

HISTORY

WAS THE DROPPING OF THE A-BOMB NECESSARY ?

Source 1 : Harry S. Truman (1884-1972), 33rd U.S. President, *Diary*, July 25, 1945.

« We have discovered the most terrible bomb in the history of the world. (...) [We] will use it so that military objectives and soldiers and sailors are the target and not women and children. Even if the Japs are savages, ruthless, merciless and fanatic, we as the leader of the world for the common welfare cannot drop that terrible bomb on the old capital or the new (...) The target will be a purely military one and we will issue a warning statement asking the Japs to surrender and save lives. I'm sure they will not do that, but we will have given them the chance. »

Source 2 : Admiral William D. Leahy, Chief of Staff to Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman, *I Was There*, 1950, pp. 513-514.

« It is my opinion that the use of this barbarous weapon at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was of no material assistance in our war against Japan. The Japanese were already defeated and ready to surrender. My own feeling was that in being the first to use it, we had adopted an ethical standard common to the barbarians of the Dark Ages. I was taught not to make war in that fashion, and wars cannot be won by destroying woman and children. »

Source 3 : Victims of Hiroshima.



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SOVIET UNION : AN ECONOMIC MODEL ?

Source 1 : John Collins (1917-2007), « Spring Planting », *The Gazette*, Montreal, 1948.



Weeds : mauvaises herbes

Source 2 : Herbert Block alias Herblock (1909-2001), « COMECON », *Washington Post*, January 24-26, 1949.



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AN AMERICAN MODEL IN THE 60'S ?

Source 1 : The Super Giant supermarket in Rockville, Maryland, 1964. Color transparency by John Dominis, *Life magazine*.



Source 2 : « America », song from *West Side Story*, composed by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, MGM, 1961.

GIRLS
I like to be in America
Okay by me in America
Everything free in America

BERNARDO
For a small fee in America

ANITA
Buying on credit is so nice

BERNARDO
One look at us and they charge
twice

ROSALIA
I'll have my own washing
machine

INDIO
What will you have though to
keep clean?

ANITA
Skyscrapers bloom in America

ROSALIA
Cadillacs zoom in America

TERESITA
Industry boom in America

BOYS
Twelve in a room in America

ANITA
Lots of new housing with more
space

BERNARDO
Lots of doors slamming in our face

ANITA
I'll get a terrace apartment

BERNARDO
Better get rid of your accent

ANITA
Life can be bright in America

BOYS
If you can fight in America

GIRLS
Life is all right in America

BOYS
If you're all white in America

GIRLS
Here you are free and you have
pride

BOYS
Long as you stay on your own
side

GIRLS
Free to be anything you choose

BOYS
Free to wait tables and shine
shoes

BERNARDO
Everywhere grime in America
Organized crime in America
Terrible time in America

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THE 60'S : A REAL DETENTE ?

Source 1 : Norman Mansbridge, « Vital discussion USA USSR », *Punch*, September 1961.



Source 2 : Richard Nixon, *The Real War*, 1980, pp. 285-286.

« The major object of detente is the avoidance of nuclear war. But detente alone will not avoid nuclear war. Sufficient US strength to maintain the nuclear balance, and the demonstrated capacity and determination of the United States to deter Soviet aggression, are indispensable to that purpose. Competition is an inevitable element in Soviet-American relations, but even so, some cooperation is possible and, in fact, essential. Detente was an attempt to expand the cooperative element and to place certain limits on the competitive. It did not call for a relaxed vigilance on the part of the United States or reduced opposition to Soviet attempts to advance their interests at the cost of our own. Detente allowed hope, it did not provide a basis for euphoria. [...]. Brezhnev, during his talks with me [...], even in his most conciliatory moments, never backed away from the premise that the Soviet Union would continue to support "wars of liberation" ».

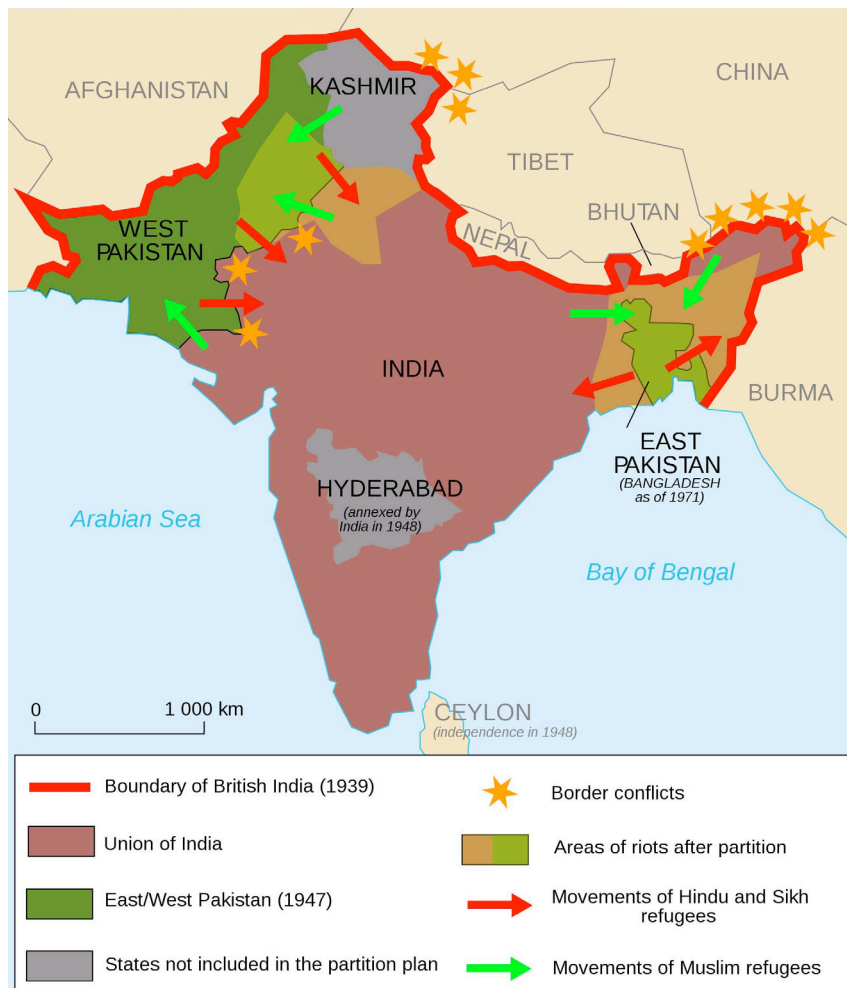
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INDIA IN 1947

Source 1 : Attlee's policy statement, February 20, 1947.

1. It has long been the policy of successive British governments to work towards the realization of self-government in India. (...)
2. In the opinion of His Majesty's Government the time had come for responsibility for the Government of India to pass into Indian hands.
3. The Cabinet Mission which was sent to India last year spent over three months in consultation with Indian leaders in order to help them to agree upon a method for determining the future constitution of India, so that the transfer of power might be smoothly and rapidly effected. It was only when it seemed clear that without some initiative from the Cabinet Mission agreement was unlikely to be reached that they put forward proposals themselves. (...)
7. (...) His Majesty's Government wish to make it clear that it is their definite intention to take the necessary steps to effect the transference of power into responsible Indian hands by a date not later than June, 1948. (...)
15. The association of the British and Indian peoples should not be brought to an end.

Source 2 : Map of the partition of India.



HISTORY

AL QAEDA AND USA : A NEW WAR ?

Source 1 : Al Qaeda's Fatwa, signed by Osama bin Laden, head of al Qaeda, Ayman al-Zawahiri, head of Jihad Group in Egypt, and several other Islamic terrorist groups, February 23, 1998.

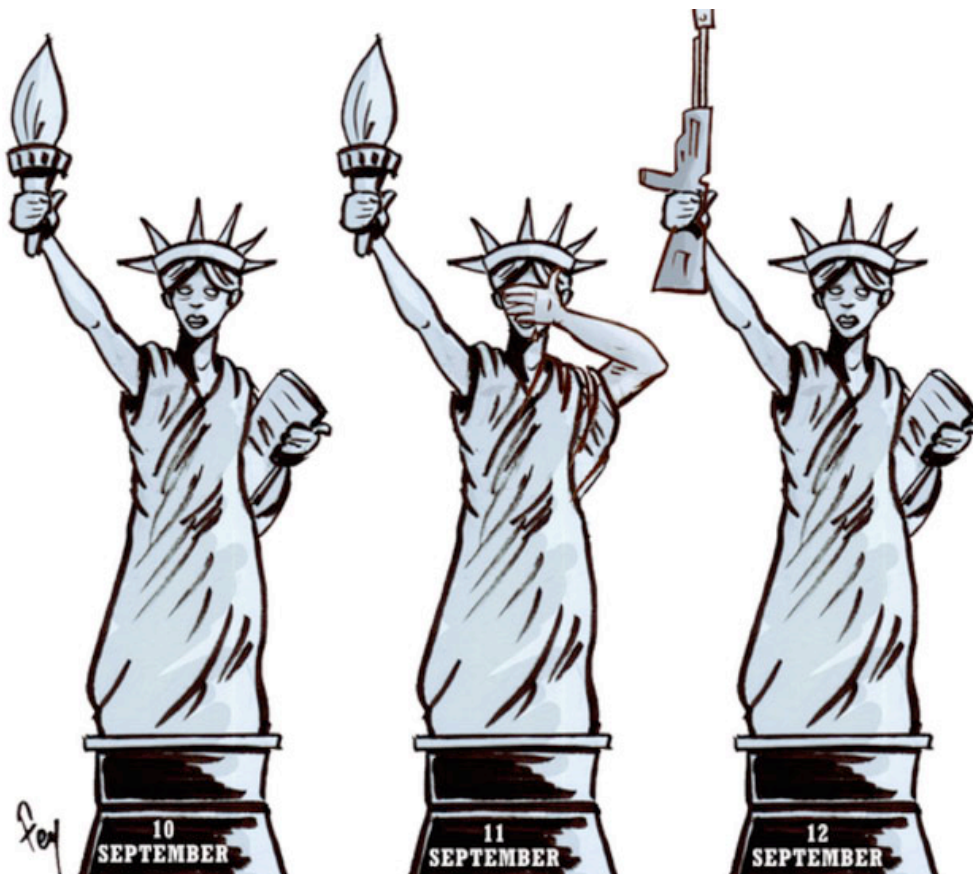
« - First, for over seven years the United States has been occupying the lands of Islam in the holiest of places, the Arabian Peninsula, plundering its riches, dictating to its rulers, humiliating its people, terrorizing its neighbors, and turning its bases in the Peninsula into a spearhead through which to fight the neighboring Muslim peoples. (...)

- Second, despite the great devastation inflicted on the Iraqi people by the crusader-Zionist alliance, and despite the huge number of those killed, which has exceeded 1 million... despite all this, the Americans are once again trying to repeat the horrific massacres (...).

- Third, if the Americans' aims behind these wars are religious and economic, the aim is also to serve the Jews' petty state and divert attention from its occupation of Jerusalem and murder of Muslims there. (...)

The ruling to kill the Americans and their allies -- civilians and military -- is an individual duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country in which it is possible to do it. »

Source 2 : Fey, « September 11 », 2001.



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GLOBALIZATION AND INTERDEPENDENCE

Source 1 : Pietra Rivoli, *The Travels of a T-shirt in the Global Economy*, Wiley, 2005, prologue XVIII-XX.

« Sherry is one of the largest screen printers of T-shirts in the US. (...) Sherry's artists design motifs for each tourist market and the designs and locations are printed or embroidered on shirts in the Miami plant. (...)

- Where, exactly, I asked Sandler*, did my shirt come from ?

Sandler riffled through his address book and pulled out a card.

- "Mr. Xu Zhao Min," the card read, "Shanghai Knitwear." (...) "His American customers call him Patrick." (...)

- "Come to China," Patrick said during our first meeting in 1999. "I'll show you everything." (...)

- Could I go to the farm and see how the cotton is produced ?

Patrick looked at the T-shirt.

- "Well, that might be difficult. I think the cotton is grown very far from Shanghai. Probably in Teksa."

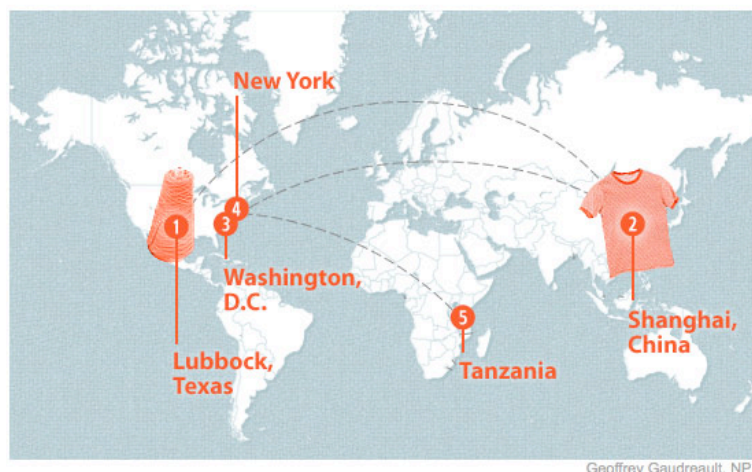
- "Teksa ? Where is Teksa ? How far away ?" I asked. There was a globe on my desk and I spun it around to China. Could he show me Teksa on the globe ?

Patrick laughed. He took the globe and spun it back around the other way.

- "Here, I think it is grown here." Patrick was pointing at Texas. »

* The boss of Sherry Manufacturing Company

Source 2 : *The Travels of a T-shirt in the Global Economy* : the map.



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THE GLOBALIZATION DEBATE : PROS AND CONS

Source 1 : International Monetary Fund Staff, « Globalization : Threat or Opportunity ? », April 12, 2000 (Corrected January 2002)

« As globalization has progressed, living conditions (...) have improved significantly in virtually all countries. However, the strongest gains have been made by the advanced countries and only some of the developing countries. (...) But it is wrong to jump to the conclusion that globalization has caused the divergence. To the contrary : low-income countries have not been able to integrate with the global economy as quickly as others, partly because of their chosen policies and partly because of factors outside their control. No country, least of all the poorest, can afford to remain isolated from the world economy. Every country should seek to reduce poverty. The international community should endeavor — by strengthening the international financial system, through trade, and through aid — to help the poorest countries integrate into the world economy, grow more rapidly, and reduce poverty. That is the way to ensure all people in all countries have access to the benefits of globalization. »

Source 2 : Jürgen Tomicek (b. 1957), « Globalisation », cartoon published in Germany, 2005.



... INTEGRATED !

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THE GLOBALIZATION DEBATE : THE SCEPTICS

Source 1 : Jeff Danziger, « The World According to Nike », *LA Times*, June 18, 1996.



Source 2 : « Anti-Nike » poster, *Adbusters* (Canada), December 2000.



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DOES GLOBALIZATION MEAN AMERICANIZATION OF THE WORLD ?

Source 1 : Andy Singer (1965-), *Invading new markets*, 2007.



Source 2 : *Street in Chinatown, NYC*, 2010.



DOES GLOBALIZATION MEAN AMERICANIZATION OF THE WORLD ?

Source 1 : Christmas in a Chinese supermarket.



Source 2 : Andrew Lam, « Without Borders », *Asian Week*, April 6 - 12, 2001.

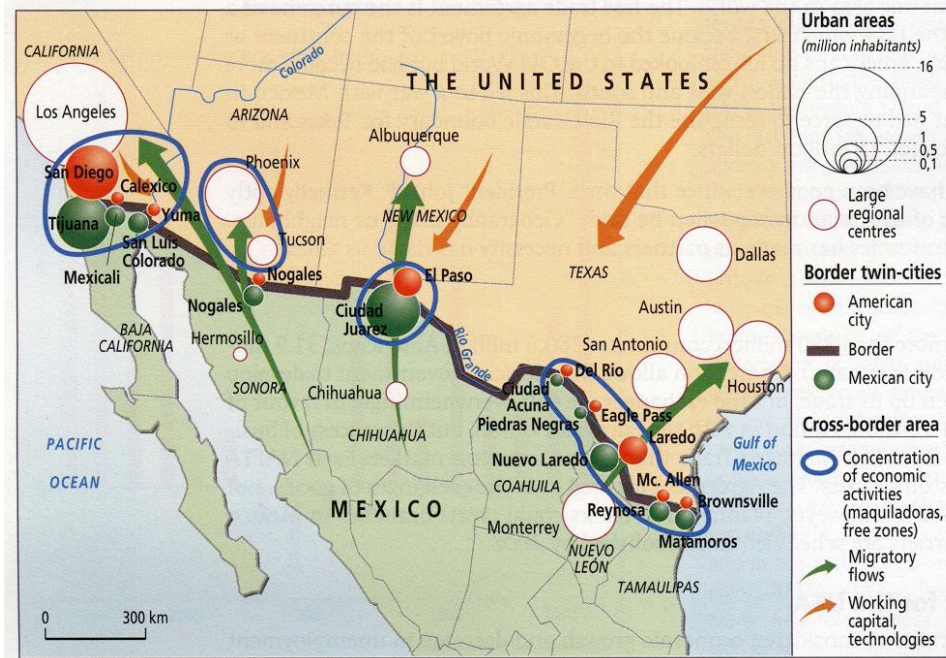
« A friend, well traveled and educated, recently predicted the evils of globalization in very simple terms. "Everyone will be eating at McDonald's, listening to Madonna and shopping at mega-malls," he prophesied. "It'll be absolutely awful. "What I told him then is that globalization is not the same as Americanization [...]

So McDonald's golden arches and mega-malls may be proliferating in every major metropolis across the world, but so are Thai and Vietnamese restaurants ! Many other original cultures and languages and traditions continue to thrive. Think Bombay movies, Buddhist monks in Bangkok, Balinese dancers in Bali — these will not simply wash away because CNN and MTV are accessible now to the peasant in his mud hut. While there's no denying that America is the sole supreme power in this post-Cold War era, America and all things American are not the end point. [...] Koreatown in Los Angeles and Chinatown in San Francisco and the Cuban community in Miami are [...] vibrant and thriving ethnic enclaves. »

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NORTH AND SOUTH DIVIDE : THE US-MEXICO BORDER

Source 1 : A cross-border area between the USA and Mexico, *Magnard, Terminale Euro.*



Source 2 : Patrick Chappatte, « US Borders », *NZZ am Sonntag (Zurich), May 22, 2006.*



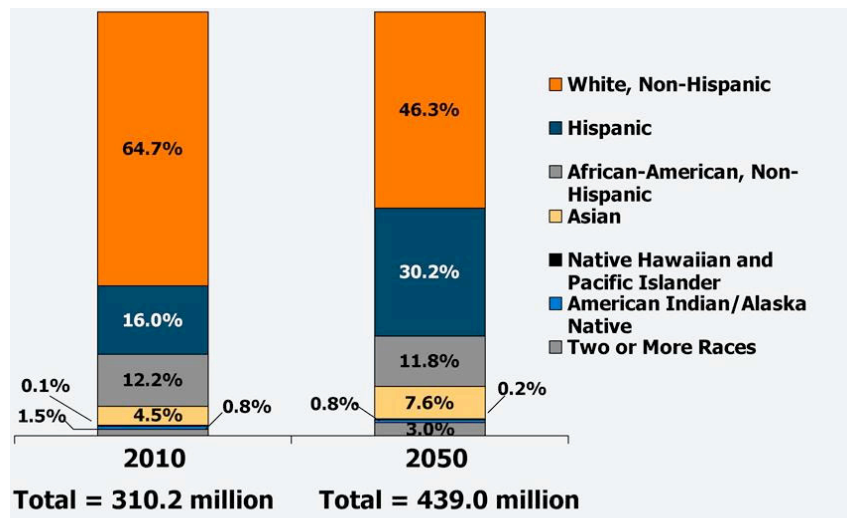
Source 3 : Cam Cardow, « Mexican Wall », *The Ottawa Citizen, 2006.*



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US POPULATION : MELTING POT OR SALAD BOWL ?

Source 1 : Distribution of US Population by Race / Ethnicity



Source 2 - First speech of Barack Obama as president of the USA, January 20, 2009.

« For we know that our patchwork heritage is a strength, not a weakness. We are a nation of Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus - and non-believers. We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this Earth ; and because we have tasted the bitter swill of civil war and segregation, and emerged from that dark chapter stronger and more united, we cannot help but believe that the old hatreds shall someday pass; that the lines of tribe shall soon dissolve; that as the world grows smaller, our common humanity shall reveal itself ; and that America must play its role in ushering in a new era of peace. »

Source 3 - Advertisement made by Mc Donald's, 2010



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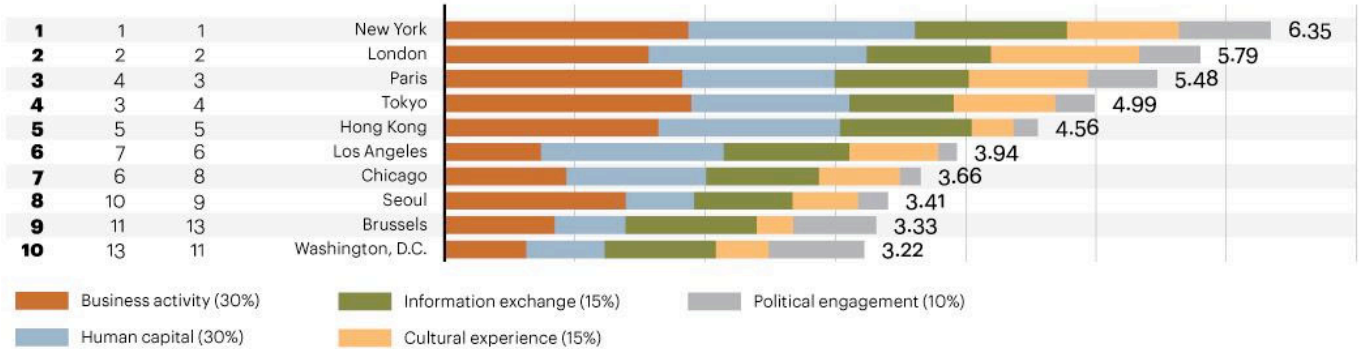
WHAT MAKES NEW YORK A WORLD CITY ?

Source 1 : New York : a global city.

Ranking

2012 2010 2008

Values calculated on a 0 to 10 scale



Source: 2012 Global Cities Index and Emerging Market Outlook study by A.T. Kearney and The Chicago Council on Global Affairs

Source 2 : A touristic map of NY.

