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The World After Covid
Prospects, Dangers, Temptations

Lecture Seven

American and Un-American Populism

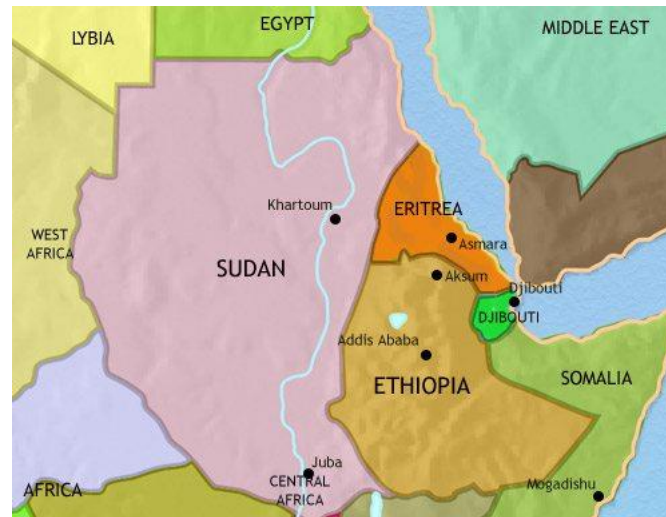
News of the (previous) week! A.Q. Khan (1936-2021). The Pakistani scientist contributed substantially to the sum of human misery. His life may be summed up in the phrase, Yes Nukes!



News of the week! Military coup in Sudan led by General Fattah-al Burhan, who sat on the military-civilian Sovereign Council set up to guide the country to democracy following the overthrow of Islamist dictator Omar al-Bashir two years ago



We talked about this region earlier in the course...



So, what is populism and how will it impact the world in the twenty-first century?



The *populares* of the Roman Republic included the Gracchi brothers, tribunes in 133-121 BCE, Gaius Marius, a seven-time consul who reformed the Roman army, and Catiline, who attempted to overthrow the Republic in 62 BCE. The fruit was ripening, for soon thereafter came Julius Caesar, Mark Antony, and Octavian
The image is of Cesare Maccari's fresco *Cicero Denounces Catiline* (1888)



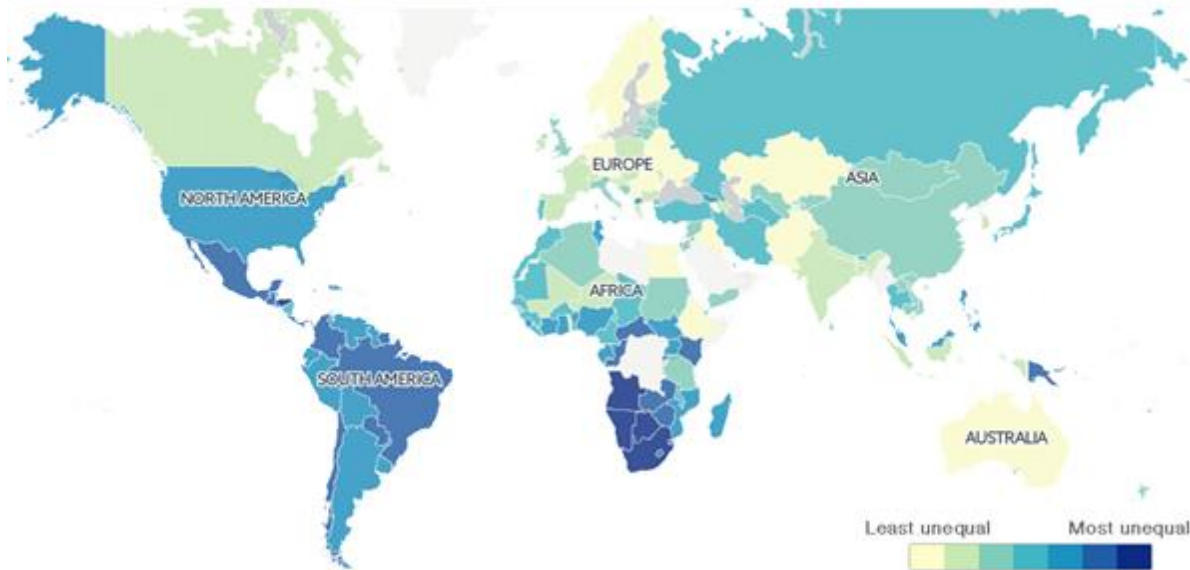
More news from a couple of weeks ago: President Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines announces that he is retiring from politics, clearing the way for his daughter Sara Duterte-Carpio, mayor of Davao, to stand in next May's election. Or maybe not...



Is the global populist wave subsiding?

The most unequal regions in the world

GINI index measure of inequality

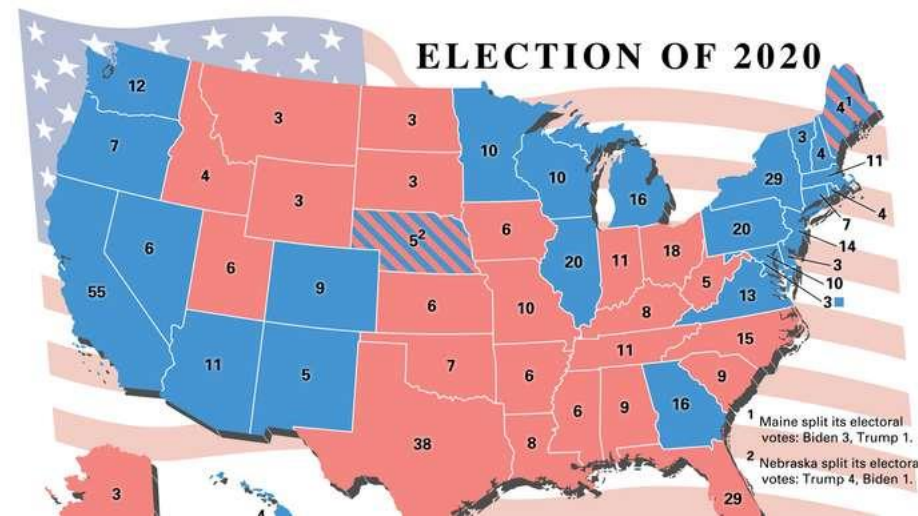


Source: GINI Index (World Bank estimate)

The results of Italy's regional elections, which took place between September 15 and October 15, courtesy of Wikipedia



The 2020 US presidential election: a watershed event or just another signpost on the uncertain road to the nation's unknowable future?



Before tracking the charismatics of the present and future, lets get the non-charismatics out of the way! Senators Tom Cotton, Ted Cruz and Josh Hawley, and former Vice-President Mike Pence for the Republicans...



...and Senators Cory Booker and Amy Klobuchar, and Governors Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico and J.B. Pritzker of Illinois for the Democrats



The John Edwards syndrome, promise, or curse



Vice-President Kamala Harris (D)



Stacy Abrams



Governor Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan



Pennsylvania Lieutenant-Governor John Fetterman



Former Congressman Beto O'Rourke (D)



Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, or ACO



Former Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley, here shown with one of the world's most prominent populist leaders, Indian prime minister Narendra Modi



Governor Ron DeSantis of Florida



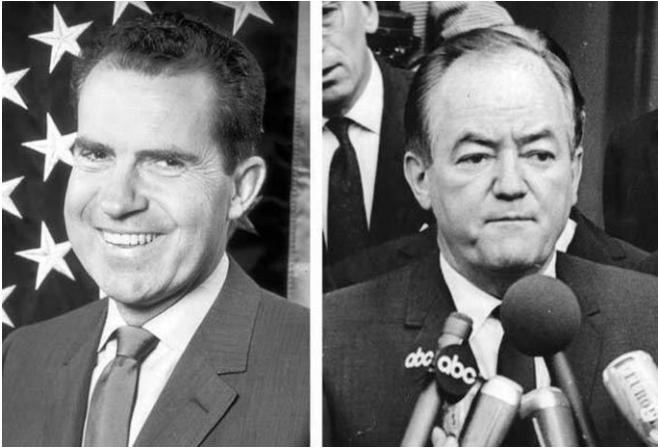
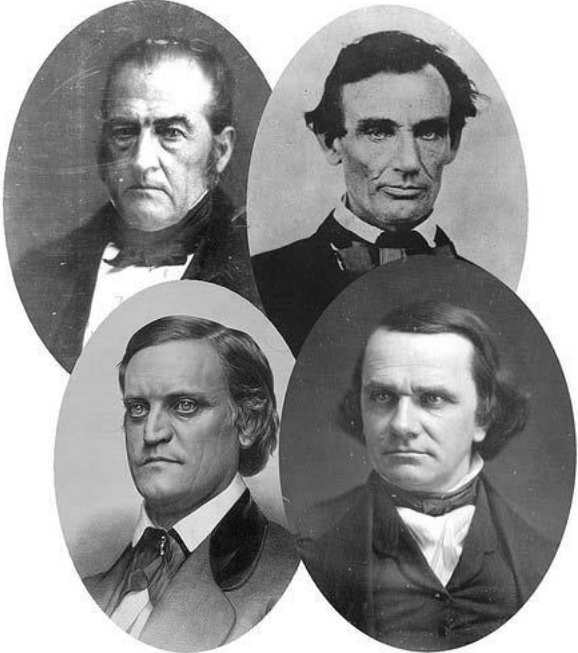
Senator Ben Sasse of Nebraska



Congressman Madison Cawthorn



On just three occasions in US presidential politics, the stranger of the two (or in the case of the 1860 election, four) candidates was elected to the White House



Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, or MBS, the de facto ruler of Saudi Arabia, is a charismatic populist



The city of Neom, or...



“A Vision in a Dream,” as in Samuel Coleridge

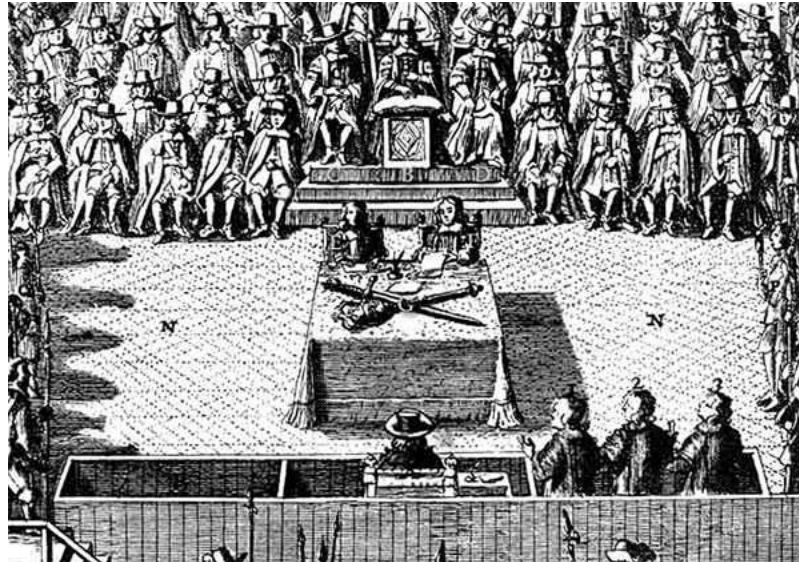
In Xanadu did Kubla Khan
A stately pleasure-dome decree:
Where Alph, the sacred river, ran
Through caverns measureless to man
Down to a sunless sea.

So twice five miles of fertile ground
With walls and towers were girdled round;
And there were gardens bright with sinuous rills,
Where blossomed many an incense-bearing tree;
And here were forests ancient as the hills,
Enfolding sunny spots of greenery.

The Riyadh Ritz Carlton where in November 2017 dozens of prominent Saudis were detained. This was a teaching moment for the kingdom's elites



The trial of King Charles I of England in 1649



The trial of King Louis XVI of France in 1792



The Moscow show trials of 1936-38



The Nuremberg trial



The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, which sat in 1993-2017



Journalist Jamal Khashoggi



Peter I Interrogating Tsarevich Aleksei at Peterhof by Nikolai Gé (1871)



Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

