



## 4.3 Political Power and Territoriality

## Objective and Essential Learning

4.3 Describe the concepts of political power and territoriality as used by geographers.

- Political power is expressed geographically as control over people, land, and resources, as illustrated by neocolonialism, shatterbelts, and choke points.
- Territoriality is the connection of people, their culture, and their economic systems to the land.



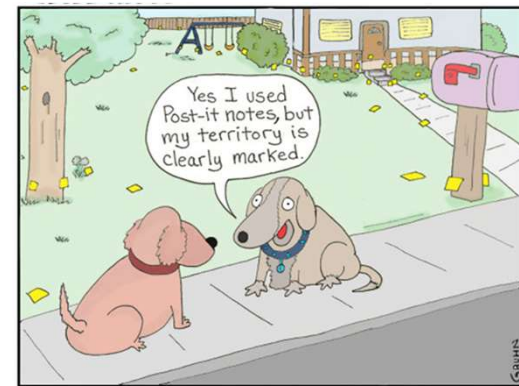
# Political Power & Territoriality

Territoriality is the control and influence over a specific geographic space. It often includes aspects such as...

- Historic and cultural links
- Governments
- Economics
- Boundaries
- Sovereignty
- Defense/military
- Sometimes leads to conflict.

Similarly, political power is defined as control over people, land and resources.

- Doesn't necessarily correspond to a specific geographic area with defined boundaries.

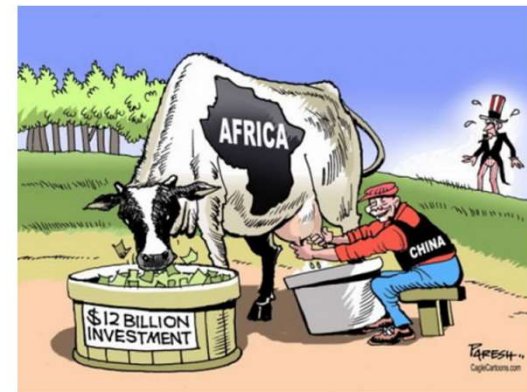


# How is political power & territoriality expressed?

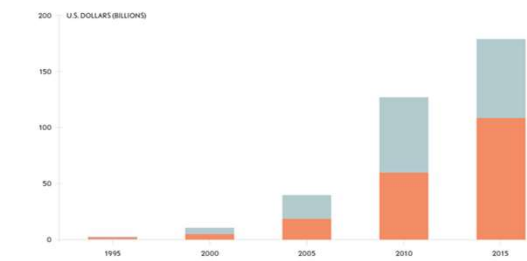
## Neocolonialism

The use of economic, political, cultural or other pressures in order to control or influence other countries.

- Semi-Periphery and Periphery Countries
- Former African colonies - reliant on outside investments for economic security.
  - Kenya - \$3.8 billion dollar railroad - Chinese government owned company - crushing debt - Chinese control over the railroad.
- Political influence - US Wars in the Middle East



CHINA'S TRADE WITH AFRICA



Sources: China Statistical Yearbook, SAS China Africa Research Initiative

Credit: Eleanor Albert, Julia Ro

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# How is political power & territoriality expressed?

## Shatterbelts

Instability within a region that is geographically located between states with overlapping territoriality and political power.

- Germany during the Cold War
- Balkan Peninsula - Former Yugoslavia
  - Formerly apart of...
    - Ottoman Empire
    - Iron Curtain
  - Variety of ethnicities, religions & Languages -> Centrifugal
  - Relative location



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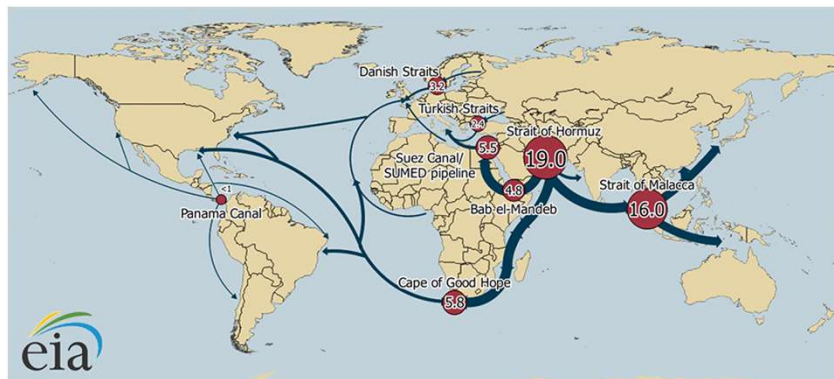


# How is political power & territoriality expressed?

## Choke Points

A strategic strait or canal which is narrow, hard to pass through and has competition for use.

- This could be closed or blocked to stop sea traffic and strategically show political power or territoriality.
- Essential to shipping oil, food, and consumer products around the world.



Examples: Strait of Malacca (Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia), Strait of Hormuz (Iran), Suez Canal (Egypt)

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- 1) What is the value of goods that currently travels through the Suez Canal?
- 2) What are the 8 major choke points around the world?





## TOPIC 4.1 & 4.2 Quiz

- Once done, place quiz on front table
- Grab a Chapter 10 Reading Guide and begin working on it



**A = Identify & Define**  
**A & E = Describe & Compare/Contrast**  
**ACE = Explain**