

Tutorial: Practicing Interviews

Course: Political Inquiry

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Outline

- 1) Section 1: Discussion of the nature of a successful interview
- 2) Section 2: Practice interviews for a case study of refugee movements (focusing on cross-border ones)

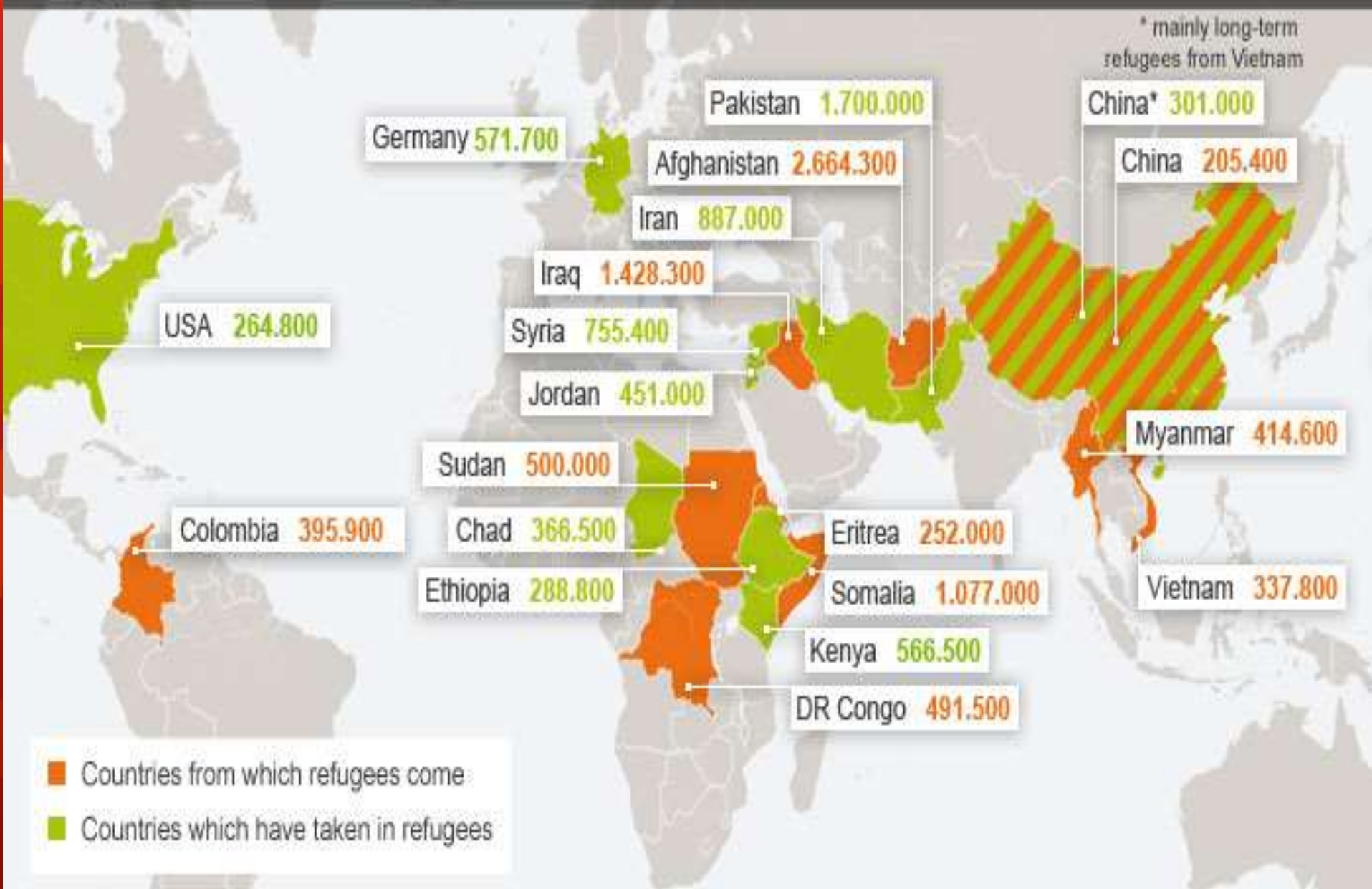
Section 1

- 1) Question: Successful interview as a one-man act or a Ping-Pong game (i.e. excellent interviewer as excellent conversationalist)?
- 2) Time: 5-minute pair discussion + 5 minute class discussion

Section 2

- 1) Practice interviews as research methods for a case study of cross-border refugee movements (not internal ones)
- 2) Time: group discussion 10 minutes + class discussion 10 minutes + role play 10 minutes

Refugees worldwide

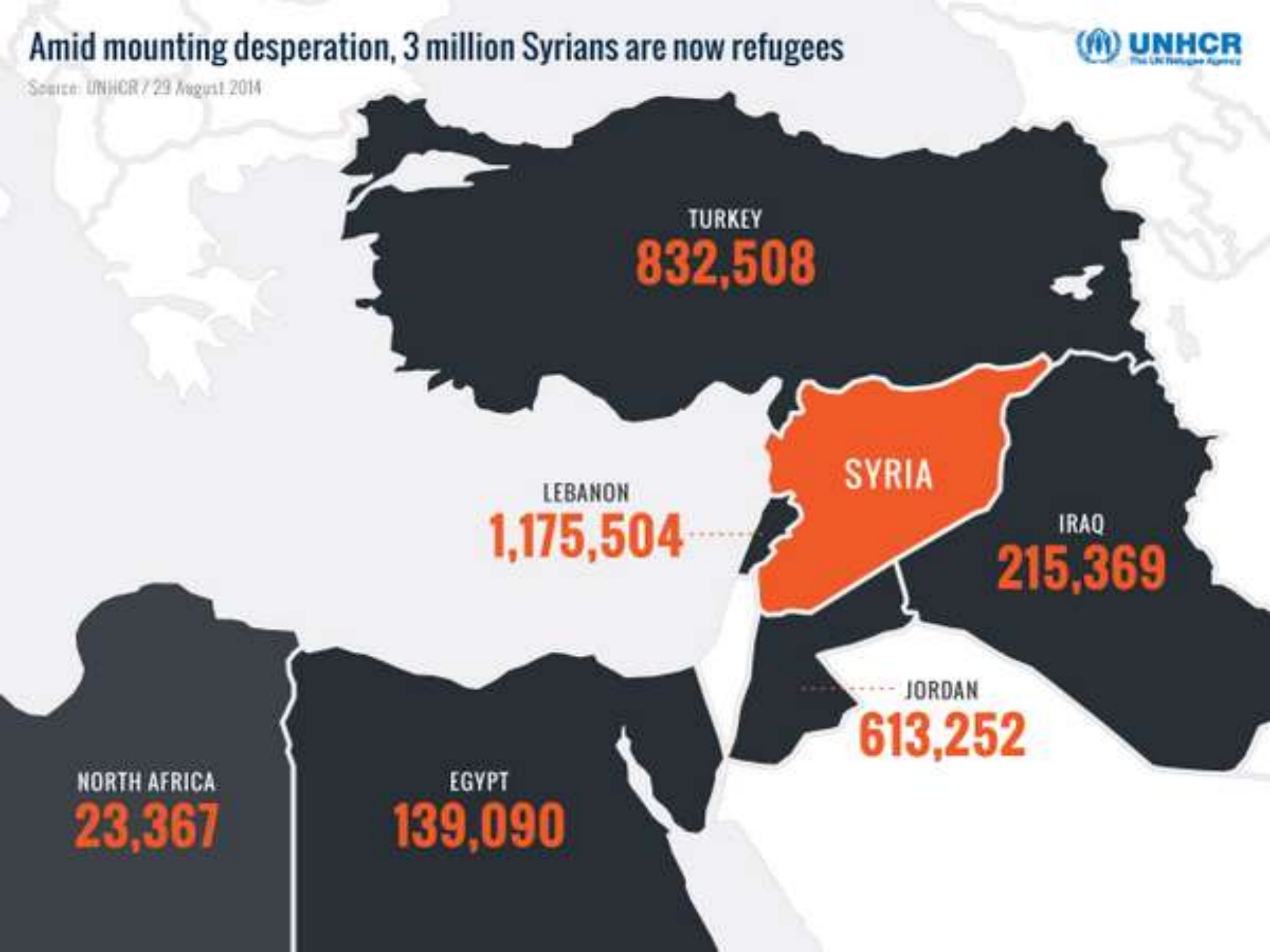


Source: UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) June 2012

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Amid mounting desperation, 3 million Syrians are now refugees

Source: UNHCR / 29 August 2014



11 million people
were newly
displaced in 2014



That's **one person**
forced to flee
every **3 seconds**

Questions for group discussion

- 1) Specify research questions
- 2) Which country case study (e.g. Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Myanmar, China, Somalia, Eritrea, Congo, Colombia, Sudan) and why?
- 3) Explain why using interviewing as a research method.
- 4) Probability or non-probability sampling?
- 5) How to gain access to interviewees?
- 6) Main questions to consider before interviews.

Role play

- Researcher vs. refugee interviewees