

Poli-416:
**REVOLUTION
& POLITICAL
VIOLENCE**



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A brief teaser...



Military dictatorship

1968–1975, Peru under dictatorship

1980, first (again) democratic elections



An unlikely revolution



Wedding of Abimael Guzman and Augusta La Torre

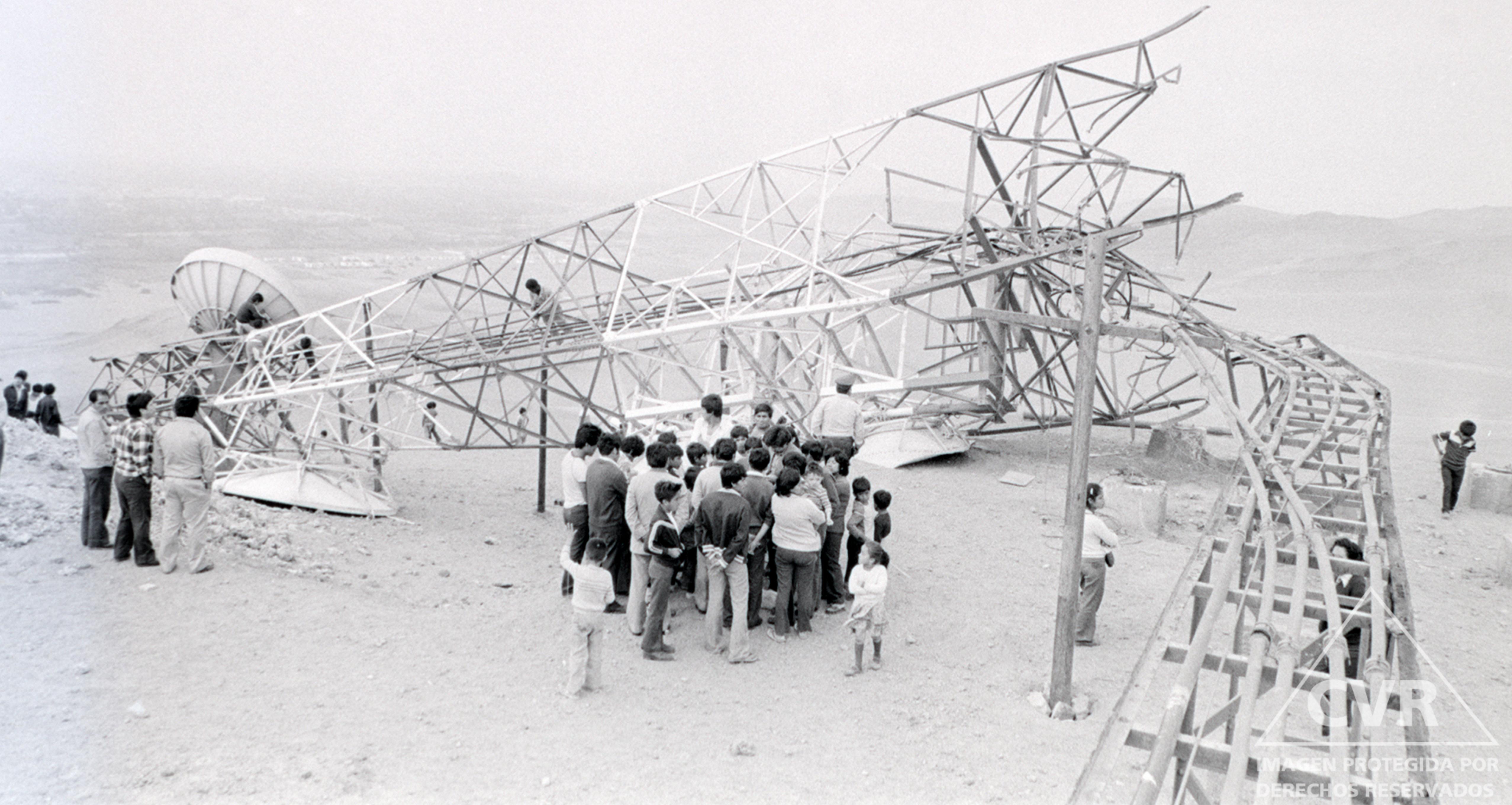
The Shining Path



Poster discouraging the vote



Gonzalo's cult of personality

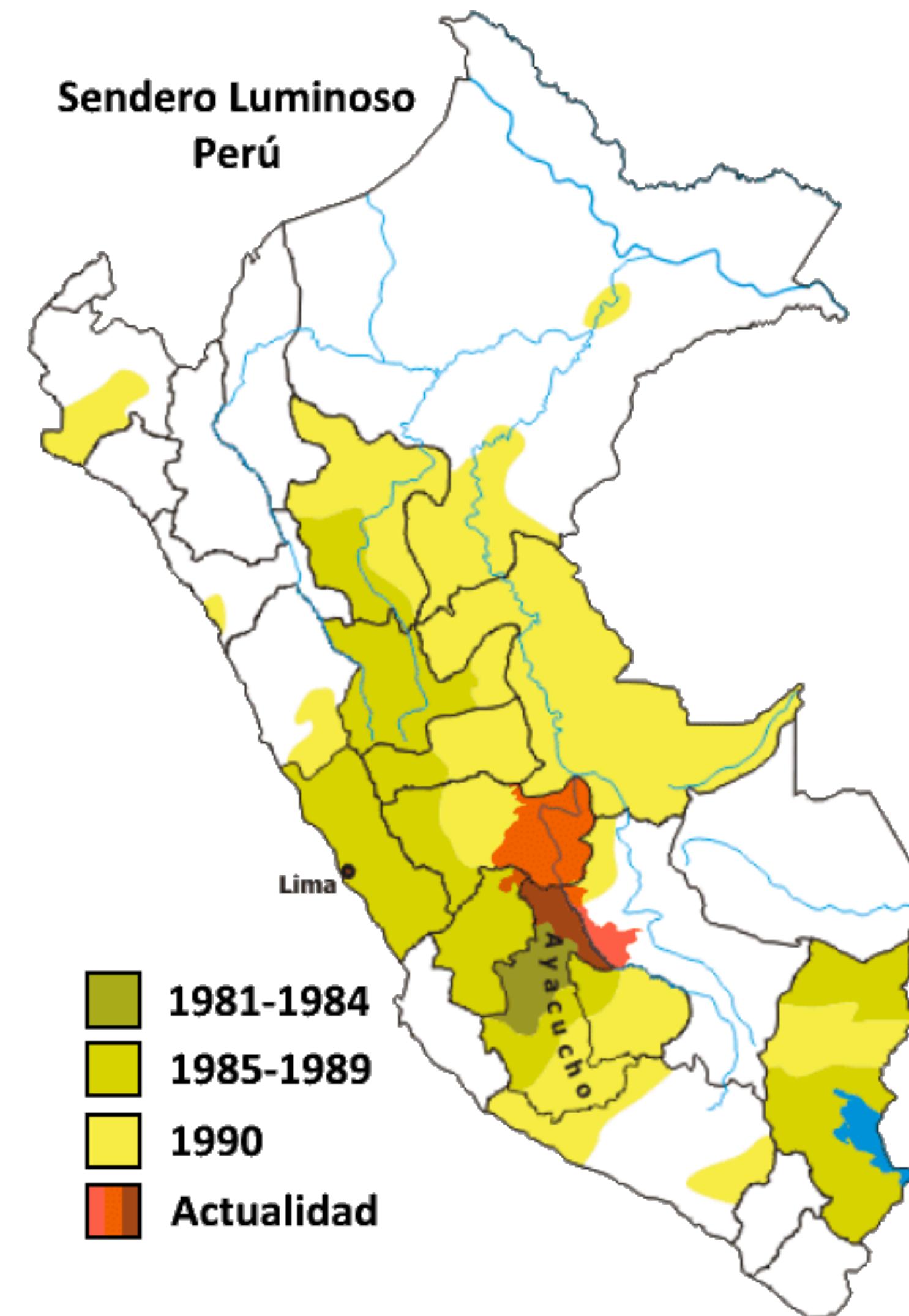


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IMAGEN PROTEGIDA POR
DERECHOS RESERVADOS



Expansion



Bloody war





Puzzles

Why revolt?

How do you fund a rebellion?

Why massacre civilians?

Why did some peasants resist?

Who joined the rebellion, and why?

Could the conflict have been resolved?

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What is this class about?

In this class you will learn...

- ... about why violence is common in some **some places but not others**
- ... that violence is not random, but often **strategic and purposeful**
- ... that civilians aren't just passive during conflicts, they have **agency** and exercise it
- ... about **three cases** (that I happen to know a lot about): Colombia, Peru, and the Northern Triangle

But also...

US war in Afghanistan

Eastern DRC

US war in Iraq

South Sudan

Gangs in Los Angeles

Syria

The Vietnam War

The American Civil War

El Salvador's Civil War

Military documents

Fiction

Ethnographies

Documentaries

The political science of violence

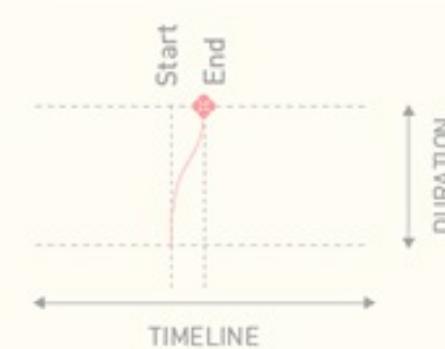
Canonical theories of violence, its causes, effects

Cutting-edge quantitative analyses of violence

History and case studies from the contemporary world

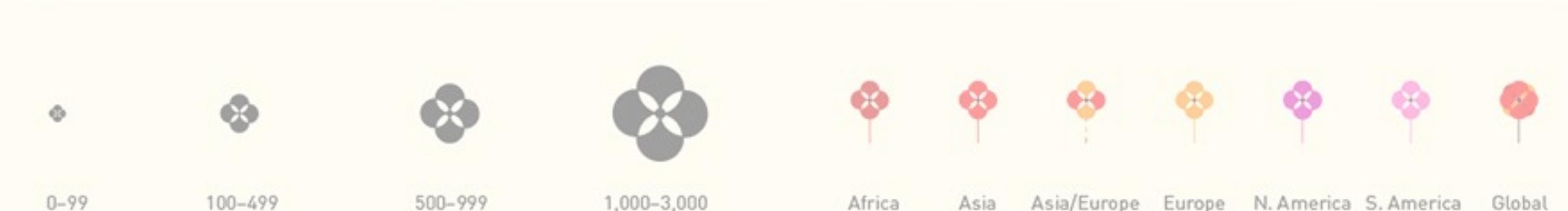


POPPY DIAGRAM



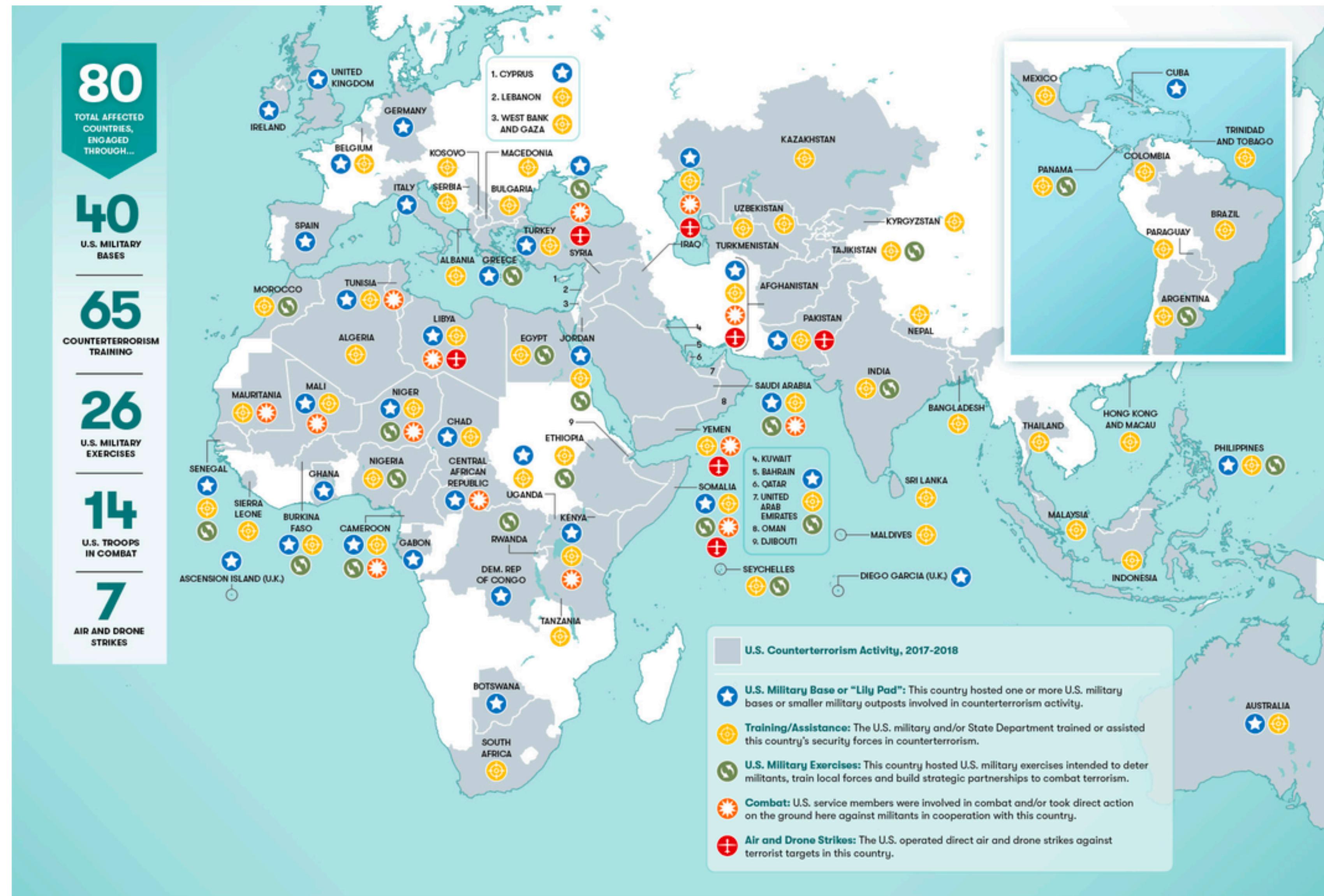
The remembrance poppy commemorates soldiers who have died in war. Each poppy in the diagram depicts a war of the last century (with more than 10,000 deaths). The stem grows from the year when the war started. The poppy flowers in the year the war ended. Its size shows the number of deaths.

NUMBER of DEATHS IN THOUSANDS (POPPY'S SIZE)



REGIONS INVOLVED IN WARS (POPPY'S COLOUR)

Why should we care about this?



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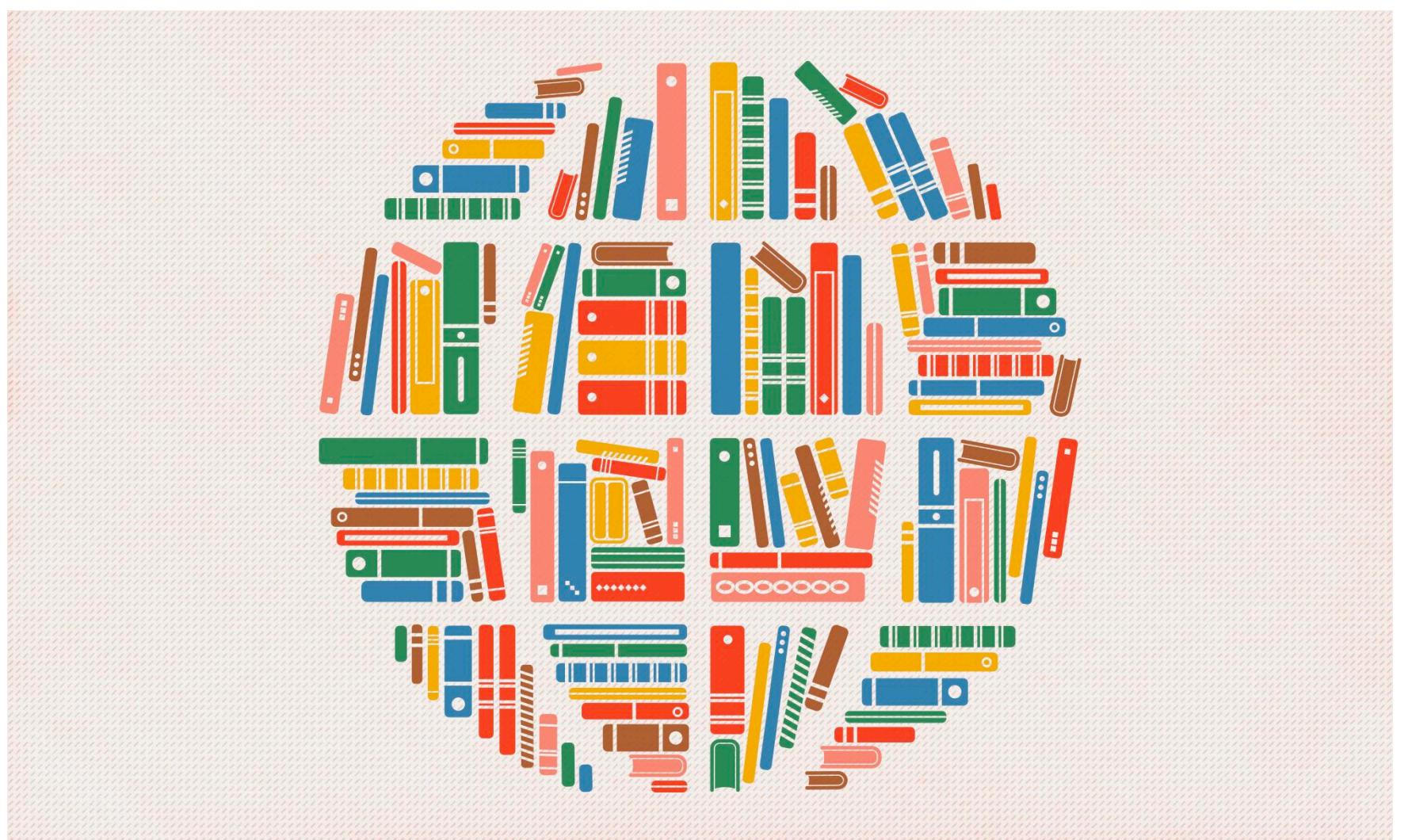


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Let's look at the website...

Who am I?

Last name: “TEH-YES”



Who am I?



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BANK**



My work

