



# Unit 4: Political Geography

Chapter 8 pgs

Day 6: How do states politically  
organize their governments?

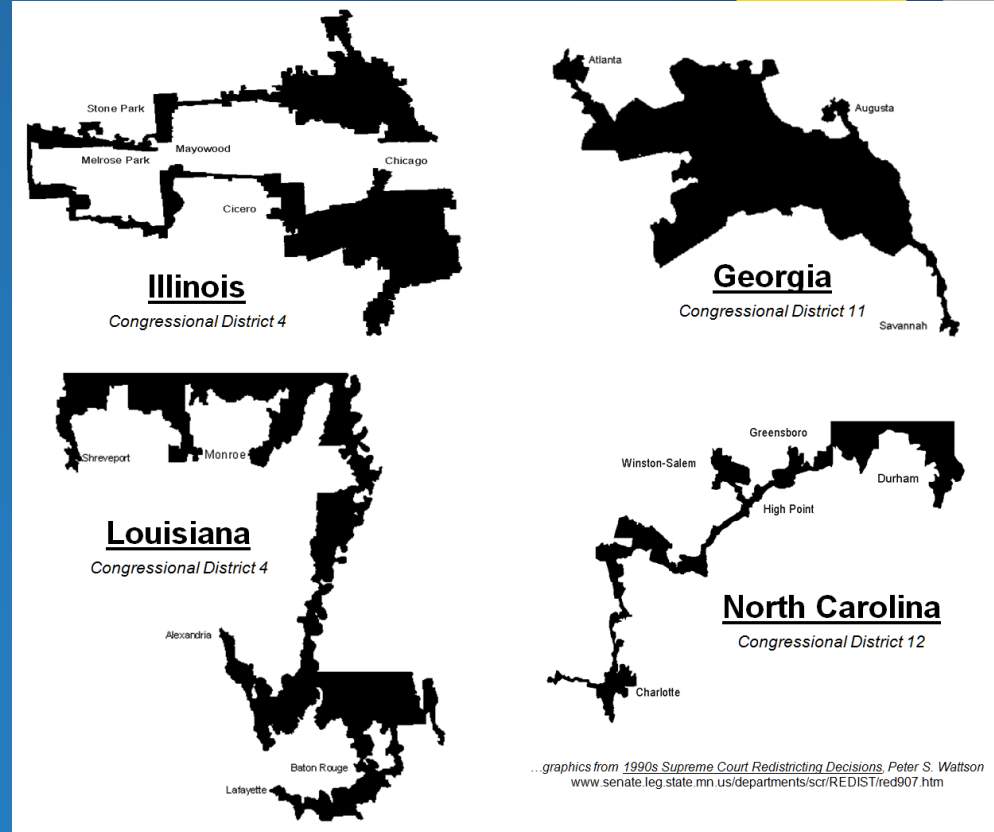
# Organization of States

Unitary - one central government  
–(France)

Federal - a strong central government but local authority with autonomy is given to regional governments. (U.S.)

# Gerrymandering

- redistricting for an advantage
- Majority-minority districts
- Splitting



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Centripetal- unify

Centrifugal- create separation

\*\*Events cannot be simply labeled centripetal or centrifugal

\*\*\*governments attempt to unify the state through nation-building

# Centrifugal Forces

Nationalism

Religion

Language

\*always present to some degree\*





# Devolution

the transfer of some central powers to regional or local governments  
a way to seek autonomy without becoming completely independent

# Separatism

# Types of Devolutionary Movements

1. Ethnocultural- nations within a state define themselves as distinct

a. Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Sudan, Scotland

2. Economic

a. Catalonia, Sardinia, Republic of the Pampas

3. Spatial- occur on the margins of states

a. Hawaii

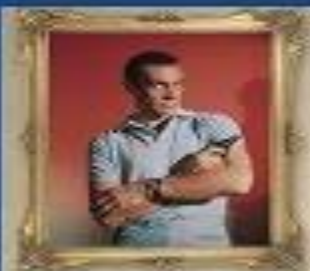




# Eastern Europe

devolutionary forces  
since the fall of  
communism







# Balkanization

process by which  
a state breaks up  
into new smaller  
states

Examples:

Yugoslavia

Sudan

Syria?

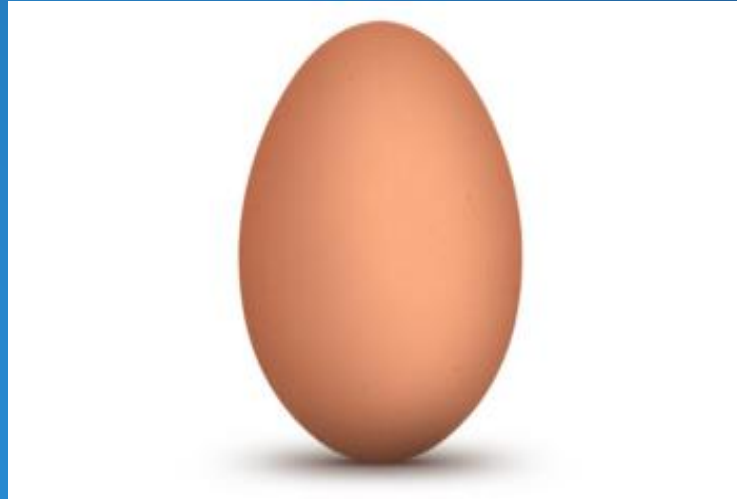


# Devolution

the action of changing from colonial to independent status.



# EGG DEVOLUTION EXAMPLE











# Syria civil war: Kurds declare federal region in north

Democratic Union Party and allied groups approve document that declares "federal democratic system" in country's north.

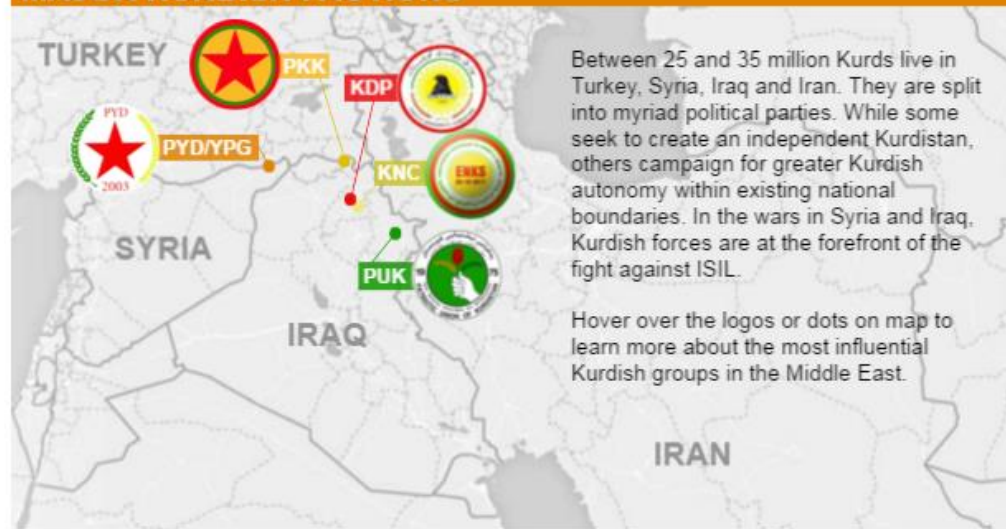
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## MAJOR KURDISH FACTIONS



Between 25 and 35 million Kurds live in Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran. They are split into myriad political parties. While some seek to create an independent Kurdistan, others campaign for greater Kurdish autonomy within existing national boundaries. In the wars in Syria and Iraq, Kurdish forces are at the forefront of the fight against ISIL.

Hover over the logos or dots on map to learn more about the most influential Kurdish groups in the Middle East.