

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form **a more perfect Union**, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Preamble to the U.S. Constitution

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS 2/14/1920-...

WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF WOMEN TO CREATE
A MORE PERFECT DEMOCRACY.

THAT'S BEEN OUR VISION SINCE 1920, WHEN THE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WAS FOUNDED BY
LEADERS OF THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

RECENT!!

- 1776-1920 = 144 years 1920-1925 = 105 years
- 1920 Census found 10,946 people aged 105 or older in 2020!
- Bonita Gibson DOB 7/4/1911 lives in Michigan

June 4, 1919-June 10, 2025

- 5/21/1919 House – 304-89
- 6/4/1919 Senate – 56-25-14
- It had taken 5 votes and opponents giving up on a filibuster!
- June 10, 1919 – Michigan and 2 other states ratified the 19th Amendment
- Anniversary is today

“It at last became more expedient for those
in control of the Government to aid suffrage
than to oppose”

Alice Paul

League of Women Voters Goals

- Expanding Voter Access
- Educating Voters – see VOTE411 (amazing Resource!)
- Increasing Voter Registration
- Fighting Voter Suppression
- Fair Redistricting
- Fair Census-taking

LWV History (cont.)

FOR 100 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN A
NONPARTISAN, **ACTIVIST**, GRASSROOTS
ORGANIZATION THAT BELIEVES VOTERS
SHOULD PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN
DEMOCRACY.

HIGHER VOTER TURNOUT AMONG WOMEN

- In the 12 Presidential elections back to 1980, voter turnout among women averaged 2.7% higher than among men.*
- Example - 1996, 59.6% of eligible female voters voted and 57.0% of male voters
- That Gap has grown (not just a Trump phenomenon)
- In the last 6 elections (back thru 2004), the average turnout gap was 3.65%
- Gap is there (but smaller) for off-year elections:
 - Average higher turnout of 1.2% for last 12 off-year elections

*Stats are from Center for American Women and Politics

On Foreign Affairs Challenges

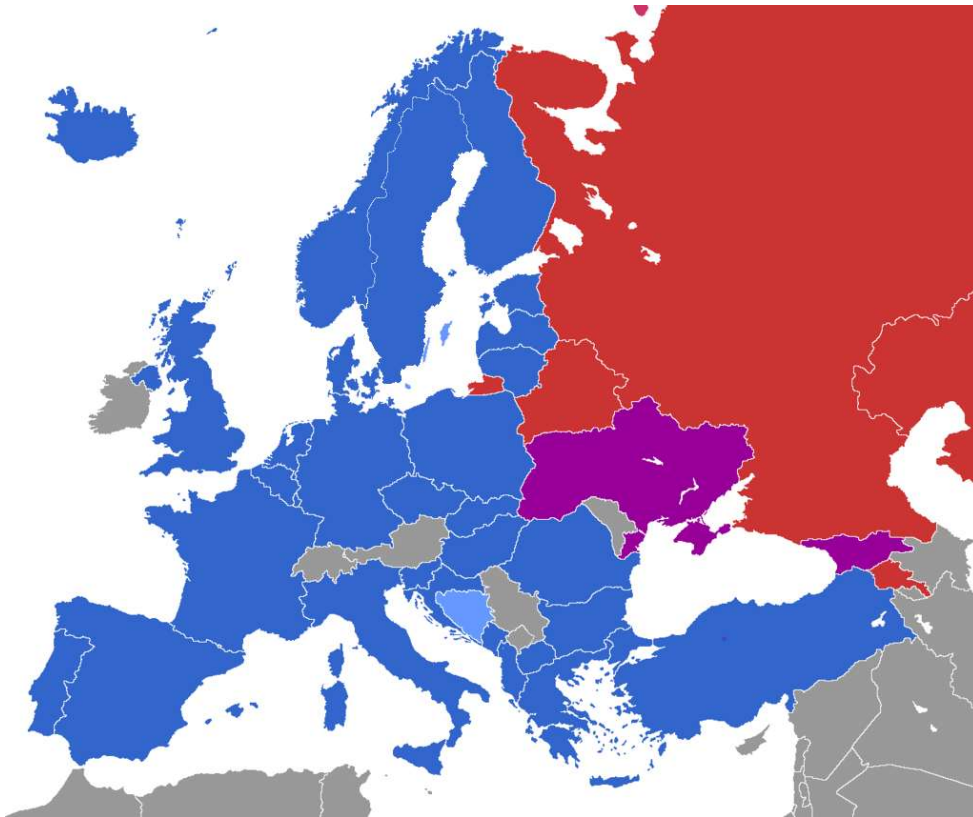
How Are Things Going?



The Americas

- Progress or Regression?
- With Canada & Mexico?
- With Central America?
 - With the Caribbean?
- With South America?
 - Migration Issues?





UKRAINE WAR

- Mildly encouraged?
- Europe stepping up?

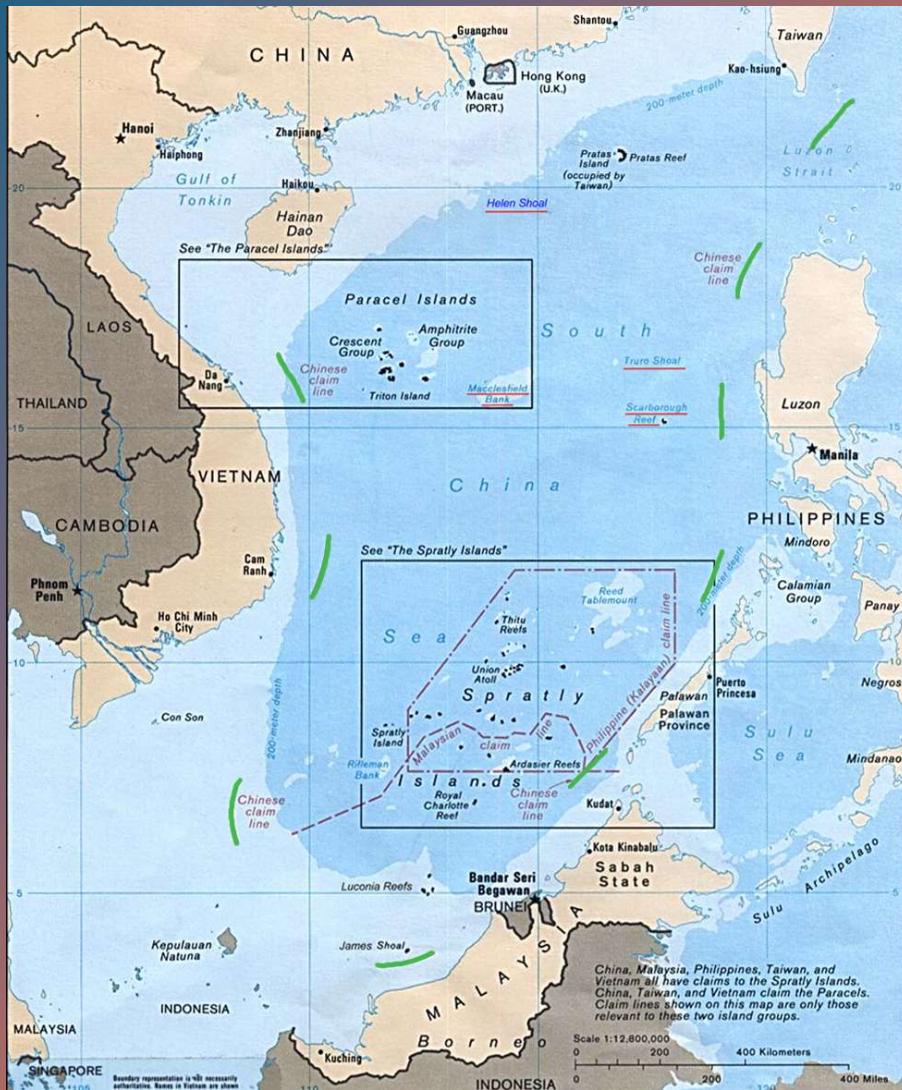


Europe Energy Dependence?

- TBD

SOUTH CHINA SEA

- CONCERNED





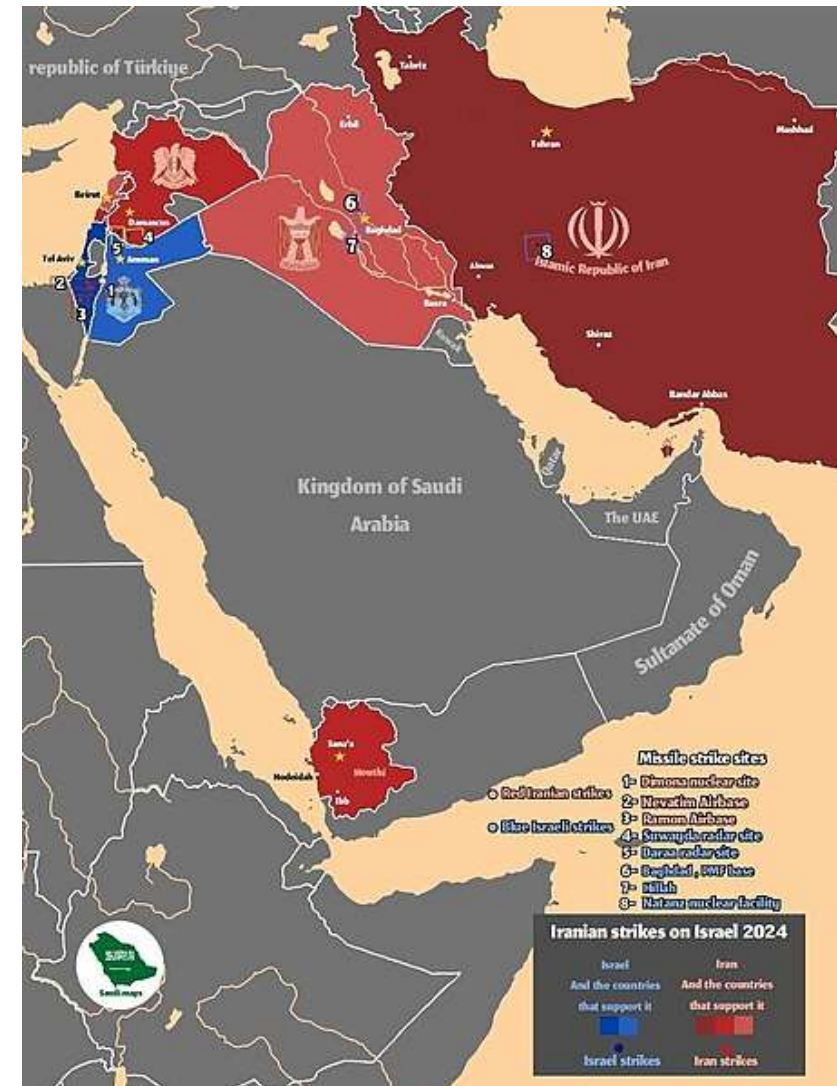
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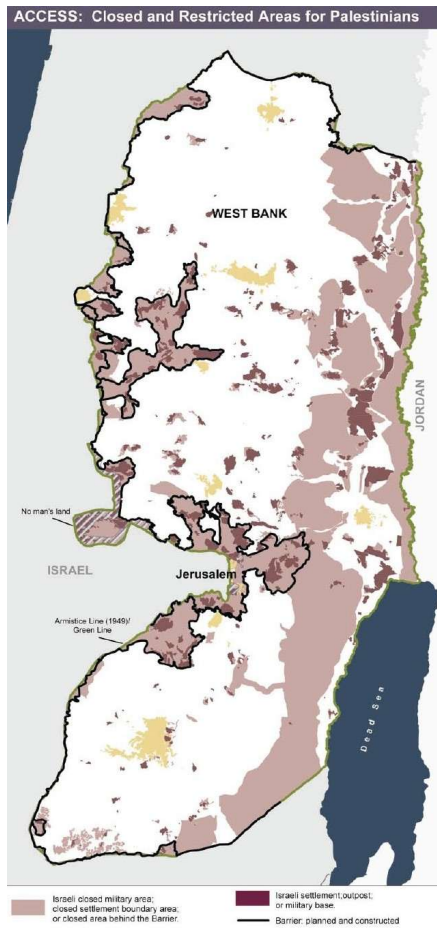
GAZA - SUFFERING

ISRAEL & NEIGHBORS – LITTLE CHANGE

YEMEN – NO BETTER

IRAN - ????





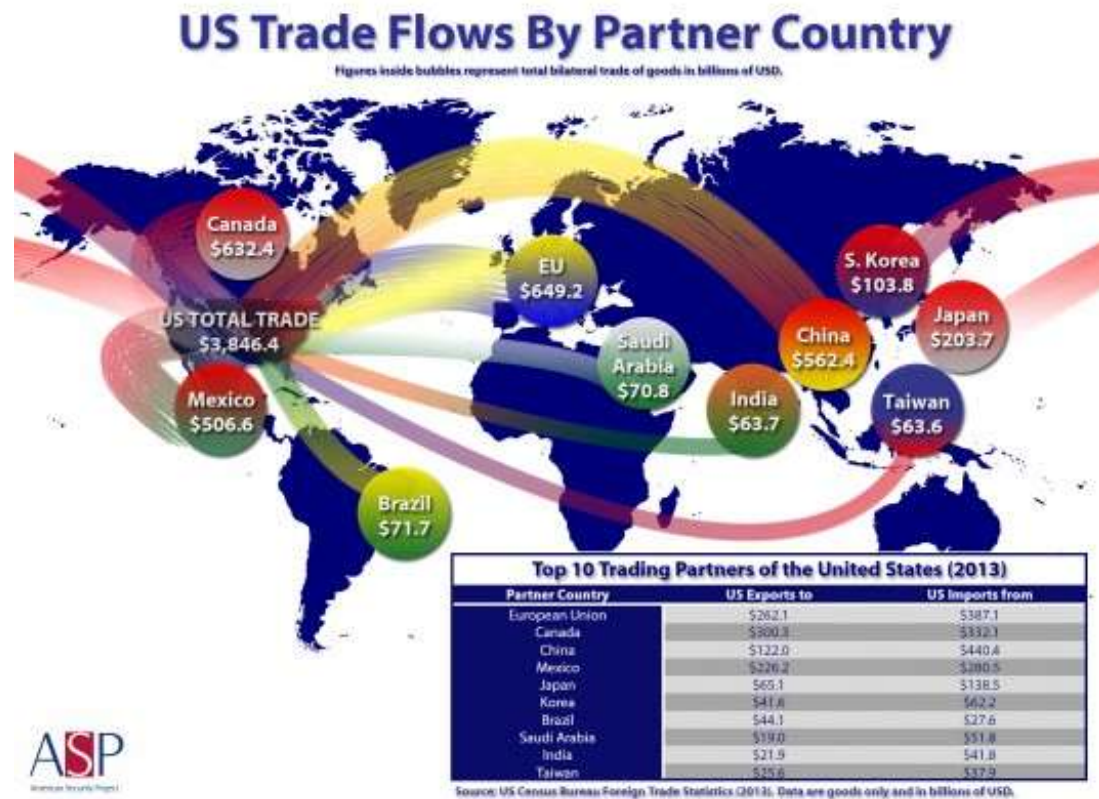
WEST BANK

- NO POLICY CHANGE EXPECTED

TRADE

TRAINWRECK

For now, trade policy seems to be the greatest threat on the foreign policy front. Not making friends at all and losing influence by the day.



Sonnet

“The poet, Phillip Whidden, is an American who has lived abroad in several countries and who currently lives in England”

Women Have a Dream

A woman takes a seat inside a bus —
And she's arrested for that black stain
crime.

ROSA PARKS



She lives where “colored” people cause a fuss

TYE LEUNG
SCHULZE



If they take actions towards a noble
time

When everyone can vote — and not
just men —

When even black men have the right
to make

Their mark upon a ballot . . . and
then when

White women and black women
have a stake

Inside the dream America has
dreamed.

- Millennia went past when only rich
 - And Strong Men, lords, the richest could be deemed
 - To have the right to pull on power's switch.
 - The women of the world have fought this fact.
 - ***They show that changes come when women act.***
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- ~ *Phillip Whidden*

