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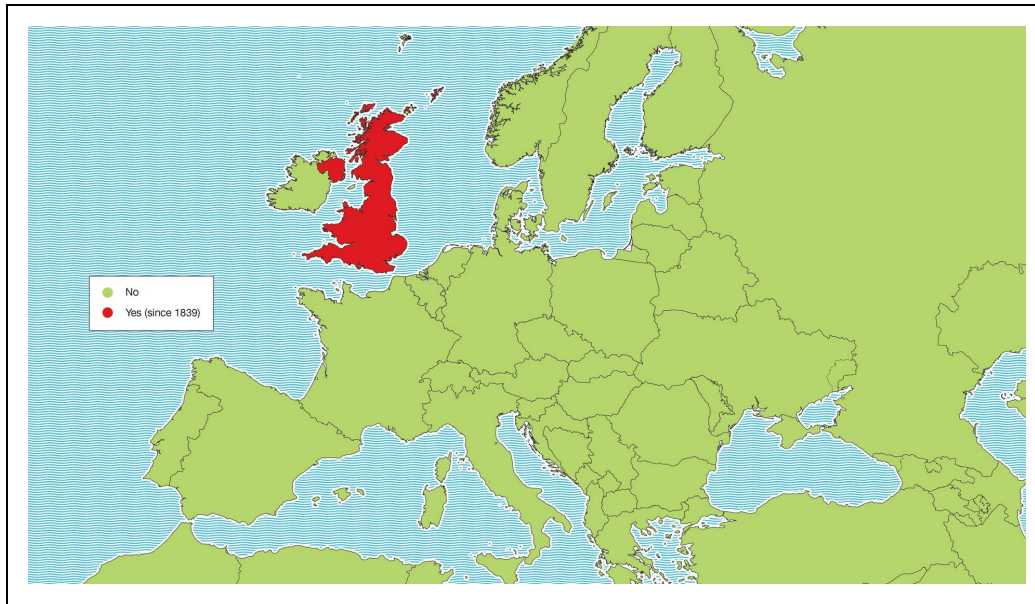
Welcome to the world of Terrible Maps, where geographical accuracy takes a backseat and getting lost is practically guaranteed. This book is a collection of maps ranging from humorously inaccurate to completely absurd, where stereotypes are exposed and quirks are celebrated. If you're looking for highly accurate, politically correct and meticulously researched cartography, then you've come to the wrong place. However, if you're ready to embrace the unconventional and indulge in the amusingly terrible side of mapping then keep reading. Whether you are a geography enthusiast, lover of satire or simply looking to purchase a gift for someone that you don't like very much, this book is for you.

Terrible Maps emerged on social media in 2015 as a spin-off from Amazing Maps. After posting interesting, sensible, factual maps on social media for a few years as Amazing Maps it became clear that humans inherently like to whine because every comment section was full of complaints, arguments and general negative feedback. I was struck with an idea. Why not post maps that aren't meant to be good, that defy rational criticism, that transcend the boundaries of 'right' or 'wrong'? Terrible Maps was born.

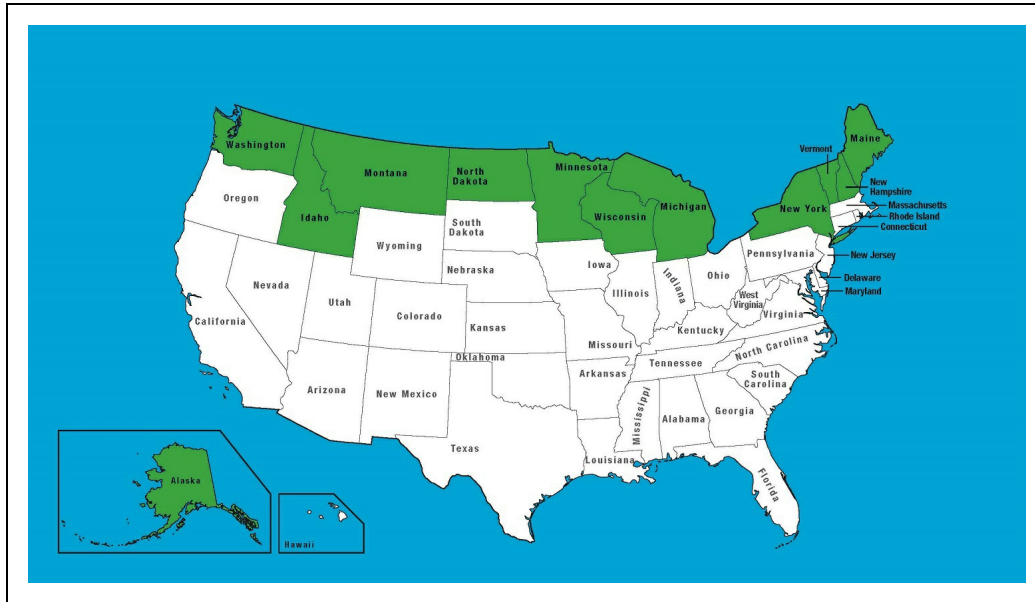
Initially created as nothing more than a joke, the global thirst for terrible maps has been phenomenal. Across Twitter, Instagram and Facebook there are now more than 2.8 million followers of Terrible Maps at the time of writing – no wonder the world seems so lost!

Within these pages, I present to you a condensed assortment of some of the most terrible maps ever conceived. Fasten your seatbelts and grab your compass as we embark on a fun-filled journey that will challenge your notions of scale and sense of direction, and remind you never to take a map too seriously.

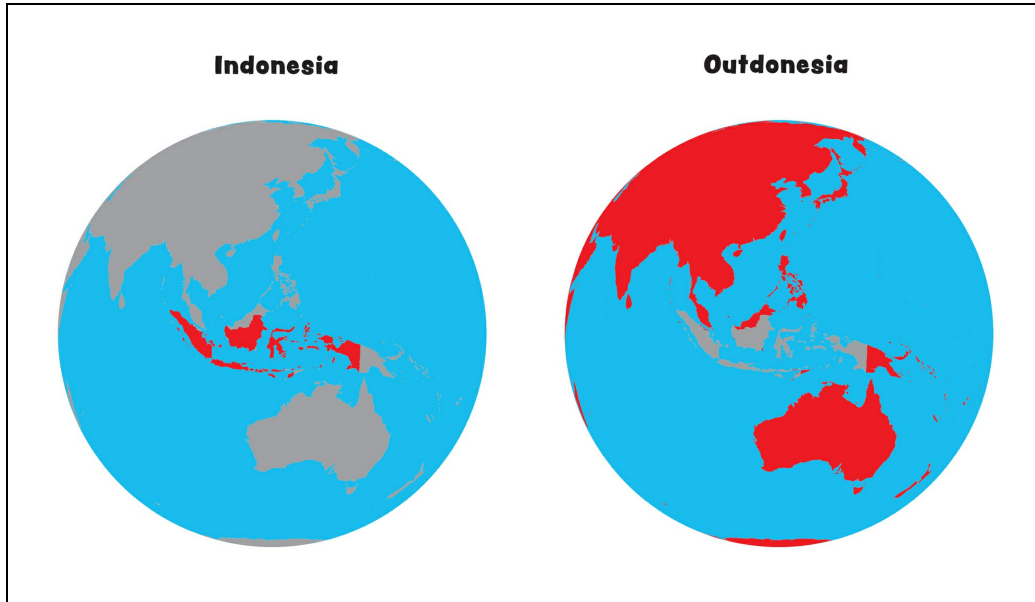
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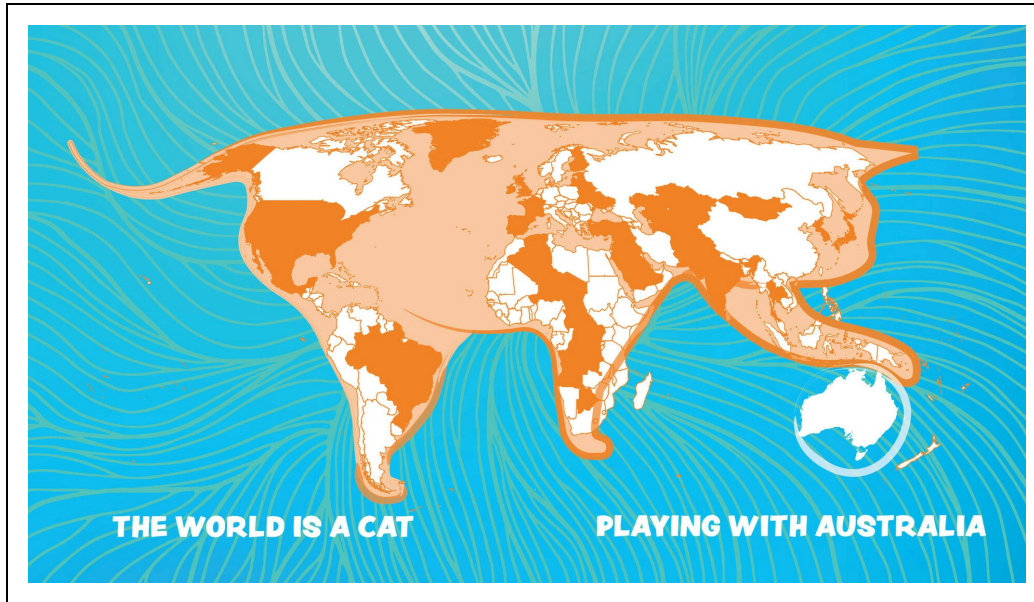
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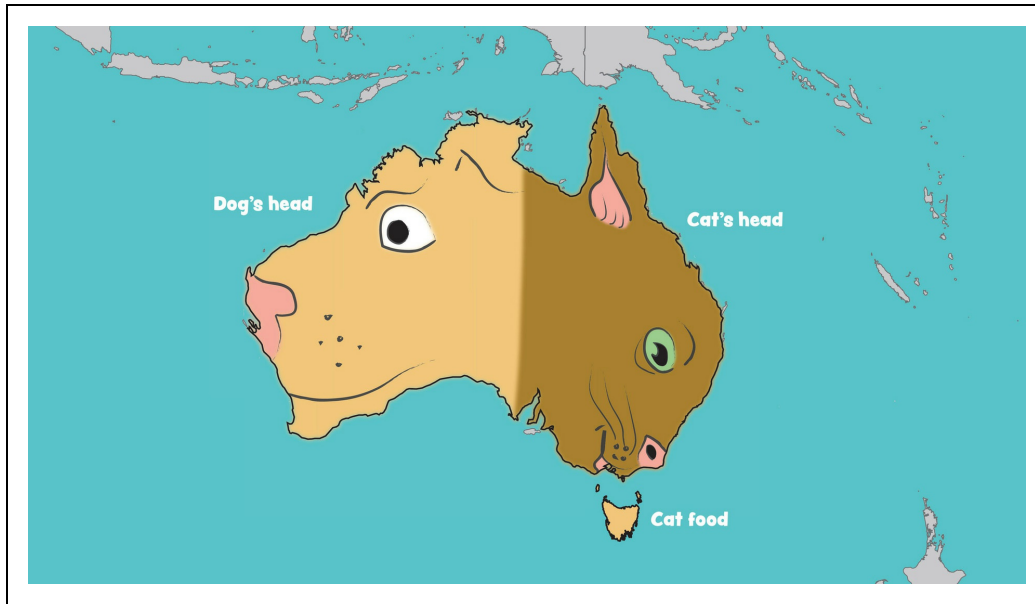
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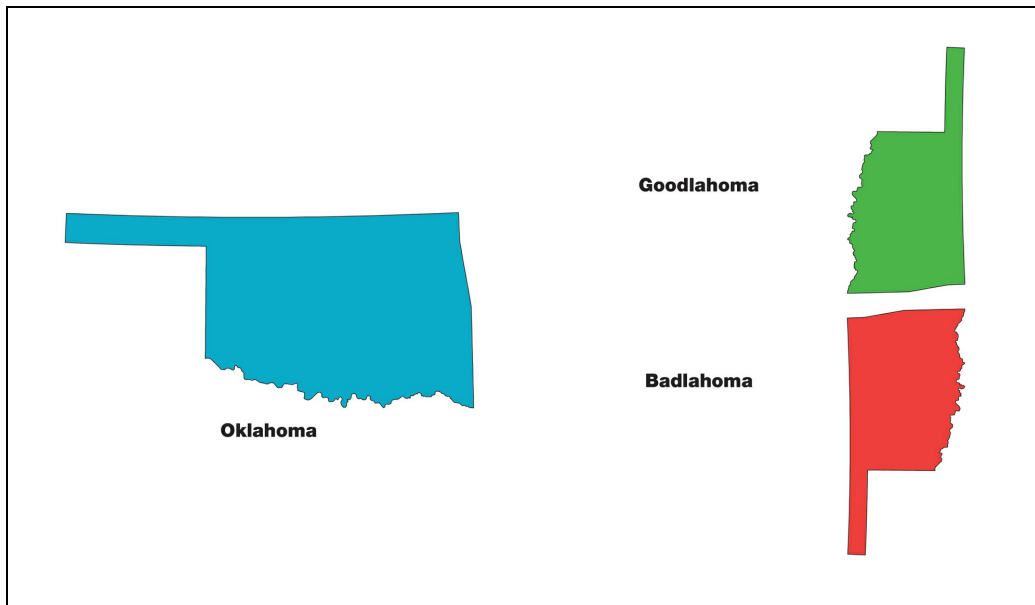
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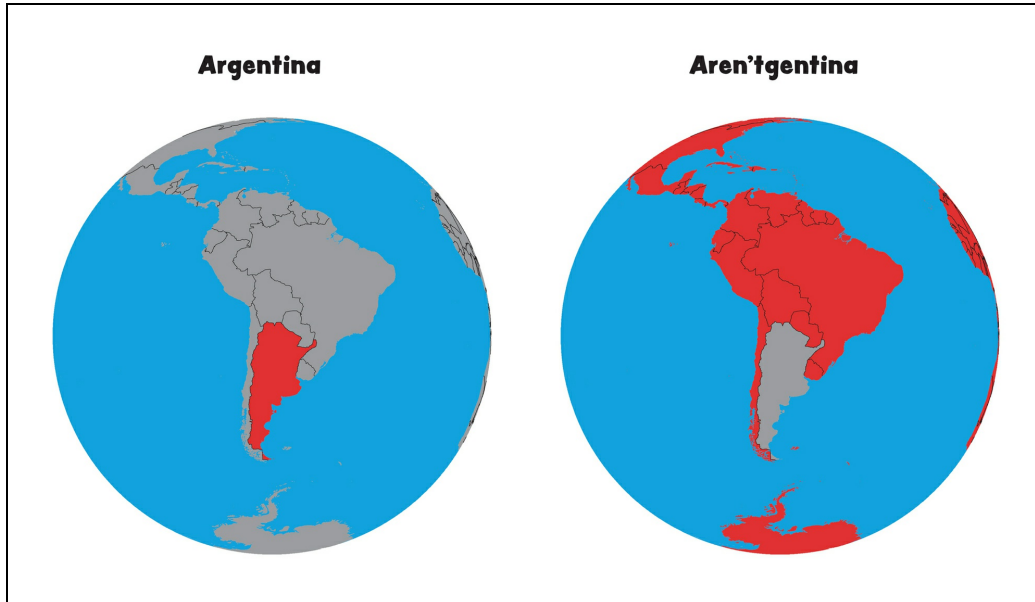
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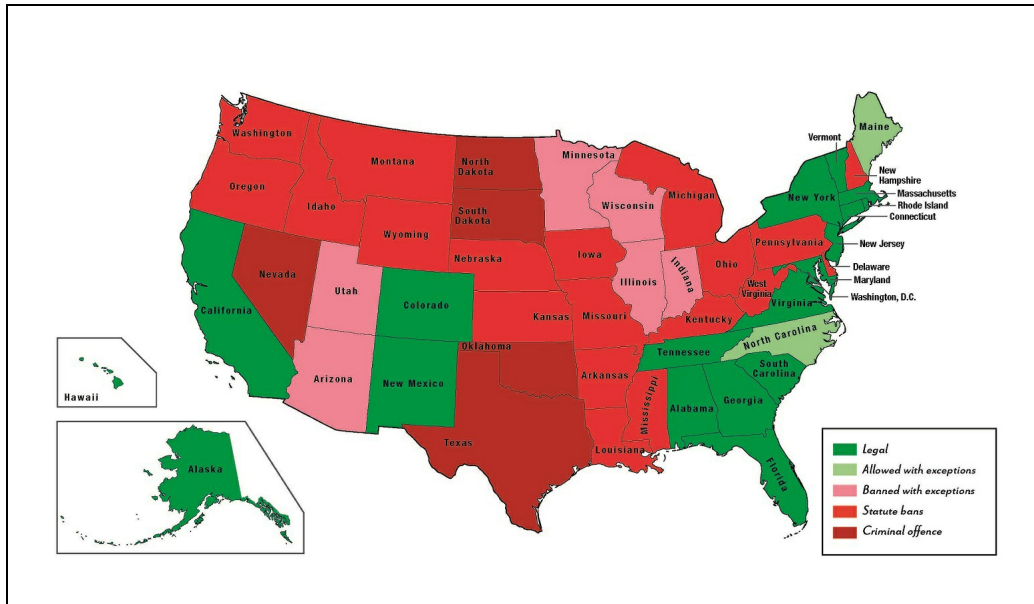
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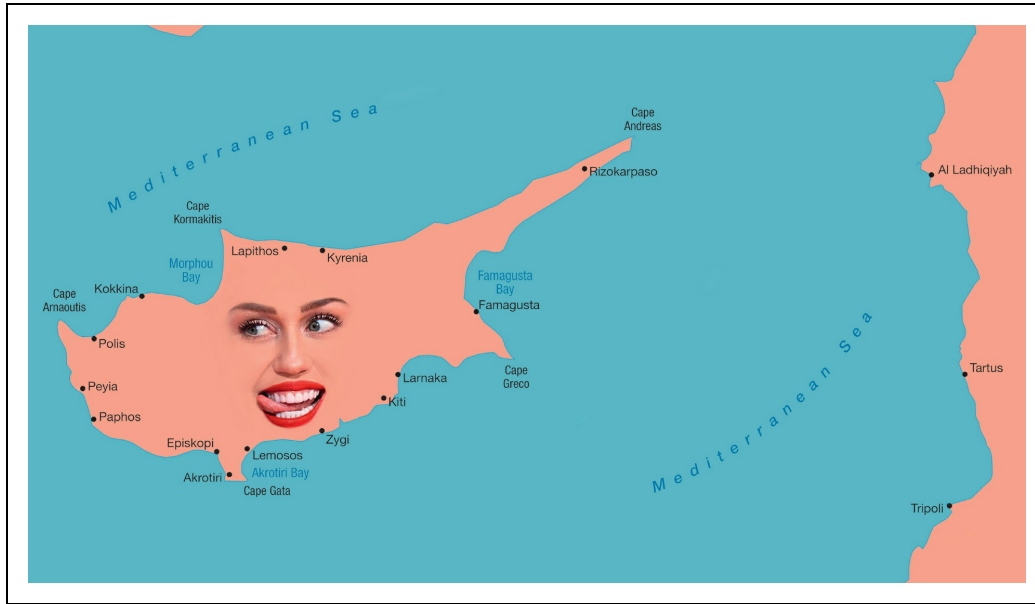
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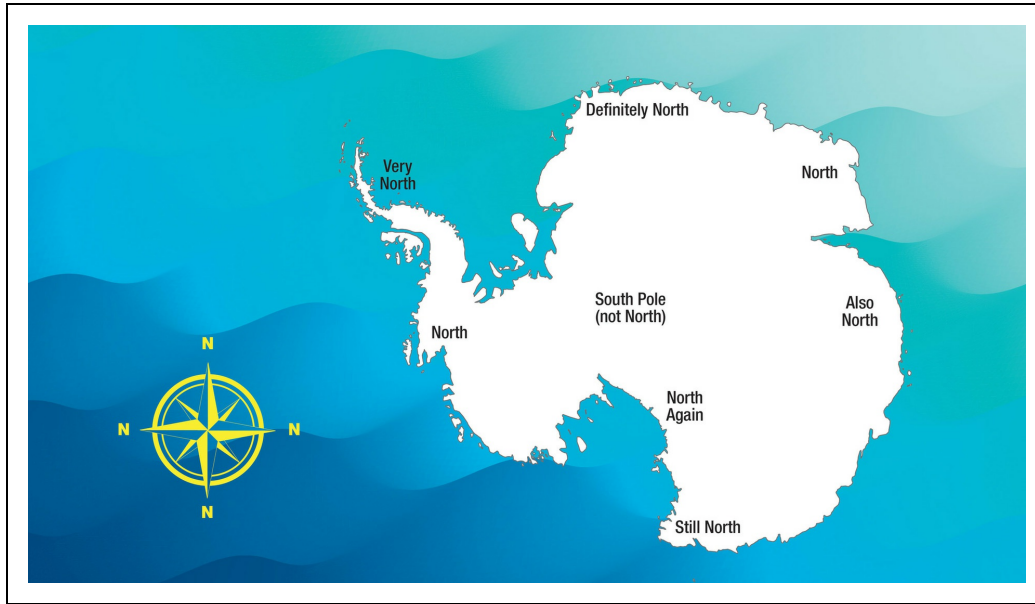
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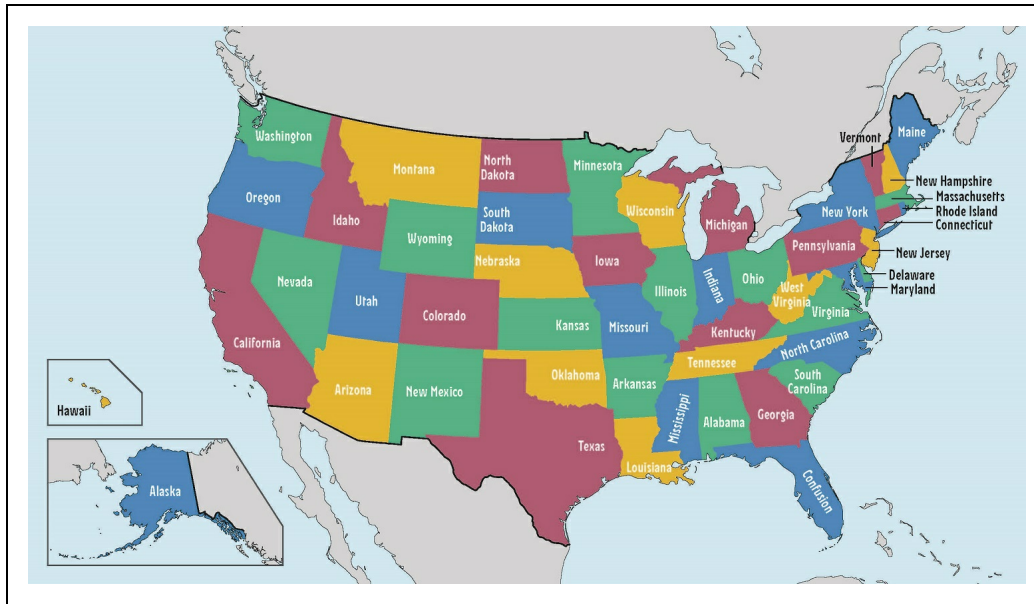
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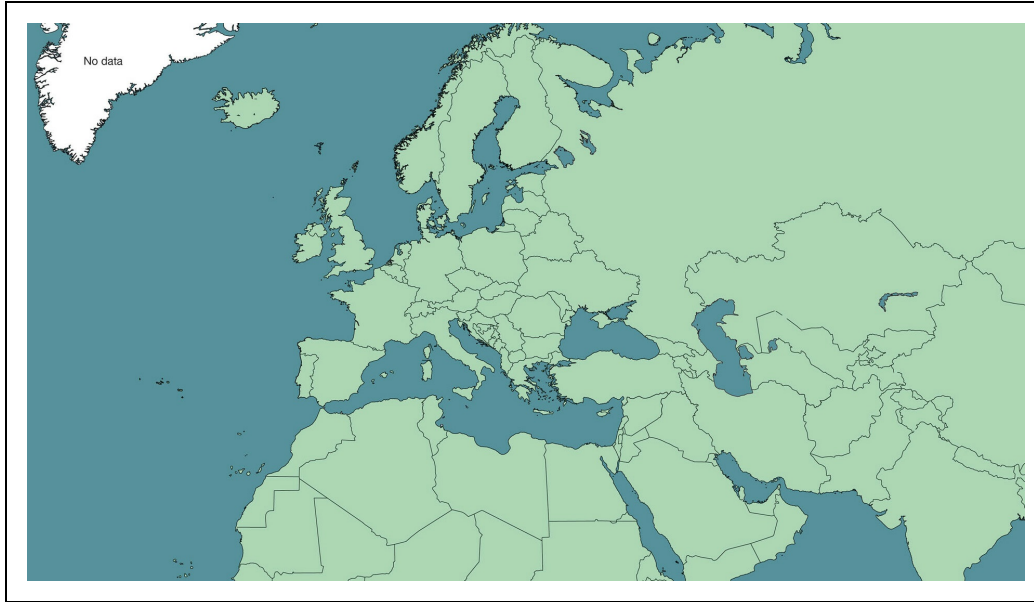
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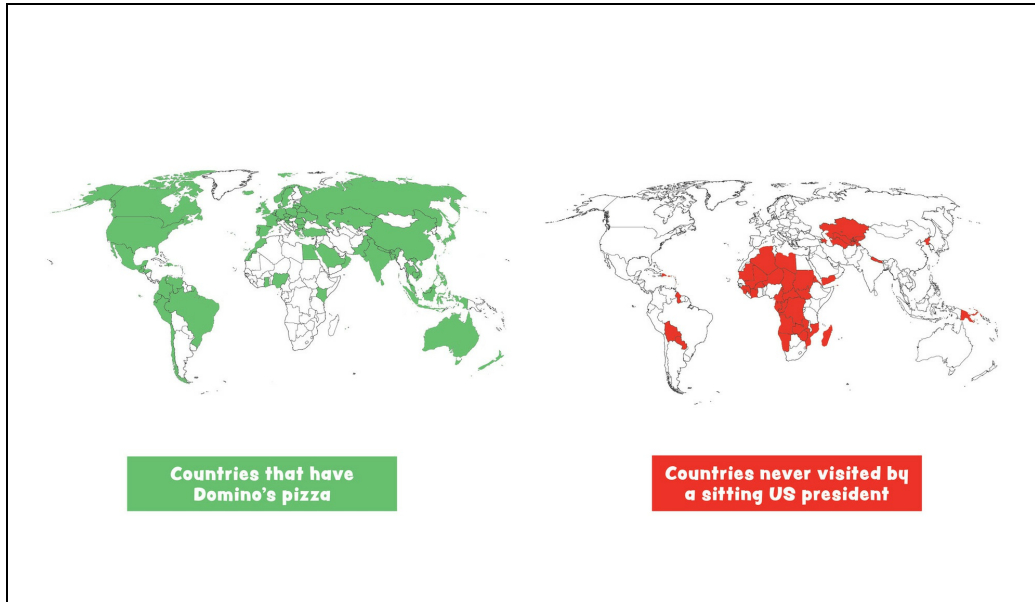
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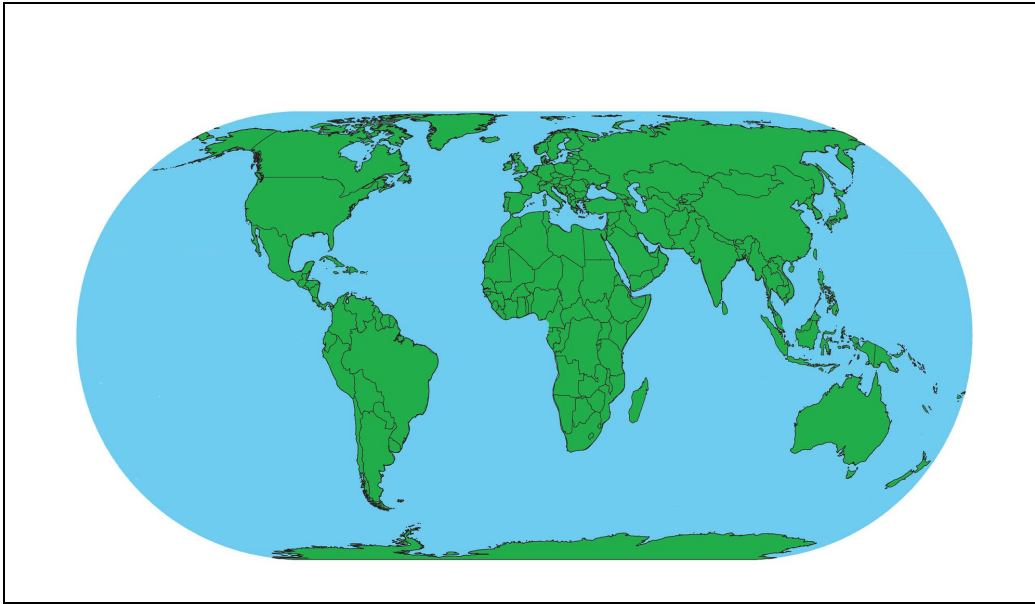
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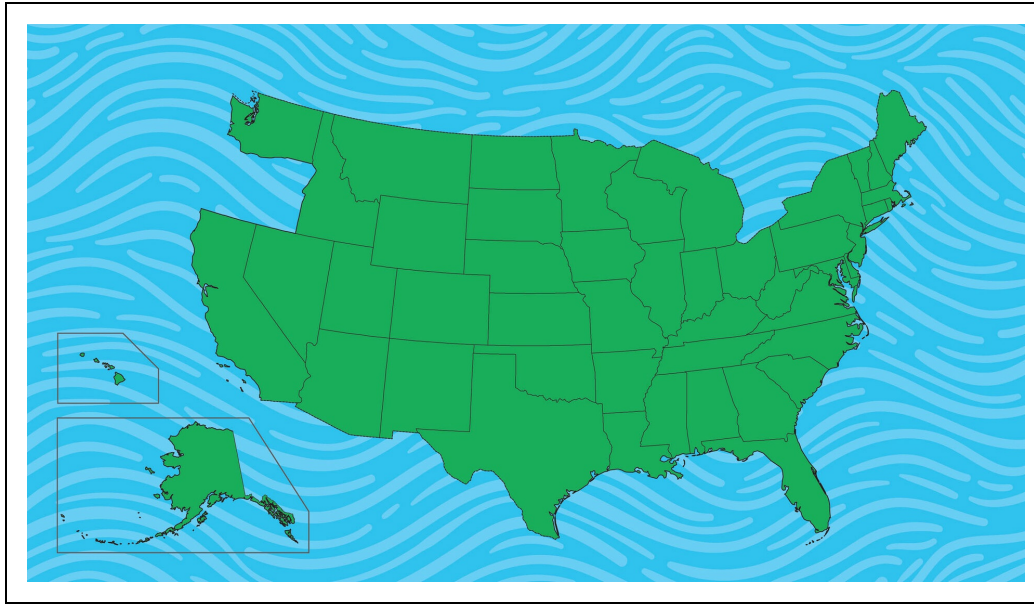
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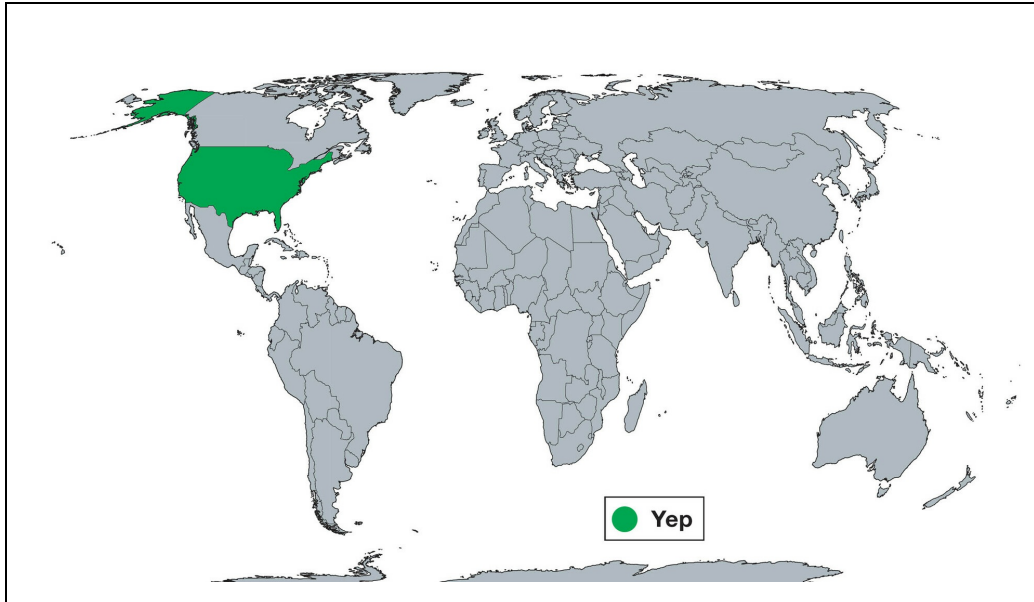
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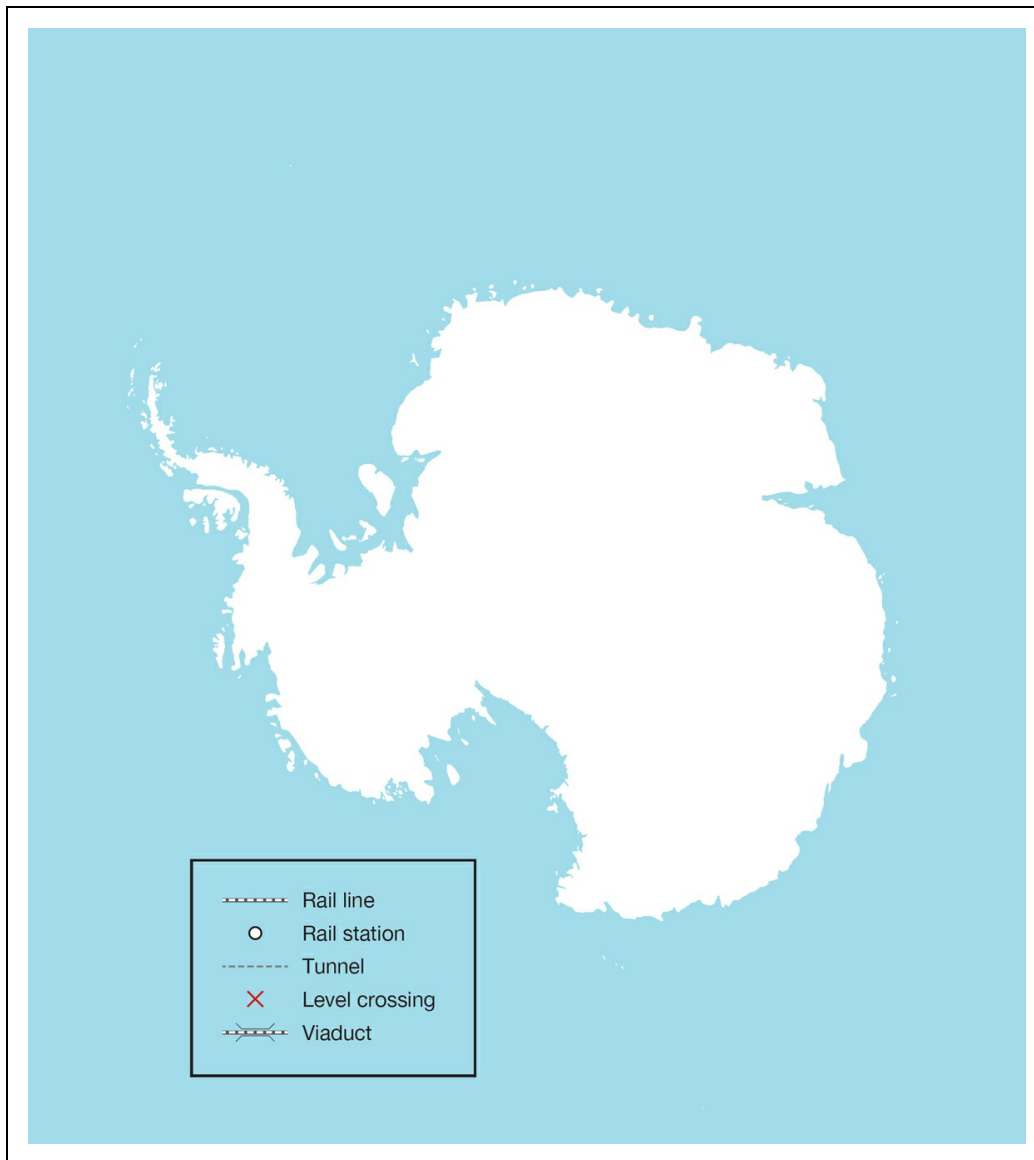
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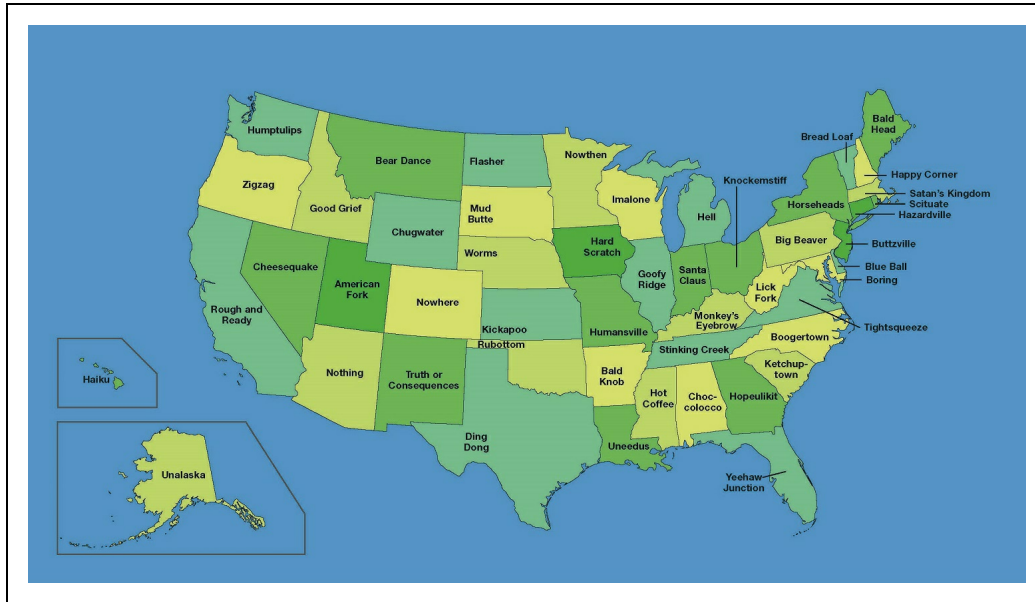
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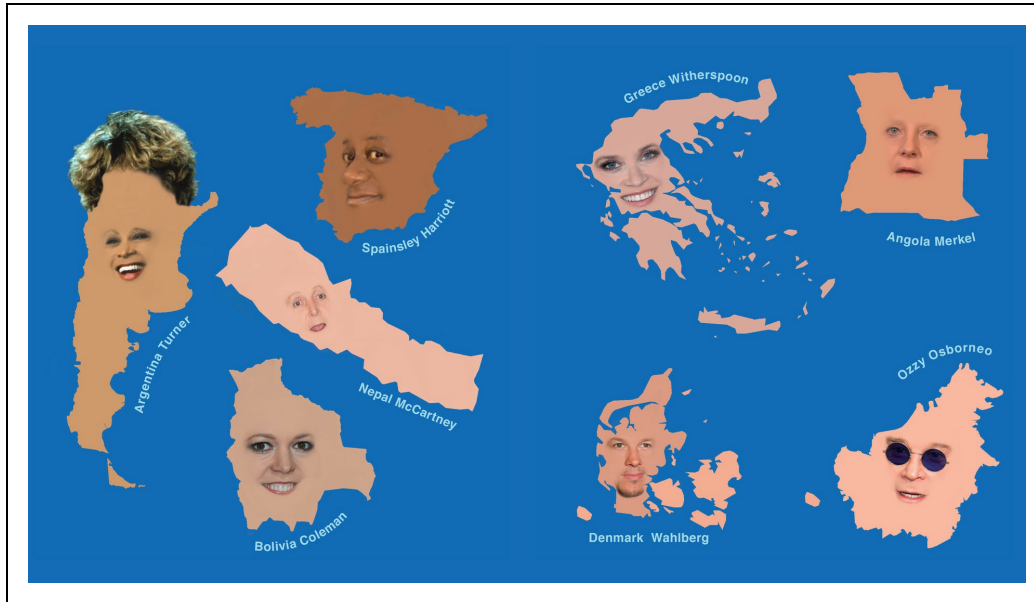
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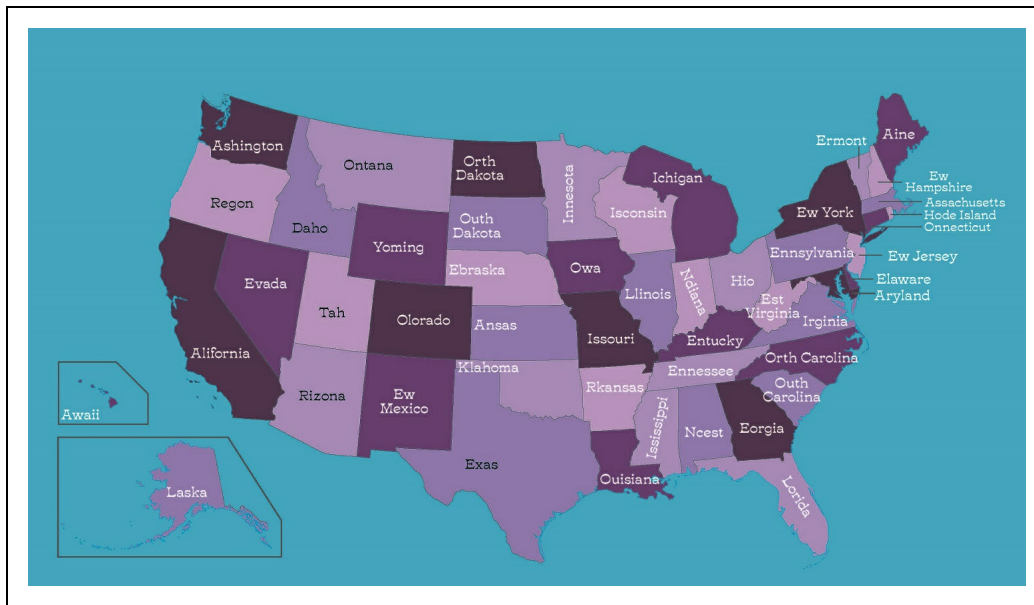
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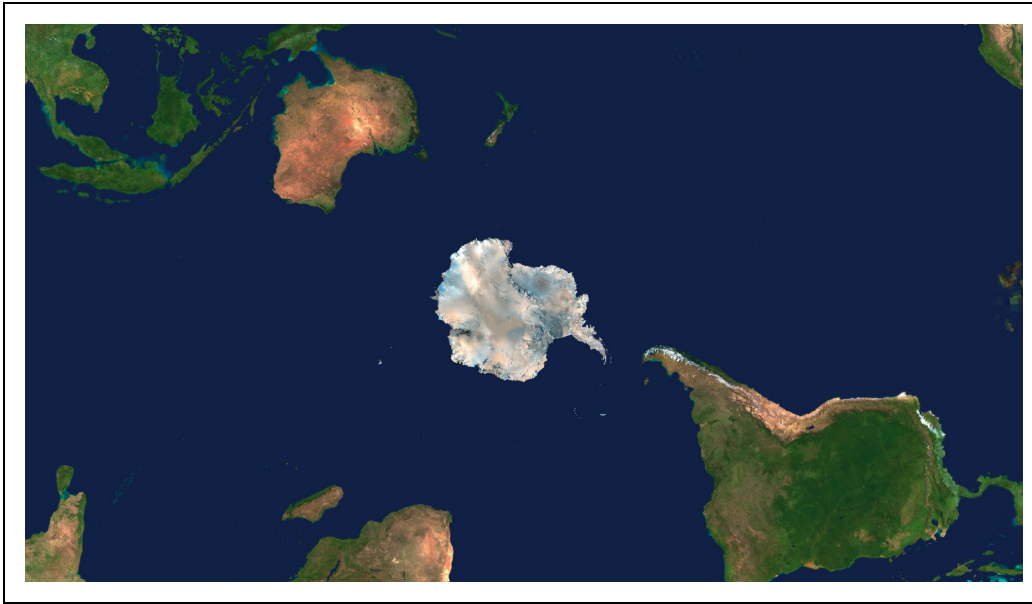
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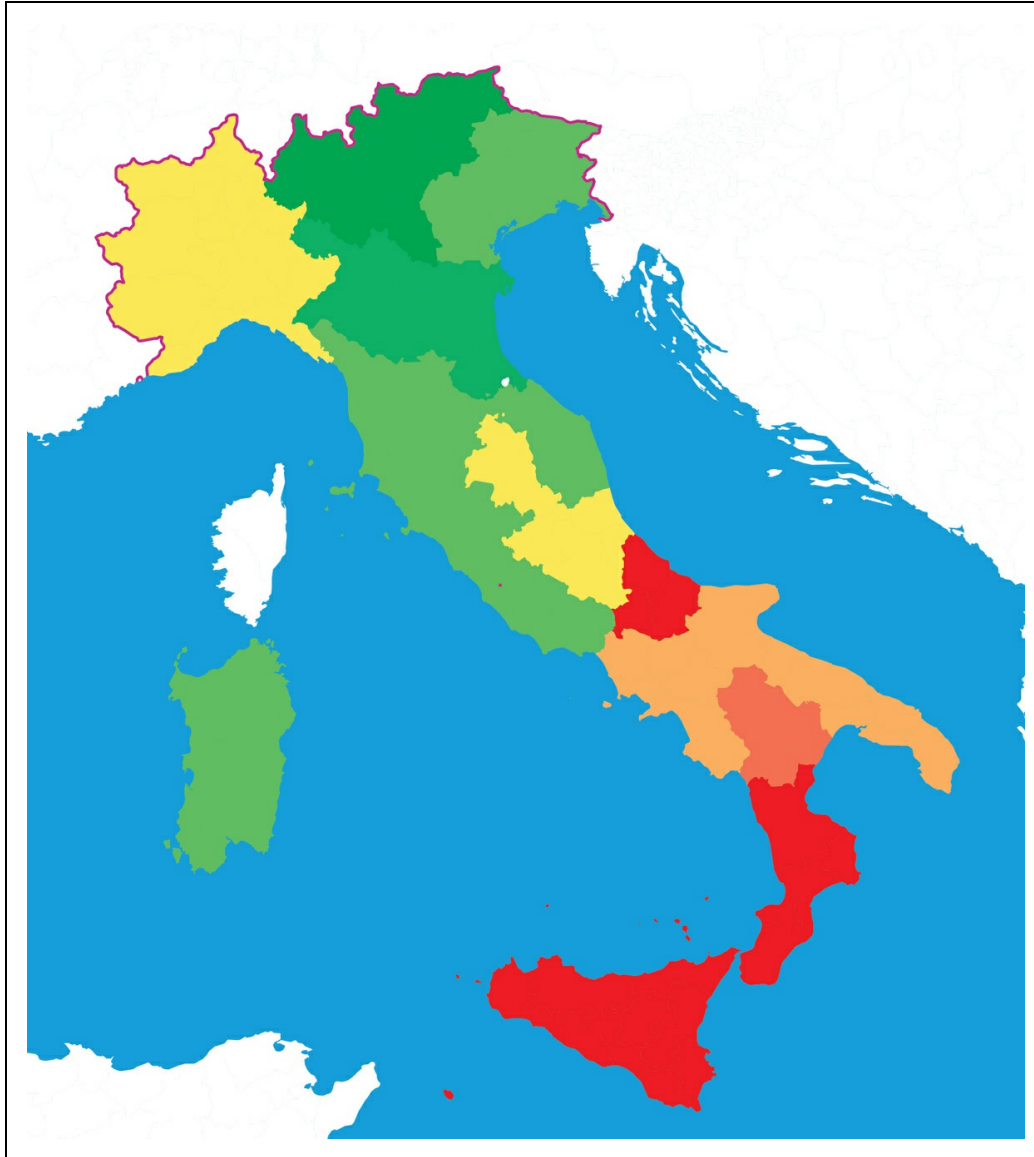
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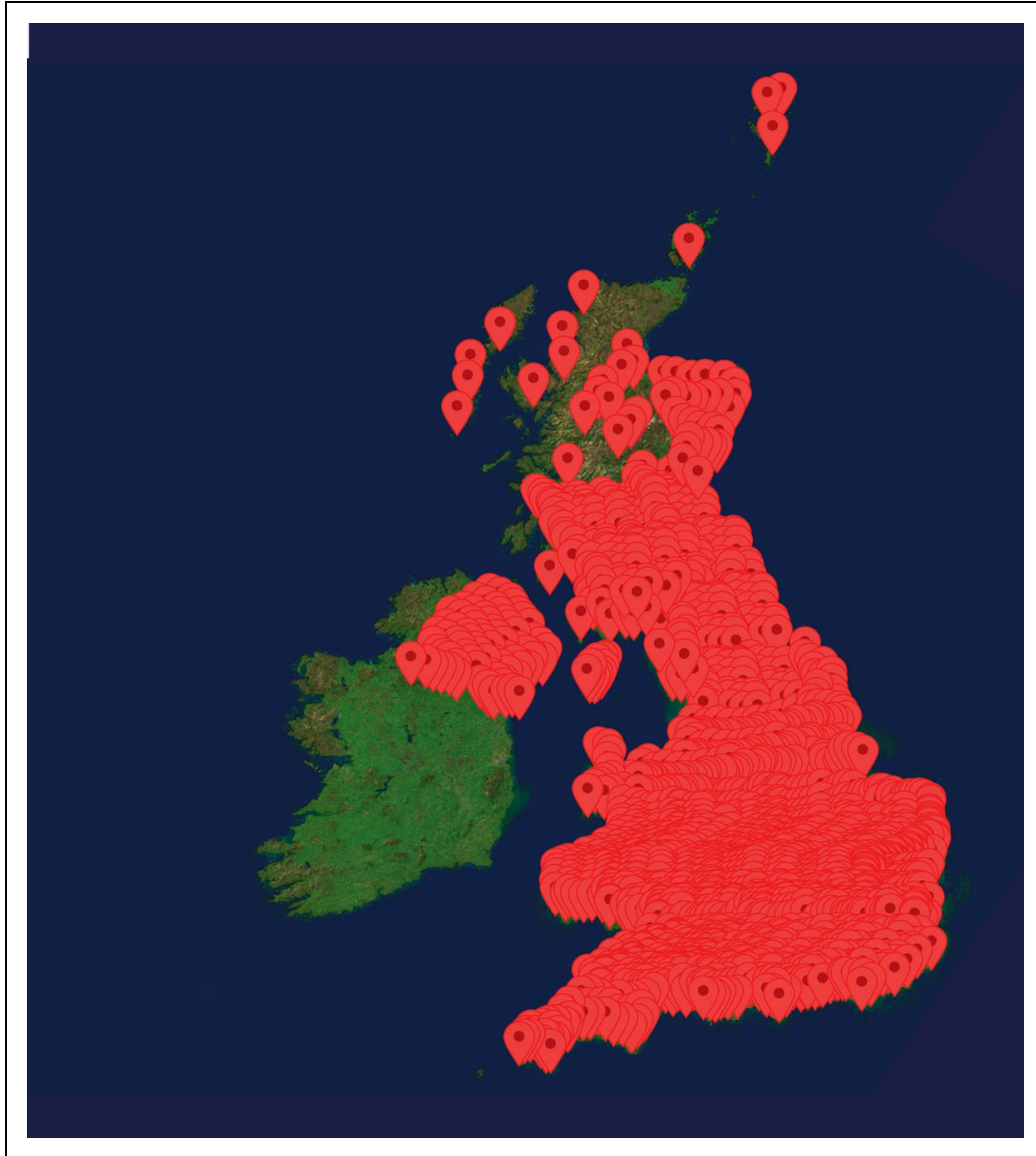
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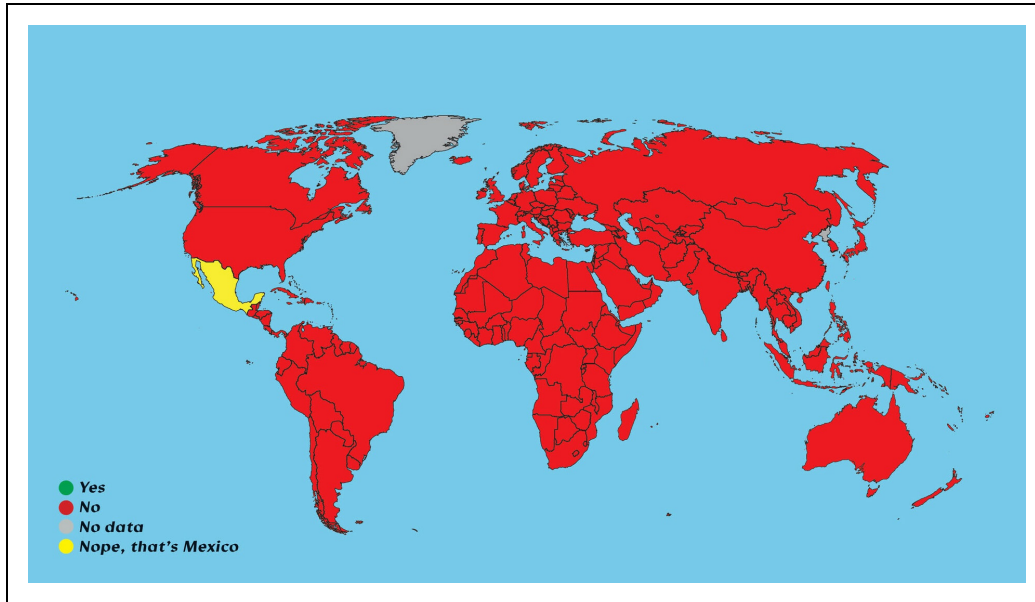
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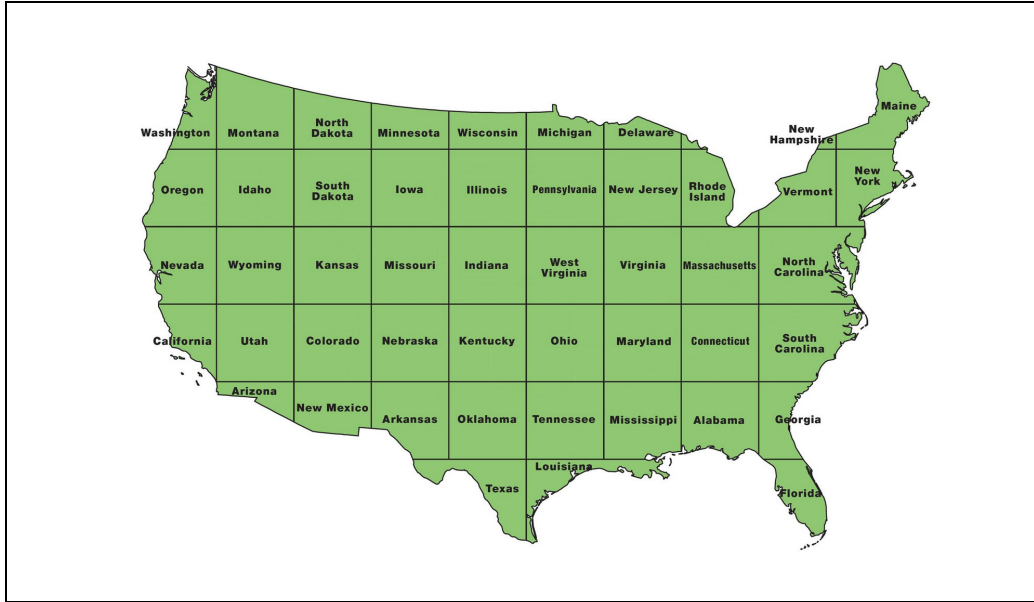
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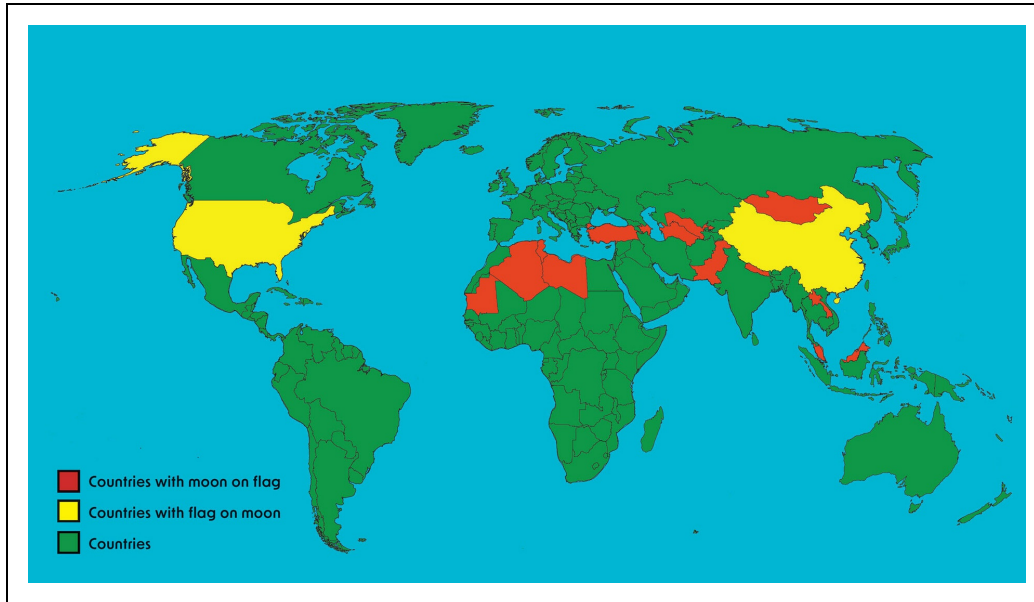
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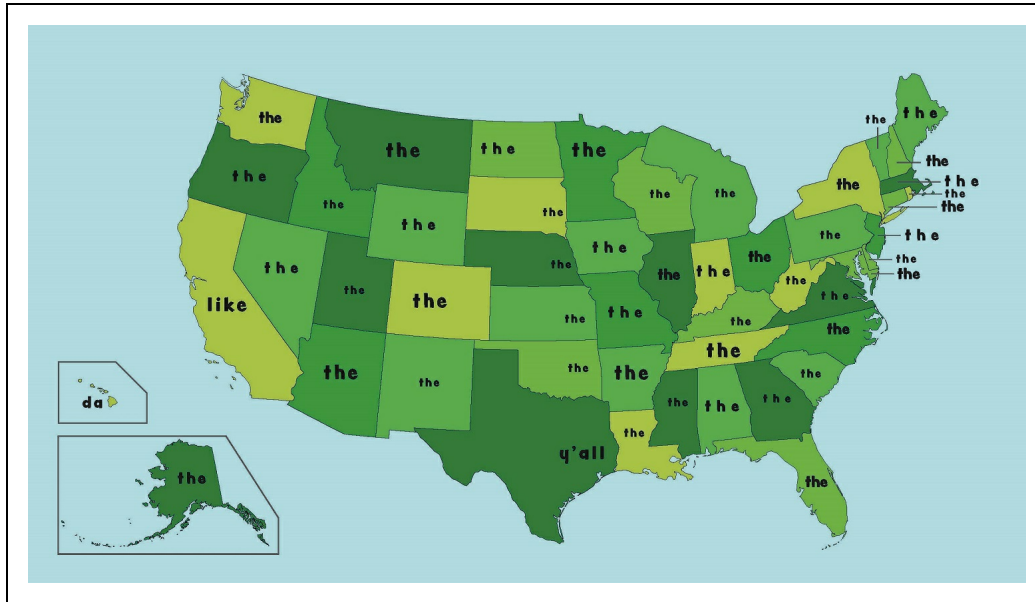
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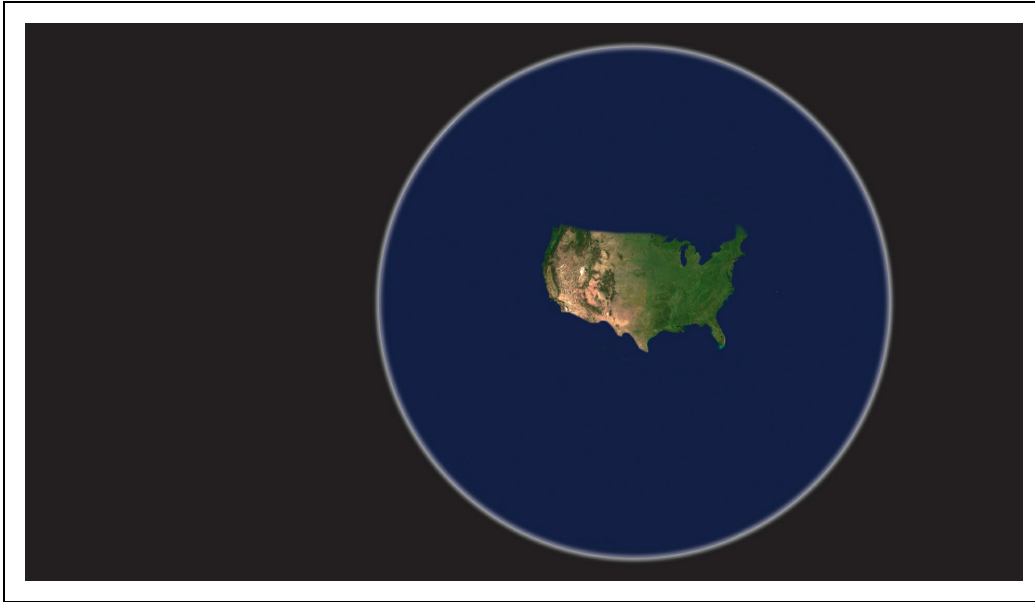
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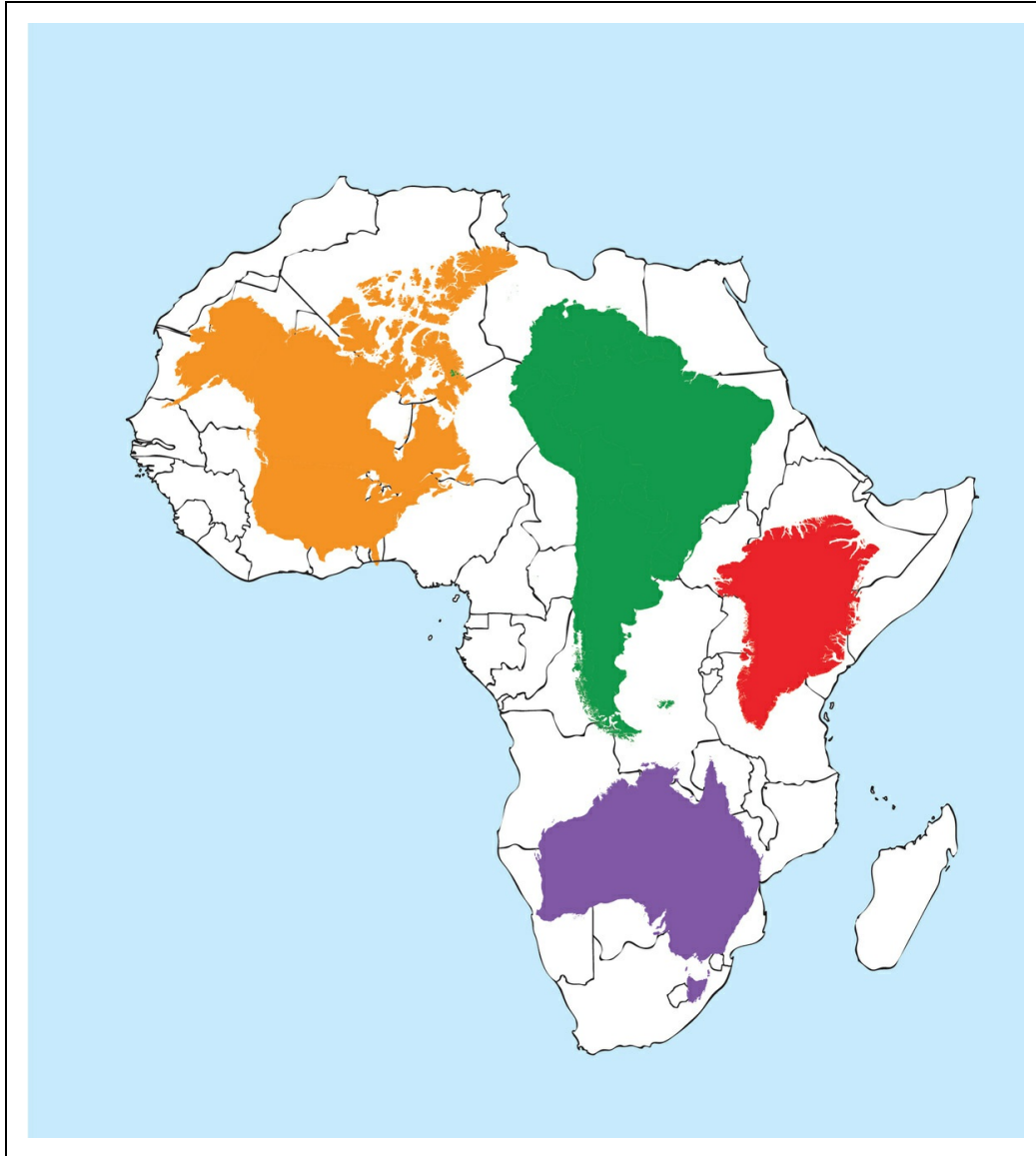
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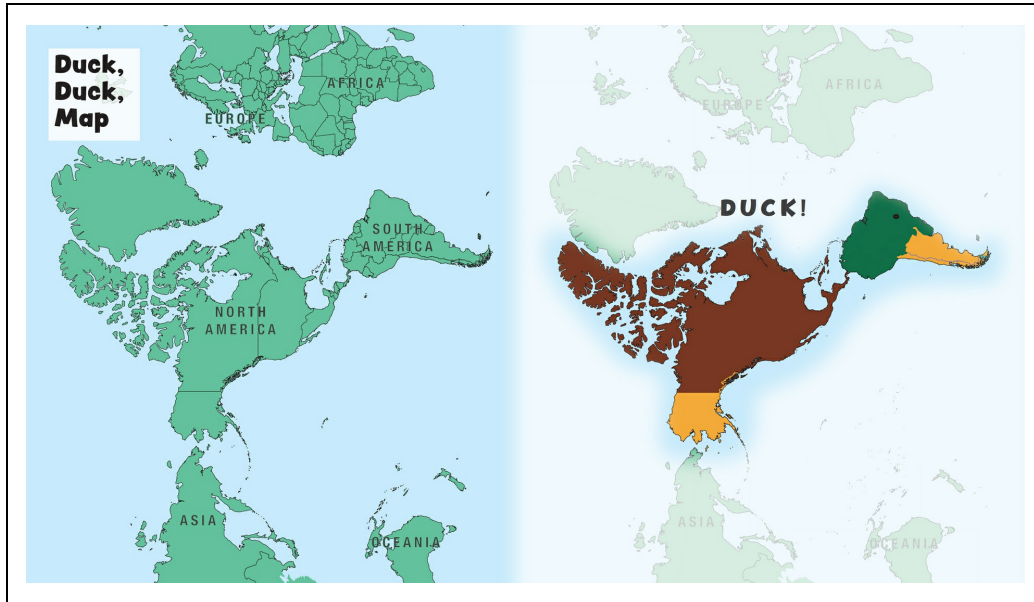
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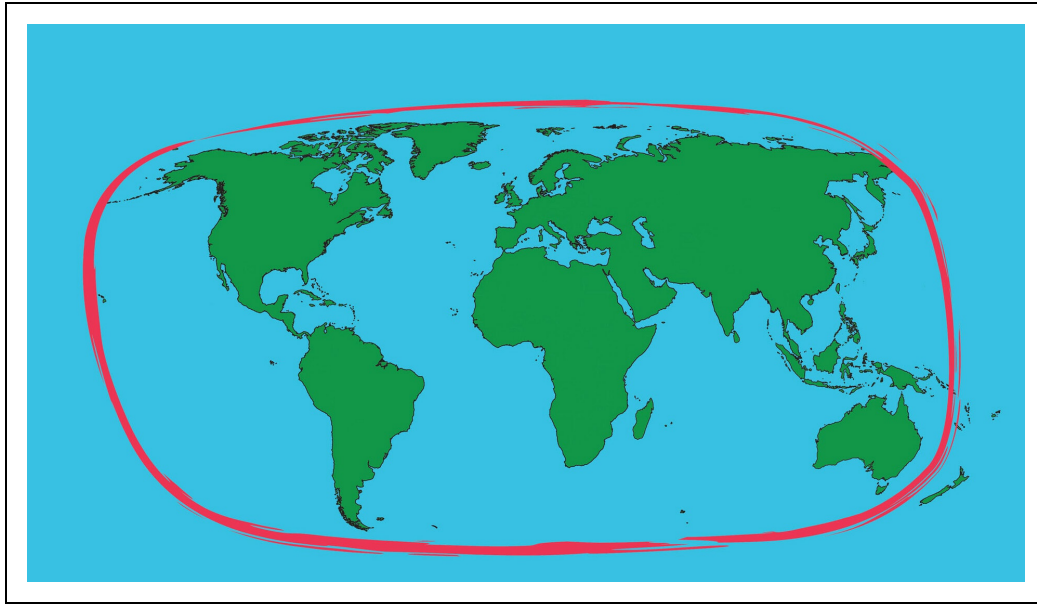
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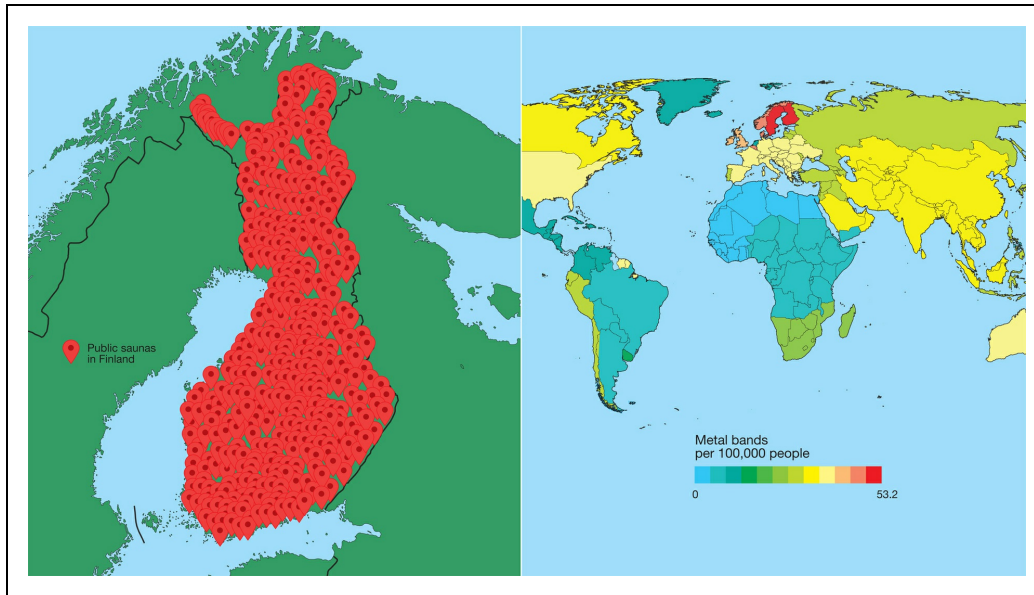
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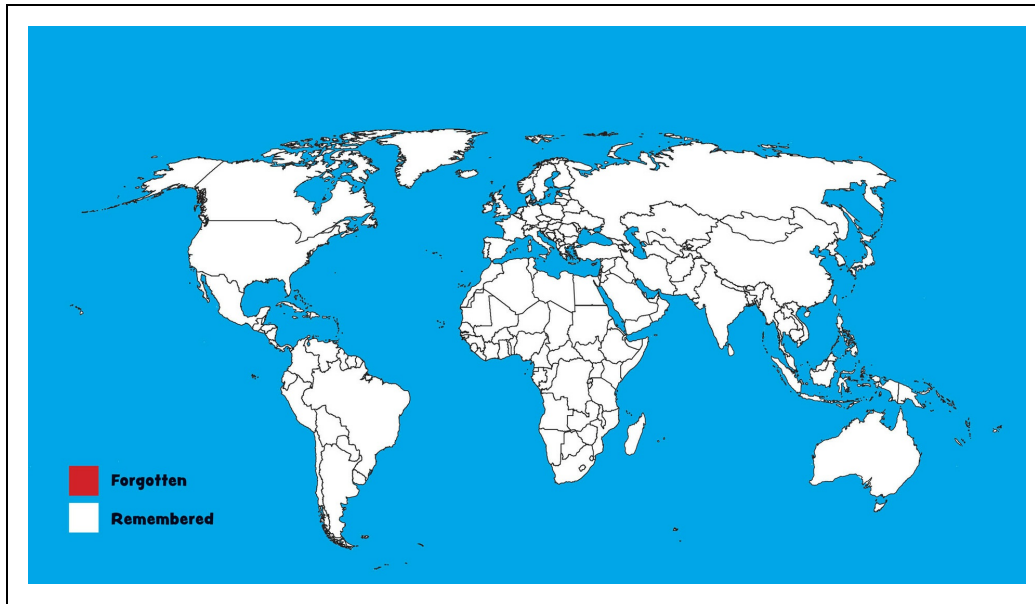


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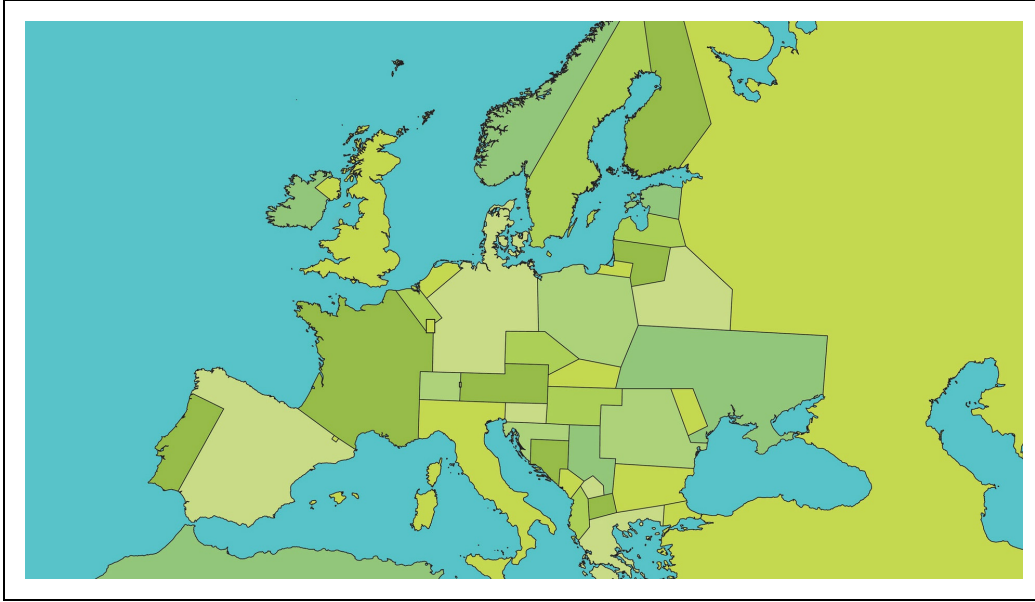
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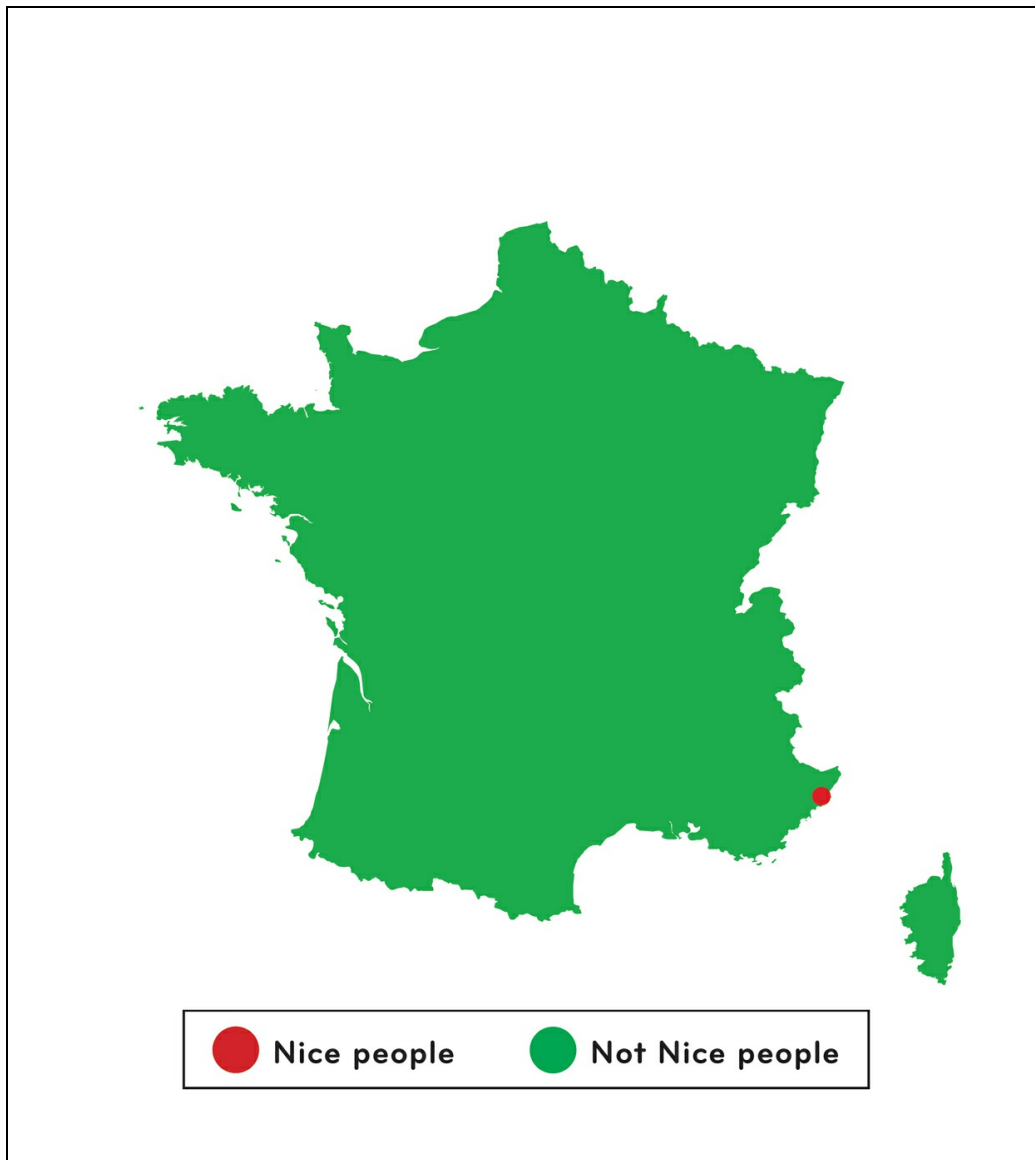
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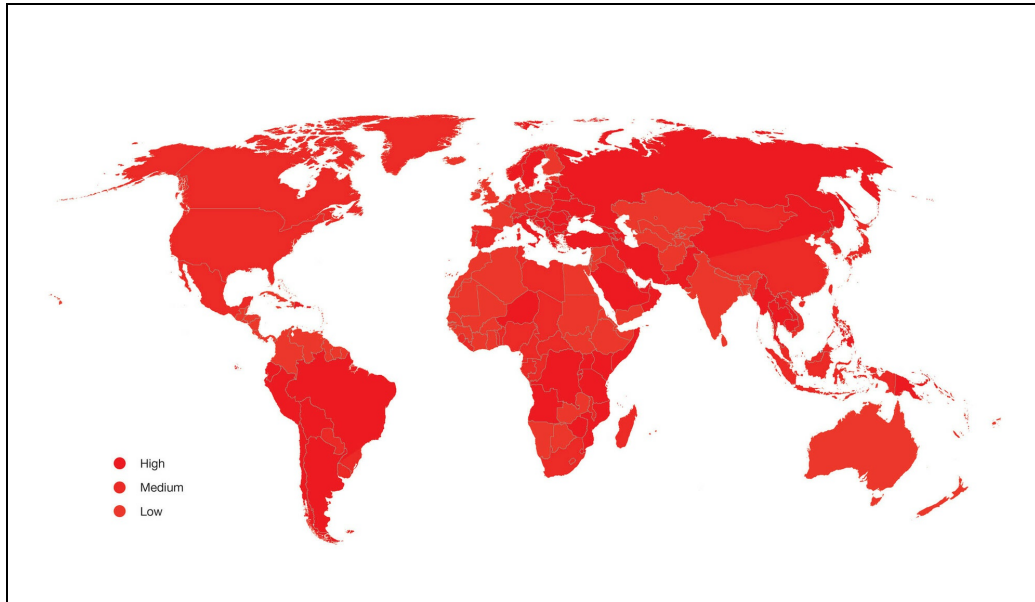
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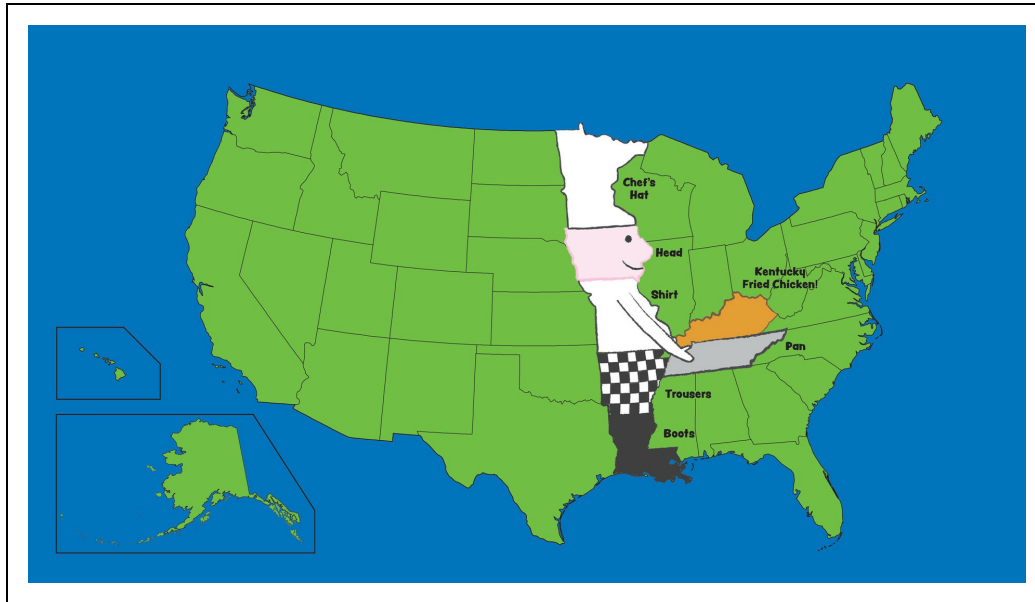
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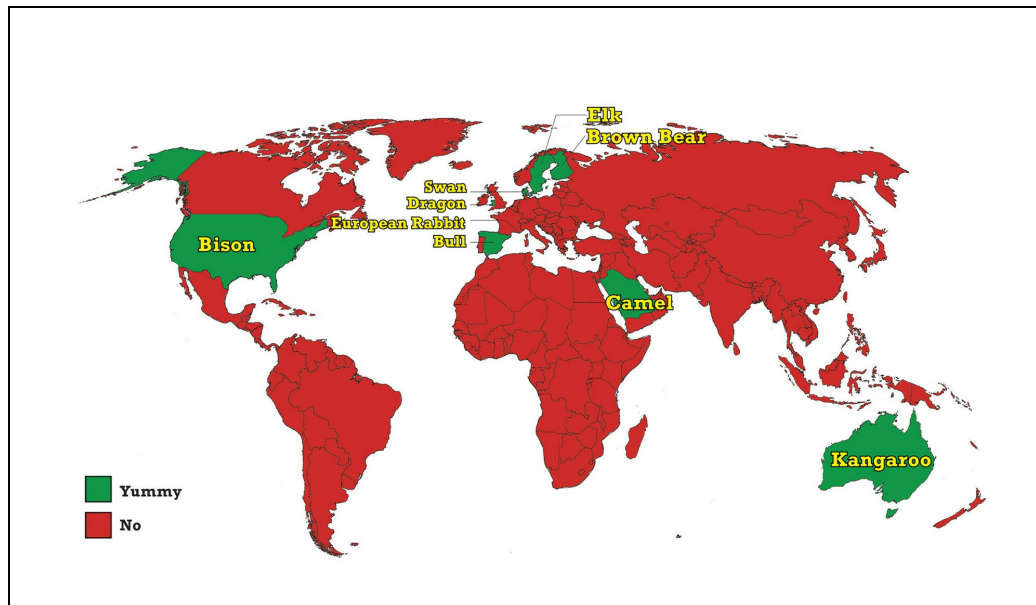
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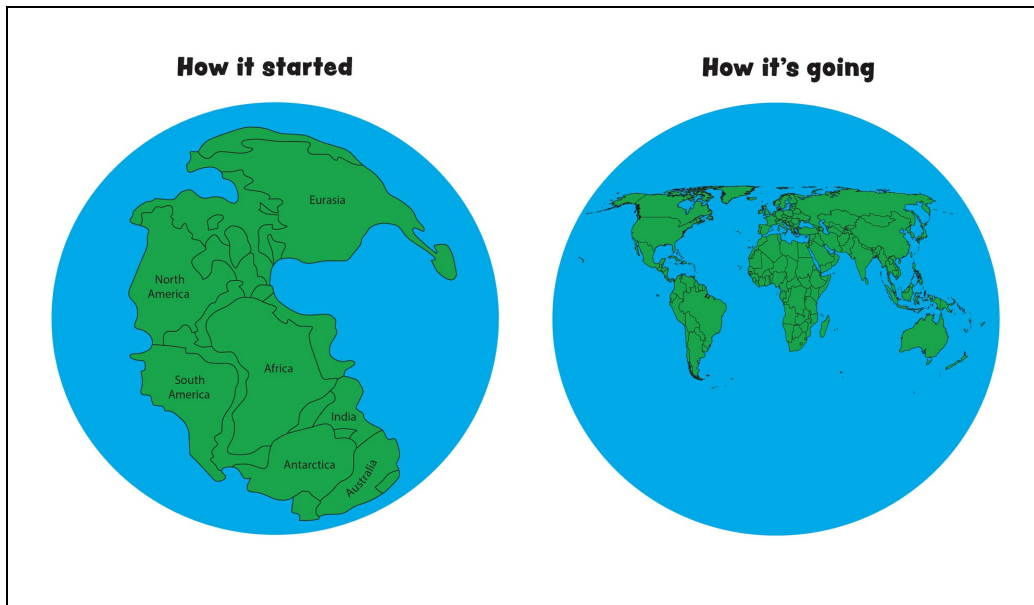
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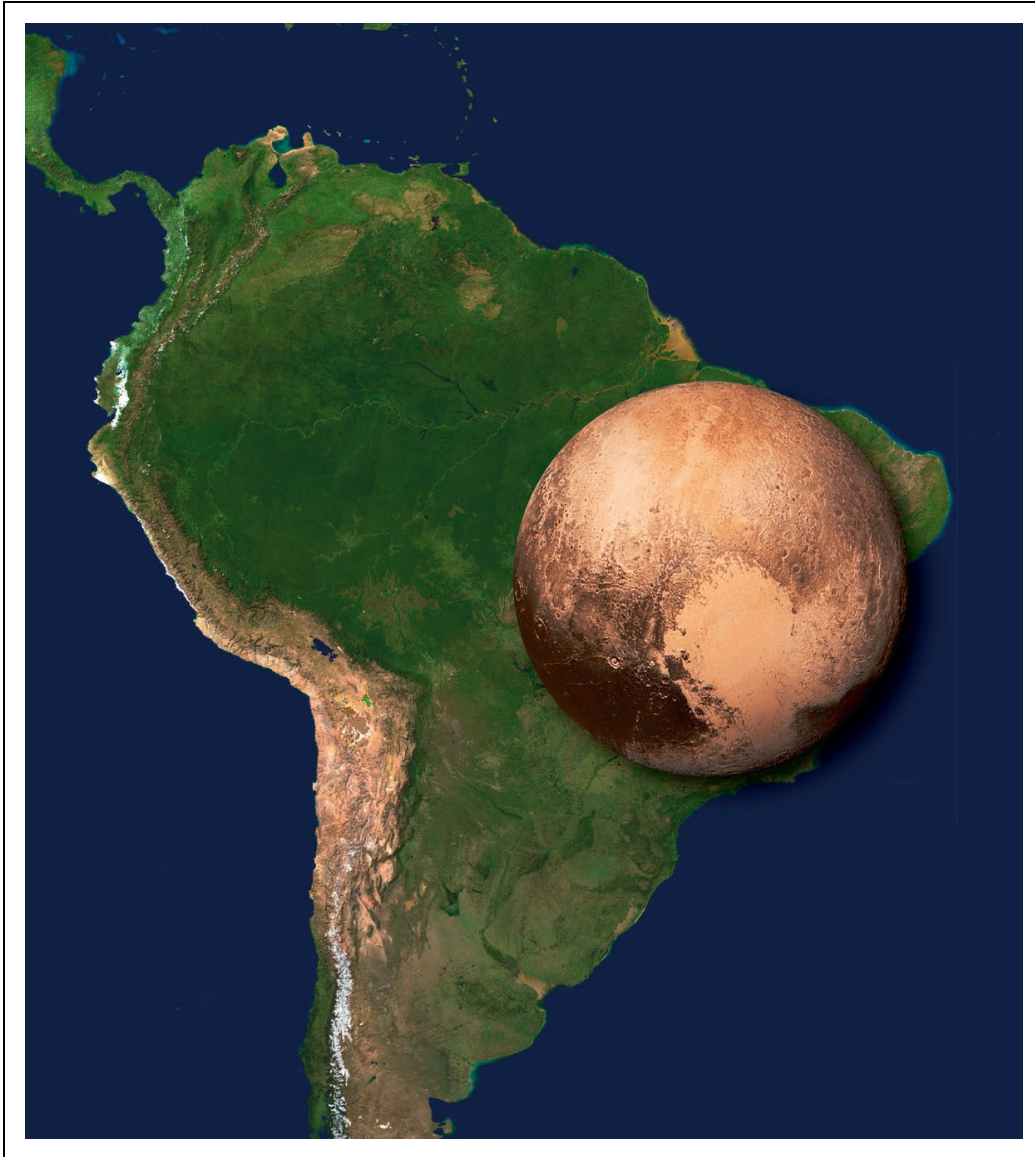
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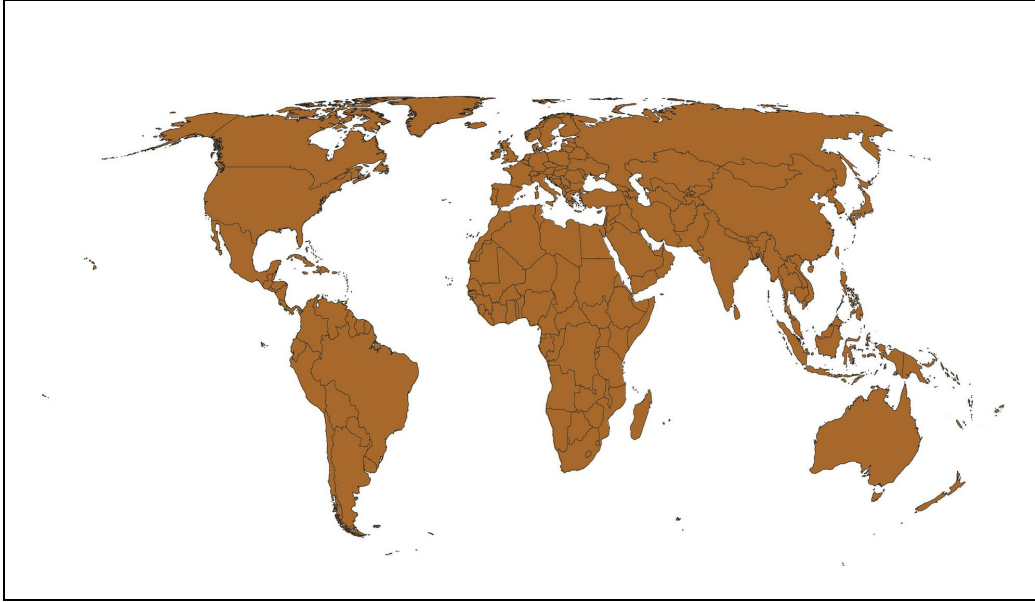
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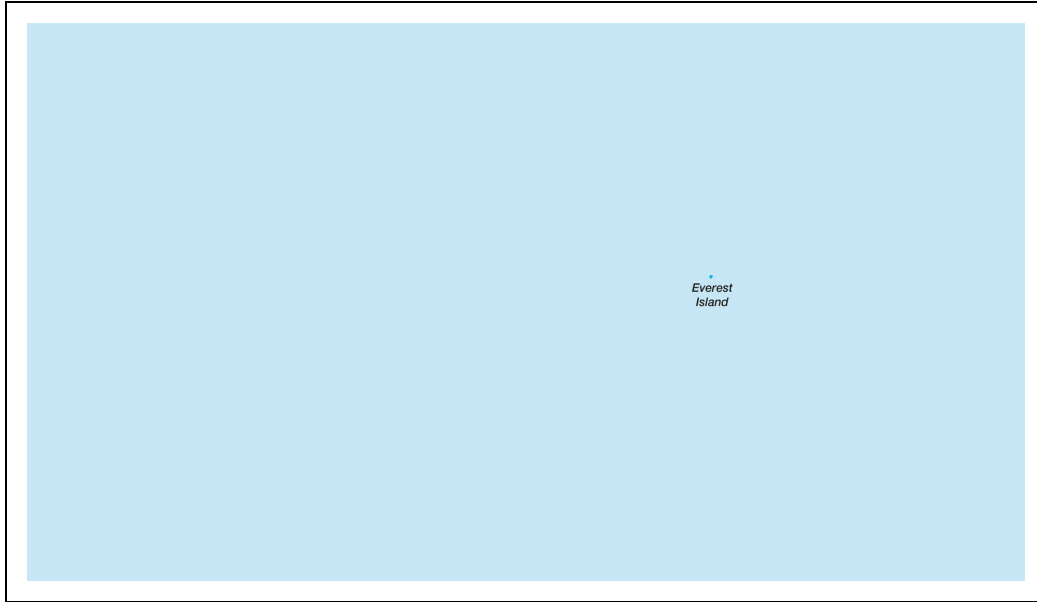
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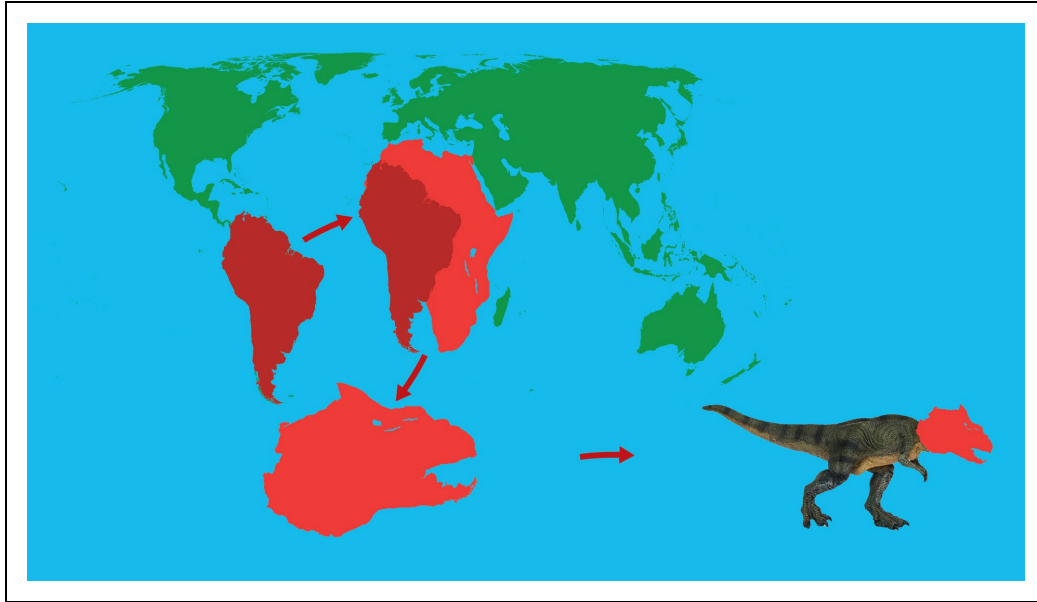
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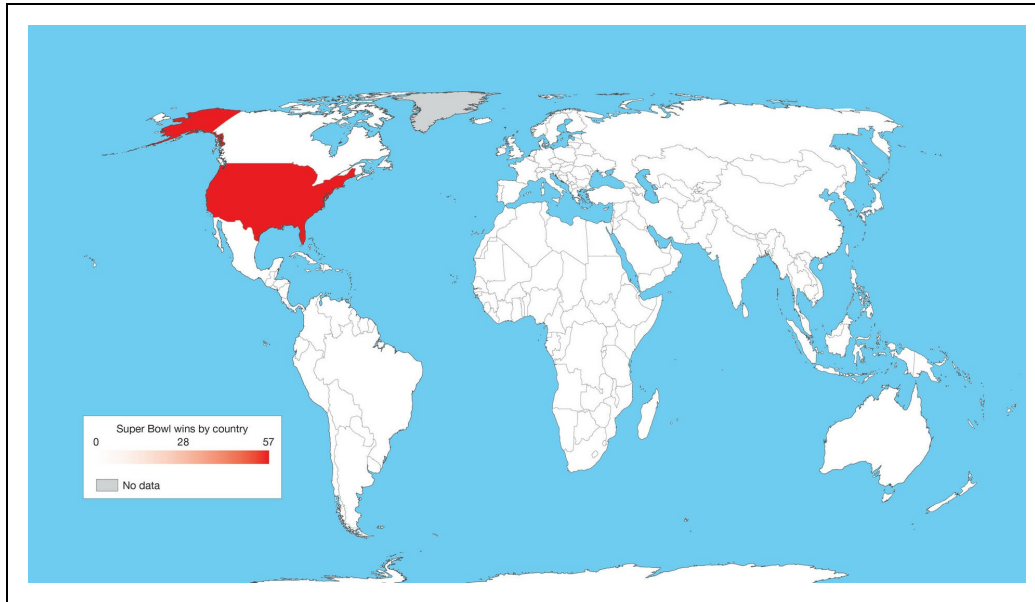
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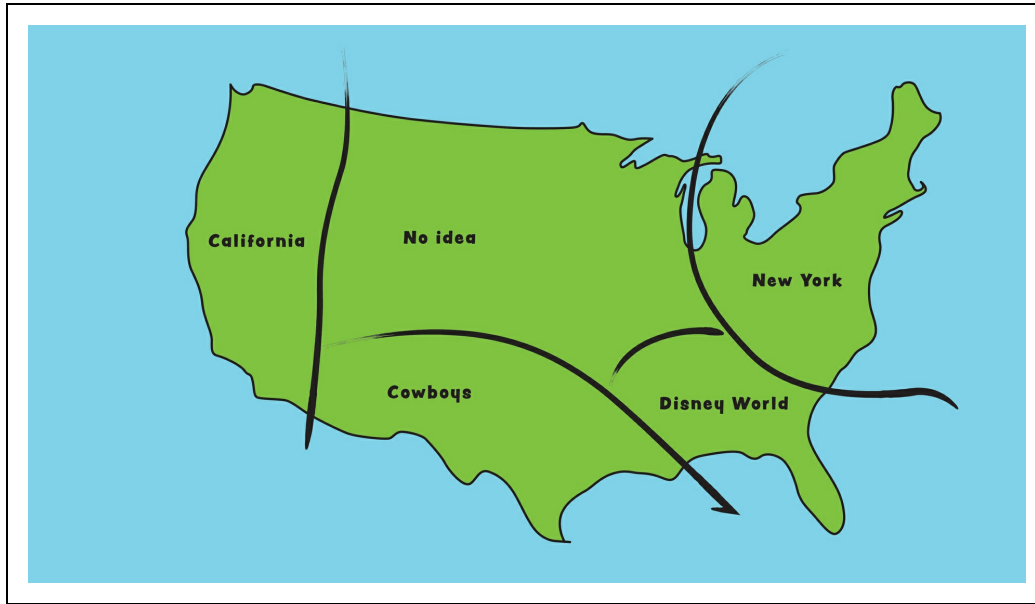
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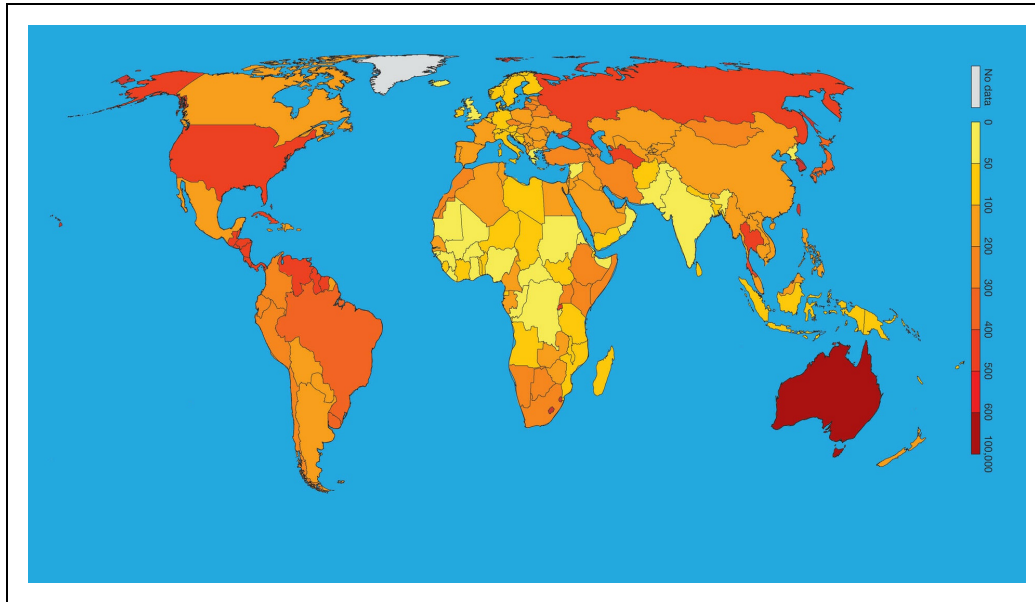
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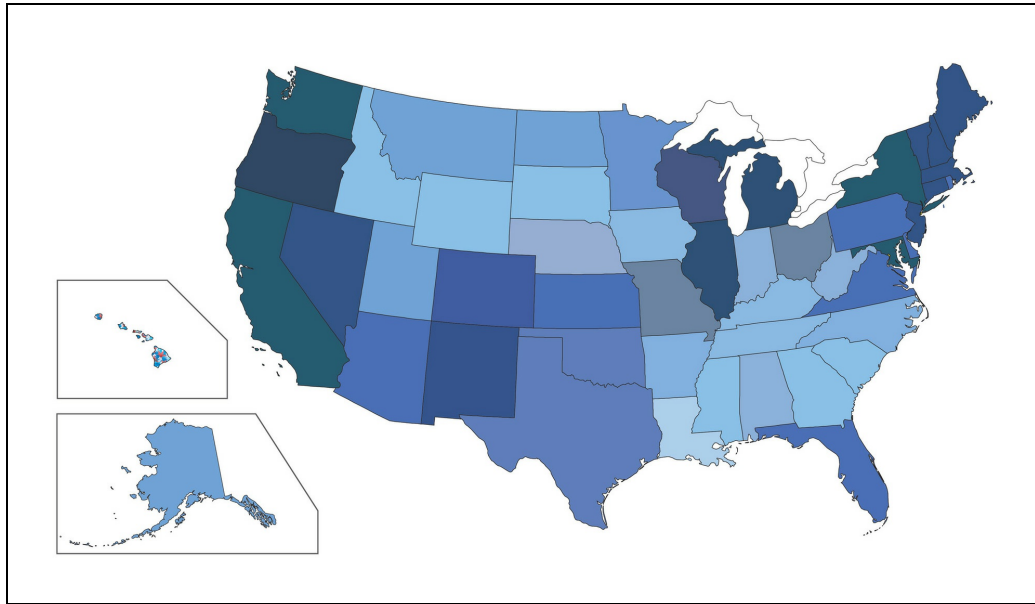
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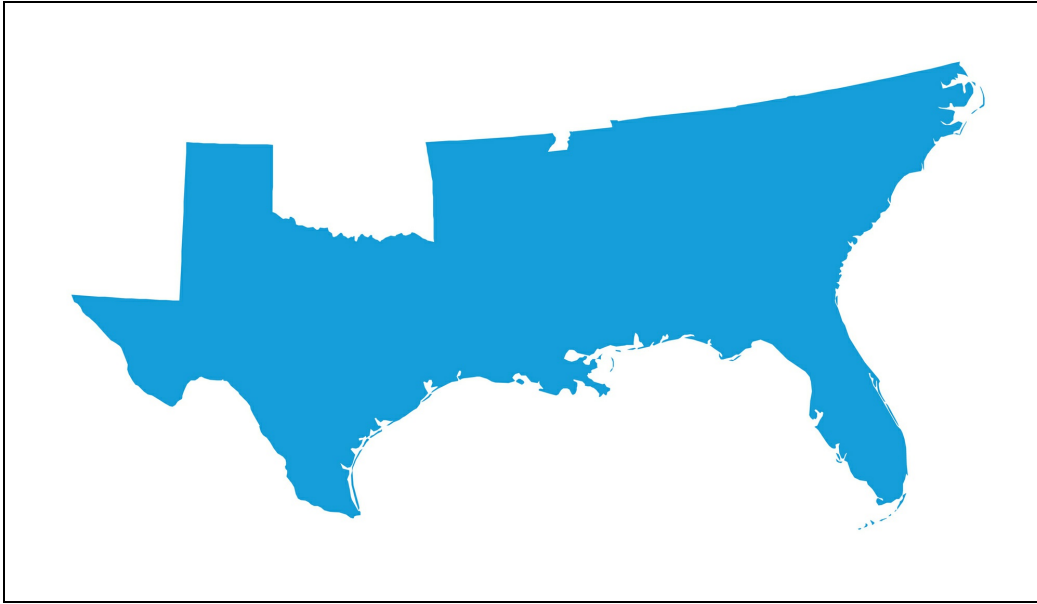
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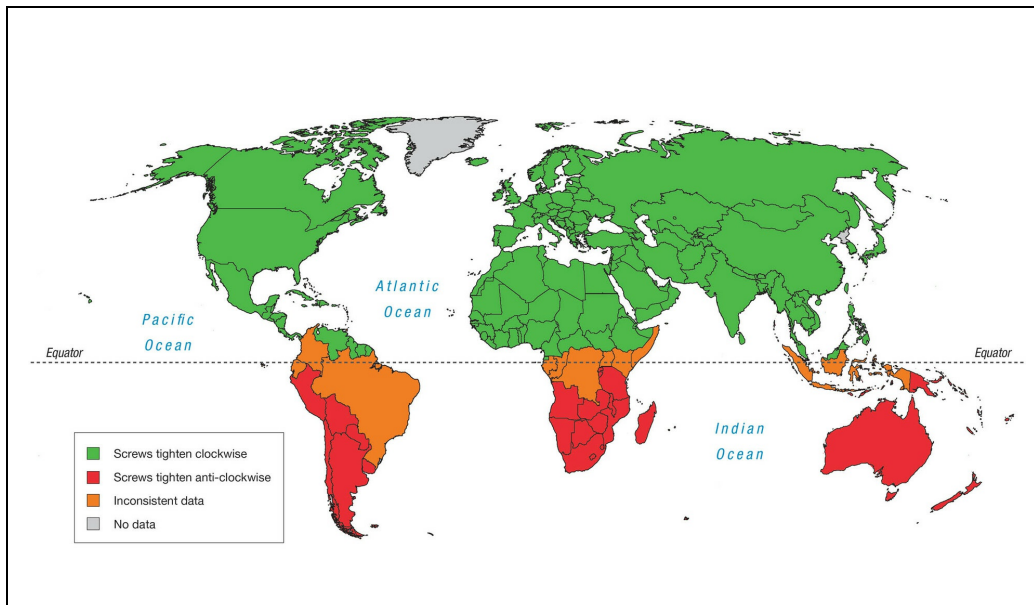
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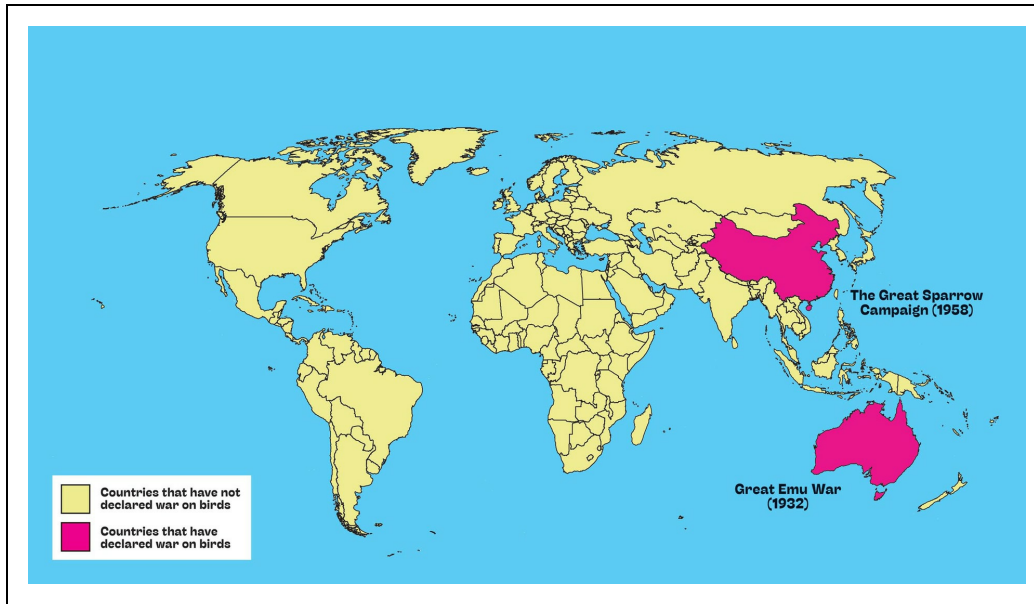
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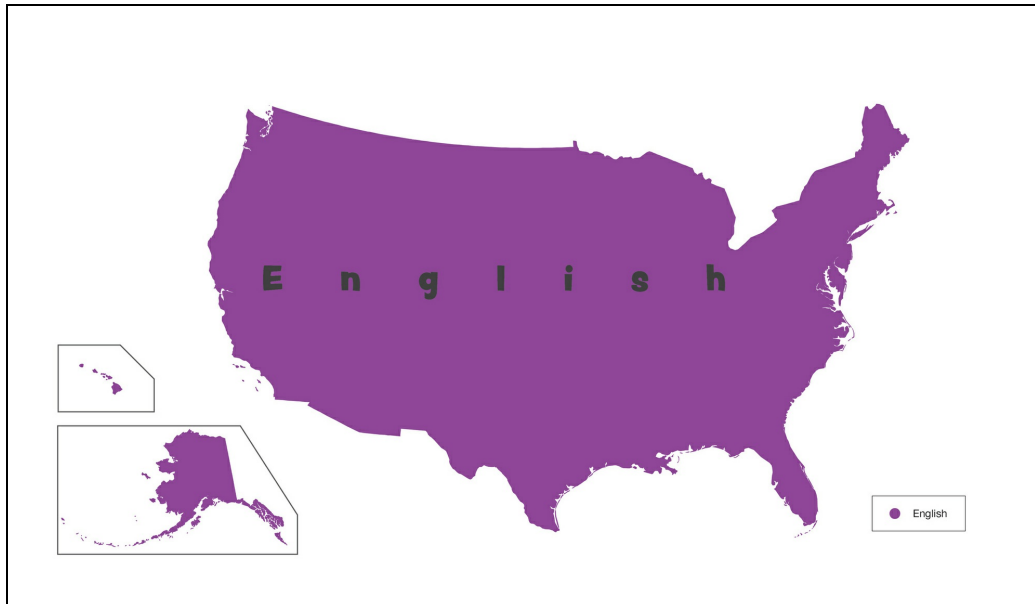
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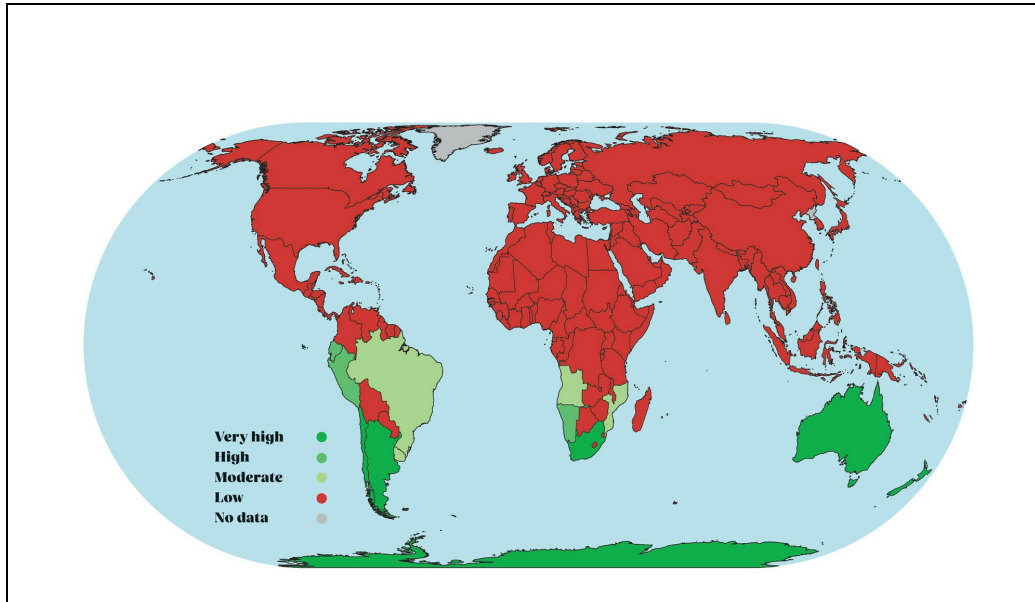
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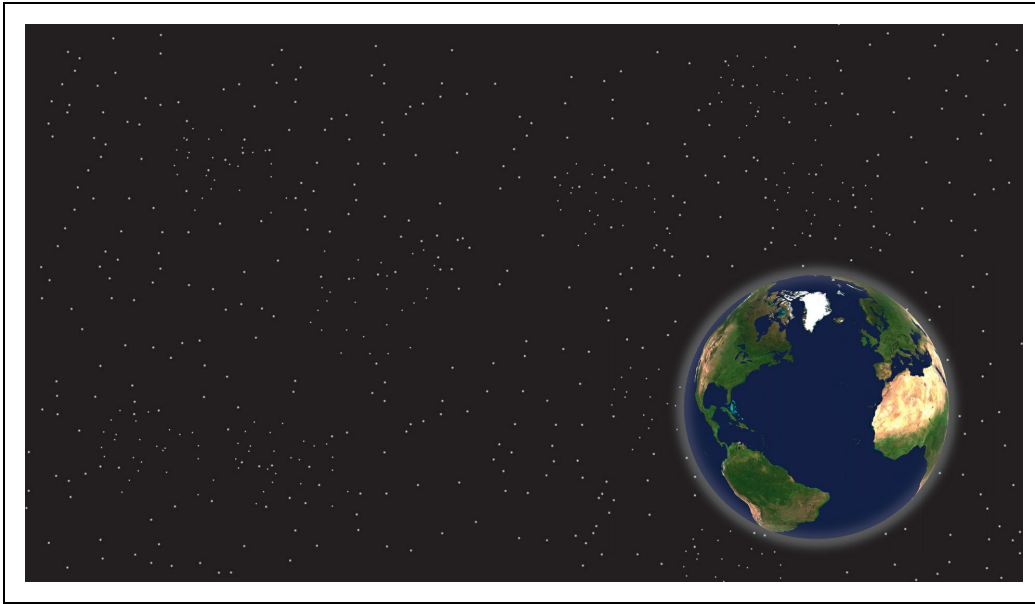
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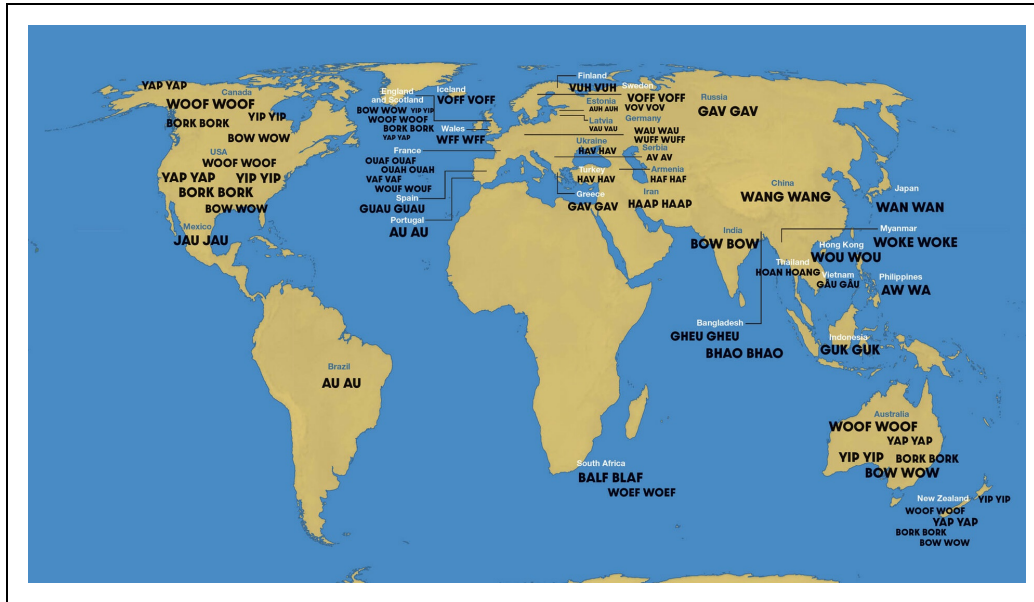
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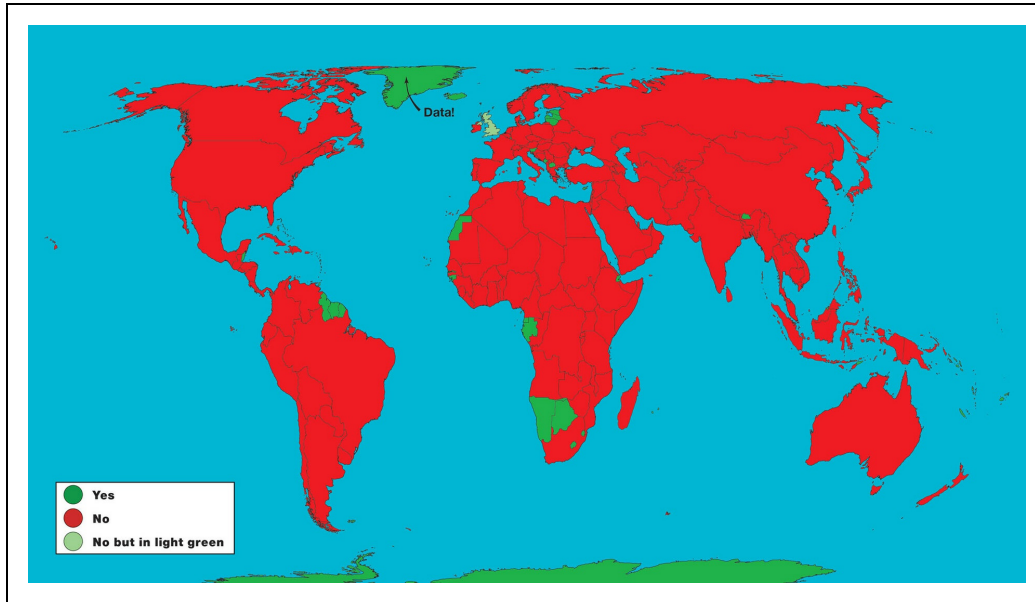
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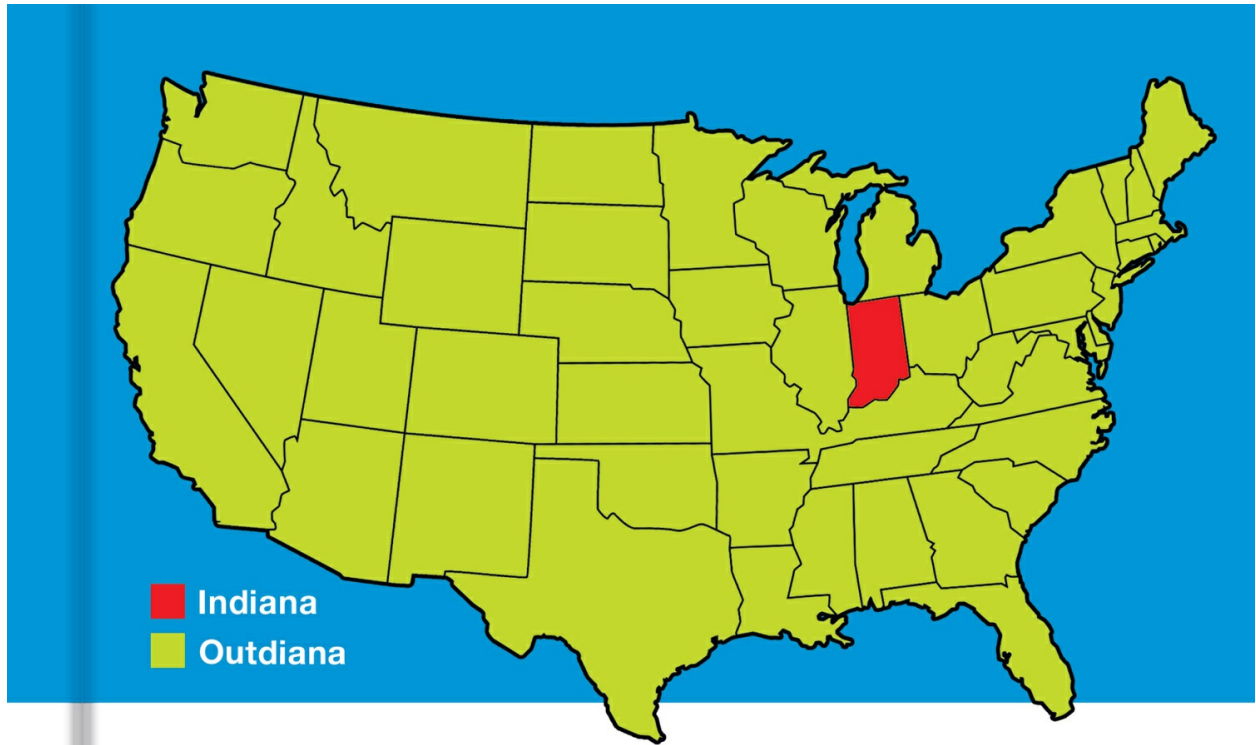
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