

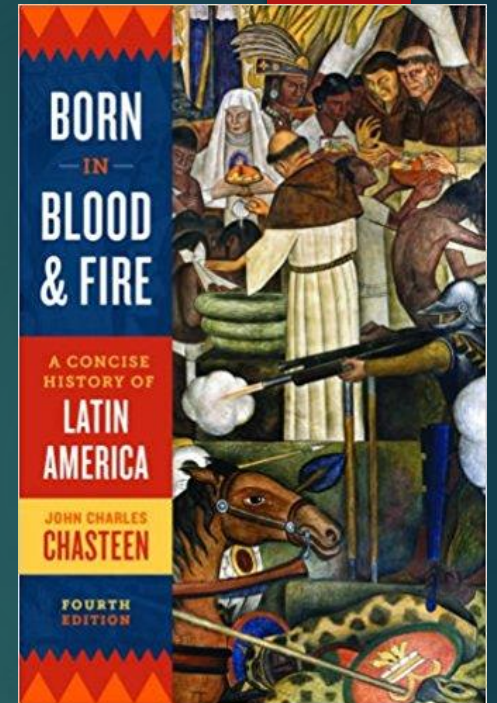


“Latin American” Identity?

“LATIN AMERICAN” HISTORY?

“Latin America” = an Anglo-American Invention?

- ▶ Similarities of Latin American nations?
 - ▶ Chasteen = “Born in Blood & Fire”





CUBA

Baracoa

North Atlantic Ocean

Monte Cristi
Puerto Plata
Port-De-Paix
Cap-Haitien
Dajabón
Mao
Santiago d. l. Cab.
Nagua
Gonaives
Sabaneta
La Vega
San Francisco de Macoris
Hinche
Pico Duarte
Bavaro
Elias Pina
San Juan
Bonao
Santo Domingo
Higüey
Punta Cana
Jéremie
Petit Goâve
Port-au-Prince
Jimani
Neiba
Azua
Bani
San Cristobal
San Pedro de Macoris
La Romana
Les Cayes
Jacmel
Barahona
Pedernales

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

HAITI (AYITI)

Caribbean Sea

Hispaniola

Central America





Bolivia

Brazil

Chile

Paraguay

Cordoba

Uruguay

Buenos Aires

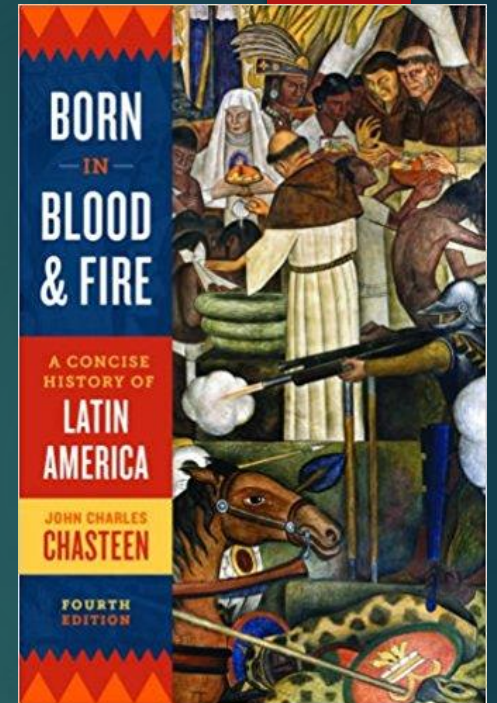
South Atlantic Ocean

Argentina

Falkland Islands

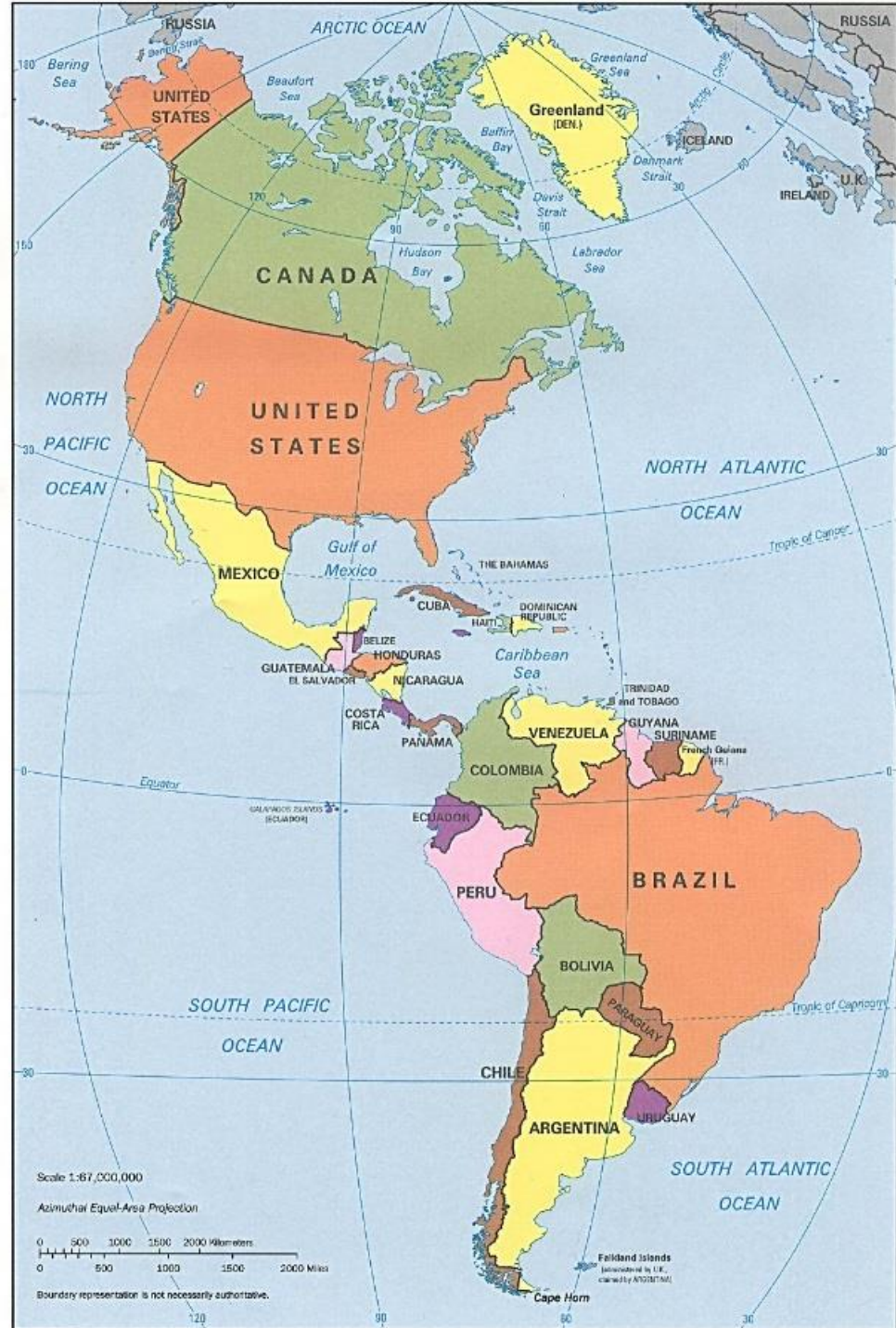
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- ▶ Similarities of Latin American nations?
 - ▶ Chasteen = “Born in Blood & Fire”
- ▶ Not so similar?
 - ▶ <http://bit.ly/1SuPTAA>
- ▶ Typical demarcation:
 - ▶ Latin-American South & Anglo-American North



An America in Three Parts

- ▶ Western Highlands



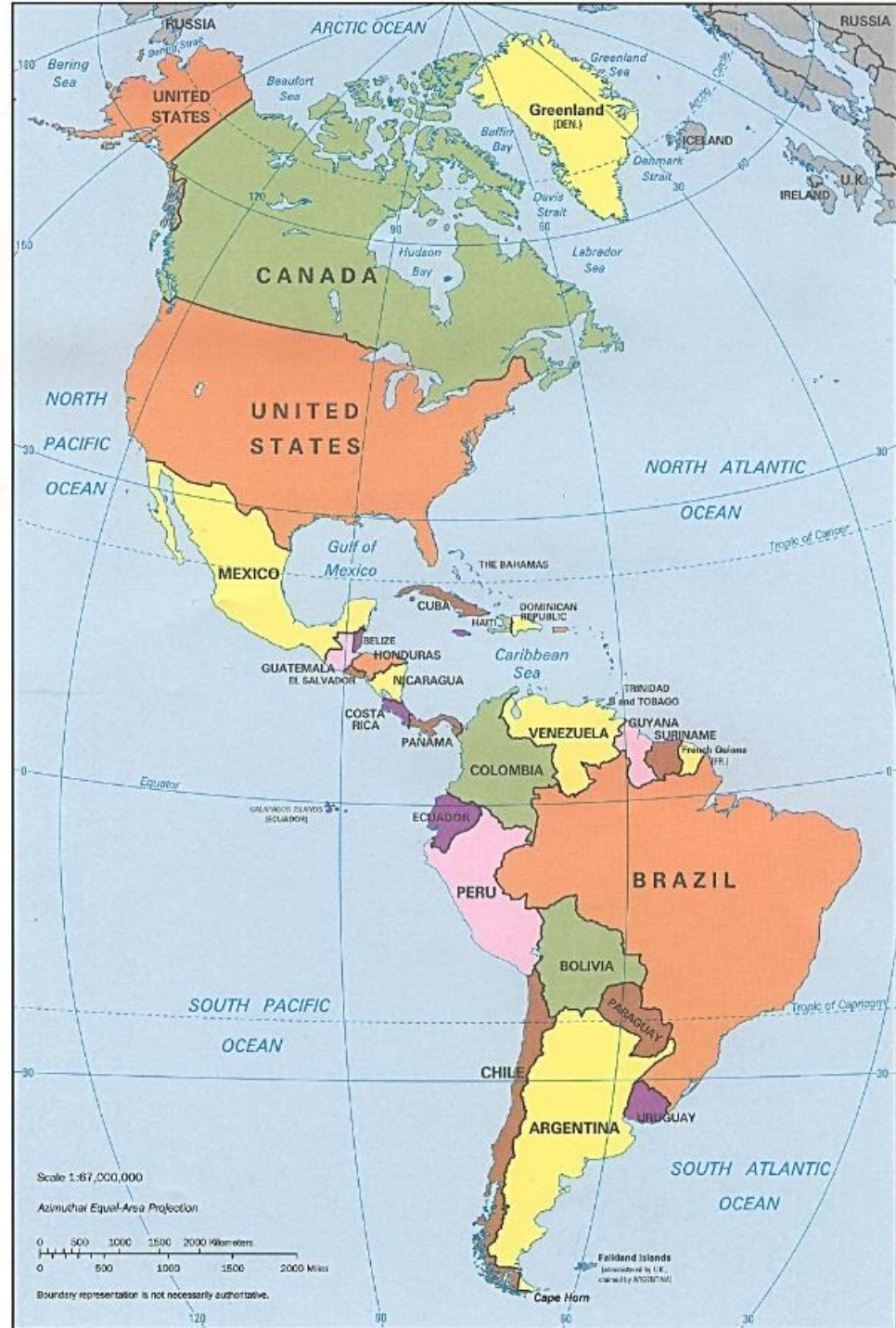
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- ▶ Western Highlands
 - ▶ Densest Native population
 - ▶ Heart of colonial economy
 - ▶ High pop. of *mestizo*



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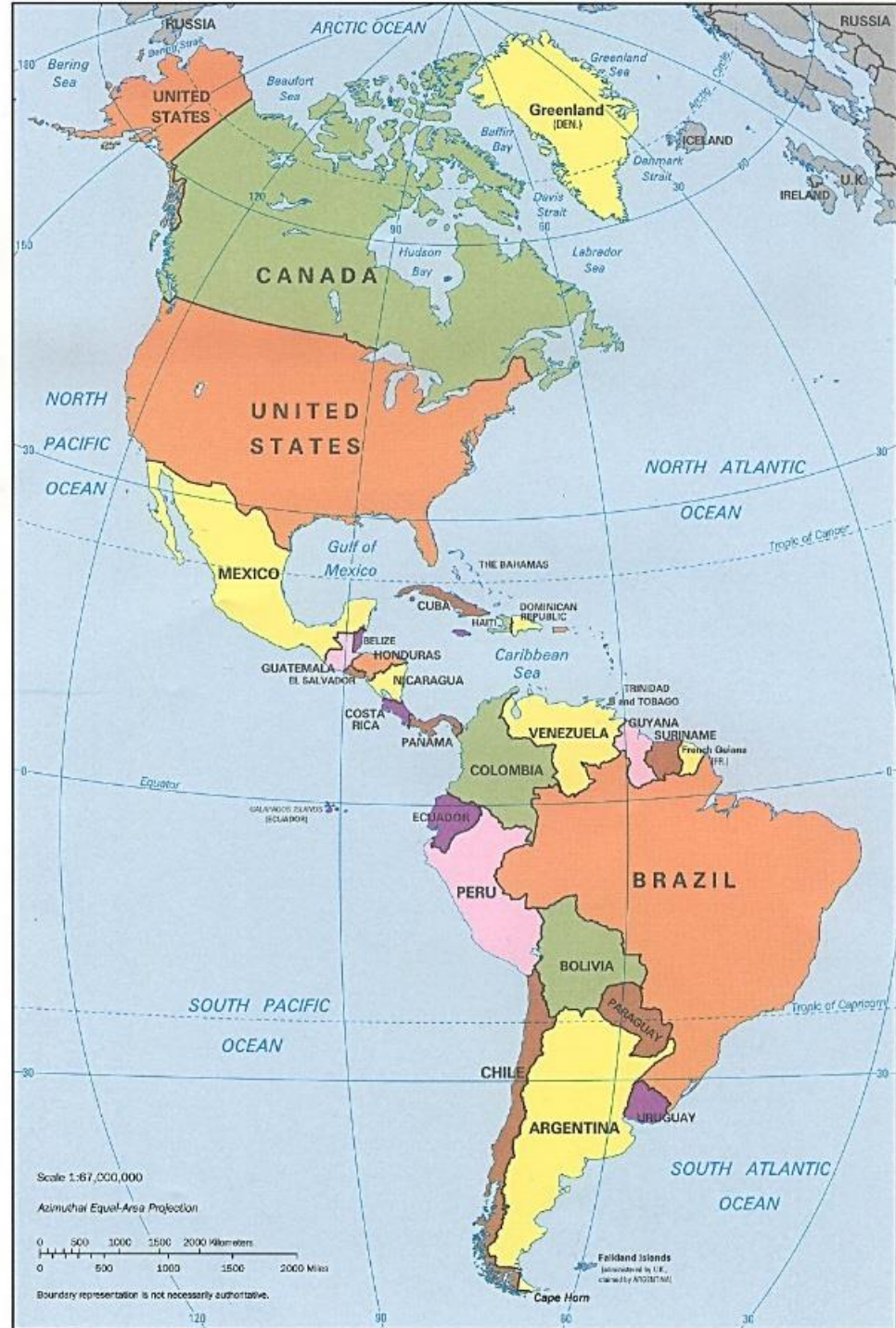
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 - ▶ Lowest pop. before colonization
 - ▶ Largely ignored
 - ▶ Industrial/Agricultural Revolutions



American Exceptionalism?

- ▶ Unique type of diversity:
 - ▶ Based on transcontinental migrations
 - ▶ Economic inequality based on a *particularly* racialized history
 - ▶ <http://bit.ly/2xvXeHX>
- ▶ “jus soli” (“right of soil”)



Questions about Terminology

- ▶ “The Americas”?



Political Map of Europe

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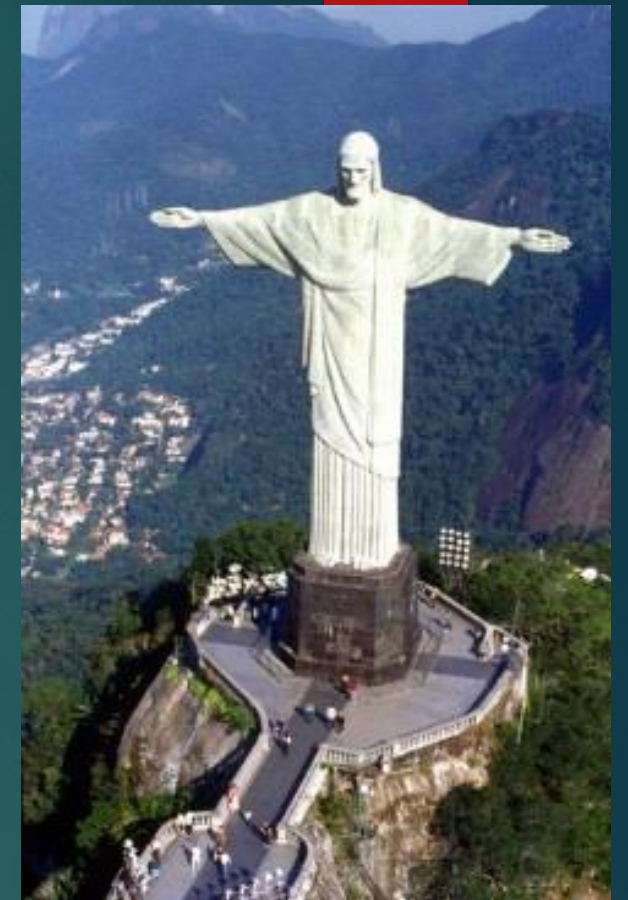


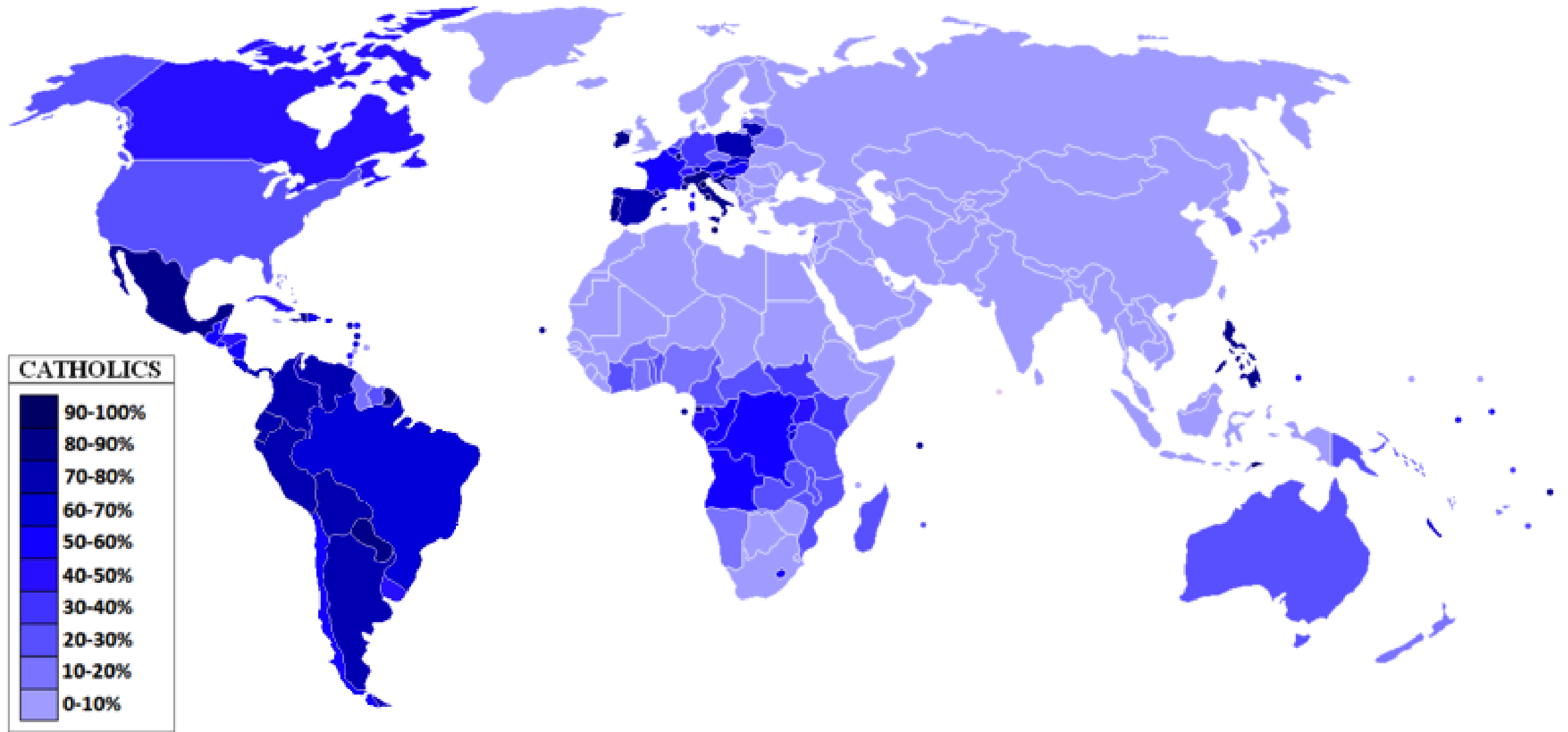
Questions about Terminology

- ▶ “The Americas”?
- ▶ “Latin America”?
 - ▶ Originated by French in 1860s Mexico
 - ▶ What does this term mean?
- ▶ “Ibero-America”?
 - ▶ Spanish/Portuguese vs French/English

Commonality in Central/South America

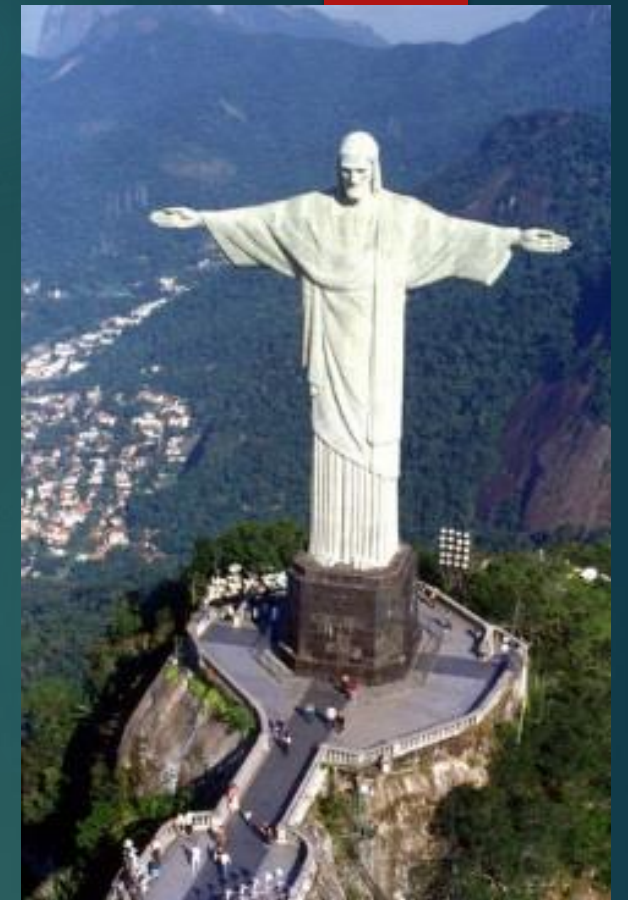
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Commonality in Central/South America

- ▶ Disruption of physical ecology
- ▶ Roman Catholicism
- ▶ Linguistic unity
 - ▶ Iberian language domination
- ▶ Exceptional influence of Iberian colonialism



Globalization & Modernity

- ▶ Importance of the Columbian Exchange
 - ▶ To the Americas
 - ▶ To Europe
- ▶ Urbanization
- ▶ Political Modernization
 - ▶ 19th-century revolutions
 - ▶ Liberalism
 - ▶ Shift from empires to nation-states



A “Backward” Latin America?

- ▶ “Banana republics”? “Emerging states”?
- ▶ Fin-de-siècle urbanization
- ▶ Adoption of technology
- ▶ Political movements
- ▶ So, no – similar patterns to everyone else

BANANA REPUBLIC



Latin America = the West?

- ▶ Why not?
 - ▶ Rich North vs Global South
 - ▶ Decline of Spain/Portugal
 - ▶ Poverty?
 - ▶ Race?
- ▶ How important is this?

