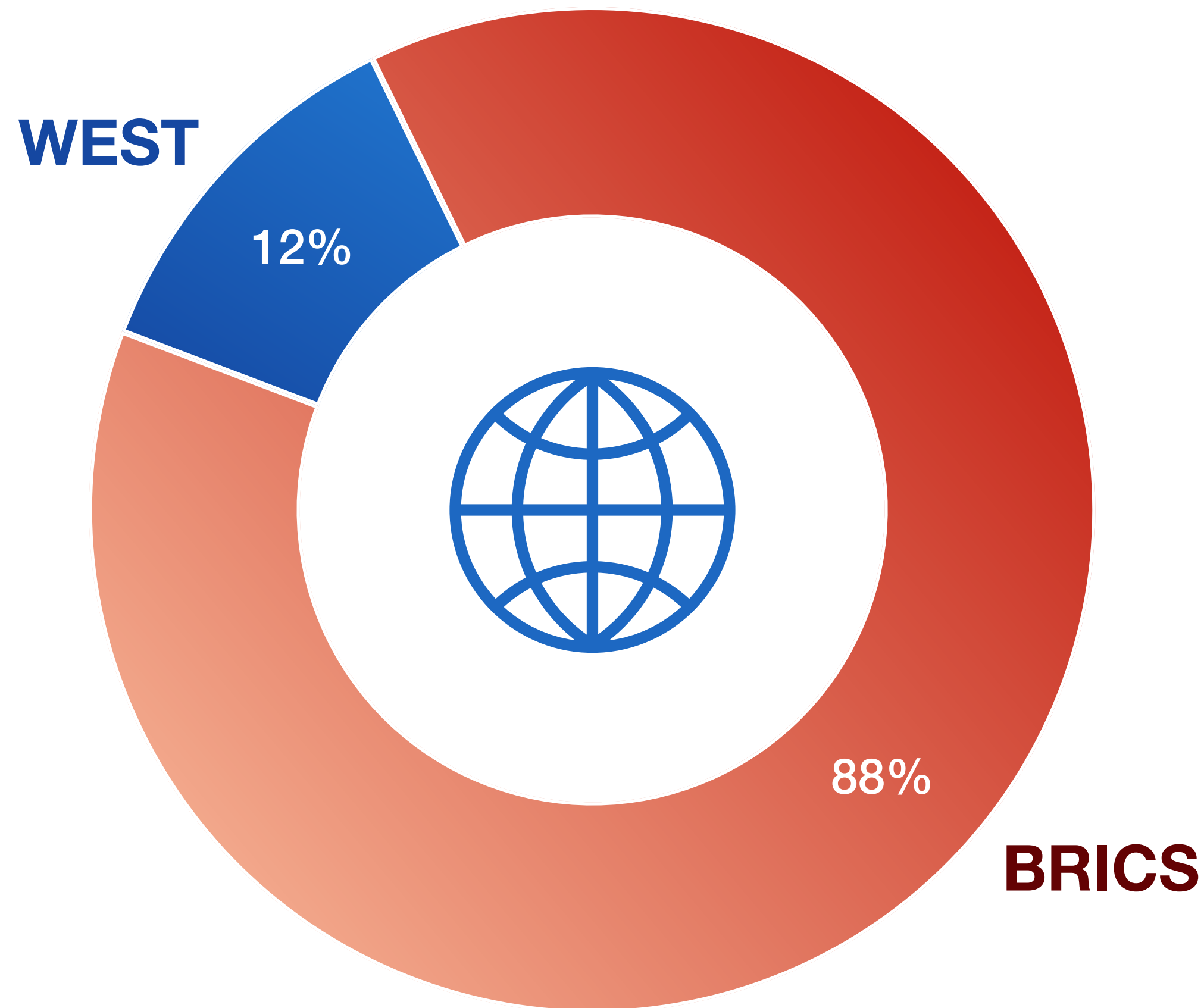


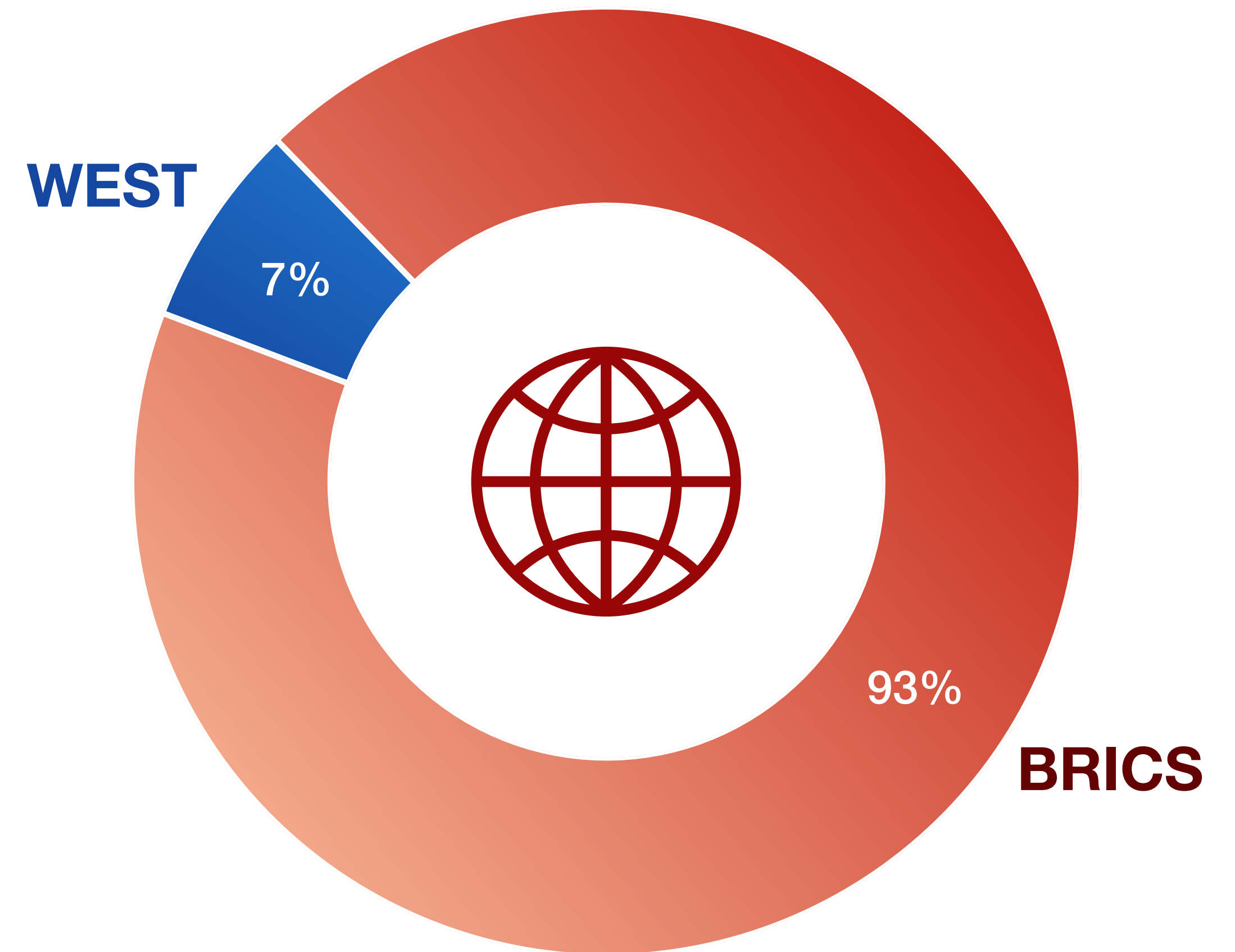
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SCENARIO 1



Access to Ukrainian resources would significantly **enhance Western resource security**. It is plausible that this is the rationale behind the new US administration's request for a reciprocal arrangement in exchange for military assistance. Ukraine's resources function as a pivotal bargaining chip, akin to Taiwan's Silicon Shield.

SCENARIO 2



If Ukraine were to fall to Russia, the **BRICS would control 93% of global rare earth reserves**. This would be a significant setback for the West in the global technology race.