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What is a state?

Individual United States SVGs



State

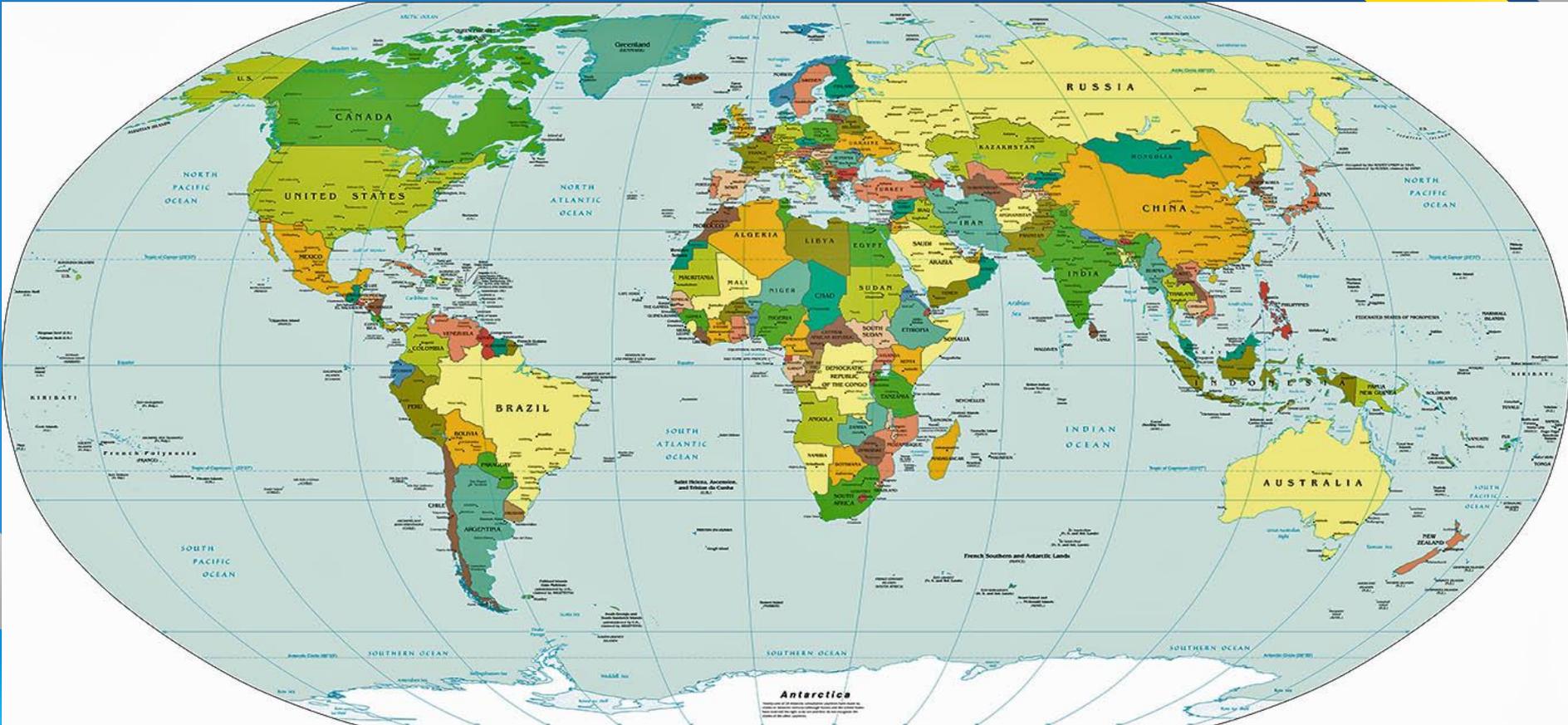
an area organized into a political unit and ruled by an established gov't which has control over its internal and foreign affairs

Has all of the following:

- 1) defined territory
- 2) permanent population
- 3) and sovereignty

Is this map natural?

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Challenges in defining state

Korea: One state or two?
-two states, one nation



China and Taiwan: One state or two?

Western Sahara
(Sahrawi Republic, SADR)



What is the difference between a nation, state, and a nation state

Nation- culturally defined group with a shared past, common future, connection to a territory, and similar political goals.

Nation State- politically organized in which the state and nation occupy the same space.

State v Nation v Nation State

State: Belgium, USA, Iraq

Nation: Flemish, Wallonia, Kurds

Nation State: France, Japan, Denmark

Same difference (but not really)

Multination State- nearly every state in the world is one, state with more than one nation inside its borders

Multistate Nation- when a nation stretches across state borders

Stateless Nation- a nation without a state

Can you name this nation?



What terms from the last slide fit this nation?

Some closely related terms

Territoriality –

“the attempt by an individual or group to affect, influence, or control people, phenomena, and relationships, by delimiting and asserting control over a geographic area.” – Robert Sack

Sovereignty –

having the last say over a territory – legally.

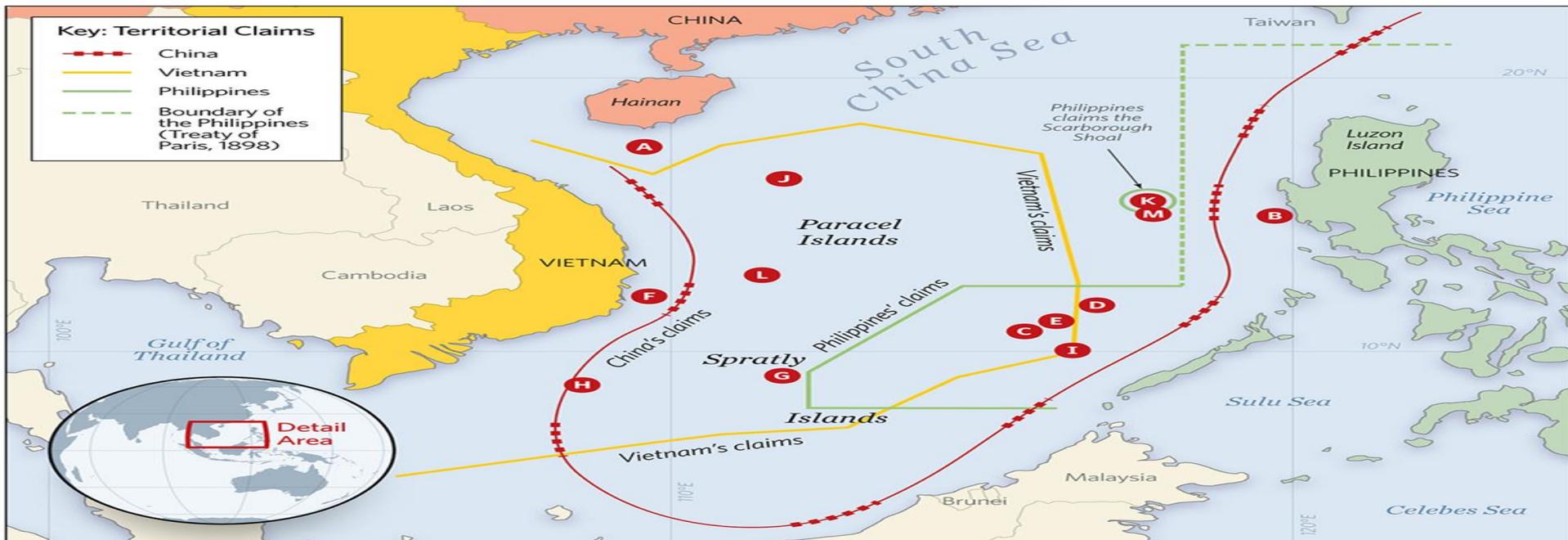
Territorial Integrity –

a government has the right to keep the borders and territory of a state in tact and free from attack.



Area of Dispute: South China Sea

Since 2009, Chinese vessels have been involved in a number of aggressive incidents in the disputed waters of the South China Sea.



- A** **March 2009.** Chinese vessels harass USNS *Impeccable*
- B** **June 2009.** Chinese submarine collides with sonar cable of USS *John McCain*
- C** **February 2011.** Chinese frigate fires at Philippine fishing boats
- D** **March 2011.** Chinese patrol boats attempt to ram a Philippine government energy research vessel
- E** **May 2011.** Chinese vessels lay steel posts and buoys
- F** **May 2011.** Maritime security vessel from China cuts the cables of an exploration ship from Vietnam

- G** **May 2011.** Chinese military vessels threaten Vietnamese fishing boats
- H** **June 2011.** Three Chinese vessels disabled cables of a PetroVietnam oil survey ship, the *Viking 2*
- I** **December 2011.** Two Chinese civilian ships and Chinese naval vessel seen in Philippine territorial waters
- J** **March 2012.** China detains 21 Vietnamese fishermen in the Paracel Islands for seven weeks, sparking a diplomatic row

- K** **April 2012.** Chinese fishing at the Scarborough Shoal prompts an ongoing standoff between Philippine patrol vessels and Chinese surveillance ships. The shoal is 124 nautical miles from Luzon Island, well within the Philippine Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
- L** **December 2012.** Chinese fishing boats sever seismic survey cables of Vietnamese ship, *Bin Minh 02*
- M** **August 2013.** Philippines Secretary of Defense displays photos of concrete blocks he calls prelude to Chinese construction at Scarborough Shoal

Sources: U.S. Department of Defense, "Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China 2010," http://www.defense.gov/pubs/pdfs/2010_CMPR_Final.pdf (accessed February 27, 2012); Martin Stuart-Fox, *A Short History of China and Southeast Asia* (Sydney: Allen & Unwin, 2003), map by R. B. Cribb, "Territorial claims in the South China Sea," p. 217; and Heritage Foundation research.

Development of the State Concept

The city states of Mesopotamia

European state idea emerges (modern state)

Peace of Westphalia included language that defined statehood, borders, and guarantees of security.

spread by European colonization

European Waves of Colonization

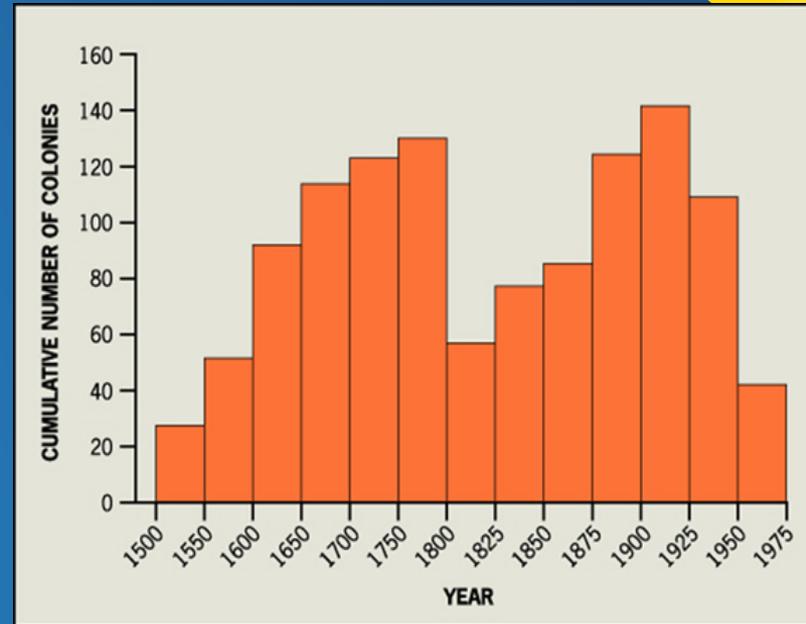
Colonialism -

a physical action in which one state takes over control of another, taking over the government and ruling the territory as its own.

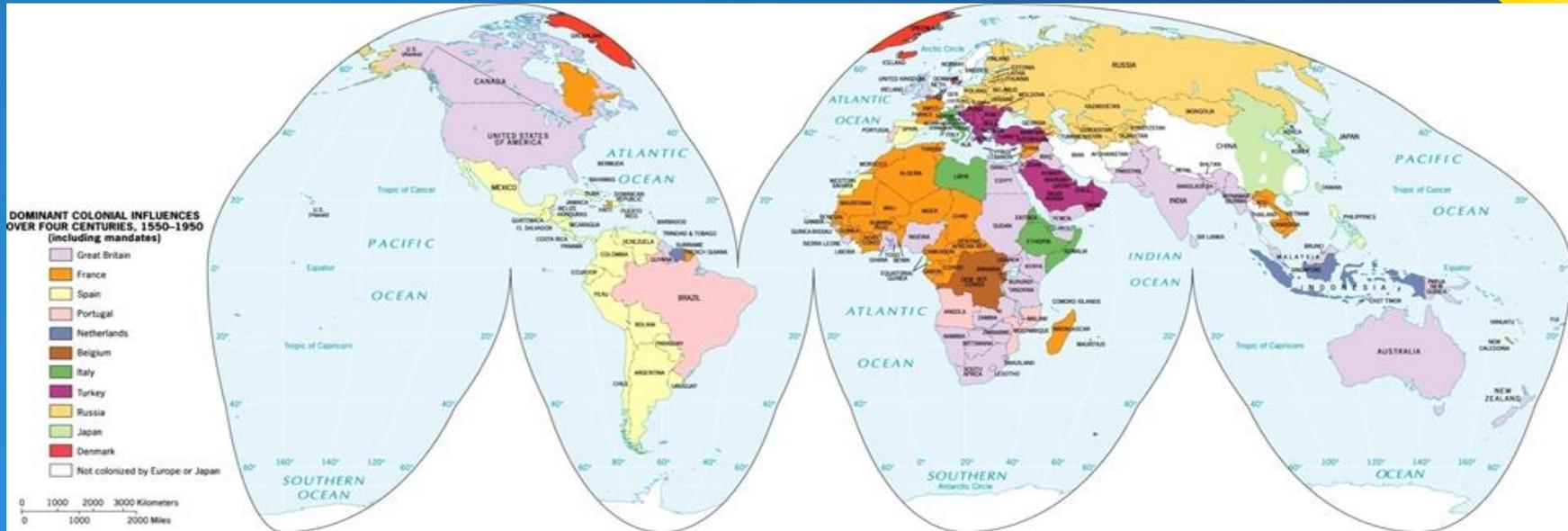
Two Waves of European Colonialism:

1500 - 1825 (Americas)

1825 - 1975 (Asia and Africa)



The sun never sets on the British Empire



Dominant Colonial Influences, 1550-1950

This map shows the dominant influence, as some places were colonized by more than one power in this time period.

Americas (Britain, Spain) Asia/Africa (France, Britain)