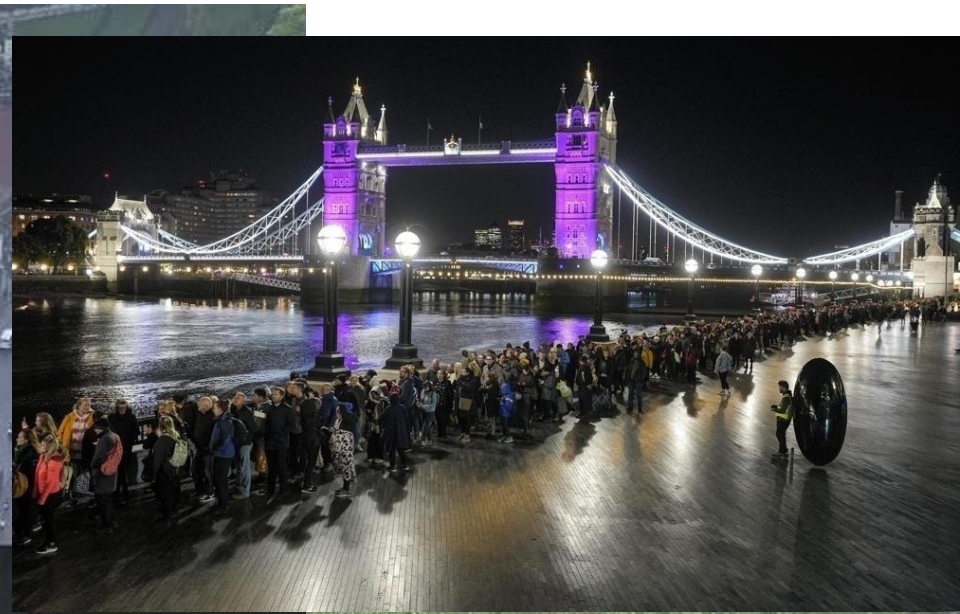
Donald Trump (2022)



FBI raid on Trump's Mar-a-Lago



Death of Queen Elizabeth (2022)



Iranian women protest (2022)



NASA's DART and asteroid Dimorphos (2022)



Giorgia Meloni elected in Italy (2022)



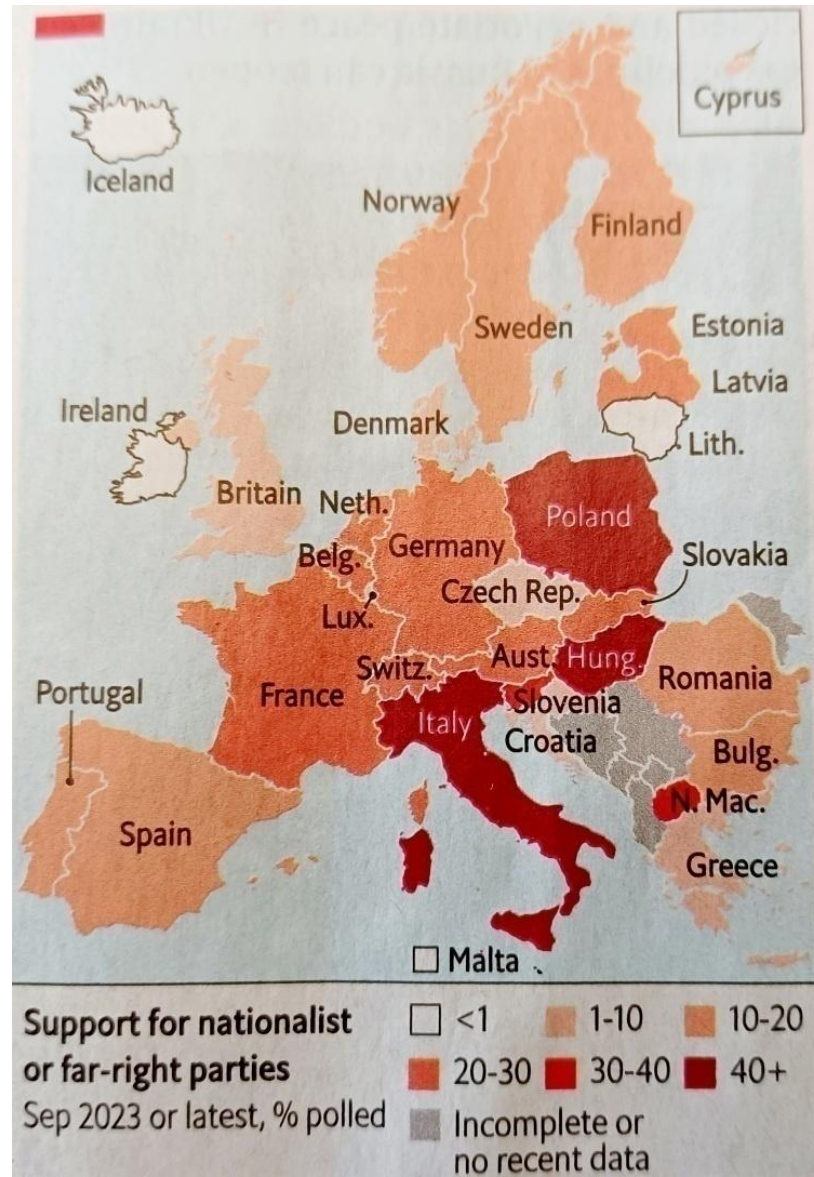
44.52%

26.24%

15.15%

7.67%

Rise of Right-wing Parties (2022)



8 Billion People (2022)

November 2022: The world's population reaches eight billion, just 11 years after passing the seven-billion mark

Protests in China against covid lockdowns (2022)



27 Nov

Elon Musk (2022)

257 billion		Employees	Current Valuation / Market Cap
	Tesla CEO	99 k	\$1.031 t
	SpaceX CEO & Chief Engineer	12 k	\$100 b
	The Boring Company Founder	<200	\$5.7 b
	Neuralink Co-Founder	<200	\$500 m - \$1 b
	Twitter Owner	7,500	\$39 b

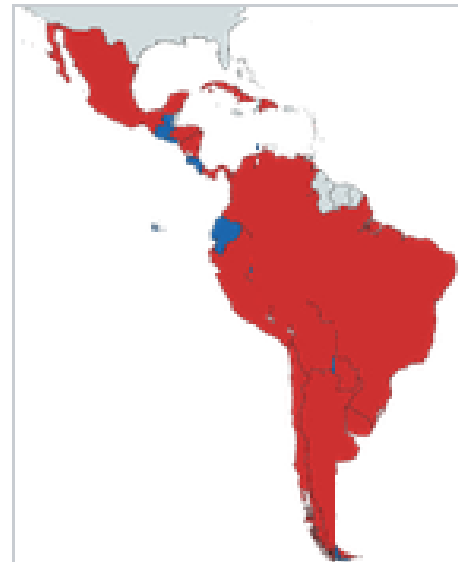
The “Pink Wave” of left-wing governments in Latin America

Dictators:

Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua,
Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela,
Miguel Diaz-Canel in Cuba

Democratically elected:

Luiz Inacio Lula in Brazil
Andres Lopez-Obrador in Mexico,
Gustavo Petro in Colombia,
Pedro Castillo in Peru,
Luis Arce in Bolivia,
Alberto Fernandez in Argentina,
Gabriel Boric in Chile



Female heads of state of Latin America

Isabel Peron of Argentina (1974)
Eugenia Charles of Dominica (1980)
Violeta Chamorro of Nicaragua (1990)
Janet Jagan in Guyana (1997)
Mireya Moscoso of Panama (1999)
Michelle Bachelet in Chile (2006)
Portia Simpson-Miller in Jamaica (2006)
Cristina Kirchner of Argentina (2007)
Michele Pierre-Louis of Haiti (2008)
Dilma Rousseff of Brazil (2010)
Kamla Persad-Bissessar of Trinidad and Tobago (2010)
Laura Chinchilla in Costa Rica (2010)
Paula-Mae Weekes of Trinidad and Tobago (2018)
Mia Mottley of Barbados (2018)
Sandra Mason of Barbados (2021)
Xiomara Castro of Honduras (2022)
Dina Boluarte of Peru (2022)
Christine Kangaloo of Trinidad and Tobago (2023)
Sylvanie Burton of Dominica (2023)
Claudia Sheinbaum in Mexico (2024)

Biggest accident in the world

More than 200 cars involved in massive pileup in Zhengzhou

By [Jessie Yeung](#) and Jennie Chen, CNN

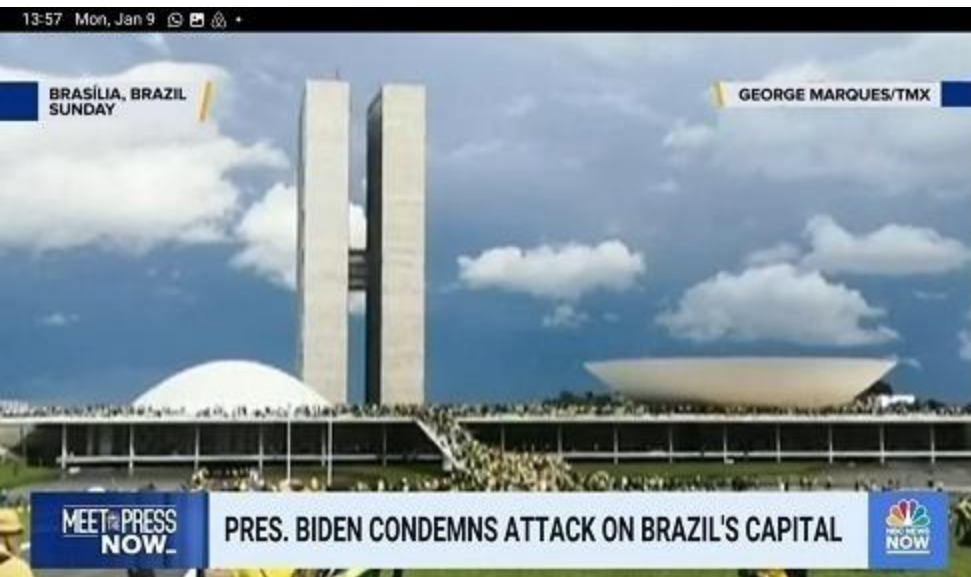
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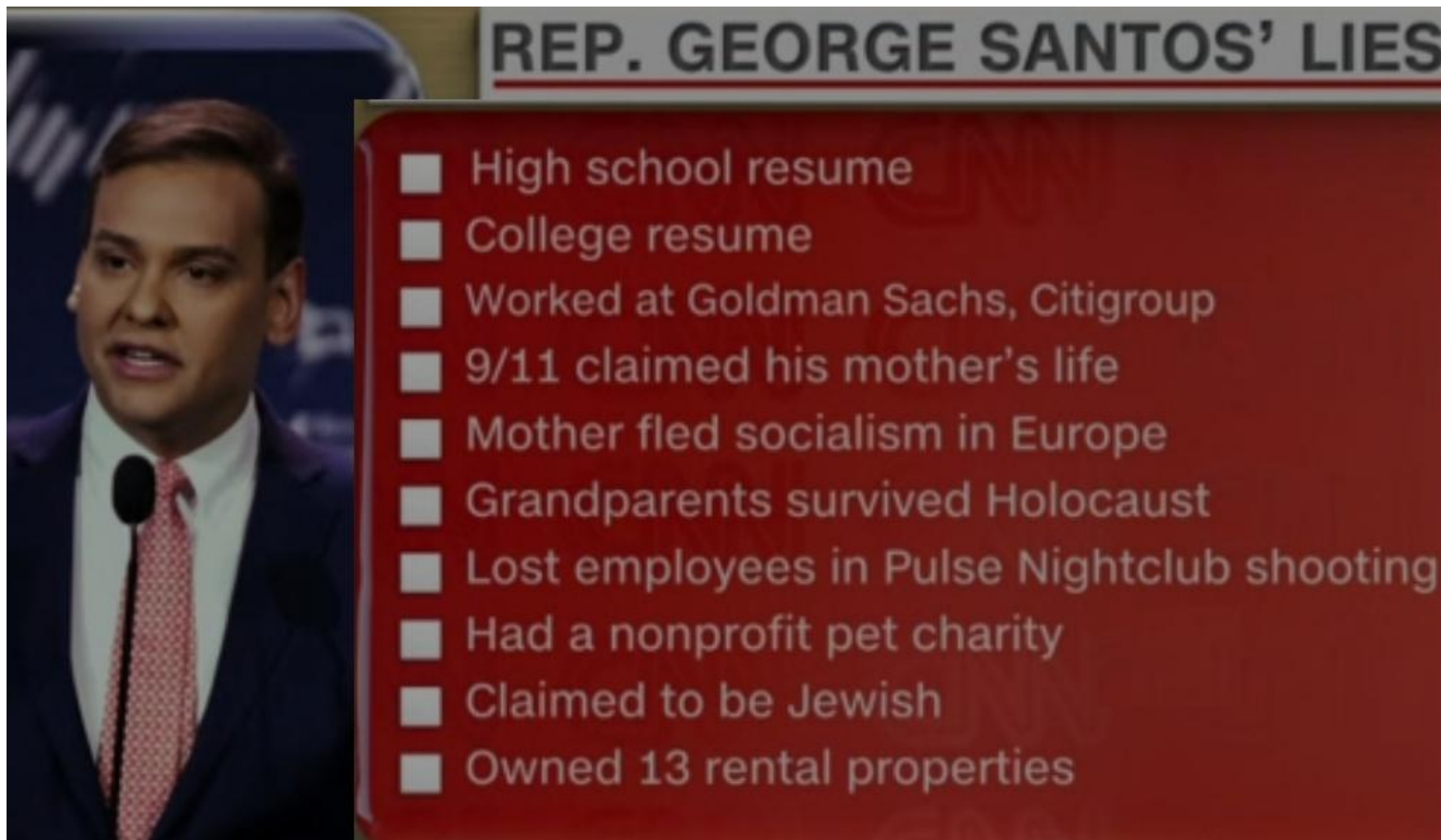
Russia-China axis



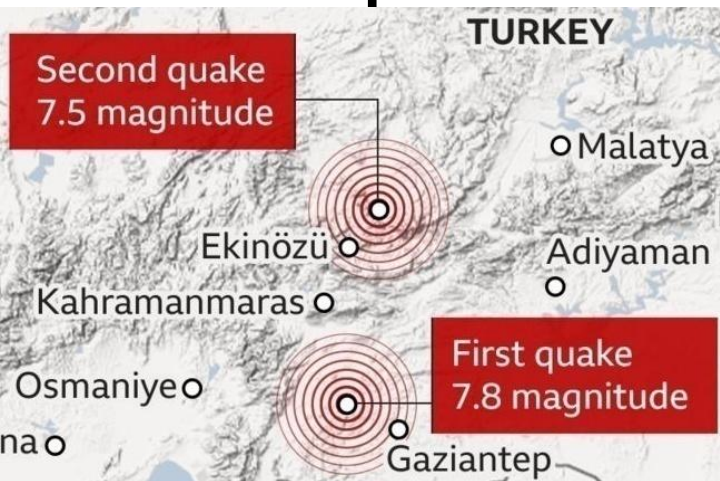
Protesters storm Brazil's government buildings (2023)



George Santos (2023)



Earthquake in Turkey and Syria (2023)



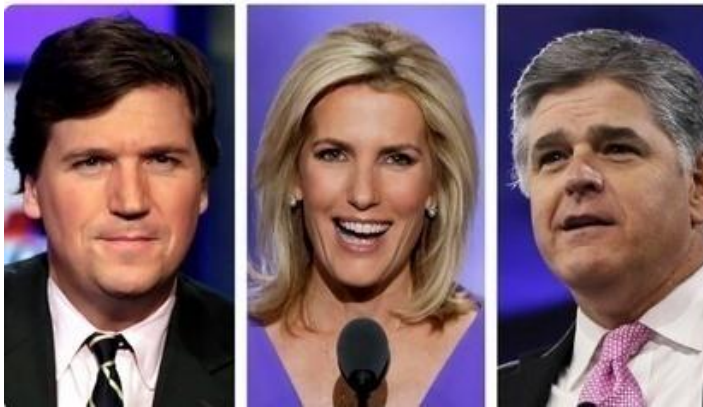
Dominion Scandal in USA (2023)

Lawsuit filing shows Fox hosts didn't believe election fraud lies they pushed on TV

*Trump Campaign K
Voting Machine Cla
Memo Shows* *Murdoch Acknowledges Fox News
Hosts Endorsed Election Fraud
Falsehoods*

U.S. finds no evidence flaws in Dominion voting machines were ever exploited

*Murdoch Acknowledges Fox News
Hosts Endorsed Election Fraud
Falsehoods*



'Lies have consequences': Fox settles Dominion suit

Fox News has agreed to settle the billion-dollar defamation...

'The truth matters' »

April 18, 2023

Protests in Israel against Netanyahu (2023)



ChatGPT (2023)

ChatGPT: Optimizing Language Models for Dialogue

We've trained a model called ChatGPT which interacts in a conversational way. The dialogue format makes it possible for ChatGPT to answer followup questions, admit its mistakes, challenge incorrect premises, and reject inappropriate requests. ChatGPT is a sibling model to InstructGPT, which is trained to follow an instruction in a prompt and provide a detailed response.

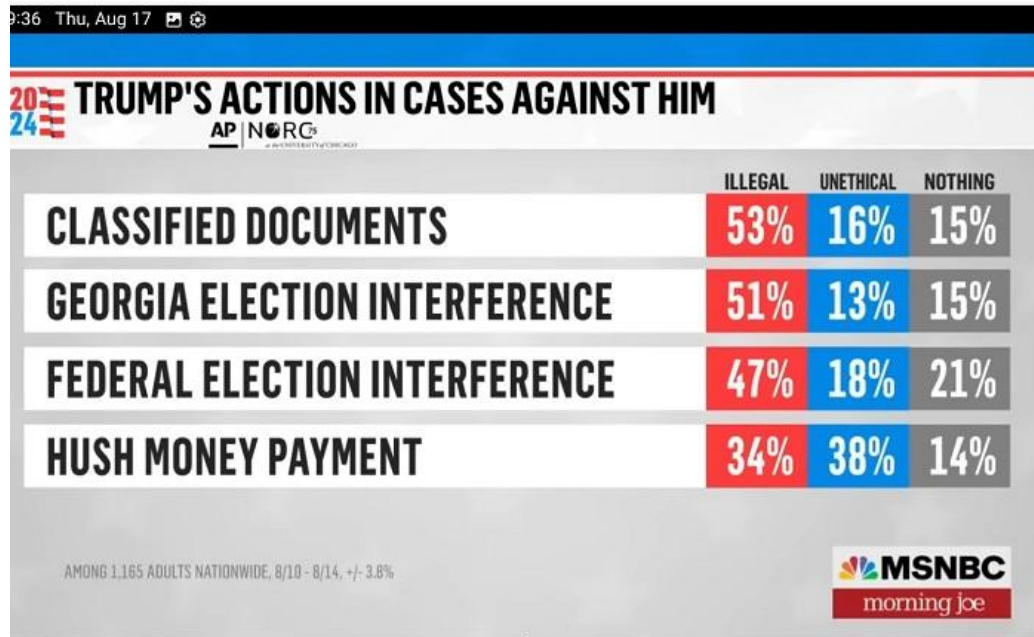
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Donald Trump indicted (2023)



Trump indicted (2023)



2024 GOP PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE PREFERENCE

AMONG REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS

	NOW	JUNE
DONALD TRUMP	53%	56%
RON DESANTIS	16%	22%
VIVEK RAMASWAMY	11%	5%
MIKE PENCE	5%	4%
NIKKI HALEY	4%	3%
CHRIS CHRISTIE	3%	1%
TIM SCOTT	3%	4%

AUGUST 11 - 14
REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS ± 4.5%

The New York Times

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Judge Finds Trump
Committed Fraud by
Inflating Property Values

Taiwan-China tensions (2023)



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**A punch in the face for Xi caricature:
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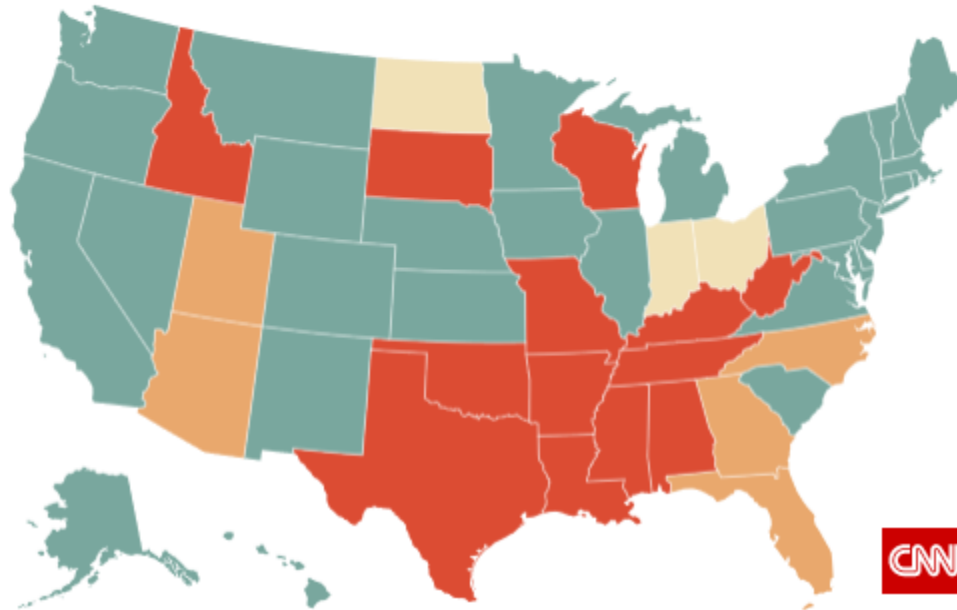


Abortion in USA (2023)

Abortion in America

Note: Current as of April 9, 2023.

■ Abortion remains legal ■ In limbo ■ Legal with gestational limit of 20 weeks or less ■ Banned or severely restricted



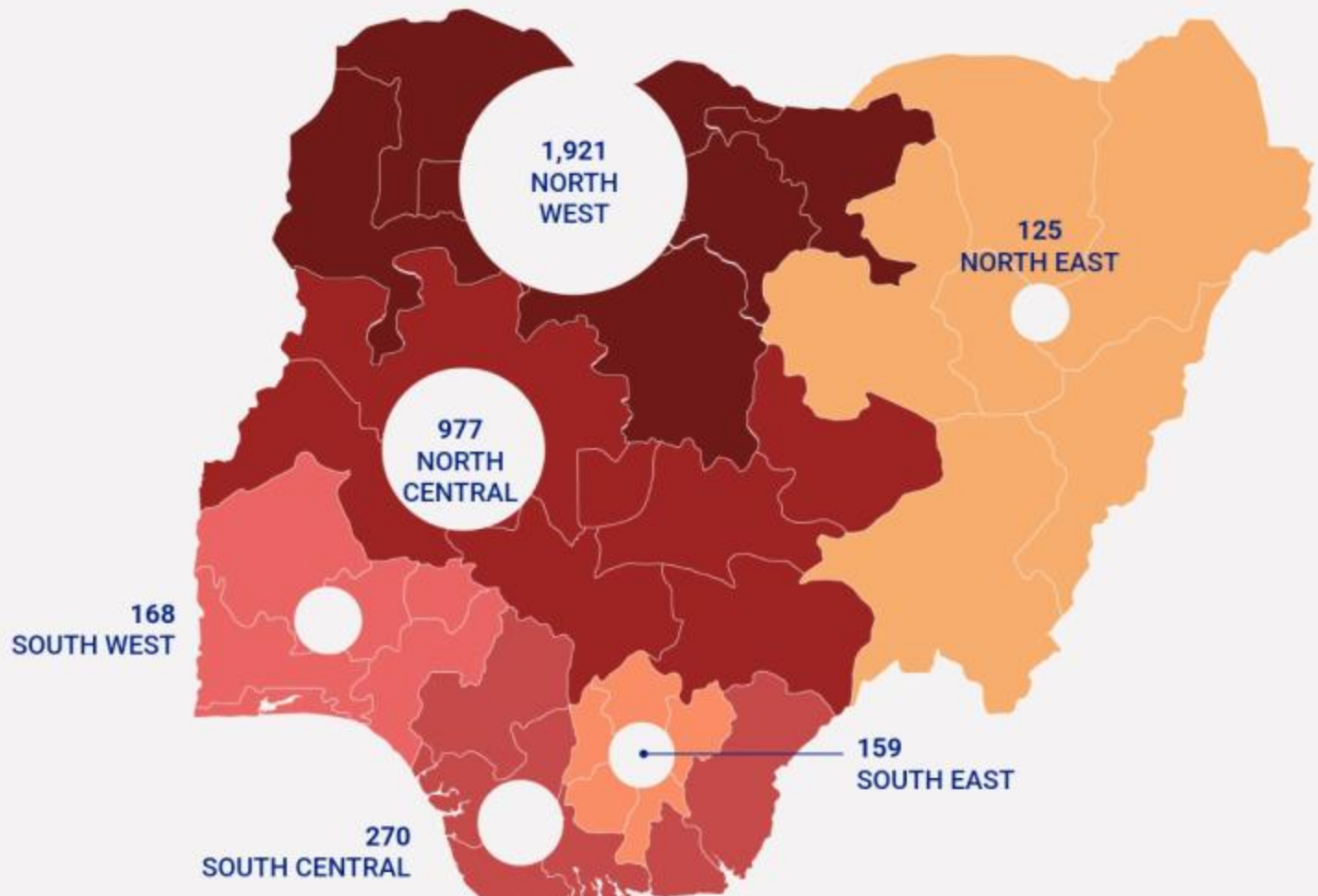
French riots (2023)



Boko Haram in Nigeria (2023)

Kidnap victims in Nigeria

July 2022-July 2023



Prigozhin (2023)

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LIVE Wagner leader Prigozhin begins Belarus exile

The mercenary chief agreed to leave Russia after his short-lived mutiny, as President Putin reasserts his authority.

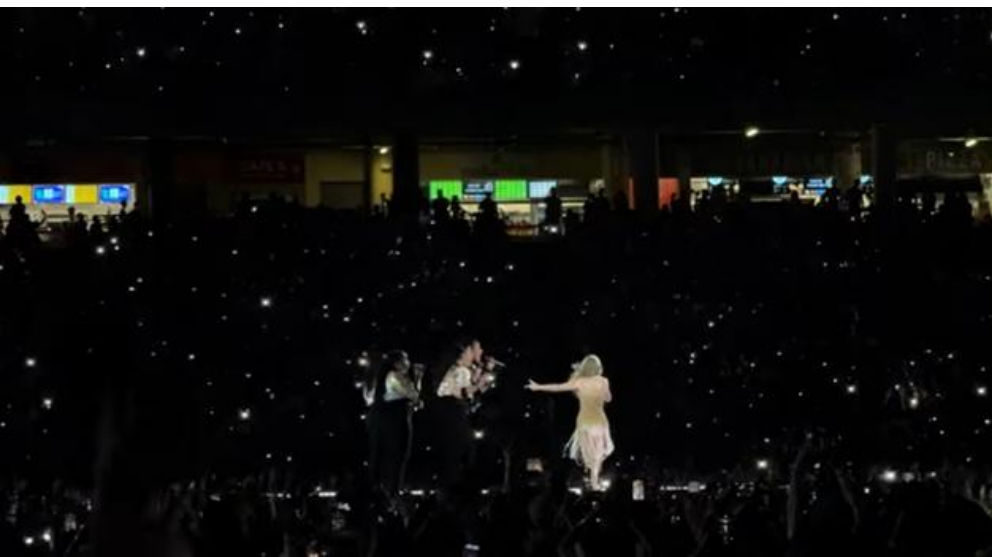
Europe



Prigozhin killed

BBC NEWS

Taylor Swift's Era Tour (2023)



Taylor Swift's Era Tour (2023)



Heat Waves (July 2023)

BBC

Cerberus heatwave: Hot weather sweeps across southern Europe



Tuesday, July 18, 2023

The New York Times

World Swelters in Record-Breaking Heat

- Much of the Northern Hemisphere is experiencing witheringly high temperatures, which scientists warn are increasingly likely.
- Record-breaking highs are expected in parts of Europe. Dry conditions have also increased the risk of wildfires, which have broken out in Greece.

In Phoenix, 18 Days of Extreme Heat With No End in Sight

The Arizona capital is poised to break a record of consecutive days with 110-degree or higher temperatures.

Severe heat in China has become a talking point for John Kerry, the U.S. climate envoy, in his meetings there.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/07/06/climate/climate-c>

The New York Times

Heat Records Fall Around the Globe as Earth Warms, Fast

From north to south, temperatures are surging as greenhouse gases trap heat in the atmosphere and combine with effects from El Niño.

BBC

7/15/2023

US heatwave: A third of Americans under extreme heat advisories

The New York Times

Aug. 1, 2023

Iran Orders Nationwide Shutdown Because of 'Unprecedented' Heat

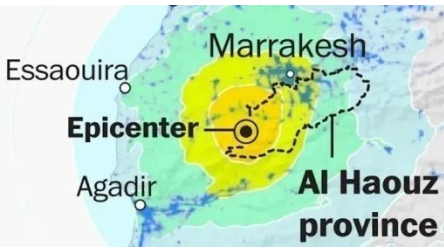
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World records hottest day for third time in a week

Heat Waves (July 2023)



Morocco earthquake (September 2023)



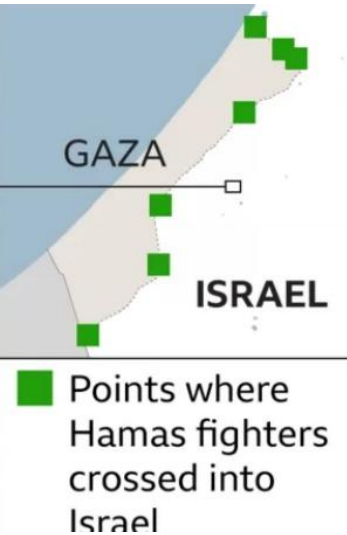
Libya floods (September 2023)



Azerbaijan reconquers Nagorno-Karabakh (September 2023)



Surprise Hamas invasion of Israel (October 2023)



The New York Times
Thursday, October 12, 2023

Hamas Leaves a Trail of Terror in Israel

ANI | Updated: Sunday, October 08, 2023, 05:37 PM IST



Festival
Indiscriminate
shooting

Kfar Azza
"It's a massacre"

Sderot
7 killed at bus stop

Kibbutz Be'eri
100+ killed



Surprise Hamas invasion of Israel (October 2023)



Migrants marching towards USA (2023)

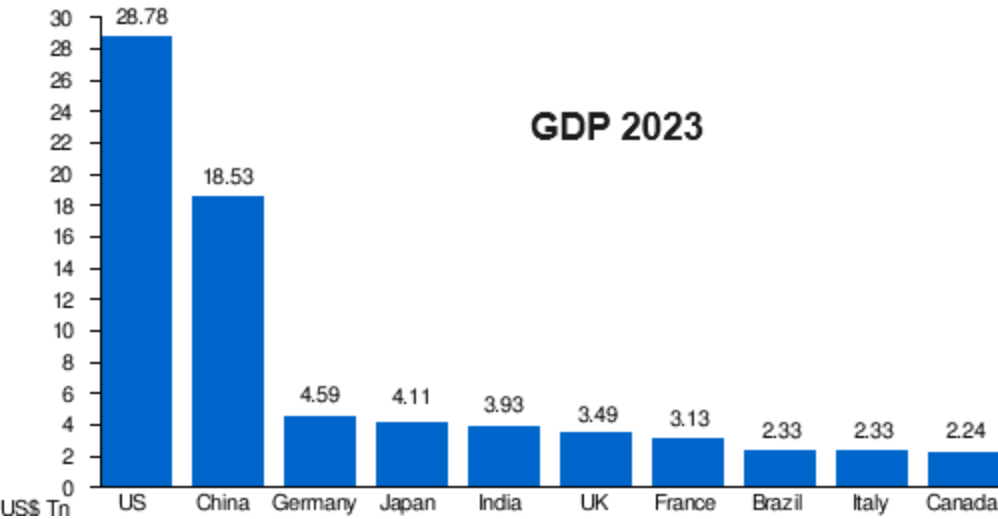


Largest companies by market capitalization (2023)

Largest Companies by Market Cap

1		Apple AAPL	\$2.895 T
2		Microsoft MSFT	\$2.844 T
3		Saudi Aramco 2222.SR	\$2.123 T
4		Alphabet (Google) GOOG	\$1.789 T
5		Amazon AMZN	\$1.588 T
6		NVIDIA NVDA	\$1.342 T
7		Meta Platforms (Facebook) META	\$952.05 B
8		Berkshire Hathaway BRK-B	\$800.18 B
9		Tesla TSLA	\$743.67 B

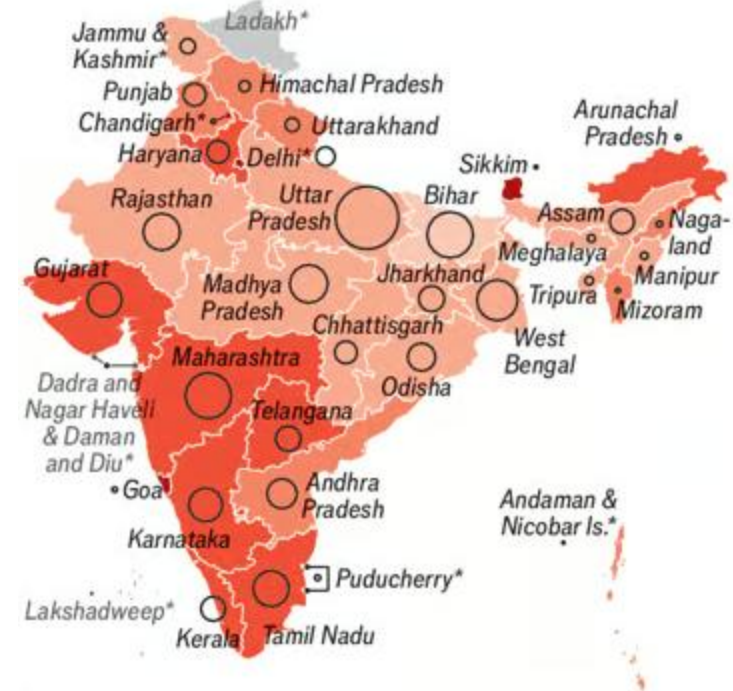
India (2023)



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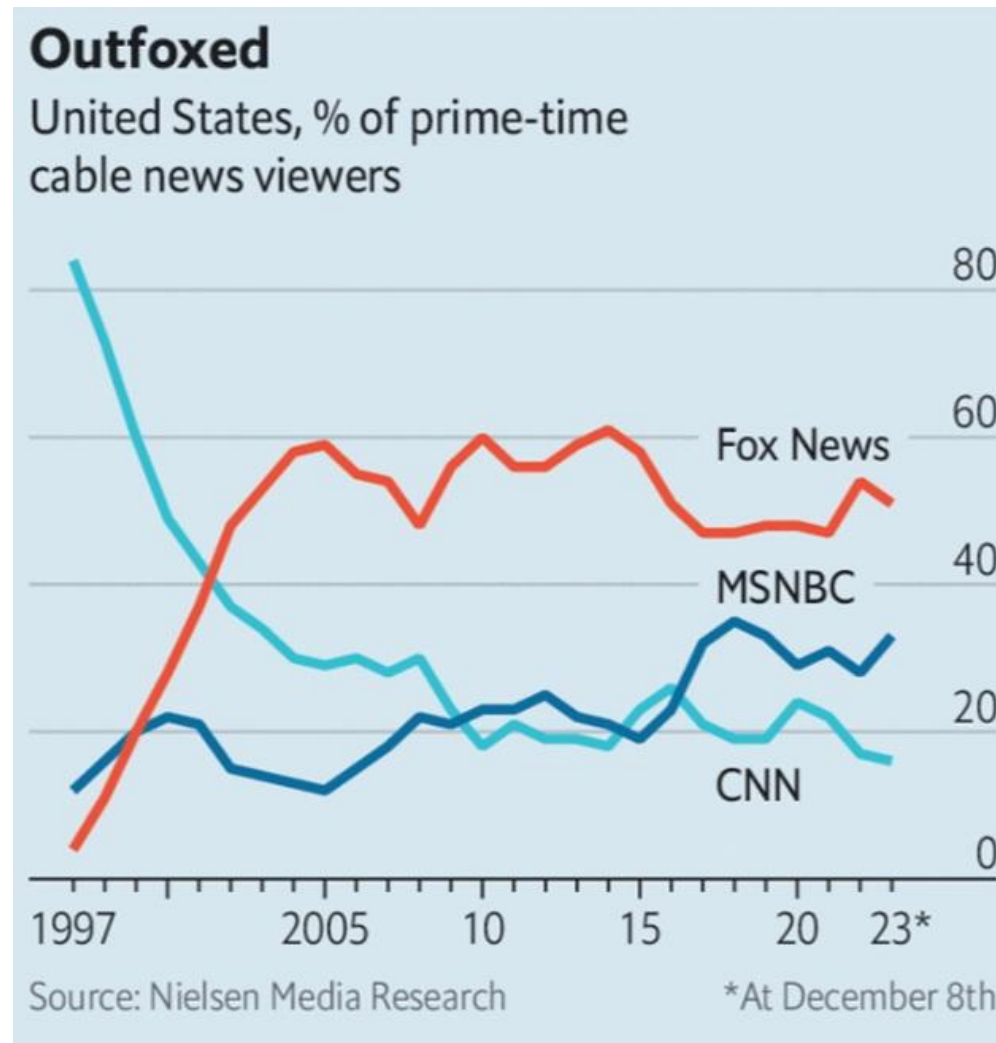
GDP per person
2023, \$



*Union territories

Source: National statistics

Top news channels of the USA (2023)



Alexei Navalny's death (2024)

06:35 Sat, Feb 17

BBC

LIVE Navalny's team says Russian authorities are hiding his body

A spokesperson for the Russian activist says he was murdered and accuses authorities of "trying to cover traces".

- Supporters' grief and defiance
- Putin's most vociferous critic
- Navalny's life in 'Polar Wolf' remote penal colony



The New York Times

Aleksei Navalny, Putin Critic, Dies in Prison, Russian Authorities Say

Mr. Navalny, 47, was the chief opposition figure in Russia and a critic of President Vladimir Putin. People close to Mr. Navalny have not confirmed his death.

4 MIN READ

LIVE Feb. 16

Navalny's Death Would Deprive Russia of Leading Opposition Voice

For more than a decade, the anticorruption campaigner Aleksei Navalny led the political opposition in Vladimir Putin's Russia.

See more updates **9**

A day ago, in his last public appearance, Aleksei Navalny seemed in good spirits.



Alexei Navalny's death (2024)

Crowds
chant
anti-
Putin
slogans
at
Navalny
funeral



Haiti (2024)



Haiti gangs threaten 'civil war' as unrest spreads

Gang leader "Barbecue" is stepping up this threats, demanding the ouster of the prime minister.

Turkey (2024)

Turkish elections: Opposition stuns Erdogan with historic victory

3/31/2024



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Iran bombs Israel (2024)

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WORLD NEWS

Israel says Iran launched more than 300 drones and missiles, 99% of which were intercepted



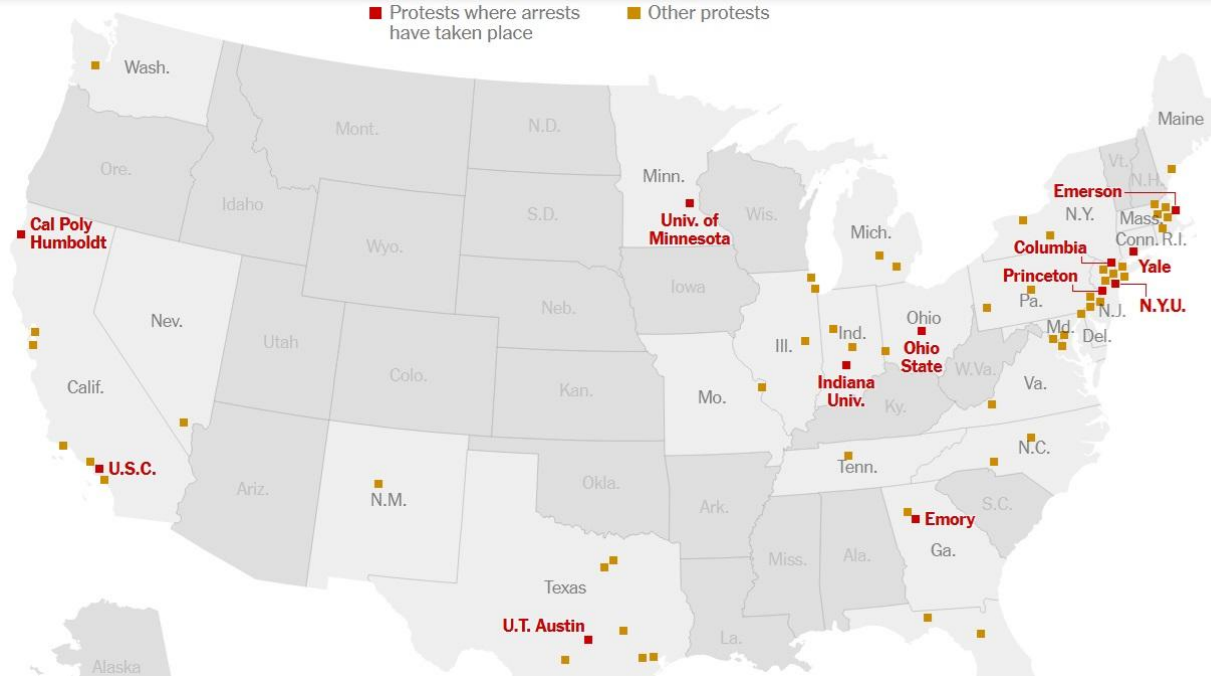
The New York Times

A Show of Might in the Skies Over Israel

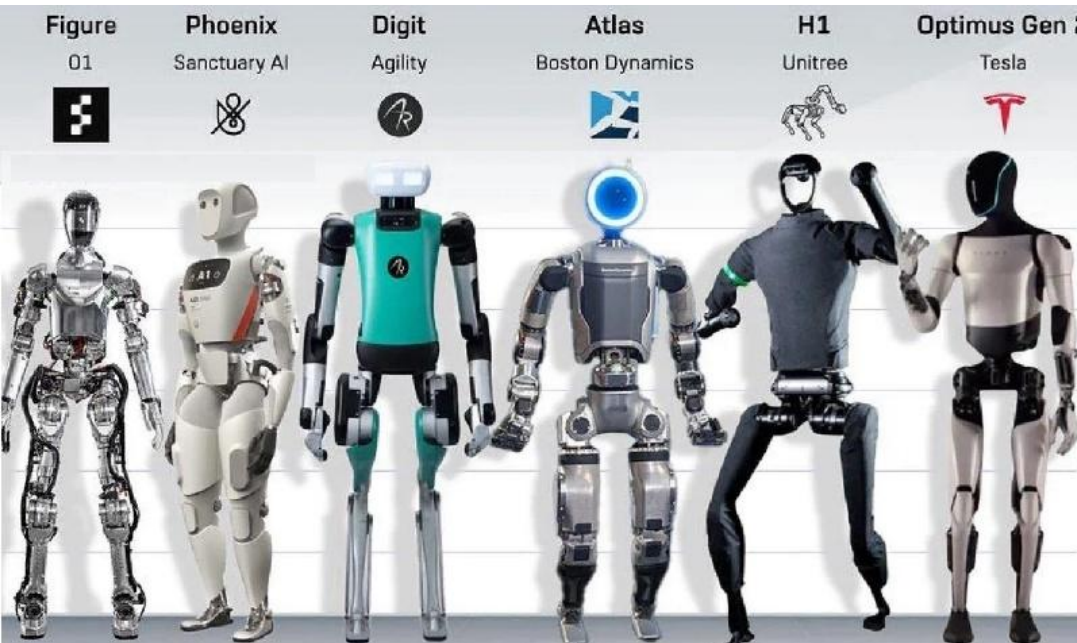
Iran's retaliation for Israel's killing of senior military leaders was a highly choreographed spectacle. But fears of a wider war still loom.



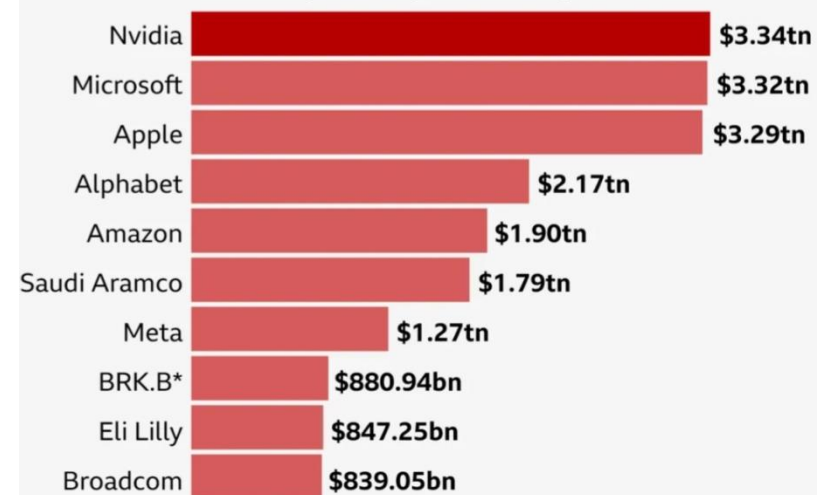
■ Protests where arrests have taken place ■ Other protests



AI boom (2024)



10 most valuable companies by market capitalisation



Assassination attempt against Donald Trump (2024)

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🟠 **LIVE** Trump safe but bloodied, and attacker dead, after shots fired at rally

Biden withdraws (2024)



BIDEN EXITS RACE, ENDORSES HARRIS AS NOMINEE



Live Updates: The president confirms he's decided to not seek reelection after weeks of mounting pressure from Democrats



Kamala Harris, first woman candidate to president of the USA (2024)



US Elections (2024)

Trump's wild and lewd rhetoric reaches a new extreme

Sun, October 20, 2024 at 9:10 PM PDT · 9 min read



US Elections and Media (2024)

- Franklin Roosevelt understood radio
- John Kennedy understood television
- Barack Obama understood social media
- Donald Trump understood reality TV and tweets (controversy = popularity)
- Kamala Harris is “meme-able” (age of clipped and remixed videos, TikTok)

Israel kills Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh



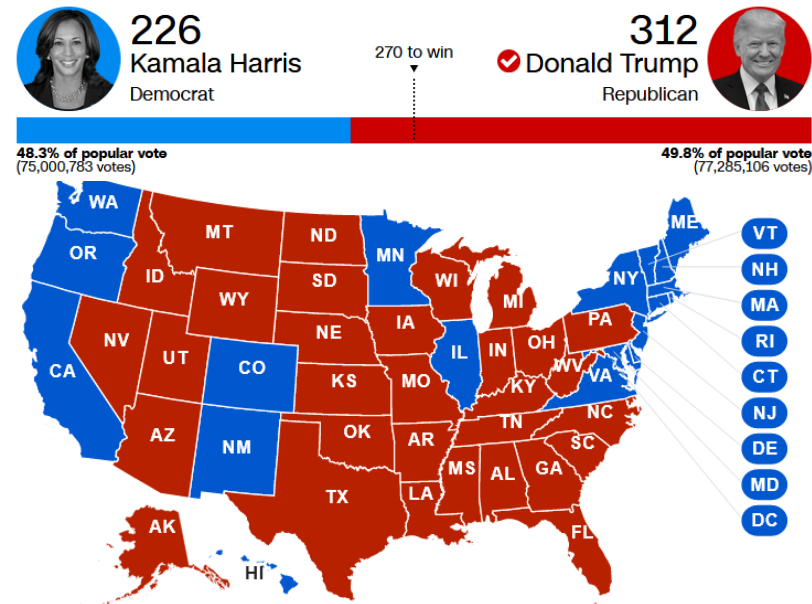
Revolution in Bangladesh

Bangladeshi PM Sheikh Hasina resigns as widening unrest sees protesters storm her official residence

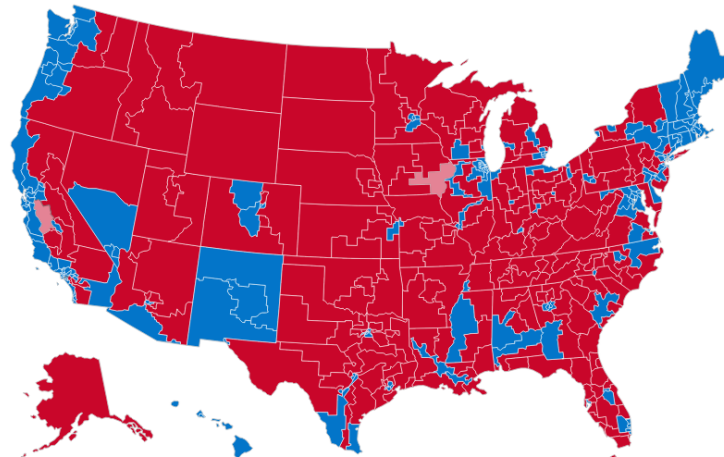
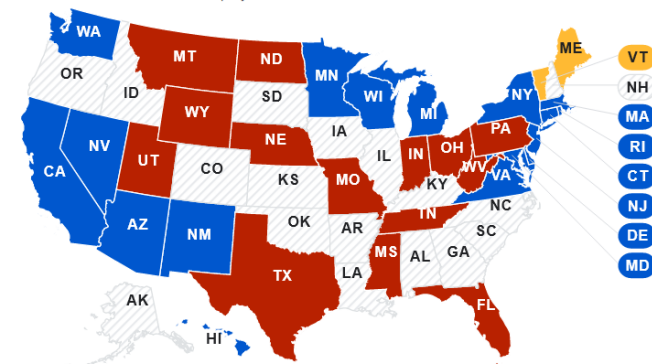
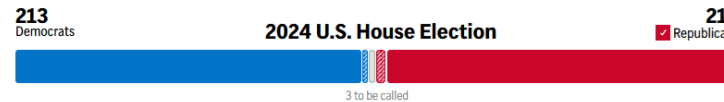
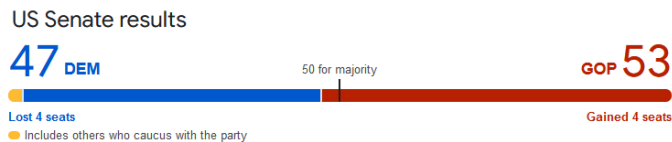
August 4, 2024,



Trump elected US president again



Fox News projects Donald Trump defeats Kamala Harris to become 47th president of the United States



The New York Times TRUMP STORMS BACK

Stunning Return to Power After Dark and Defiant Campaign

November 6, 2024

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FASCIST FUTURE

AMERICA ELECTS CONVICTED FELON TO BE PRESIDENT

Donald Trump easily defeated Kamala Harris to win a second term — which promises to be a more nakedly authoritarian continuation of his first

Israel vs Hezbollah

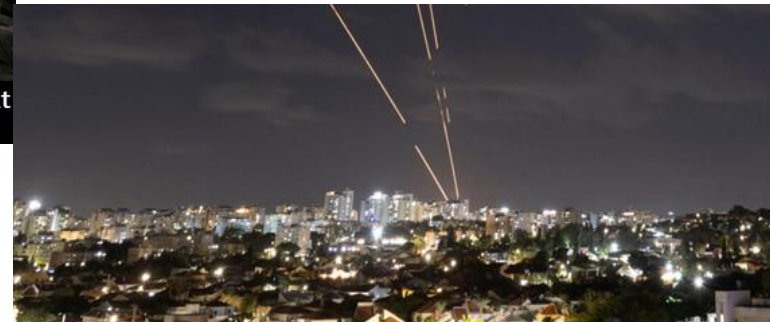
Lebanon: Twelve killed and 2,750 wounded after deadly pager blasts

Lebanese movement vows it will punish Israel after extraordinary attack on its members



Beirut rocked by multiple blasts as Israel says it attacked Hezbollah headquarters

CNN World
Israel killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut strike, group confirms
Sat September 28, 2024



Iran fires dozens of missiles into Israel in sharp escalation of regional conflict

Zhengzhou to Kaifeng bike ride

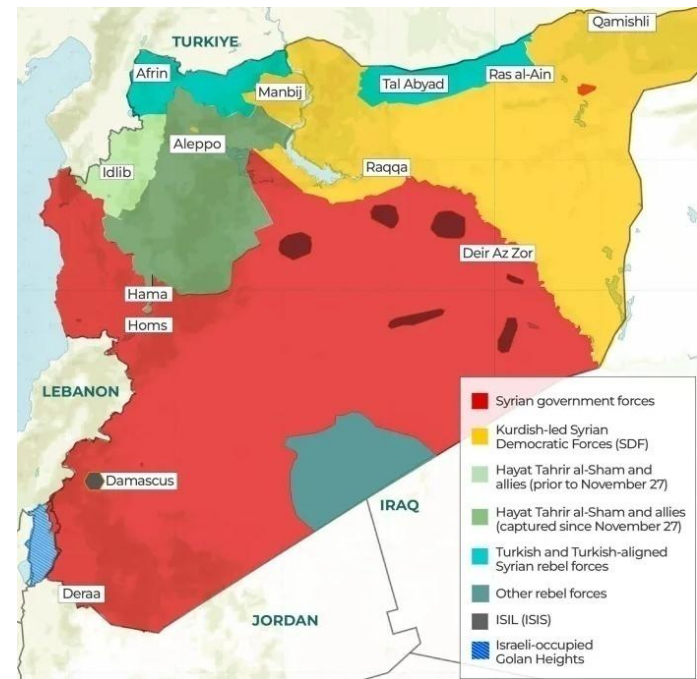


Syrian rebels topple Assad (Dec 2024)



BBC

LIVE Assad is in Moscow after fleeing Syria and will be given asylum, Russian state media report



Israel's fronts of 2024



Crises of 2024



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Gaza babies dying from the cold as winter temperatures drop



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Putin 'inhumane,' Zelensky says, as Russia pounds Ukrainian power grid on Christmas Day

By Svitlana Vlasova and Edward Szekeres, CNN

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The New York Times

Middle East Crisis >

The Latest

Gaza Cease-Fire Talks

Israel's

Israel Bombs Yemeni Airport and Ports After Houthi Missile Launches

The assault killed at least four people and injured 21 others, the state news agency in Yemen reported. The strikes came after a week of attacks by the Iran-backed militia.



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Sudan slides deeper into famine, experts say

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Trump threatens annexations of Greenland, Panama and Canada

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Trump ramps up threats to gain control of Greenland and Panama Canal



NBC NEWS

Trump suggests he could use military force to acquire Panama Canal and Greenland and 'economic force' to annex Canada

He has repeatedly quipped in recent weeks that Canada should become the 51st state.



Jan 2025: Los Angeles fires

An overview of the current fires



Source: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
(8 Jan, 7:30 pm local time)



Jan 2025: DeepSeek

07:06 Mon, Jan 27



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BREAKING

Stocks Sink as Investors Worried About China's A.I. Advances

A wave of panic hit technology stocks on Monday as investors rattled by fears that A.I. advances by China could threaten global moneymaking power.

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How a Chinese A.I. Start-Up Is Competing With Silicon Valley Giants

DeepSeek built a cheaper, competitive chatbot with fewer high-end computer chips than Google and OpenAI, showing the limits of chip export control.

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Seth Wenig / Associated Press

Jan 2025: Elon Musk in Trump's government



Elon Musk received a standing ovation for his efforts to overhaul the government and slash federal spending.

Feb 2025: Zelenski-Trump quarrel

CNN Politics

Fri February 28, 2025

Trump and Zelensky news conference canceled after heated meeting



CNN

Zelensky leaves Trump meeting early after shouting match

- Trump and Vance erupt at Zelensky in tense Oval Office meeting
- A Russian state media reporter gained entry to the Oval Office for Trump-Zelensky sit-down
- 'A coward who is Vladimir Putin's puppet': Rep. Moulton on Oval Office meeting

April 2025: Protests in Turkey



April 2025: Trump's tariffs



Gaza Genocide (2024-25)



Israeli forces kill 51 Palestinians waiting for flour at Gaza aid site, witnesses and rescuers say 6/17/2025



Gaza Genocide (2024-25)

31 killed, 200+ wounded

Sunday 1 June

Gaza's health ministry says 31 killed after Israeli tanks open fire at an aid centre near Rafah. Doctors say around 200 people arrived at hospital with gunshot and shrapnel injuries. The GHF says the reports are "fabricated", the IDF calls them "false".

27 killed, 37 wounded

Tuesday 3 June

Gaza's Hamas-run civil defence agency says Israeli tanks, quadcopter drones and helicopters opened fire on civilians near an aid site, killing 27. Thirty seven arrived at a local hospital with gunshot injuries, according to the hospital director. The IDF says troops fired shots at suspects "deviating from designated access routes".

57 killed, 200+ injured

Wednesday 11 June

Gaza's health ministry says 57 people were killed near the Rafah aid distribution centre, and local hospitals say more than 200 were injured. The civil defence agency says Israeli forces opened fire, amid reports some were crushed by lorries or shot by Palestinians. The Israeli military says it is looking into the reports from Rafah.

21 killed, nearly 300 injured

Thursday 12 June

The Gaza ministry of health reports 21 killed at aid distribution sites and nearly 300 injured. The IDF tells the BBC troops fired warning shots at a gathering which "posed a threat", but it disputes the number of casualties.

26 killed, 117 injured

Sunday 15 June

The Gaza health ministry reports 26 people killed at aid distribution sites and 117 injured in a 24-hour period. The civil defence agency said 16 people were killed and 50 injured by Israeli forces. The IDF says it is not aware of gunshots at one site and looking into events at another.

30+ killed

Monday 16 June

At least 30 Palestinians are killed by Israeli gunfire near aid distribution sites operated by the GHF, the Gaza health ministry says. The IDF tells the BBC its troops fired warning shots at suspects approaching them and posing a threat.

51 killed

Tuesday 17 June

Israeli forces kill more than 51 Palestinians and wound many more after opening fire near an aid distribution site in southern Gaza, witnesses and rescuers say. The Israeli military tells the BBC it is looking into the reports.

Gaza Genocide (2024-25)

23 killed, 100+ wounded

Friday 20 June

Israeli tanks and drones kill 23 Palestinians after opening fire on crowds who had gathered near an aid distribution site, witnesses and medics say. There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military.

At least 46 killed, dozens injured

Tuesday 24 June

At least 46 people waiting for aid are killed by Israeli fire and 150 injured in two incidents in central and southern Gaza, according to rescuers and hospitals. The IDF says it will review details of reports, the GHF denies incidents at its sites.

Israeli strike on Gaza seafront cafe kills at least 20 Palestinians, witnesses and rescuers say

Monday, June 30, 2025

At least 81 people killed in Israeli strikes in Gaza

June 28

Israeli strike at Gaza market kills 18 Palestinians, doctor and witnesses say

June 26

Israeli forces kill 67 Palestinians seeking aid in northern Gaza

July 20, 2025

Israeli strikes kill dozens in Gaza including civilians seeking aid, health workers say

September 27



People flee Gaza City on Tuesday, as Israel launched a ground incursion.

Gaza Genocide (2024-25)

Israeli strikes in Gaza kill 104, health ministry says, after Hamas accused of killing soldier

10/29/2025



Pope Francis dies (2025)

• LIVE UPDATES

CNN World

The latest on the death of Pope Francis as tributes pour in worldwide

By [Antoinette Radford](#), [Maureen Chowdhury](#), [Christopher Lamb](#), [Christian Edwards](#), Issy Ronald and [Aditi Sangal](#), CNN

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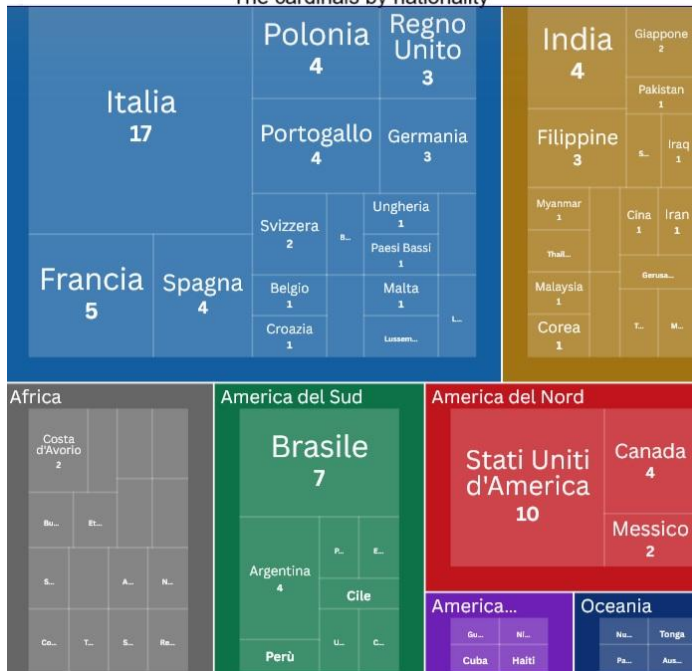
Pope Leone XIV (2025)

The New York Times

An American Is Elected Pope for the First Time



The cardinals by nationality



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Trump sends military troops to Los Angeles (2025)



Newsom Tells Nation That Trump Is Destroying American Democracy

Gov. Gavin Newsom of California called on Americans to stand up to President Trump in a nationally televised address.



Anti-ICE protests (2025)

Hundreds of protesters across the U.S. were arrested last night



Other protests across the US

June 11, 2025

BBC



No Kings protests (2025)

Map shows 1,800 US cities hosting 'No Kings Day' protests this weekend to rally against Trump's military parade



Israel bombs Iran (June 2025)



War in Ukraine (2025)

Ukrainian drones hidden in trucks target Russian air bases across the country 1 June,



Russia's deadliest attack on Kyiv for months kills 15 and wounds dozens

6/17/2025

Vera Rubin Observatory (2025)



USA strikes boats in open seas (2025)

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US kills 6 people in strike on boat accused of carrying drugs near Venezuela, Trump says

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The U.S. military killed 14 more people accused of smuggling drugs on boats, Hegseth says.



Madagascar Protests (Oct 2025)



Madagascar's president has left the country after Gen Z protests



Elite Madagascar military unit says it has seized power

Georgia Protests (Oct 2025)

Georgia protesters try to storm Tbilisi presidential palace

No Kings Protests against Trump (2025)



Artificial Intelligence (2025)

Jerome Powell says the AI hiring apocalypse is real: 'Job creation is pretty close to zero'

October 30, 2025



US invasion of Venezuela (Jan 2026)

Trump says US will 'run' Venezuela until 'judicious transition' following capture of Maduro

Updated 2:43 PM EST, Sat January 3, 2026



Iran protests (Jan 2026)



**Iran supreme leader
acknowledges thousands killed
during recent protests**

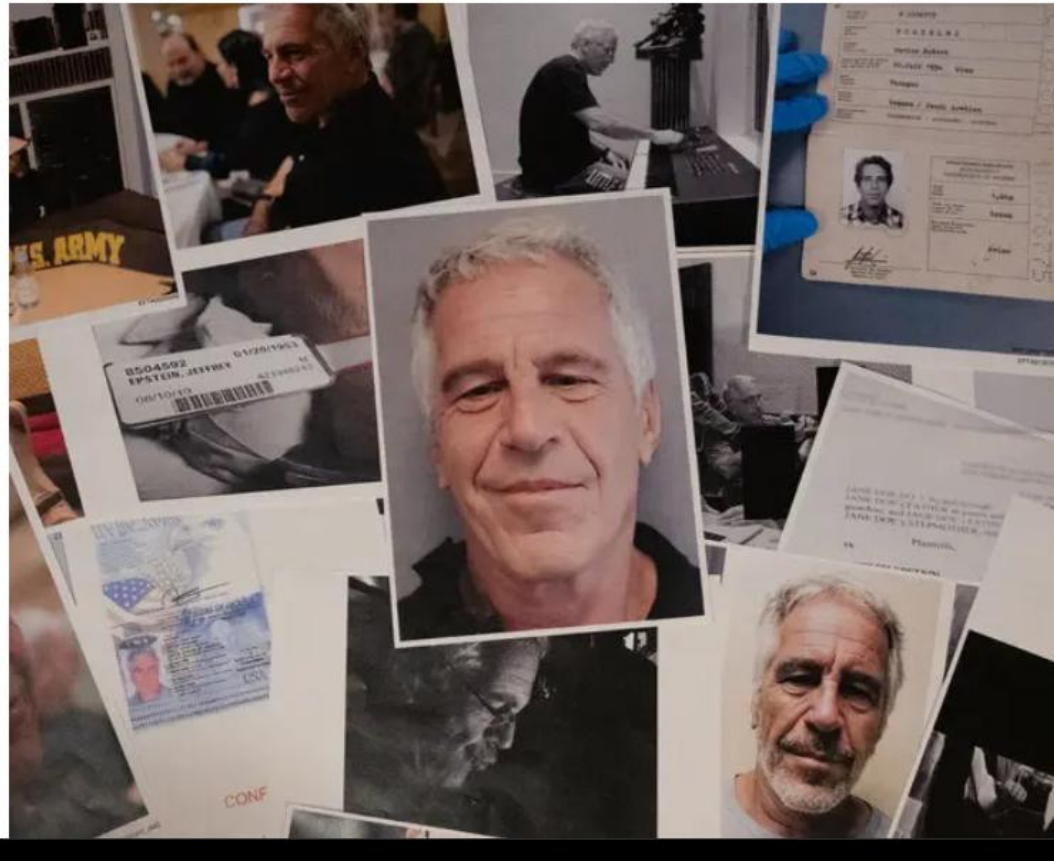


Epstein Files (Jan 2026)

Epstein Revelations Stir Chaos From Scandinavia to South Asia

Disclosures in the documents have reverberated around the world, leading to resignations and the threat of legal charges beyond borders.

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Jaw-Dropping Number of Times Trump Is Named in Epstein Files



USA and Israel attack Iran (Feb 2026)

The New York Times

U.S. AND ISRAEL ATTACK IRAN Trump Calls for Overthrow of Government

Satellite imagery showed extensive damage at the compound of Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.



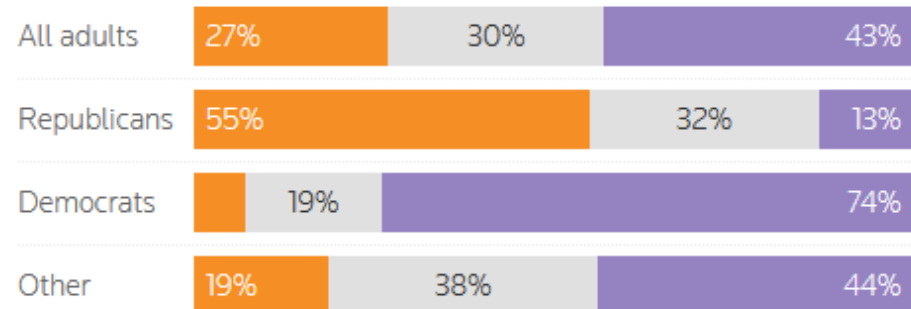
BREAKING: Israel Reportedly Believes Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei Has Been Killed



Do Americans approve of Trump's attack on Iran?

Reuters/Ipsos survey of 1,282 U.S. adults on Feb. 28 - March 1

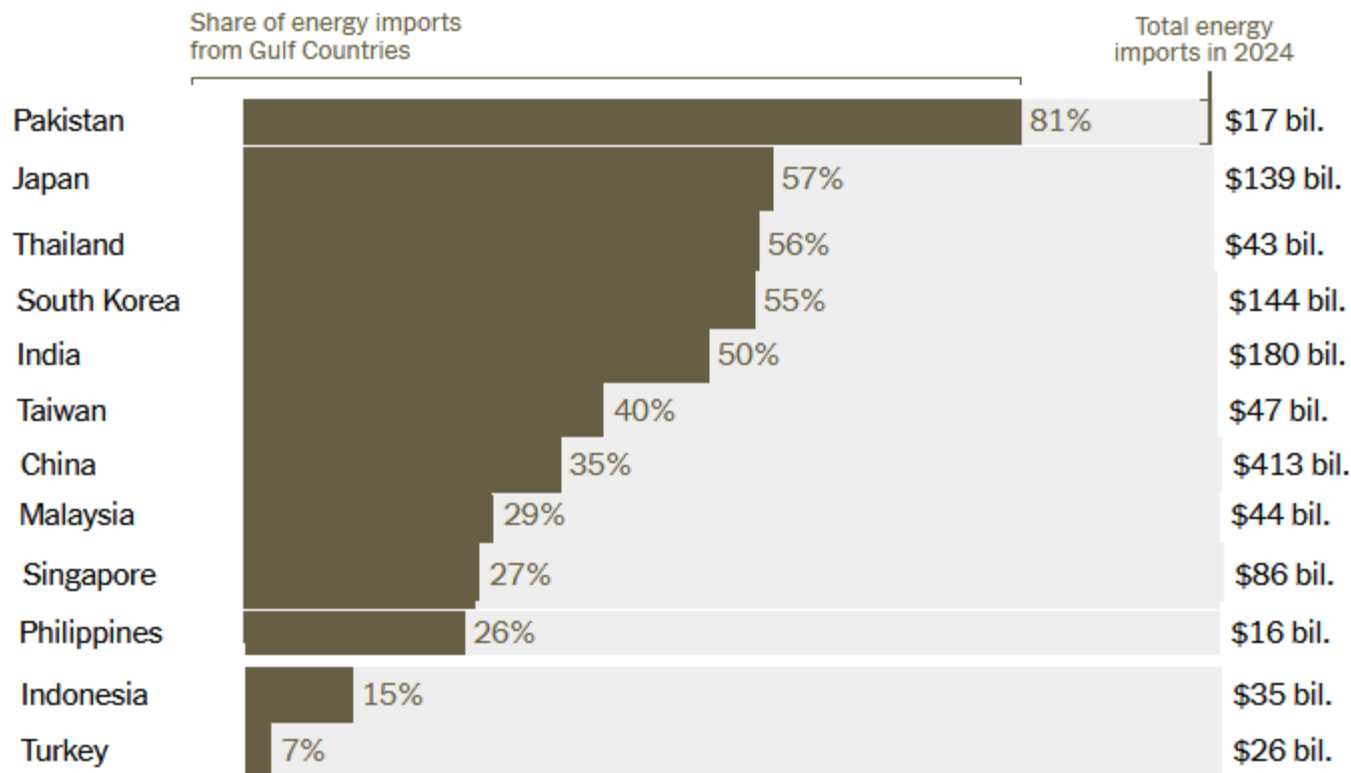
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USA and Israel attack Iran (Feb 2026)

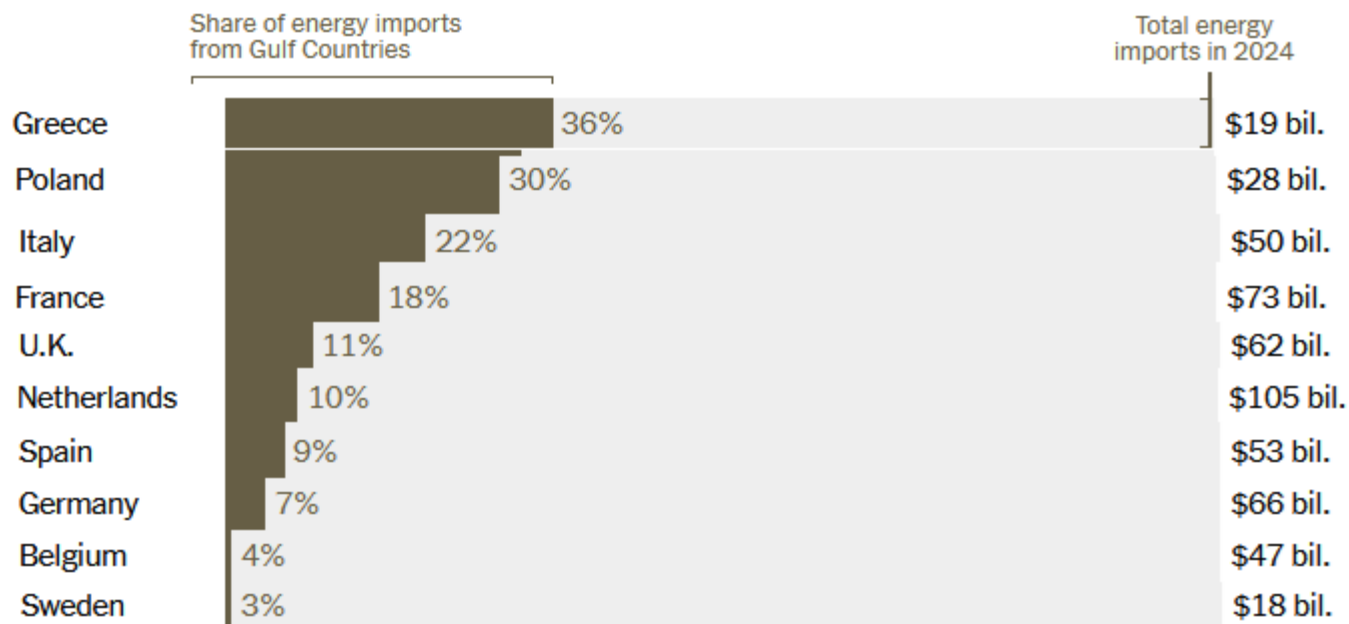
- Iran closes the straight of Hormuz
- Asian countries are the most affected

Asian countries are the biggest buyers of Persian Gulf energy



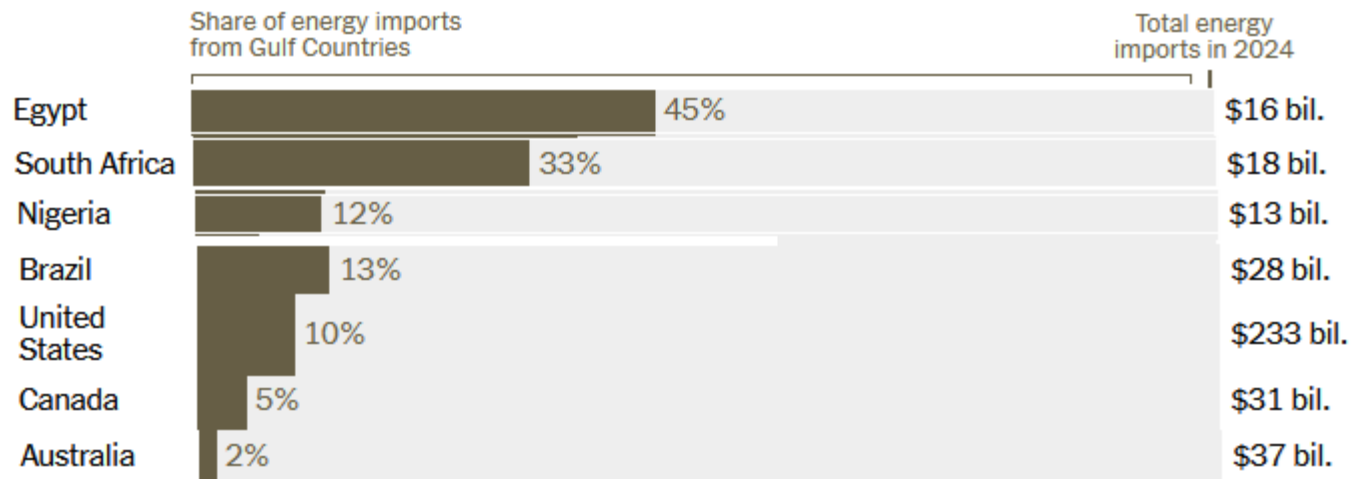
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Share of energy imports from Gulf Countries imports and total energy import in 2024

Japan 57% out of \$139 bil.

Thailand 56% \$43 bil.

South Korea 55% \$144 bil.

India 50% \$180 bil.

Taiwan 40% \$47 bil.

China 35% \$413 bil.

Malaysia 29% \$44 bil.

Singapore 27% \$86 bil.

Philippines 20% \$16 bil.

Indonesia 15% \$35 bil.

Turkey 7% \$26 bil.

Brazil 13% \$28 bil.

United States 10% \$233 bil.

Canada 5% \$31 bil.

Australia 2% \$37 bil.

Greece 36% \$19 bil.

Poland 30% \$28 bil.

Italy 22% \$50 bil.

France 18% \$73 bil.

U.K. 11% \$62 bil.

Netherlands 10% \$105 bil.

Spain 9% \$53 bil.

Germany 7% \$66 bil.

Belgium 4% \$47 bil.

Sweden 3% \$18 bil.

Egypt 45%: \$16 bil

South Africa A 33°. \$18 bil.

Nigeria a 12° \$13 bil.

USA and Israel attack Iran (Mar 2026)

“No Kings” marches in USA against Trump



‘No Kings’ protests held to rally against Trump administration March 28, 2026

Russia and China (2026)

China

- 1.4 billion people
- \$18.7 trillion GNP
- \$13.3K per capita
- Bordering powers: India, Japan, Russia

Putin's obsession
- Ukraine

Xi's obsession
- Taiwan

Russia

- 146 million people
- \$2.1 trillion GNP
- \$14.7K per capita
- Bordering powers: NATO, China

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