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The Tyranny Of Distance: How Distance Shaped Australia's History by Geoffrey Blainey

From the beginning of this class we have talked about the world becoming a smaller place, but here is an example of the distance still left in the world.

The Tyranny of Distance: How Distance Shaped Australia's History.

In particular, its distance from its colonizer Great Britain affected the development of Australia's culture and attitudes of its people.

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The first half of the book is a particularly valuable read, exploring the impact of distance on the establishment of the nation. Quite a narrow viewpoint: right wing and racist.

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His Majesty King George Tupou V is an eccentric character, to put it mildly. And there are blowholes where breaking waves shoot seawater into the air in rather spectacular jets. Just thinking that islands could disappear in Tonga due to global warming just drives home the fact of how much of a problem and major concern that global warming is.

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Getting goods and people in and out of these countries will always be expensive; even getting information in and out is slow and expensive not too many high-capacity undersea fiber-optic cables are ever likely to come here. Lies by omission, I might say in a more ideological moment. Note: I have posted more photographs from my 2007 visit to Tonga on.

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It was more isolated than the Himalayas or the heart of Siberia. The book has a broad scope, from mining and international trade to the rise of the railway, but it is filtered through Blainey's hypothesis: that the continent's isolation from its Western allies in the 19th and early 20th centuries, combined with its sheer size, played crucial roles in forming the development of the country, its industries, and its people's mindset. In his book The Tyranny of Distance: How Distance Shaped Australian History 1977, Geoffrey Blainey argues that it is impossible to understand his country without appreciating the huge impact that distance has played in its history.

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