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# The United States



THE AMERICAN FLAG WAS FIRST SEWN BY BETSY ROSS OF PHILADELPHIA, AND LAST SEWN BY YUN ENOKI OF TAIWAN.

## The Land Of Opportunity

The United States was founded in 1776 on the principles of life, liberty, and the reckless pursuit of happiness at any cost—even life and liberty.

America is a place where even the poorest immigrant can, through hard work and dedication, achieve the American Dream for his employer. Where children are the most important exploitable natural resource. Where at any given moment opportunity may knock on your door, and if you're not home, break in through your window and take everything you've got.

America is the birthplace of the entrepreneur, the entrepreneur's assistant, the entrepreneurial coordinator, and the special consultant to the entrepreneur.

It is a nation where freedom rings from coast to coast, over and over and over again, until you finally decide to pick up the phone and agree to cover a coworker's night shift. A nation where any man can arrive with nothing more than a few pennies in his pocket, the hope of a better life, a passport, two I-9 forms, proof of employment, reference letters from reliable sponsors, and through sheer persistence finally convince a border guard to let him into the country.

America is a land of equality for all, and special, better equality for some. It is a land where the streets are paved with gold, and the ditches are paved with unskilled laborers forced to lay down that gold. A nation where any determined individual can climb to the top of the corporate ladder and kick it down so that nobody else can. Where a man can go from rags to riches almost overnight, and from riches back to rags in even less time, then write a book about it, option the rights to a TV network or film studio, and blow all that money on drugs.

Most importantly, however, the United States is a place where any citizen has the chance to serve his country, regardless of color, creed, or whether he's just served his country for three years and wants desperately to go home.



In America, any millionaire can, through hard work and determination, exploit others to become a billionaire.

### ALASKA »

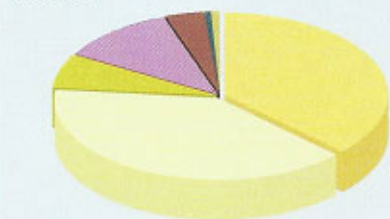


### HAWAII »



### TOP REASONS FOR AMERICAN PRIDE »

American citizens are among the proudest on earth. Why do they love their country so much?



- 28% Freedom to say whatever you want, like, "Ummm...uhhhh...hmm..."
- 14% Have flag, feel like waving something
- 12% Fear others will accuse them of being a Communist
- 10% That song that goes "I'm proud to be an American" and then there's the guitar part
- 4% President's Day Mattress Sale
- 2% Subtle imperialistic undertones of professional wrestling storylines
- 30% USA! USA! USA! Woowooooooooo!



### FACTS » IN STUFF WE TRUST

<b>POPULATION</b> 302,600,001	<b>EXPORTS</b> Troops
<b>CITIZEN KEEPING POPULATION FROM BEING NICE, ROUND NUMBER</b> Doug Kryslivic of Newton, Massachusetts	<b>U.S. TERRITORIES</b> Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, the Moon
<b>BORDERS</b> 2,459 locations nationwide	<b>HEALTH HAZARDS</b> Increasing number of Americans too obese to crawl out of birth canal
<b>BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT</b> Executive, Legislative, Judicial, Janitorial	<b>LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH</b> Prolonged sitting
<b>NATIONAL PASTIMES</b> Baseball, weeping silently in bathroom while husband watches baseball	<b>FREEDOM OF SPEECH</b> Mostly limited to bumper stickers
<b>TRADITIONAL CUISINE</b> The #5 Combo	<b>SHARED CULTURAL EXPERIENCES</b> <i>Cheers</i> finale, <i>M*A*S*H</i> finale, 9/11, that <i>Everybody Loves Raymond</i> episode where Frank builds a birdhouse
<b>LITERACY RATE</b> Saw the movie version	







# The United States




**HISTORY » GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME A LARGE CASH SETTLEMENT, A BRAND-NEW MERCEDES, A 52-INCH TV,**

15,000 B.C.—A.D. 1400 Native Americans waste several millennia painstakingly naming villages, lakes, valleys, rivers, and mountain ranges.

1492 Christopher Columbus kindly informs the Native Americans that they're standing on his country.

1608 Hats legalized.

1610 Hats mandatory.

 1620 Early colonies are set up by Pilgrims, who fled religious persecution in England to establish their own religious persecution in the New World.

1636 Harvard University is founded, but does not admit any students until the SATs are invented in 1901.

through the streets of Boston warning that "the British are coming!" However, scholars point out that Revere was a paranoid schizophrenic who had made "midnight rides" warning of an imminent British attack on the same Boston roads every night for the previous three years.

1776 John Hancock puts his old Francis Perriwinkle on the Declaration of Independence.

1776–1781 Several battles are fought atop a variety of hills.

1787 Dozens of representatives from all 13 states convene in Philadelphia to write the Constitution together. Although they originally intended to give women the right to vote, they couldn't find a way to word it that they were all happy with.



Mount Rushmore  
The rarely seen back side of the famous monument honors America's shittiest presidents.

1692 Hundreds of children are executed for being witches during Salem, MA's inopportune Halloween costume party.

1742 George Washington proclaims, "I cannot tell a lie," beginning a long tradition of politicians lying.

1773 In protest of the Tea Act, American colonists sneak onto British ships at night and dump over 90,000 pounds of tea into Boston Harbor. The patriots celebrate their success with a nice cup of hot water.

APR. 19, 1775 Paul Revere rides

1803 Thomas Jefferson purchases the 530-billion-acre Louisiana Territory from the French for what seems like a steal at \$15 million, but little did he know—termite problem.

1804–1806 Comically mismatched explorers Lewis & Clark embark on a laugh-a-minute romp across the American West, during which the delightful duo accidentally sleeps with the wife of an Indian chief, wakes up to find a rattlesnake in their sleeping bag, and learns the true meaning of friendship.

1830 The nation's Native Americans

are sentenced to a fate worse than death: living in Oklahoma.

1837 Martin Van Buren becomes America's first bad president.

1840 Through pluck, hard work, and the indomitable American spirit, the people of the U.S. nearly succeed in wiping the buffalo from the face of the earth.

1863 President Abraham Lincoln single-handedly wrestles 20,000 Confederate troops at Gettysburg, winning the battle with a decisive three-second shoulder pin.

1865 Robert E. Lee agrees to surrender and end the Civil War on the condition that 193 high schools in the South be named after him.

1865 Lincoln is assassinated by John Wilkes Booth during a performance of *Our American Cousin* at Ford's Theater. While his death was a shock to many, scholars believe Lincoln should have seen the attack coming, as it was clearly printed on the playbill between "Intermission" and "Act II."

1865 A sudden shortage of cheap labor cripples the American cotton industry.

1870 The 15th Amendment is passed, granting black men the right to vote. Originally classified as only three-fifths citizens, black men were given full voting rights when the nation's leaders decided they didn't hate the idea of racial equality nearly as much as adding up fractions.

1875 10,000 workers drown during the construction of the first 15 feet of the Transatlantic Railroad.

1876 Thomas Alva Edison, searching for a more efficient way to invent things, invents Alexander Graham Bell, who in turn invents the telephone, the metal detector, and the hydrofoil.

1902 The Wright Brothers—Wilbur, Orville, Jonathan, Michael, Patrick, Samuel, Andrew, and Phil—embark on the first of many tragic test flights.

1909 William Howard Taft becomes the first 1,600-pound president.

1911 A wiring glitch at the Ford Motor Plant causes its two-mile-long conveyor belt to run backwards, resulting in the disassembly of nearly 400 Model T cars in less than a day.



In the 1920s, the economy was booming, jazz was taking off, and eight out of 10 Americans were homosexuals.

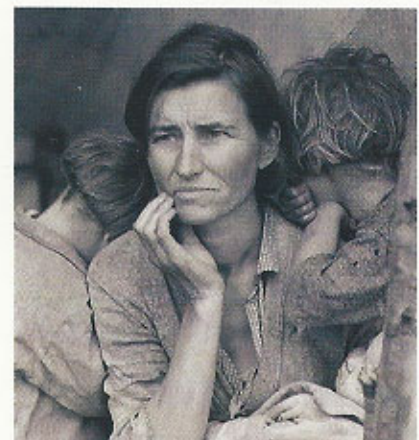
1920 Prohibition passes, banning the manufacture or sale of alcohol in the U.S. Upon hearing the news, millions of depressed Americans drown their sorrows in alcohol.

1927 Charles A. Lindbergh becomes the first person that no one wants to fly nonstop across the Atlantic Ocean with.

1929 After a decade of rapid and often reckless growth, the Wall Street Crash of 1929 leaves companies such as Irresponsible Buying Inc., Forget About Saving For The Future & Sons, and Nothing Bad Is Ever Going To Come Out Of Relying Too Heavily On The Stock Market Ltd. in ruins.

1930–1939 Popularity of bread skyrockets.

1932 President Herbert Hoover delivers what onlookers initially believe to be a stirring, inspirational call for change in America. However,



The Great Depression  
An Oklahoma woman takes a moment to simultaneously express the brutal struggle of day-to-day survival and the enduring strength of the human spirit.





AFTER MUCH CONTROVERSY, OFFICIALS ERECTED THIS MONUMENT IN BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA TO THOSE WHO DIED ON SEPT. 11, 2001.



## A PERSONAL CHEF, A WHOLE NEW WARDROBE, EXTRA BUTTER, PLASTIC SURGERY, AND THAT HOUSE OVER THERE

after citizens notice his dirty, unshaven face, tattered clothing, and the empty cup he is waving around, it becomes apparent that he's just asking for spare nickels and dimes.



FDR rides aboard Wheelchair One.

1933-1945 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt spends four consecutive terms in the White House until the Department of

the Interior can build a wheelchair ramp to get him out.

1941 The U.S. joins World War II, but not before renaming it "World War II: Ultimate Valor" for licensing and marketing purposes.

1943 After months of trying to decipher the mysterious messages, U.S. cryptanalysts discover the key to the Japanese military's top-secret codes: they are written in Japanese.

1945 Harry S. Truman regrets installing the button that launches nuclear bombs right next to the button that turns on his radio.

1946-1961 U.S. declares a two-front nuclear war on the Nevada desert and the coral atolls of the South Pacific.

1947 Jackie Robinson breaks the color barrier in baseball and, during a road game two weeks later, in Massachusetts.

1950 Drunken Sen. Joseph McCarthy accuses an empty barstool of being a Communist.

1951 Hysteria over Communism spreads across nation. President Truman outlaws sharing.

1963 Though badly shaken after her husband's assassination, Jackie Kennedy is momentarily comforted by the fact that his blood matches her shoes.

1963 The emergence of hippies, a group of young people unafraid to

open their minds and legs to new ideas and experiences.



Martin Luther King Jr.

1963 Martin Luther King Jr. has a dream where one day, blacks and whites will live together in harmony, and also his high-school science teacher is there for some reason.

1966 Everyone in the U.S. spends the year hiding underneath their desks.

1967 The "Summer of Love" is followed by the "Autumn of Chlamydia."

1968 American soldiers accidentally kill 300 Vietnamese villagers in My Lai after not realizing they were loaded.

1968 In an effort to silence anti-war protests at home, Lyndon Johnson sends the entire country to fight in Vietnam.

1969 The U.S. introduces the military draft lottery. Thousands instantly lose.

1969 In one of the most elaborate hoaxes in U.S. history, NASA fakes the moon landing's importance.

1969 Thousands of youths congregate at Woodstock for three days of love, dancing, and drugs—much to the chagrin of one spectator, Dale Henderson, who was actually trying to enjoy the show.

1969 Entire hippie population wiped



President Richard Nixon gives his famous two-finger salute after resigning from office in 1974.



Population American children are born with over 1,000 songs already on their iPods.

out by the H<sub>2</sub>O bomb.

1971 The national rail service, Amtrak, forever changes the way Americans complain about travel.

1972 A grand jury is forced to listen to 3,600 hours of Nixon hosting an imaginary talk show before getting to the 30 minutes of tape where he orders his cronies to break into the Watergate Hotel.

1980 A plague of Pac-Man Fever ravages the U.S. Treasury's quarters supply.

1983 An increasingly divided public demands that the horrific and senseless M\*A\*S\*H be brought to an end.

1986 After seven years of painstaking preparation and an outlay of over \$18 billion, NASA succeeds in launching elementary school teacher Christa McAuliffe into

the troposphere.

1992 The South rises again, staggers around a bit, finds the remote control, and collapses back onto the couch.

1998 The nation is shocked and disgusted when Bill Clinton admits that he has had sexual relations with Hillary Clinton.

SEPT. 11, 2001 At 8:46 a.m., in one of the most tragic events in the history of mankind, George W. Bush's political career is saved.

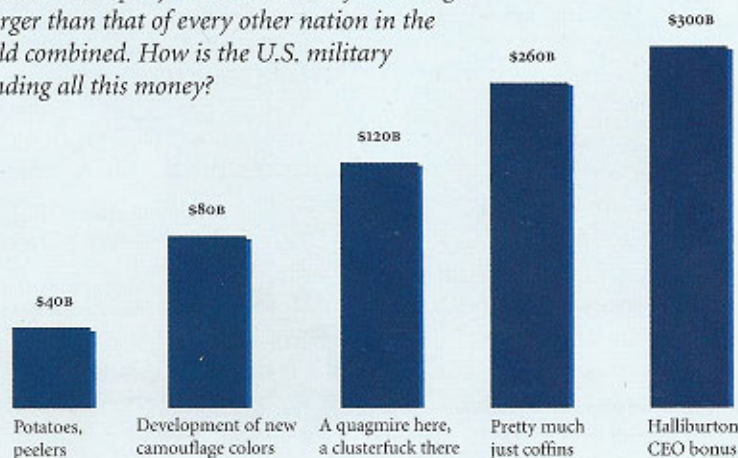
2001 Americans vow to be furious about the Enron scandal as soon as they understand what it is.

AUG. 2005 Hurricane Katrina hits New Orleans, leaving thousands even more homeless.

2007 Millions of Americans drive to Washington, D.C. to protest global warming.

### MILITARY SPENDING » WE'RE #1

At \$800 billion per year, America's defense budget is larger than that of every other nation in the world combined. How is the U.S. military spending all this money?





# The Northeast



## Your Forefather's America

Hand-selected by the Pilgrims as the only land worthy of settling, the Northeast was laying the foundations for democracy while the rest of America was still knee-deep in bison shit.

Although the rest of the states are happy to wave American flags, vote for their government leaders, and refuse to pay taxes to the British monarchy now, Northeasterners can't remember anyone west of Pennsylvania signing the Declaration of Independence or making a midnight ride through the streets of Boston back when being a patriot meant getting off your ass.

Perhaps the other states found it a lot easier to ratify the Constitution after someone else had already gone to the trouble of fighting the Revolutionary War, securing independence for an entire nation, founding a capital city, and forming a bicameral legislative body to draft it. Maybe they were just waiting to see if the whole "government by rule of the people" thing would pan out before they started using it as the basis of every state government from Ohio to California.

Regardless of the reason, Northeasterners welcomed the 39 latecomers with open arms, but everyone knows full well whom they really meant by "We The People."

### NEW YORK » THE NEW YORK CITY STATE

From the Empire State Building in New York City, to the Statue of Liberty in New York City, to Times Square in New York City, the state of New York is filled with exciting attractions no matter where you look.

Tourists arrive by the thousands each day, whether to enjoy a Broadway play in New York's historic New York City, visit the Big Apple, or just explore some of the state's quieter wooded areas in Central Park. New York is also home to the nation's financial capital (New York City), news capital (New York City), and fashion capital (New York City).

Indeed, New York State is truly the greatest city in the world.



The famous New York State skyline.

### NEW JERSEY » DEMANDING PEOPLE SHOVE IT UP THEIR ASS SINCE 1832

Located in you know where the fuck we are, and bordered by a bunch of places that can suck it—especially you, Pennsylvania—New Jersey is one of the nation's oldest and most historic states. So fuck you.

Founded by a guy who could kick your state-founder's ass, and boasting some of the safest, cleanest cities in America—you hear that, jerk?—New Jersey will destroy you, just say the word.

And while the state has in recent years come under fire from environmental groups, that doesn't fucking matter because Jersey rules.

Oh, and by the way, the entire state was balls-deep in your girlfriend last night.

### PENNSYLVANIA » AMISH-ISH COUNTRY

Pennsylvania is home to the world's largest Amish population, a group of people whose austere lifestyle is slowly changing to adapt to the 21st century. Today, the Amish shun electricity except at night when it's dark, reject modern conveniences save for microwaves, refrigerators, and washing machines, and travel by horse and buggy unless it'd just be easier to take the car.

Amish men, once known for their long beards, can now go clean-shaven if their face gets too itchy or if they "just feel like trying something different."

However, most Amish residents today still forbid themselves from using the telephone, unless they need to call their neighbor to tell him something good is on TV.








» BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, THE MAN WHO INVENTED FLYING KITES IN THE RAIN.



» THE NORTHEAST IS FAMOUS FOR ITS LIGHTHOUSES, WHICH ARE USED TO SIGNAL AN APPROACHING RACK OF POSTCARDS.


## MASSACHUSETTS » COVERED IN IVY

 Home to hundreds of prestigious colleges and universities, Massachusetts is where the nation's best and brightest can't afford to go.

Known for their extremely high standards, institutes such as Harvard and MIT only accept students who either score in the top 1% of yearly household income, or have an outstanding last name.


Those lucky enough to attend, however, are treated to the finest education, grades, diploma, and future employment that money can buy. While most of these students fail to absorb any knowledge about politics, philosophy, business, or engineering, the one thing they do learn is that, in America, wealth and privilege is everything.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE » A PLACE FOR PRICKS TO COME LOOK AT LEAVES

 With four full seasons of autumn and an endless array of colors ranging from orange to off-orange, New Hampshire attracts thousands of annual visitors who come to photograph the changing leaves, videotape the newly fallen leaves, and buy leaf-shaped souvenirs from the last state in the Union with any trees.

Though it contains the nation's finest twigs, bark, and branches, the Granite State's foliage-based economy would be devastated by one errant leaf-blower, or a single asshole from Massachusetts too busy yelling into his cell phone to watch where he's walking.

## RHODE ISLAND » ROUGHLY THE SIZE OF ONE RHODE ISLAND

 Rhode Island, the basic unit of geographic measurement, exists solely for the purpose of describing how big other landmasses are.


Located side by side other, larger U.S. states in easy-to-comprehend size comparisons, Rhode Island, or the "World's Yardstick," was admitted to the Union in 1790 when the founding fathers wanted to see how many times it could fit into North Carolina.

Today, despite a booming tourism industry and growing economy, Rhode Island remains the same as it ever was: about one-third the size of Puerto Rico, and 76 times smaller than Portugal.



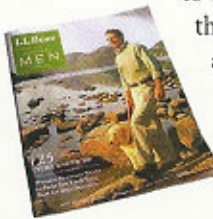
The Signing Of The Declaration Of Independence  
A brilliant group of wealthy landowners founds the world's first whites-only nation.

## MAINE » L.L. BEAN'S LIVING CATALOG


 Whether logging the Great North Woods in a signature Allagash Northweave™ flannel shirt, or taking in the cool night air under a micro-light Woodlands Dome tent, the people of Maine can be found on pages 12-187 of the quarterly L.L. Bean catalog.

Mainers are always dressed for the occasion, be it chopping firewood, taking a stroll with their yellow Labrador, or simply relaxing on the back porch with their pastel-sweater-wearing wife and two freckled children.

Although they may argue about whether to take a kayak or canoe trip, the people of Maine can agree on one thing: Nothing feels quite so comfortable as a brand-new pair of Adrenaline Ultralight socks by SmartWool®.




## VERMONT » CLEAN AIR, FILTHY PEOPLE

 The environmentally friendly hippies of Vermont lead the world in water conservation, as well as soap conservation, shampoo conservation, and Q-tip conservation.

A green-conscious people, Vermonters are known to recycle their undergarments, often making a single pair last as long as two months.


Indeed, if statewide trends continue, Vermont's strategic deodorant reserves—roughly two sticks of Right Guard—should last at least until 2407.

## DELAWARE » A NICE FIRST TRY

 America has to laugh when it looks at Delaware, the first state it admitted to the Union back in 1787. At just under 2,500 square miles and without a single urban center, Delaware makes the nation cringe at what it used to let pass for a state.

Although the U.S. learned from its mistake and went on to welcome nearly 30 truly great states over the next 200 years, it still keeps Delaware around so that the next time the nation wants to add another state, it will remember what not to do.

## CONNECTICUT » HOME OF NEW YORK'S OTHER POPULATION

 For over 300 years, Connecticut has upheld a proud tradition of being next to New York.


The state was founded in 1636 by settlers who wanted to live in a small quiet colony, but also enjoyed the convenience of being able to catch the 7:27 wagon and be in New York by early next week.

Although Connecticut is the wealthiest state in the nation, its citizens are forced to live in giant mansions, as many cannot afford the rent of a cramped one-bedroom apartment in Manhattan.



The Capitol Building, known for its 18th-century architecture and its politics of an even earlier era.

## MARYLAND » ON BOTH WRONG SIDES OF THE TRACK

 Although it may not seem like much at first, or even when you look at it for a second or third time, Maryland is actually a vibrant and beautiful state if one squints hard enough.

With a surprise around every 15 corners, and a good surprise around every 30 or so, Maryland is an exciting place to visit so long as one comes in with zero expectations, has never eaten at a restaurant before, and can ignore the overpowering smell.

America's very well-hidden gem, Baltimore in particular remains an undiscovered treasure, as few are willing to venture past the crime-scene tape.



# The South



\* OLD SAWBONES, THE MAYOR OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.



## Where The Mistakes Of The Past Come Alive

With its rampant racism, regressive social policies, and aversion to Northern influence, the American South has provided visitors with a historically accurate view of antebellum life for over 140 years.

For the thousands of tourists who visit this historic site each year, crossing the Mason-Dixon line is like taking a step back in time. Visitors can stroll through authentically segregated neighborhoods, see the Confederate flag still proudly displayed at banks and government buildings, and have their picture taken with a real live white supremacist.

Also on display are voting trends and literacy rates painstakingly preserved in their original 19th-century condition, and attitudes toward homosexuals and immigrants over 100 years old. A lucky few may even catch a glimpse of dedicated re-enactors dressed in traditional white-cloak-and-pointed-hood garments staging 1870s-era hate crimes right before their very eyes.

But no visit is complete without a trip to the gift shop, where anyone with a driver's license and \$500 cash can take home a pistol identical to those once used to defend the Confederacy from abolitionists.

### FLORIDA » THE SILENT HOLOCAUST



*Though on the surface Florida appears to be a tropical paradise, inside this state lurks a dark, gruesome secret: Each year, thousands of Jews are sent here to die.*



Ghastly sights such as these are an everyday reality in Florida.

Separated from their families in New York and New Jersey, these Jews are transported hundreds of miles to extermination communities like the horrific Boca Raton, where they are confined to small, identical living units, never to see their real homes again. In the morning, those still able to walk are forced to do activities against their will. They are humiliated,

stripped of all human dignity, and made to square-dance to the point of physical exhaustion.

While some die within the first few weeks, others suffer for years with no contact to the outside world save for a phone call on their birthday. In addition, an unlucky few are forced by men in white lab coats to take powerful drugs and undergo grisly medical procedures. Some say, however, that in Florida, the worst fate of all is surviving.



### ALABAMA » THE LAST REMAINING SLAVE STATE



*After more than a century as a free state, Alabama quietly re-legalized slavery in 1987, though the rest of the U.S. has failed to notice any difference.*

The legislation, tacked onto a seemingly innocuous school-segregation bill, passed the state senate by a margin of 34 to 3/5ths. Despite the controversial decision, few African-Americans protested, as doing so was not allowed by their new masters.



Alabama (circa 2007)

Recently, the federal government has attempted to abolish slavery in the state, but was surprised to learn it has no jurisdiction over Alabama, which seceded from the Union in 1989.

### MISSISSIPPI » LEARNING TO SINK



*With most of its public schools built directly on swamps, marshes, or bayous, the waterlogged state of Mississippi is struggling to keep its young people afloat.*

Plagued by underfunding and dangerously strong currents, Mississippi schoolchildren not lucky enough to have a chalkboard to cling to typically drown between periods—a worrying trend that officials are trying to combat by periodically testing students' ability to tread water, and dredging all classrooms over the winter and summer breaks.

State officials have yet to offer a viable solution to the state's greatest challenge, the alligator swimming in the superintendent's office.






» A SOUTHERN PREACHER EXTOLS THE VIRTUES OF PIETY, CHASTITY, AND KNOCKING THE OLD LADY ACROSS THE JAW EVERY NOW AND AGAIN TO KEEP HER QUIET.




## GEORGIA » NO, NOT THAT GEORGIA

 When most people hear the name "Georgia," they immediately think "Western Caucasus Mountains," "Greni Castle," and "President Mikhail Saakashvili." However, Georgia is not just the former Soviet republic that everyone knows about—it is also in fact a small U.S. state.

While this Georgia has its share of tourist sites, visitors hoping to catch a glimpse of the famous Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline will be left sorely disappointed. And although the state is also known for its hospitality, guests won't be getting a walking tour of Zugdidi or be greeted with a steaming plate of Khinkali anytime soon.

So the next time someone tells you they're from Georgia, before you ask them about Birtvisi Canyon or the ongoing border conflict in the South Ossetia region, be sure to find out exactly which Georgia they mean.

## LOUISIANA » AMERICA'S LOW-WATER MARK


 Louisiana was hit by Hurricane Katrina on Aug. 29, 2005, leaving hundreds of FEMA officials panicked, desperate for help, and not knowing where to turn.

A flustered FEMA responded three days late to the crisis, though the government claims it was only one day late if you don't count the 48 hours it took them to check their voicemail. At that point, they intended to respond immediately, but scrapped their travel plans when they heard there was a pretty bad storm in the area.

FEMA, after being informed what their acronym stood for, transported New Orleans residents to the Houston Astrodome, but could only afford to buy everyone upper-deck seats.

Today, years after the destruction, many Louisiana residents remain homeless, with hundreds forced to live in FEMA-issued trailers, and those hit hardest by Katrina forced to cling to FEMA-issued driftwood.

## VIRGINIA » VIRGINIA IS FOR RACISTS

 The birthplace of southern hospitality and the plantation system, Virginia treats every person of color to its own down-home brand of charming discrimination.




The ever-charming Caucasian female.

It is a place where southern belles with parasols sip iced tea in the sun, curtsying, smiling, and summoning their gentleman callers to kindly come clear the Negro fellows out of their way.

Children are taught to dress sharp, be obedient, and give all white people the respect they deserve as the superior race.

With a tip of the hat and a smile, jurors always hold the door open and bid a fond farewell to every black man they send to death row.


## NORTH CAROLINA » MAY CAUSE CANCER

 Home to Big Tobacco, North Carolina is one of the leading figures in the fight for cancer.

Recently, the state has been plagued by countless lawsuits over the addictiveness of cigarettes, though most cases are settled out of court for large payments of Marlboro Bucks.

Still, North Carolina is committed to helping its citizens quit smoking, but to do so the state insists it must first get them to start.

## TENNESSEE » LIKE HEE HAW, BUT A STATE

 Tennessee is the birthplace of country music, and the deathplace of all other music.

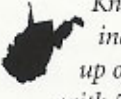
Nashville, the state's capital, is home to several historic country music sites, including the Country Music Hall of Fame, the famous Ryman Auditorium, and a stack of dry hay.

Though known for its southern charm, Nashville suffers from one of the nation's highest rates of domestic abuse, especially when one needs inspiration for a new song.

Tennessee is also home to Graceland, the sprawling estate where Elvis Presley lived on a toilet until 1977.




## W. VIRGINIA » COUNTRY ROADS, TAKE ME ANYWHERE ELSE

 Known for its coal-mining industry, West Virginia is made up of just over 1.8 million people, with 50% living in cities, 35% living in rural areas, and the rest trapped in a mine somewhere.

While coal mining is still a dangerous occupation, employees are now offered a number of job incentives, including overtime pay for the first six hours spent hopelessly stuck underground, and the opportunity for some to work from beneath their very own homes. Sadly, many mining companies still experience frequent, sudden, extremely loud turnover.

West Virginia's state bird is the dead canary.

## SOUTH CAROLINA » THE ONE WITH THE RACIST FLAG

 While symbolic of an era of hate and prejudice, South Carolina citizens continue to fly the state's Confederate flag, as many claim "it just looks pretty."




While ashamed of the history associated with their state flag, South Carolinians

can't help but notice how nice the blue cross looks against the red background.


In fact, many say the only thing more pleasing to the eye is the sight of an African-American being hanged from a tree.

## ARKANSAS » WHERE SECOND COUSINS ARE FIRST WIVES

 The state of Arkansas is built on strong family values, with parents teaching their children at an early age about hard work, the importance of sharing, and how much tongue is too much tongue.

While some Arkansans marry their siblings out of true love, most do it out of convenience, as they already live together, share the same last name, and know the sex will be good. Before proposing, it is common in Arkansas to seek the blessing of the bride's father, which is done by addressing oneself in the mirror.

## KENTUCKY » SOAKED IN BOURBON

 Kentucky was founded at 4:30 a.m. on June 1, 1792, when a band of drunken pioneers scrawled the state's constitution on the back of a cocktail napkin, slurred allegiance to the United States, and promptly pissed themselves.

Hungover since the late 1800s, Kentucky citizens remember a simpler time when someone said something, and then everyone stood up, and—wait, no, that was last night.

Today, Kentuckians who are able to wake up in time for May enjoy the state's national pastime of watching what looks like horses running around a racetrack.





# The Midwest



## America's Pit Stop

Boasting some of the most spectacular public restrooms, gas stations, and 24-hour Hardee's drive-thrus in the country, America's Midwest is conveniently located between where you are and where you are going.

From Ohio's sprawling plains to Missouri's river basins to Nebraska's sprawling plains, the Midwest is a dazzling array of highway on-ramps and truck weigh-in stations that is best appreciated at the rate of 70 mph, or from the window seat of a cross-country flight. Visitors often take in multiple states in a single afternoon, sampling local selections of unleaded fuel and prepackaged snack cakes while ceaselessly pursuing the uninterrupted horizon.

The people of America's Heartland are both friendly and considerate, whether giving directions to the nearest interstate or accepting fares at one of the region's many charming tollbooths. And by dressing in khaki from head to toe and keeping the same hairstyle for 20 years, Midwesterners are kind enough not to distract tourists from the blurry, brownish-green experience they're looking for.

A wholesome and inviting place, it's no surprise people love to see the Midwest again and again, slowly disappearing in their rearview mirrors.



The Country's Middle Part  
America's Heartland is best appreciated in comfortable, reclining leather seats at 19,000 feet.



### ILLINOIS » SPRAWL OF AMERICA

Since nothing is within walking distance in the entire state, residents of Illinois spend most of their lives in their cars, trying to navigate the endless stream of identical concrete landmarks to find their way home in time to hop in the car for the morning commute.

In fact, it is not uncommon for an Illinois father to make a wrong turn onto the wrong Woodbury Heights Ave., park in the wrong driveway, kiss the wrong wife, and spend the rest of his life raising the wrong family.

Most of the state's rich, fertile farmland has been paved over to construct new strip malls, which are immediately abandoned in favor of newer, more conveniently located strip malls 50 yards to the left.

Many residents have recently been forced to give up their cherished views of the winding cloverleaf highways and lush billboards that dominate the exhaust-filled landscape for homes in Chicago's more affordable suburbs in nearby Alabama.

Also known as the Land of Lincoln, the state of Illinois prides itself on the fact that America's greatest president was actually born in Kentucky.

### KANSAS » IN GOD WE BLINDLY TRUST

Taking a bold stand against the dangers of modern existence, and eager to protect its traditional Old Testament values, the Kansas legislature has officially banned all forms of reality.

Free from the shackles of logic, common sense, or indisputable scientific evidence, Kansas' faith-based form of government has completely eliminated such long-term problems as joblessness, civil rights, and education funding—problems which, according to a recent judicial decision, never actually existed in the first place.

Kansans are such devout Christians that, each year, thousands of God-fearing citizens who refuse to believe that tornados are the work of naturally occurring low-pressure systems are sent directly to heaven.

In an upcoming referendum, voters will decide on a controversial measure to outlaw all forms of death, except in cases of accidental electrocution in the state penitentiary.

In addition, a growing number of outspoken Christian fundamentalists claim that homosexuality is a choice, and they are dedicated to proving it every other Wednesday night at a little motel just outside Topeka.





» A MIDWESTERNER TAKES IN THE FIRST DAY OF SUMMER.



» A TRADITIONAL DISH TO AVOID.



» YOUR PARENTS



### MICHIGAN » CLOSED FOR BUSINESS



Once the thriving center of America's automobile industry, Michigan hasn't made a single business transaction since 1993.

Suffering from the highest unemployment rates in the nation and unable to rebound after the failure of its upper-peninsula franchise, the Great Lakes State has been forced to close its borders. Accepting that most of metropolitan Detroit is unsalvageable, the state is just hoping to get what it can for the Capitol building before packing up and starting anew out East.

Though everyone agreed it had to be done, Michigan says the hardest part of closing up shop was informing Ned, the 65-year-old part-time employee who ran the Midwestern state for the last five years.

### OHIO » AMERICA'S STATE



The blond-haired, blue-eyed, baseball cap-wearing patriots of Ohio live in America's most all-American state.

Believing in traditional Ohio values, Ohioans know the importance of being seen by their neighbors at church on Sunday. Though they work 38.5–44 hours a week for their average annual incomes, parents always take time to enjoy some general interests with their son/daughter.



Ohioans celebrate being from Ohio.

When Ohio's major industries collapsed in the late 1970s, Ohioans handled it with pluck and optimism, holding a bake sale on a nice Saturday afternoon in hopes that Mrs. Lawson's delicious lemon bars might perk up their devastated economy.

With more native presidents than any state, each citizen is allowed one term in the White House, though most turn down the chance for fear that their award-winning hedges would fall into disrepair.

### MISSOURI » BY MARK TWAIN



Dotted with half-painted picket fences and bordered by the mighty Mississippi, Missouri is where trouble-making youngsters ride rafts to school with their state-mandated Negro pals.

Missouri has a darn fine education system that boasts the highest corset-wearing-schoolmarm-to-insufferable-student ratio in the country.

Older folks wile away the hours on government-operated riverboats, whether just playing for fun or pushing in all their Social Security chips on a queen-high straight as part of their official retirement plan.

However, some of Missouri's more mischievous employers spend all the livelong day tricking Negroes into working full time for less than the federal minimum wage.

Missourians also have a knack for spinning yarns and telling tall tales—like the time they say a dead man done beat John Ashcroft in the 2000 Senate race.

### WISCONSIN » CLOGGED ARTERY OF THE HEARTLAND



Once the fattest people in the country, Wisconsinites have slimmed down dramatically in recent years by adhering to a strict diet of just one basket of cheese curds at every meal, and no more than 18 servings of Miller Lite a day.

Many exercise regularly by jumping up and power-walking to the kitchen for a bratwurst between snacks. They also count calories with sensible, deep-fried salads for dinner.

Children are taught the importance of eating a balanced meal that includes all five fast-food groups, and are encouraged to lick clean every last inch of their George Foreman Grill drip-trays.

### IOWA » ALL FARMED OUT



As the Heartland's vast cornfields are taken over by massive, corporate agribusinesses, the farmers of Iowa still live a simple life, waking up at the crack of dawn each morning to fill out complicated bankruptcy papers and fuel up their tractors for the liquidation sale, while the little lady cuts up credit cards in the kitchen.

Known for taking life one late mortgage payment at a time, Iowans always have a cup of coffee and a warm smile for every repo man that stops by. A religious people, they are thankful for what little they've got, and say grace before every meal at the cardboard box where their dinner table used to be.

### NORTH DAKOTA » EMPTY



Founded in 1889 by two men who figured that it might be useful for something someday, North Dakota was the first uninhabited state to be admitted to the Union.

Represented in the U.S. Congress by a broken stool and a half-crushed RC



This thing holds farm stuff.

Cola can, North Dakota was briefly populated in 1987 by a careful of drunk drivers who accidentally swerved over the border.

North Dakota's largest city is Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

### NEBRASKA » AMERICA'S ROADBLOCK



Running 210 miles north to south, and over 17,000 miles east to west, Nebraska was constructed in 1846 as a mind-numbing, 16-hour-long barrier to prevent American travelers from getting anyplace else.

With only two off-ramps at either end of the state, Nebraska was recently designated by scientists as a terrestrial black hole—a powerful force from which no light trucks or tour buses bound for Las Vegas are able to escape.

Objects in Nebraska's landscape may be even flatter than they appear.



### INDIANA » SPECTATOR STATE



Hooting and hollering in over-capacity crowds, Indianans cherish the art of watching stuff, be it the Indianapolis 500, a basketball game, or even themselves looking like a complete idiot on the JumboTron.

Besides looking at the world's most well-loved paved oval, the citizens of Indiana also enjoy looking at home movies of their families watching auto racing, and love to curl up and look at a good book lying on the coffee table.

And over the past several decades, all of Indiana has watched from the comfort of their own living rooms as neighboring state Illinois grew into an economic powerhouse.

### SOUTH DAKOTA » MANDATORY VACATIONLAND



Every summer, thousands of families are forced to load up their minivans and travel to South Dakota to enjoy its compulsory splendor and obligatory beauty.

In 1959, the Supreme Court found the state to be an unforgettable, one-of-a-kind vacation experience for people of all ages, that cannot, under any reasonable circumstances, be missed.

Upon returning from Mt. Rushmore, all Americans are required to provide proof-of-visit to local officials with a minimum of 48 poorly composed photographs, and at least one T-shirt with "South Dakota!" printed on the front in a playful script.



# The West



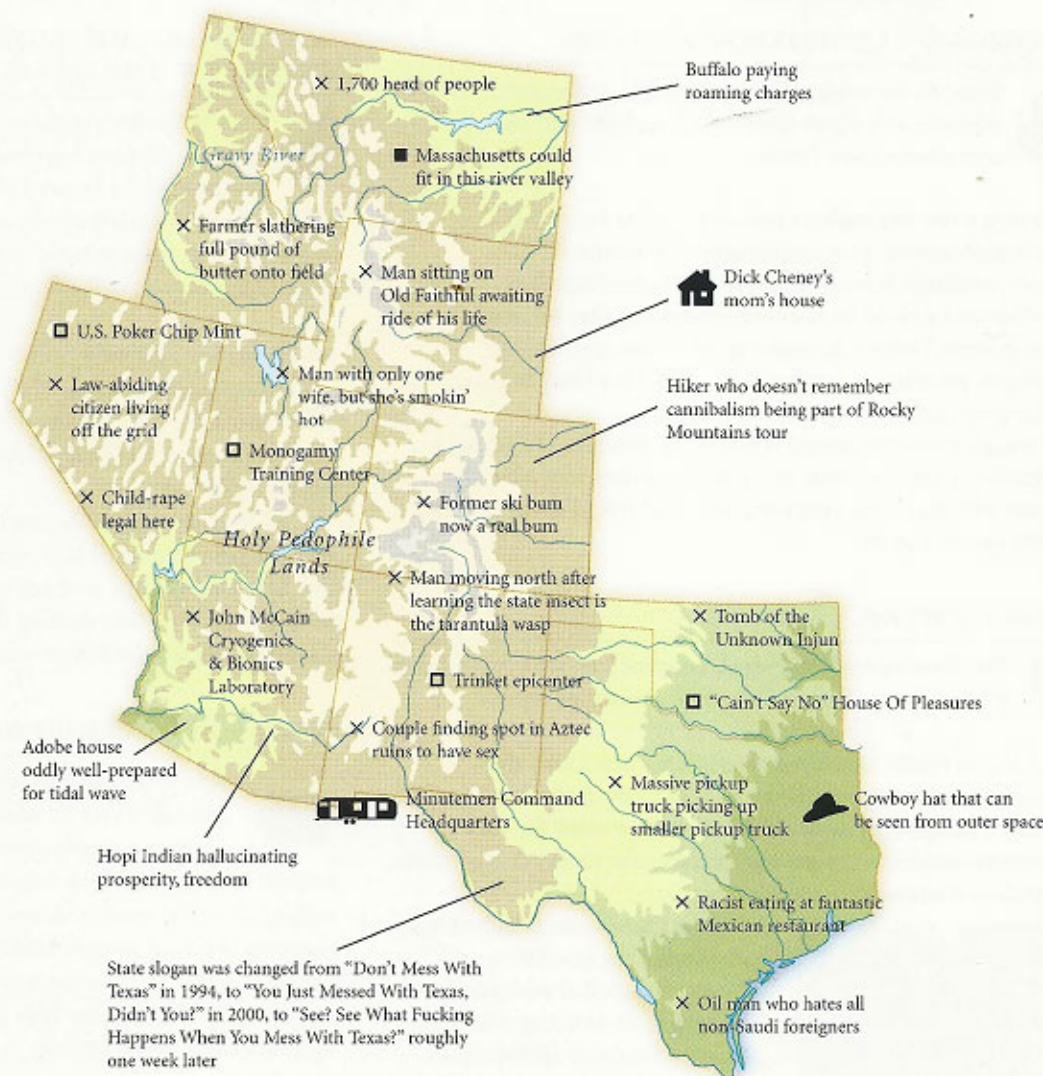
## A Gift From The Natives

By living in harmony with nature and keeping the land in pristine condition, the Native Americans who once populated the expansive West were eventually able to give the white man this touching, 1.2 million square-mile welcoming present.

Showing great selflessness in the face of colonization, the native peoples of the West spent centuries cultivating crops like corn and squash and using every part of the buffalo to ensure that their European visitors would have plenty to eat and indiscriminately slaughter once they arrived.

As if relinquishing their claim to the vast majority of North America weren't generous enough, over 75% of the natives had the decency to die from smallpox without even being asked. Always the gracious hosts, the surviving few stayed out of the way, allowing the newcomers to settle in to the newly vacated territory.

Since then, the American West has grown into a rich and diverse region of several million white faces. But no matter how far they go, Westerners still owe everything they have to their charitable indigenous brethren—wherever they are today.



## TEXAS » EVERYTHING SUCKS BIGGER IN TEXAS



Home to mega-factories that contribute to the highest levels of air and water pollution of any state in the Union, a cavernous income gap that leaves visitors awestruck, and an abstinence-based sex education system that has all but ensured it will soon have the highest birth rate in the country, Texas knows that anything worth doing is worth doing big.

From the 64-ounce sodas that add to their number-one-in-the-nation waistlines, to the highest rates of drunk driving and citizen imprisonment to be found in America, the residents of the Lone Star State pride themselves on doing everything Texas-sized.

Boasting the largest egos and most inflated sense of self-importance in the Lower 48, Texans love to talk big about how they execute the most mentally disabled criminals, send the most boys to die for the biggest foreign-policy mistakes, and drag their hate-crime victims the farthest behind the most enormous pickup trucks available.

## ARIZONA » HOME OF THE GRAND HOLE

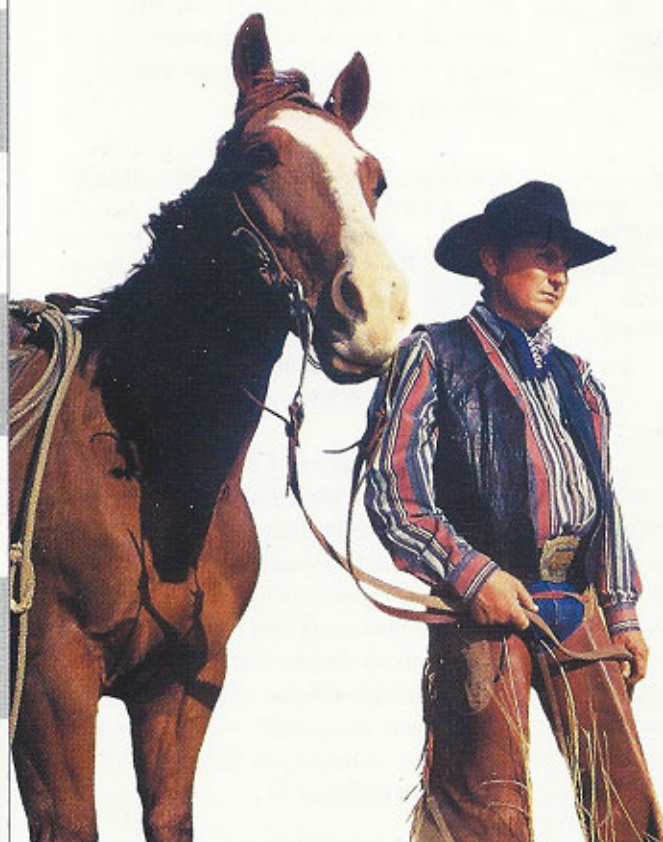
This otherwise featureless state of expansive desert and suburban sprawl boasts the world's most awe-inspiring hole. The Grand Hole is visited by tourists from all over the world, who drive up to the rim of the hole, look down into it, and then express just how big it is. Many stand speechless before the hole.

Visitors to the hole can stand by the hole, get their picture taken in front of the hole, stay in a hotel overlooking the hole, or eat in a restaurant with a view of the hole. The more adventurous tourist can ride a donkey into the hole.

You may think you have seen a hole before, but those who have seen the Grand Hole are confident that there is no other hole like it on Earth.



Over 300 distinct cell-phone ringtones can be heard echoing through this magnificent landmark daily.







» WESTERN GHOST TOWNS CONTINUE TO ATTRACT TOURISTS AND WHORES.



» POPULAR HOLLYWOOD ACTOR JOHN WAYNE WAS AN AGORAPHOBIC WHO NEVER ONCE VISITED THE WEST.



» THE COVERED WAGONS THAT HOMESTEADERS RODE INTO THE WEST WERE SHIELDED FROM INDIANS' FLAMING BOW AND ARROWS BY A LOOSE-FITTING COTTON CLOTH.

## WYOMING » WRANGLIN' THEM SOME GAYS

Although Wyoming is still known as the "Cowboy State," law and order isn't what it used to be in the Wild West. Instead of tracking down bandits, today's cowboys fight a new brand of "moral outlaw"—men who think they can go around sticking their penises in another consenting man's business and not suffer the consequences.

Serving justice to criminals like Matthew Shepard—criminals who have broken the Code of the West by being attracted to members of

the same sex—Wyoming cowboys roam the hillsides, the bars, and the antique shops in search of fugitive gays.

Known for several gunfights, including the famous shootout at the OK Salon, these cowboys can shoot the cock out of a homosexual's hand from nearly a mile away, and lasso a bisexual to the back of their truck in the blink of an eye.

Most Wyoming cowboys are serving consecutive life sentences, though some are eligible for parole.

## IDAHO » HOME OF THE FAMOUS IDAHO IRON ORE

When it's suppertime and Americans sit down to enjoy a hearty meal, all look to the state of Idaho for one key ingredient: the steel girders and metal studs that help to hold together their dining room table and chairs.

While serving meat as the main course, all agree that the best side dishes, as well as the best silverware and cooking implements, are the ones manufactured in plants processing homegrown Idaho ore, plucked out of the state's bountiful rocky mines.

Chock-full of minerals, Idaho's leading industrial export item has made the state famous, inspiring an abundance of iron ore merchandise, as well as popular state-fair-sponsored games of "Hot Iron Ore Toss."

Idaho iron ore has many other uses, including the forging of specialty tools for biochemical and metallurgical research, polishing pigments, and electrically non-conductive ferromagnetic ceramic compounds. It also is delicious when slathered in butter and sour cream.

## COLORADO » HIGH

Perched atop the Rocky Mountains at an average elevation of over a mile, Colorado leads the nation in cases of altitude sickness, a pathological condition caused by a lack of oxygen to the brain.

Altitude sickness drives some sufferers to incomprehensibly snowboard down snowy cliffs or skateboard off iron railings in parking lots. The affliction compels others to skydive over mountains and bungee jump hundreds of feet into the Colorado River below.

However, some Coloradans suffering from extreme cases of

altitude sickness often abandon all reason, attending the largest mega-churches in the nation and accepting as fact the rantings of a big-haired preacher whose sole qualification is a degree from the Colorado Springs Bible College.

The most serious cases, however, can be seen in those who ramble incessantly on Focus On The Family's coast-to-coast radio network, give money to Colorado's many ex-gay ministries, and flock to 10,000-seat arenas to see Christian rock concerts that would cause a healthy person almost unbearable suffering.

## NEVADA » WHERE EVERYONE'S A LOSER

Losers from all over the U.S. come to Nevada's Las Vegas Strip to lose, and lose big.

Visitors to Nevada try their luck, never knowing if they will lose it all in the slots, at the blackjack table, or on the roulette wheel.

For the young, there's always a chance to lose precious weeks out of the summer by suffering through a once-in-a-lifetime family vacation to Las Vegas. Adult visitors are known to lose \$20 bill after \$20 bill to the state's strip clubs and brothels, where they

often lose the battle for good genital hygiene as well.

Every resident of Nevada can boast of being a big-time loser, from the sleazy developer to the rural welfare recipient to the shriveled cocktail



The Sphinx Of Las Vegas, one of the Seven Wonders Of The World.

waitress. They all lost their sense of good taste—as well as their basic human dignity—sometime around 1964.

## MONTANA » A NATIONAL WILDMAN REFUGE

Set aside by the U.S. government in 1889, America's protected militialands are the traditional breeding grounds of the nation's last remaining manifesto-drafting psychos, armed libertarians, and solitary mountain men.

Left undisturbed in their natural mountain-compound habitat, Montanans are free to scour the land for semi-automatic weapons and brood in their carefully built shacks.



Unfortunately, as modern society encroaches, federal officials are often forced to put down Montanans when they are deemed a danger to humans.

## NEW MEXICO » UNEXPLAINED

Though a retired police captain claimed to have seen New Mexico one night in 1947, researchers and government officials maintain to this day that the state was merely a weather balloon.

Conspiracy theorists have uncovered blurry aerial photos and evidence of mutilated cattle, which they say point to the existence of a sentient state somewhere between Texas and Arizona, but no legitimate sighting of New Mexico has ever been acknowledged by U.S. officials.

Furthermore, those who claim to have come in direct contact with the state are at once mocked and pitied by onlookers for being desperate drunks.

## UTAH » UTAH'S FAMILY WELCOMES YOU

The family of Mark Whitmer welcomes visitors to enjoy the scenic splendor of Utah.

Mark and the 4.2 million Mrs. Mark Whitmers encourage tourists to hike the breathtaking Canyonlands National Park with a Whitmer. When you take in the sights at Arches National Park, perhaps you would like a Whitmer to take your photograph. At the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, many Whitmers are on hand to explain the finer points of Mormonism, the one true religion that no longer believes in polygamy.

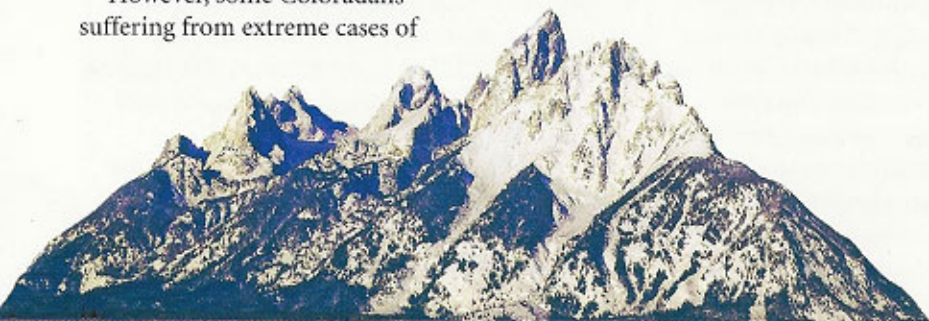
Some visitors may have an opportunity to become the next Mrs. Whitmer.

## OKLAHOMA » A TUMBLEWEED PASSED THROUGH ONCE

In 1912, a tumbleweed lazily blew across the dusty prairies of Oklahoma on a soft summer breeze, an event long remembered as the only thing to ever happen in the state.

Some fleeting industry came to Oklahoma upon the tumbleweed's arrival, as locals attempted to capitalize on the remarkable occurrence.

But when the ball of dry thistle eventually rolled into Texas, it left in its wake nothing but barren soil and broken dreams.





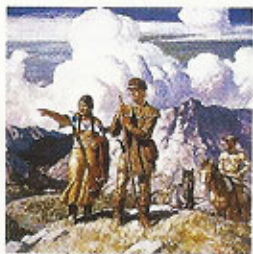
# The Pacific Coast



## Otherwise America Would Have Kept Going

As they marched into the frontier to claim new territories for the Union, the brave settlers of the West Coast were undaunted by dangerous terrain, unshaken by battles with natives, and caught completely off guard by the Pacific Ocean.

Realizing they might have made a mistake basing their entire national identity on walking in one cardinal direction, these early pioneers spent a few decades wandering aimlessly up and down the 1,300-mile coastline before accepting the fact that there was simply no more America left. Those still clinging to the idea of westward expansion took up residence on sheer cliffs and volatile fault lines, at the risk of losing everything, to pursue the American Dream of nudging incrementally to the left. Still others merely waded in the water for a while before turning around and setting off to conquer the vast, untamed East.



Lewis and Clark reach the coast in 1805, declaring, "That's it?"

Today, most West Coasters spend their time staring out at the horizon, recalling the days when they were striving for a brighter future, and trying to keep thousands of Mexicans from doing the same.

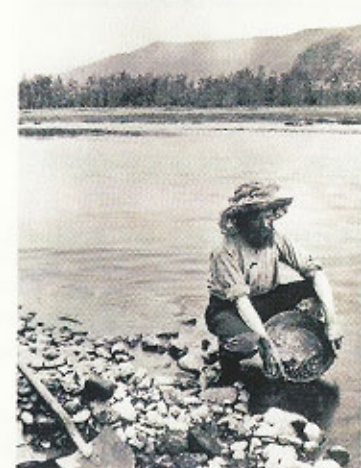
### WASHINGTON » SO OVER THIS WHOLE "STATEHOOD" THING

With their cultural center in Seattle, and everything else centering around themselves, the disinterested people of Washington have been too cool to have any nationwide relevance since musician Kurt Cobain left the state for good in 1994.

After decades of elitism, Washingtonians have learned to underappreciate the finer things in life, cultivating a sophisticated hatred for all music that does not come from Seattle, for most music that



does, and also for everything else. Residents simply could not live without their morning coffee, their afternoon coffee, their late-afternoon coffee, their coffee coffee, some coffee before, during, and after dinner, and a nice little coffee for a nightcap. But it's not like it's a big deal or anything.



A California prospector in 1849 collects rocks to feed his family.

### CALIFORNIA » AT LEAST IT'S SUNNY

The site of such get-poor-quick schemes as the Gold Rush, the Dot-Com Boom, and Hollywood, California has been visited for centuries by Americans hoping to fulfill their pipe dreams.

In 1849, thousands arrived in California to pan for gold, and once that didn't work out, to panhandle for gold. Nearly 150 years later, the state was again the site of disillusionment. The dot-com crash cost Californians millions of dollars, and financially ruined employees were soon forced to move out of their parents' basements and into their attics.

Today, people flock to Los Angeles to break into the entertainment industry, where many face the biggest acting role of their lives—pretending like nothing is wrong while everything around them turns to shit.

Due to its large size, California has a diverse cultural landscape. San Francisco is the alternative-lifestyle capital of the country, with thousands of young men living openly off trust-fund money wherever you look. Meanwhile, L.A. is home to some of the kindest and most outgoing people in the world until they realize you're not an agent.

And the state's central region is known for its vineyards, where immigrant workers spend years cultivating the finest wine in the country so people can spit it out into a bucket.

### OREGON » HARDLY MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Founded as a fur-trading outpost, the overly liberal state of Oregon is today the nation's leading producer of red-paint-splattered pelts and coats.

When not mountain-biking or signing petitions decrying the destructive impact of mountain-biking, concerned Oregonians can often be found forming an unbreakable human chain around the rare June 1996 *National Geographic* issue on the endangered gray wolf.

Still, the state is struggling to protect its native conservationist population, and scientists warn that there soon may not be enough activists left to chain to tree stumps.



# The Bullshit States



U.S. OFFICIALS BEGRUDGINGLY ADMIT THE BULLSHIT STATES INTO THE UNION.

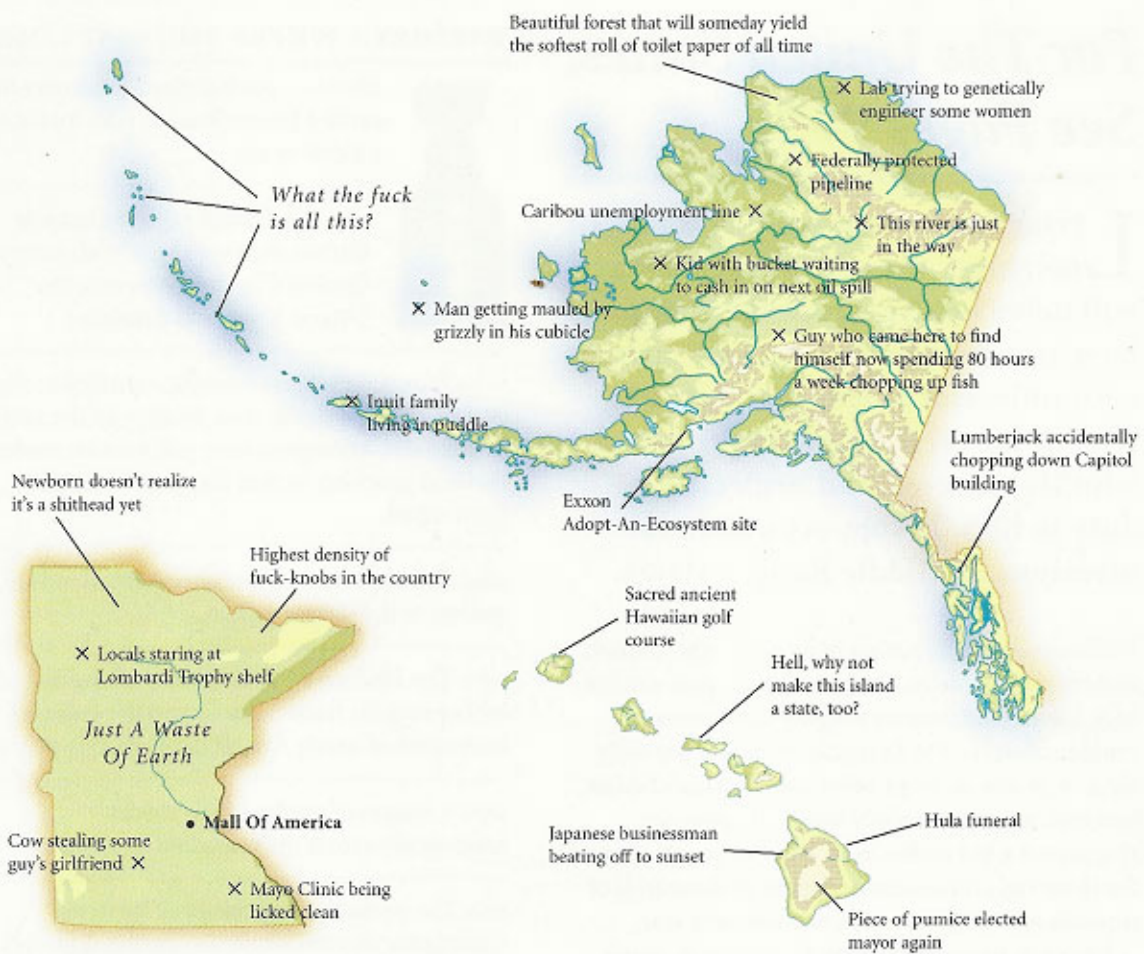
## Filling Out The Union

Granted statehood to bring the number of stars on the flag to a nice even 50, Alaska and Hawaii were the last states admitted to the Union and will likely be the first ceded to future invading armies.

For nearly half a century, these territorial leftovers have upheld the proud tradition of giving fourth-graders more state capitals to memorize, while providing the rest of the U.S. the satisfaction of knowing the states are divisible by several leading integers, including 5, 10, and 2, and can therefore be laid out in a variety of pleasing and symmetrical lists.

Alaska and Hawaii are located in white boxes hovering off the coast of southern California, each approximately the same size as the other. Minnesota is located 1,000 miles too close to any other state.

Although they are not connected to the U.S. by land or even casual acquaintance, these surplus states are allowed to split a single electoral vote every fourth presidential election and even use the American dollar as currency.



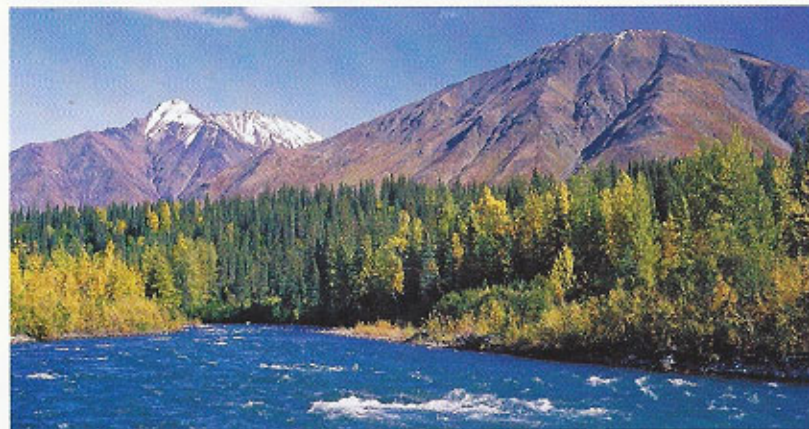
### ALASKA » NEEDLESSLY UNSPOILED

*Alaska is the country's last frontier of untouched disposable consumer goods, with vast forests of potential napkin products stretching as far as the eye can see, and mountains of two-liter E-Z Chug bottles waiting to be processed.*

While irreplaceable reserves of petroleum lie just feet below, massive herds of elk and grizzly are permitted to wantonly trample across the commodity-rich landscape. Likewise, dozens of Inuit tribes continue to selfishly hoard all the best drilling land for living off of.

Much of the native salmon lack adequate protection to ensure their commercial well-being. Preservation efforts are currently underway to vacuum-seal these majestic smoked fish and track their retail-migration paths by tagging them with magnetic \$12.99-per-pound price labels.

And, after an incredible comeback from the point of near extinction, Alaska's 35,000 bald eagles are an inspiration to generations of high-quality down-comforter manufacturers.



These secluded Alaskan woods hide more than \$62 billion in potential profit.

### HAWAII » SPECTACULAR BALCONY VIEW

*From their high-rise hotel rooms in Waikiki, Hawaii's tourists are dazzled by the white-sand beaches 40 stories below, as well as the tasteful watercolors hanging above their beds.*



One of Hawaii's most stunning landscapes.

Rare jungle birds and vivid tropical trees that can't be found anywhere else in the world are easily accessible on channel 347 (TLC). In fact, all of Hawaii's picturesque wildlife is within reach at the postcard stand down in the lobby gift shop.

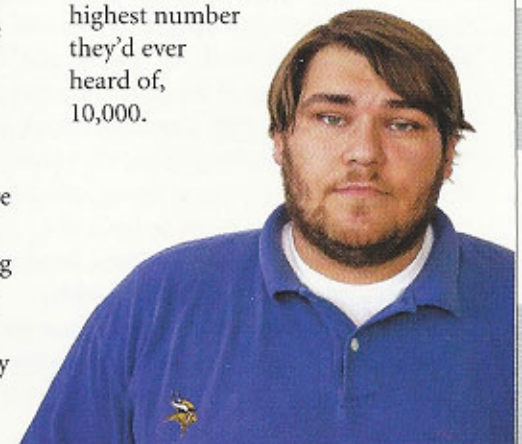
Though 500-foot waterfalls are mere miles away, the typical visitor need not travel far to enjoy clear cascading waters, as the full-size shower is just steps away. And the islands enchant all who partake of the complimentary shampoo and body wash.

### MINNESOTA » LAND OF 10,000 RETARDS

*The pop-drinking, Hormel-eating, dontcha-know dumbfucks of Minnesota are too stupid to have any idea why they are the laughing stock of the entire country.*

From "Yah, sure" to "You betcha, there," Minnesotans have not said one damn intelligent or discernible thing since their godforsaken state was founded in 1858.

After being told by Eastern explorers that they had an unusual number of lakes, intrepid Minnesotans started counting, got stuck at 99, and just skipped ahead to the highest number they'd ever heard of, 10,000.





# Canada



» THE ONLY FOLIAGE IN ALL OF CANADA.



» THE U.S. \$1.82 BILL.

## For The United States, See Pages 9–22

Living in the shadow of its southern neighbor, the nation of Canada will never be as great as the U.S. so long as it continues to burden citizens with universal health care, refuses to drill for oil in federally protected wildlife reserves, and neglects its duty to blindly support unilateral invasions of Middle Eastern states.

While a remarkable nation in its own right, Canada stubbornly maintains overly restrictive gun-control laws, leaving the country roughly 6,000 annual murders short of the American ideal. On par with the U.S. in almost every other way, Canada's budget, however, remains woefully balanced, same-sex marriage is a sad reality in all 10 of its provinces, and the theory of creationism is denied to thousands of students attending its public schools each year.

Nearly as prosperous as the U.S., Canada wastes its resources lowering greenhouse-gas emissions and offering paid maternity leave to new mothers, all the while allowing its lagging entertainment industry, struggling fast-food businesses, and weak military to go tragically underfunded.

Although there is reason for Canadians to rejoice as of late, with the country electing its first conservative government in decades and incidents of rape almost doubling in several metropolitan areas, if Canada wants to be able to compete with the U.S., it still has a lot of work left to undo.

### PEOPLE » A WARM, COLD PEOPLE

The citizens of Canada can generally be divided into two distinct groups: those who are polite, and those who are too polite to bring up the fact that they've been placed in the wrong group. A culturally diverse people, men and women from all different backgrounds can be heard apologizing in their native tongue, while Canada's northern Inuit population is said to have almost 50 different words for "pardon me."

Subjected to some of the coldest temperatures in the world, the average Canadian spends two-thirds of his life bundling up for the winter, one-third bundling up for the summer, and can count the number of times he has lost a finger to frostbite on one prosthetic hand.

Canada's national sport is ice hockey, although ice fishing is also popular, as is ice volleyball, ice auto racing, and field hockey, which is played on ice.

### HISTORY » WHERE THE PAST COMES ALIVE AND BORES YOU TO DEATH



2000 B.C. Archaeologists uncover the earliest known hockey rink frozen in a block of ice.

A.D. 1535 French explorer Jacques Cartier discovers Montreal, scurvy, Quebec City, hypothermia, the Ottawa River, and frostbite.

1600 European settlers introduce alcohol to the region, pushing drink after drink onto the native population. Aboriginal men and women awake the next morning to find that their land has been raped.

1640 British missionaries convert thousands of natives to the metric system.

1670 The Hudson's Bay Company is established by London fur traders, leading to the eventual extinction of nearly five different species of coat.

1674 A wagon of caribou pelts strides majestically across the Canadian landscape.

1721 The perfectly flat prairies of Western Canada are charted when two daring explorers look to their left.



1730 The first French-Canadian mustache is grown in the province of Quebec.

1812 Attempts to invade Canada during the War of 1812 fail when the U.S. is repeatedly met by a stubborn and impenetrable cold front.

1814 Canadian and British soldiers storm Washington and set fire to the West Wing of the White House. The blaze quickly spreads to the Red Room, the Map Room, the Kindling Room, the Oil Room, the Hall Of Large Flammable Objects, and the Library.

1836 After 48 long, excruciating hours on the Underground Railroad, thousands of slaves are overjoyed to arrive in Canada and finally use the bathroom.

1867 Canada's first prime minister, John A. Macdonald, fails to live up to his predecessor.



1891 By cutting holes in two peach baskets and hanging them at opposite ends of a high-school gymnasium, Canadian physician Dr. James Naismith ruins two perfectly good peach baskets.

1899 Dozens of ambivalent prospectors take part in the Klondike Gold Dawdle.

1904 The Great Toronto Fire destroys much of the city when freezing Canadians decide to wait until July to put it out.

1914 Canada fights alongside, and frequently in front of, British troops during WWI.

1920 The Royal Canadian Mounted Police is dealt a devastating blow moments after inaugurating its new Coast Guard unit.



Wayne Gretzky

1946 Canada's new universal health-care plan is criticized for its failure to cover U.S. citizens.

1961 As legend goes, Wayne Gretzky is born wearing hockey skates. His mother, Phyllis Gretzky, dies of severe internal hemorrhaging.

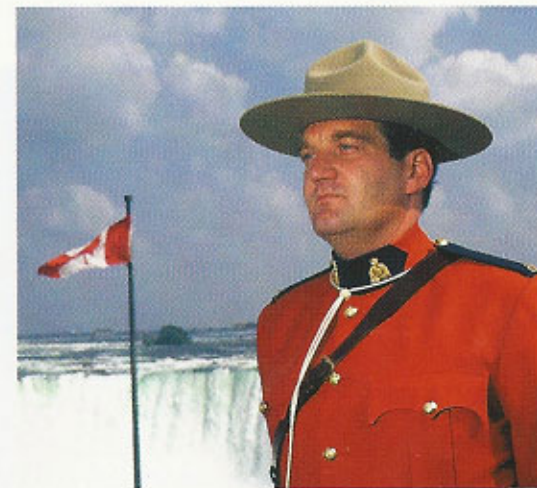
1969–2004 Canada's worst hockey team, the Montreal Expos, plays the sport for 35 years on grass with some sort of round puck.

1979 The province of Quebec demands independence from the rest of Canada, claiming that their distinct culture deserves to be recognized, and that they already have this really awesome country name totally picked out.

1981 Running with one prosthetic leg, Terry Fox begins his Marathon Of Hope to raise money for cancer research, and, after 80 exhausting miles, a new car.

2004 U.S. presidential candidate John Kerry threatens to move to Canada if George W. Bush is re-elected.

2007 Canada is canceled due to snow.



This Canadian Mountie dreams of one day becoming a police officer.





» POUTINE, A COMBINATION OF FRENCH FRIES, GRAVY, CHEESE CURDS, AND A DISREGARD FOR ONE'S HEALTH.



A typical Canadian summer home.



**Wildlife**  
Canadian moose adapt to their environment each year by dying.



**FACTS, EH? »**

<b>POPULATION</b> 32,484,949 (indoors), 4 (outdoors)	<b>LANGUAGES</b> English (spoken), French (muttered)	<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b> "O, Canada! (You Sultry Temptress)"	<b>NATURAL HAZARDS</b> Patch of ice between Quebec and Ontario
<b>CAPITAL</b> Ottawa, or Toronto, or maybe Montreal	<b>INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS</b> Feelings hurt by the U.S. in 1987	<b>LEADING CAUSE OF IMMIGRATION</b> Beer runs	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS</b> Fucking freezing out there
<b>METERS PER SQUARE FEET</b> 0.3		<b>CROSBY, STILLS, NASH, &amp; YOUNG RATIO</b> 25%	

**LANGUAGE »**

*A bilingual nation, Canada mandates that most services and communications be provided to all citizens in both official languages.*

*Une nation bilingue, Canada exige que la plupart des services et communications soient fournis à tous les citoyens dans les deux langues officielles, même si une de ces langues est une insulte à notre héritage et mérite d'être interdite dans tout le Québec.*



# Mexico



\* COLORS REPRESENT TWO POPULAR SALSAS AND THE TABLECLOTH THAT SUPPORTS THEM.



## Now Hiring 2.4 Million Busboys

Despite being home to millions of educated and talented professionals, Mexico's development has been hampered by a severe unskilled-labor shortage, as there is no one left in the nation capable of handling the growing piles of garbage, the towering stacks of unclean dishes, and the large number of toilets, which—backed up beyond recognition—refuse to flush.

With manual laborers fleeing to America, this national "brawn drain," as economists badly in need of someone to patch their roofs are calling it, has set the country back several years.

Gifted surgeons in Mexico City frequently cancel operations due to unsanitary working conditions. Exceptional scientists and researchers—close to a number of exciting breakthroughs—are unable to carry boxes of heavy lab equipment to their facilities. Even the nation's most prestigious universities have remained closed, as there are no custodians around with the keys to unlock them.

In addition, Mexico's accomplished architects are forced not only to design buildings, but lay the cement foundation, erect load-bearing walls, hoist trusses into place, install indoor plumbing, and trowel on the exterior stucco. Unfortunately, when construction is finally complete, few are able to see their work without anyone to mow the 10-foot-high grass that has grown around it.

Recently, the nation's exports and imports have also suffered, with cargo containers lying on shipping docks for years. Meanwhile, famine has struck a number of local communities used to ordering in.

On the bright side, thousands of Mexicans remain unaware of the ongoing crisis, as only a single resident is left to deliver the nation's morning newspaper each day.



A Mexican piñata farm.



### PEOPLE » THE LEGAL KIND OF MEXICANS



Pope John Paul II grants sainthood to El Santo for his divine elbow drop.

Known for their boundless energy, exuberant zest for life, and outgoing nature, most Mexicans are simply too tired, miserable, and withdrawn after a long day of work in the U.S. to set the record straight. A mix of Spanish and indigenous ancestry, citizens can often trace their roots all the way back to some of the earliest incidents of rape in Mexico.

The people of Mexico are overwhelmingly Roman Catholic. And with over 20 million residents named in honor of their Lord, many wayward souls are able to find Jesus asleep in the park, purchasing scratch-off tickets at the local deli, begging for spare change, urinating inside an empty subway car, and sometimes even at church.

The official language is Spanish, which is grudgingly spoken by 93% of the population. Mexicans speak Spanish as quickly as possible just to get it over with, and consume hot chilis to get the taste of the conquistador's tongue out of their mouths.

### FACTS » SERVE WITH SALSA AND GUACAMOLE

<b>POPULATION</b> 23,000,000 (day), 115,000,000 (night)	<b>CURRENCY</b> The peso, broken down into 100 wages
<b>ENCHILADA BREAKDOWN</b> Tortilla (25%), Chicken (35%), Cheese (20%), Mole Sauce (12%), Other (8%)	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL ADVANCES</b> Recently created car that runs on air pollution
<b>FERTILITY RATE</b> 1 child/5.8 tequila shots	<b>INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES</b> All regarding number of shifts Emanuel got last week
<b>BORDERS</b> None that Mexico is aware of	<b>STEREOTYPES</b> Will get around to dispelling myth that they all are lazy next week
<b>LEGAL SYSTEM</b> Knocked unconscious with steel chair	<b>SPACE FILLER?</b> Yes



# Democratic Republic Of Congo



DEM. REP. OF CONGO » TAKE ONE GUESS AT WHAT THAT RED SLASH REPRESENTS.



## Like A Zoo You Get Killed At

The Democratic Republic of Congo has endured decades of brutal civil war, in which rebel forces have adopted the gruesome practices of raping women with machetes, decapitating babies, and even...they, they just...with their teeth, they... Jesus fucking Christ you don't want to know what goes on here.

Located in Central Africa, and home to...blood... blood in every goddamn direction—the Democratic Republic of Congo has left millions of citizens... with...their legs...they just hack them right off, for God's sake.

The site of an unending series of...an unending series of...for the love of fuck, why?! He's only 6 years old!

Each day, 1,000 people are killed by—no, not the eyes—not the eyes again—anything but his eyes—oh dear God, why won't someone do something?

In fact, they they they they they they they they...they eat their victims' hearts! They eat them! They put them in their mouths and they eat them! Their hearts! They eat their hearts!

And while...so much fire...the UN has pledged... look at her throat—look at her goddamn throat... still the situation...please don't make them watch, please...continues to worsen.

Fuck. Fuck. Fuck the world. Fuck the fucking world.

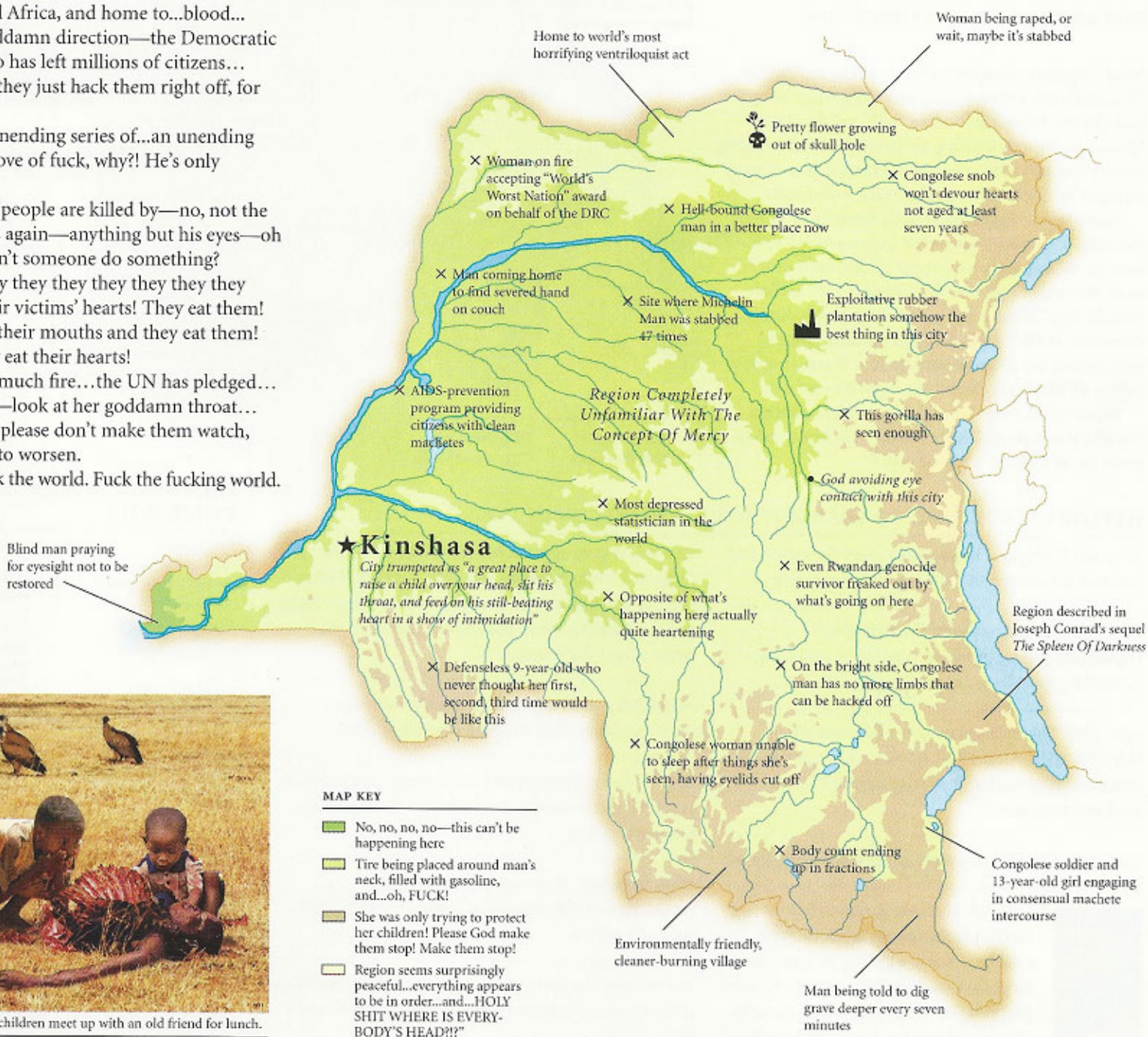


Jesus Christ, put down the camera and go get help!

### FACTS » HARD TO DESCRIBE IN WORDS, NUMBERS

- POPULATION**  
For the time being
- STANDARD OF LIVING HELL**  
Extremely hellish
- ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS**  
120 endangered species, 250 endangered ethnic groups
- LANGUAGES**  
French (spoken), Buglarrrrrmburg (spoken after tongue has been lopped off and mouth is overflowing with blood)
- HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES**  
Depends on whether you're counting from the neck up, the neck down, or just decapitations
- SUFFRAGE**  
Women granted right to vote for which child lives by rebel forces in 2004
- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
Bono upset that the DRC only seems to call when they need something
- ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS**  
Only national statistic that doesn't involve the brutal rape of ailing—fuck, never mind
- POPULAR CHILDREN'S GAME**  
Hopscotch to the death
- BONOBO MONKEY**  
Sole living being in nation capable of showing love

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Two Congolese children meet up with an old friend for lunch.





NOTICE THAT WHILE THIS MAN IS NOT WELL-OFF, HE IS ALSO NOT BEING SET AFIRE BY HIS NEIGHBORS, SHOT BY A GOVERNMENT FIRING SQUAD, OR BEING QUARTERED BY THE BLADE OF A MACHETE. FOR MANY IN THE DRC, THIS IS AN UNATTAINABLY HIGH STANDARD OF LIVING.



REP. OF CONGO TAKE ONE GUESS AT WHAT THAT YELLOW SLASH DOES NOT REPRESENT.



## HISTORY » DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND JUST TURN THE PAGE PLEASE

**A.D. 1200** The sight of what appears to be small huts off in the distance lets migrating Bantu tribes know they are approaching a village, while the pain of tripping over the huts seconds later lets them know that not only have they already arrived, but that the village belongs to tiny Pygmy inhabitants.

**1885–1908** Congo becomes one of Africa's richest and ripest states for exploitation, thanks to King Leopold of Belgium's revolutionary method of "taking."

**1898** Congo is at the center of the worldwide Rubber Boom. The Michelin Man makes a diplomatic visit

to Kinshasa, where he burns down two villages, rapes 20 women, and enslaves half the population in a rubber plantation.

**1944** The DRC supplies the U.S. with over 80% of the uranium used in the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This upsets many citizens, who wanted to keep that resource and use it to put themselves out of their misery.

**1961** Popular Congolese leader Patrice Lumumba is assassinated by the CIA, who could have sworn they heard "Patrice Lumumba," and not "John F. Kennedy."

**1965** Belgium grants Joseph Mobutu independence.

**1968** In attendance to watch the hanging of three



Mobutu

of Mobutu's cabinet members, 5,000 lucky spectators are brought up on stage and given the once-in-a-lifetime chance to participate in the event themselves.

**1971** Mobutu renames the country the "Republic of Zaire," himself "Mobutu Sese Seko," and his dog "Mr. Ruffles."

**1984** Mobutu re-elects himself in a landslide.

**1989** The Congo figures that, it being 1989 and all, they should probably maybe build a road or something.

**1996** Mobutu is overthrown by deranged serial killer Kenneth Burongo, a young

boy by the name of Dakari Hhu, a cross-dressing prostitute known only as "Roxy," and 12 of Mobutu's other multiple personalities.

**1997** After being overthrown, Mobutu continues to work as a consultant to under-ravaged nations until his death.



Laurent Kabila

**1998** New president Laurent Kabila loses pockets of support when he vetoes the No Hacking Off

People's Lower Limbs Then Setting Them On Fire Act.

**2004** The UN sends a special tribunal to the DRC, as they cannot accurately judge whether or not machete rape qualifies as torture until they

see it in person.

**2005** Let's just never, ever bring up what happened in the year 2005 again, shall we?



A rare uplifting scene in the DRC.

**2006** An airplane crashes in the DRC, marking the most heartwarming event of the year.

**2007** After 30 years of being subject to the whims of merciless dictators, the citizens ratify a new constitution that gives them full control over the kidnapping, raping, and massacring of themselves.

## Republic Of Congo At Least We're Not The Democratic Republic Of Congo

The Republic of Congo, though not a perfect nation by its own admission, is always quick to point out that at least it is doing a heck of a lot better than the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Plagued by "only half" the amount of civil war as in the Democratic Republic of Congo, abject poverty that leaves "dozens less dead" than the abject poverty in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and a growing AIDS problem that's "small potatoes when compared to other countries, like, say, the Democratic Republic of Congo," the Republic of Congo regularly deflects alarm regarding national issues onto its neighbor to the east. Although, according to them, not nearly as often as the DRC does.



Democratic Republic Of Congo



Republic Of Congo  
As is readily apparent, the Republic of Congo is way better off than the Democratic Republic of Congo.



## FACTS » NOT SO BAD WHEN COMPARED TO CERTAIN OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS

**POPULATION**  
3,750,332 (head count)  
2,680,113 (hand count)  
15,001 (leg count)

**SEX RATIO**  
1.03 males/female

**SEX RATIO DURING RAPE**  
7.03 males/female

**ETHNIC GROUPS**  
Kongo (48%),  
Sangha (30%),  
Jews (Of course not)

**GROSSEST DOMESTIC PRODUCT**  
Bantu fertility statues of guys with their gigantic hose-like members coiled up on their backs

**NATURAL RESOURCES**  
Offshore oil deposits, rather than the big piles of corpses you get in You-Know-Where

**TERRAIN**  
Not to rub it in the face of the DRC, but coastal plains in the north, basins in the south, and a central plateau



# Thailand



» THE KING OF THAILAND'S ROYAL SPOON RAG.



» THIS BEAUTIFUL THAI WOMAN BOASTS A NINE-INCH PENIS.

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» THE BAHT, A SPECIALLY DESIGNED BILL MADE TO FIT INTO THAILAND'S SMALLEST G-STRINGS

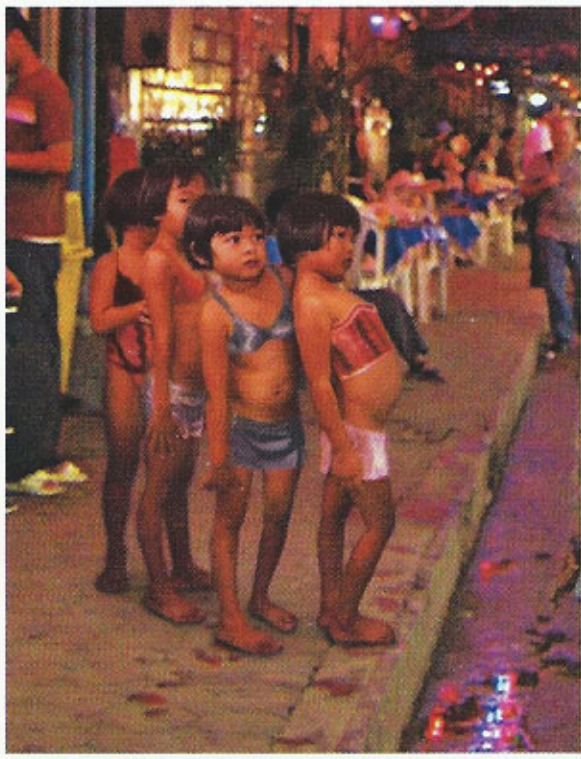
## Where A Kid Can Be A Kid Prostitute

Steeped in equal parts ancient tradition and the bodily fluids of Western sex-tourists, the nation of Thailand enters the 21st century grappling with an emerging global economy, political unrest, and the seductively sweaty bodies of delicately featured underage rent-boys.

Thailand is known for its variety of tourist attractions, including bars that serve as guises for child brothels, restaurants that serve as guises for child brothels, and museums that serve as guises for child brothels. In addition, the nation is home to several hundred adult brothels, which also serve as guises for child brothels.

A land of interesting, complicated, and occasionally sickening history, Thailand is the only nation in Southeast Asia never to have been subjugated by a European power—at least not without seeing the money up front.

With an unusually free press, several growing Muslim separatist movements, and a burgeoning but unpredictable technology sector, modern Thailand remains a nation caught between prosperity and collapse, a country that could truly go either way—or even Around the World twice in each hole, if the price is right.



Streets Of Bangkok  
Aging Thai hookers look for a john before naptime.



### FACTS » THE CUSTOMER ALWAYS COMES FIRST

INFANT FERTILITY RATE 92%	LENGTH OF TIME LOVE YOU Long
IMPORTS Petroleum jelly	JUSTICE SYSTEM Handcuffs, chains, mild strangulation, and series of sharp lashes to the buttocks, until safety word is uttered
EXPORTS Rice, rare and esoteric venereal diseases, tin	TERRAIN Central Plain, Khorat Plateau in the east, thousands of shaved crevices in Bangkok
CLIMATE Hot and wet	LOWEST POINT Membership bid for Epcot Center denied
SIX-WAY WITH CHEERLEADER, CHEERLEADER'S MOM, SIAMESE TWINS, AND FOREIGN MINISTER IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT \$175 USD	





A ROW OF GOLDEN STATUES LINE THE PATH TO THE ROYAL CHAMPAGNE ROOM IN BANGKOK.



## HISTORY » WITH A HAPPY ENDING

5 MILLION B.C. A steaming oceanic vent leaks a cloudy discharge, creating a crab-infested landmass that will one day grow into Thailand.

A.D. 200 Buddhist monks develop the martial sex style known as Thai Kickfucking.

1238 The Sukhothai kingdom is founded on the Siamese principle of "father governs children," under which all citizens could take their problems directly to the king. As the empire grows, however, people have to start going through the king's assistant, the king's assistant's assistant, and later, royal comment cards.

1283 King Ramkhamhaeng establishes the Thai alphabet, and, after never being able to remember it, the Thai alphabet song.

1431 The armies of Ayutthaya invade the Khmer city of Angkor. Although this is more of a civil war than a coup, Thais still revere this time in history, seeing it as the first of their many festive, colorful, almost annual internal struggles for national control.

1440-1939 The people of Thailand call their country by the wrong name for nearly 500 years.

1511 Sailing along the international skin-trade

route, Portuguese sexplorers discover the southern region of hundreds of Thai women.



1782 The city of Bangkok is chosen as the national capital, establishing an enduring yet unfortunate international pun.

1860 Seeking a Western educator for his children, King Mongkut of Siam hires British governess Anna Leonowens, who teaches them how to fabricate portions of one's life story so that it might be adapted into a stage play, a musical, and several films called *The King And I*.

1939 Siam changes its name to Thailand, which translates as "Land Of The First Time Is Free, Baby."

1942 Thailand declares war on the U.S., but the Thai ambassador in Washington refuses to deliver the declaration, as he is in the middle of a luncheon with Franklin Roosevelt and thinks the president is finally starting to like him.

1955 SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization) disbands citing its terrible acronym.

1977 Military seizes power in a bloodless, and surprisingly fun, coup.

1990 Citing a need to control the spread of STDs, the government installs a monitoring system of coin-operated two-way mirrors in every home.

1997 Thailand suffers greatly in the Asian financial crisis, as the baht loses 66% of its value and the cost of a blowjob from an 8-year-old skyrockets to almost \$2 U.S.

2003 The bird-flu epidemic forces Thailand to enact stricter regulation of the chicken-prostitution industry.

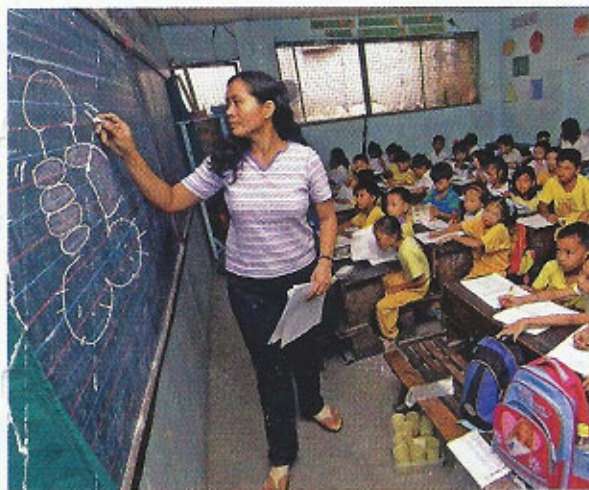
2004 To aid Thailand's struggling economy, the U.S. stuffs \$1 million in foreign aid into the G-string of a Thai hooker.

2006 The Royal Thai Army seizes control of the nation while PM Thaksin Shinawatra is in New York. Thaksin addresses his wildly celebrating people by satellite, saying he is sorry he could not be there for their historic 100th coup, but is proud to have played his own small part.



The Thai king's position as Rim Inspector is purely ceremonial.

## PEOPLE » SOMEONE FOR EVERYONE



Education Most Thai first-graders can fuck at a 12th-grade level.

If one knows where to look in Bangkok, one can find a diverse mix of cultures and people: schoolgirls, ladyboys, barely legal teens, dancers, bar girls, schoolboys, trannies (pre- and post-op), hunky chunkers, mama-sans, Garys Glitter, shockingly brutal kickboxers, and former medium-ranked officials of the British government. Each group has its own colorful neighborhood, distinctive folkways, hourly rates, and varying policies on condom use.

While most Thai citizens are often cold and reserved on the outside, on the inside they are generally warm, deep, generous, unbelievably wet, compassionate, and surprisingly tight.

The traditional dress of Thailand can be found either sliding down the legs of a Thai citizen, piece by piece in a trail leading from the hotel door to the bedroom, or just balled up in the corner of a darkened alleyway. It is also used to fasten all four limbs to their respective bedposts.

The average Thai citizen spends all day in bed, slaving away at work. Most of them put in incredibly long hours, often taking overnight shifts and serving several clients at once. For some, the workday is so stressful that they barely have time to breathe. Many feel objectified, demeaned, and even physically abused at their job. To make matters worse, they only get one short bathroom break in which to shower, rinse their mouths out, and call their two children at home.

This has put a strain on many relationships, as by the time most get home from work, the last thing they want to even think about is sex.

Despite these difficult working conditions, Thailand is relatively prosperous compared to its neighbors, though there are pockets of poverty where children are put to bed still hungry for cock.

## THAI CUISINE »

**Sweet & Sour Virgin.....\$6.95** An enticing starter sure to satisfy. 48 oz. of juicy dark meat served on a bed. This house favorite will have you coming back again and again. (Add \$4.95 for twin sister)

**Nakhon Surprise.....\$7.50** Lean, tender, sizzling-hot. Guaranteed to be like nothing you've ever tried before. Put your inhibitions aside and dig in! (Warning: Might get a little messy)

**Combination Platter.....\$8.95** Your choice of three: regular, gay, lesbian, mature, schoolgirl, shemale, grannie, plumper, duck. Perfect for sharing.

**Taste Of Heaven.....\$5.45** Golden brown on the outside, hot and gooey on the inside. Best stuffed with 6 to 10 inches of meat.

**Southeastern Supreme.....\$9.75** Able to satisfy even the largest of sexual appetites, this guilty pleasure is just waiting to be drizzled in a creamy white sauce. *Towel included.*

**Spicy Shanghai Delight...\$15.89** Hot n' spicy family-style offering will get your blood pumping and your temperature rising. *Serves 6 to 8 at once.*

**Today's Special.....\$25.00** Ms. Ayaka Siripon.

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\*For ages 10 and under, please ask for our Kids Menu.

\*\*Staff not responsible if you find a hair on your selection.

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# Australia



» THE AUSTRALIAN FLAG WAS INSPIRED BY WATCHING THE BRITISH FLAG AT NIGHT.



## As Seen On Animal Planet

Once home to some of the most diverse and undisturbed wildlife in the world, the nation of Australia has fallen prey to a deadly scourge of nature shows, with dozens of endemic species being poked, prodded, and bothered to the brink of extinction.

For centuries, marsupials and reptiles alike roamed the Outback without fear of being ambushed, turned on their backs, and having their genitalia discussed in front of millions of Discovery Channel viewers.

Today, however, the nation's delicate ecosystem has been thrown out of balance, with countless species being threatened by the introduction of such wild and unpredictable predators as Jack Hanna.

Kangaroos and koalas, previously found only in mainland Australia, have been displaced from their natural habitats, and must now survive in new and distressing environments, namely late-night talk shows.

Sadly, those left behind have fared no better. The nation's black mambas are unable to stalk their kill without documentarians loudly narrating their every move, and saltwater crocodiles have stopped mating, as many worry that the moment they start having sex, four cameramen and a boom-mic operator will burst in on them.

Other species, however, have adapted to their new challenges, but now only get the desire to mate when they are being filmed.

Indeed, if nothing is done to curb this threat, soon all that may remain of these once glorious creatures will be 47 documentary films, five seasons of *The Crocodile Hunter*, and roughly 30,000 taped *Tonight Show* appearances.

## PEOPLE » MORE OF AN ACCENT THAN A NATIONALITY

Founded as a British prison colony in 1770, Australia today is home to roughly 20 million citizens—a remarkably high figure considering the scarcity of vaginal intercourse during those first few decades.

A hard-to-understand people, Australians are known around the world for their use of slang, with the last formal English word believed to have been spoken in the city of Sydney around 1971. Common phrases include “g’day mate,” which is slang for “hello, friend,” “crikey,” which is slang for “wow,” and “pass us a tinny, you bugga,” which is slang for “g’day mate.”

Often stereotyped as fearless wildmen of

## HISTORY » SLANG FOR “A CONTINUOUS NARRATIVE OF PAST EVENTS”

53,000 B.C. During this period, Australia is home to several species of “mega-fauna,” including *Diprotodon*, a giant 10-foot-tall kangaroo, *Genyornis*, a 230-pound flightless bird, and *Hydraxis*, a mammoth 25-centimeter single-cell organism.

20,000 B.C. Native aborigines invent the boomerang, and spend the next 12,000 years trying to figure out how to make it work.

A.D. 1770 British explorer James Cook arrives in Australia and deems the landmass a continent. Although Australia is only one-fifth the size of Asia, Cook maintains that it “seemed huge compared to his boat.”

1785 England establishes Australia as a penal colony for convicted felons, as the harshest punishment the pesty nation can think of is sunshine and warm weather.

1800 English authorities get suspicious when an elderly woman

visits the penal colony with 35,000 birthday cakes.

1854 The nation develops Australian rules football, a combination of rugby, soccer, and murdering people in cold blood.

1856 Australia becomes the first nation to introduce the “secret ballot” for elections, ushering in a new age where one’s vote, and the tampering of one’s vote, would forever remain confidential.

1901 Australia places a ban on all non-white immigration in

hopes of preventing other races from diluting their proud tradition of racism.

1911 Canberra is founded and designated as Australia’s capital, which is odd because isn’t Sydney the capital?

1914 Australia commits hundreds of thousands of troops to the British effort in WWI, but asks if it’s okay to just send them once the war is over to help celebrate.



Australia was formed as a penal colony. Did you really need a caption to tell you that?

1992 The Citizenship Act is amended so that citizens no longer have to swear an oath of allegiance to the British. They are, however, still required to say at least one nice thing about them per year.

1998 The Great Barrier Reef is named one of the “Seven Wonders Of The World, Not Including The Pyramids Of Course, Or Any Of The Other Great Egyptian-Related Monuments.”

2000 Hosting its first Summer Olympics, the city of Sydney spends all day nervously worrying if any of the other 199 participating nations are going to show up.

2001 Sir Donald Bradman, Australia’s most famous cricket player, dies of anonymity.

2006 Australia’s “Crocodile Hunter” Steve Irwin dies of a fatal stingray barb to the chest. His funeral marks the first time he has ever worn a suit.



the Outback thanks to such films as *Crocodile Dundee*, most Australian men actually live in large urban centers, and are, if anything, closer to Paul Hogan’s character in the Los Angeles-based sequel *Crocodile Dundee III*.

Still, one should avoid sweeping generalizations when it comes to Australians, as they all carry large hunting knives between their teeth and wrestle dangerous reptiles for sport.

While it’s true that citizens enjoy drinking lager and other varieties of beer, and that many have a high tolerance for alcohol, there is no truth to the rumor that bedrooms in Australia spin in the opposite direction when one is drunk.



The Australian Outback is home to countless species of hicks.





» MEDIA MOGUL RUPERT MURDOCH HAS DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO WASTING YOURS.



## CONTINENT-SIZED FACTS »

<b>LOCATION</b> Bottom-right corner of Earth	<b>LANGUAGES</b> English (every fifth word), Unknown (rest of time)	<b>LAND OF CONTRASTS?</b> Yes	<b>LABOR FORCE BY OCCUPATION</b> Outdoorsman (72%), Indoorsman (28%)
<b>NATIONAL PRIDE</b> Gets to sit at special "continent table" during UN meetings	<b>FAMOUS ACTRESSES</b> Nicole Kidman, Naomi Watts, Cate Blanchett, Eric Bana	<b>NATIONAL HOLIDAY</b> Jan. 26 (commemorates day Australia thought up idea to have a national holiday)	<b>INTERNATIONAL ARGY BARGIES</b> None



**Sydney Opera House**  
This famous landmark is so underused that it can be rented out for weddings, receptions, or whatever.



This koala is prepared to do anything to get back on national television.

Steve Irwin's colleagues vowing to hunt down that stingray and relocate it to more eco-friendly waters—if it's the last thing they do

Embarrassed AC/DC had no idea all their songs were sexual innuendoes



## WILDLIFE » THE DANGEROUS FAUNA OF AUSTRALIA



Crocodile



Great White Shark



Nicole Kidman



Tarantula



# China



» TRUST US, THE FLAG REPRESENTS 6,000 YEARS OF CHINESE HISTORY.



## A Human Assembly Line

With over 700 billion citizens manufactured since 1892, China is the world's largest mass producer of Chinese.

Assembled from raw genetic materials, thousands of disposable workers are churned out each minute. Babies are separated by a large sorting machine, which sends the boys into the electronics field and girls off a cliff. A small number of females are treated with a fine shellac, packaged, and sold to foreign parents. If any Chinese are defective or dissenting, they are incinerated.

China recently switched over to private enterprise after decades of state-run production of Chinese. However, the country has been exporting Chinese for years: American industrialists found them indispensable in constructing massive railway systems in the 1800s, sometimes going through 15,000 in a single week. Lately, China has attempted to flood the global market with inexpensively produced Chinese for export, where they are used in restaurants and laundromats the world over. But China still keeps a majority of the Chinese-made Chinese at home, as they have yet to find anyone better equipped for all the backbreaking labor.

Still, human-rights groups criticize labor conditions in which workers squat over conveyor belts giving birth for hours on end, often resulting in repetitive carpal birth-canal syndrome. Ecologists have also warned of the damaging effects of coal-burning wombs.

## PEOPLE » THE GREAT MELTING WOK

The most populous country on earth, China is home to more than a billion people, broken into several million different ethnic groups that speak countless indiscernible dialects. The Chinese are

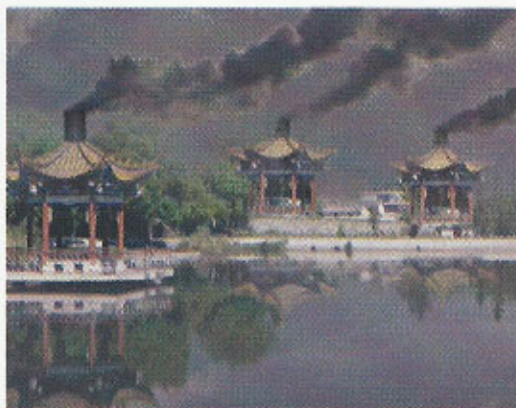


## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS » AN EMERGING SUPERPOWER-HOG

While China still lags behind the U.S. in the technology and banking sectors, it is already poised to pass its Western rival for complete dominance of the international pollution industry. The country opens a massive new factory every 1.3 seconds, purchases 750 million diesel-burning cars a day, and has increased mandatory CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 85% in hopes of becoming the world leader in global warming. In 2010, China plans to light the smog above the city of Wuhan on fire in a friendly challenge to the U.S.

Though China owns more than one-third of the U.S. in the form of debt, Wal-Mart owns more than half of China. A recent move to open a new Wal-Mart plant in China resulted in Dongtan, a city of over 20 million people.

China is also home to a new generation of talented young filmmakers who, armed only with a camcorder, are capable of shooting, editing, and distributing a major American motion picture in under three hours.



Many of China's Buddhist pagodas have been modernized into prisoner crematoriums.

## POLITICS » THE CHANGING SMILING FACE OF CHINA



Since emerging on the world scene, China has had to adjust to modern sensibilities with a more progressive single-party system. Unlike in years past, the government now guarantees fair

and balanced propaganda in 25 languages to all citizens, providing a wide array of fully censored media outlets, with a growing number of privately owned state-run radio stations and television networks.

While it has often come under fire for human-rights abuses, the Communist government now grants watchdog groups unfettered access to literally millions of pages of black magic-marker ink.

Likewise, China's constitution has been amended to ensure that such fundamental rights as free speech and the universal pursuit of happiness—regardless of race or religion—are strictly off-limits to all citizens. In addition, it for the first time provides the right to a fair and speedy execution.

The revamped prison system is run so cost-efficiently that the government often electrocutes inmates before they can order their last meal. Crime rates have decreased rapidly in recent years with the introduction of mobile execution vans, which cut through red tape by plowing over crowds of potential lawbreakers on their daily routes, picking up soon-to-be-convicted criminals for termination.

reserved and humble, largely out of fear that the colossal sound of all of them speaking at once could result in China collapsing into the Pacific Ocean.

At any given moment, an estimated 200 million Chinese people are lighting a cigarette with the still-burning tip of the cigarette they just finished. While it is a family-oriented society, most share an intensely intimate relationship with smoking, and will rarely hesitate to trade their daughters for half a pack of Marlboros.

A truly ancient people, the Chinese have spent 4,000 years developing 29 distinct methods of spitting. Indeed, no other country can match the quality, durability, and porcelain-like shine of their finely crafted phlegm balls.

The average Chinese citizen works for the equivalent of two lifetimes, often

waiting 80 years or more before getting a long enough break from the assembly line to die.

The Chinese love to eat anything. Whether throwing fresh frog vomit into a simmering wok, or dicing up a handful of crispy fried monkey rectums for a late-night snack, they dine on some of the most delicious and otherwise-unusable animal parts in the world. In the 20th century, they adapted their traditional cuisine and brought the ancient Chinese secret of avoiding health-code violations to America, where millions enjoy the savory pork flavor of stir-fried cat.

Though the recent economic boom has created a middle class for the first time, poverty remains a major concern for the 989 million impoverished rural citizens. Despite their destitution, many still follow such age-old traditions as feng shui, which they use to arrange the four children, 13 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren who inhabit their tiny homes in the most pleasing manner.









## 1.2 BILLION YEARS OF HISTORY »

Shortly after the Triassic period, the Chinese began developing an extremely advanced and dynamic society that predates even the ancient Mesopotamians, whom the Chinese invented as a children's toy.

### ANCIENT HISTORY » THE BEFORE TIME



Confucius

2737 B.C. King Shennong, the inventor of tea, spends more than 45 years putting things into boiling water before his career-defining discovery of dried leaves.

2697 B.C. Chinese philosopher Tien-Lcheu invents India ink. Sadly, his most groundbreaking ruminations on the theoretical "pen" were never written down.

2000 B.C. Feng shui, the practice of carefully arranging objects in a given environment to attain harmony, is developed as a way to make overly neurotic control freaks appear spiritual.

1766 B.C. The irrepressible desire to sustain an erection leads Chinese men to reduce countless now-extinct species to a fine, water-soluble powder.

1300 B.C. Emperor Xiao Yi reads to the royal court from the world's first book. He is later mortified when an onlooker tells him he was reading it backwards the whole time.

1008 B.C. Chinese hunters attempt to kill off a herd of dragons by running them off a cliff but, duh, dragons can fly.

750 B.C. Mathematicians invent the abacus, an early but complex counting tool which, by their initial calculation, took some 27,000 years to figure out how to use.



Lao Tzu

573 B.C. Lao Tzu conceives Taoism, or, "The Way." He originally called his religion Taoshuxiawizgaoism, or "The Way, As In The Way The Wind Blows Or The Sea Flows, But Really Kind Of More Mysterious Than That—Just The Overall Flow Of Life, If You Know What I Mean," but changed it after initial negative feedback.

521 B.C. Chinese philosopher Confucius changes the course of history and establishes a major religion by pointing shit out.

518 B.C. Szechuan astronomers discover three stars meaning "Extra Spicy."



Sun Tzu

512 B.C. Sun Tzu gains notoriety for his book *The Art Of War*, though many agree that his follow-ups, *The Return Of The Art Of War*, *A Very Art Of War Christmas*, and *The Art Of War: 50 And Loving It!* are less inspired than the original.

221 B.C. The Qin Dynasty unifies China in hatred of the Qin Dynasty.

214 B.C. Construction of the first Great Wall Of China is delayed by the first snag in planning, the first zoning regulations, and the first pain-in-the-ass contractor trying to milk you for every last dime.

206 B.C. Fireworks are invented to scare evil spirits, though the so-called grand finale just winds up disappointing most of them.

164 B.C. Seeking a legitimate substitute for food, Lord Liu An invents tofu, and discovers it to be an excellent source of protein, embarrassment, and relentless taunting.



A.D. 105 Eunuch Cai Lun invents paper—perhaps the single most important innovation in human culture—so he can create papier-mâché testicles for himself.

125 Year of the Tiger or Maybe of the Dog.

189 Eunuchs gain even more prominence in the royal court after Emperor Ling Di accidentally sets off a firecracker in his lap.

581 The Sui Dynasty reunites China for what everyone hopes is the last time.

618 The Tang Dynasty is established, easily the most interesting of China's 700 or so dynasties.

950 Millions of Chinese girls rush to have their feet bound, partially because they're forced to at knife-point, but also because it looks really great.

1000 The invention of gunpowder is followed shortly thereafter by the invention of the moment of silence.

1211 Genghis Khan alerts the Chinese people to his invasion by ordering archers to fire 50,000 warning shots.

1220 Sunglasses are invented, making China, for a time, the coolest-looking country around.



Master Carradine

1240 Everybody is kung fu fighting.

1251 Genghis Khan's grandson, Kublai Khan, rises to power after eating 50 horses on a dare.

1271 Marco Polo journeys the Silk Road to China, where the Mongols introduce him to such mysterious wonders as paper money, coal,

a regular bathing schedule, the concept of not being completely ignorant, long division, underpants, and Italian food.

1295 Marco Polo returns to China, traveling thousands of miles through perilous seas and deserts after realizing he forgot to pick up a side of duck sauce.

1333 The Black Death arrives in China, spreading much too fast for the country's acupuncturists to handle.



1368 During the Ming Dynasty, artisans produce exactly 100 precious vases.

1369 Superglue is invented.

1551 After finally completing the entire 4,000-mile-long Great Wall Of China, Emperor Jiajing kills his wife when she changes her mind and says she actually preferred it in the original cornflower blue.

1644 The Fu Manchu mustache is developed to complement the invention of creepiness.

1780 Carrying out their plans to dominate the Chinese market, the British kick over a fruit cart.

### MODERN HISTORY » CREDIT CARD—CARRYING COMMUNISTS



After centuries of economic dominance as the only place to purchase illegal fireworks, and 2.5 million years of oppressive dynastic rule, China found itself in a modern world that was no longer impressed with the country's vast array of stick utensils and fancy paper.

1839 Due to overcrowding in the popular opium parlors and opium dens, proprietors are forced to open opium closets, opium cupboards, and opium drawers.





\* A FARMER HARVESTS BABY FOOD FOR EXPORT TO THE U.S.



» A TRADITIONAL OLD-TIMEY CHINESE BOAT SAILS PAST A MODERN-TIMEY CHINESE CITY.



1839–1842 Just as the Chinese wake up to fight the Opium War, the British are already holding their war-medals presentation ceremony.

1860 After warning the country of a “yellow peril” that threatens the good of the nation, the British jail thousands of citizens for breaking the new “Being Chinese” law.



1899 The Fists Of Righteous Harmony—a secret society of martial artists who believe

they are impervious to bullets—stages the Boxer Rebellion. After the uprising, surviving members maintain that they are still impervious, just not to bullets going that fast.

1911 The Qing Dynasty becomes so corrupt and lazy that Chinese revolutionaries have to wait around until well past noon to overthrow them.

1934–35 Mao Zedong leads the Chinese Communists on the Long March to escape Chiang Kai-shek’s Nationalist forces. Traveling 6,000 miles over mountains and rivers, the journey claims the lives of thousands who failed to wear comfortable shoes.

1937 What starts out as a harmless raping contest between two competitive Japanese soldiers in Nanking turns tragic 250,000 rapes later.

1958 Mao’s first attempt to collectivize farming goes poorly when the Chinese government spends the entire agriculture budget on propaganda posters praising the most glorious harvest.

1972 In the U.S.’s first-ever state visit

to China, President Richard Nixon makes major headway on a number of seemingly intractable issues, until an aide points out that he has been talking to a poster of Chairman Mao.

1976 Mao dies and is publicly displayed in a crystal coffin to scare Chinese children.



Mao Zedong

1987 Ten million workers perish digging a hole to the other side of the world. Officials quietly conceal the project with a piece of cardboard.

1989 The Chinese Army forcibly clears Tiananmen Square of pro-democracy protesters, killing 200. Chinese generals are puzzled by the international uproar, as the number of dead is far under their daily quota.

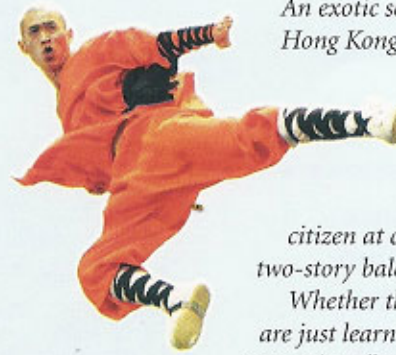
1999 NATO mistakenly bombs the Chinese embassy in Yugoslavia, claiming all the buildings look exactly the same.

2001 China detains a U.S. Navy EP-3 Aries spy plane after a midair collision with a Chinese fighter jet. Within two weeks, the EP-3 Aries aircraft is available for purchase in U.S. Wal-Mart stores for \$39.95.

2003 The Chinese government cracks down on practitioners of Falun Gong, inspiring millions of annoying American protesters to give China more reason to crack down.

2012 China completes its 100-year invasion of Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

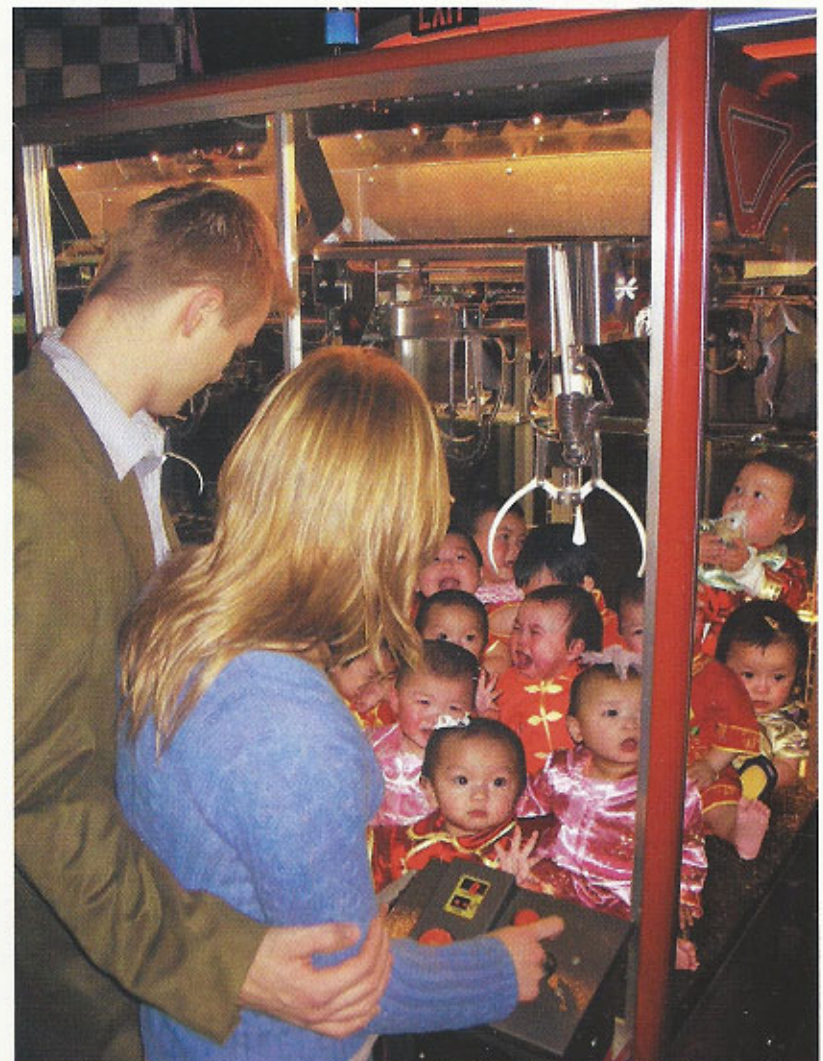
## HONG KONG » WHERE EAST BEATS WEST



*An exotic seaport off the coast of China, the Hong Kong province is plagued by massive, well-choreographed brawls that break out almost daily on every street corner. The dazzling, high-speed, and acrobatic violence puts every*

*citizen at constant risk of being thrown off a two-story balcony onto a pile of cardboard boxes. Whether they are already Shaolin masters or are just learning from an old man about the mysterious “snake-fist” style of kung fu, the people of Hong Kong are always generous, comical, klutzy, serious, and, occasionally, righteous. While not all are able to leap over a 12-foot fence, most can withstand powerful blows that send them flying into a brick wall without serious injury. Each day, citizens carry two buckets of water up a half-mile of steps, fight rivals on their way to lunch, and return home to find their wives and children taken hostage. Most evenings are spent seeking revenge or plunging fists into hot coals to toughen them up.*

*Although Hong Kong has risen from a port city into an economic powerhouse, it remains a dangerous place for any wealthy foreigners attempting to bribe dim-witted government officials, steal a village’s precious religious relic, or buy out family-owned businesses for some sort of shady development deal.*



China’s surplus babies are dispensed in a Beijing adoption arcade.



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» DRIVING OUT THE CHINESE WITH THE POWER OF THOUGHT.



» THESE MONKS HAVE BEEN MOUNTING A MEDITATION OFFENSIVE FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS TO DRIVE OUT CHINA.



## Transcending Independence Since 1950

Ruled by the Chinese since Chairman Mao's invasion in 1950, and exploited by the Western world since Richard Gere's enlightenment in 1987, the nation of Tibet has struggled for its independence from some of the most insufferable men in history.

Enduring the slaughter of over a million of their countrymen under China's rule was nothing compared to the humiliation they face today. If it were up to them, the average Tibetan would happily watch his village burn to the ground, or his wife and children get slaughtered with a Chinese saber, if it meant avoiding another photo opportunity with Sharon Stone.

For the past 20 years, Tibetan children have been constantly monitored by tourists' cameras, able-bodied men have been enslaved in "Free Tibet" bumper-sticker factories, and women have been brutally oppressed by Hollywood PR firms looking to improve their high-profile clients' images.

If nothing is done to prevent this injustice from occurring, Tibetan monks will continue to be forced to appear in Steven Seagal movies, robbing them of their dignity and forever preventing any chance of achieving true enlightenment.

### RELIGION » THE DALAI LAMA SELECTION PROCESS

After the death of a Dalai Lama, monks begin to search for his reincarnation, a young boy who is identified by his ability to complete 8 of the following 10 tests:

1. Sit still and shut the hell up for at least five minutes
2. Identify, by smell, which items belonged to previous Lama
3. Get high score on monastery's Ms. Pac-Man machine
4. Fold and iron 200 robes in one hour
5. Spend night in haunted amusement park alone
6. Assemble 500 "Free Tibet" buttons per hour
7. Kill man with bare hands
8. Endure two-minute conversation with Susan Sarandon
9. Win "Why I Deserve The Nobel Peace Prize" essay contest
10. Recite lyrics to Beastie Boys' song "Sabotage"



A Chinese bulldozer rezones the Himalayas.

### PEOPLE » INEXPLICABLY NONVIOLENT

Despite possessing the shaved heads, mysterious mountaintop temples, flowing saffron robes, and resolute discipline normally associated with punching through solid steel, Tibetan monks insist on remaining unengaged with their Chinese overseers, choosing instead to follow the peaceful teachings of Their Holiness the Dalai Lama.

While many scholars are simply waiting for

these powerful monks to one day end their oppressors' lives with a single, lightning-quick jab to the throat, the highly disciplined monks of Tibet can instead be found meditating in their monasteries, where few seem the slightest bit interested in levitating giant boulders over their heads using only the power of thought, or suddenly backflipping into action and round-house-kicking their way to freedom.

### HISTORY » WHAT IS THE SOUND OF ONE CHINESE HAND HITTING A MONK?

5TH CENTURY B.C. Some guy introduces Buddhism to Tibet.

A.D. 1207 Genghis Khan rides by Tibet and yells up at them to surrender, which they promptly do.

1893 British colonialists attempt to invade Tibet, which is known as the Roof of the World, but they forget to bring their 16,000-foot ladder.

1950 Chinese Communists invade Tibet and install their "Great Leap Forward" policy, which for 1.2 million Tibetans means being thrown off a cliff.

1950 China's People's Liberation Army frees Tibet of their government, cultural artifacts, and religious heritage.

1951 The Chinese begin a large infrastructure project to transform Tibet's disparate frozen-

yak-shit paths into a province-wide, multilane, frozen-yak-shit highway system.

1959 After the failure of an anti-Chinese uprising, the 14th Dalai Lama flees to India, pursued by 90,000 fans, publicists, producers, agents, hangers-on, and poseurs.



Dalai Lama

1989 The Dalai Lama wins the Nobel Peace Prize for spending 30 years failing to come to a peaceful agreement with China.

1990s Tibetan independence is demanded on the bumpers of passing Volvo station wagons and in passing mention during celebrity awards ceremony acceptance speeches.

1998 A "Free Tibet" concert convinces the Chinese government to grant Tibet independence. They decide to retake the region the next day.



# Japan



THE GIANT RED CIRCLE SYMBOLIZES JAPANESE INGENUITY AND CREATIVITY.



## So Sorry For Getting Nuked

In 1945, two atomic bombs were dropped on the nation of Japan, destroying entire cities and instantly killing millions of citizens. However, some survived, and from the radioactive ash rose a mutant race of super-submissive, ultra-vulnerable people able to feel 100 times the shame of any ordinary human.

Forever transformed, the Japanese were left with a vast array of superhuman weaknesses: the ability to see flaws in themselves from up to 20 miles away, hear the slightest sigh of stern disapproval from halfway around the world, and apologize over 50 times in a single minute.

More compliant than 10 yes-men combined, and able to bow for hours without rest, Japanese citizens can lift the weight of the world onto their shoulders after only a brief meeting with their superiors.

In addition, their powerful photographic memory allows them to relive every stumble, stutter, and awkward pause from their last business presentation each night as they lie awake in bed.

And in times of great danger—for instance, after dropping a box of paper clips in front of a group of peers—they quickly respond by shrinking to a man half their size and becoming completely invisible.

Despite their incredible gifts, however, there is still one Earthly force capable of rendering Japanese citizens completely and utterly helpless: eye contact.



Japanese citizens performing their morning bowing exercises.







Samurai,  
1520



Soldier,  
1942



CEO,  
1985



Hot-Dog-Eating  
Champion, 2006



## HISTORY » BUILDING A BRIDGE TO THE 27TH CENTURY

10,000 B.C. A broken vase, a blood-stained dagger, and the skeleton of a young woman discovered from this time reveal the earliest known instance of unbearable shame in Japan.

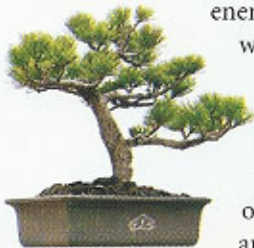
A.D. 50 Early Japanese villagers consume entire meals with nothing more than two primitive sticks held together between their thumb and forefinger.

1200 Karate is developed in Japan to defend against invading stacks of wooden boards.

1410 Japanese geishas entertain their male clients using a variety of methods, including singing, dancing, light conversation, and referring them to real prostitutes.

1600 Backwoods Japanese citizens popularize the ancient art of sumo rasslin'.

1904 Japan defeats the Russian army, killing thousands of enemy combatants while apologizing profusely throughout.



1932 Thousands of bonsai trees are cleared to

make room for tiny agriculture, miniature paper mills, and the most adorable little parking lots you've ever seen.

1937 Japanese soldiers carry out the Rape of Nanking, a massacre in which 100,000 Chinese women are raped, and then brutally killed after asking if "it's in yet."

1941 In a surprise attack, Japan hits the U.S. where it hurts the most: 2,300 miles off the coast of California.

1942 Japan watches on in embarrassment as a confused U.S. first blames Chinese, then Korean, Taiwanese, Vietnamese, and finally even Hawaiian forces for the strike on Pearl Harbor.

1944 Tuiyoshi Oshima, the worst kamikaze pilot in history, completes a 13-hour transpacific flight and lands safely at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

1945 After realizing they may have made a horrible mistake, the U.S. drops a second nuclear bomb on Japan in hopes of destroying any evidence of the first.

1946 Hiroshima announces plans to build a memorial park in remem-

brance of the attack, as well as 10,000 memorial homes, 5,000 memorial office buildings, new memorial roads and sidewalks, a working memorial sewage system, and millions of memorial graves.



1952 Twelve geometric folds are introduced to Japan's constitution, turning the former dictatorship into an elegant paper crane.

1968 After weeks of divisive trilateral talks, Japan signs a tentative peace treaty with Mothra.

1988 Japanese video games are blamed for the rise in teenage mushroom stomping.

1990 Air Japan's first commercial kamikaze flight ends tragically.

1992 Japan significantly reduces crime by instituting harsher penalties for offenders, who if found guilty must now appear on Japanese game shows.

1995 The breathtaking Japanese anime film *Ghost In The Shell* leaves Western audiences speechless by making absolutely no sense whatsoever.

1998 A ban on commercial whaling helps Japanese men rediscover their love of recreational whaling.

2001 Japanese film critics attack *Pearl Harbor*.

2003 Millions upon millions of Japanese citizens pack the streets of Tokyo shoulder to shoulder to protest overpopulation.

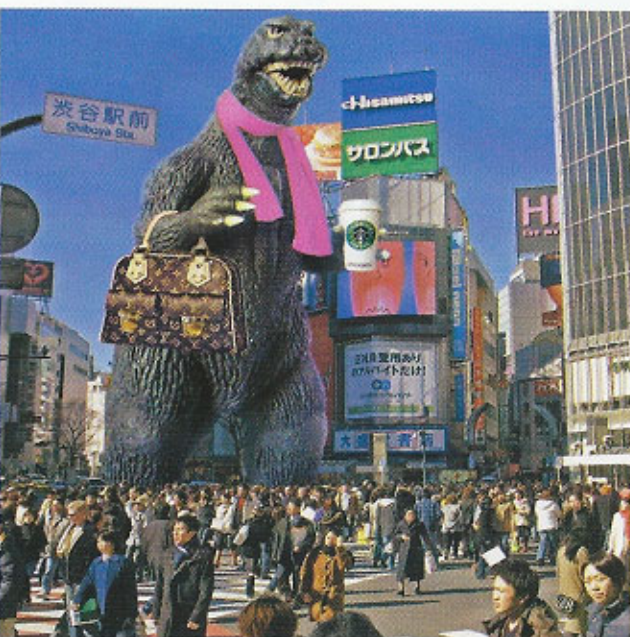
2004 After the sixth earthquake in as many years, Japanese officials decide to rebuild the country entirely out of doorways.

2005 World-renowned competitive hot-dog eater Takeru Kobayashi swallows his pride 49 times in under 12 minutes.

2006 Technological advances produce the pocket-sized car, the handheld dishwasher, and the 22-mm. plasma television.



A Japanese man operates Sony's new 12.8 GHz palmtop computer.



Harajuku  
One of Tokyo's busiest shopping districts.

## PEOPLE » ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF COMPLETE INSANITY

The people of Japan can be divided into two distinct groups: Japanese women, and those who purchase their old and used underwear from vending machines.

Because their culture values extremely youthful appearance and behavior, it is not unusual for women in Japan to dress in girlish clothing, carry stuffed animals around in public, or defecate in their stockings to attract the eye of a nearby male.

Japanese women communicate through a complex system of giggles, high-pitched shrieks, handstands, and the occasional overturning of a pop star's tour bus.

Among men, the traditional greeting begins with a slow, pronounced bow to show respect. This is followed by a second, deeper bow to show that one has not only already shown respect, but that he continues to do so. Third and fourth bows quickly follow to clear

up any accidental confusion about whether or not respect has been shown. A fifth and final bow completes the greeting, and serves as an apology for all the unnecessary bowing that has taken place.



Schoolgirls  
Japanese robots are able to emulate a number of basic human traits, such as leading others on.

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# France



» THE OUTER THIRDS CAN BE DETACHED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY SURRENDERING.



## One Nation Above God

Home to Earth's entire population of 62.7 million people, every single one of the planet's 427 cities, and all of its history, culture, and beauty, France is the only country in the world.

Located directly in the center of the universe, around which everything else revolves, the nation of France is the sole beacon of life and civilization in an otherwise black and empty void.

Stretching from the globe's southernmost point in Marseille to its northern tip in Paris, and extending all the way to the Far East, or Dijon, France is known throughout France for its streets, buildings, wine, and food—things that simply don't exist anywhere else.

The French have produced every great achievement in every field of endeavor in the history of mankind, including the sculptures of Michelangelo, the symphonies of Beethoven, and the writings of William Shakespeare.

Today, this birthplace of art, aviation, democracy, coffee, man, Buddhism, socialism, reggae, John Wayne, pasta, karate, the American Revolution, arrogance, space exploration, the Nile River, and everything else that has ever come to pass, has earned its place as the finest, greatest, and best nation in all of France.

### HIGH-AND-MIGHTY FACTS »

**POPULATION**  
62,745,000 (an estimated 32.3 million despise you personally)

**SEXUAL DISTRIBUTION**  
48% female, 43% male, 9% other

**PRIMARY CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD CULTURE**  
The blowjob

**ELEVATION EXTREMES**  
Highest point: Mont Blanc (4,870 m.)  
Lowest point: France has no lowest point

**GEOGRAPHY**  
High-and-mighty mountains in the southeast, overbearing coastal plains in the north, and pretentious, ostentatious river valleys in the west

**HATED BY**  
Everyone

**CUISINE**  
French

**WORKFORCE**  
35 million full-time and freelance strikers

**INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES**  
Not worth France's time

**LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH**  
Turtleneck asphyxiation

**CELLULAR TELEPHONES IN USE**  
0 (1986 est.)

**CINEMA**  
An average of 200 films are released each year, over half of which are about French cinema

### PEOPLE » BETTER THAN YOU

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PARIS



Paris Fashion

The people of France are extremely proud of their cultural achievements, and offer no apologies for giving the world such things as self-indulgent cinema, the awkward *ménage à trois*, and the Frenchman.

French citizens are known to welcome all tourists by offering a friendly sneer, a hearty goodbye, and a warm, indecipherable greeting muttered under their breath.

The men of France—known internationally as God's gag gift to women—are legendary for their amorous nature. However, they are often compared to French soldiers: Both come

on strong, make a few quick mistakes, regret getting involved, lose all interest, and ultimately give up, but still have the temerity to brag about the conquest to their allies for years.

On the international stage, the French have earned a reputation for being cold and standoffish, but they are always quick to condescend to a nation in need. If another country is in crisis, they are the first to tell them what they did wrong, send thousands of relief workers there to shake their heads disapprovingly, and donate millions of dollars in guilt-inducing foreign aid.







» KING LOUIS XVI VACATED THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES IN 1793, AND IT HAS SINCE FALLEN INTO DISREPUTE.



## HISTORY » A VAINGLORIOUS REVOLUTION

26,000 B.C. Archaeologists have unearthed the earliest-known French stereotypes, discovering several stone berets, an obsidian baguette, and an 8,000-year-old female skeleton with hairy armpits.

52 B.C. Nearsighted Frenchmen surrender to a statue of Julius Caesar.

A.D. 814 Charlemagne, the famed Emperor of the West, dies having not accomplished one single interesting thing during his entire life.



Joan of Arc

1429 Joan of Arc, an illiterate 17-year-old, leads French troops to victory against England in the Hundred Years'

War. Baffled and emasculated French soldiers are convinced the British only let her win because she's a girl.

1786 The illiterate French masses, finally realizing that current King Louis XVI is not in fact the all-powerful Louis XIV, openly revolt and overthrow the oppressive system of Roman numerals.

1789 The Storming of the Bastille, followed by the Storming Out of the Bastille upon seeing a mouse.

1806 Napoleon commissions the Arc de Triomphe, under which he plans to triumphantly parade his glorious armies upon returning from his latest battlefield victory. Plagued with marital difficulties with his wife Josephine, however, he uses the famous monument primarily to sit under, alone, and cry.

1836 French architects create the Arc de Triomphe to commemorate the successful construction of the Arc de Triomphe.



World War II  
Nazi soldiers enjoy a romantic stroll through Paris.

1555 French astrologer Nostradamus accurately predicts the gullibility of future generations.

1651 French comedian Molière "invents" sarcasm, because he was clearly the first person ever to make a cutting, ironic remark. Oh, what a genius! Bravo, Molière. Bra-vo.

1750–1800 The French fake their way through the Enlightenment by stroking their chins, furrowing their brows, and gazing off into the distance whenever another European philosopher passes by.

1838 The guillotine device is made far more practical with the revolutionary invention of the headbasket.

1842 France surrenders to Spain moments before the first shots can be fired in what becomes known as the Negative Thirteen Seconds' War.

1868 While excavating an ancient French restaurant at Les Eyzies, geologists discover Cro-Mignon, the world's oldest steak.

1883 Paris-born painter Claude Monet rents a house at Giverny,

which boasts France's blurriest garden.

1913 Two art thieves steal the Louvre.

1915 French soldiers develop the wartime strategy of closing one's eyes and hoping it all goes away.

1919 France wins the Battle of the Treaty of Versailles.

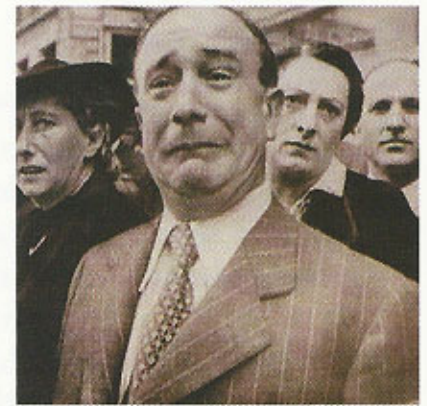
1940 A confident French military enters WWII equipped with the most expensive hats of any army in Europe, the finest cigarettes a military budget can buy, and specially designed guns capable of being dropped to the ground in under 0.85 seconds.

1942 Nation witnesses the first of many architecture booms, inspired by the cutting-edge German Destructionist movement.

1945 Believing they had all the time in the world to explore the nation, the Germans end their six-year occupation of France without once visiting the Eiffel Tower.

1947 A stirring, dramatic performance by French mime Marcel Marceau strikes a chord with thousands of men and women who had once been trapped inside an oversized box.

1958 Charles de Gaulle, the former leader of the French armed forces in WWII, wins the 1958 presidential election, marking the first and only



A Frenchman weeps during the great 1941 Brie shortage.

victory the former general would ever achieve.

1973 Love conquers France.

1984 In Lourdes, in the same spring where St. Bernadette once saw a vision of the Virgin Mary, over half the visiting French pilgrims report seeing visions of Christ in the water where their reflection should be.

1992 A French health study proclaims that drinking 14 glasses of red wine per day can help prevent sobriety.

2005 Violent riots break out among youth gangs in Paris, forcing France to surrender to France.

2007 French architects begin construction on the giant, 75-story Ivory Tower, which upon completion will stand over 1,000 feet tall, weigh 7 million tons, and be able to permanently house the entire population of France.

## NAPOLEON » PINT-SIZED PROTECTOR OF FRANCE



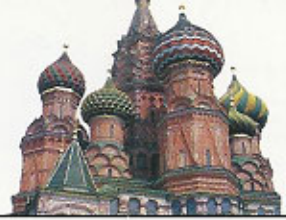
Napoleon Bonaparte, or "The Littlest General," was a diminutive man no bigger than a thimble. He seized control of France with an adorable coup d'état in 1799. While riding in the front shirt pocket of his first lieutenant, Napoleon drove the Austrians out of Lombardy. He also developed the revolutionary war tactic of climbing inside one's opponent's mouth, traveling down his trachea, and eating through his vital organs. After successfully conquering half the world, Napoleon was captured in a butterfly net by the owner of a local traveling circus, and in May 1821, drowned in a bowl of vichyssoise. He was buried in a matchbox.



# Russia



» PRETTY FUCKING ORIGINAL, RUSSIA.



## Where Russians Are Sent To Die

A vast, sprawling, ramshackle nation where the decaying infrastructure is marred by tank-sized holes, and the entire navy has been capsized since 2002, Russia is struggling to figure out how it fits into a post-Soviet world, and exactly where half its nuclear arsenal went.

Today, almost every city in the country suffers widespread blackouts between scheduled blackouts. Many of Russia's 25-foot-deep potholes have fallen into disrepair. Massive chunks of the once-impressive Mir Space Station regularly fall from the sky and crush entire villages. And the Kremlin, a longtime symbol of Soviet power, has fallen apart twice in the past three years and is now overrun with feral cats. Sadly, after pest-control agents failed to return countless calls, the government just stopped trying.

Likewise, the Russian health-care system spends most of its budget scraping the rust off outdated equipment, and patients are often forced to share anesthetics with doctors.

Still, while pessimism is rampant, Russians remain full of hope that the duct tape will hold on their many unmanned nuclear reactors.

### FACTS » BROKEN AND USELESS

<b>BORDERS ON</b> Eurasia, violent paranoid schizophrenia	<b>MILITARY</b> 1,140,000 active troops crammed into two tanks
<b>CLIMATE</b> Frigid to sub-subarctic	<b>TRADITIONAL RUSSIAN PRACTICAL JOKE</b> Loading the gun with blanks
<b>TERRAIN</b> Broad plains of scorched irradiated earth, desolate Siberian gulags, walled-off regions of radioactive contamination, steppes (12)	<b>ECONOMY</b> Pilfered in 1991 by three rich Russian guys
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES</b> Vast stores of oil, timber, and iron buried beneath a permafrost layer of Russians	<b>NATIONAL HOLIDAY</b> Still Alive Day
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> Privatized	<b>CRIME</b> Organized
<b>LIFE EXPECTANCY</b> Male: 59 years Female: 113 years	<b>CRIME AND PUNISHMENT</b> Currently stuck on page 686
<b>RELIGION</b> Nah	<b>NATIONAL GRAIN</b> Vodka
<b>ETHNIC GROUPS</b> Russian (42.7%), Mafia (23.2%), Tatar (3.8%), ethnic groups who hopefully will not achieve independence until we are long dead (30.3%)	<b>SPACE PROGRAM</b> Primarily funded by blowing up wealthy tourists in orbit
	<b>TIME ZONES</b> 28
	<b>MOST POPULAR TV PROGRAM</b> <i>Wake Him With Stick</i> , airing Mondays at 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m. Central; 10 p.m., 11 p.m., 12 a.m., 1 a.m., 2 a.m., and 3 a.m. Pacific



**The Motherland**  
This 280-foot concrete statue in Volgograd is the only statue in the world that stabs anyone who comes to see it.





\* U.S.S.R.'S INDUSTRY WAS INSTANTLY MODERNIZED WHEN THEY ADDED THE HAMMER AND SICKLE TO THE FLAG.

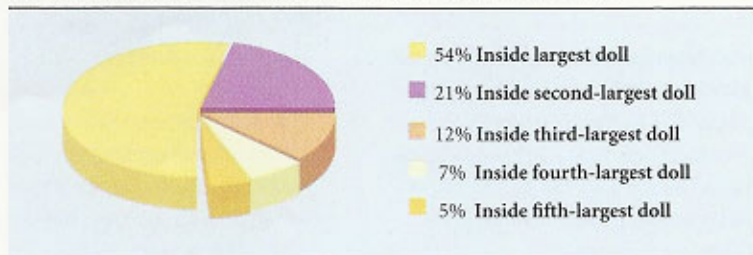


\* ONE OF THE FEW LIVEABLE SPOTS IN RUSSIA



Vladimir Putin discusses domestic policy with a Moscow journalist.

**LOCATION OF RUSSIAN NESTING DOLLS »**





# Russia



» THE COMMUNIST PARTY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS WITH A FRIENDLY FIRING LINE.



## HISTORY » WAR, PEACE, CRIME, PUNISHMENT, AND VODKA

A.D. 862 In his most epic blunder, the legendary warrior Rurik founds Russia.

989 Vladimir I converts the nation to Christianity by baptizing the faithful and christening the severed heads of the unfaithful.

1200–1400 Mongols invade and visit unspeakable horror on the people of Russia, who were passed out at the time.

1544 Known for his tendency to throw kittens out of Kremlin windows, melt the elderly, and dance in the skin of flayed torture victims, Ivan the Terrible prompts many to worry about his upcoming teen years.

1605 After two imposters known as False Dmitri I and False Dmitri II are put down for posing as the heir to the Russian throne, False Dmitri III decides to go ahead and change his name to False Dave.

1613 The just and fair Michael Romanov is named czar, becoming the first and last in a not-very-long line of kind rulers.



Peter the Great

1725 By increasing the power of the Russian Navy, introducing education reform, and modernizing the economy, 6'8" Peter the Great proves to be Russia's most influential shaved bear.

1712 Russia's European-style capital, St. Petersburg, is built by German engineers, which explains exactly why it is the only Russian city left standing today.

1796 Catherine the Great is crushed by her horse when it catches her making love to another horse.

1812 Napoleon leads a 500,000-man army into the heart of Russia, but many fall to the harsh winter. During their hasty retreat back to Paris, many also fall to the harsh Belarusian, Polish, Czech, and German winters.

1861 Alexander II introduces sweeping land reforms for the country's millions of destitute serfs, looking like a real jerk to all his friends who genuinely enjoy subjugating peasants.

1904 Russia loses the Russo-Japanese War after traveling all the way to Manchuria only to realize that they left their ammo on the counter at home.

1914 The Russians and Germans act as a well-oiled machine in WWI, with the Germans killing, and the Russians dying in straight lines.



Rasputin

1915 Believed to possess psychic powers, the mystic Rasputin gains influence over Czarina Alexandra by knowing all about her zodiac

sign, predicting that she will look "amazing" in every dress she tries on, and, most importantly, by having a really good sense of humor.



Czar Nicholas

1918 Czar Nicholas II concedes power to the Bolsheviks once and for all in his famous "I've Been Shot, And—Oh, Look, My Daughters Are Being Stabbed With Bayonets"

speech to a crowd of assassins.

1918 Russia gets out of WWI by signing a disastrous treaty with Germany, giving up half its territory and a third of its population in exchange for a proper burial for the other two-thirds of its population.

1922 Vladimir Lenin and the Bolsheviks establish the Soviet Union, and immediately begin dividing the abject misery equally among the workers.

1927 Diminutive leader Joseph Stalin takes over the Soviet Union and embarks on a campaign to cut the country's average height in half within 10 years.



A cosmonaut receives a warm welcome after returning from the first oxygen-free trip into orbit.

1938 Under Stalin's agriculture reforms, the Russian people are forced to stand in long lines to be assigned to a breadline.

1943 Hopeless against the seemingly unstoppable Nazi military juggernaut, the Allied powers unanimously agree that Russia is their best hope for sacrificing 27 million soldiers.

1945 Russia helps defeat Germany only after those unfit for combat are relocated to the borders and outfitted with barbed wire.

1950 Stalin carves his 60 millionth notch in the old bedpost.

1957 The U.S.S.R. launches little dogs into space to test the effects of zero-gravity on cruelty.

1960 Nikita Khrushchev bangs his shoe on the podium during a speech



Nikita Khrushchev

at the UN, leaving the country deeply disturbed at how he treats one of the 11 remaining shoes in all of Russia.

1964 The KGB assassinates every citizen in the city of Tomsk due to a typo in an interoffice memo.

1979 The Soviet Union invades Afghanistan as a warning to other anti-Communist rebels thinking about miring the Russian army in a nine-year bloodbath.

1980 With the U.S., China, West

Germany, and others boycotting the Moscow Olympics, the U.S.S.R. adopts a strict policy against athletes grabbing more than one gold medal from the pile after their events.

1982 Finally succumbing to the weight of his own eyebrows, Leonid Brezhnev dies and is replaced by the corpse of Yuri Andropov.



Vladimir Lenin  
The Bolshevik leader practices being a statue.

1984 Andropov is replaced by the corpse of Konstantin Chernenko.

1985 Desperate Soviet troops in Afghanistan try to buy Stinger missiles from the opposing mujahideen forces during a battle.

1986 Censorship is relaxed under Mikhail Gorbachev's rule, leading millions of Russian parents to realize that they, too, love their children.

1989 The U.S.S.R. pulls all of its last remaining troop out of Afghanistan.

1991 The Soviet Union dissolves in a big wet mess of drywall, paint, and vodka, prompting Gorbachev to step down to spend more time with his splotch.

1991 New president Boris Yeltsin





U.S. WE'VE NEW  
ALUMINUMS  
EMPLOY STATE-  
OF-THE-ART  
SINKING  
TECHNOLOGY



**MORE DYING »**

closes his inauguration ceremony by urinating all over the front row.

1992 In former Soviet Union, career ends Yekov Smirnoff.

1995 Yeltsin wakes up with a terrible hangover to find a new constitution scrawled all over his forehead in permanent marker.

2000 Former KGB hitman Vladimir Putin is elected president, promising to do away with corruption, rub out fiscal irresponsibility, and end currency devaluation by finding a discreet location to lay them down on a tarp and methodically put three bullets in their brains.

2001 Russia justifies its invasion of Chechnya by claiming Chechen rebels are responsible for making the U.S. think Saddam Hussein was behind the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

2002 Russia signs a treaty with the U.S. to reduce its nuclear arsenal from 6,000 to 2,000 over 10 years. After an initial count, Russia asks if reducing the amount of weapons from 17 to 10 would still count.

2003 Nine crew members are killed when a decommissioned submarine sinks while being towed to a scrap yard. Fourteen more die trying to dredge it up from the ocean floor, and another 16 are crushed pulling it onto a trailer, which later jack knifes on the highway, killing 60.

2004 Responding to a hostage crisis at the Beslan school, Russian soldiers kill 30 Chechen rebels and more than 180 children, hoping the students might take a very important lesson away from all of this.

2007 After Boris Yeltsin dies of congestive heart failure, his liver is preserved in a Yeltsin-shaped vat of alcohol.



**PEOPLE » MOTHER RUSSIA NEEDS A DRINK**



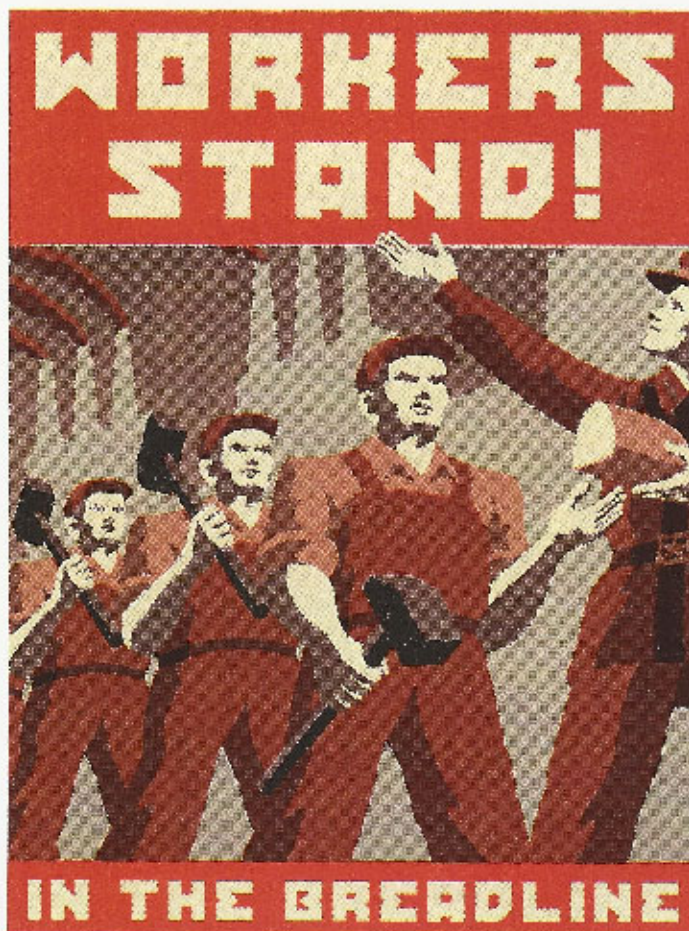
Whether throwing themselves in the line of enemy fire, succumbing to radiation poisoning, or ending it all with a single shot in a dark room, the Russians have spent 1,000 years dying en masse. A tough, resilient people, Russians pride themselves on never having been conquered by anyone but Russians, who in turn have done everything in their power to wipe them out.

Centuries of hardship have shaped the national character into a cold, feelingless lump of off gray concrete. Though Russians rarely smile and can often seem closed-off, all it takes is a little patience, two liters of vodka, and an ice pick to get them to open up.

More than a recreational activity in Russian culture, drinking is a complex tradition with many purposes, be it conducting business, celebrating a birthday, acknowledging the celebration of a birthday, or simply marking the fact that one happens to be awake. In social settings, the more a Russian can drink without getting drunk and dying, the more respect he receives from his peers before they black out. Moreover, Russian children consume more alcohol by age 11 than most people drink of any liquid in their entire lifetime.

Recent free-market reforms have allowed many Russian women to purchase much-needed makeup in bulk, to afford long-distance phone calls to potential American husbands, and even to buy enough bullets for family game night.

And, despite Russia's reputation as a racist country, progress has been made—actually, forget it. Black people should just steer clear of Russia.



Soviet Propaganda Poster (circa 1953)

**POLITICS » "GREAT" COMMUNIST "THINKERS"**



**Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov "Lenin," chairman from 1917-1924**

While most of Lenin's social theories have rotted away, his skin, clothes, and horizontal posture remain remarkably well-preserved. Still observed by hundreds of devout tourists every day, Lenin is sure to live on through his legacy of lying flat for generations—barring an unexpected spike in formaldehyde prices or a klutzy javitor.



**Joseph Stalin, chairman from 1927-1953**

Originally a Party secretary, Stalin rose to power through the same means as any other dictator: overwhelming ruthlessness, a fanatic cult of personality, and a truly stupendous mustache. Under his Great Purge of the 1930s, Stalin killed an estimated 60 million Russians, and re-killed an estimated 10 million just to be sure.



**Nikita Khrushchev, chairman from 1953-1964**

Brusque, blunt, and embarrassing even to the Russian people, Khrushchev is credited with developing a massive arsenal of insults, and increasing the country's production of goofs and gaffes nearly tenfold. He also eagerly oversaw the Soviet space program, although he was bewildered when more than half the people he shot into space somehow returned to Earth.



**Mikhail Gorbachev, chairman from 1985-1991**

Gorbachev, the last leader of the Soviet Union, championed the economic reforms of perestroika, or "reconstruction," and social reforms of glasnost, or "openness," revealing that the U.S.S.R. was on the verge of bankruptcy, or "bankruptcy." After serving a short stint in a local jail for bringing democracy to his people, Gorbachev now makes a decent living renting his birthmark out for children's parties.



# The United Kingdom

## England Surging Ahead To The 19th Century

For nearly 200 years, England ruled over 500 million people on six continents—a time in which it was commonly said that the sun never set on the British Empire. Today, however, the sun sets on the British Empire at precisely 5:47 p.m. GMT.

Although the world around them has advanced and changed, England holds fast to the antiquated traditions of its glorious past. Royal guards still protect the queen (Elizabeth II), though she is largely a figurehead and may in fact be animatronic. The people still eat crumpets. And to this day, they are very particular about their tea.

The British people long for the days when any son of a king could grow up to be a king, when girls were girls and boys were women, and when other nations didn't have boats. They cannot help but reminisce about the 1800s, when their empire was so powerful it could overtake any country simply by asking politely.

At the height of its power, the British Empire had access to the greatest minds, the most beautiful artwork, and the most important cultural artifacts around the world, which they promptly stole, boxed, and archived in the musty old cellar of Buckingham Palace, never to be seen again.

Understandably, they now worry that representatives from other nations will one day show up and ask for all their best stuff back.



**Queen Elizabeth II**  
The weak and aging monarch can still hold over 70 pounds of jewels on her head.



**Big Ben**  
The only thing in England making forward progress.

### FACTS » BLOODY RELEVANT

**POPULATION**  
All citizens are aged 67, wear thick-framed reading glasses, and are currently drinking tea

**LANGUAGE**  
Debased and derivative form of English

**JUSTICE SYSTEM**  
Trial by bewigged 18th-century justice-system re-enactors

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**  
Dense, overgrown mustaches pose serious risk of brushfire

**SPELLING OF "COLOR"**  
Colour

**INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES**  
0 active, 3,259 remembered

**MOTTO**  
"Terribly Sorry"

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**  
Formerly "God Save The Queen" Currently "God Put The Queen Out Of Her Misery"





ENGLAND » THIS FLAG REFLECTS THE IMAGINATION OF THE ENGLISH PEOPLE.



» DEF LEPPARD'S VERSION OF THE FLAG.



» THE NEW KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE.



## HISTORY » A PROUD TRADITION OF PROUD TRADITIONS

6500 B.C. The third Ice Age devastates the population of England, destroys its art and culture, and bankrupts the British Ice Company.

A.D. 1215 The Magna Carta greatly reduces the powers of the king, who must now get full written permission from himself before enacting new laws.



1216 Inspired by the Magna Carta, English priests agree to significantly limit the power of God, whose rule of "divine right" had gone unchallenged for thousands of years.

1530 Henry VIII goes through the messiest divorce in history, denouncing the pope, shutting down every Roman Catholic church in England, and instituting an entirely new belief system all so he can legally dump his wife.

### THE ELIZABETHAN ERA

*During the Elizabethan era, women were subservient to men, forced to dress them, cook for them, curtsy on command, and remark hourly how impressive their accents were.*

*Because men prized male heirs, women were expected to give birth at least six times per year. In addition, they were obliged to write thank-you notes immediately following intercourse.*

*Queen Elizabeth herself never married. Though feminists believe this is because she was an independent*

*woman who refused to answer to a king, most historians believe it is because she liked to kiss girls.*

1562 England raises the legal drinking age to 7.

APRIL 1, 1586 On the first All Fools' Day, the British Navy suffers a costly setback when their cannons launch hundreds of gooseberry tarts at the Spanish Armada.

1658 A weak, malaria-ridden Oliver Cromwell dies in a pillow fight.

1674 England adopts due process, whereby offenders of British law are now granted the right to be drowned by a jury of their peers.

1765 England's Parliament levies a series of taxes on its American colonies: the Sugar Act, the Currency Act, the Stamp Act, the Pants Act, the Stamp Act Tax, the Mandatory Sewing Machine Ownership Act, the Sewing Machine Tax, the Unnecessary Tax, the Boston Massacre Tax, and the Tax Tax.

1767 The Townshend Acts levy taxes on windmill-style guitar strums.

### THE VICTORIAN ERA

*The reign of Queen Victoria was an era of extravagant fashion. Women wore two pounds of white makeup, chest-high stockings, and tight corsets that achieved the popular bound-in-*



Sconchenge

This stale monument is over 5,000 years old, and it is still a mystery who baked it.

*heavy-steel-and-whalebone-restraints look. The English birth rate declined during the Victorian era, since by the time most women finished fully undressing prior to sex, they were no longer young enough to conceive.*

Winston Churchill single-handedly defeats Germany with a barrage of powerful and well-timed quips.

1962 British parents are outraged by the Beatles' new song "I Want To Hold Your Hand," which they suspect to be a euphemism for wanting to court someone.

2006 Prime Minister Tony Blair delivers a speech composed entirely of sighs.

2007 In response to the heightened security concerns of the War on Terror, England finally decides to arm its police officers with long pants.



Jack The Ripper

1888 The folk hero known only as Jack The Ripper gains notoriety for his campaign to end prostitution.

1918 England wins World War I thanks to its bold combat technique of asking for help.

1920-1929 The 1920s.

1944 Holed up in his London bunker,



### PEOPLE WHO BEG YOUR PARDON »

The English people would like to dispute the stereotype that they are all overly polite, but refuse to bring up the subject for fear they will cause a stir. Two hundred years ago, many would tip their hats while conquering, raping, and enslaving their foreign subjects. Today, representatives from

England still call their former territories to see if they need any humanitarian aid, or just to chat about the weather.

The English are known for their extremely British sense of humor. They will laugh at anything said in a dry, serious tone of voice, as demonstrated by the enduring popularity of their top-rated comedy, *The BBC World News*.



### GREAT ENGLISH AUTHORS » YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE READ



John Milton

*Though he intended Paradise Lost to be a long novel, a glitch in his printing press's immovable-type machine accidentally placed the right-hand*

*margin in the center of every page, creating the world's most celebrated epic poem.*



Shakespeare

*Widely considered the greatest English writer, his undocumented life has given rise to theories that he*

*was a fictional creation, and his writings have been attributed to Earl of Oxford Edward de Vere, Christopher Marlowe, and Sir Francis Bacon. Modern scholars now know that he was in fact Joseph Fiennes.*



Charles Dickens

*One of England's most prolific and influential authors, Dickens was responsible for 20 novels, 31 short stories, 13.8 million highfalutin adjectives, 900,000 extraneous independent clauses, and countless*

*disappointing American report cards.*



J. R. R. Tolkien

*His vast and fantastical Middle Earth universe has intrigued and stunted the growth of generations of male readers.*



Jane Austen

*Lesbian.*



Hugh Grant

*Not an author.*



# Paraguay & Uruguay



PARAGUAY » ORIGINALLY AWARDED AS A PATCH FOR GOOD ATTENDANCE IN SOUTH AMERICAN GEOGRAPHY.



URUGUAY » BEST DISPLAYED WHEN THE WEATHER PREDICTS A MOSTLY SUNNY DAY.

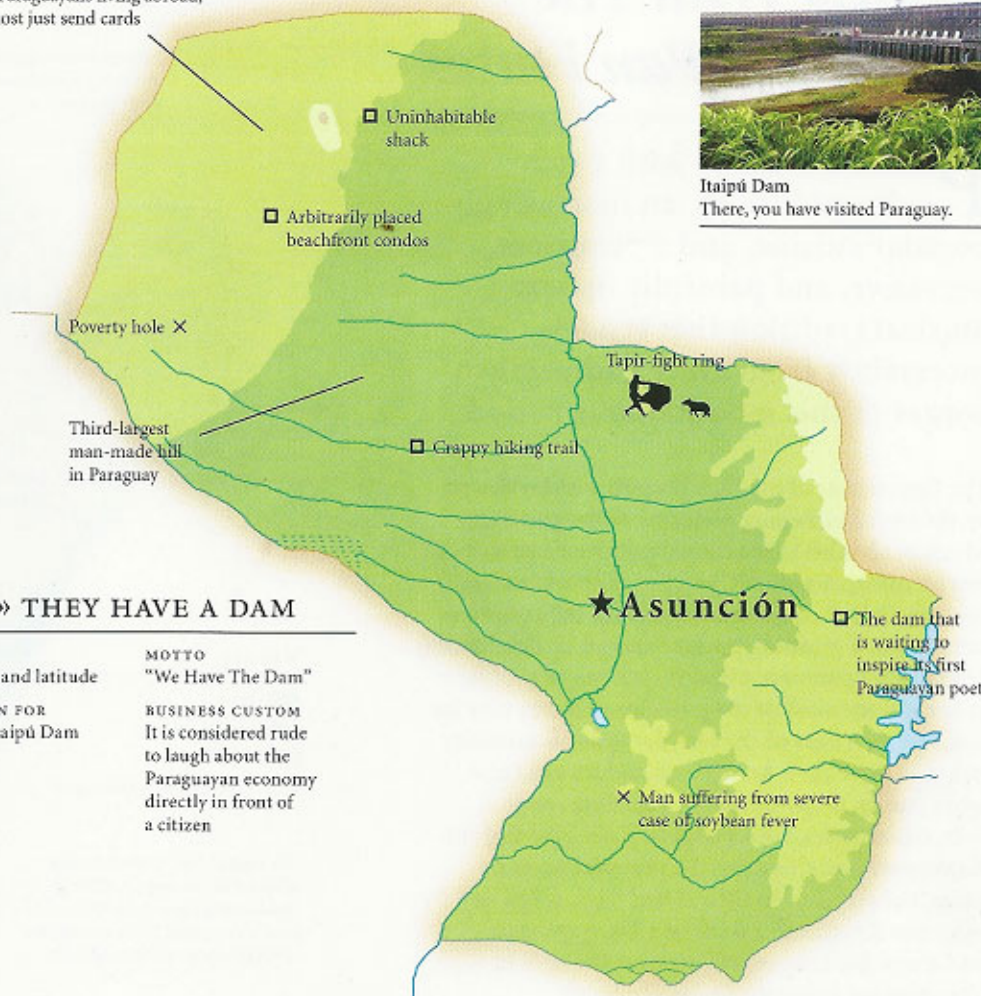


## Paraguay Latitude 27 South, Longitude 57 West— That's All We've Got

Paraguay is a nation widely known for not being widely known, and legendary for being a country in South America. Oh, and it has a dam.

When one researches the country of Paraguay, one does not find a great deal beyond the dam. One of the poorest countries in South America, Paraguay partnered with a reluctant Brazil and Argentina in the 1970s in a bid to build two of the world's largest hydroelectric dams where the borders of the three nations meet. After the completion of Itaipú Dam, Paraguayan officials watched helplessly as tourists chose to visit the dam only on the Brazilian and Argentine sides. The two countries are grateful to Paraguay for the tourism dollars, and for supplying 80% of their electricity. In an act of gratitude, they have sent form thank-you letters.

City relies on money sent home from Paraguayans living abroad, but most just send cards



Itaipú Dam  
There, you have visited Paraguay.

### FACTS » THEY HAVE A DAM

KNOWN FOR  
Its longitude and latitude

ALSO KNOWN FOR  
The dam—Itaipú Dam

LAND AREA  
100% land

DAM AREA  
100% Itaipú

MOTTO  
"We Have The Dam"

BUSINESS CUSTOM  
It is considered rude to laugh about the Paraguayan economy directly in front of a citizen

The dam that is waiting to inspire its first Paraguayan poet

★ Asunción

Tapir-fighting

Grappy hiking trail

Third-largest man-made hill in Paraguay

Poverty hole

Uninhabitable shack

Arbitrarily placed beachfront condos

### FACTS » NOT REALLY SURE ON THESE

POPULATION  
About the same as Paraguay

AREA COMPARATIVE  
One Paraguay and one Uruguay divided by two

CAPITAL  
Montevideo or Asunción

ETHNICITY  
50% Paraguayan, 50% Uruguayan (est.)

MOTTO  
"Are You Sure We Are Not Paraguay?"

## Uruguay Wait, This Might Be Paraguay

Uruguay is bordered by Brazil on the west and Argentina on the east, in the center of the South American continent. Or is that Paraguay?

This constitutional republic, which may in fact be Paraguay, consists of grassy plains, with some hills and forests. Its people stand in stark contrast to those of Paraguay (or, as the case may be, Uruguay). While one of the nations is more native and rural, the other is more urban and European. This urban center has caused culture to flourish, giving an educated middle class the opportunity to debate whether they are in Uruguay or Paraguay.

Diplomats from Paraguay often have difficulty crossing the border into Uruguay, as many find themselves unable to determine which country they have come from, which one they are traveling to, and which one they will ultimately return to.



Soccer  
This team most likely plays somewhere around Uruguay.

ARGENTINES ASKING SOMEONE TO KICK THE BALL BACK

BRAZILIANS ASKING FOR THE BALL BACK

PARAGUAY-ISH

✗ Tourist wondering what the hell he's doing in Uruguay

• Lost City Of Conquistadors

Origin of the saying "The women are always way hotter on the other side"

✗ Black market for stolen Argentine cattle

Rain Forest Destroyed For Soccer Field

✗ Illegal Brazilian shorn-pubic-hair dumping

✗ Nation's highest ratio of rice to beans

Territory Of Vicious Cantaloupe Cartel

• Small town that is only 70% sure it's in Uruguay

✗ What you're thinking of when you think of Paraguay

Lovely Brazilian beach

Charo Huge Here

■ Cilantro fields

Crappy Uruguayan beach

★ Montevideo

Final resting place of Monteradio star

✗ Uruguayan Navy enjoying a swim

Brisk sales of Let's Go Paraguay

O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



# Estonia, Latvia & Lithuania



ESTONIA » THERE ARE OVER 1,400 ESTONIAN FOLK SONGS ABOUT THIS FLAG.



LITHUANIA » EFFORT TO CHANGE TO ONE BLACK STRIPE IN 1992 WAS A CRY FOR HELP.



LATVIA » LATVIAN-BORN ARTIST MARK ROTHKO STOLE ALL HIS BEST IDEAS FROM THE LATVIAN FLAG.

## Estonia

### United In Circular Dancing

The merry nation of Estonia has been under foreign control for most of its history, due to the fact that its main form of defense is holding hands and singing.

For decades, its people have sung and danced in the face of great adversity, utter hopelessness, and bullets.

Estonia was the site of the "Singing Revolution," during which citizens serenaded invading Soviet forces with traditional Estonian folk songs such as the up-tempo "Stop, You're Wrecking Our Homes," the hauntingly beautiful "Spare The Women And Children," and "Roosiaia Kuninganna," the tale of a tiny talking mouse. It was the kind of catchy, non-violent rebellion that the whole family could enjoy.

In 1991, Russian forces, impressed that the Estonians could hold a high C-sharp for three straight years, granted them their independence and placed 25 cents in their open mandolin case.

#### FACTS » CELEBRATED

JOINED UN  
1991 (celebrated with singing and dancing)

JOINED EU  
2004 (rejoiced in song and dance)

NATIONAL ANTHEM  
1945-1991

INTERNATIONAL GROUPS  
NATO, European Union, UN Choir

NATIONAL INSTRUMENT  
The tambourine

NATIONAL PERCUSSIVE INSTRUMENT  
The woodblock

DANCING FORMATIONS  
Square, ring, ovoid

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS  
Development of the Mobius Strip dance formation

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES  
De-enchantment-ization of forests

WHAT THEY CALL THEMSELVES  
Estland

WHAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO CALL THEM  
Estonia

#### HISTORY » PASSED DOWN THROUGH CHORAL TRADITION



A.D. 1940 In the midst of WWII, the baritone regiment of the Estonian military is equipped with the best clogs of any army, allowing them

to develop one of the most rhythmic battle marches in Europe. They also outfit themselves with matching mustaches. Despite all this, thousands are slaughtered by the Russians.

1945-1991 The U.S.S.R. outlaws the Estonian practices of singing, dancing, and looking at Soviet soldiers with sad little puppy-dog eyes that make you just want to hug every last one of them.

1996 The U.S. cuts off foreign aid to Estonia. The people of Estonia dance.

2004 An Estonian couple comes in last place

in the annual International Wife-Carrying Contest. Moments later, they finish first in the International Wife-Beating Competition.

2007 Tears are shed as the nation exports its last remaining piece of limestone.



The Estonian Festival Of Üliõpilastantsupidudel Dancing.



#### PEOPLE » A FOLK-DANCING FOLK

The people of Estonia constantly celebrate their love of song in their annual yearlong folk festival. Their capital, Tallinn, is the birthplace of four distinct kinds of folk singing, seven different forms of folk dancing, and over 15 types of folk humming.

When they are not singing or dancing, the people of Estonia are

busy sewing colorful dancing skirts, skipping trousers, and singing vests, incorporating polka-dot and checkered patterns. Children help in the effort by whistling the traditional sewing tune.

According to leading Baltic scholars, Estonians could only be more lovable if they were made two inches tall and placed in little wooden doll houses.



In 1940, Estonian troops retreat in a circular, syncopated pattern from invading Russian troops.





## Lithuania

# Goodbye, Cruel World

All the cheerful circle dancing in the world can't make the people of Lithuania feel better. The UN recently reported that the nation has the world's highest suicide rate—bleak news that immediately sent millions of citizens headfirst out of their top-story office windows.

Boasting the strongest rope in all of Europe, bathrooms fully equipped with toaster outlets, and airtight garages able to accommodate the entire family and their car, Lithuania is known for its spectacular, panoramic views that grow increasingly detailed with each passing second until the entire landscape turns, at once, to black.

In Lithuania, one's fear of heights is surpassed only by one's fear of going through life unloved, and the weight—the goddamn weight of it all—is just too much for a nation of 3 million lost souls to carry.



### HISTORY » YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST

A.D. 1940 After a traumatic Russian invasion, the formerly outgoing Lithuania retreats inside its borders and stops taking part in UN activities.

1959 The nation of Lithuania does not want to talk about it.

1963 The partial construction of several bridges across the nation allows motorists to more quickly reach their final destination.

1987 New background checks keep those without sufficiently

traumatic events in their past from owning guns.

2006 In a rare moment of bilateral cooperation, 342 Lithuanian congressmen are found days later to have signed a suicide bill.

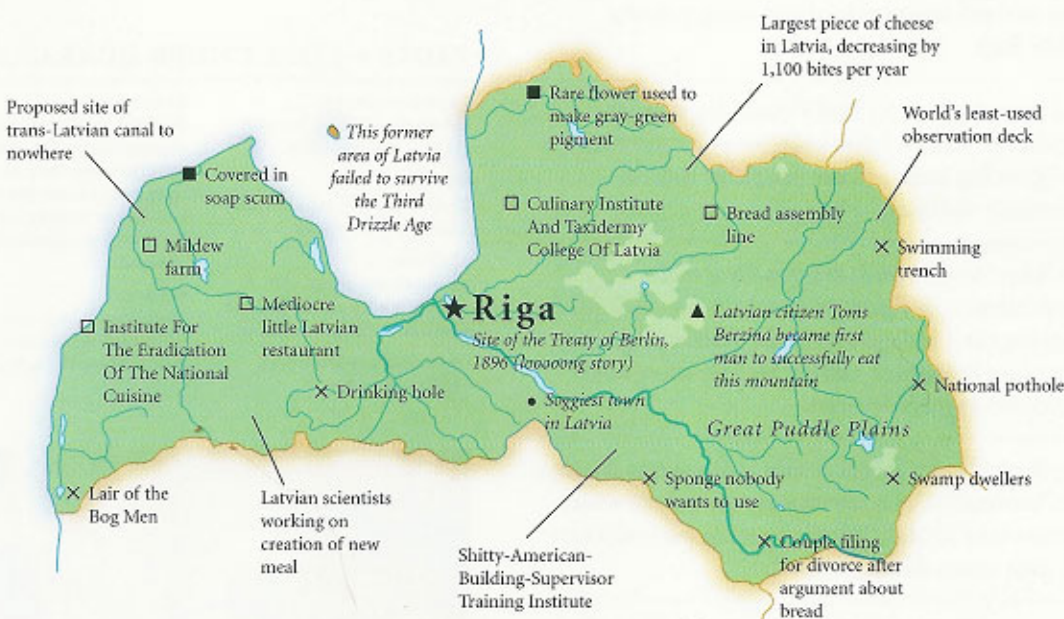
## Latvia

# The Baltic Drainage Region

Nestled in the ditch between Lithuania and Estonia, Latvia is home to Europe's most breathtaking swamps, picturesque marshes, and an endless horizon that glimmers with several different shades of runoff.

It is impossible to walk through Latvia without witnessing the influence of other cultures' waste and refuse, or without knee-high rubber boots and waterproof pants. Whether roaming the soggy, rolling hills of ancient sewage, strolling alongside a meandering culvert, or gazing in awe at the nation's many gleaming sinkholes, most visitors are at a loss to describe the vast array of muck.

Latvia features over 3,000 puddles. While most puddles are small, the nation's deepest is Drizdis (65.1 mm.), and the largest is Lubanca (3,243 cm.). Latvia is also home to several man-made puddles.



### PEOPLE » EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE OF EATING

The people of Latvia often begin each day with a large glass of sour cream. Most citizens drag a lunch cauldron to work each day to boil meats, which are served with a barley sauce, nettle gravy, or oatmeal.

Traditionally, Latvian women were the ones who could not cook, but in today's enlightened society, many Latvian men cannot cook either.



Latvia's beautiful Talsi Ditch.



# Argentina



## A Beautiful Nazi Retirement Community

Argentina is the retirement nation of choice for hundreds of former Nazis, who spend their final years reminiscing about the "good old days," paging wistfully through scrapbooks of faded Holocaust photos, and telling long, rambling stories about the best way to cremate a Jew.

Though many now need walkers to goose-step across town, lack almost as much eyesight as they do hindsight, and take several minutes to give the Nazi salute due to crippling arthritis, these geriatric mass murderers still live life to its fullest in sunny Argentina. They wake up each morning to a breathtaking view of the Andes, spend the afternoon savoring succulent meats and taking romantic tango lessons, and go to sleep each night without being hung for the near extermination of an entire race of people.

While few receive visitors, phone calls, or even letters, SS seniors claim they prefer it that way, as most people who show up to see them are only interested in their Swiss bank accounts. In addition, many complain that today's younger generation has no respect for their elders or what they did, and are instead filled with strange, new ideas about "human rights" and "mercy."

Despite it sometimes being a lonely existence, with dozens trapped indoors due to old age and the ongoing manhunt for escaped war criminals, the vast majority still enjoy life's simple pleasures—pleasures such as watching the beautiful Buenos Aires sunset, or sorting through boxes and boxes of old gold fillings.



Former SS officer Jürgen Fleisher, telling that same old story about the time he crushed a little Jewish girl's skull with the butt of his rifle.



Capt. Ricardo Carrio of the Falkland Islands Puffin Defense Force





» COL. JUAN PERÓN



» THE CLOSEST ARGENTINA GETS TO VEGETARIAN CUISINE.



» THE FAMOUS CATHEDRAL OF ST. DIEGO DE MARADONA.



## FACTS » ARGENTINA AT A QUICK, FIERY GLANCE

### POPULATION

Counted annually as part of national census

### TERRAIN

Combination of rolling grasslands and polished parquet floors

### CLIMATE

Tropical in the north, temperate in the east, anti-Semitic in the south

### CALF MORTALITY RATE

100%

### BIRTH DEFECTS

Low; only 12/100,000 suffer from two left feet

### PUBLIC DEBT

Too expensive to calculate

### INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES

All soccer-related

### ECONOMY

Fuck you

### ENVIRONMENT

Conservation efforts offer protection to such species as the peregrine falcon, the Argentine pampas deer, and the German escaped war criminal

### INNOVATIONS

The sexually electrifying dance known as the tango; the practice of electrifying sexual organs to get information

### MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

Time it thought it was part of the EU

### INDIGENOUS ART FORMS

Decorative scarring, a tradition passed down through generations of lawmakers, is now used only on "special" detainees

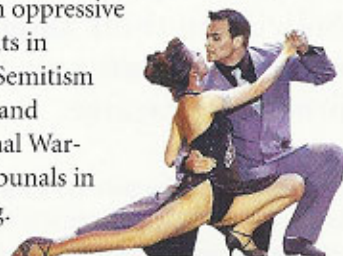
## PEOPLE » PAMPAS ASSHOLES

A supple, hawk-nosed, and tautly muscled blend of European and indigenous ancestry, Argentina is home to nearly 20 million pairs of dancing men and women, as well as countless species of sexually suggestive flowers suitable for clenching in the teeth while gently dipping one's partner.

In Argentina, the nation's dictator traditionally leads, usually with an iron hand. The submissive populace typically follows, creating a violent but graceful partnership; sexy, yes—passionate, certainly—but as rigid and disciplined as any other form of dance or regime.

However, in recent times, Argentines have come to embrace a series of more liberal leaders by holding on tight and wildly gyrating their hips.

Over the last 60 years, the nation has seen an influx of immigrants seeking refuge from oppressive governments in Laos, anti-Semitism in Europe, and International War-Crimes Tribunals in Nuremberg.



## HISTORY » DON'T CRY FOR ECONOMIC DEVASTATION AND YEARS OF UNTOLD OPPRESSION, ARGENTINA

11,000 B.C. Ancient settlers kick a goat skull through two trees, become bored, and do not return for 13,000 years.

A.D. 1520 Upon passing through Tierra Del Fuego, Ferdinand Magellan proudly declares that he has successfully semi-circumnavigated the world.

1833 While riding a horse to Argentina, a delighted Charles Darwin comes up with his famous theory of Riding Horses Everywhere.

1900 The tango is developed by two Rio de la Plata residents as they escape from a narrow enclosure.

1939 Declaring neutrality during WWII, Argentina refuses to take a side on the issue of "deserving Jews being justifiably slaughtered by the thousands, hopefully."



Ramon Castillo

1943 Enraged by President Ramon S. Castillo's administration, but wanting to make sure that everything would go smoothly if he overthrew him, Col. Juan Perón stages a rehearsal coup.

1946 The daughter of impoverished ranchers, Eva "Evita" Perón teaches girls everywhere that, no matter your upbringing, anyone can grow up to seduce the president.

1947 A furious Juan Perón accuses Evita of having a love affair with the nation's public.

1949 Nazi physician Josef Mengele arrives in Argentina, where he practices medicine, dentistry, and incredible self-restraint.

1951 Using her feminine wiles, Evita helps her



Eva Perón

husband win re-election by charming such powerful lobby groups as the Argentine Labor Union, the National Trade Council, and the influential Single Men Who Are Easily Swayed By A Pretty Face Coalition.

1955 Accused of corruption, Juan Perón flees to Paraguay, where he stays three nights at the nation's Ritz-Carlton hotel before traveling—by private jet—to Brazil, purchasing \$6 million in souvenirs, and boarding a cruise ship headed for the Bahamas.

1960 Using 400,000 healthy Jews as bait, Israeli agents stationed in Buenos Aires lure Adolf Eichmann out of hiding.

1972 A plane carrying, like, 50 guys from Uruguay crashes into the Andes Mountains, which is bad enough, but then all this crazy stuff starts happening to them and they get hypothermia or one of those diseases and—you know, you should probably just rent the movie *Alive*. I think it won some awards or something.

1975 Argentina offers \$32 million to any citizen who can solve the nation's growing deficit problems.

1978 Jorge Luis Borges publishes his most



Leopoldo Galtieri

surrealist novel, *The Thriving Economy And Low Unemployment Rate Of Argentina*.

1982 Gen. Leopoldo Galtieri leads Argentina to triumphant defeat against the British in the Falkland Islands War.

1985 After years of dispute, divorce is finally legalized in Argentina. Thousands of citizens are immediately nagged by their wives to protest.

1986 In Argentina's first recorded miracle, millions of religious fans report seeing a soccer deity shaped like the Maradona dribble past an entire English side to score the winning goal in the World Cup.

2002 An economic crisis in the country leaves one out of every three residents in poverty, and two out of every three burning census forms to stay warm.

2005 The deeply indebted nation loses all remaining hope when the World Bank repossesses it from them.



Sports

In soccer matches with Brazil, Argentines are allowed to ride horses to even things up.



# Portugal



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## Still Searching For India

In the 1400s, Portuguese explorers set out to find a western passage to India. Six centuries later, they're still looking for it, as they are too proud to ask for directions from passing sailors, and too stubborn to consult the foldout world map in their ship's glove compartment.

Although the Portuguese insist that they know where they're going, they spent nearly two years sailing up and down the coast of the Mississippi River, once circumnavigated Iceland, and in 1876 passed by the Bering Strait for what seemed like the 20th time in a one-month span.

Unfortunately, when they finally asked for directions in 1902, they forgot whether they were supposed to take a left or a right at Barbados, and spent the next century complaining that their compass was "stupid" and that "everything in the Atlantic Ocean looks exactly the same."

In 2005, after 12 years at sea, two modern Portuguese explorers finally spotted land they believed to be India. However, it was Portugal.

### FACTS » THE LITTLEST EMPIRE

GEOGRAPHY	LANGUAGE	FOOTBALL
Hand-me-down mountains, castoff rivers from Spain	Portuguese, which originated from people speaking Spanish with too many olives in their mouths	Soccer
ECONOMY	RELIGION	TOP OCCUPATION
Cork-based	Catholicism	Collecting unemployment
AREA COMPARATIVE	CONSTITUTION	LEADING INDUSTRIES
Slightly smaller than one rectangle	Bad photocopy of Spain's; can't read the part about free speech	Winemaking, winedrinkng
HISTORICAL LANDMARKS		
Africa		

### HISTORY » THE LAST PORTUGUESE COLONY

A.D. 1423 Portuguese explorers discover your childhood home.



Da Gama

1523 Vasco da Gama's 16-year-old son, Tommy da Gama, shames his family when he announces that he does not want to become a professional explorer, and will instead go to dental school.

1755 Lisbon is destroyed in a vicious acting out of God when the city is hit simultaneously by an

earthquake, tsunami, fire, tornado, cyclone, mudslide, and an extra-dreary light rain.

1873 Brilliant but methodical Portuguese aphorist Romero de Carlos dies while composing what comes to be known as the nation's Unfinished Motto: "Liberty, Freedom, And."

1918 Portugal helps the Allies defeat the Germans in WWI by throwing thousands of grapes at them. The Germans surrender immediately so



Magellan

they can get the stains out of their uniforms before they become permanent.

1917 A child in Fatima reports seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary, which appears to him in a stained-glass window.

1932-1968 Antonio de Oliveira Salazar is elected as dictator for life. Salazar's reign is marked by extreme political repression, but he does fulfill his campaign promise to make

the donkey carts run on time.

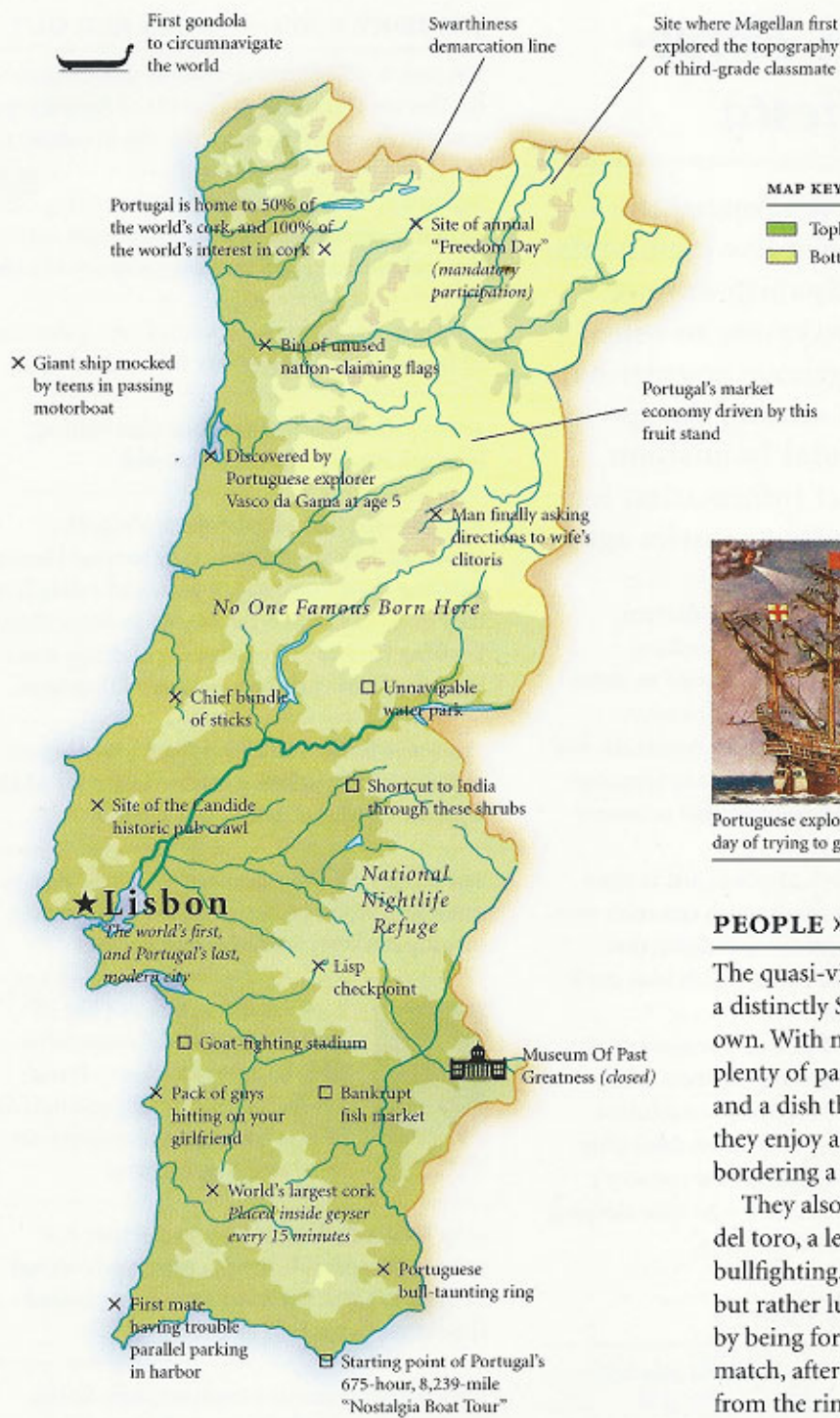
1939-1945 Portugal maintains official neutrality in WWII, as all of its soldiers are still AWOL from WWI.

1975-2000 Portuguese pilots search for an air passage to India.



Cabral

2007 Portugal's colonial era officially ends, as the nation loses its last international territory when it finally cedes control of Portugal.



Portuguese explorers returning home after a long day of trying to get out of the harbor.

### PEOPLE » SEMI-SPANIARDS

The quasi-vibrant Portuguese have a distinctly Spanish culture all their own. With many halfhearted fiestas, plenty of partially unique customs, and a dish they refuse to call "paella," they enjoy a rich tradition of bordering a dynamic country.

They also love the sport of futbol del toro, a less violent form of bullfighting. The animal is not killed, but rather lulled into submission by being forced to watch a soccer match, after which it is led drowsily from the ring.



# Colombia



\* NATIONAL SYMBOL THAT COLOMBIA IS CURRENTLY HOLDING.



## South America's Middleman

Colombia—which also goes by the names of Deuce Low, Skates, and C-Train when dealing with international clients—is the world's leading exporter of whatever it is you're looking for.

Any country in need of a quick fix knows exactly where to find it: 4° 00' N, 72° 00' W, right by the equator—the same place it has hung out for the past 500 years.

South America's largest supplier of hollowed-out statues, hollowed-out rolling pins, and hollowed-out people, Colombia often gives away its first cocaine export for free, then charges exorbitantly high prices once its trading partners are hooked.

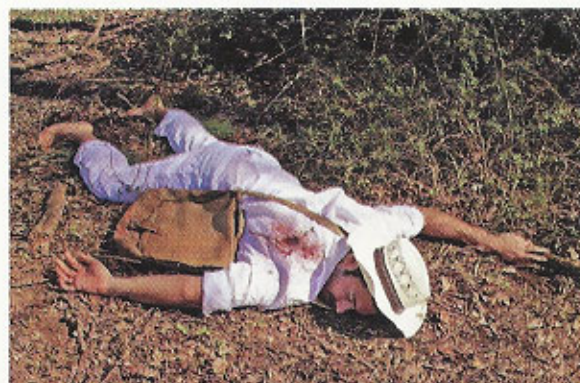
Many poor nations invest almost all their GDP into trade with Colombia, but most end up alienating their allies while racking up extensive public debt and a high unemployment rate. These nations often claim that they will cut off diplomatic ties with Colombia for good, but they almost always renew relations with it the very next day.

### PEOPLE » THEY KNOW A GUY WHO KNOWS A GUY

The people of Colombia, each of whom lives in his own one-bedroom, 10-bathroom apartment, communicate solely through eye contact, curt nods, and the subtle exchange of large briefcases.

Over the years, Colombian drug traffickers have evolved larger, more elastic anal cavities, capable of comfortably storing up to 100 kilos of cocaine, 12 crack pipes, four mirrors, two semiautomatic weapons, and \$1,500 in unmarked bills.

Crime, however, remains a problem for citizens. Paramilitary groups kidnap so many people—1,900 each year—that being the victim of a Colombian kidnapping is now statistically more likely to reunite you with your family than separate you from it.



Juan Valdez  
No amount of coffee is going to wake Mr. Valdez up from this.

### HISTORY » YOU DIDN'T HEAR THIS FROM US

A.D. 1819 Revolutionist Simón Bolívar becomes president of Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, and Bolivia. Fearing he may overextend himself, he only runs for Secretary of Agriculture in Ecuador.

1948–1958 “La Violencia” era is marked by violence.

1967 Seeking an easier way to smuggle cocaine onto planes, drug traffickers invent the hollowed-out suitcase.

1982 Nation sells the rights to two of its citizens, “Juan y

Maria,” to the McGraw-Hill textbook company, which chronicles the two's exploits—including the times they went to the library and talked about the weather—for use in high-school-level Spanish textbooks for the next 25 years.



Pablo Escobar

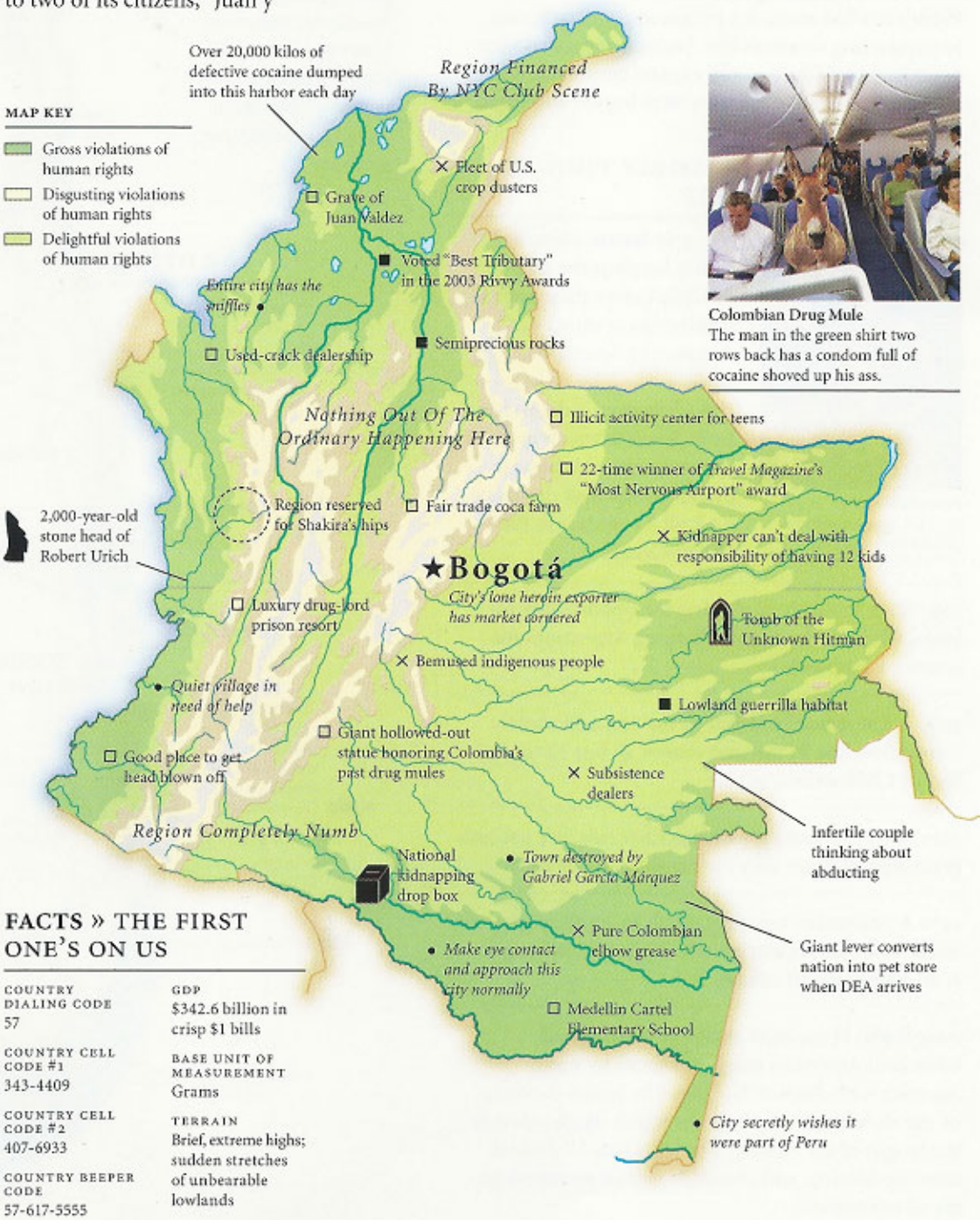
1987 Medellín drug kingpin Pablo Escobar, once ranked as the seventh-richest man in

the world, blows all his money on cocaine.

1988 A Colombian man's plan to smuggle 12 kilos of cocaine inside his nasal cavity results in immediate death.

2000 Members of the Cali drug cartel design the Transatlantic Crack Pipe, which stretches from Miami to Bogotá and allows U.S. citizens to smoke from over 1,500 miles away.

2007 Business discussions grow increasingly confusing after the words “the,” “it,” “you,” “I,” and “and” all become official slang terms for cocaine.



Colombian Drug Mule  
The man in the green shirt two rows back has a condom full of cocaine shoved up his ass.



# Algeria



WOW, A STAR AND CRESCENT. HOW ORIGINAL.



TEAM PHOTO, 1954.



## Terrorism's Farm Team

For years, the nation of Algeria has served as a training camp for unpolished terrorists seeking to hone their skills, whether improving the accuracy of their beheadings, learning to drive stick-shift car bombs, or just mastering the fundamentals of blowing themselves up.

Every summer, a new crop of determined 20-year-olds arrives in Algeria, where they learn the basics of terrorism in training facilities featuring state-of-the-art gyms, hotels, subway stations, mosques, and government buildings, all available to be bombed 24 hours a day.

After weeks of taking part in rigorous suicide-bombing drills, running through airport-security obstacle courses, and perfecting terrorist plays such as the "sacrifice fly," many are transformed from ineffective amateurs into explosive talents.

Although not everyone in Algeria makes it to the big leagues, most men there would give their right arm, left arm, both legs, and torso to become a professional suicide bomber.

### FACTS » AN IMPRESSIVE WIN-LOSS RECORD

RECORD VS. JEWS  
542-113-1

SCHEDULE  
Classified

LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH  
Whipping teammates with wet suicide belt in locker room

LOWEST POINT  
Time they misinterpreted "hijack plane" signal for "ask for another pillow" signal

LEGAL SYSTEM  
Three airstrikes and you're out

ARMED ISLAMIC GROUPS  
The Armed Islamic Group

GREATEST TERRORIST OF ALL TIME  
Mussad al-Malik, who compiled the most kills of anyone, but was unpopular with fans because of his habits of showboating after bombing a street full of civilians

WORST TERRORIST OF ALL TIME  
Steve, that guy who's not that into terrorism

### PEOPLE » EAGER TO MAKE THEIR MARK

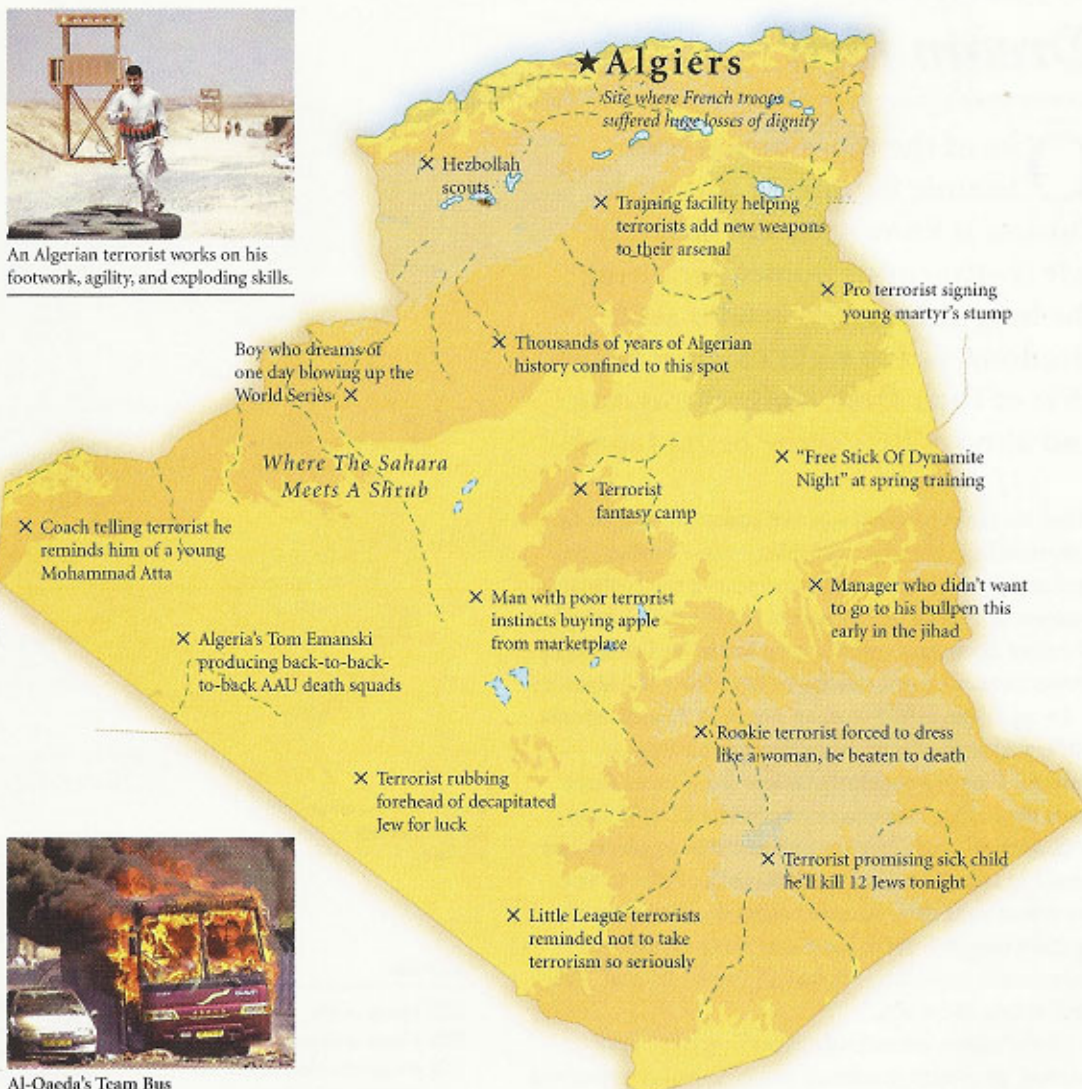
The people of Algeria are hardworking, eager to please Allah, and willing to put their bodies on the line to achieve a victory against the Great Satan. Some Algerians toil for years, anxiously waiting to get the extremely covert call up to the Middle Eastern division, where a new spot opens up every 25 to 30 minutes. Once there, they will have the opportunity to travel to rival cities such as New York, Washington, London, and Madrid, where they have just one chance to make a lasting impact. However, every Algerian boy still dreams of one day performing at home, in front of a crowded, capacity-filled marketplace.



An Algerian terrorist works on his footwork, agility, and exploding skills.



Al-Qaeda's Team Bus



### HISTORY » PRODUCING THE WORLD'S TOP TERRORISTS SINCE 1962

A.D. 1830 The French invade the Sahara Desert, burning hundreds of small plants to the ground and looting as much sand as possible before the Algerians surrender out of pity.

1962 After 60 years as a colony, Algerian rebels successfully drive out over a million French occupiers by simply raising their voices.

1967 During an exhibition attack on Israel, Akeem Baha Udeem successfully guns down dozens of runners charging home from over 200 feet away.

1972 Extremist Jefad al-Qirrilo ties the all-time record for career suicide bombings at one.

1986 Notoriously superstitious terrorist Ali Hasan refuses to shave his beard until the day he boards a 747 airliner.

1994 During a routine practice drill, insurgent Josef Ahmed ruptures his ACL, hamstring,

Achilles tendon, both rotator cuffs, his spleen, and most areas on his flesh, spine, and skull—a devastating injury that immediately ends his career.

2002 Highly touted terrorist Abdul al-Raad signs the most lucrative contract in terrorist history, a deal worth up to 250 million virgins if he successfully completes his mission.

2005 Terrorist prospect Yuusuf al-Majiid is caught using performance-enhancing substances such as ammonium nitrate, triacetone triperoxide, potassium cyanide, and cesium chloride powder.



2006 In a blockbuster 457-person trade, al-Qaeda terrorist Hassan al-Qadir is sent to Egypt in exchange for 456 Cairo tourists.



# North Korea

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Our Flag - Huge! Our Iconography is as strong as our Dear Leader.

## Welcome To The Official DPRK World Atlas Of North Korea Atlas Page! Nuclear Capable!

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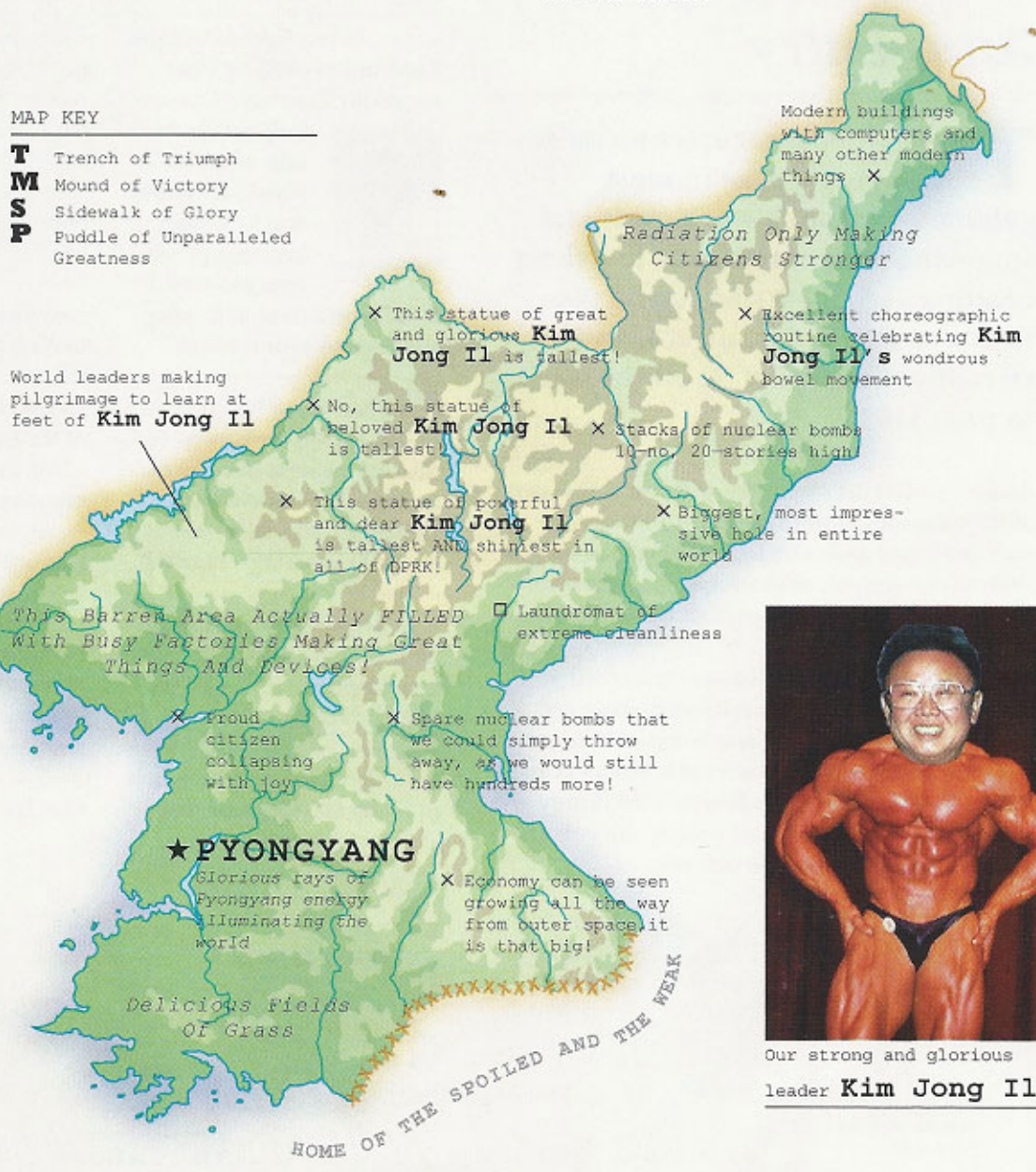
The Democratic People's Republic  
of North Korea is the center  
of the world, and the home of  
our Dear Leader **Kim Jong Il**,  
inventor of the Prosperous and  
Great Country, the Korean Workers'  
Party, the nuclear weapon, and  
special People's Food Distribution  
System, which is evidently vastly  
misunderstood outside of DPRK.  
Everybody is fine! Please do not  
ask further, as constant talk of  
food is distracting to the worker!

We in North Korea have pride  
of giant hydroelectric dams,  
functioning tall buildings,  
lack of obesity problems unlike  
lesser nations of world, and our  
nuclear weapons we possess now and  
which work. Also, North Korea is  
welcoming of unification with South  
Korea anytime, to exchange ideas  
of government, glorious nature  
of **Kim Jong Il**, and food please.



Bow down to the  
destructive force  
of synchronized  
marching!

**MAP KEY**  
**T** Trench of Triumph  
**M** Mound of Victory  
**S** Sidewalk of Glory  
**P** Puddle of Unparalleled  
Greatness



Our strong and glorious  
leader **Kim Jong Il**.

### GLORIOUS AND TRUE NUMBERS AND FACTS OF THE DPRK >>

<b>POPULATION</b> 23 million (determined using flawless North Korean system of escalating numbers)	<b>ANNUAL CALORIC INTAKE PER CITIZEN</b> 2,500, exactly the amount considered a healthy daily average
<b>MILITARY FORCES</b> 23 million	<b>IMPORTS</b> Please stop talking about foodstuffs such as rice, fish, grains, paper, and leather
<b>NUCLEAR DEVICES</b> Several, better than the devices of any other nation by great magnitude	<b>EXPORTS</b> Glorious ideas, trace radiation
<b>FREEDOM</b> Proudly eradicated in 1954, decades ahead of other nations	<b>STARVATION</b> No - please desist in asking
<b>ANNUAL GDP</b> Many thousands!	



**The National Meal of North Korea**  
On display at the National Museum Of The Worker in Pyongyang, it is guarded by both fiercely loyal guards and unbribable, non-hungering landmines in the floor.





**Our Nuclear Missile Mobile**  
This vehicle was converted from an old mobile food-transport device, which for reasons not including a lack of food was sold to Dear Leader **Kim Jong Il** in 2003.



**HISTORY » OFFICIALLY APPROVED CHRONICLE OF ETERNAL NORTH KOREAN HISTORICAL SAGA**

The paradise of North Korea, where the scholar, the worker, and the Dear Leader are as one people, sprang forth from the heart and dreams of Eternal President Kim Il Sung after Korea's great victory in World War II. Korea has not yet been defeated at World War!

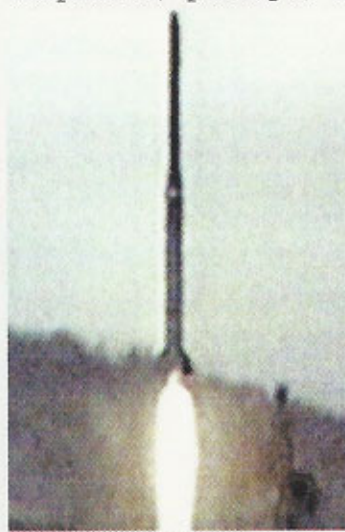
President Kim also helped little brothers of China and cousins of Soviet Union develop own government, build fearsome and not incompetent military, and feed their starving own people. The reverse of this is not true.

Later long after this, on 25 June 1950, geographic assassins moved 38th parallel of globe to make it look as if North Korea was invading country to South, which is also Korea, and carries out to this day for unification at the bosom of its Northern self. This war also DPRK would win. Details unimportant to average citizen.

Before this, Eternal President Kim had the infinite wisdom of begetting an equally, and more so in many fashions, glorious leader-son. **Kim Jong Il** was of such foresightful aspect, leaderly mien, and staunch bearing that Kim Il Sung felt free to die of blissful transport in 1994, not malnutrition. Then as now, **Kim Jong Il** was named Chairman of Workers' Party, Chairman of National Defense Committee, General Secretary, Secretary General, Personal Life Coach to all Koreans, Inspirational Enjoyer of Luxury Foodstuffs,

and Official Virgin Inspector.

The DPRK continues to lend aid to struggling China in its fight against having a middle-class and with its unfortunate surpluses, perhaps, of food? In



The Taepodong Missile used by DPRK to bring justice in all forms. On lower right can be seen bravely sacrificing DPRK Air Force General tasked with throwing lit missile toward the North Korean sky.

any case, no other countries are fit to trade with the DPRK, as we have our own clothes and nuclear devices and are therefore entirely self-sufficient.

In October of 2006, **Kim Jong Il** activated the **Kim Jong Il**

Nuclear Device, which registered at less than a kiloton on decadent and weak international scale of force, but over a trillion **Jong IIs** on powerful, robust, well-fed DPRK Nuclear Radiance Measurement Standard. As a result, DPRK is currently accepting all surrenders.



Satellite photo of Korea shows not crumbling inefficient infrastructure, but that residents of North are aware of importance of saving electricity and going to bed early, unlike misled and trifling South.

**Pyongyang**  
Beautiful portraits of Dear Leader uplift the spirits of the people at all times and places!



**PEOPLE » KIM JONG IL, OTHERS**

There are 23 million North Koreans, which according to DPRK World Factsbook, makes it the best nation on Earth at populating itself correctly.

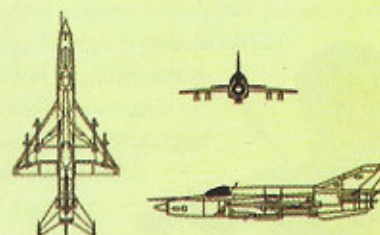
Somewhat more slender and light than the other, more shamefully vigorous populations of the world, the Korean worker's inner strength flows not from food, but from their love for their Dear Leader, whose love for them is like cherries, beef kimchi, and unpolished brown rice with a bowl of steamed mountain vegetable. Median age of North Korean citizens varies with local rainfall, but is usually 30.4 years, if not dead. Of natural causes!

The average DPRK resident enjoys a standard of living! This is complete with work, three regularly shaped meals in a certain period of time, and freedom to assemble at mandatory assembly and dance in front of astounding monument to thoughts of Dear Leader.

North Koreans have great pity for other, less fortunate peoples, who suffer under leaders who are not **Kim Jong Il**. But the North Korean heart is generous, and they will one day gladly bring the people of the world with them to a **Kim Jong Il**-ruled paradise lit by a million suns.

**TECHNOLOGY » BISON FIGHTER**

The mighty Bison fighter, a mainstay of the DPRK air defense forces. For best results, enlarge design with pantograph, trace unstoppable Bison fighter design onto plywood, cut out with saber saw, fill with kerosene, and attach flag from top of left page before attempting to fly.





# Poland



» POLAND HAS YET TO BUILD A LADDER TALL ENOUGH TO REACH THE TOP OF ITS FLAGPOLE.



» PRESIDENT KARWOWSKI, WHO WAS RECENTLY ACCUSED OF ACCEPTING BRIBES FROM A CHANGE MACHINE.



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Once a society of hunter-gatherers, where the men stalked wild berries and the women died collecting buffalo from the field, the nation of Poland is better known today for a number of cultural achievements, including the screen-door submarine, the glass-bottom locomotive, and the cordless extension cord.

Bordered by the Baltic Sea, where hundreds of Polish fish drown every day, and occupying a strategic location on top of land instead of water, Poland has been the victim of numerous invasions, the quickest taking place during World War I, when German troops used the military tactic of marching in backwards to convince everyone they were actually leaving.

By 1939, Germany had invaded again, this time with the intent of eradicating the nation's entire population, a harrowing threat citizens continue to face whenever they come across a bottle of polish remover.

Today, however, Poland is a free and democratic republic. It successfully elected its first non-duck official in 2004, recovered economically from a power outage that left hundreds trapped on shopping-mall escalators in 2005, and in 2006, completely turned its tourist industry around—a task that took 1,000,001 citizens: one to serve patrons lunch, and a million to rotate the restaurant.

### HISTORY » EUROPE'S OLD STOMPING GROUNDS

A.D. 200–1800 Poland is occupied by the Romans, the Turks, several Mongol hordes, the Cossacks, France, Kenya, the Sioux Indians of the North American Great Plains, and a group of three tough-looking teenagers.

1861 Russian troops fire on a crowd protesting Russian rule in Warsaw. They also fire on a crowd celebrating Russian rule in Warsaw.



Poland's Annual Lightbulb-Changing Festival

1915 After a number of violent clashes, German and Russian forces finally decide to just let Poland choose who gets to occupy it.

1918 Poland is granted independence by Allied forces for 37 seconds.

1934 Germany signs a 10-year non-aggression pact with Poland, guaranteeing that it will not invade the nation, that it has no intention of rounding up its citizens in temporary ghettos, and that it would never even think of transporting those citizens to various death camps set up in major Polish cities in the spring of 1940.

1940 The death camp of Auschwitz celebrates its grand opening in Poland with a special

"Jews Get In Free" promotion.

1941 Nazi commander Heinrich Himmler arrives unannounced at Auschwitz for a surprise inspection. Death-camp officials run around killing thousand of Jews as SS officers stall Himmler at the entrance gate.

1945 Allied forces liberate 4 million Polish corpses.

1947 Poland turns to Communism in the belief that only by becoming a classless society, with all citizens working together as one, can it truly succeed in screwing in a lightbulb.

1955 Poland establishes the Warsaw Pact to counter alleged threats from NATO, protect its interests from Eastern invasion, and get all of its

members—even Bulgaria—laid by the end of the summer.

1978 After eating a record 86 straight communion wafers and swimming across Lake Mazury with a lit prayer candle in his ass, Cardinal Wojtyla of Poland is anointed as Pope John Paul II.

2001 Although the traveling salesman did seem strangely familiar at the time, Poland doesn't realize it has signed into the U.S.-led Coalition Of The Willing until it's too late.



Pope John Paul II

2005 Pope John Paul II's medical condition is upgraded to "deceased."





# Norway



» TRADITIONALLY MADE OF BONES, HAIR, BLOOD, AND POLYESTER.



## Suppressing The Urge To Chop You In Half With An Axe

The gentle and self-composed Norwegians know all too well what they are capable of. Within each tall, progressive, and sensibly dressed citizen dwells a bloodthirsty Viking warrior, longing to inflict the most grotesque atrocities imaginable upon the feeble masses.

Modern Norway, one of the world's most socially conscious democracies, has opted to repress its past, distracting itself by building safe, clean roadways and funding reliable public waterworks. But, O, how they long to feel the weight of a broadsword in their calloused hands, lopping off the weakly limbs of a commoner, his warm blood flowing as the rivers of wine in the halls of Valhalla.

As the third-largest exporter of petroleum on the planet, Norway is home to responsible officials who recently decided to set aside a percentage of oil revenues each year in anticipation of a time when this finite resource will run out. However, at heart, every last one of them would trade all the accruing interest in the world for just one night of fevered pillage, grimacing madly with blood-splattered faces as they hack away at the enemy, resting for a moment to join fellow warriors in debauched celebration, drinking from skulls filled to the brim with mead, and laughing heartily as they pick shards of bone from their long, flowing beards and toss them into a roaring fire.



King Magnus Skullsplitter



### FACTS » FORGED IN STEEL

**OFFICIAL NAME**  
Kingdom Of Norway  
Of Kicking Ass

**MOTTO**  
Alt For Norge ("Everything For Norway, Including Your Intestines")

**ENERGY**  
The Norwegian parliament is currently debating plans to rape and pillage the remaining oil deposits in the Arctic north

**RELEVANCE TO U.S.**  
The smorgasbord

**TOURIST SITES**  
Most of Norway's thousands of famous fjords are too deep for visitors to see all the decapitated bodies at the bottom

**RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES**  
*Lutherans:* Attending services at beautiful, ancient wooden churches  
*Black-Metal Satanists:* Burning down beautiful, ancient wooden churches

**THOR VS. JESUS**  
Thor

### NOTABLE NORWEGIANS » HENRIK IBSEN



The country's most celebrated literary figure, Ibsen exposed the disquieting reality behind the facades of Norwegian life in his plays "A Doll's House,"

"Hedda Gabler," and "Why The Hell Aren't We Stabbing Anybody Anymore?"

### HISTORY » OFFICIALLY FORGOTTEN BATTLEFIELD GLORY

A.D. 793 Vikings usher in the Viking Age by raping, pillaging, and generally just being Vikings.

908 Viking explorers take a moment from their revelry to pray to Odin that their glorious, blood-drenched deeds are never overshadowed by the implementation of universal affordable health care.

955 During a visit to the Swedish countryside, Norse raider Kjar Bloodhammer accidentally slips and falls in the mud in front of his whole army. To save face, he decapitates all innocent bystanders in the area and claims the country as his own.



This beautiful fjord is filled with 9,127 skeletons.

1067 Historians in Iceland, Greenland, Great Britain, and Canada, all desperate to avoid having their heads slowly roasted on an open spit, officially declare the Viking Age over.

1324 The Vikings stand in awe of the Black Death as an even more efficient killer.

1537 Norwegians are disappointed to learn that, as Protestants, they are not allowed to eat the body and drink the blood of Christ.

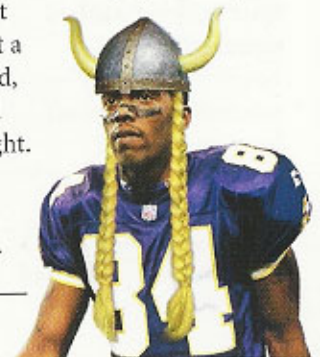
1893 Looking back on his country's proud history, prissy Victorian expressionist Edvard Munch just about sums it all up with his painting "The Scream."

1960 Norway discovers offshore oil deposits, bringing some much-needed evil back into their lives.

1987 In what must now pass for glory in this emasculated land, Norwegian metal band Mayhem releases its first album, *Deathcrush*.

2007 Norway once again leads the world in all categories of the UN Development rankings, yet many mourn that there is not a skull, sword, or impaled torso in sight.

Former Viking Warrior  
Randy Moss





# Iceland



\* DENMARK, FINLAND, AND NORWAY OFTEN SALUTE THIS FLAG BY ACCIDENT.



## So "Cold" From All The "Ice"

For hundreds of years, the deceitful Icelandic people have been fooling the world into believing that their temperate, lush, and geologically stunning island nation is in fact some kind of "land of ice."

In what must be the greatest geographic hoax in history, millions of middle-school students are fed lies day after day by Iceland's highly coordinated campaign of misinformation, insinuation, and not changing the name of their country to something more descriptive.

What natives would have us infer to be a cold, unforgiving wasteland of loneliness and sorrow is actually a hidden paradise of gorgeous waterfalls, lava fields, and naturally occurring outdoor hot tubs. During festivals, these cruel, scheming people make a big production out of eating "traditional dishes" such as ram's testicles and rotten shark meat, which only further exposes the depths of their treachery: For all we know, they probably eat pizza.

Icelanders greedily keep their "barren" landscapes of awe-inspiring beauty all for themselves, enjoying their universal health care and low crime rates while ignorant foreigners still taken in by the ruse shudder every time they view the country on a map or globe.

If any sense of justice, or accuracy, still exists, Iceland should be called Greenland, and Greenland—well, Greenland should just be called something else.

### PEOPLE » ONE BIG ICY FAMILY

Thanks to a millennium of meticulous record-keeping, Icelanders are a genetically perfect people. These closely related descendants of Vikings can trace their family tree back 50 generations, and can also trace most family arguments back to the time when Uncle Naddodr the Destroyer got drunk and made a pass at Raven-Floki's wolf-bride during the blood feast of 901.



Björk travels to a concert in Reykjavik.

### HISTORY » "FROZEN" IN TIME

A.D. 870 Irish monks who first settled the island greet Viking explorers with open arms, and then, with open chest wounds.

930 Icelanders form the world's first parliamentary body, the Althing, to settle local disputes, dispense justice, and give them an excuse to push petty thieves into lava floes every now and then.

1262 Iceland comes under the rule of the King of Denmark. Despite attempts to bribe their new ruler with flowing buckets of herring, corruption levels drop to an all-time low.

1445 The Black Death makes a convincing argument against

the old Icelandic adage that fish soup is the best medicine.

1783 Eruption of the Laki volcano wipes out 30% of Iceland's population. From this day forth, all agree to live life to the fullest and not atop an active volcano.

1958 Iceland and the U.K. enter the Cod War, a protracted non-military dispute defined by a policy of Mutual Assured Destruction of all fish in the North Atlantic.

1976 Eleven years after chewing herself out of a semi-gelatinous sac of glitter, Björk records her first platinum album while still just a larva.

2004 Iceland resumes commercial whaling with a unanimous parliamentary resolution acknowledging environmental concerns, international opposition, and the fact that whale meat just tastes so darn good.



Iceland would have you believe this ideal picnic spot is an inhospitable tundra.

### AN EXTREMELY THIN SHEET OF FACTS »

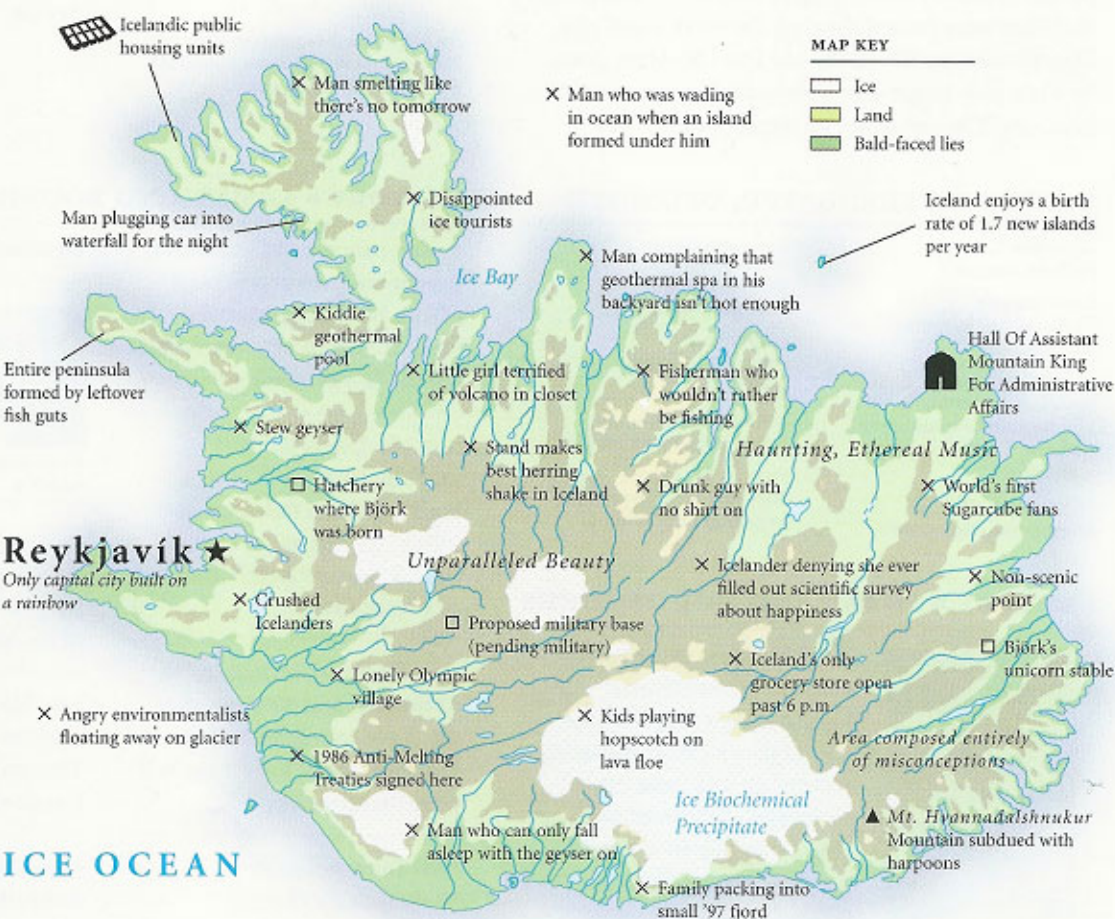
**CAPITAL**  
Reykjavhatever

**ECONOMY**  
Iceland recently switched from a fish-based economy to borrowing money from Björk

**MILITARY**  
Without its own army, Iceland is protected by the U.S. military, which in return gets more smoked salmon than it knows what to do with

**SOCIAL LIFE**  
Icelanders claim to have sex four times a night in winter—when night lasts six months

**LANGUAGE**  
Icelandic has not changed since it was developed by aliens 1,000 years ago









# Ecuador



» ECUADOR STOLE COLOMBIA'S FLAG AND ADDED AN IRON-ON COAT-OF-ARMS TO HIDE THAT FACT.



» ECUADOR'S CAPITOL HILL.



## Fleeting Survival Of The Fittest

The nation where Darwin first noticed evolutionary traits in animals, Ecuador is also home to millions of humans who over the years have had to adapt to the unfavorable conditions of their impoverished, politically unstable, lava-spewing environment.

A remarkable people who stagger upright but beg on all fours, Ecuadorians have developed the unique ability to subsist on just one meal per day. They have evolved extra-thick skin, powerful tear ducts able to handle days of uninterrupted grief, and large lung cavities that allow for deeper and more resonant world-weary sighs.

Ecuadorians have also developed an innate defense mechanism against their many natural predators—poverty, the government, other Ecuadorians, and life itself—which they fend off by curling their bodies into a small, impenetrable ball, or “fetal position,” until it all goes away.

The most effective adaptation to protect against prolonged suffering in Ecuador, however, has been the gradual evolution of a much shorter lifespan.

### HISTORY » ALWAYS ERUPTING RIGHT WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO HAVE A COUNTRY

A.D. 1532 The conquistadors capture Atahualpa, the king of the Incas, who tries to buy them off with a ransom. Atahualpa reaches high on the wall of a room five meters wide by seven meters long and offers to fill it once with gold and twice with silver. In addition, he holds his arms about one meter apart and promises to love them “this much.” He is immediately executed.



Through the years, the tortoises of the Galápagos Islands have evolved protective instructional plaques.

1533 Ecuador's capital Quito is constructed. It is the second-highest capital in the world, and the last to be built in the crater of an active volcano.



### FACTS NOT YET DESTROYED BY LAVA »

#### EXPORTS

Balsa wood, much of which is model-weapons-grade

#### EXPORT PARTNERS

U.S. (4.7%), Panama (1.9%), Peru (0.74%), hobby enthusiasts (93%)

#### INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES

Tried to privatize the equator

#### GDP

\$5.62

#### TOURISM

Each year, thousands wait in long lines to look at the equator

#### MILK SOURCE

Capybara

#### MONKEYS THEY GOT

Howler, Spider, Woolly, Titis, Capuchin, Squirrel

#### INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Latitudes Across South America (founding and only member)

### GALÁPAGOS » BIRTHPLACE OF EVOLUTION



Charles Darwin

Located 600 miles west of Ecuador, the Galápagos Islands are home to a vast array of unique species, as well as the tree that Charles Darwin was sitting under when a monkey fell on his head, giving him the idea for evolution.

### SCIENCE » HOW ECUADORIANS WILL EVOLVE IN THE COMING YEARS

- ✂ Lava-resistant skin
- ✂ Ability to sleep through earthquakes
- ✂ Hand cupped in permanent “begging” position
- ✂ Innate sense of impending misery
- ✂ Rarely used, empty pouch known as “wallet” lost to evolution
- ✂ Conditioned to fear humans

1964 Texaco CEO Augustus C. Long becomes the first man to circumnavigate the Ecuadorians and claim most of the nation's oil.

1981 After an incident in the Amazon, oil executives claim the indigenous people were already on fire when they got there.

1997 The economy falters after all the balsawood reserves are blown just out of reach into the Pacific Ocean by a mighty El Niño breeze.

2000 The U.S. dollar becomes the official currency. Ecuador reveals its poor math skills when it accepts an exchange rate of two Ecuadorian U.S. dollars to every U.S. dollar.

2003 In the hopes of earning more tourism money, Ecuador names its line of longitude (78° W) “The Dissector.”

2006 Ecuador's extremely partisan 13-party government finally settles a 1982 vote on where to order lunch from.



# Israel



» THE WORLD'S ONLY BOMB-RESISTANT FLAG.



## The Empty Promised Land

Home to one-third of the world's Jews and two-thirds of the world's anti-Semites, the nation of Israel is a place so holy that merely walking in it can gain you a place in the World To Come, nowadays often within minutes.

The area that makes up Israel was promised to the Jews by both God and the UN, but because the legitimacy and power of both entities is only recognized by a handful of people, the land remains contested.

Its roots date back to biblical times, when the Hebrew god Yahweh commanded Abraham to build for his progeny a new homeland that would be impossible to defend against the millions of surrounding Arabs who want to kill them.

It is said that "He who watches over the Holy Land of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep—but, rather, will be kept awake by the deafening rattle of machine guns and the ungodly shrieks of incoming rockets, clutching his sheets and staring helplessly at the ceiling all night."

Despite countless offensives against Israel by Palestinians, Egypt, and Lebanon, the resourceful Jewish people always seem to be able to negotiate their way out of defeat through the use of extremely complex and confusing airstrikes.



### FACTS » FROM ABRAHAM TO ZEPPO

<b>POPULATION</b> 6,276,883 (not including approximately 400,000 ultra-orthodox Jews who consider it an unforgivable sin to be counted)	<b>INFANTRY MORTALITY RATE</b> 59.2 deaths/100 live soldiers
<b>EAST NAMES</b> 14	<b>AREA COMPARATIVE</b> Pre-1948 Palestine
<b>INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION</b> Holocaust Participation Award	<b>IMMIGRATION</b> Low, due to the strict policy of mandatory circumcision at all borders
<b>LIFE EXPECTANCY</b> 780 (2007 B.C. est.)	<b>NOTABLE INVENTIONS</b> Bagels and lox, the missile-proof vest
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b> Complex system of gurneys and ambulances	<b>NATURAL HAZARDS</b> Palestinians, Jordanians, Lebanese, Syrians
<b>MARITIME CLAIMS</b> That they're being driven into the sea	<b>MEDIA</b> Jew-fur
	<b>INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES</b> Disputed



During Hanukkah, Israeli missiles light up the sky for eight straight nights.



- MAP KEY**
- ▲ Sacred Mountain
  - Sacred Border
  - ✈ Sacred Airport
  - .... Sacred Bike Trail
  - 🏌 Sacred Golf Course
  - 🚏 Sacred Bus Terminal
  - 🚗 Sacred 24-Hour Parking







**HISTORY » CRAMMING 50 YEARS OF HISTORY INTO EVERY DAY**

1300 B.C. Acting on a divine command from Yahweh, Moses and the Jews embark on a 40-year schlep across the desert.

1260 B.C. Moses proves himself to be both a legitimate prophet and a genuine Jew when he tells followers that their journey would "make a good movie someday" (Deuteronomy 13:12).



Theodor Herzl

A.D. 1896 Theodor Herzl founds the Zionist movement in hopes of dispelling the myth that Jewish people make overbearing neighbors.

1933 Adolf Hitler publicly endorses the Zionists' desire to create a central homeland for all Jews, saying that it would greatly simplify matters if they were all conveniently gathered in one spot.

1939 Struggling with a harrowing Jew-hating addiction, Hitler embarks on a 12-step pogrom to exterminate his problem once and for all.

1945 The Holocaust brings the need for a Jewish homeland into sharp focus, as they now more than ever need a place to call their own, and there are now few enough of them to fit on a tiny strip of earth.

1948 Israel successfully negotiates a 6% land increase.

1967 Heavily outnumbered and severely outgunned in the Six-Day War, Israel somehow wins, gaining control of Sinai, the Golan Heights, and all Palestinian territories in the last miracle the Jewish people will ever credit to God.

1972 The mothers of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes see their worst nightmare come true when their children are taken hostage by Palestinian terrorists in front of the whole world without first putting on clean underwear.



Israel's Sacred Whining Wall

1973 Egypt and Syria stage a secret attack on Israel, prompting the country to extend Yom Kippur celebrations for 20 days in order to decimate both armies and completely obliterate any semblance of Arab pride.

1975 A Bethlehem couple gets into the Six-Minute War over curtain colors.

1995 Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is shot and killed after failing to heed an aide's advice not to accept the invitation to be the keynote speaker at a right-wing-assassin convention.

1998 To safeguard their country from terrorism, the Israeli government imposes a nationwide ban on all packages, cars, Palestinians, and sudden movements.

2000 In the last of a long series of partitions, Israel is finally broken into 4 million 2' x 2' plots of land, each of which is randomly assigned to one citizen. Two million separate wars immediately follow.

2001 Jerusalem's most popular nightclub suddenly suffers a 50% drop in patronage and a 75% drop in structural integrity.

2003 Israelis launch 135 missiles into the Mediterranean Sea in retaliation for the drowning death of a Haifa rabbi.



Ariel Sharon

2005 Shortly after Israel withdraws from the disputed Gaza Strip, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announces, "This is an important step toward... Uuurrgh... Important... glaaargh..." While some Jews believe this garbled speech was a direct message from God, most just think Sharon was probably having a stroke at the time.

2006 Ultra-orthodox Haradim scholars, already a dying breed, discover a passage in the Torah that suggests breathing is a sin.

**THE CHOSEN-TO-SUFFER PEOPLE »**



The Israeli people—also known as the Israeli army—are a diverse mix of olive-skinned men, light-eyed women, and pasty American Jews who moved there for the climate. From an early age, Israelis are introduced to important cultural traditions such as the rapid disassembling, reassembling, and firing of their M-16s with chilling precision from distances of up to 500 yards.

Israeli parents have a powerful influence over the next generation, with mothers guilt-tripping their children into finding a nice young Palestinian to kill in a fire-fight, and fathers pressuring them to follow in their footsteps bulldozing olive groves in the Gaza Strip.

To cope with these burdens, Israelis turn to ancient rituals throughout their lives. When it is time to become an adult, young Israelis are led into a bombed-out synagogue where a heavily armored rabbi conducts the bar mitzvah ritual before all of the surviving family members. Honorees must recite, in perfect Hebrew, the geographic coordinates of a Palestinian target, and then perform the sacred rite of missile-launching.

If two sets of parents can actually agree on a marriage, it is customary for the bride's family to provide the couple with a place to live in a fully furnished, recently confiscated Palestinian home. Israeli funerals are generally conducted on the spot in the rubble of an outdoor café.

**REAL ESTATE » EXCERPT FROM GOD'S COVENANT WITH JEWS**

This *LAND AGREEMENT* is hereby entered into on this 14th day of September, 1008 B.C., between *YAHWEH, LORD OF THY FATHER AND THY FATHER'S FATHER, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH* (hereinafter known as "Lord") and *ABRAHAM* and all his descendants (hereinafter collectively known as the "Jews").

**WITNESSETH:**

*WHEREAS*, Lord is the owner of all real Earthly property further described below and seen over every horizon in perpetuity, and is desirous of multiplying Abraham's seed exceedingly by granting him said real property upon the terms and conditions as contained herein:

**A. Location and Description:** Lord hereby lets to Jews the premises described as follows: 20,770 sq. km. strip of land in Middle East, view of Mediterranean Sea. Premises are unfurnished.

**B. Terms:** This agreement shall continue on a "month to month" basis commencing on 01-01-1008 B.C. and continuing for exactly 3,000 years until complete extermination.

**C. Security Deposit:** At the time of execution of this agreement, Abraham shall pay to Lord a security deposit of fifteen (15) circumcised foreskins which is to be returned in full upon termination of this agreement should there be no damage to the premises.



SY GOLDBLATT » LEAD COUNCIL OF THE JEWS DURING THE DRAFTING OF THE COVENANT



The Jews who run the world.



# Palestine



» FLAG CAN BE TORN INTO STRIPS AND TIED TOGETHER END-TO-END TO FORM AN ESCAPE ROPE.



## On 24-Hour Suicide-Bombing Watch

An Israeli-controlled prison state that includes the Maximum Security Gaza Detention Center and the West Bank Correctional Facility, Palestine is surrounded by 25-foot-high concrete walls, electrified fencing, razor wire, and trenches filled with dead Palestinians.

Palestine suffers from the highest incarceration rate on the planet, with 1,000 of every 1,000 citizens imprisoned under Israel's zero-strikes law. Israeli guards monitor the Palestinians' tightly restricted movements with watchtowers, electronic sensors, thermal imaging, unmanned aerial vehicles, artillery fire, and airstrikes.

While Israel often subdues revolts by restricting the region's access to guns, explosives, and hope, many Palestinians are more than willing to sharpen their own bones into deadly weapons during lights-out, transforming themselves into human shivs.

### HISTORY » A TROUBLED PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

A.D. 1917 British police arrest thousands of Palestinians for associating with a known terrorist organization, the Ottoman Empire.

1948 Hundreds of Palestinians are arrested for living in their homes, which by law now belong to Israel.

1987 The first intifada begins after a successful suicide hanging in a West Bank street. While the attack claims no other victims, several Israelis are injured while

fighting over who has to cut down the corpse.

1994 Hamas calls for an end to mindless violence, pleading instead for more senseless violence.

1998 Israel commandeers Palestine's water supply, fearing that it could be brought to a boil and thrown at someone.

2007 With the wall around Palestine nearly complete, Israel begins construction on a massive lid.

### PEOPLE » SERVING CONSECUTIVE LIFE SENTENCES



The Palestinian coming-of-age ritual.

The Palestinians are confined to simple holding pens, each containing a single bunk bed that is shared with seven other families. Although Israeli guards search and seize their property without warrant, Palestinians still live life without parole to the fullest.

Many wake up each morning to the sound of fellow inmates blowing themselves up, before heading

outside to take in the sight of smoldering limbs and the robust smell of freshly charred corpses. Evenings are often spent lying down by the fire of one's own flame-engulfed body.

Palestinians are also infamous for their traditional handicrafts, including crudely made rockets, hand-tooled suicide belts, and roughly hewn rocks.

### FACTS » DISPUTED

LIFE SENTENCE EXPECTANCY  
100%

TIME ZONE  
Dystopian present

NATURAL RESOURCES  
Rocks, disposable population

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS  
Bulldozed into earth

EXPORT COMMODITIES  
Explosions, chunks of flesh, bone shrapnel

EXPORT PARTNER  
Israel

TERRAIN  
Flat (23%), scorched (22%), barren (55%), walled-in (100%)

LOWEST POINT  
Becoming too fat for suicide belt

LEGAL SYSTEM  
Guilty until proven dead

CONTROVERSIAL LAWS  
Assisted suicide bombing now legal

FOREIGN AID  
Palestine attempts to use its foreign aid for bail, but is repeatedly denied



An Israeli attack helicopter enforces curfew.



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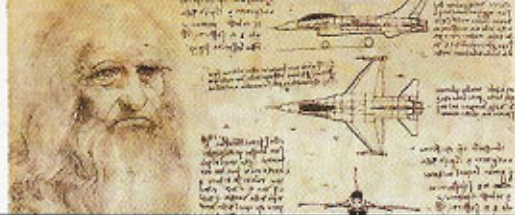
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- Disputed region
- Disputed rock
- Disputed limb
- Disputed dispute

\* Map key disputed









» A BORED LEONARDO DA VINCI DOODLED THIS DESIGN OF AN F-16 FIGHTER PLANE WHILE TALKING TO A LONG-WINDED FRIEND ON THE PHONE.



» THIS FAMOUSLY CROOKED ITALIAN BUILDING CAN NOW BE PICTURED AT THE CORRECT ANGLE, THANKS TO MODERN PHOTOSHOP TECHNOLOGY.



### HISTORY » WE COULDA BEEN SOMEBODY

10,000,000 B.C. Recently unearthed fossils reveal that early Italian hominids had prehensile noses and opposable middle fingers.

753 B.C. Rome is built in exactly one day, six hours, and 17 minutes, spurring the popular expression, "Rome wasn't built in a day."

71 B.C. The Spartacus-led slave revolt fails when members of his army shout out "I am Spartacus!" to create a diversion, but the true Spartacus draws too much attention to himself by loudly shouting "I am Charles!"

57 B.C. Caesar conquers Gaul by asking if he could just borrow it for a minute, and then never giving it back.

49-44 B.C. A power-mad Caesar spends the last five years of his life attempting to conquer the Atlantic Ocean.

47 B.C. After 17 years, 12 venereal diseases, and 36 children, an exhausted Cleopatra at last sleeps her way to the top of the Roman Empire.

A.D. 38 Tyrannical leader Caligula appoints his favorite horse, Incitatus, to a seat on the Roman Senate, a move that infuriates citizens, fellow consul members, and Caligula's second-favorite horse.

64 While a conflagration destroys half of Rome, King Nero famously fiddles while Rome burns. To

make matters worse, he only adds to the ensuing chaos by fiddling "Flight Of The Bumblebee."

79 Mt. Vesuvius respects the city of Pompeii's wish to be cremated and then buried under thousands of tons of volcanic ash.

88 Due to a scheduling mix-up, dozens of confused, ax-wielding gladiators ruin the Colosseum's first annual dog show.

217 The Public Baths of Caracalla are inaugurated, leaving thousands of lascivious Romans filthier than ever.

1173 The Leaning Tower of Pisa is constructed by Bonanno Pisano, a 12th-century architect known for his magnificent bronze casting, beautifully detailed arches, and having a left leg three inches longer than his right one.

1335 Milan erects the world's first public clock, allowing Italians to be more precisely late.

1503-1506 A simple, straightforward portrait of a woman takes homosexual Leonardo Da Vinci nearly four years to paint.

1508-1512 Pope Julius II commissions Michelangelo to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. The artist spends four years painstakingly depicting a complex scheme representing the Creation of Adam, the Downfall of Man, and the Promise of Salvation, going against the pope's original orders of "a light shade of blue."

1796 Napoleon sends his retarded brother to conquer Italy.

1901 Guglielmo Marconi conducts the first transatlantic radio transmission. Wacky European deejays now no longer have to telegraph the sound of a toilet flushing in Morse code.

1915 The inexperienced and easily frightened Italian military enters World War I, and immediately surrenders to a flock of low-flying pigeons.

1930 During their first meeting, Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini encourages a young, introverted Adolf Hitler to come out of his shell.

1935-1940 Using mustard gas—a chemical agent with no relation to the culinary condiment—Italian forces disappoint thousands of starving Ethiopians to death.



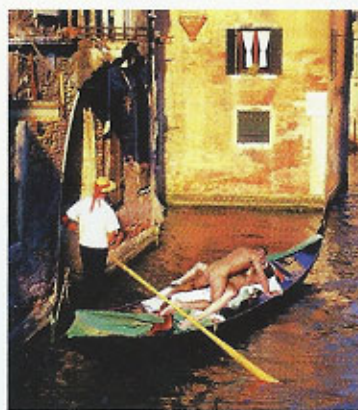
An elderly woman asks for a pound of thinly sliced Mussolini.

1945 Mussolini is killed, and he and his mistress's corpses are found hung upside-down on meat hooks in Milan. Later, a thinly sliced pound of Mussolini is mistakenly purchased by an elderly woman.

1946 With Germany defeated and the Holocaust but a recent memory, Italians for the first time look back on their role in World War II and adopt the national motto, "Fuhgeddaboutit!"

1993 The nation of Italy is discovered to be a front for the Mafia.

2004 In a watershed moment for the worldwide edification of Italian culture, over 50 hours of classic Dean Martin celebrity roasts are made available to the general public.



Venice, City Of Romance

### PEOPLE » YOU FUCKING LOOKING AT ME?

Italians are family-oriented people, as most have several brothers and sisters, 12 grandparents, and 37 cousin Tonys. Italians tend to stay very close to their families, with the average Italian man living inside his mother's womb until he turns 25. Many of them continue to reside with their parents until they get married, at which point they exchange

heartfelt embraces, bid a tearful goodbye, and move downstairs. Italians have a passion for eating, and for telling others to eat. Although Italians traditionally eat only one meal a day, that meal spans 12 hours and 15 courses. These amorous people are known for their incredible virility—the handsomest of Italians can impregnate a

woman just by whispering her name romantically. Because passionate lovemaking can break out at a moment's notice in this nation, the streets of Italy are lined with condom machines, lube fountains, and public mattresses that can be rented for two euros per minute. The average Italian can speak fluently in over 14 languages with his hands.







# Austria



PLEASE SEND NEW FLAG IDEAS TO: AUSTRIA, P.O. BOX 2183.



## Birthplace Of Classical Muzak

The former classical music center of the world, where Mozart and Beethoven produced their most seminal works, Austria has a rich cultural legacy that continues to inspire waiting-room patients, hotel elevator passengers, and customers being placed on hold.

Home to some of the most stirring symphonies ever selected as cell-phone ringtones, Austria's proud musical heritage is heard by countless men and women rushing frantically through airport terminals each year. Whether one is urinating in an upscale restaurant bathroom, standing impatiently in line at the bank, or playing Tetris, the nation's impact on the background life of other cultures is literally immeasurable.

Indeed, one can hardly tune across the entire FM radio dial without being very briefly reminded of Austria's artistic renaissance.

Today, classical music virtuosos in the capital of Vienna continue to follow in the footsteps of the great public-domain masters of the past, receiving an audience of untold millions, be they stuck in psychiatric institutions or trapped against their will in somebody's womb.



## HISTORY » CARE TO LEARN ABOUT THE HABSBURG DYNASTY?

A.D. 1278 Austria falls under control of the Habsburg Dynasty, a monarchy that rules the nation for 640 years with an iron fist and, after much inbreeding, a single eye.

1385 Austria experiences a period of decline during the short but notable reign of Habsburg stillborn Rudolf IV.

1566 Revealing the true purpose behind their coupling, Habsburg descendant Philip the Handsome accidentally shouts out "Oh, Spain!" "Oh, Italy!" and the names of six other territories he would soon acquire while consummating his marriage with the heiress of Castile and Aragon.

1612 Habsburg emperor and compulsive masturbator Matthias I passes down the

throne of Austria to his crusty wool sock.

1730 Vienna becomes the classical music capital of Europe. Thousands of marching bands take to the streets in protest.



Mozart

1756 Mozart's development as a composer suffers greatly from not having Mozart played to him while still inside his mother's womb.

1788 Classical composer Joseph Haydn once again puts off commencing work on his "Unstarted Symphony."

1791 A destitute and exhausted Mozart is forced to compose a funeral march during his final days in order to pay for his burial.



A young Hitler finishes work on "You Better Buy This Painting If You Know What's Good For You."

1820 Enraged by the unjust loss of his hearing, a spiteful Beethoven composes his famous "Concerto For Wine Press & Cat."

1823 Along with elements of nature and humanism, Franz Schubert's syphilis becomes an underlying theme in his later work.

1907 A young Adolf Hitler attempts to make it as a painter in Vienna, but soon discovers where his real talents lie after gassing a room full of Jews at one of his gallery openings.



Sigmund Freud

1925 Hard at work on his theory of psychosexual fixation, Freud is interrupted once again by his mother, who walks completely nude past the open door of his study.

1938 Nazi sympathizers in Austria welcome invading Germans with open arms, all of which point in the direction of the nation's hidden Jewish population.

1945 Following their new bid to remain neutral in the event of future wars, Austria hands out millions of emergency blindfolds to its citizens.

1986 Kurt Waldheim, an alleged Nazi, is elected president of Austria, barely beating out Mendel Schmidt, a confirmed Nazi.

## FACTS » MOST SPLENDID

### NATIONALITY

Noun: Austrian  
Adjective: Austrian  
Wrong: Australian

### LAND USE

Skiing (48%), crashing (33%), drinking cocoa and nursing broken leg (19%)

### PICTURESQUENESS

83%

### MANMADE HAZARDS

Landslide button, avalanche lever, earthquake machine

### EMOTIONAL BOUNDARIES

Completely closed off

### NATIONAL DEBT

\$594 billion; working it off by washing EU's dishes

### MOST COMMON RECURRING DREAM

A giant Vienna sausage in lederhosen spanning the nation collectively

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

The hills are alive with sound of music

### NATIONAL SIGN OF DISAPPROVAL

Dropping monocle into wineglass

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORLD OF MUSIC

Mozart, Haydn, Schubert, Falco

### LARGEST STRUDEL

Made by Ingrid Brauhelder, Innsbruck



# Puerto Rico



IF PROPERLY DISPLAYED OUT OF TRANS AM, ACCOMPANIED BY BLASTS OF AIR HORN.



## In A Parade Right Now

Home to the last remaining Puerto Ricans not residing in New York City, this island protectorate is responsible for 80% of the Caribbean's rum production and 98% of its noise complaints.

Failed attempts at joining the United States of America have done little to quell Puerto Rico's overwhelming sense of pride. To citizens, even the slightest sign that another person may be Puerto Rican is enough to provoke a spontaneous barbecue or block party, complete with salsa music in lieu of the national anthem they do not have.

The parade, long a staple of Puerto Rican life at home and abroad, has become so popular that it now serves as the island's main mode of public transportation. Whether going to the corner bodega for milk, taking the kids to school, commuting to work, or just traveling across town to join a Puerto Rican pride parade, citizens are free to jump on and off the floats as they please.

Elected to the front of the parade in 2002, Puerto Rican governor Anibal Acevedo Vilá has led his people toward prosperity through the closed-off streets of San Juan, accompanied by the fire department, Puerto Rican veterans of America's foreign wars, and the national marching band.



## HISTORY » FOREVER ON THE STOOP OF AMERICAN STATEHOOD



3200 B.C. Just two years after the Sumerians invent the wheel, the Taino people of Puerto Rico invent the spinning hubcap.

A.D. 1493 Christopher Columbus, eager to explore the New World, parks his ship in San Juan harbor for just 20 minutes, but returns to find his lanterns smashed and his rudder missing.

1889 Electricity is brought to the island, powering the first neon lightbulb, followed soon thereafter by the first subwoofer.

1900 Puerto Rico becomes a territory of the United States, promising to pay taxes and serve in the military in exchange for a polite monthly postcard from the U.S. Deputy Secretary of State.

1972 While flying en route to Nicaragua, Puerto Rican baseball star Roberto Clemente makes an unexpected return to his homeland, sooner and harder than he had hoped.

2000 Governor González signs a law banning all activities that create more than 190 decibels of sound, prompting protests by Puerto Rican disc jockeys, cab drivers, grandmothers, elderly men on doorsteps, pedestrians, motorists, librarians, and ultimately the governor himself.

2003–2004 San Juan serves as the home of the Montreal Expos, briefly becoming an importer of its own greatest export.

2004 A closely contested Puerto Rican election results in two months of measured debate and a full recount before the legal winner is declared, proving Puerto Rico is not ready to be the 51st U.S. state.

2005 A *Gasolina* shortage brings the nation's club scene to a grinding, thrusting, and gyrating halt.



The morning commute in downtown San Juan.

## FACTS » THEY'D LIKE TO BE IN AMERICA

**CURRENCY**  
The Puente (100 Titos)

**TRADITIONAL GREETING**  
A brief embrace, a kiss on the cheek, then a rhythmic shaking of maracas

**SUFFRAGE**  
Puerto Rican citizens 18 and over are allowed to vote for American Top 40 hits

**NATIONAL PRIDE DAY**  
July 9, Sundays, every other Thursday, or as needed

**FAMILY STRUCTURE**  
Puerto Ricans often live with many members of their family in a small house, a fact that does not prevent their mothers from screaming at the top of their lungs when dinner is ready

**ECONOMY**  
Based largely on manufacture purchase, and display of flr

**AVERAGE WEIGHT OF AC**  
300 pounds

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROB-**  
Confetti in the water sup.

