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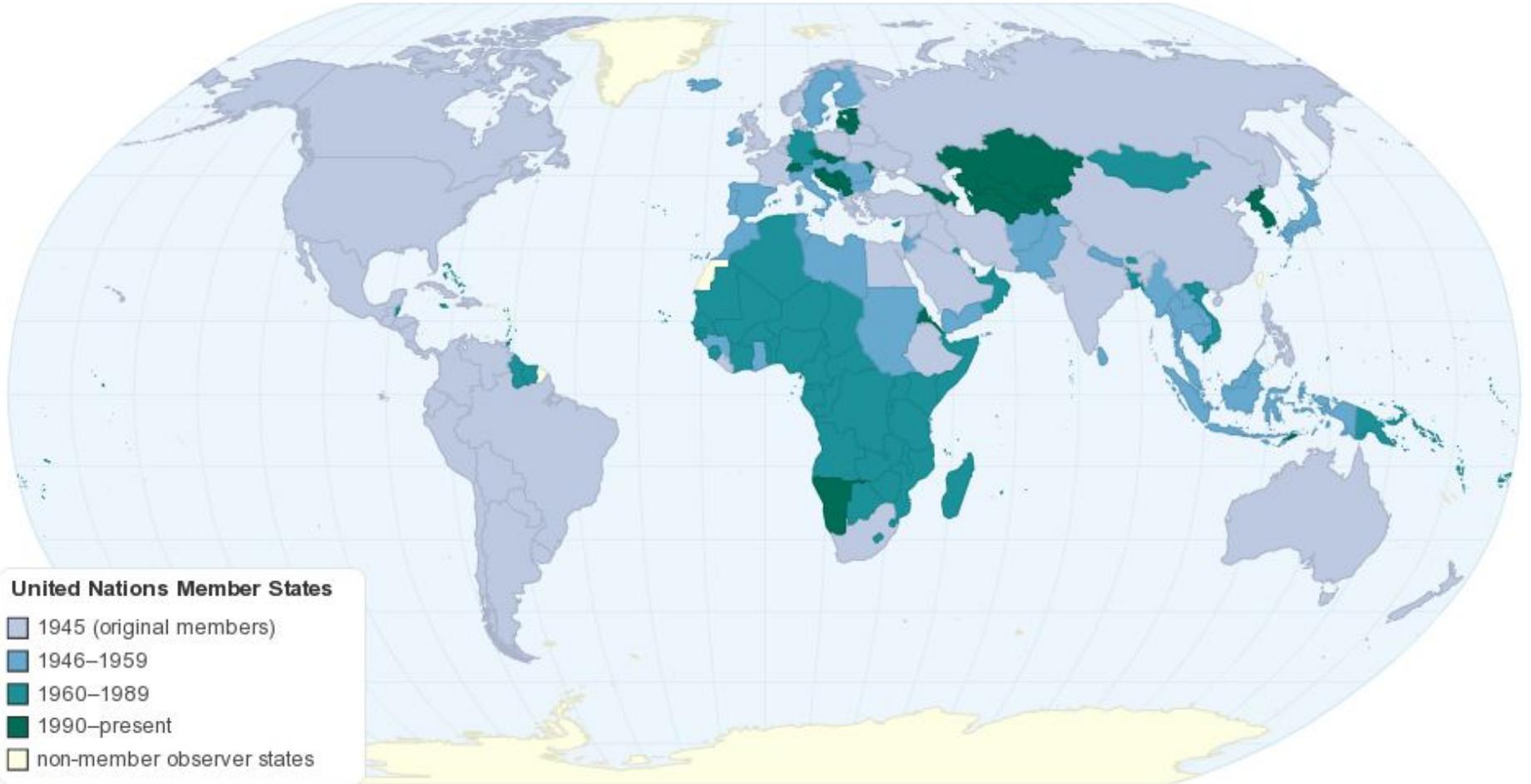
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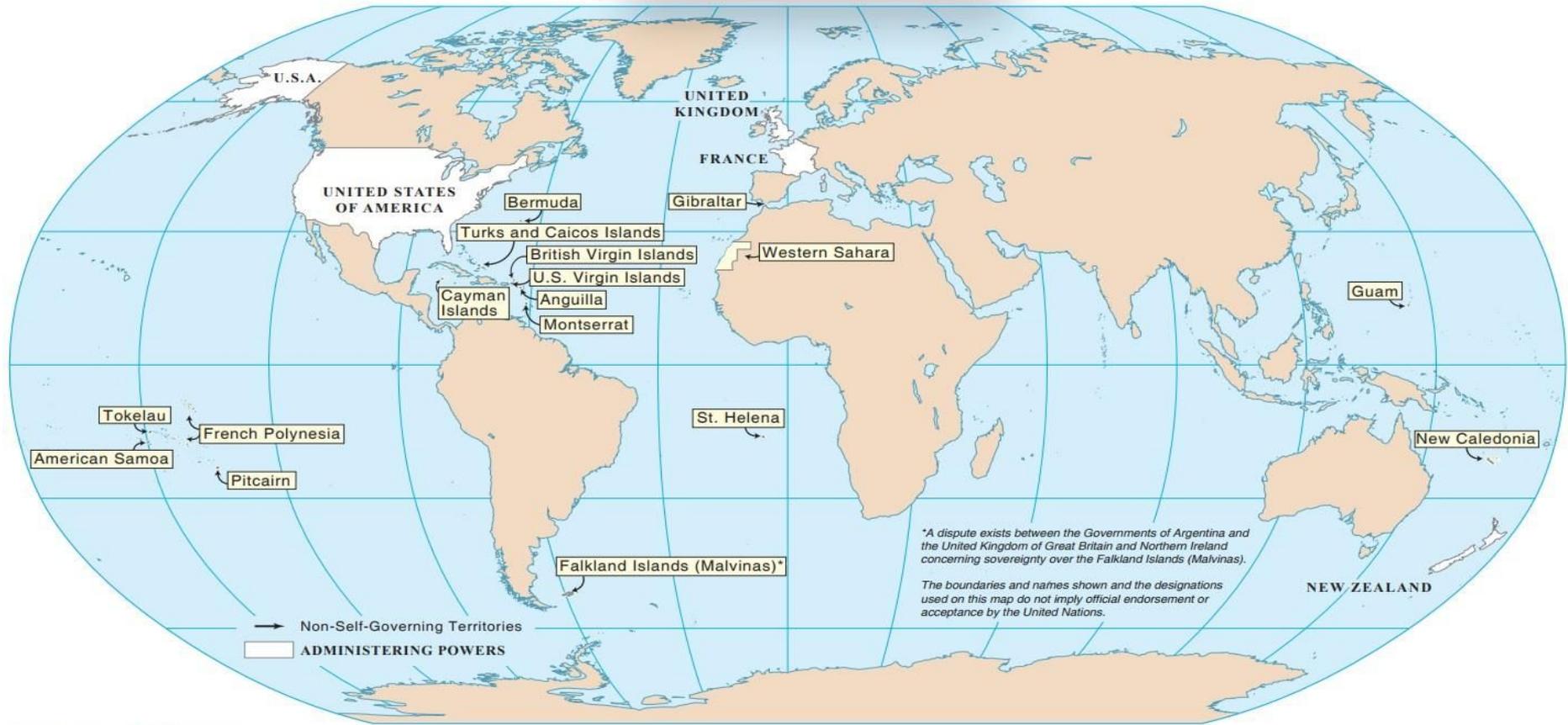
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## Non-Self-Governing Territories



# Political Power & Territoriality Topic 4.3

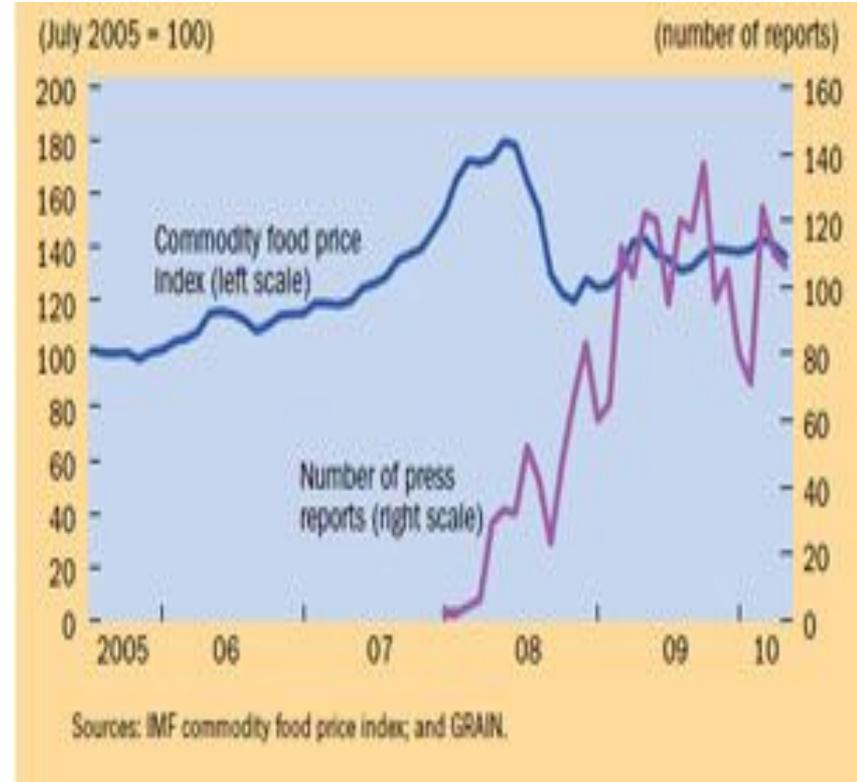


Neocolonialism: the use of economic, political, cultural, or other pressures to control or influence other countries, especially former dependencies (source: Oxford English Dictionary)

FAO Food Price Index



Press Reports of Large Scale Land Acquisitions



# IDEAS FOR SLIDES

**SLIDE 1 source:** <http://chartsbin.com/view/2819>

1. Review the ending of WWII and founding of the UN. What spatial patterns do students notice in founding members vs later members ?
2. To what extent does the map support the idea that sovereignty & self-determination shape the contemporary world?

**SLIDE 2 source:** [https://www.un.org/dppa/decolonization/en/nsqt#\\_edn2](https://www.un.org/dppa/decolonization/en/nsqt#_edn2)

1. What is a “non self-governing territory”?
2. This map was produced in 2016. How do students think the number of self-governing territories on a map from 1900 would compare?
3. Who are the administering powers of these non self-governing territories? In a similar map produced in 1900, how would this information be the same or different?

**SLIDE 3 sources:** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007%E2%80%9308\\_world\\_food\\_price\\_crisis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007%E2%80%9308_world_food_price_crisis)

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/africa-in-focus/2015/11/05/what-do-we-know-about-the-chinese-land-grab-in-africa/>

Use this stimuli to introduce neocolonialism and practice using those FRQ command verbs.

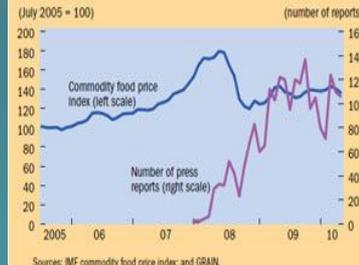
1. Describe the trend in food prices between 2007-2008.
2. Describe the trend in the number of press reports of large transnational land acquisitions beginning in 2008.

Ask students to speculate about where & why much of this land was acquired (in LDCs, availability/lower price) and where the transnational purchasers are based (China; corporations in MDCs). Ask students why China is such a large purchaser behind these “land grabs” (size of population, economic power). A Google search for “how is Africa becoming China’s China” will result in many good articles and videos. The IMF has a relatively short article that present a good overview explaining why foreign investors are buying farmland in LDCs at

<https://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/fandd/2012/03/pdf/arezki.pdf>.

## Rush to buy

The run-up in food prices in 2008 triggered an increase in news reports of large transnational land acquisitions that did not abate when food prices receded.





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