



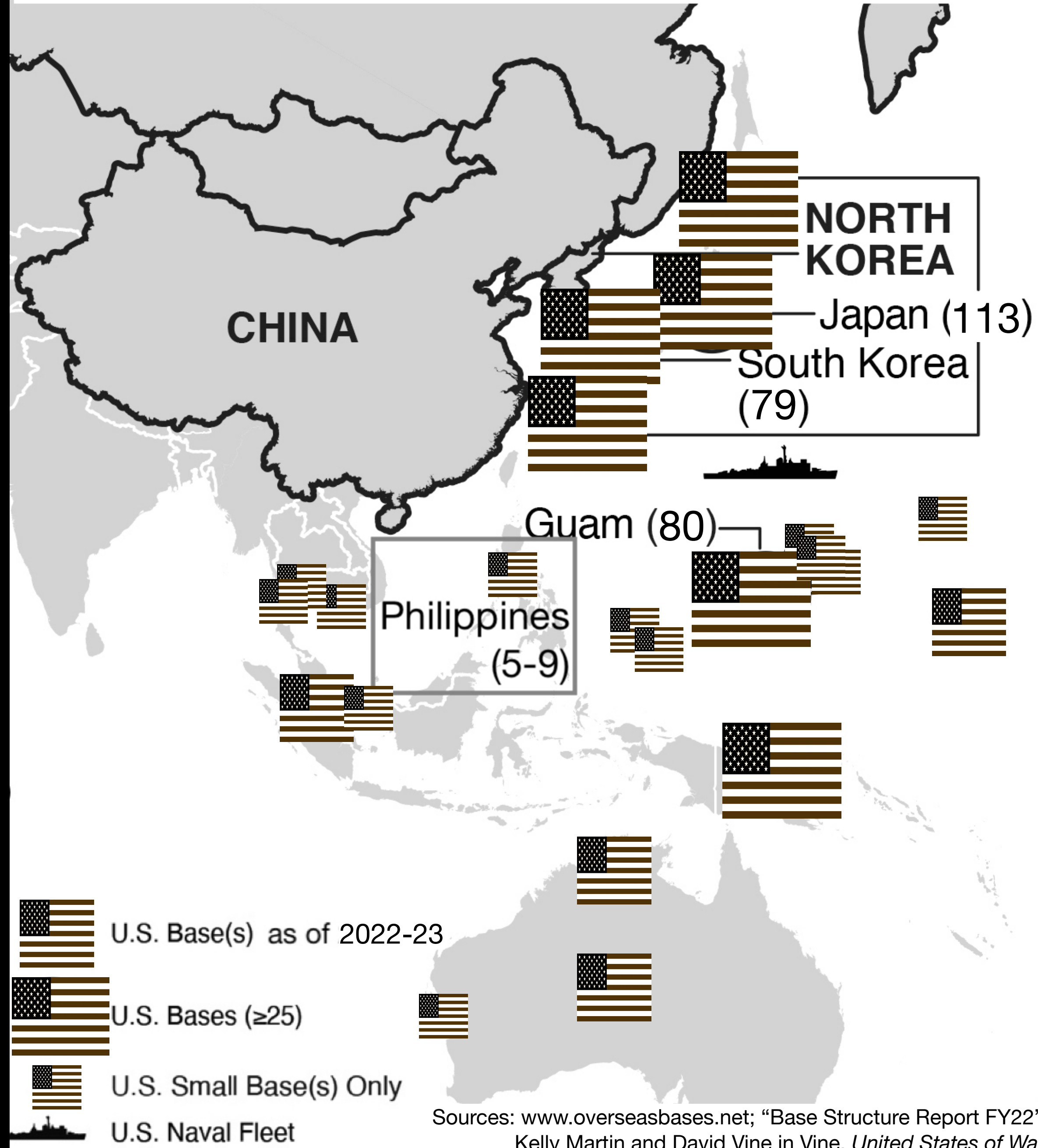
BASE NATION

HOW U.S. MILITARY BASES
ABROAD HARM AMERICA
AND THE WORLD

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US Military Bases in East Asia



Sources: www.overseasbases.net; "Base Structure Report FY22"; Kelly Martin and David Vine in Vine, *United States of War*.

Why New US Military Bases in the Philippines Are a Bad Idea

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[US BASES IN ASIA MAP IMAGE](#)

What Happened?

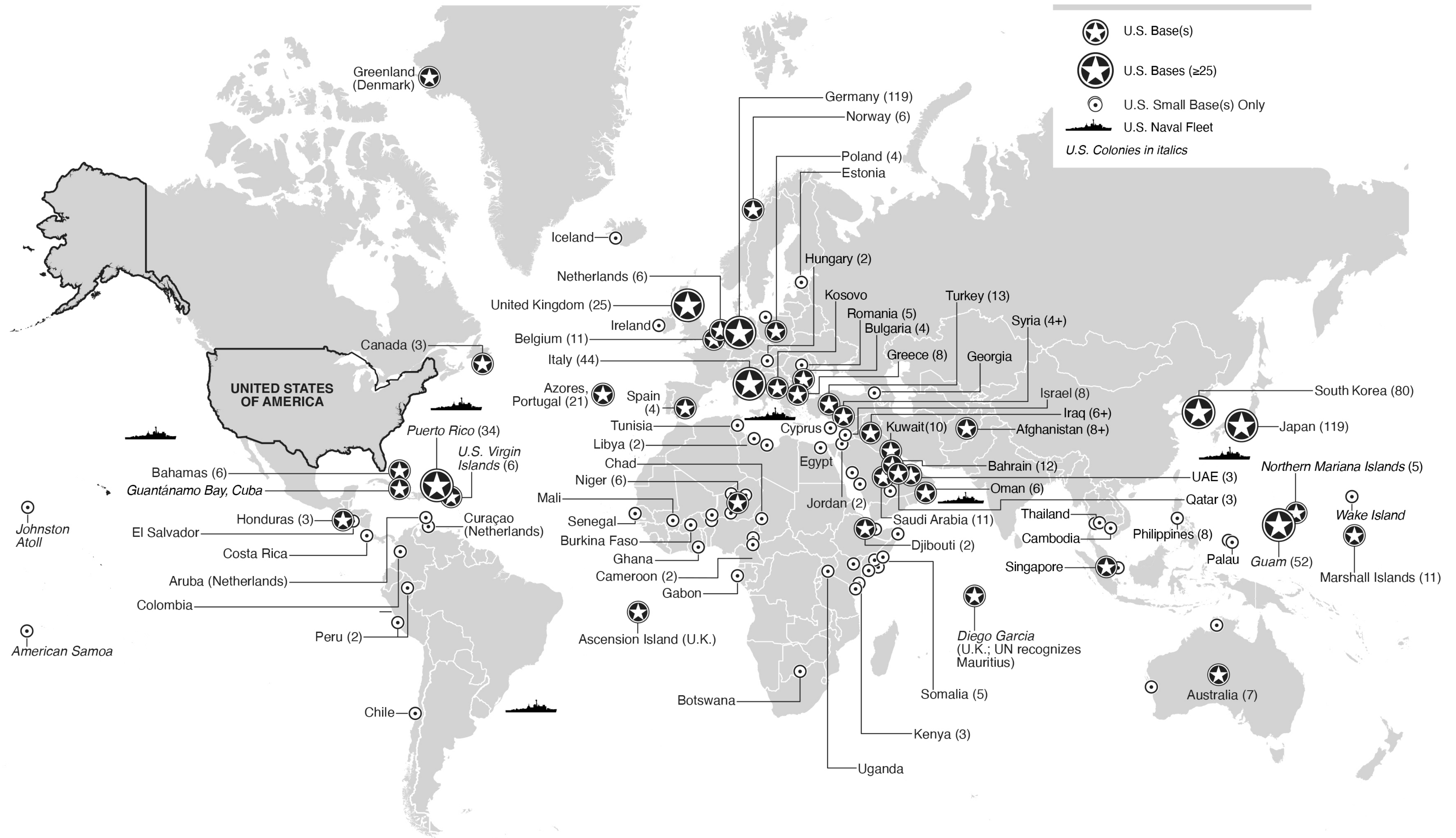
- On February 1, the governments of the United States and the Philippines announced the US military will have access to four new military bases in the Philippines as part of an “Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement” signed in 2014.
- Five bases that already host US troops will see \$82 million in infrastructure spending.
- Most of the new bases are likely to be in the northern Philippines close to China, Taiwan, and East Asian waters that have been the subject of growing regional disputes.

The US Already Has Too Many Bases in Asia

- There are already at least 313 US military base sites in East Asia, according to the Pentagon’s most recent list, including in Japan, South Korea, Guam, and Australia.

U.S. Military Bases Abroad, 2020

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Map by Kelly Martin / kmartindesign.com for David Vine, *The United States of War: A Global History of America's Endless Conflicts, from Columbus to the Islamic State* (University of California Press, 2020).

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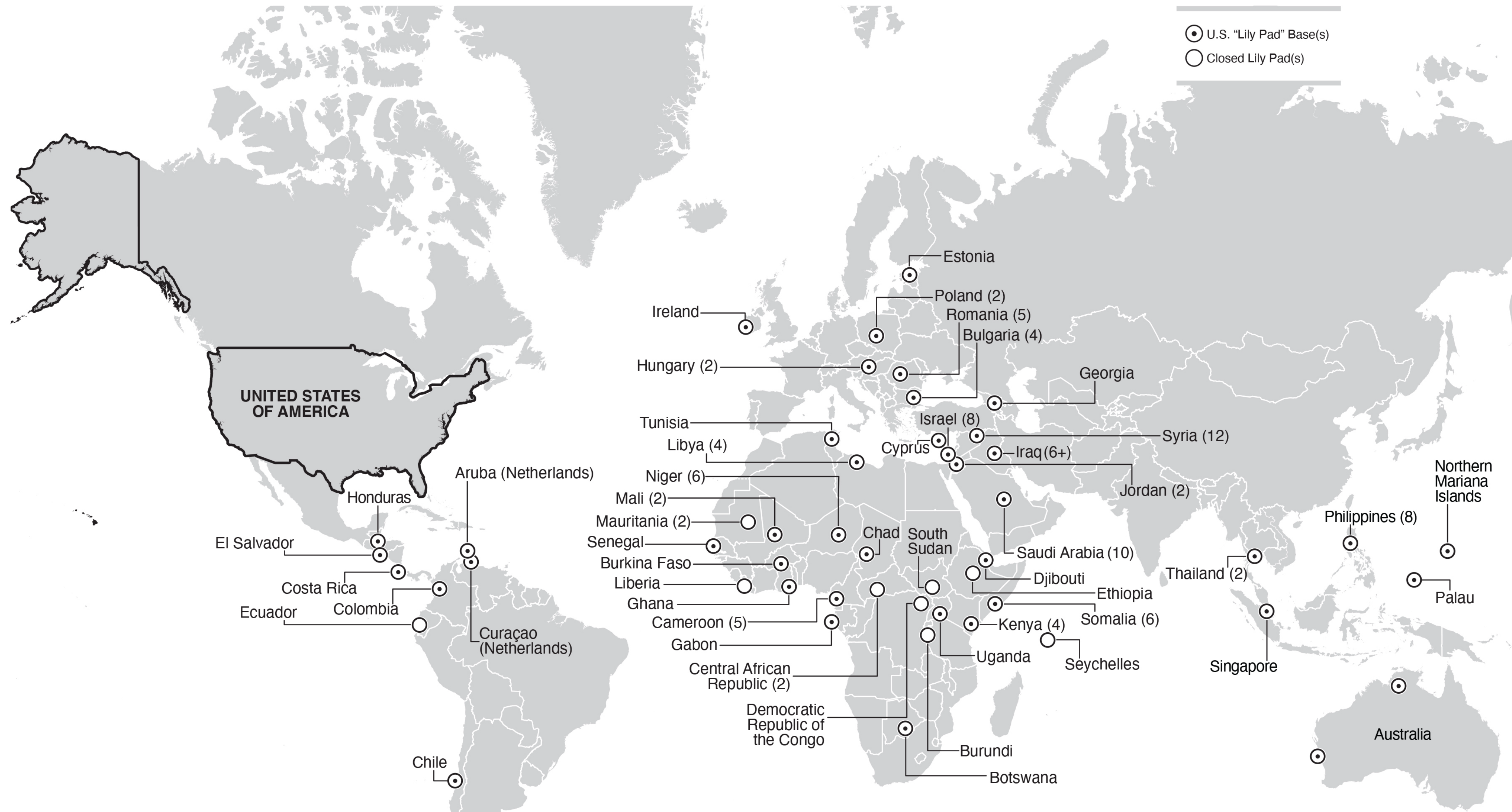
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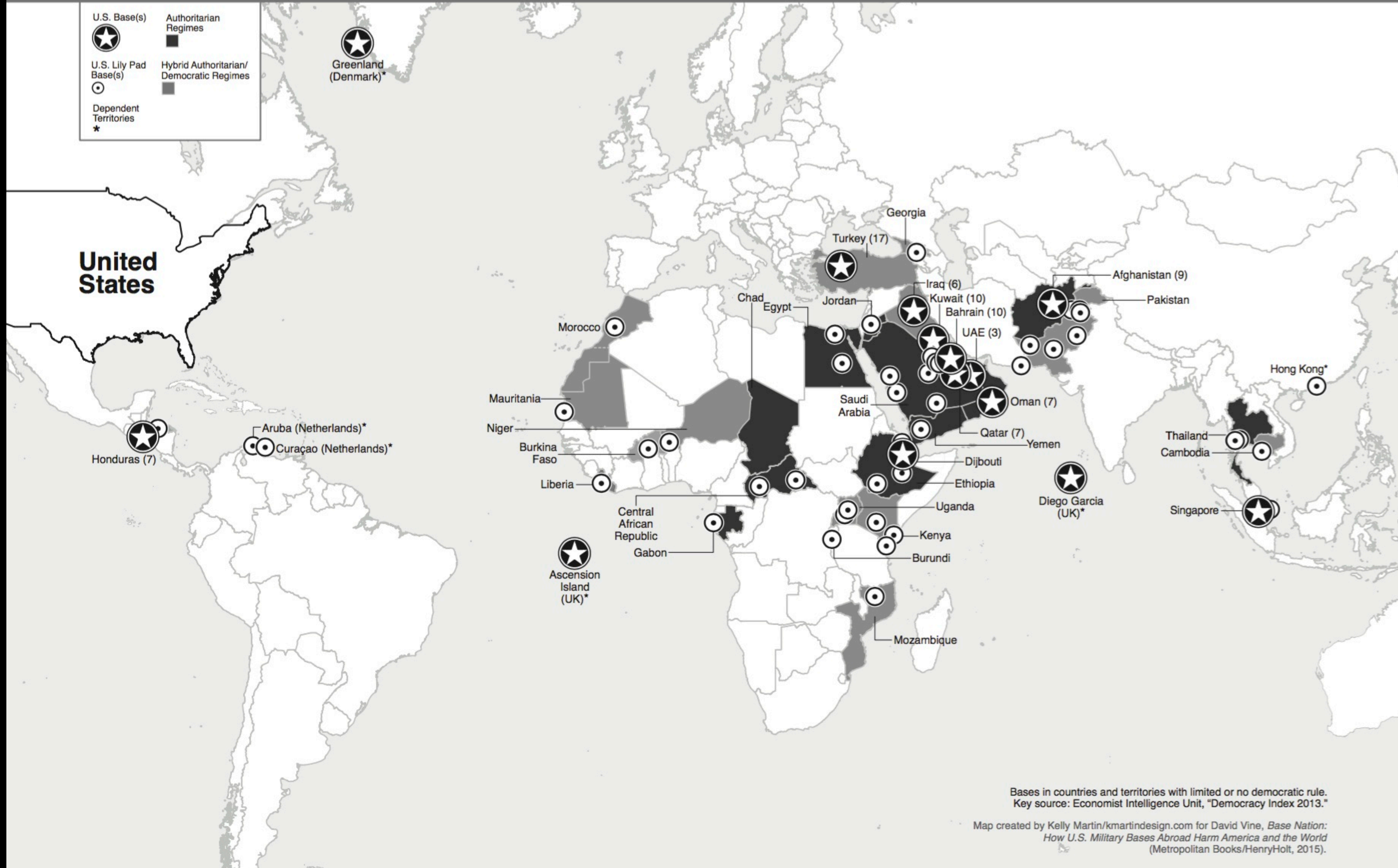
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The Global Proliferation of “Lily-Pad” Bases

Map depicts small lily-pad bases (“cooperative security locations”) built since around 2000. Given lily pads’ secrecy, many more may exist. At closed bases, U.S. forces may retain access rights. For ease of comparison we use contemporary borders and a Mercator projection.



SPREADING DEMOCRACY?

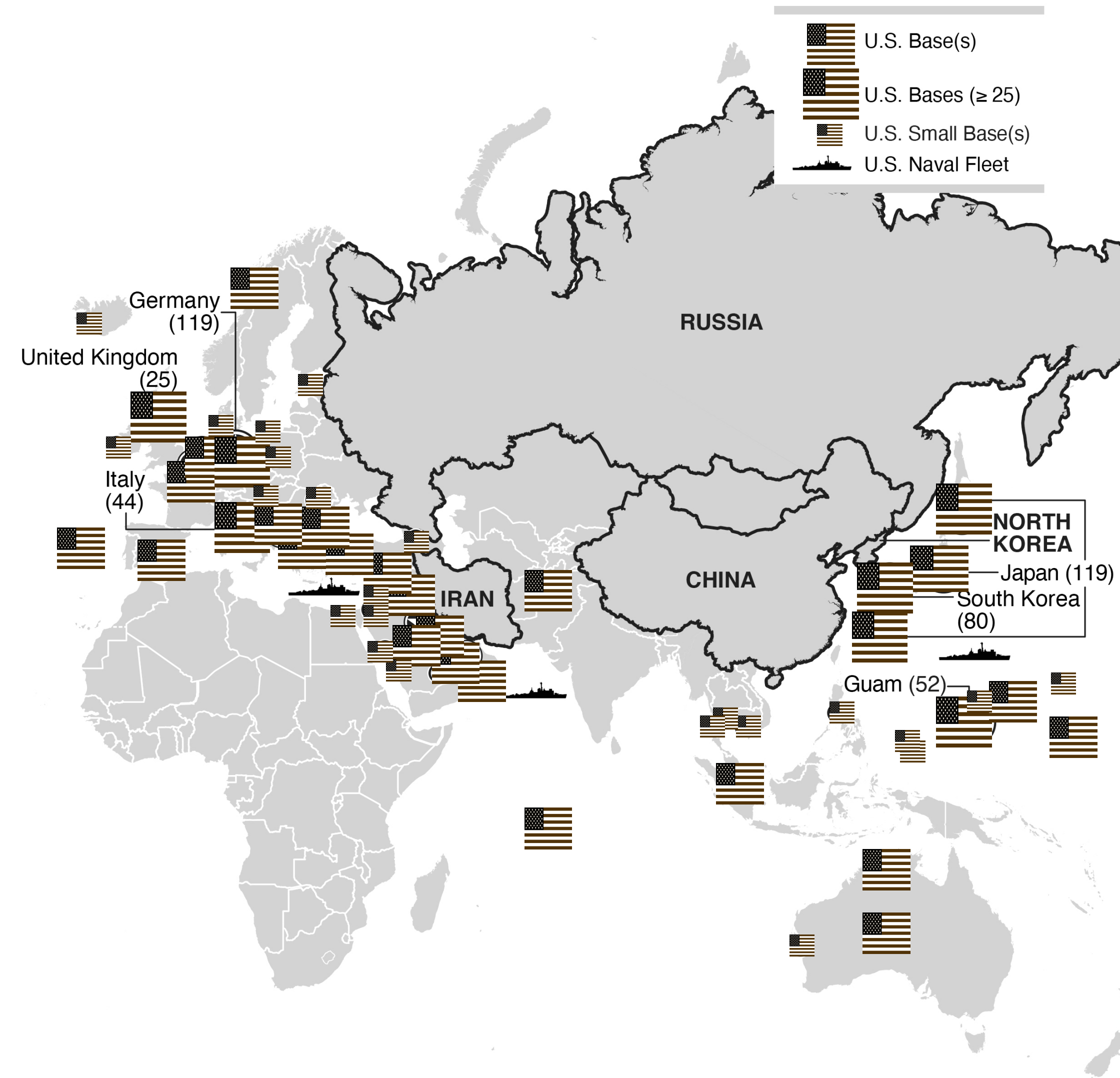


Bases in countries and territories with limited or no democratic rule.
Key source: Economist Intelligence Unit, "Democracy Index 2013."

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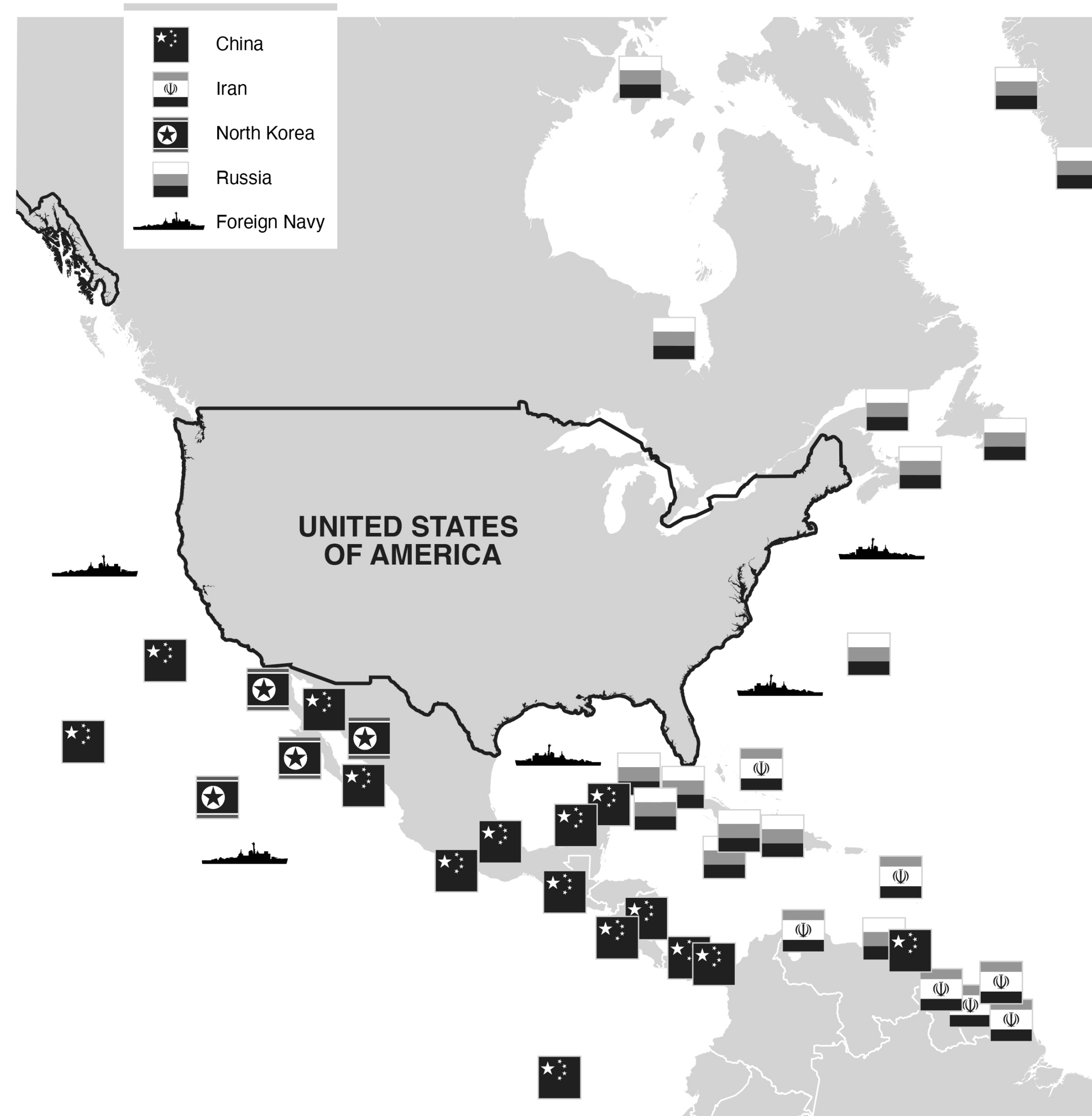
Encircling “Enemies”

Hundreds of U.S. military bases surround China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea. Tens of thousands of U.S. troops occupy these bases, with large supplies of high-powered weaponry, including nuclear arms. Few in the U.S. consider how they would feel if surrounded by foreign bases designed to wage war against the United States.



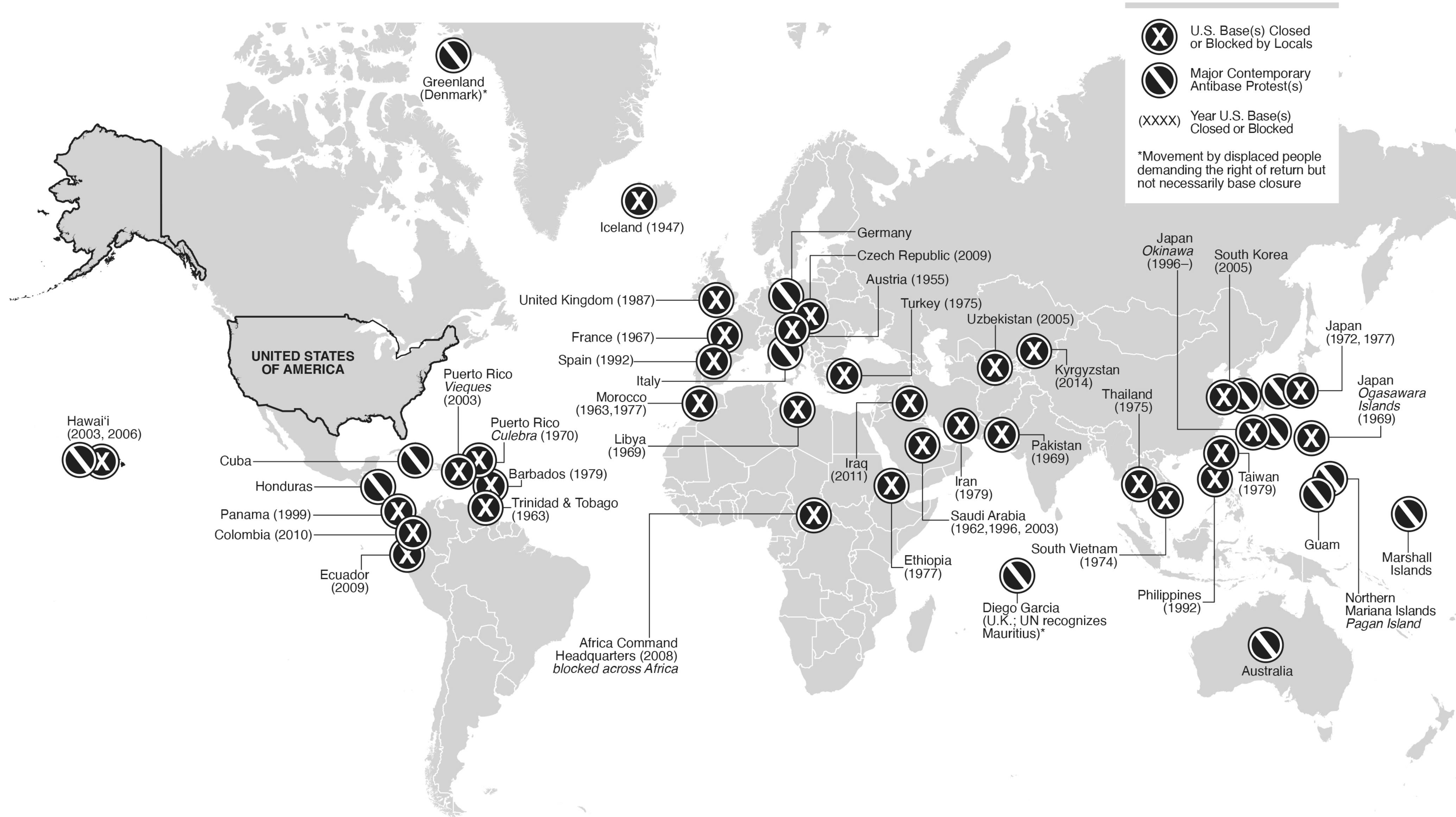
How Would We Feel? A Hypothetical Map

The Chinese, Iranian, North Korean, and Russian military bases shown here do not exist. This map is meant to encourage U.S. Americans in particular to consider how we would feel—and how we might react—if we were surrounded by foreign bases near our borders in the way that hundreds of U.S. bases and tens of thousands of U.S. troops actually surround China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea.



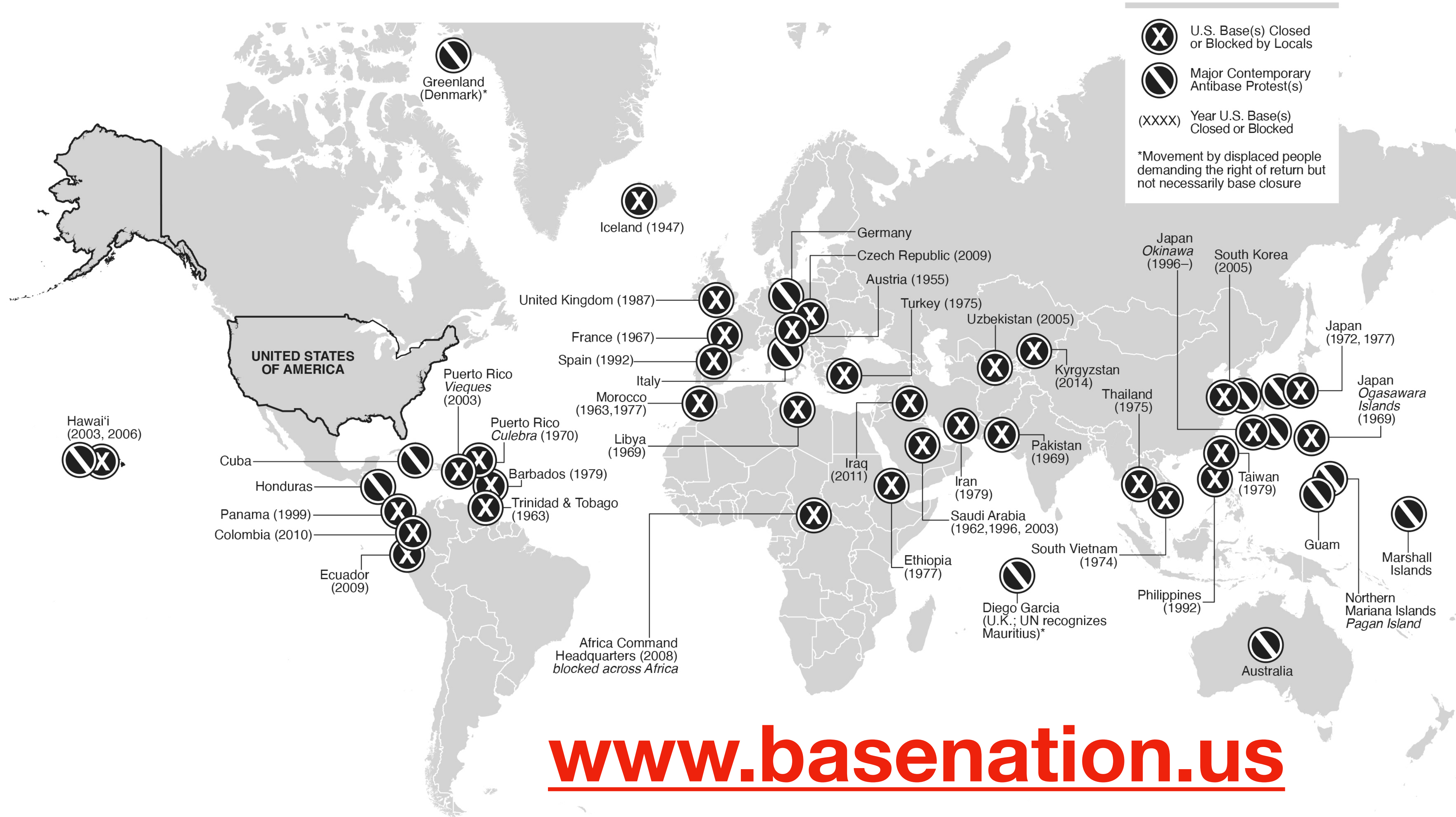
Protests and Evictions at U.S. Bases Abroad, 1950–2020

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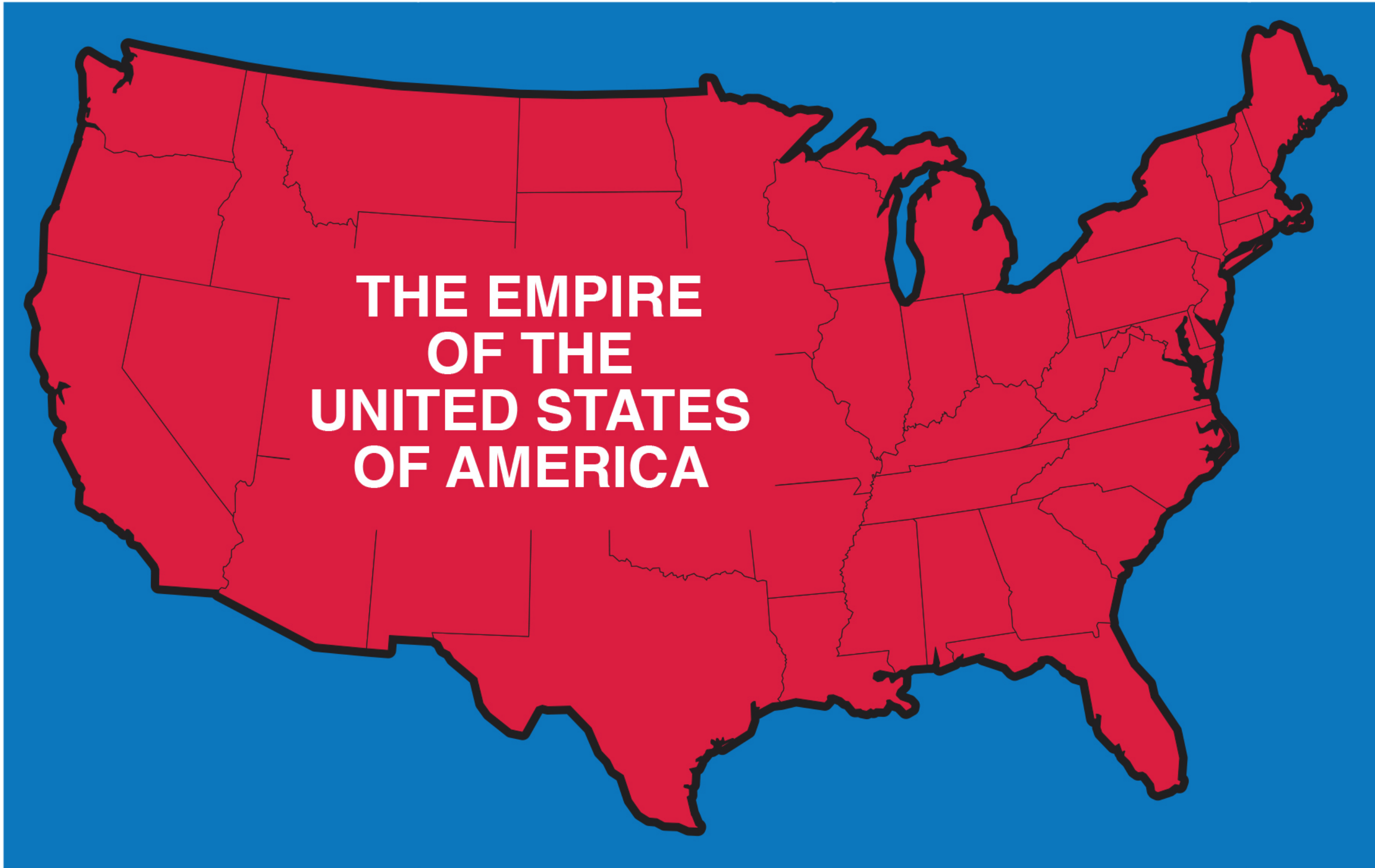
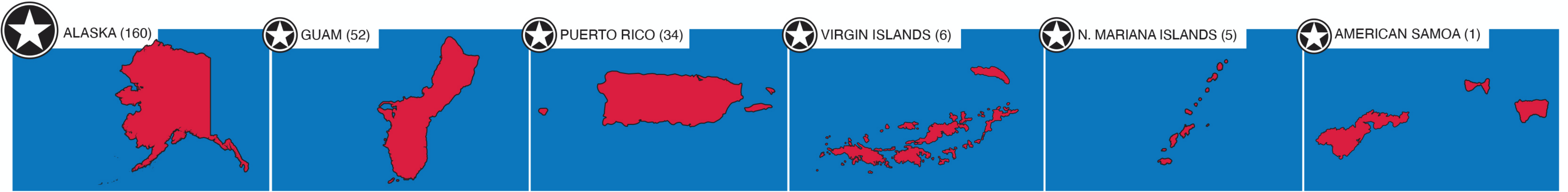
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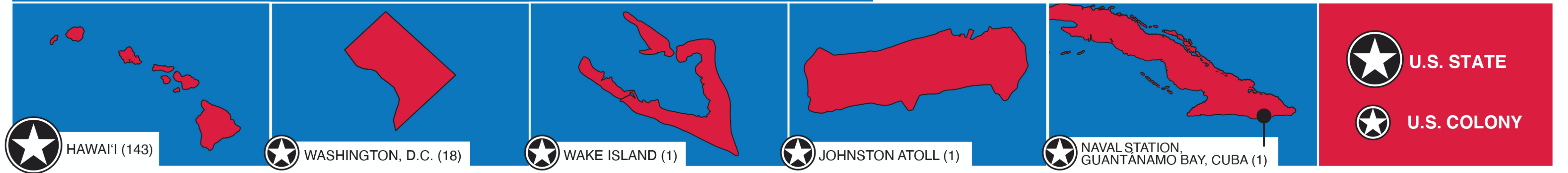
**Social Movements
Related to
US Foreign Military Bases
Crowdsourced List**

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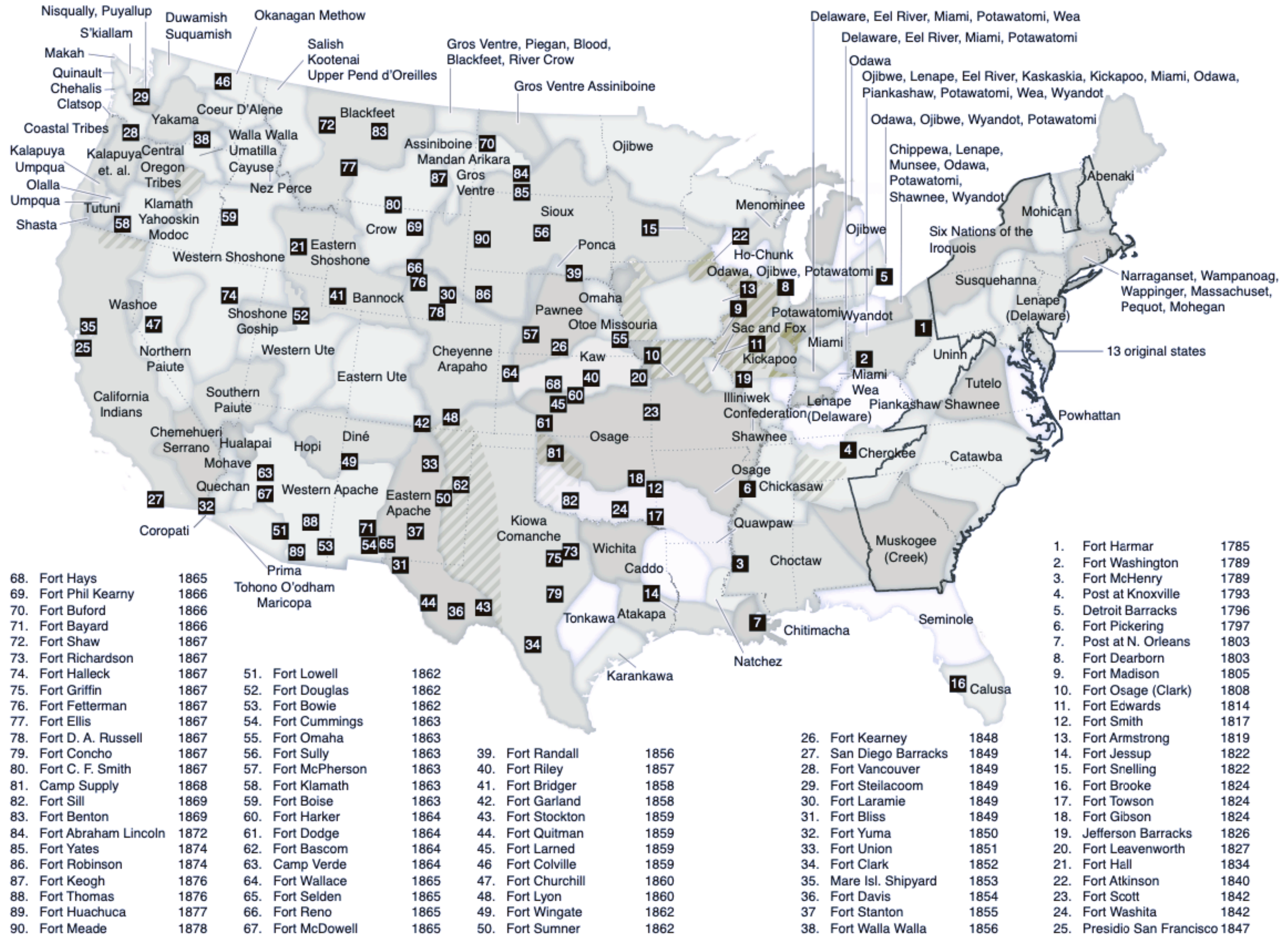


U.S. military base sites in (). Base sites in continental 48 states = 3,829. Land areas not to scale.

- Germany (119) • Japan (119) • South Korea (80) • Italy (44) •
- United Kingdom (25) • Portugal (21) • Turkey (13) • Bahrain (12) •
- Belgium (11) • Marshall Islands (11) • Saudi Arabia (11) • Kuwait (10) •
- Afghanistan (8+) • Greece (8) • Israel (8) • Philippines (8) •
- Australia (7) • Bahamas (6) • Iraq (6+) • Netherlands (6) • Norway (6) •
- Oman (6) • Niger (6) • Romania (5) • Somalia (5) • Bulgaria (4) •
- Poland (4) • Spain (4) • Syria (4+) • Canada (3) • Honduras (3) •
- Kenya (3) • Qatar (3) • United Arab Emirates (3) • Cameroon (2) •
- Djibouti (2) • Hungary (2) • Jordan (2) • Libya (2) • Palau (2) •
- Peru (2) • Singapore (2) • Thailand (2) • Aruba (Netherlands) (1) •
- Ascension Island (U.K.) (1) • Botswana (1) • Burkina Faso (1) •
- Cambodia (1) • Chad (1) • Chile (1) • Colombia (1) • Costa Rica (1) •
- Curaçao (Netherlands) (1) • Cyprus (1) • Diego Garcia (U.K.) (1) •
- Egypt (1) • El Salvador (1) • Estonia (1) • Gabon (1) • Georgia (1) •
- Ghana (1) • Greenland (Denmark) (1) • Iceland (1) • Ireland (1) •
- Kosovo (1) • Mali (1) • Senegal (1) • Tunisia (1) • Uganda (1)



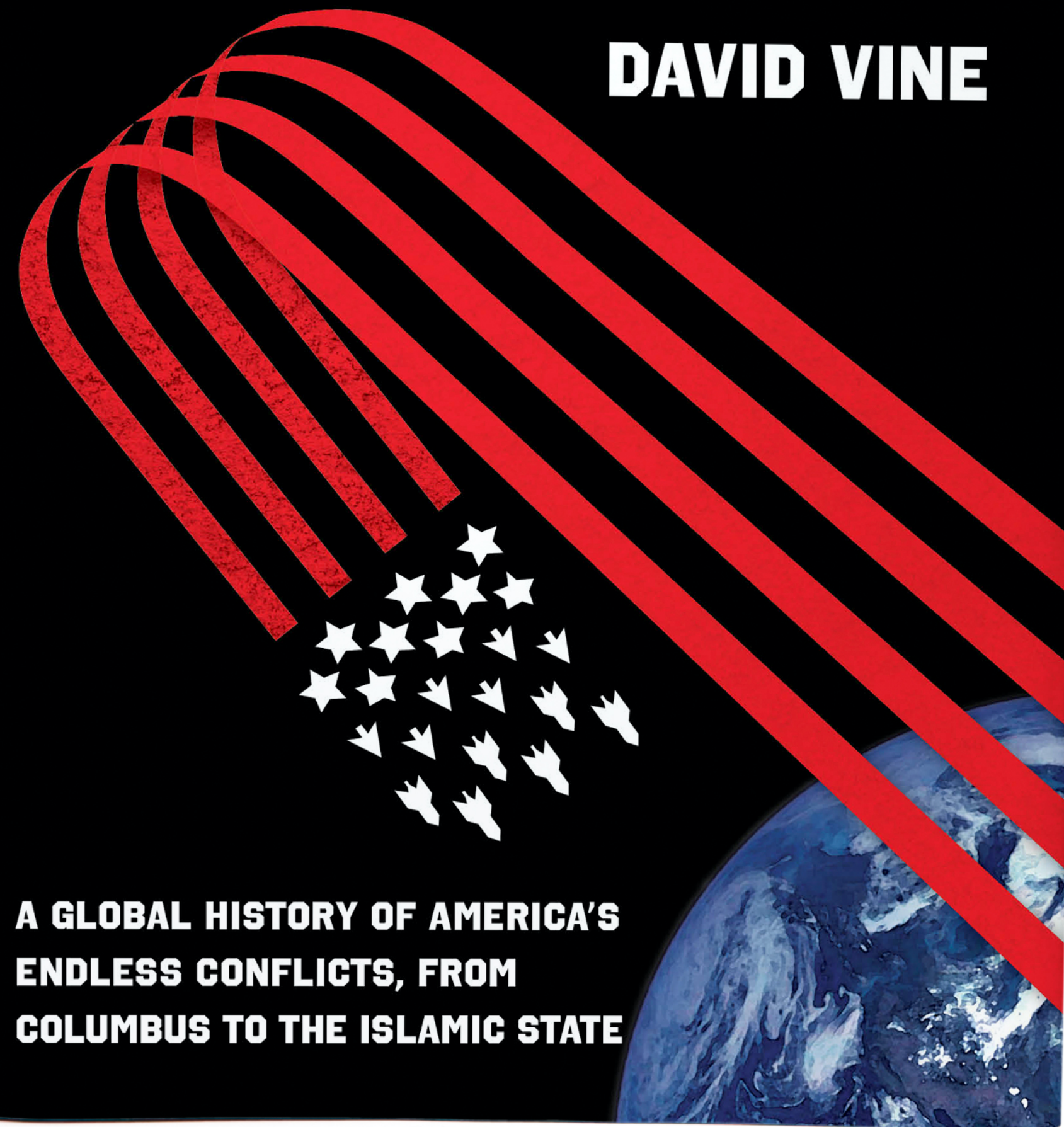
Indigenous Lands and Early U.S. Bases Abroad



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