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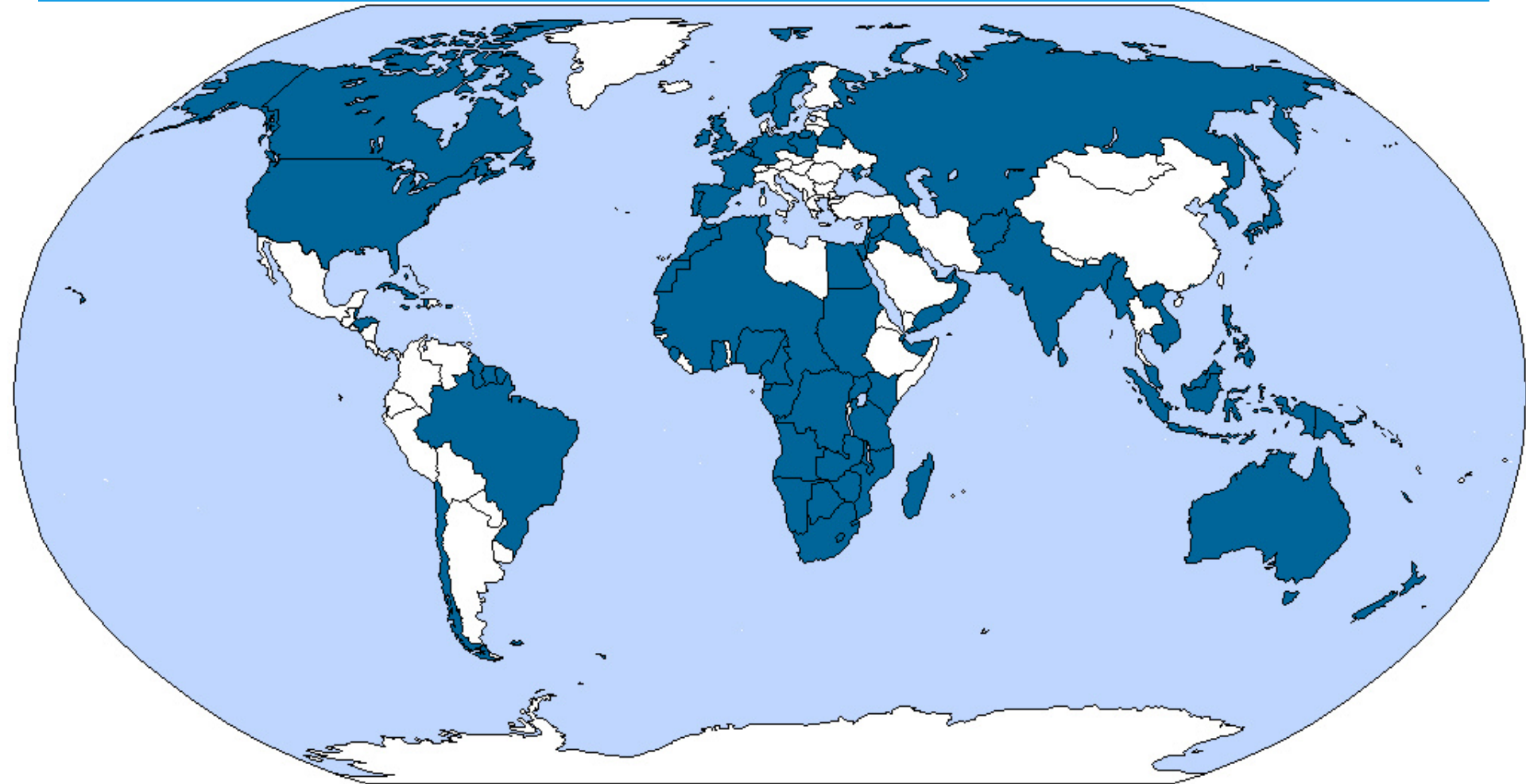


## **Overview:**

- 1. The story of abortion prohibition to authorization, 1800s – 2016**
- 2. Abortion data**
- 3. Policies Matter for Nations & Children**

**Concluding Remarks**

# 1803 – 1918: Every nation with a known policy prohibited abortion

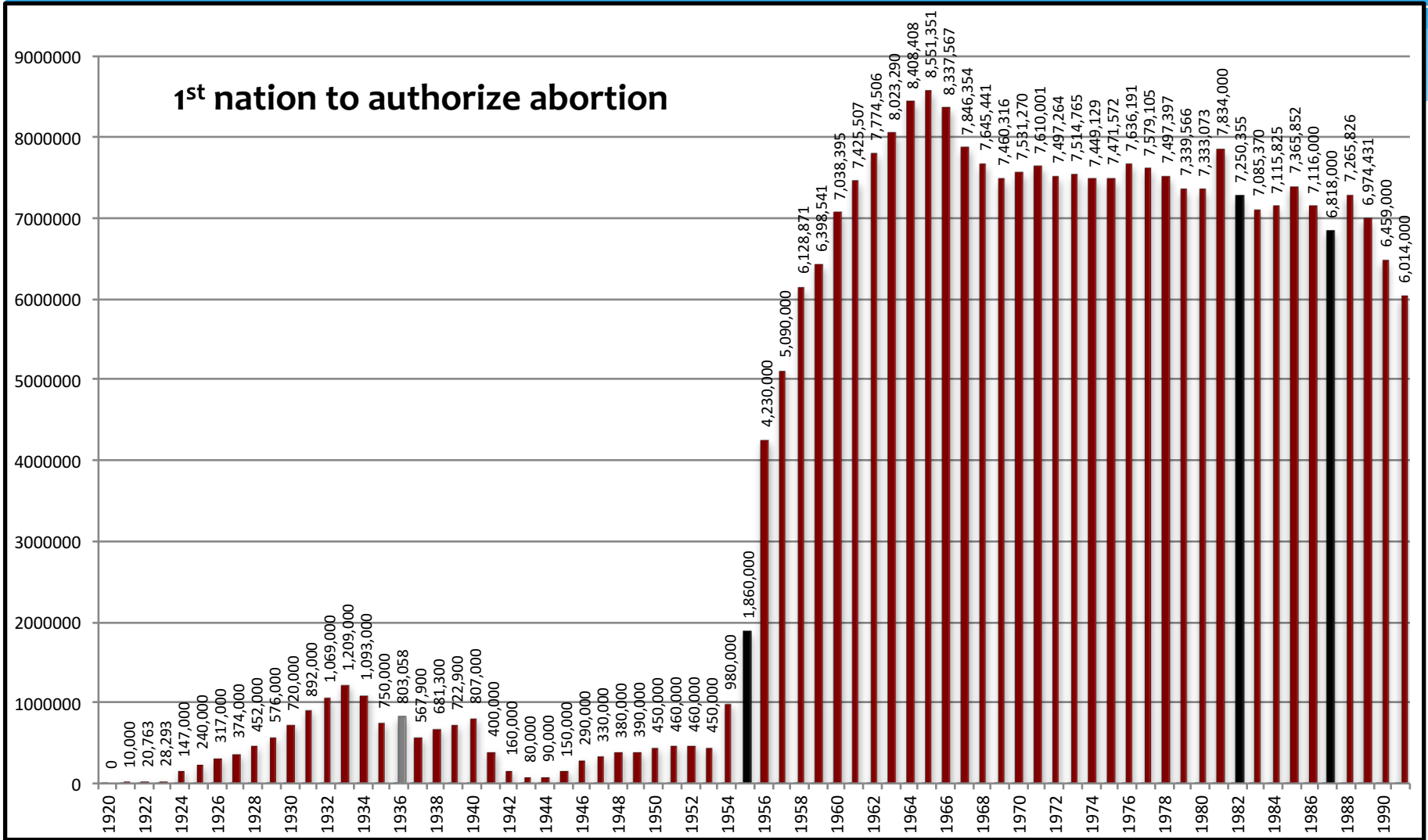


Worldwide Abortion Legislation 1919

-  No known policy
-  Abortion banned or permitted only to save mother's life

Blue: Nations and territories prohibiting abortion  
White: No known policy

# Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (1921-1991): 278,527,000 Abortions



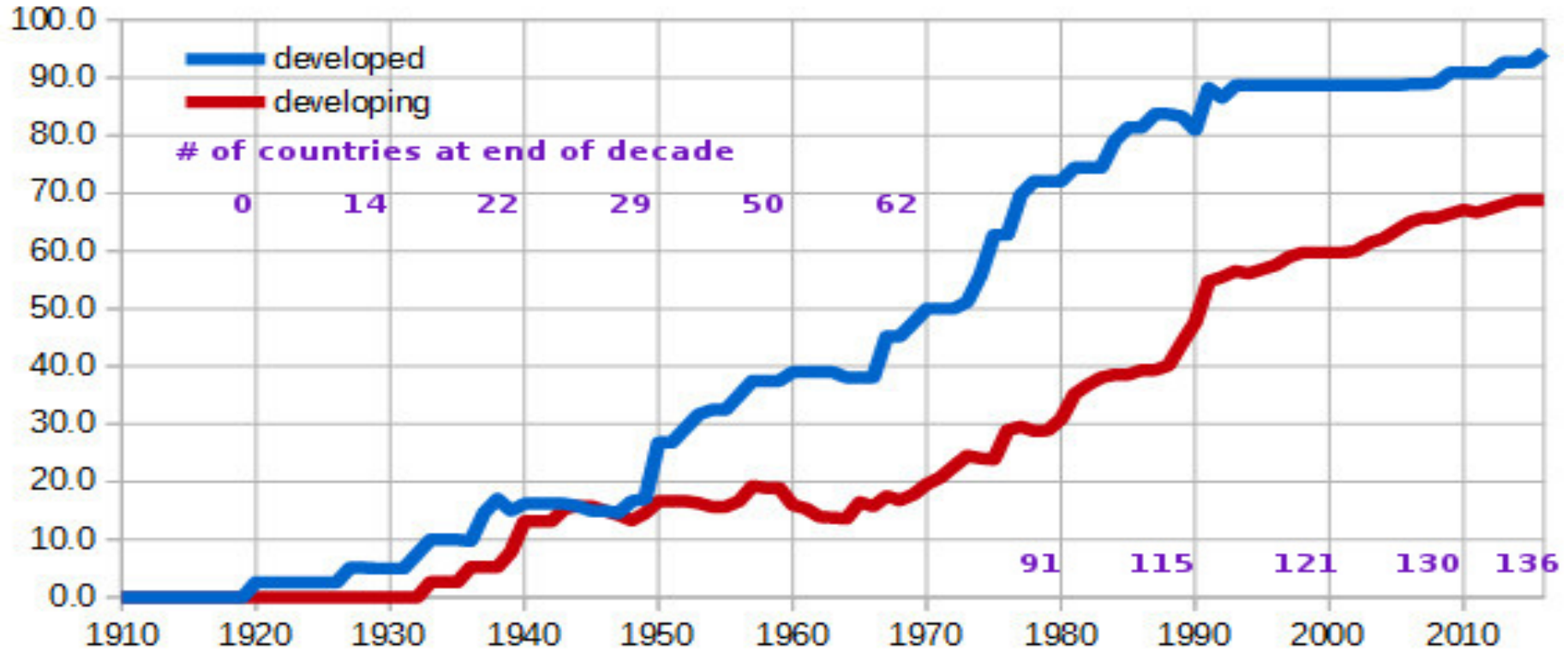
1920: First nation to authorize, doing so on demand

1936: Restricted abortion (grey)

1955: Re-authorized abortion on demand (black)

# Percent of independent countries, by year, that authorized abortion, and their status today as developed or developing.

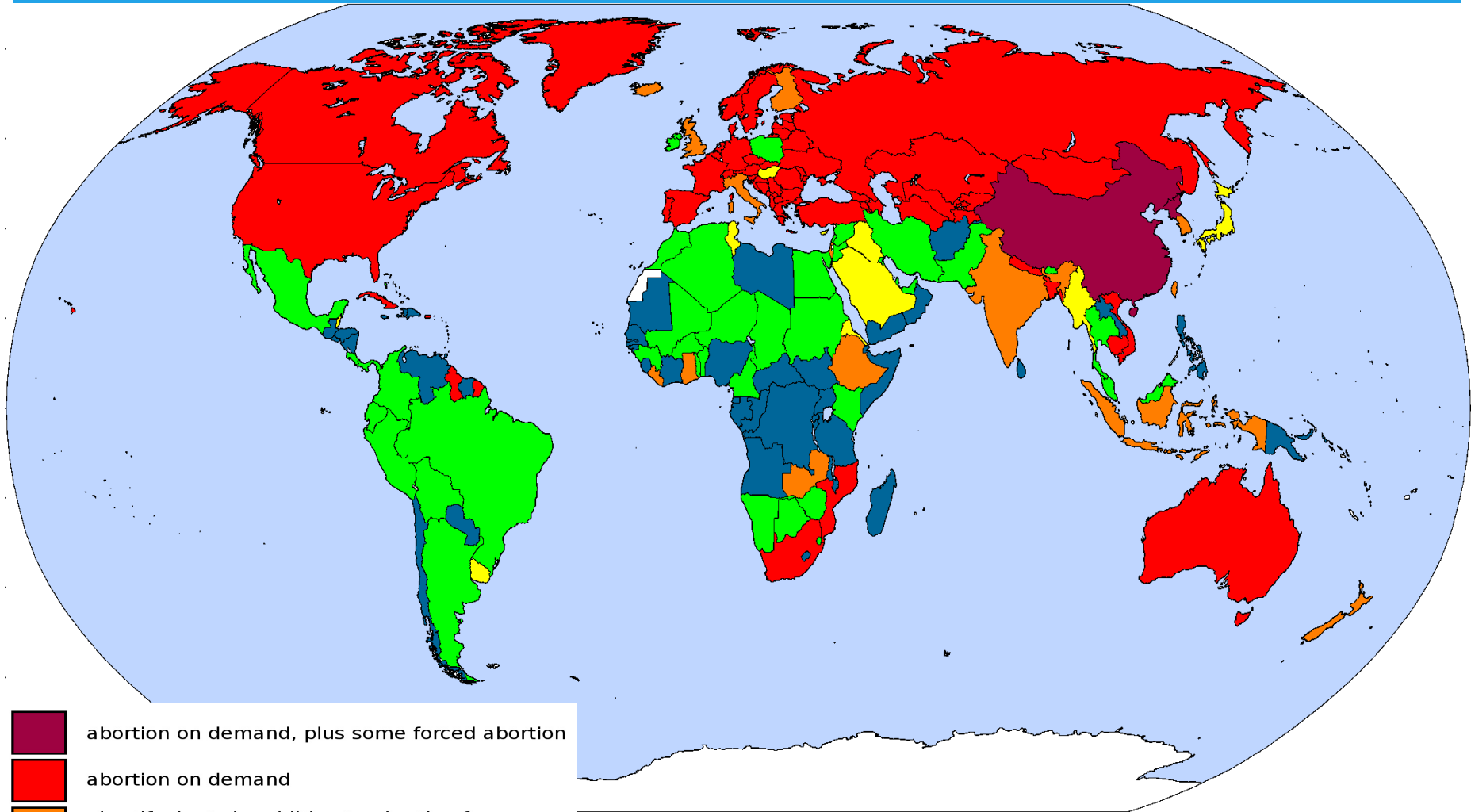
Percent of independent countries authorizing abortion









**Blue line: Developed nations authorizing abortion (over 90% by 2016)**

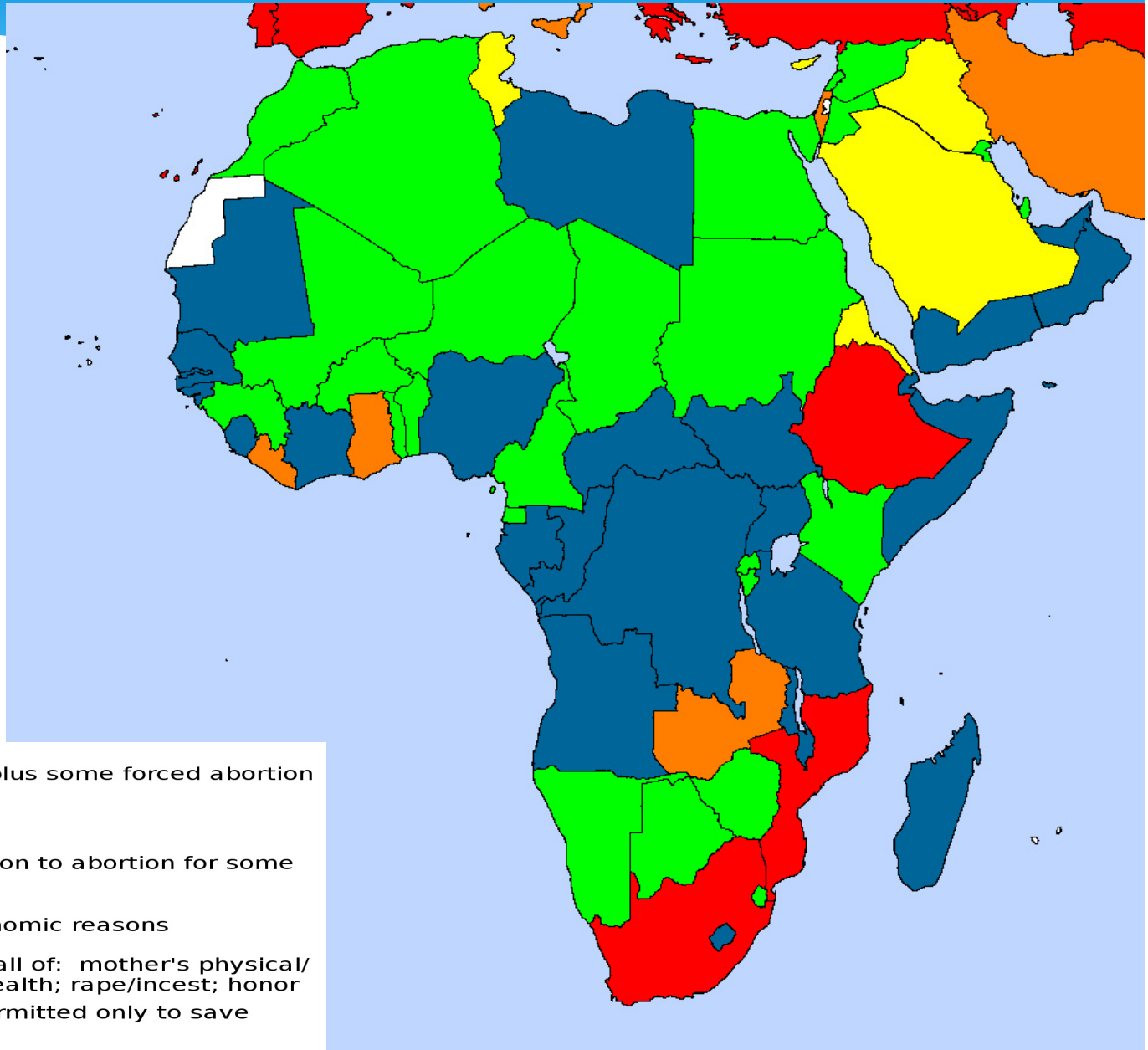
**Red line: Developing nations authorizing abortion (69% by 2016)**







# 2016 National Policies



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-  abortion on demand
-  abortifacients in addition to abortion for some reasons
-  abortion for socio/economic reasons
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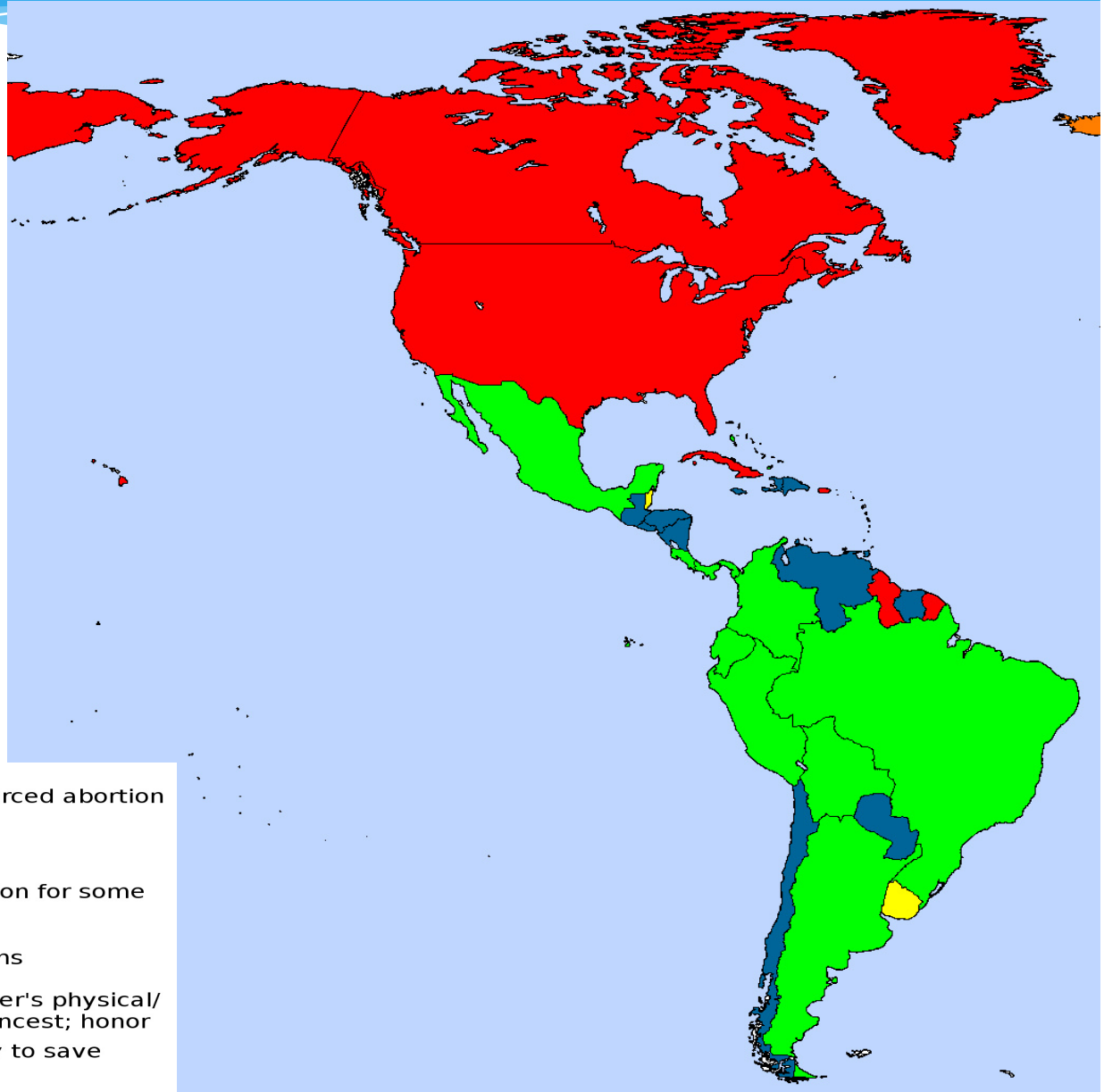
# AFRICA (54 nations): National Policies in 2016









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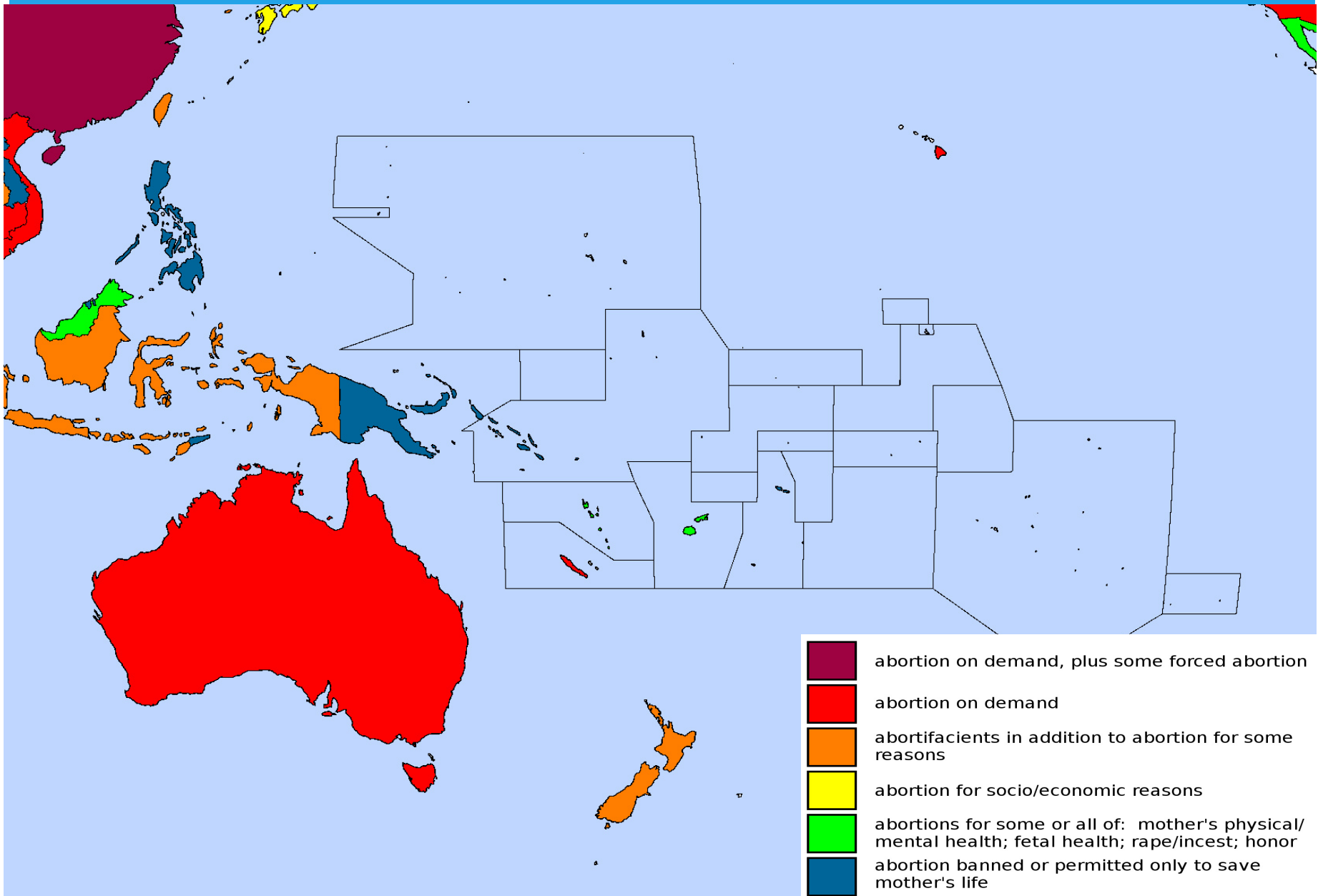


# Americas & the Caribbean (35 nations): National Policies in 2016

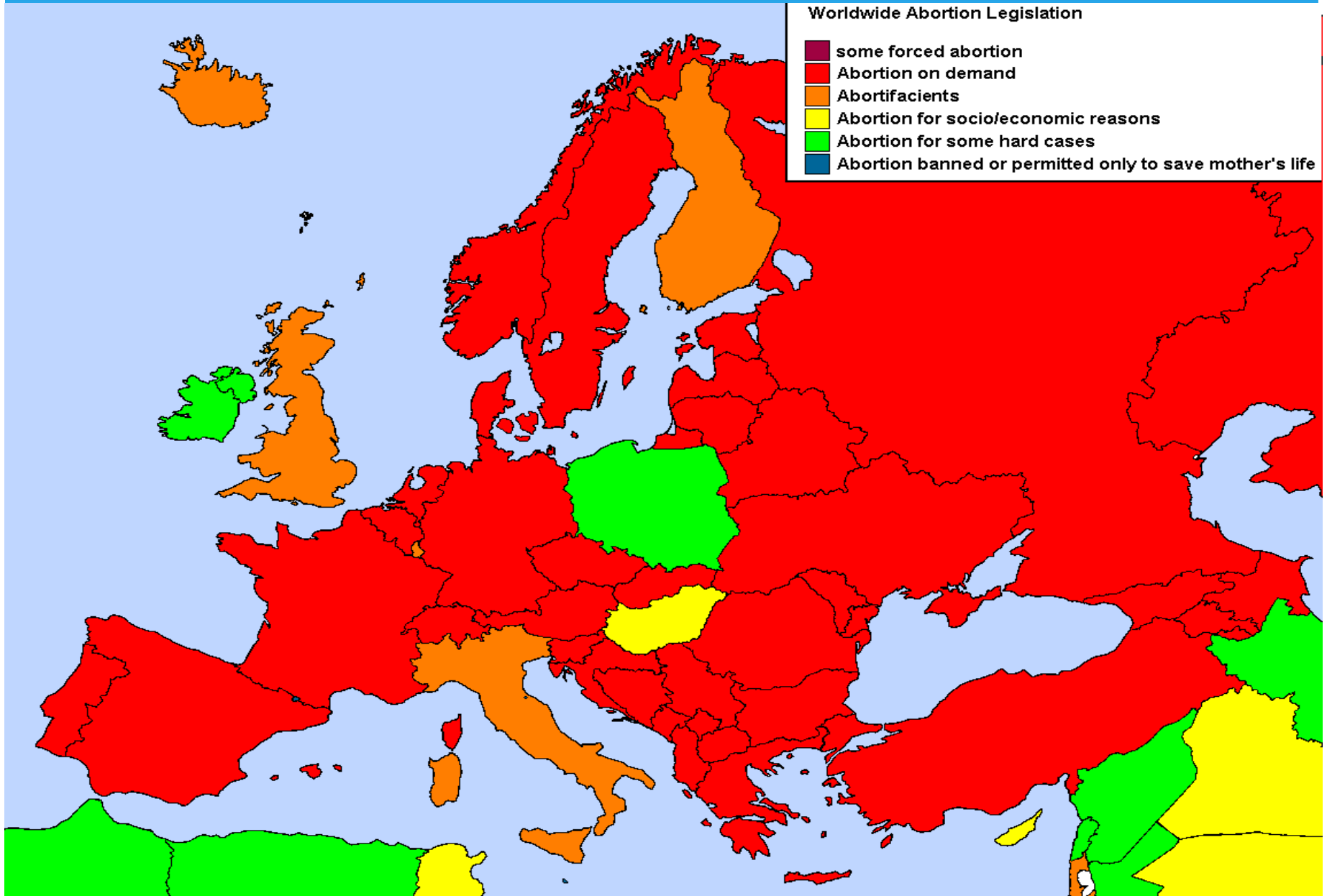


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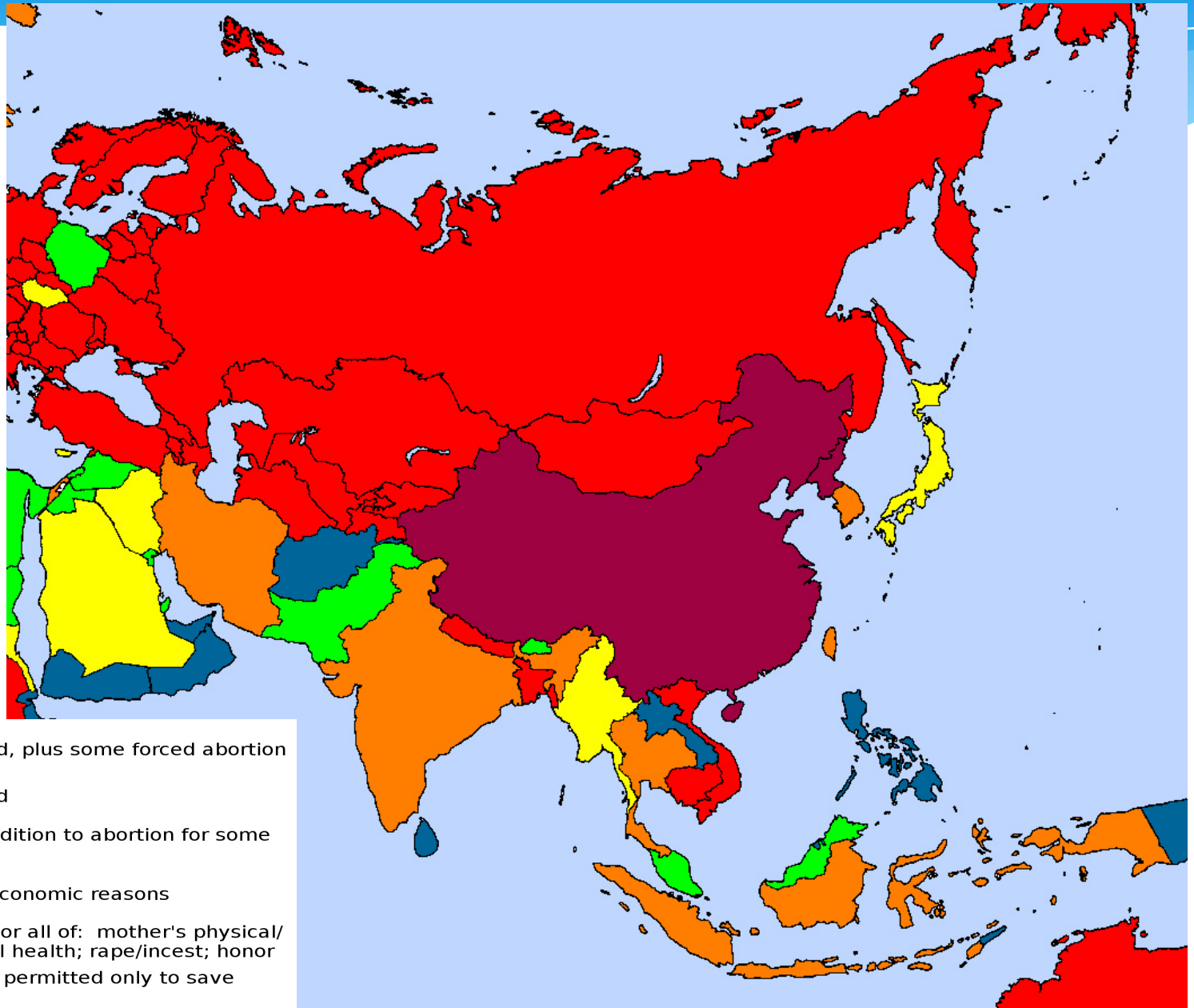
# Oceania (14 nations): National Policies in 2016









# Europe (46 nations): National Policies in 2016



# Asia (47 nations): National Policies in 2016



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# Methodologies for Estimating Missing Data

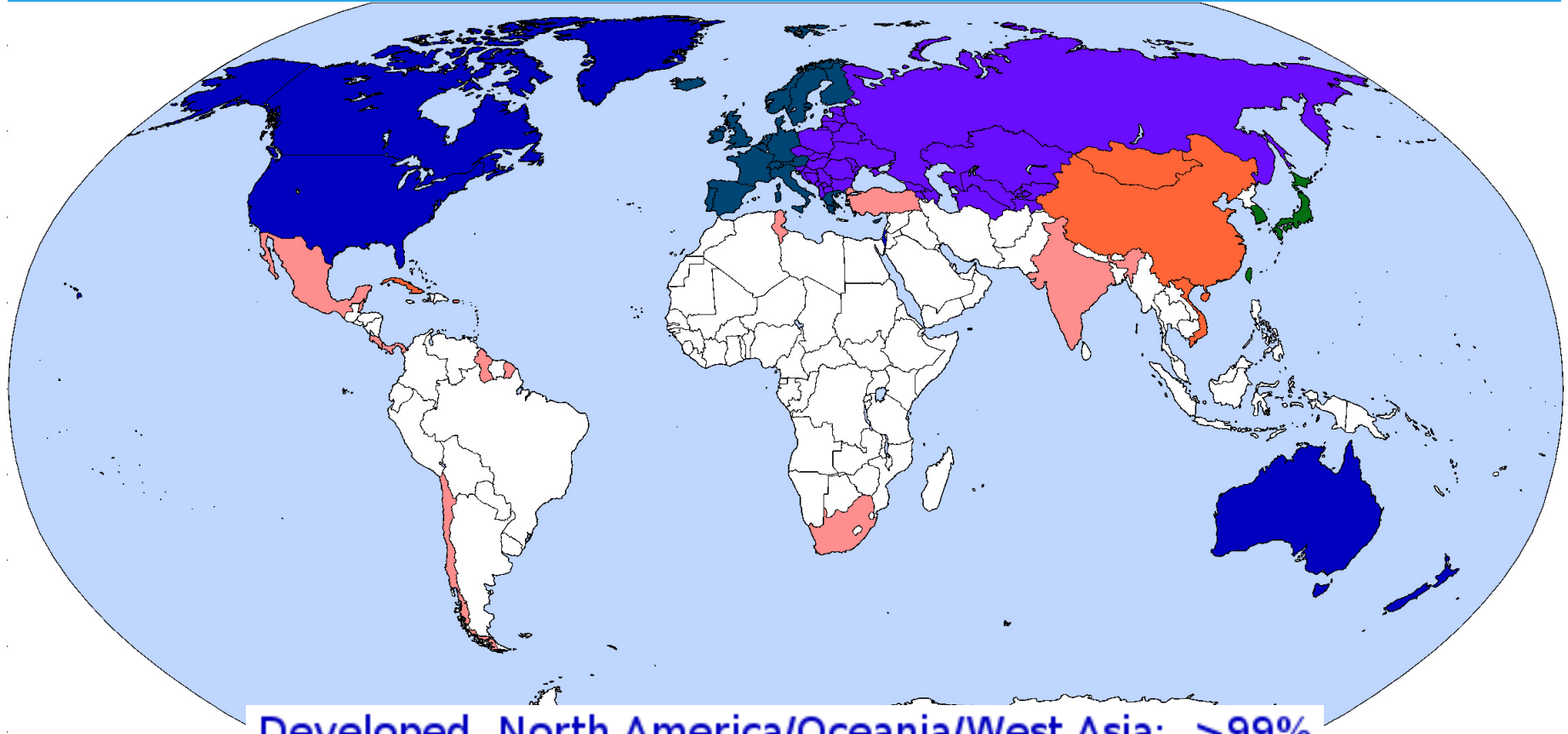
## 3 Categories:

- ① Missing data between year of abortion authorization and first reported data;
- ② Missing data intermediate to reported data (between reported years);
- ③ Missing data between most recent reported data and the present (2015).

## Methodologies:

1. Linear interpolation (1, 2)
2. Two-step linear interpolation (1)
3. Exponential interpolation (2)
4. Recent year model (3)
5. Special country cases (8 countries)

## Percentage of Population of Country Groups in AWR



Developed, North America/Oceania/West Asia: >99%

Western Europe: >99%

Eastern Europe/former USSR: >99%

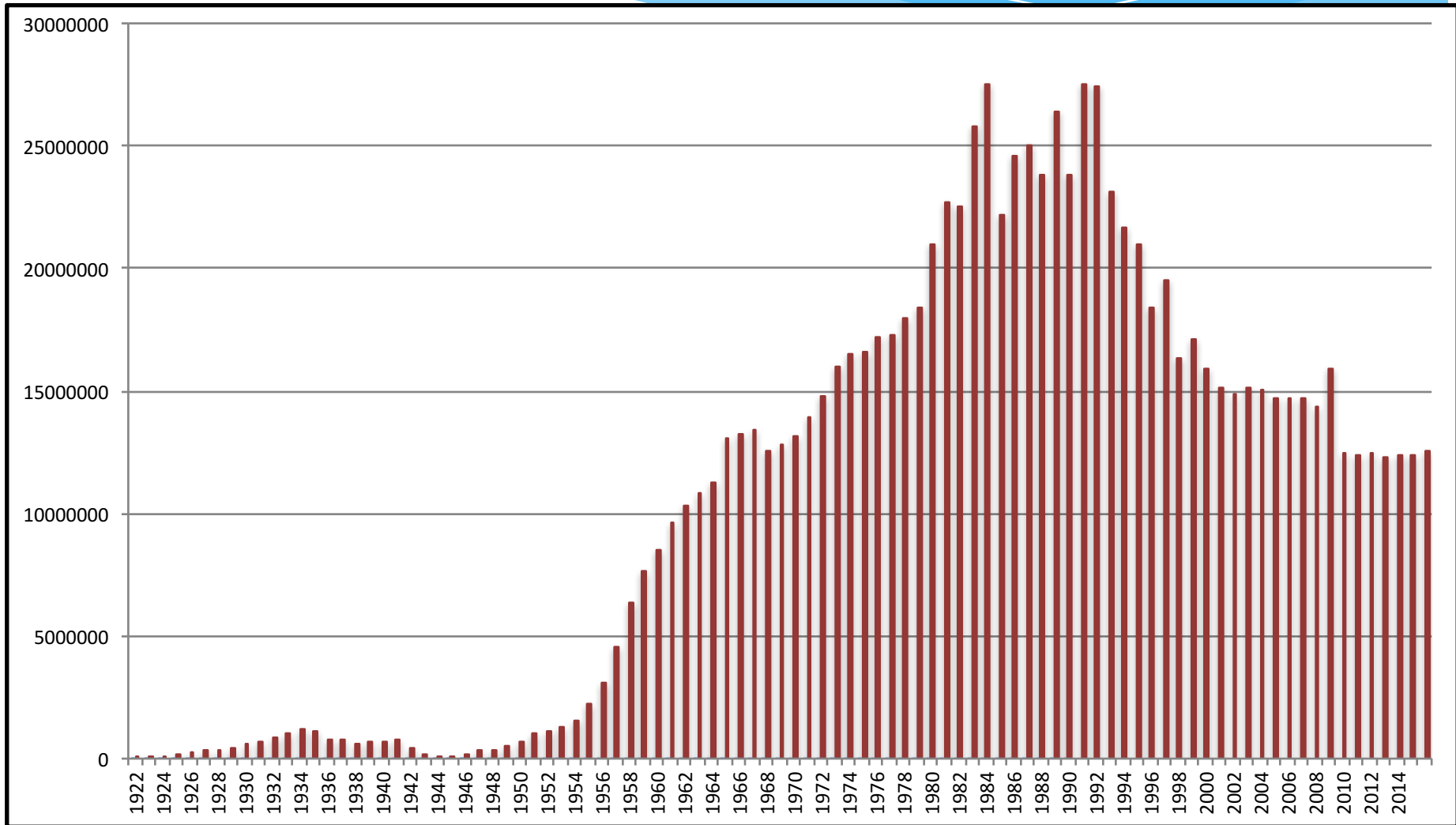
Developed, East Asia: >99%

Developing, currently/formerly communist: 87%

Developing, non-communist: 38%

# Abortions Reported Worldwide, 1921-2015

## 100 Nations, Territories & Regions: 1,018,435,000



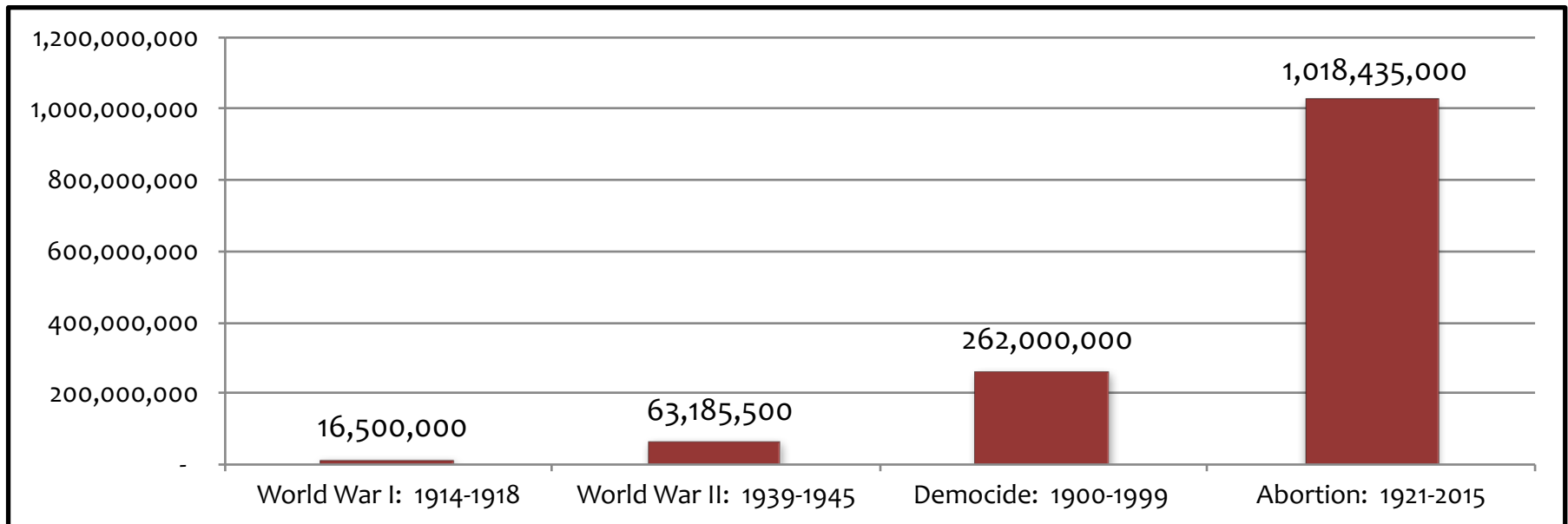
1920s - 1940s: comparatively low; 1950s - 1980s: rapid rise to peak at 27.5 million annually;  
1992- present: decline after collapse of communism



# Current worldwide known abortions

## 12.5 million per year

2,800 every 2 hours = September 11, 2011 tragedy  
241,000 every 1 week = Algerian Civil War (1991 – 2002)  
1,046,000 every 1 month = Korean War (1950 – 1953)  
6,276,000 every 6 months = Holocaust during World War II

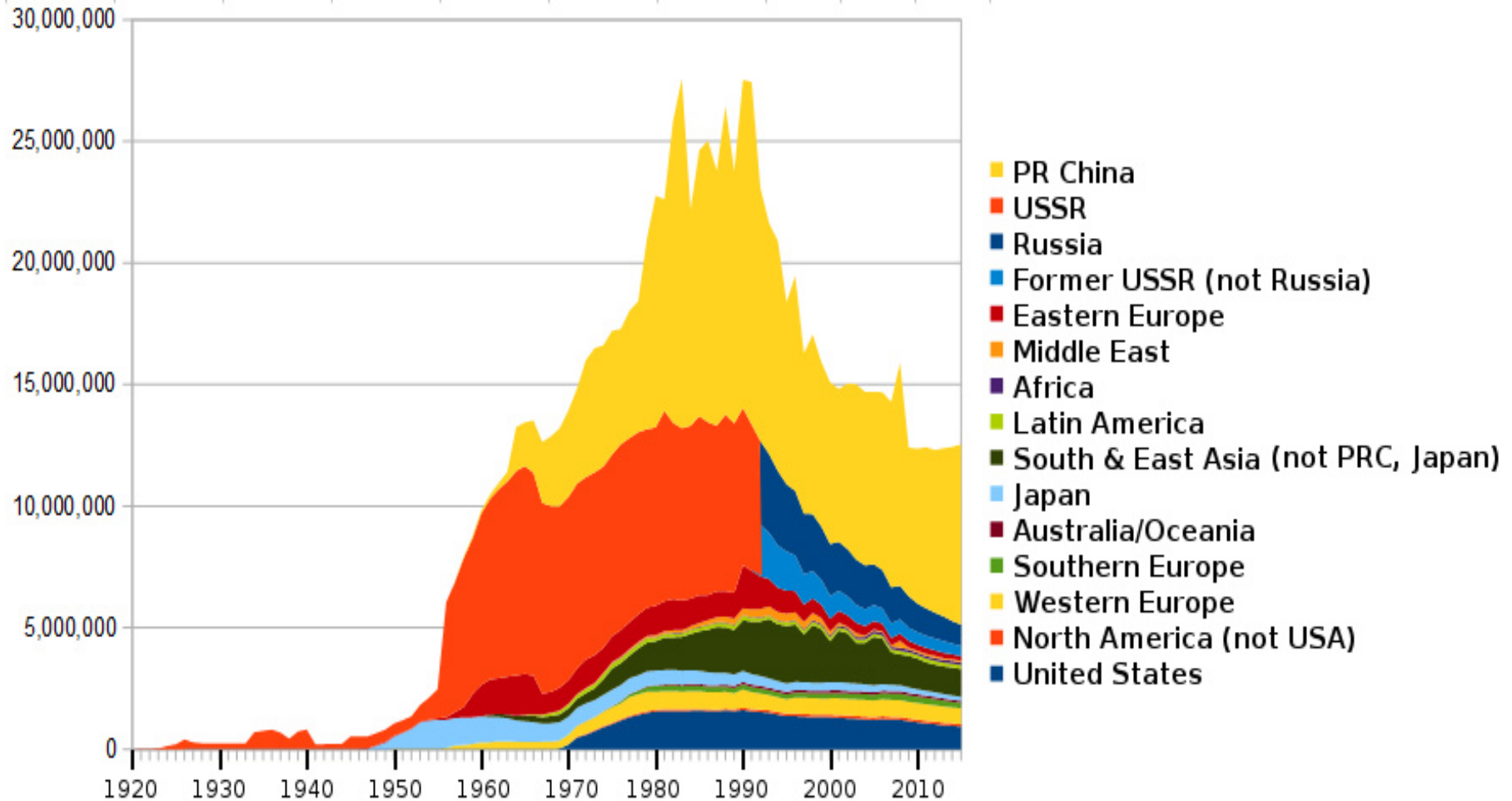


# Top 10 Cumulative & % of Population

Rank	Top 10 Cumulative Abortion Nations	Total Cumulative Reported Abortions
1	China, PR	382,752,000
2	Russian Federation	216,256,000
3	United States	57,827,000
4	Ukraine	52,074,000
5	Japan	39,081,000
6	Vietnam	26,826,000
7	India	24,328,000
8	Romania	22,871,000
9	Republic of Korea	18,371,000
10	Kazakhstan	16,188,000

Rank	Top 10 Nations	Abortions as % of Current Population
1	Russian Federation	152 %
2	Latvia	123 %
3	Estonia	123 %
4	Ukraine	114 %
5	Romania	106 %
6	Moldova	105 %
7	Belarus	98 %
8	Serbia	91 %
9	Kazakhstan	88 %
10	Bulgaria	82 %

# Geographic Contributions to World-Total Abortions, 1921-2016



1920: U.S.S.R.: 1<sup>st</sup> nation in history in authorize abortion

1920s-1940s: Low abortions, limited authorizations, except U.S.S.R. and Japan

1950s-1980s: higher number of authorizations, rapid increasing abortions

1990s-2010s: declining overall abortions after collapse of Soviet communism

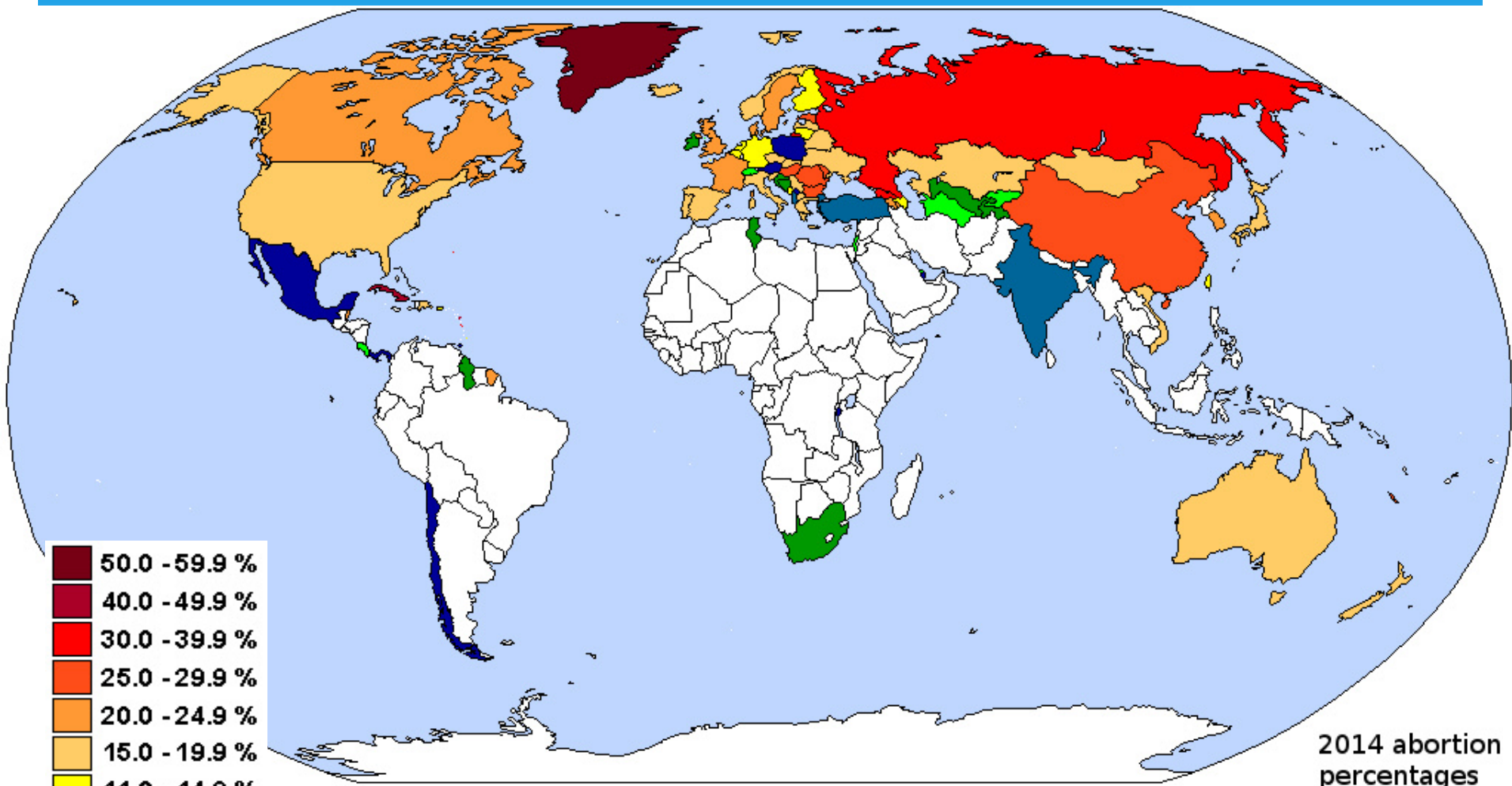
Religion or Communism:

Communism: 73%

Christian: 13%

Other: 14%

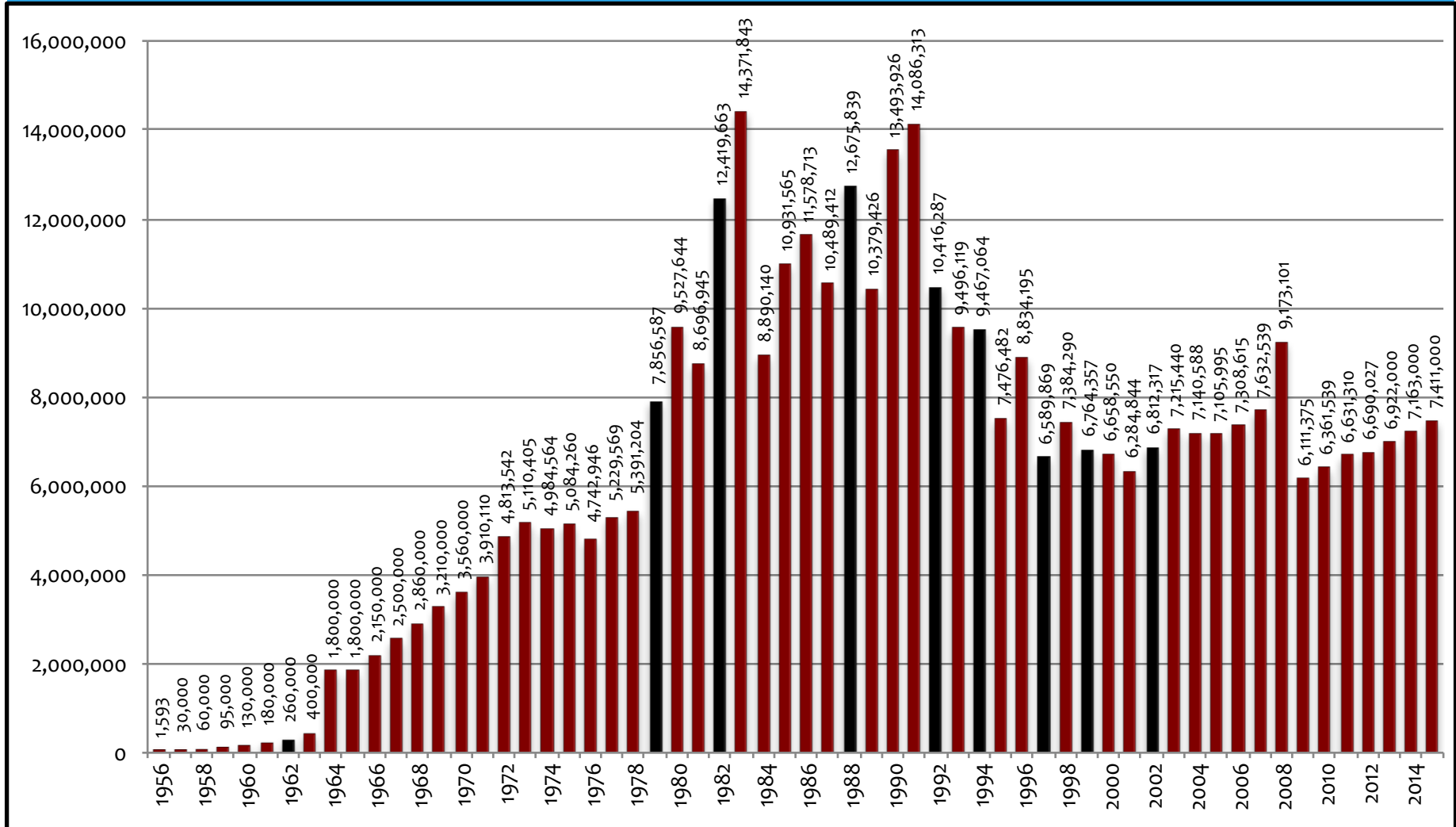
# Induced Abortions as a Percentage of Known Pregnancies, 2014



Nation	Abortion % 2014	Nation	Abortion % 2014
1. Greenland	51.65 %	6. Martinique	34.50 %
2. Guadeloupe	41.86 %	7. Russian Federation	32.32 %
3. Cuba	40.96 %	8. Bermuda	30.17 %
4. Transnistria	39.85 %	9. PR China	29.80 %
5. Georgia	35.57 %	10. Bulgaria	29.40 %



# China, People's Republic of (1956-2015): 382,752,112 Abortions

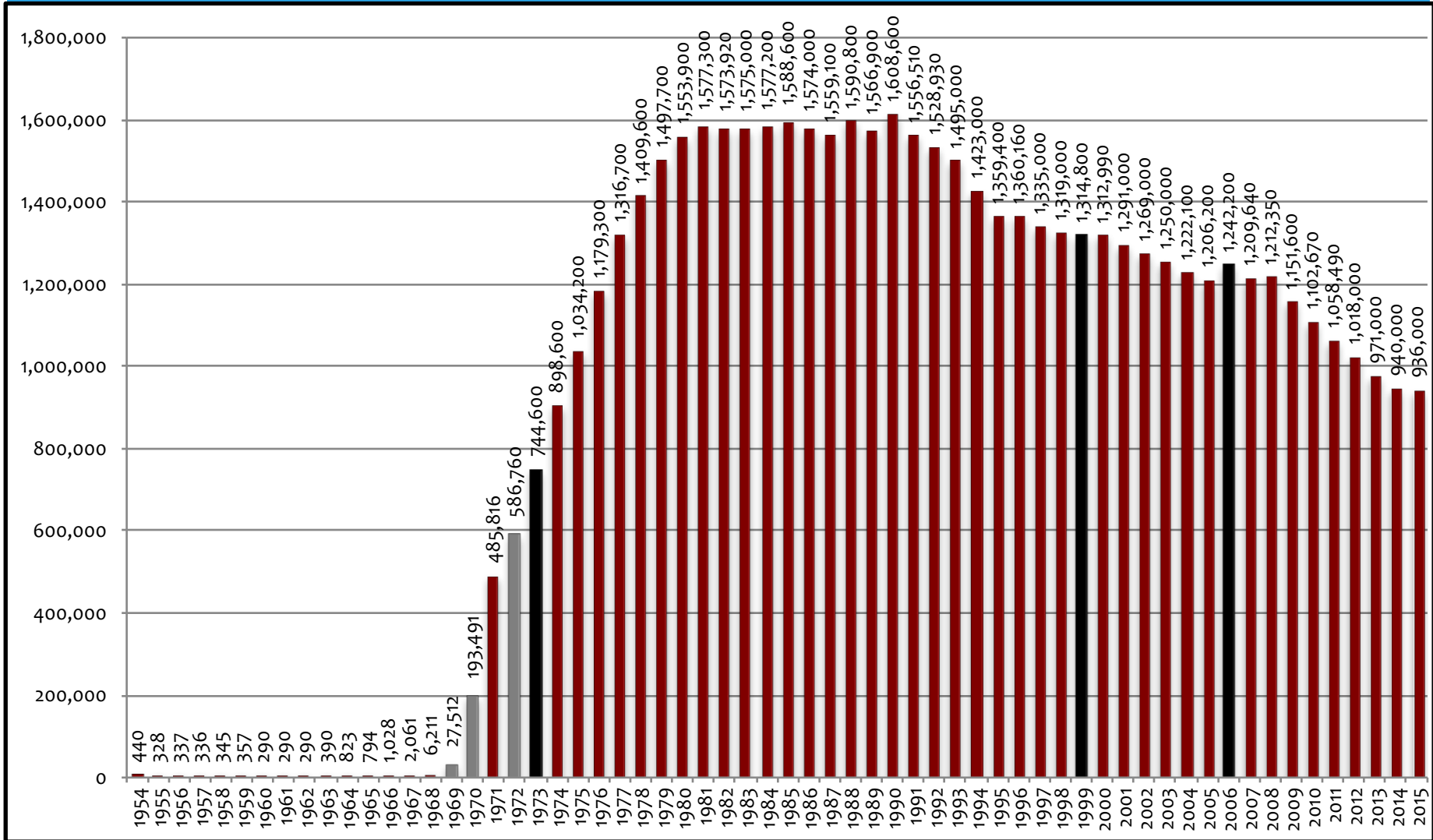


1957 & 1962: 1<sup>st</sup> abortion authorizations

1979: 1-child policy

Black columns are years the government modified its abortion policies

# United States (1954-2015): 57,827,000 Abortions

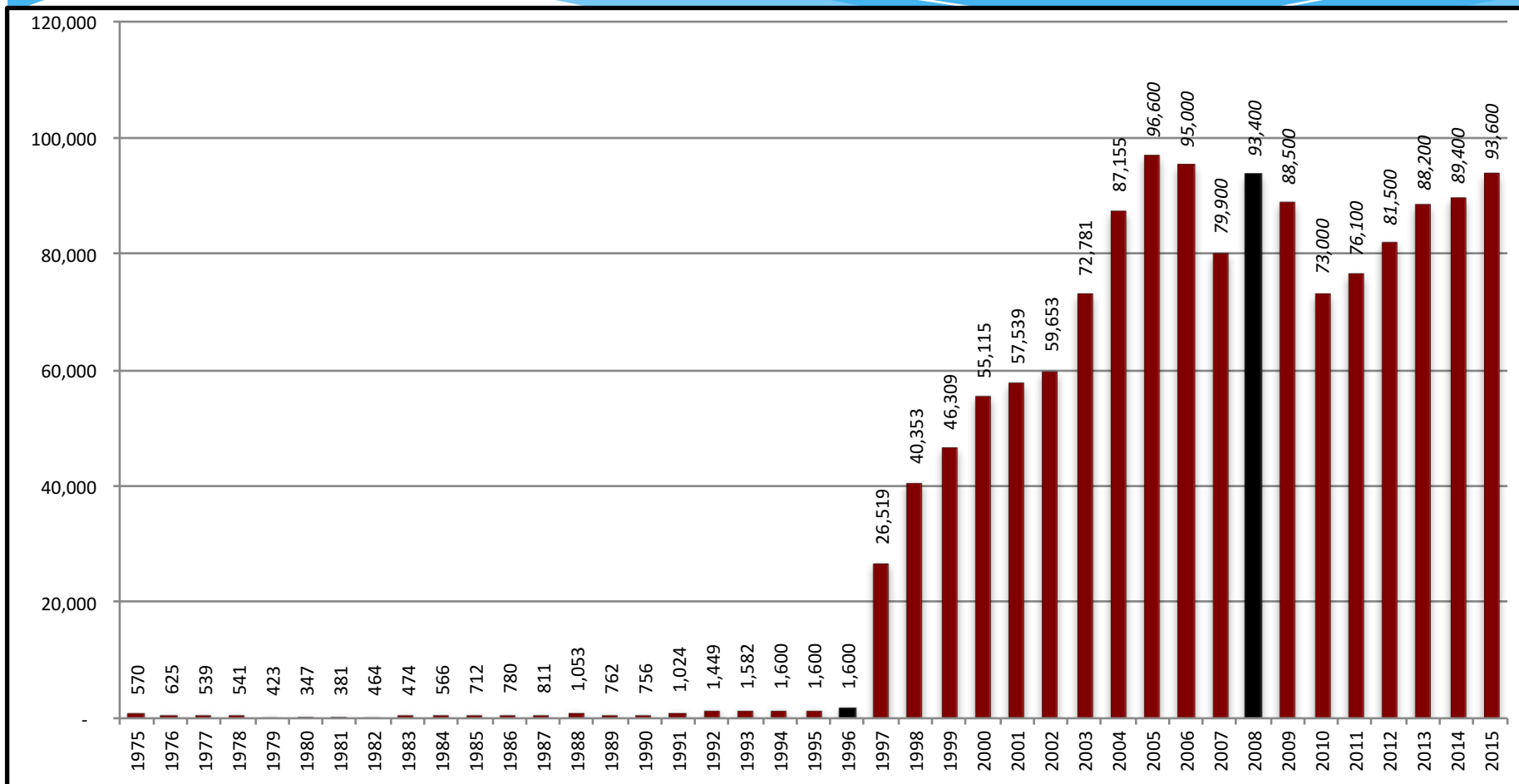


**Grey columns:** some state authorizations, mostly limited: 1954, 1966-70, 72

**Black columns:** abortion on demand authorized (1973), and abortifacients (1999, 2008)



# South Africa (1975-2015): 1,419,283 Abortions

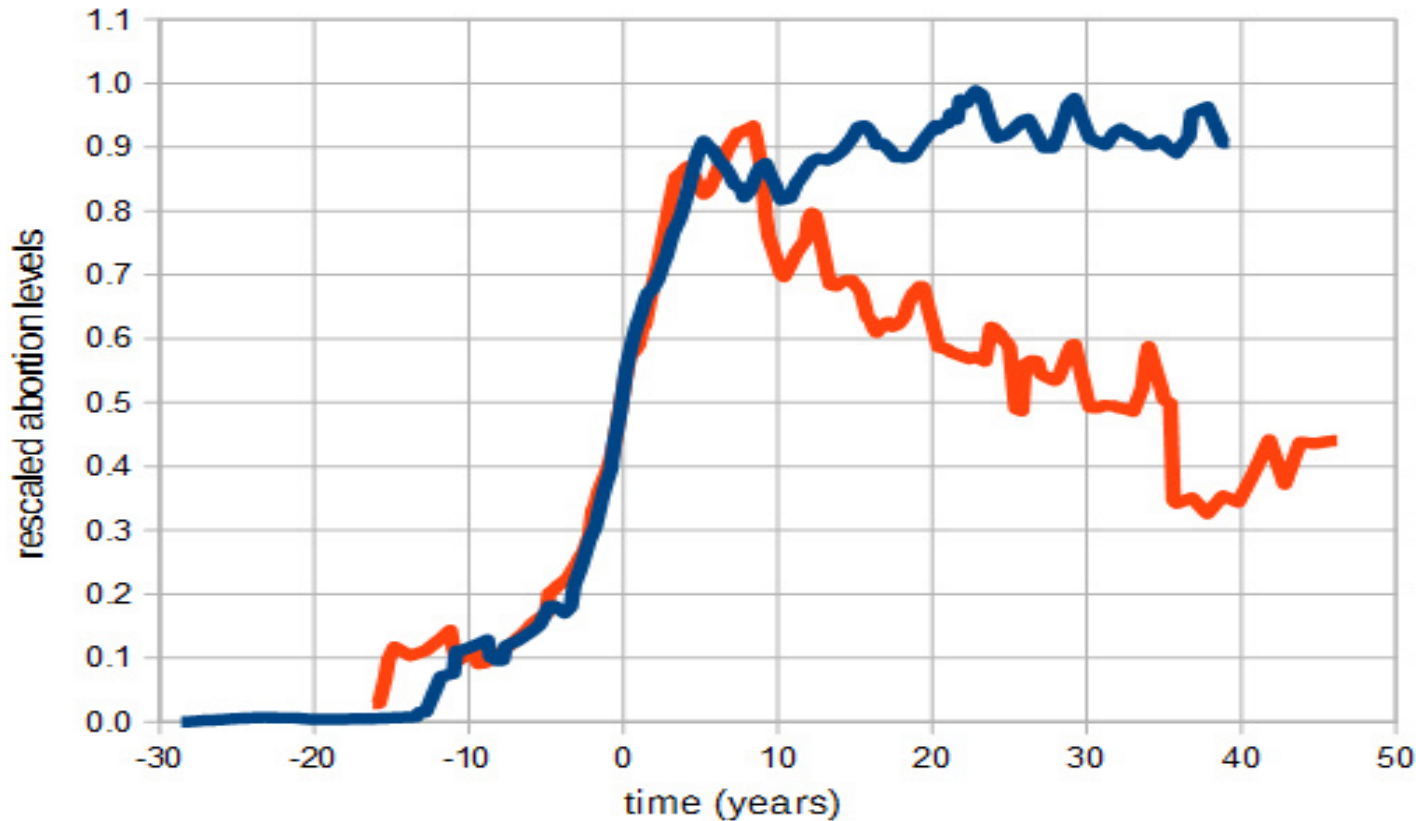


**1975: partial authorization of abortion**

**1996: abortion authorized on demand**



## Developing Nations: High Trend and Low Trend



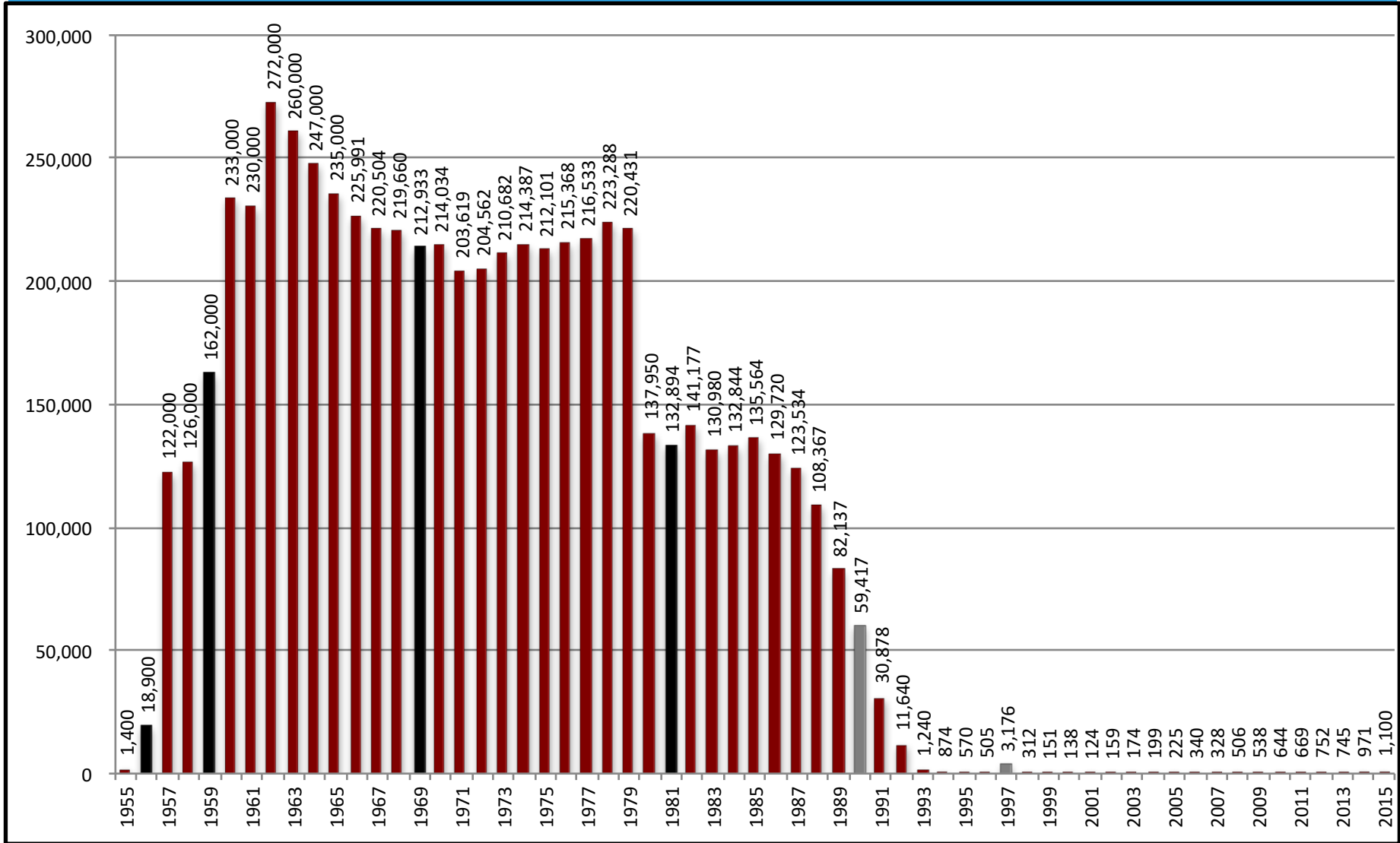
Average trends  
In 2 groups:  
**High:** rising  
or stable  
**Low:** declining

— DEV-high (N=8)  
— DEV-low (N=9)

Five country groups used for trend analysis (number of countries in parentheses):

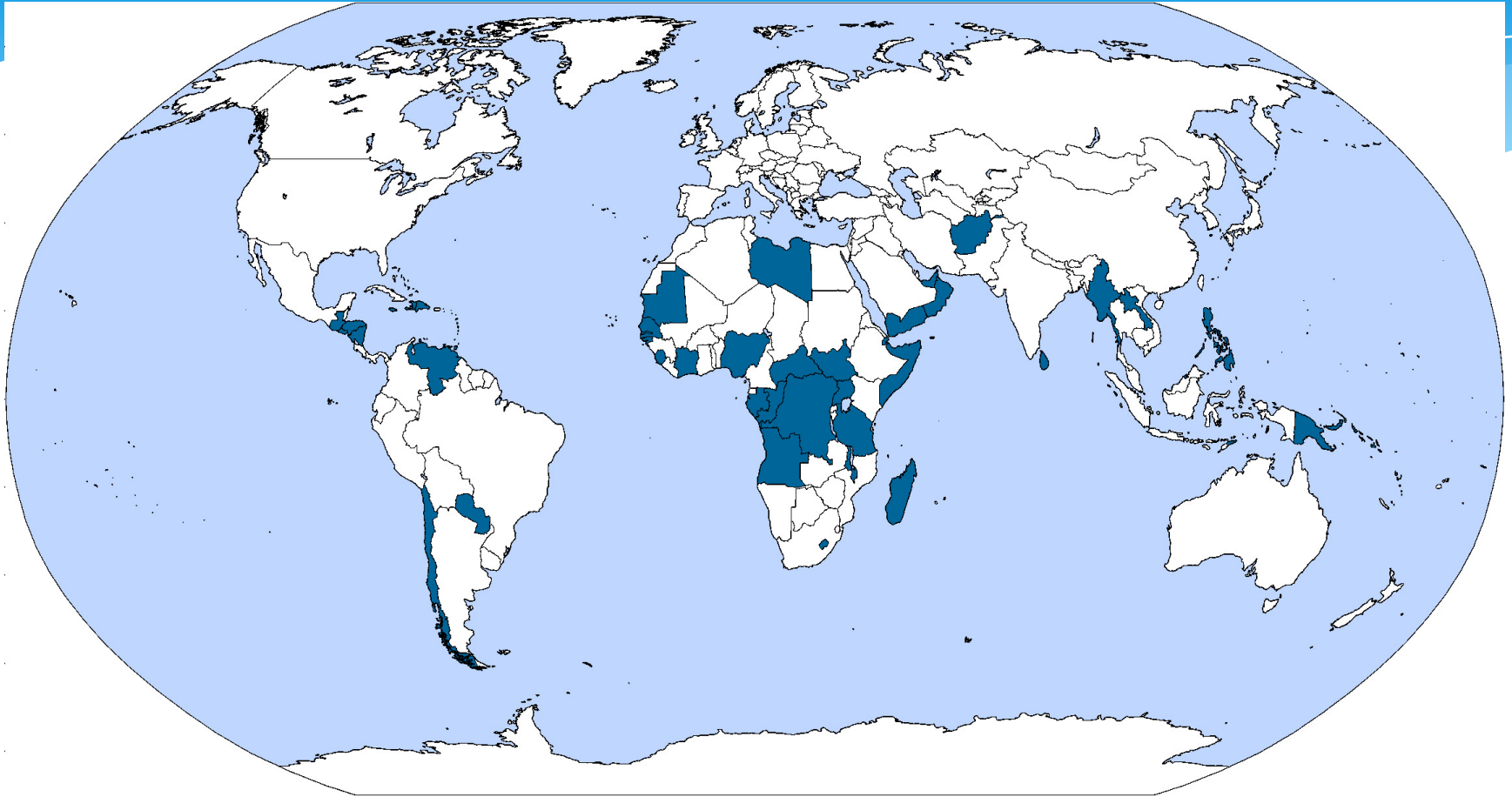
- Western Europe (16),
- Eastern Europe (former communist states) (17),
- Former Soviet republics (17),
- Other developed nations in North America, Asia, and Australia/Oceania (11), and
- Developing nations (17).

# Poland (1955-2015): 6,293,000 Abortions



**Abortions fell dramatically when Poland highly restricted abortion.**

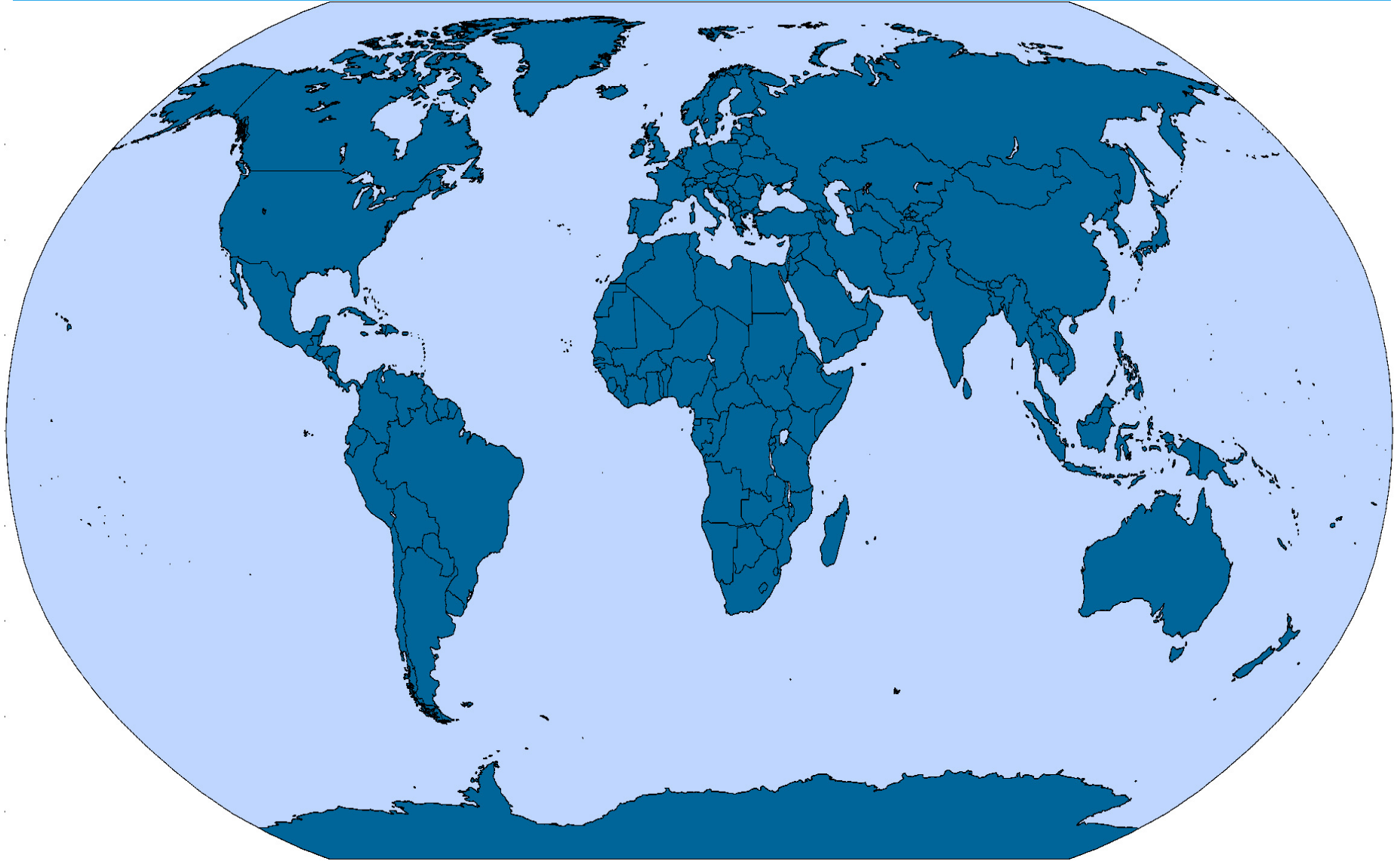
## 60 Nations Prohibit Abortion Currently



**Majority Religious Identification of 60 Nations Prohibiting Abortion**

Region/Group	Christian (42)	Mixed Christian & Muslim (3)	Muslim (12)	Buddhist (3)
<b>Africa (22)</b>	12	3	7	
<b>Americas &amp; the Caribbean (15)</b>	15			
<b>Asia (10)</b>	2		5	3
<b>Europe (3)</b>	3			
<b>Oceania (10)</b>	10			

# A Vision for the Future: Every Nation Protecting Human Life



# **Abortion is the Greatest Genocide!**

## **Now what can we do?**

**Thomas Jefferson, 4<sup>th</sup> President of the United States:**

**“God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?”**

**U.S. President Abraham Lincoln (1863 A.D.) said:**

**“Whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord;**

**“(W)e know that by His divine law nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world ... But we have forgotten God.”**

# Specific Recommendations

**Governments** who prohibit abortion: keep standing your ground!

**Governments** that partly or fully authorized abortion: change your policy to protect life.

**Clergy:** Be courageous, preach every year, minister to post-abortive women and men.

**Churches and synagogues:** Uphold the truth, support, educate ... help and minister to girls and women in crisis pregnancies, and minister to post-abortive women and men.

**Couples:** Be faithful to each other, cherish and protect every child from conception

**Individuals:** Fear and love God. Love people. Cherish life. Live purely. Encourage ...

## Final words from Two Heads of State

**“Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones are formed in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things.”**

**– King Solomon (Ecclesiastes 11:5) –**

**“Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother’s womb. I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Thy works, and my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from Thee, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth. Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Thy book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.”**

**– King David (Psalm 139:13-16) –**

**“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27).**

## **Authors’ Worldview and Research Approach**

- **Judeo-Christian understanding of the sanctity of human life**
- **Careful tracking of reported data**
- **Well-bounded estimates based on reported data**
- **No speculative estimates**
- **Unreported and most illegal abortions not accounted for**

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# General Recommendations

- ◆ Restore a true understanding of the sanctity of human life
- ◆ Restore civil government to its true and honorable purpose of protecting human life
- ◆ Restore the right purpose of law in protecting human life
- ◆ Restore the Divine foundation for human rights, and life as the foremost human right
  
- ◆ Restore honesty, integrity, and respect to discussions, debates, and research regarding the sanctity of human life, abortion, the breadth of human rights, and the purpose and role of civil government and law.
- ◆ Restrict abortions in every way possible that reduces the number of children aborted.
- ◆ End abortion for all reasons except to save the life of the mother.
- ◆ Restore each community, city, state, and nation as a culture of life.