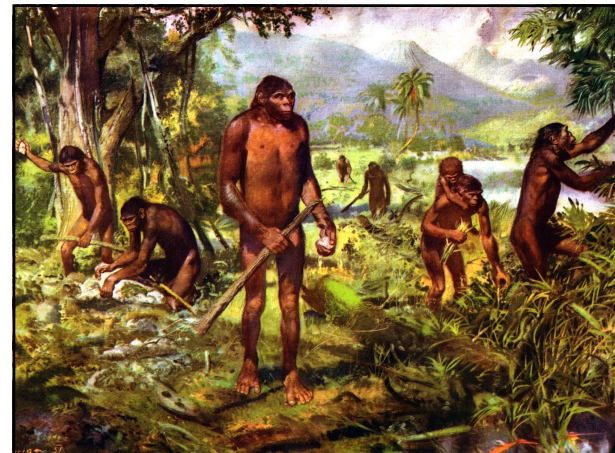


States

‡ Independent political units, with a centralized authority that makes claims to sole jurisdiction over a bounded territory



Territoriality

‡ A seemingly universal need to belong to a larger group & claim a portion of the world


Territoriality

‡ Robert Sack – “legal” borders a Western trait

- ◆ 16th century Europe
- ◆ diffused through colonialism


Nationalism

- ‡ Group identity
- ‡ John Agnew (UCLA)
 - ◆ points out that WWI was in part due to the nationalistic attitude of sacrificing for the greater good of the nation
 - ◆ Dying for one's country



Imagined Communities

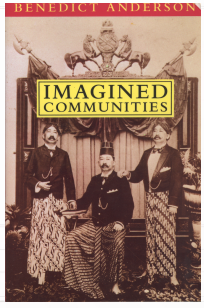
- ‡ Benedict Anderson
 - ◆ Exploring what nationalism is & how it is produced
 - ◆ Print media
- ‡ What is *American*?



Imagined Communities

A nation is...

1. Imagined
2. A community
3. Limited
4. Sovereign



Imagined Communities

‡ Imagined...

"It is imagined because the members of even the smallest nation will never know most of their fellow-members, meet them, or even hear of them, yet in the minds of each lives the image of their communion."

Imagined Communities

‡ A community...

No matter how bad some are treated, the idea of equality and comradeship is never squashed.

Imagined Communities

‡ Limited...

Countries have borders, and rarely attempt to include all of humanity

Imagined Communities

≠ Sovereign...

*Ties in with the origin of the nation.
Developed as rejection of "divinely-ordained" religious hierarchies*

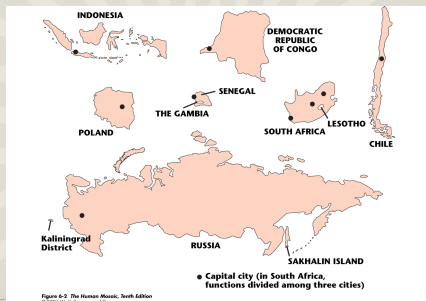
Political culture regions

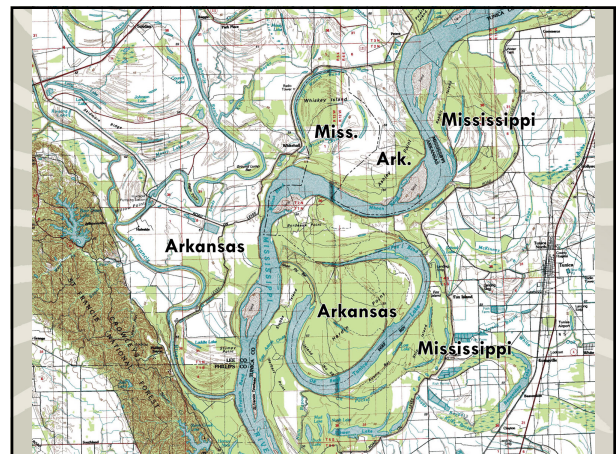
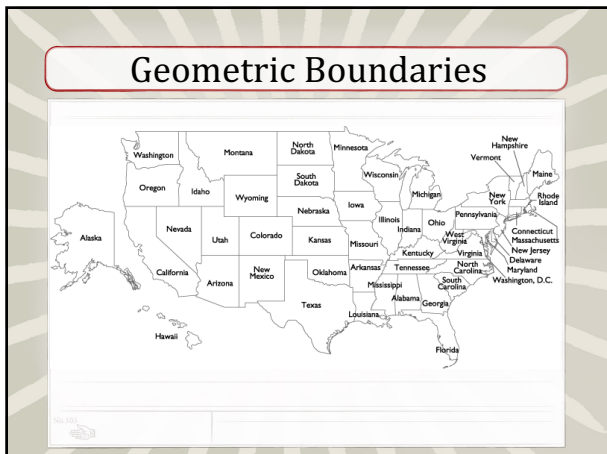
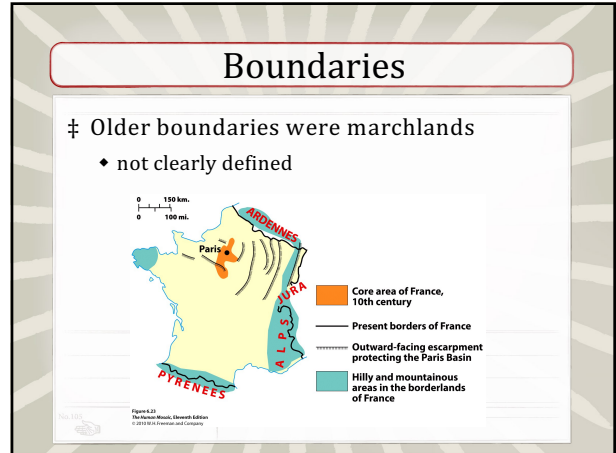
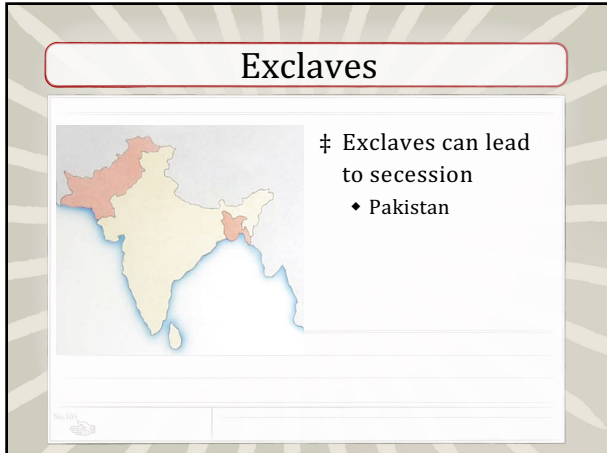
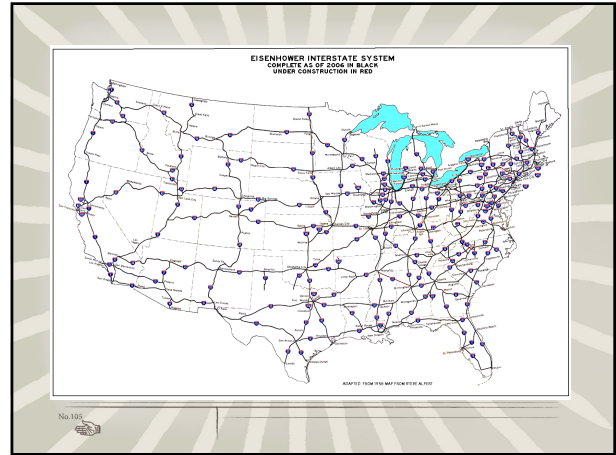
Supranational political bodies

- Associations formed by Countries
- Numbers grew in the twentieth century
- Example of the European Union



Ideal Shape?

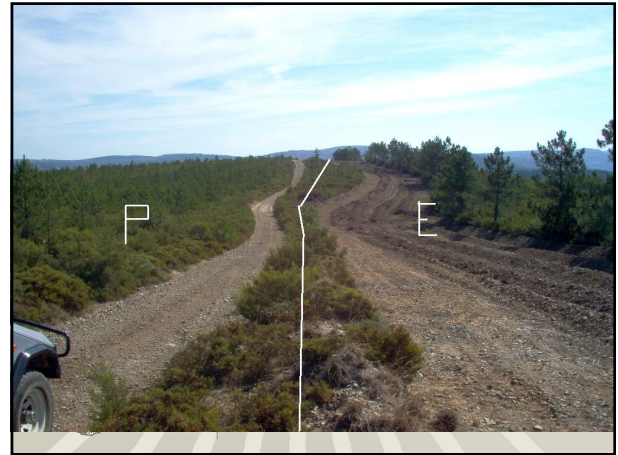




Political landscapes

Physical properties of boundaries

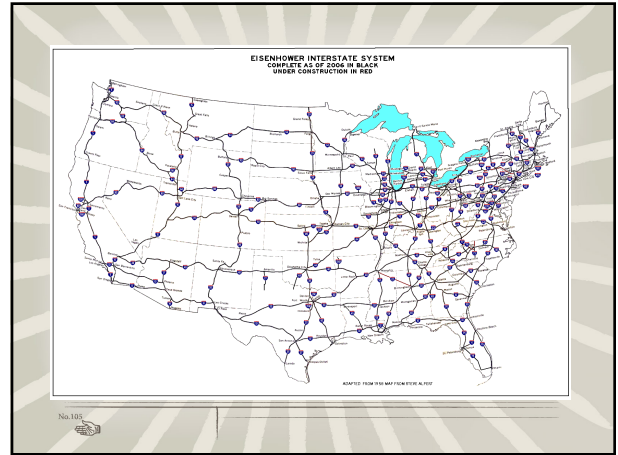
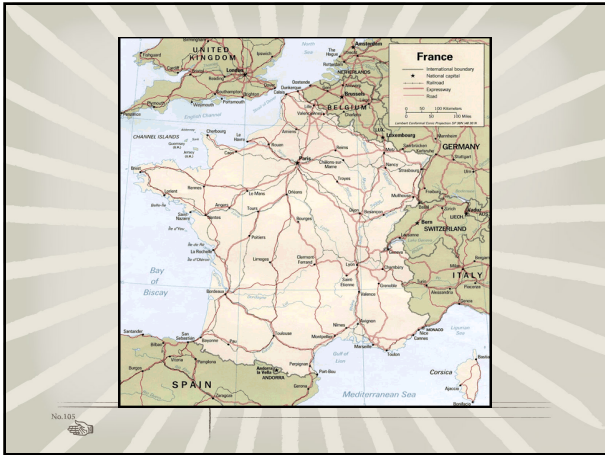
- ◆ Most visible where tight restrictions limit movement between countries
- ◆ Urban use of graffiti by gangs—territorial demarcation

Political landscapes

‡ The impress of central authority


- ◆ Transportation routes as focal points
- ◆ Provincial borders within a country may reflect stability



Politico-cultural interaction

The nation-state

- ◆ Nationality equals culture
- ‡ An independent government revolving around a culture




A small map of Greece showing its geographical location in the Balkans and the Mediterranean Sea. The map includes labels for major cities and geographical features.

Politico-cultural interaction

Cultural contradictions of state borders

- ◆ Most countries are not nation-states
- ◆ Borders drawn during European colonization; after WWI, WWII



A map of Iraq showing its borders and geographical features. The map is titled "IRAQ" and includes labels for neighboring countries like Turkey, Iran, and Saudi Arabia. It also shows major cities and the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

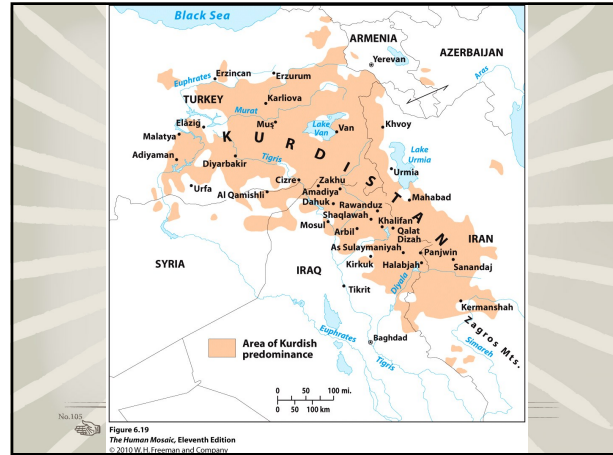
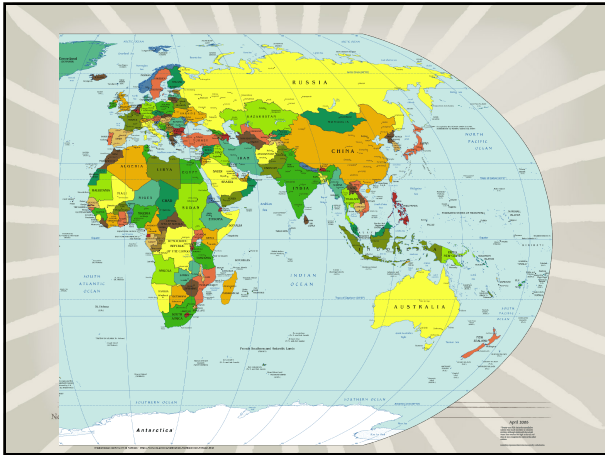


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Political landscapes

National iconography on the landscape

- ◆ May evoke feelings of patriotism
- ◆ Some geographers feel it derives from the elite & dominant group
 - ‡ England & oak woodlands
- ◆ Changing symbolic role of the Florida Everglades





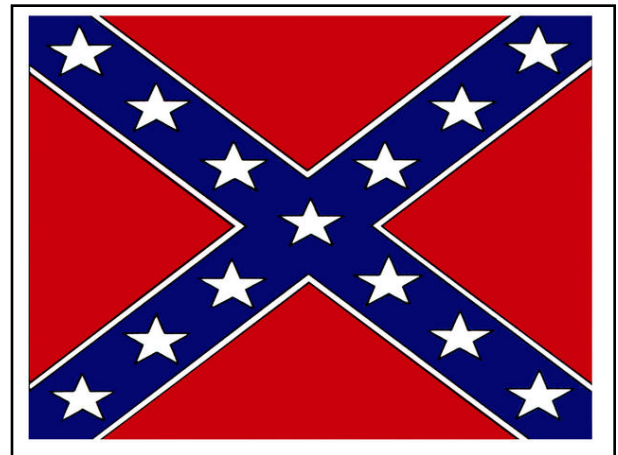
Spatial organization of territory

Unitary

- ♦ central concentration of power

Federal

- ♦ acknowledges regional difference
- ♦ US, Canada, Germany, Australia
 - ‡ United States has wrestled with the two
 - ‡ Federalism has kept Canada together





Medical Marijuana in the USA
 Eleven Years of Marijuana Reform & Compassion
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Legend:
 Medical Marijuana is Accepted (Green)
 Medical Marijuana is Requested (Yellow)
 Considering Medical Marijuana (Light Green)
 Special Circumstances (White)

Map Data:
 WA 1996, OR 1998, CA 1996, NV 2000, MT 2004, CO 2000, NM 2007, AK 1998, HI 2000, ID 2008, VT 2004, NH 1999, RI 2006, MD 2003, DC 1998, VT 2004, NH 1999, RI 2006, MD 2003, DC 1998

Notes:
 DC passed medical marijuana but was blocked by Congress from enacting the law.
 MD has an affirmative defense for medical users.
 42 passed medical marijuana but could not enact the law as it requires a doctor's prescription in violation of federal law.

Political culture regions

Electoral geographical regions

- ♦ Voting patterns create formal culture regions
- ♦ Political redistricting & gerrymandering

Gerrymandering

Redistricting done to favor certain voter outcomes

- ♦ Can lump a majority into one area
- ♦ Can spread a majority around so they cannot win any districts

THE GERRYMANDER
 PHIL WITTE

"THE CAPPER" Ribbon of Shame

23rd Congressional District
 DRAWN FOR DEMOCRAT CONGRESSWOMAN LOIS CAPPS

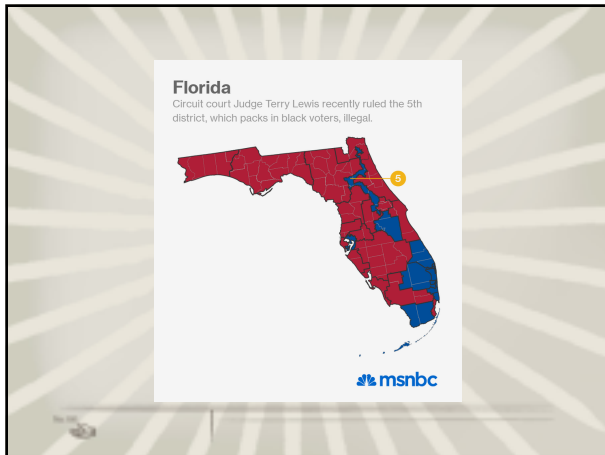
Traces the coastline for nearly 200 miles from Monterey County to San Luis Obispo County to Santa Barbara County and ending in Ventura County. The contorted district is no more than 5 miles wide in most places and sometimes only 100 yards as it tightly follows the coast searching out Democratic voters and avoiding Republican households.

Monterey County
 San Luis Obispo
 Santa Barbara
 Oxnard

Florida District 5
 100% reporting (1/15/12)

Candidate	Votes
✓ Cinnie Brown	70.8% 100,650
LaAnne Kolb	26.3% 70,766
Eileen Fleming	3.0% 7,995

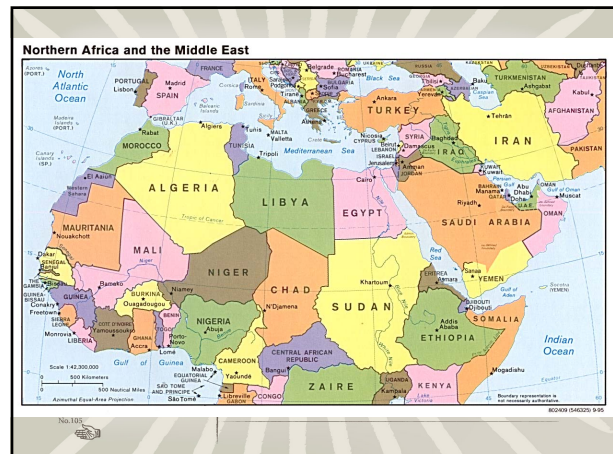
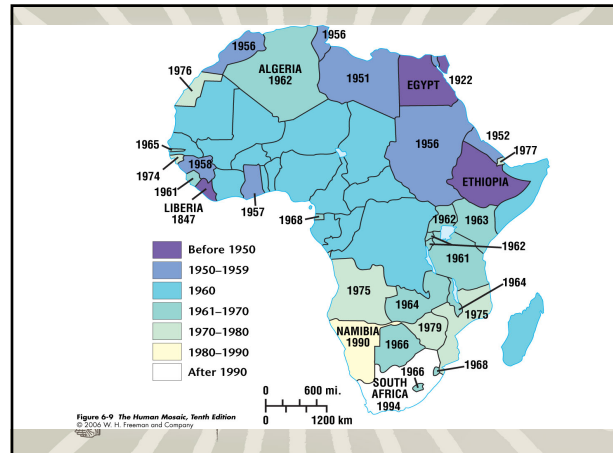
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Political diffusion

‡ Diffusion of independence & innovations



- ◆ Example of contagious expansion diffusion in Africa
- ◆ Arab Spring
- ◆ State's Rights




Arab Spring

December 17, 2010 –
Mohamed Bouazizi, Tunisia

- ◆ Over educated fruit vendor, harassed for not having permit, goods confiscated
- ◆ Self-immolation

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2015 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

to:

National Dialogue Quartet

"for its decisive contribution to the building of a pluralistic democracy in Tunisia in the wake of the Jasmine Revolution of 2011"

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