

POLI 120N: Contention and Conflict in Africa

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Independence

Reminders

- Email your TA (bengelsm@ucsd.edu, dhaim@ucsd.edu) with your top three prefs for country case project (CAR, Burundi, DRC, Nigeria, South Sudan, Sudan)
- iClicker policy: the lowest 20% of your iClicker grades will not count
- Map Quiz is in one week!

Indépendance Cha-Cha



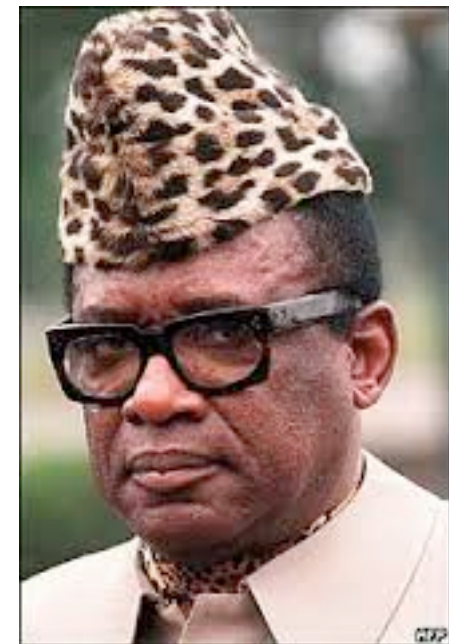
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Mobutu

Roots of African independence

Colonial project itself

African resistance

External events

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Power was never broadcast, so it was easy to exit

1.86 settlers for every thousand Africans in French West Africa in 1938 (Herbst)

1 police per thousand in Britain colonies vs. 1 per hundred in Britain (Herbst)

Role of education and religion

African reactions

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- Religious movements

Q: True or False, the roots of African resistance to colonization were urban only?

- a. True
- b. False



External Events

- Consequences of World War II
 - ☑ European military and economic power shaken
 - ☑ Hitler gave racist ideologies a bad name
 - ☑ African political associations gained broader focus
 - ☑ Role of colonies in the fighting: colonies saved metropole
- Indian self-rule 1947

Who supported/opposed nationalism?

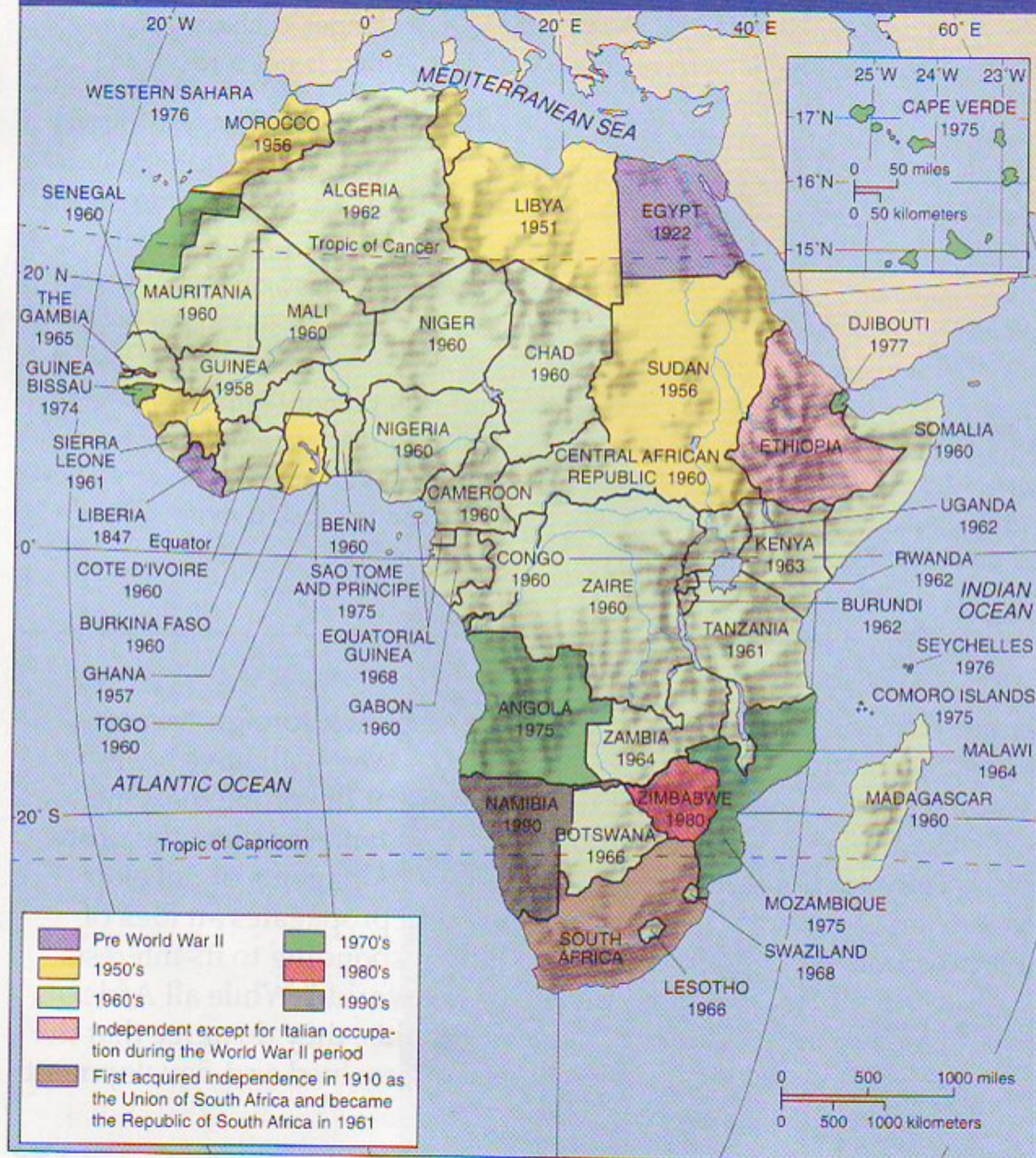
- African elites: ambivalent toward independence
- Traditional leaders: against independence
- Farmers: for independence
- European settlers: against independence

Q: Which of the following was unambiguously for African independence?



- a. European settlers
- b. African farmers
- c. African elites
- d. Traditional African leaders

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Variation in timing and form of independence

- British granted independence one at a time
- French process more uniform
- Portuguese colonies got independence later through war
- Settler colonies unique

Why such variations?

- Different colonizer philosophies
- Different levels of insecurity
- Domestic politics

Legacies of colonialism

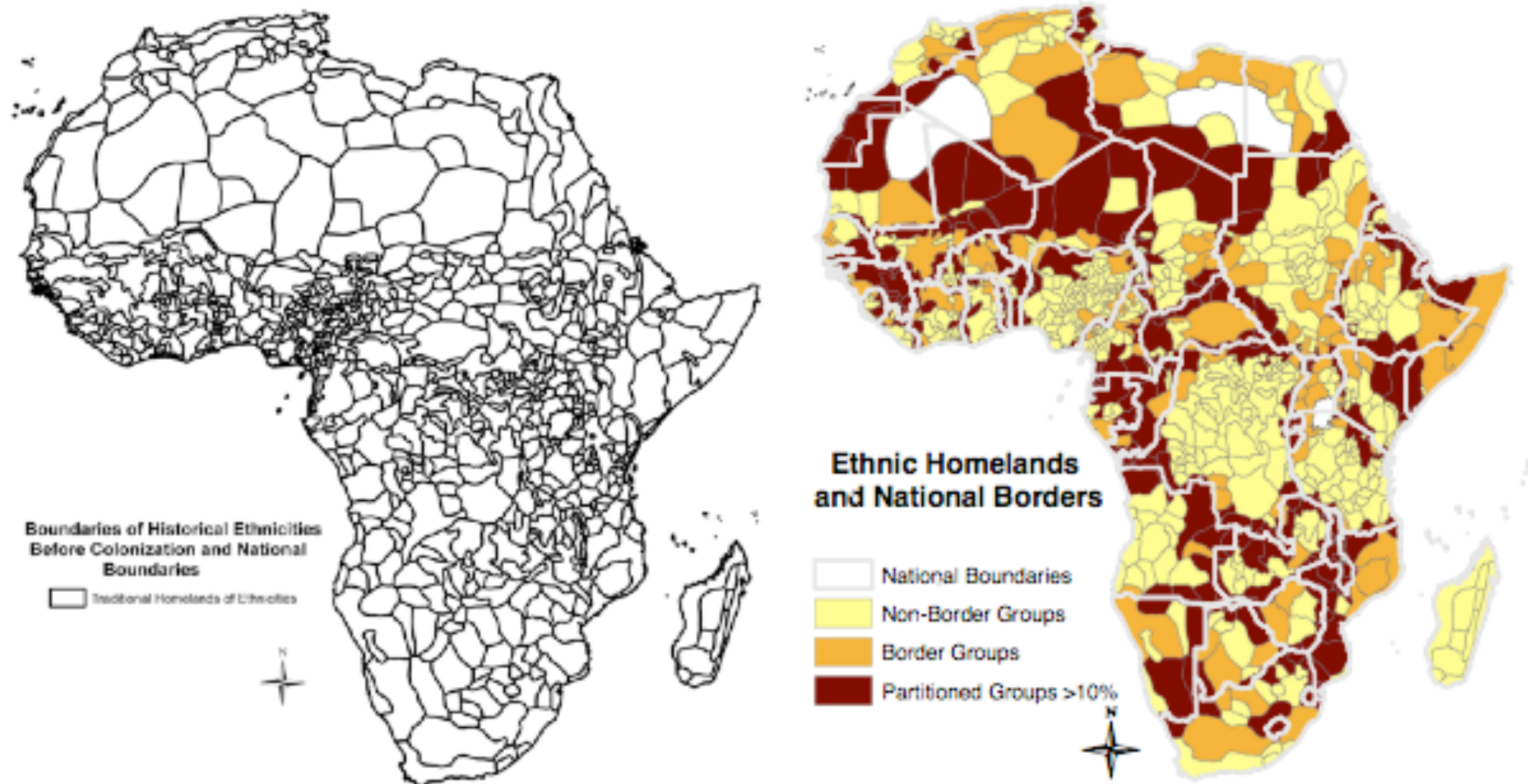
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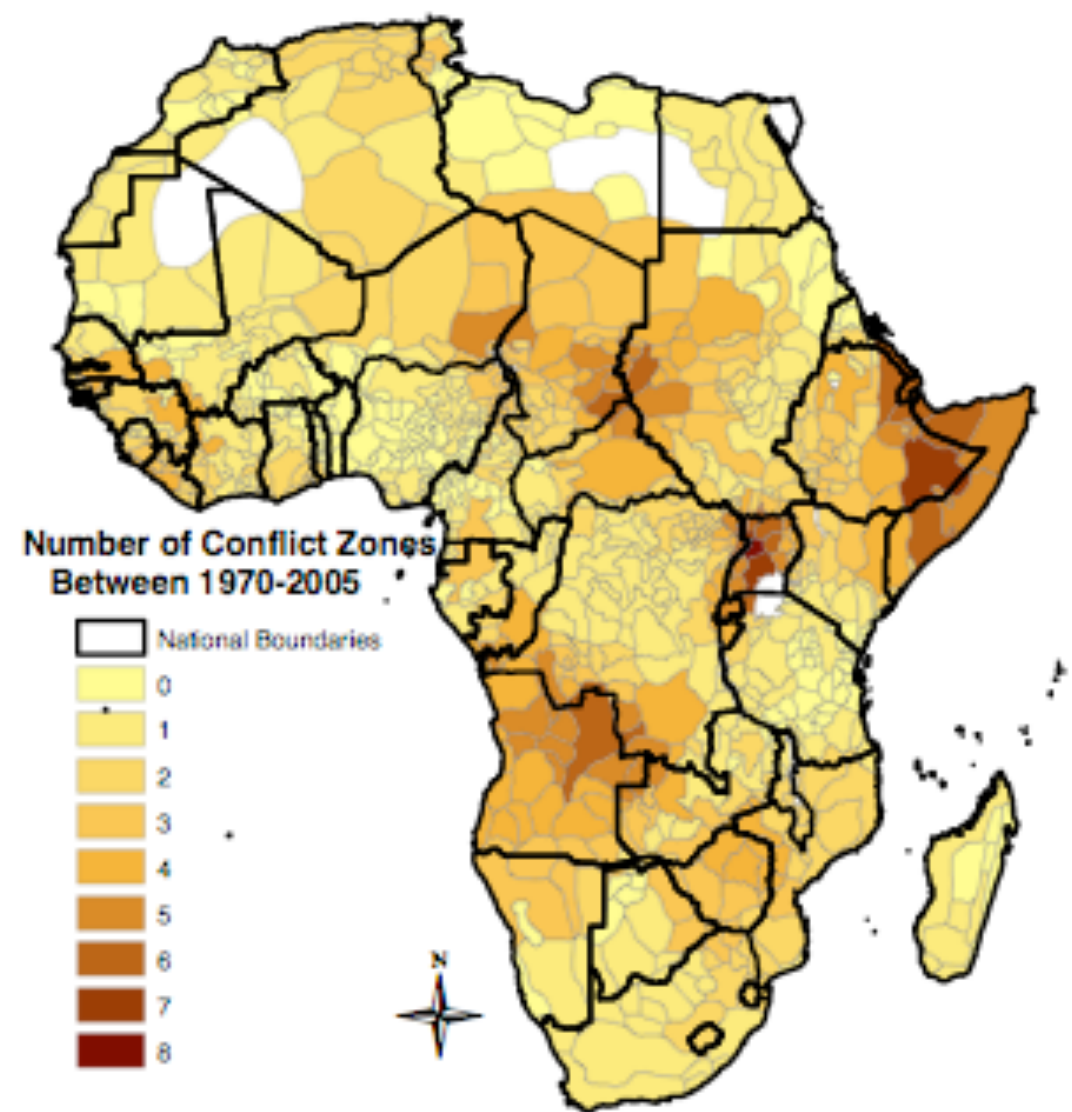
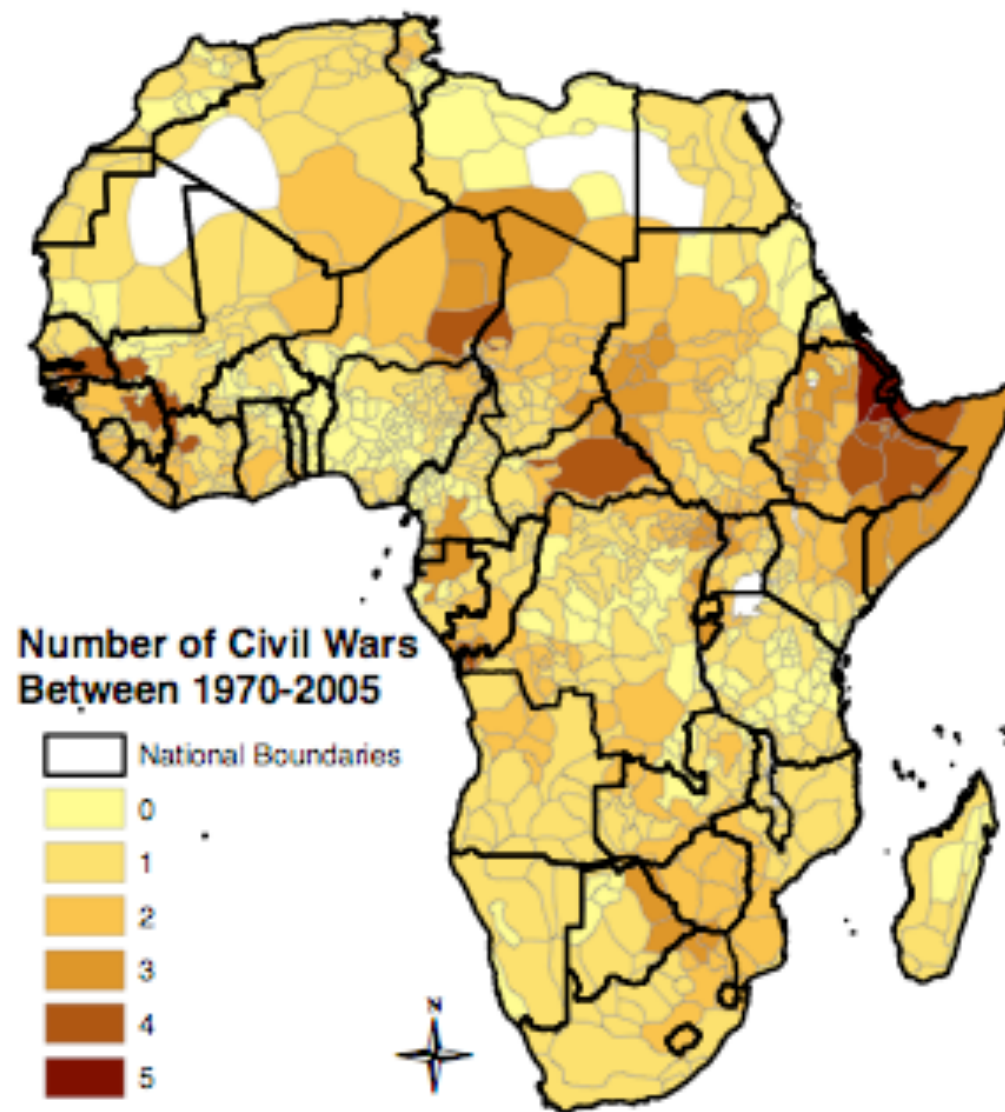
(3) Economic Distortions

(4) Big Man rule

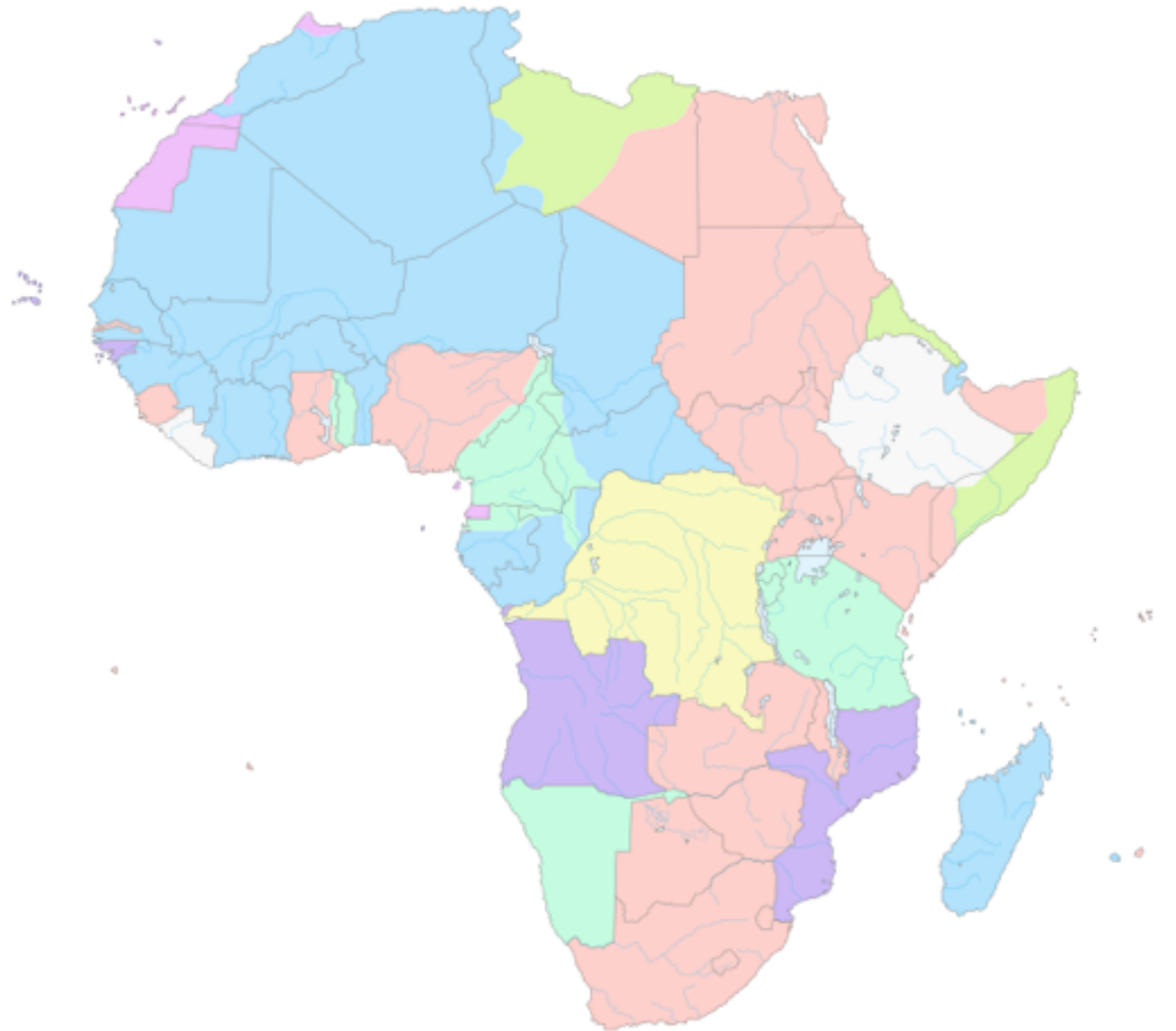
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Ratelband and Bouwer (1767-1779)

Mod. 3

Amazina y'abana n'igihe bavukiye
Noms, prénoms et date de naissance des enfants

Amazina Noms et Prénoms	Yavutse kuwa Né le	Igitina Sexe
1. Umukama	27/8/79	B
2. Umukaza	13/8/82	F
3. Umukaza	16/4/88	F
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Ubwoko (Mutu, Tutsi, Twa, Naturalisé)
Ethnie

Aho yavukiye ... Gashamba
Lieu de Naissance

Itariki yavutseho ... 1954
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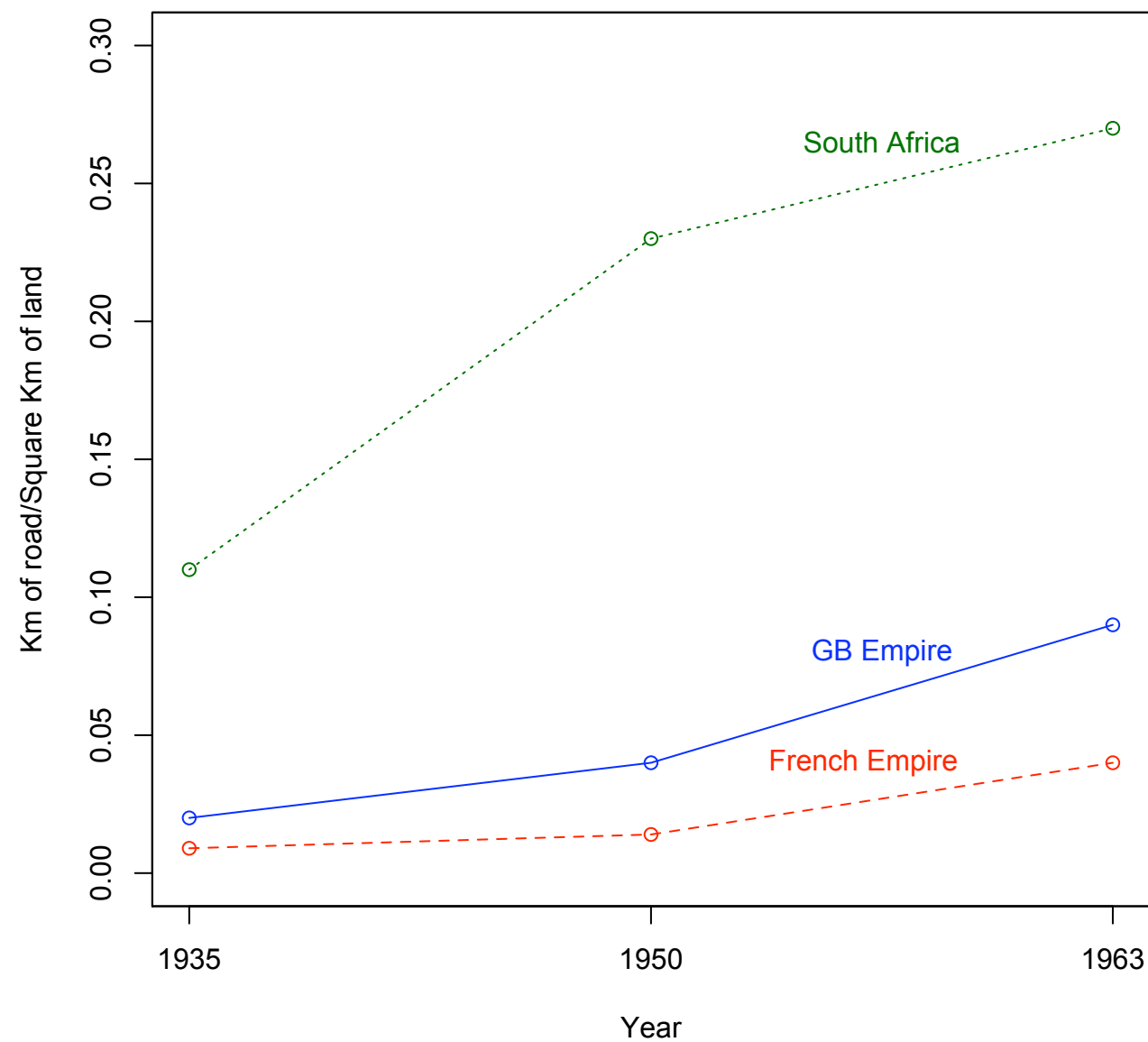
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Africa's railroads



Kasara 2007

Africa's road density (Herbst)



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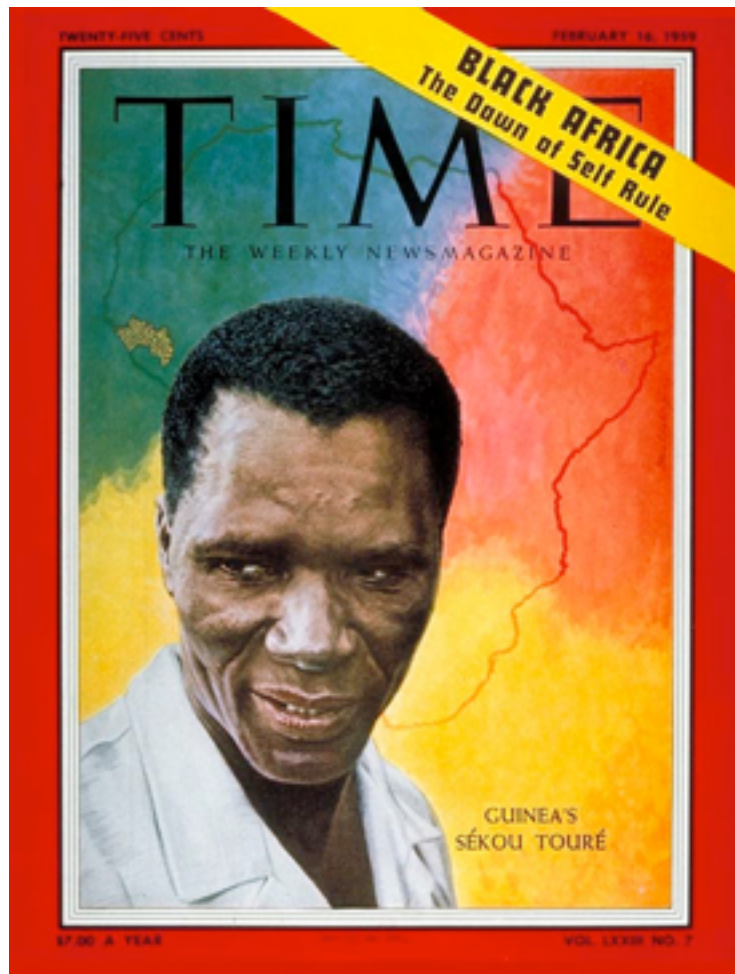


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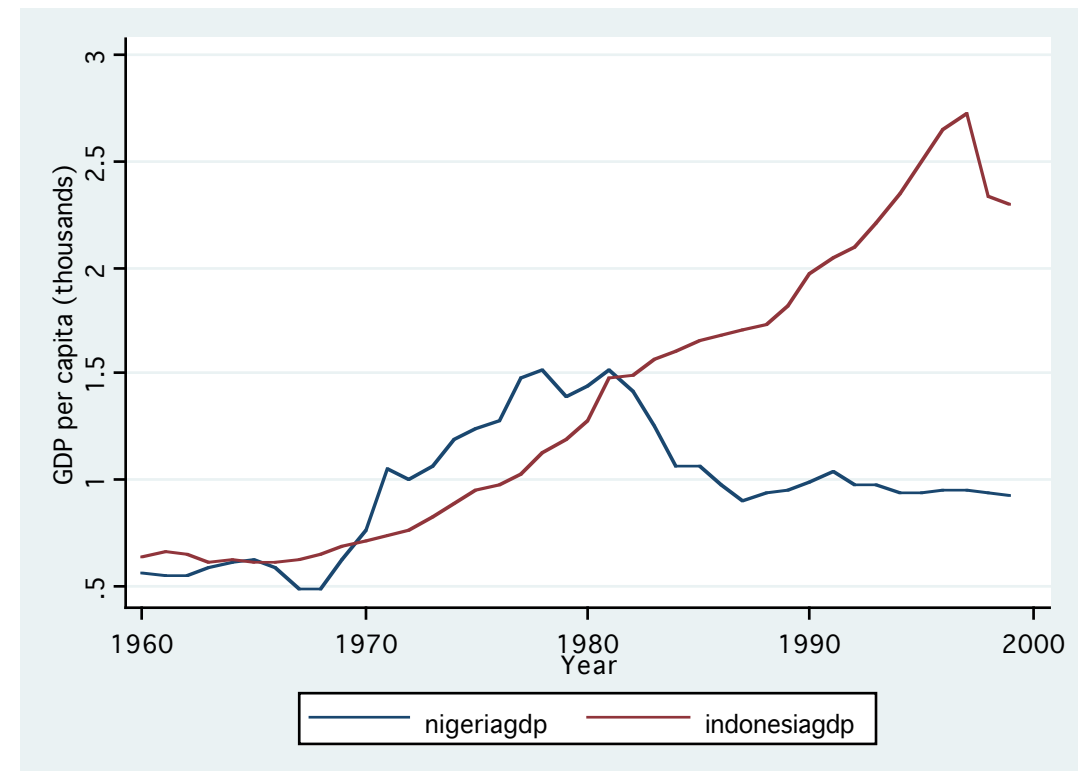
Hastings Banda in his 95th year, making a rare public appearance for his official birthday on May 14 1992, fly whisk in hand

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1960s	
Country	% of budget for civil service salaries
Senegal	47%
CAR	58%
Côte d'Ivoire	58%
Congo-Brazaville	62%
Dahomey (Benin)	65%

Got Hope?



The problem with Nigeria is simply and squarely a failure of leadership.

~ Chinua Achebe

Q: Which initial factor, in your opinion, likely plays the biggest role in explaining Africa's growth and conflict tragedy today?



- a. Bad geography
- b. Slave trade
- c. Colonization
- d. Bad independence leaders

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Explaining civil conflict: ancient hatred vs. rational origins

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