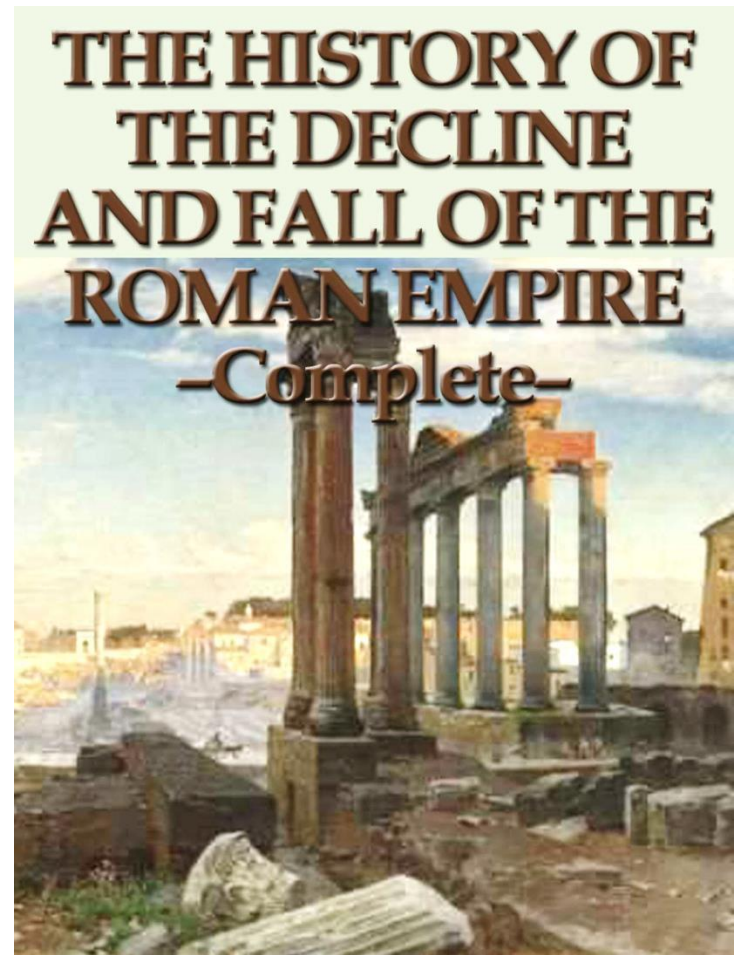


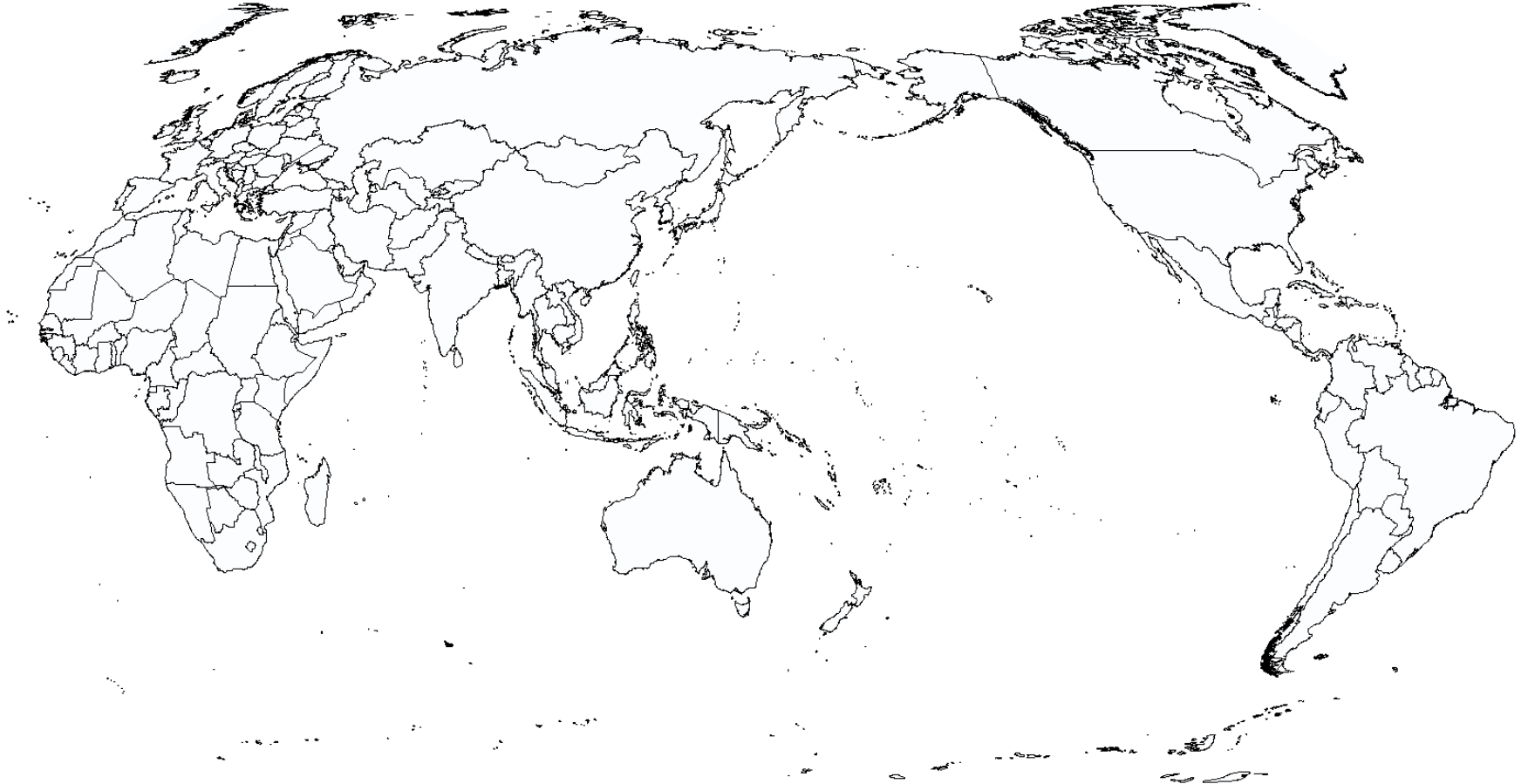
The Imminent Fall of the American Empire is announced by all Learned Commentators

Plethoric and Ominous Historical Auguries of
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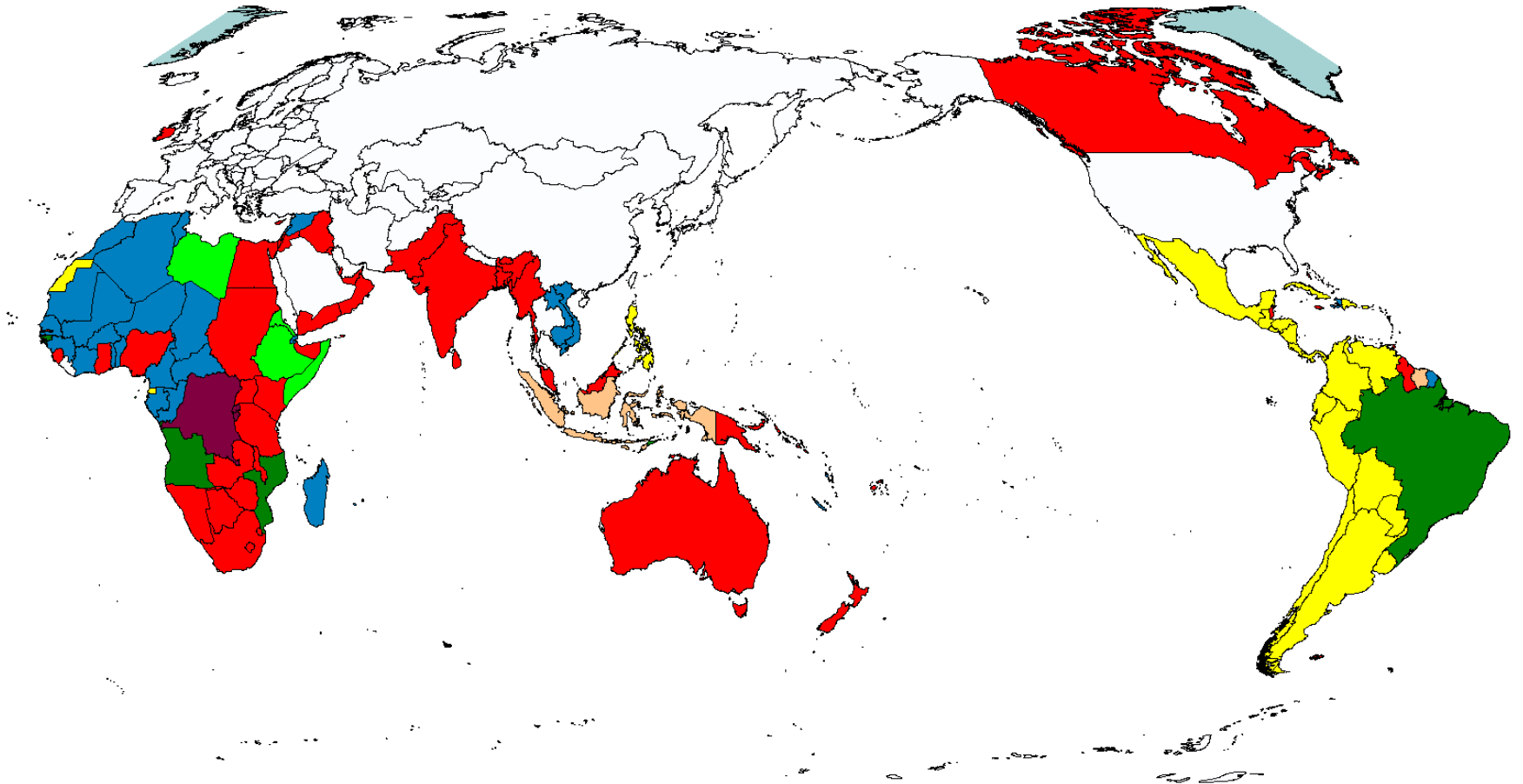
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Let us attempt to reconnoiter the similitude between various Historical Empires



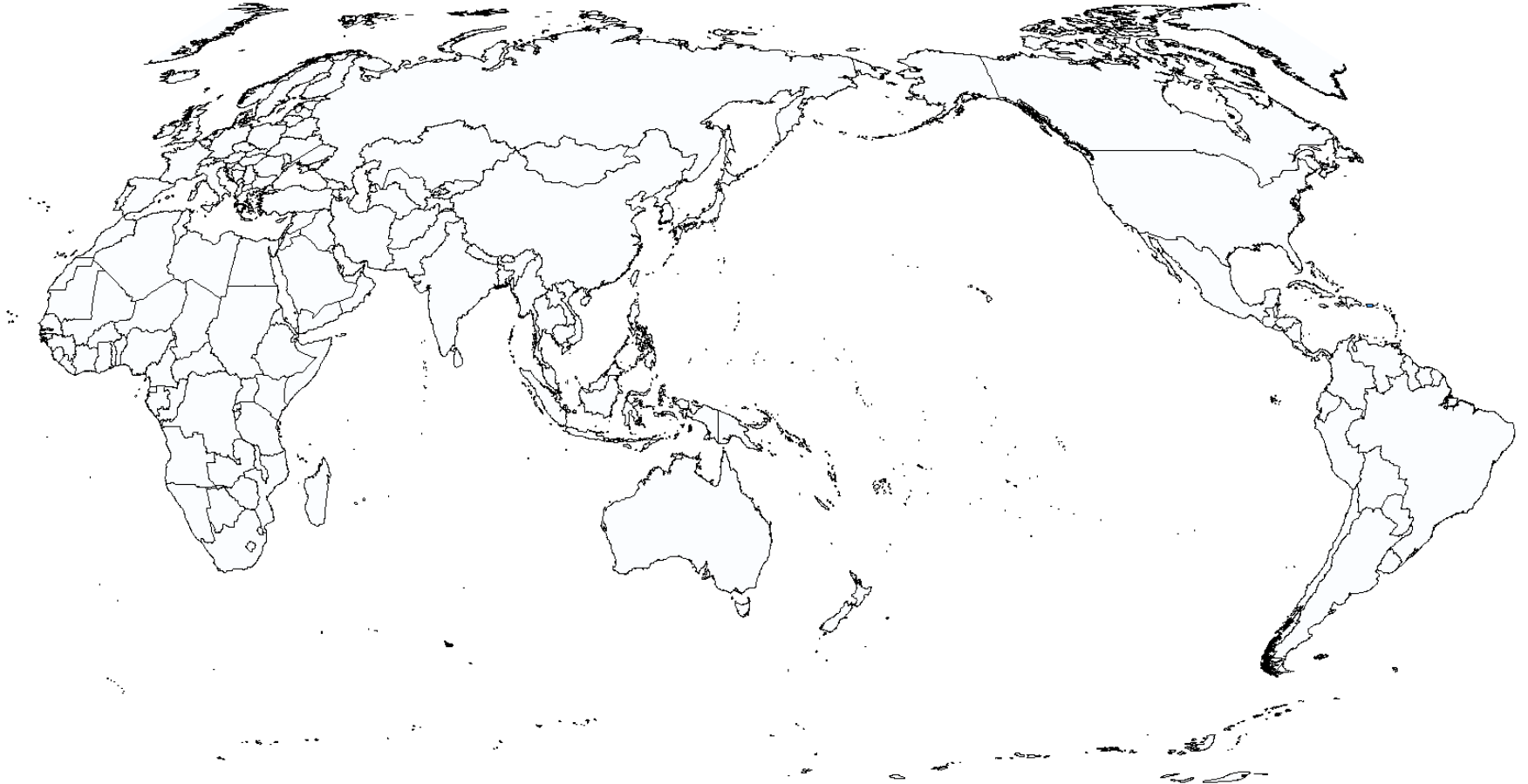
Above, the current Sovereign Nations of the World

The Overseas Empires of the World throughout History



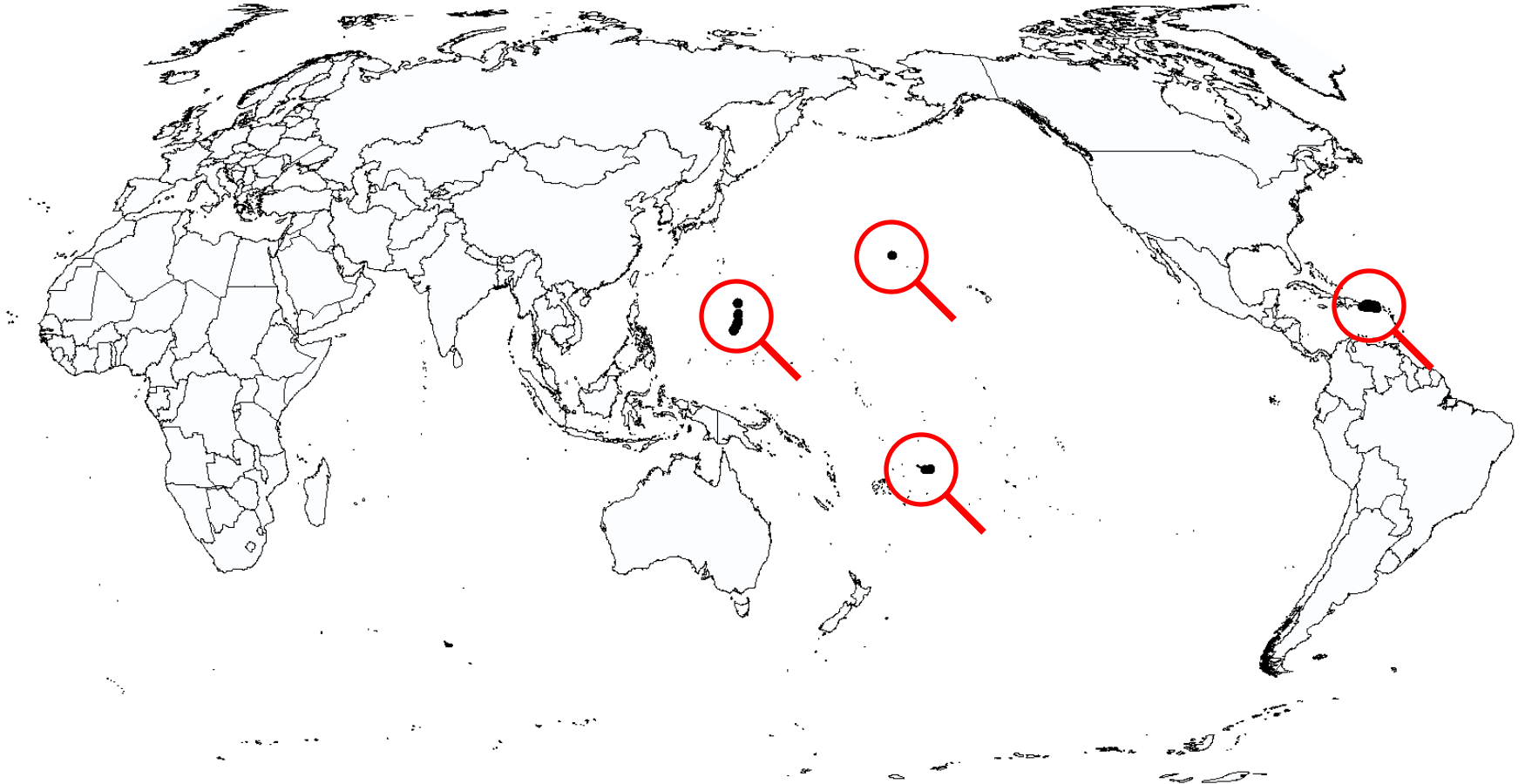
**British, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, Danish, Italian, Belgian empires.
The Roman Empire is not shown here**

Let's not overlook the United States Overseas Empire



But wait, surely something is missing! Perhaps a magnifying glass?

Here you are, all the Peopled Overseas Territories, a.k.a. The American Empire
(Note 1: Hawaii is a U.S. State, not a territory)



Note 2: for a status of overseas military bases, refer to page 9 of this document

What goes around comes around

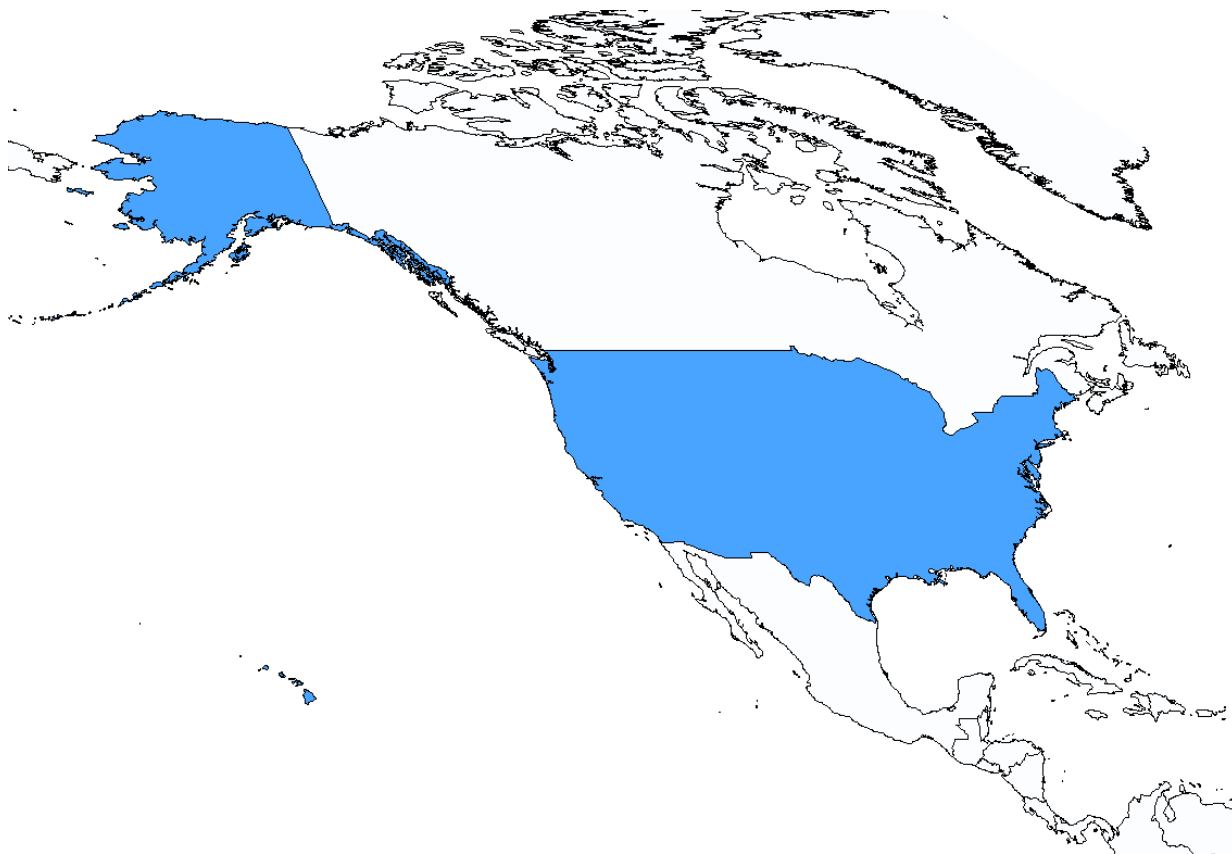
The irony is perhaps that the phrase *“American Imperialism”* was coined out of thin air by Soviet propaganda, purely for political purposes.

It seems the creators of Madisonsky Prospekt in Moscow or Saint Petersburg are as imaginative and brilliant as those of Madison Avenue in New York.

Imperialism - that's aggression!



Although an Empire can hardly fall which does not exist, the United States will probably elect soon to worry less about the state of affairs in distant places and focus more on her own concerns, with substantial benefit to her treasury and to the peace of mind and reputation of her populations.



The United States is exceedingly well protected by the width of immense oceans, is in little danger of being invaded by the Forces of Evil, and is perfectly capable of repelling fiercely and successfully any invasion attempt. In addition, since she seems to be apprehensive of an imminent invasion through her southern borders, she will be able to deploy thereat those large troops she just repatriated from all corners of the world.

However, it is worth considering that the purview of the United States Federal Government lies mostly overseas, whereas her internal affairs are for the most part of the resort of the individual States, albeit with some involvement from various domestic federal law enforcement and judiciary establishments.

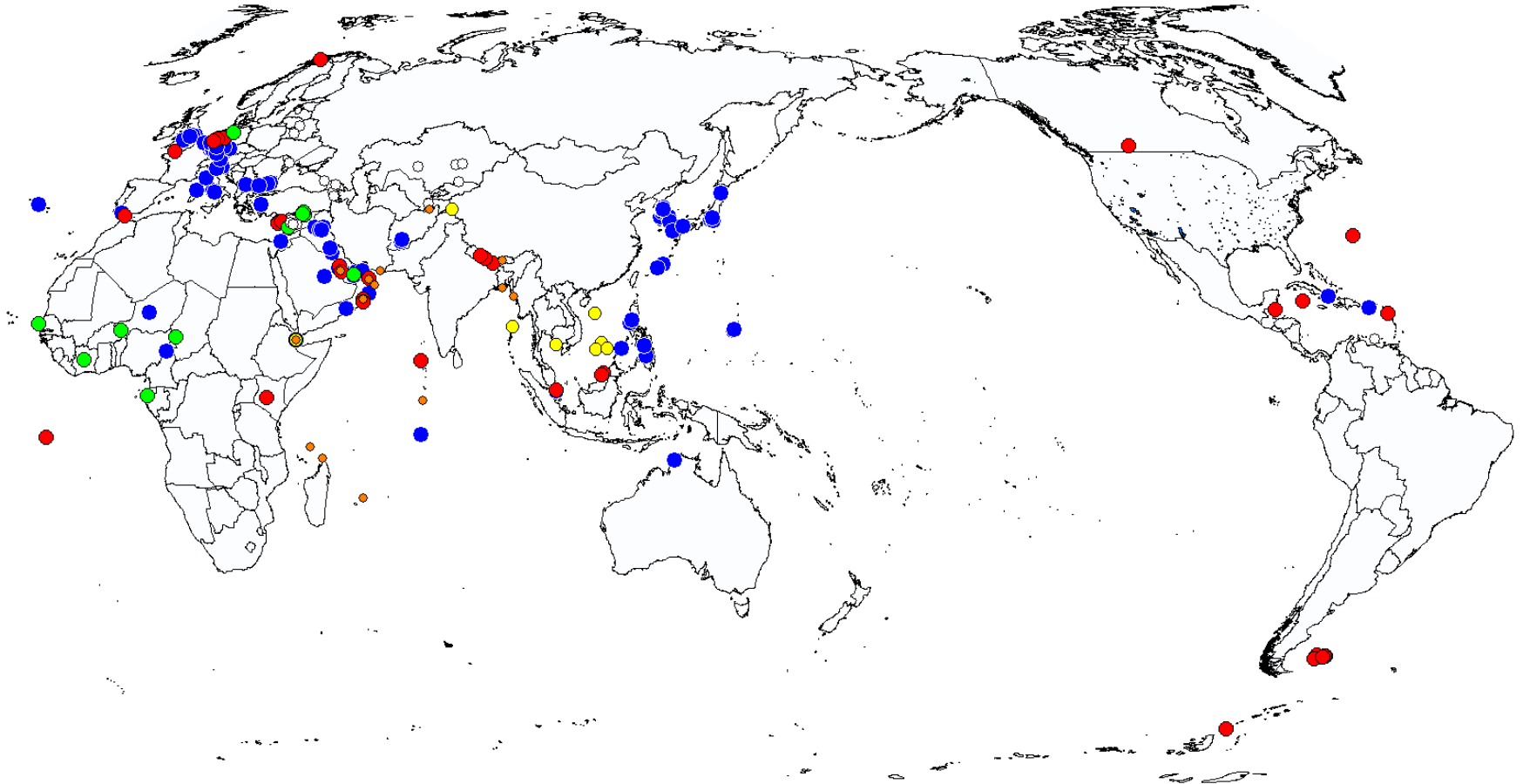


Therefore, it is highly likely that her overambitious President and Secretary of State, by then idle and bored busybodies with a Nostalgia for Grandeur, will be tempted to resume meddling in other folks' business.

Care must be taken to occupy them with less hazardous and costly hobbies.

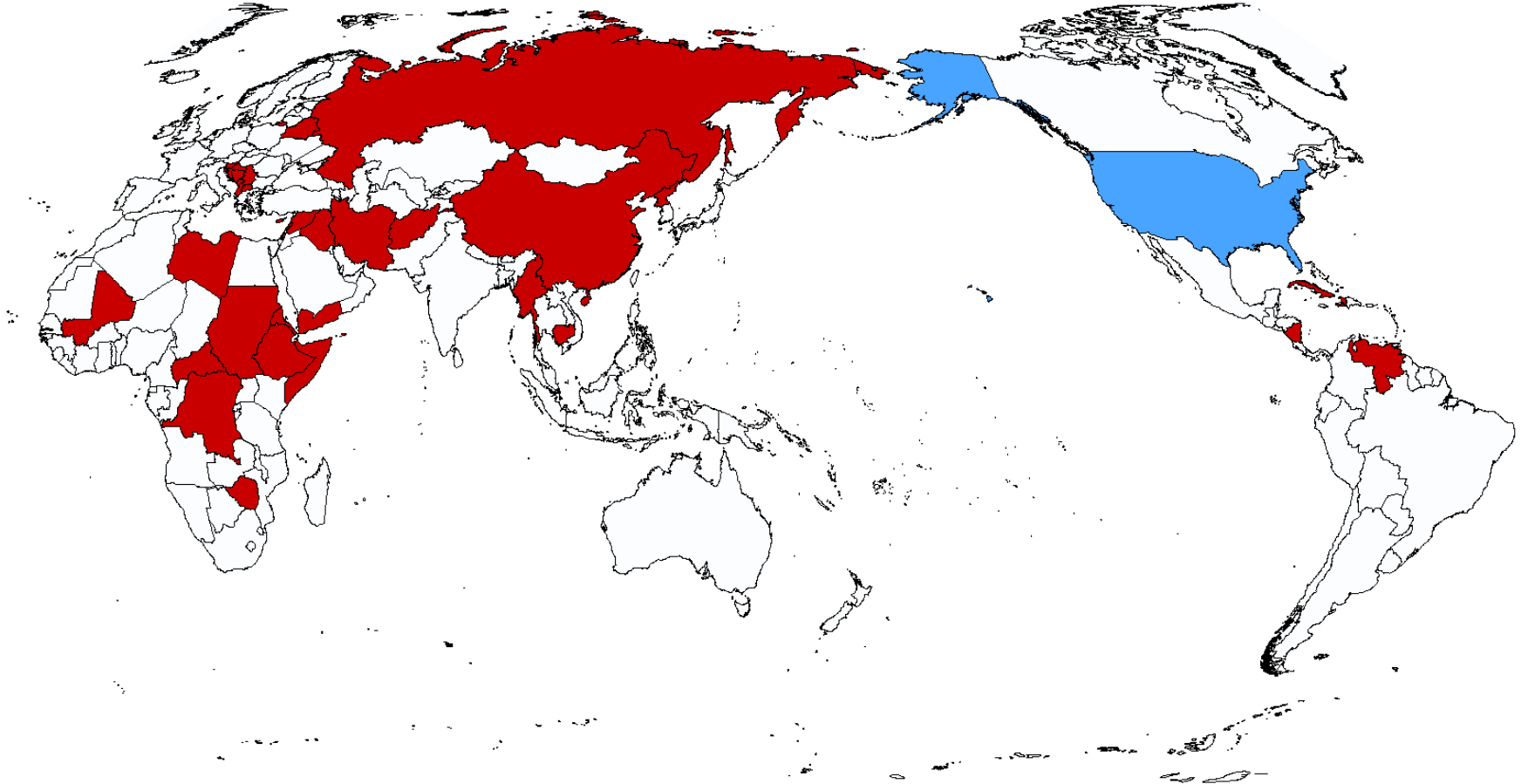
Appendix: principal military facilities abroad

U.S.: blue dot; UK: red; France: green; China: yellow; Russia: white; India: orange



Notice: **CONTRARY** to the circumstances of the colonial empires of yore, operators of the self-styled empires of military bases are liable to be expelled at short notice by the host countries, since they **DO NOT** enjoy imperial prerogatives such as: territorial sovereignty; jurisdiction; border control; ability to levy taxes; control over Customs; ability to conscript local populations; ability to commit host countries to foreign wars; control over foreign policies, control over currency; and all other imperial prerogatives.

On the other hand, the sanctions imposed by the United States could imply that she claims for herself legal jurisdiction over large swaths of the world where she assumes a suzerainty which is not acknowledged by any of the intended vassals.



Sanction: "a penalty enacted according to a provision in a law to enforce obedience to it" from 1630s; in later 17c. also "a provision of a law which enforces obedience through rewards or penalties."

One might also consider the Ukrainian Empire of Nations which contributed lethal military aid to the Ukraine.

