

Europe is important (I guess)

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If one were to take a snapshot of the world in the 1400s and pick out the country most likely to take over the world they would likely pick China. If one were to repeat this experiment in the 16th century they might pick Spain or Portugal for theory recent discovery of mountains of silver in the new world. Yet, one would be wrong on both accounts. If one were to take a snapshot of the world today they would find a lack of global Spanish, Portuguese, or Chinese influence. The world today is western, a product of the European Renaissance. That economies increasingly trend toward European capitalist is an unmistakable sign, that there exist wars for democracy throughout the world is another, and that European countries spearhead movements for global alliances is demonstration of the overwhelming impact of the European Renaissance. No other country would go on to leave an impact on the world today quite like Europe would; and since we study world regional geography to understand the world today we must spend considerable time on its shaping forces.