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Religious Conflicts Notes

HW: Bring “Why Geography Matters”
Tomorrow

Key Issue #4

Why Do Territorial Conflicts Arise Among Religious Groups?

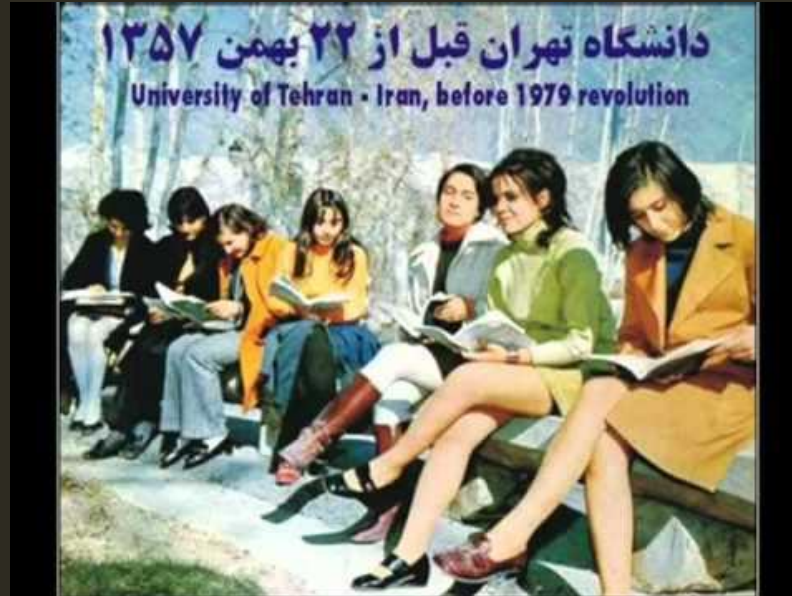


RELIGION VS. GOVERNMENT POLICIES

Religious groups oppose policies promoting social change conflicting w/ traditional values

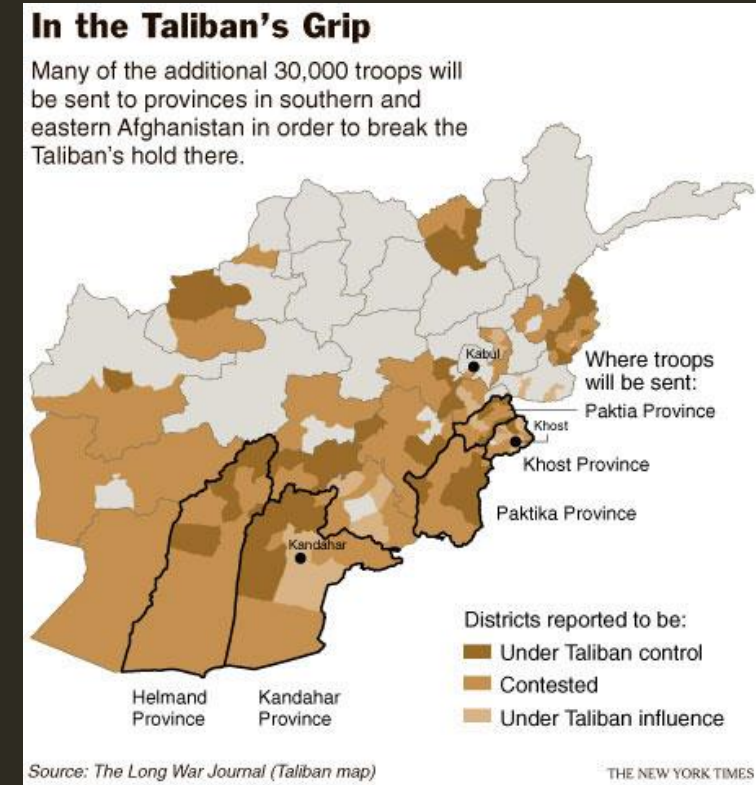
CASE STUDY: IRAN

- Islamic Revolution
- 1979
- Ayatollah Khomeini



Case Study: Taliban

- Afghanistan
- Banned any activities seen as western and sinful
- Fundamentalism: strict and literal adherence to religious teaching



CASE STUDY: TURKEY

Power of Place: Secular vs. Fundamentalism in Turkey

<https://www.learner.org/series/powerofplace/page17.html>

CASE STUDY: COMMUNISM IN USSR

- Communist government pursued anti-religious programs
- Diminished role of religion in every day life
- Orthodox Christianity
 - Russia, Ukraine, Belarus
- Roman Catholicism
 - Poland, Croatia, Czech Rep. Slovenia
- Islam
 - Central Asia



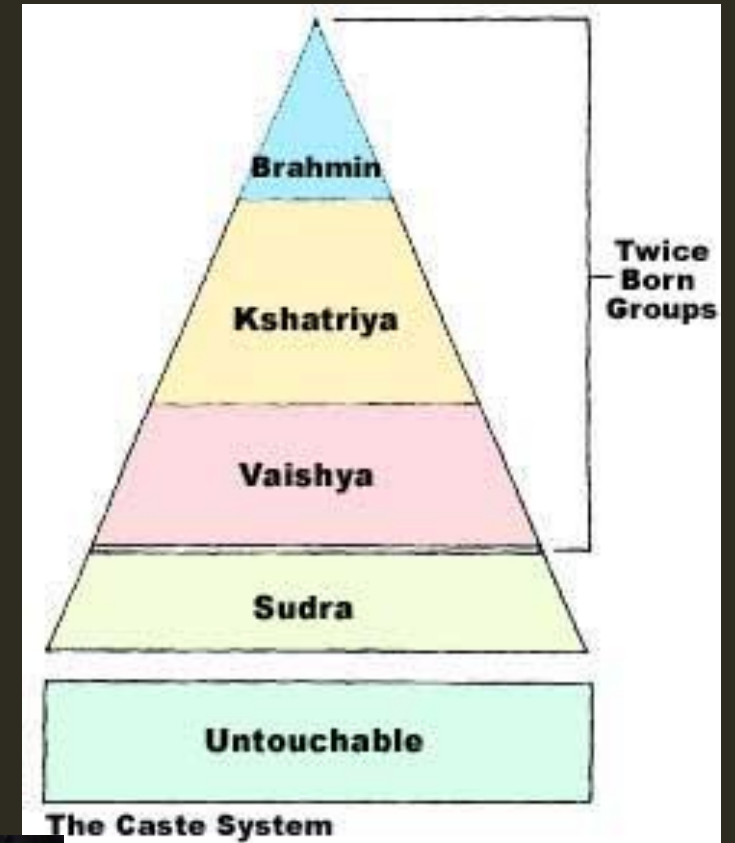
CASE STUDY: COMMUNISM IN ASIA

- Discourage religious practice
- Allow religious sites to decay
- Case Studies
 - China
 - Tibet
 - Vietnam
 - Cambodia



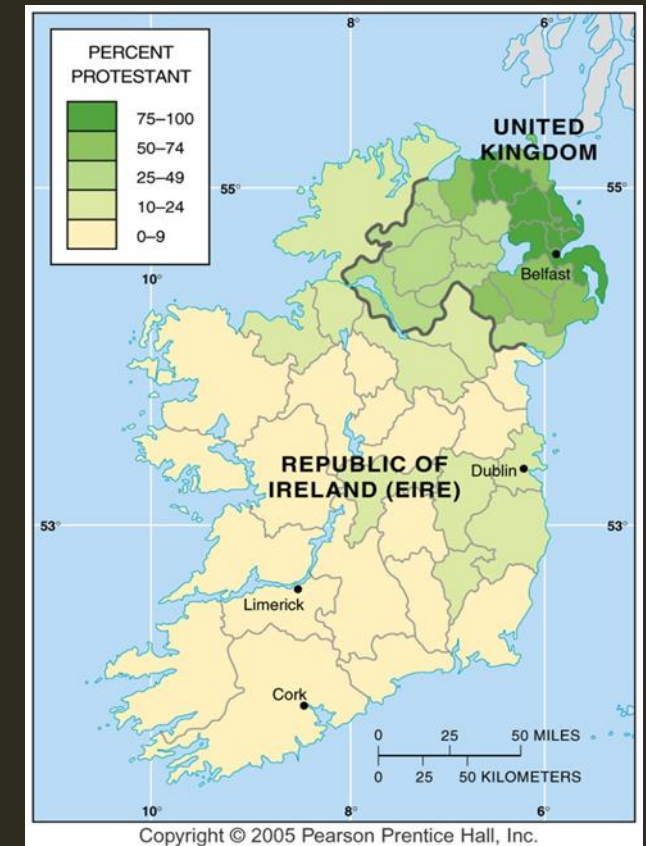
CASE STUDY: CASTE SYSTEM

- rigid social structure
- System was outlawed but still pervades in society



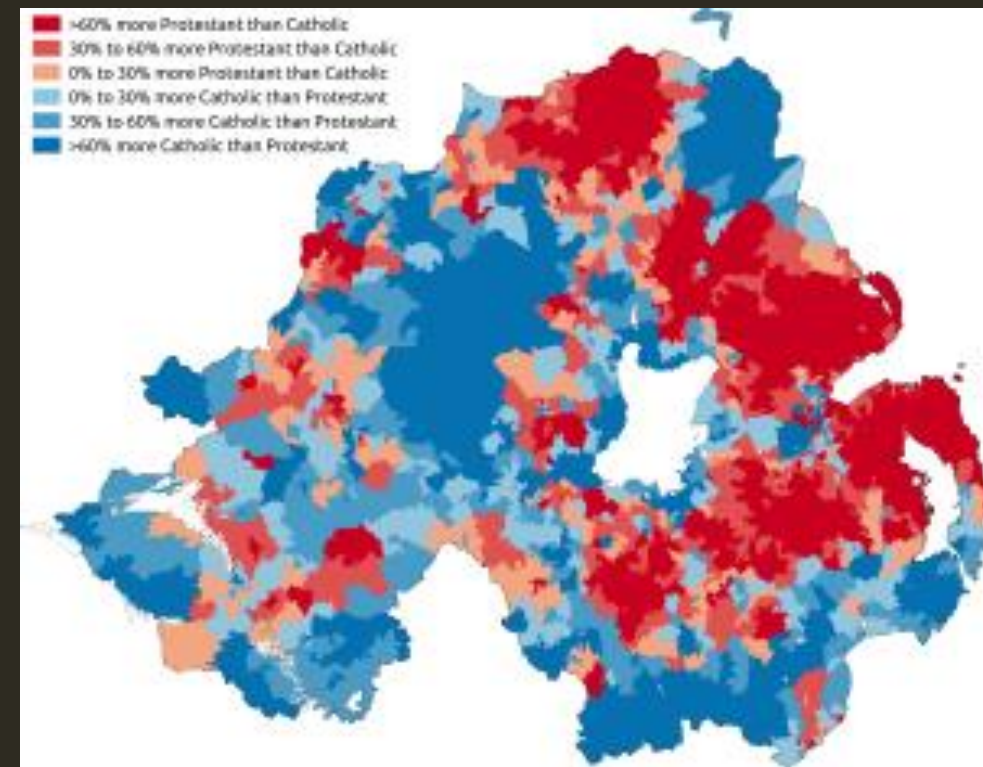
RELIGION VS. RELIGION

- Conflicts occur (at) boundary between two religious groups
- Can be inter or intra faith



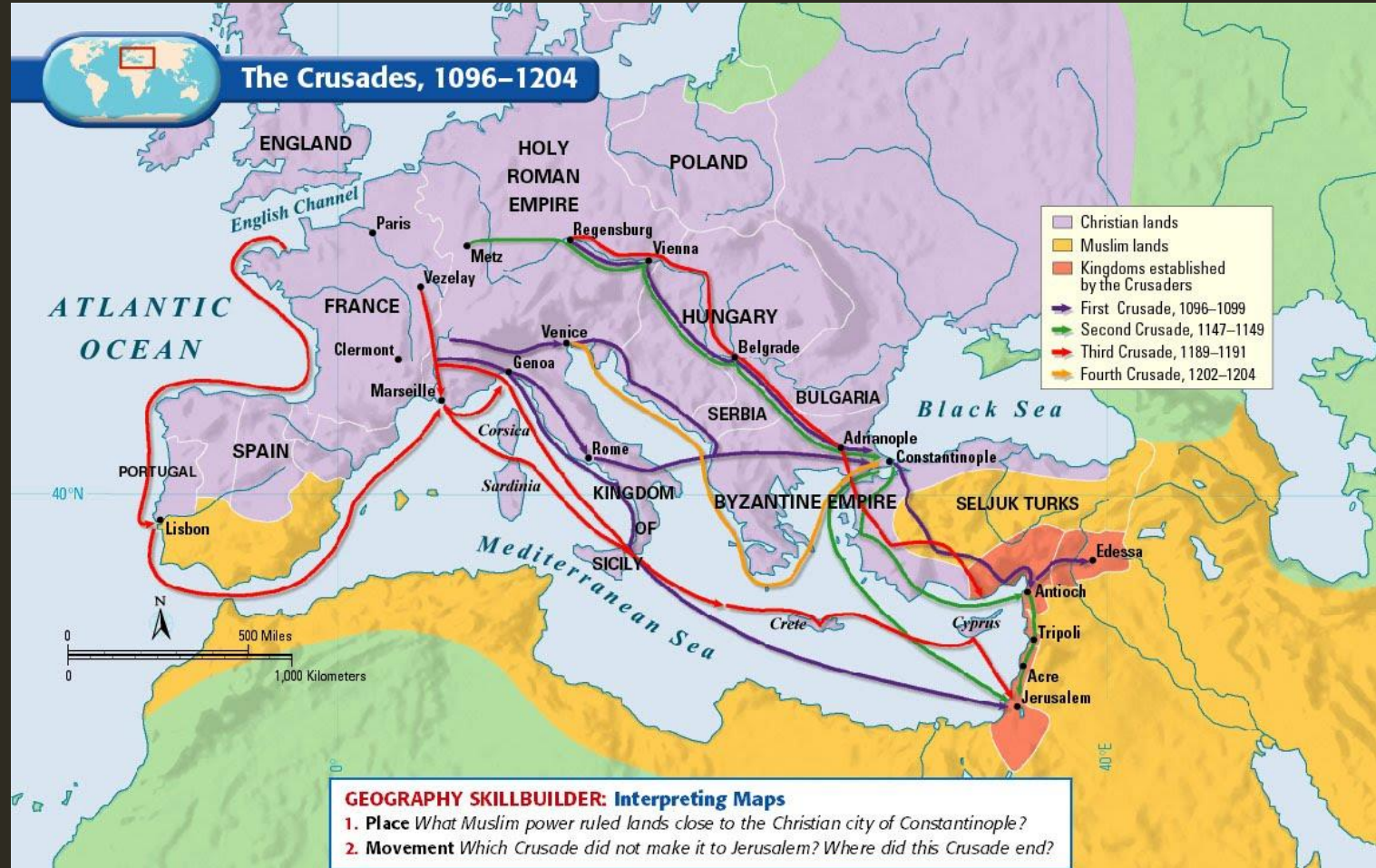
CASE STUDY: NORTHERN IRELAND

- 87% Roman Catholic
- 46% Protestant
- N. Ireland is a mix of the two
- IRA: formed to fight discrimination
- UDF: formed in response to the IRA



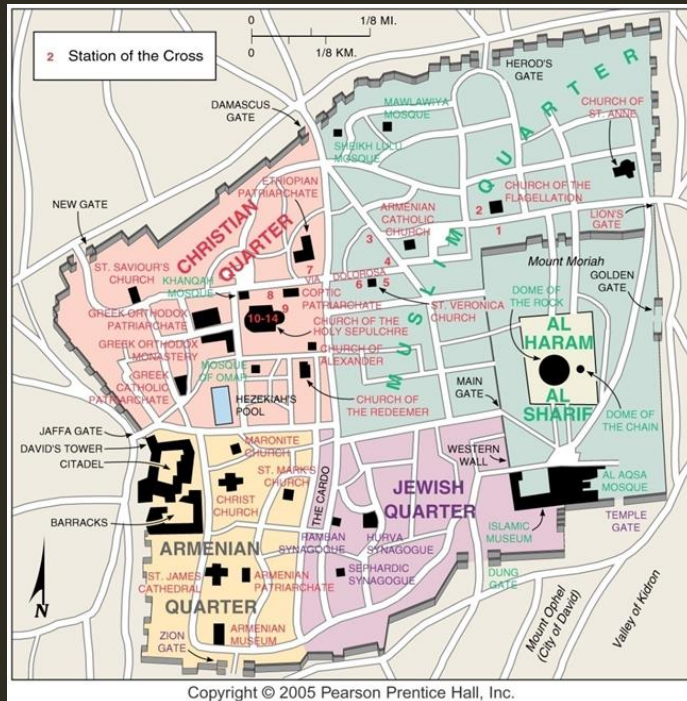
CASE STUDY: CRUSADES

- Between Muslims and Christians
- Over control of the Holy Land
- Series of wars between 1096 - 1204



Case Study: Israel

- 1948
- Division between Muslims and Jews



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRYZjOuUnIU>

CASE STUDY: PARTITION OF INDIA

- 1947
- Hindu India
- Muslim Pakistan and Bangladesh

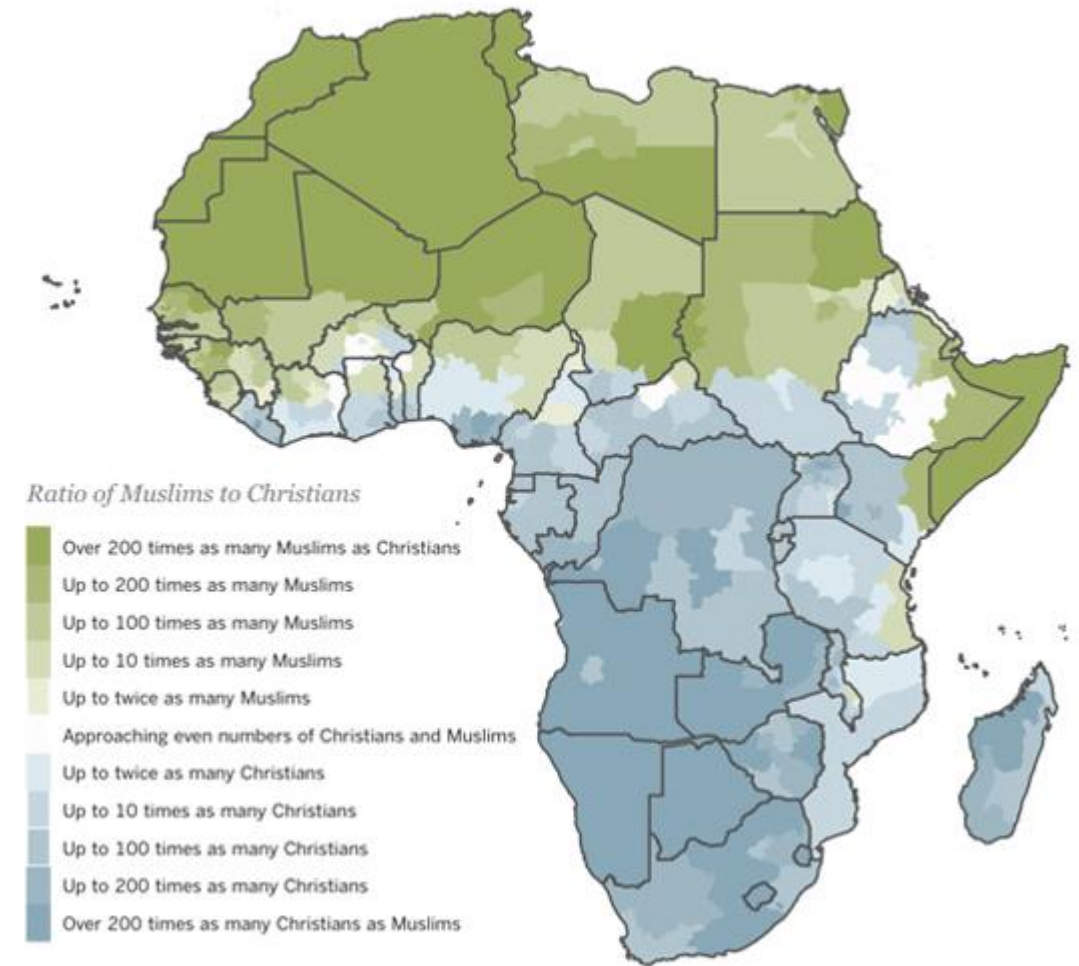


TENSIONS IN SAHEL REGION

- Islamic influence from North Africa
- Christian influence from colonial era South
- Examples:
 - Sudan vs. South Sudan
 - Nigeria
 - Boko Haram

Muslims and Christians in Africa

This map shows the ratio of Muslims to Christians in each country and province. The north is heavily Muslim, and the south is heavily Christian.



Sources: censuses, demographic and health surveys, and the World Religion Database

Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, April 2010

CASE STUDY: SUNNI VS. SHI'A

Two branches of Islam

Sunni: 85% Shi'a 13%

Saudi Arabia vs. Iran

Conflict in Iraq

Conflict in Syria

Conflict in Yemen

Middle East Cold War:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veMFCFyOwFI&t=1s>

