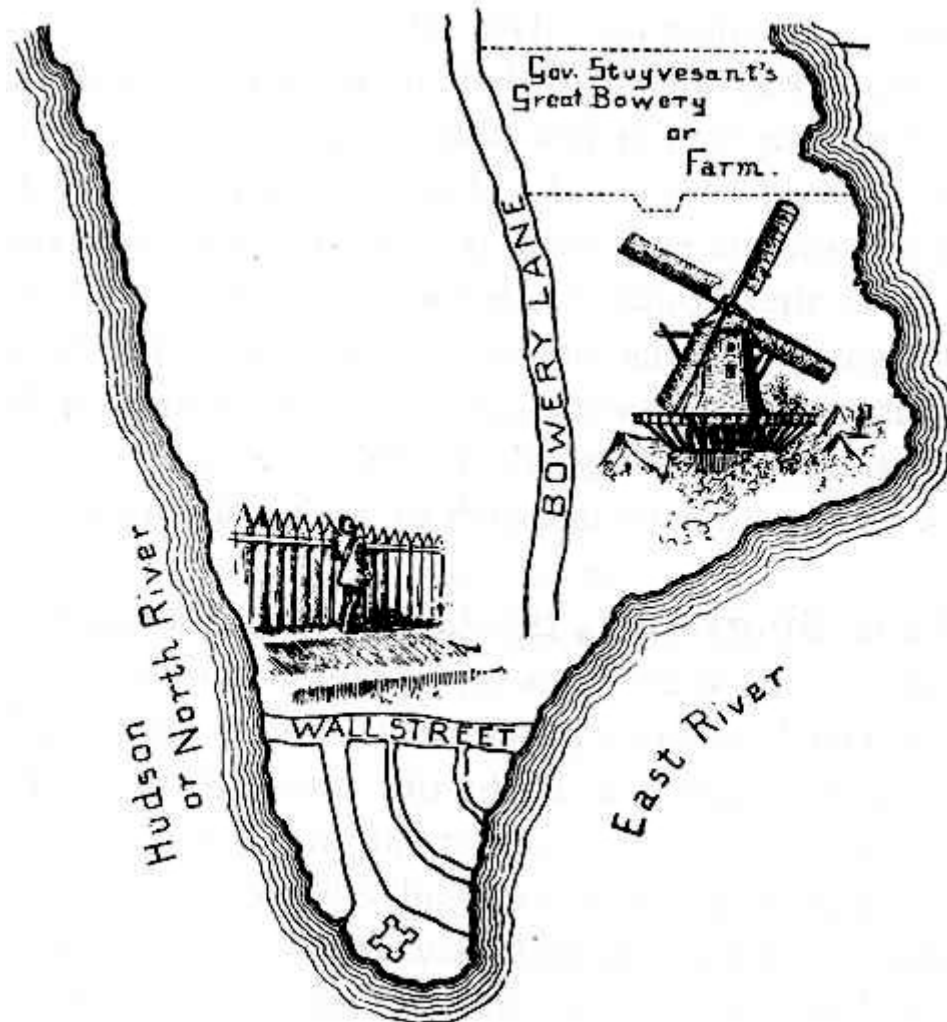


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Map of the City of New Amsterdam (New York) in 1660.

\*What is today New York City, Manhattan

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**365**  **Obama**  
Electoral Votes  
Projected Winner

**0**  
undecided

**173** **McCain**  
Electoral Votes

Popular vote: 66,862,039

270 needed to win

Popular vote: 58,319,442

- State winners
- County bubbles
- County leaders
- Voting shifts

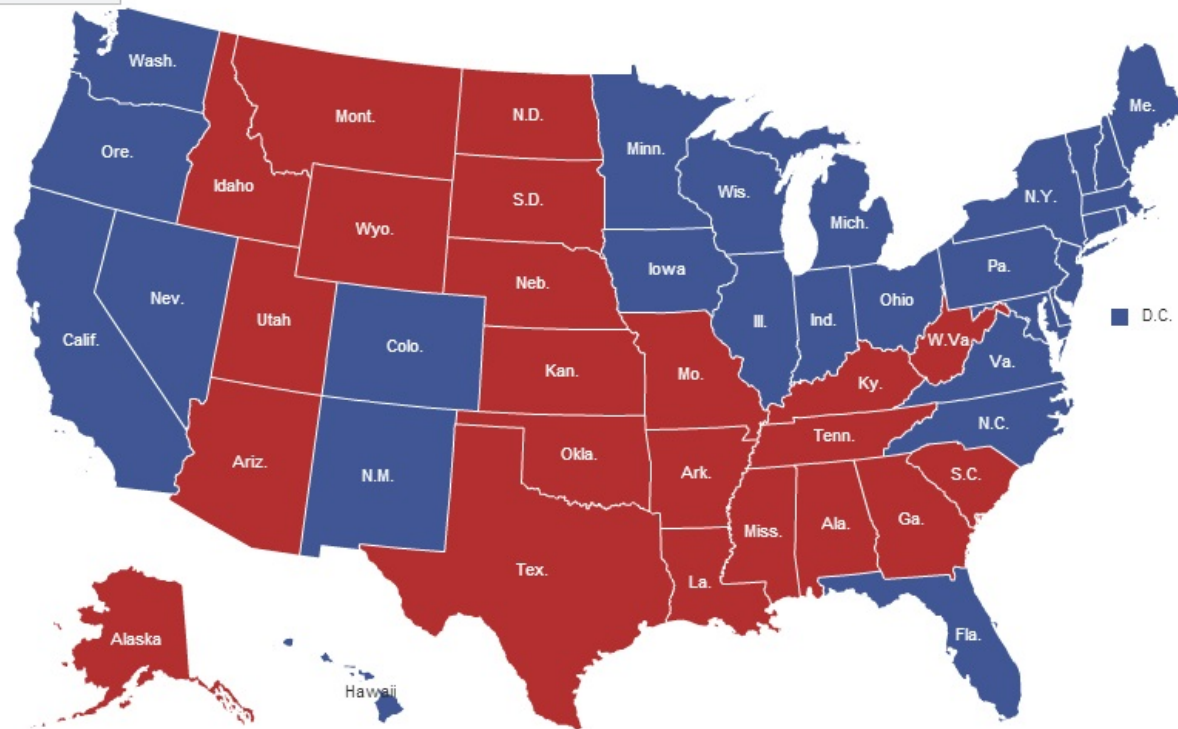
ZOOM IN

Year

'08 '04 '00 '96 '92

Map key

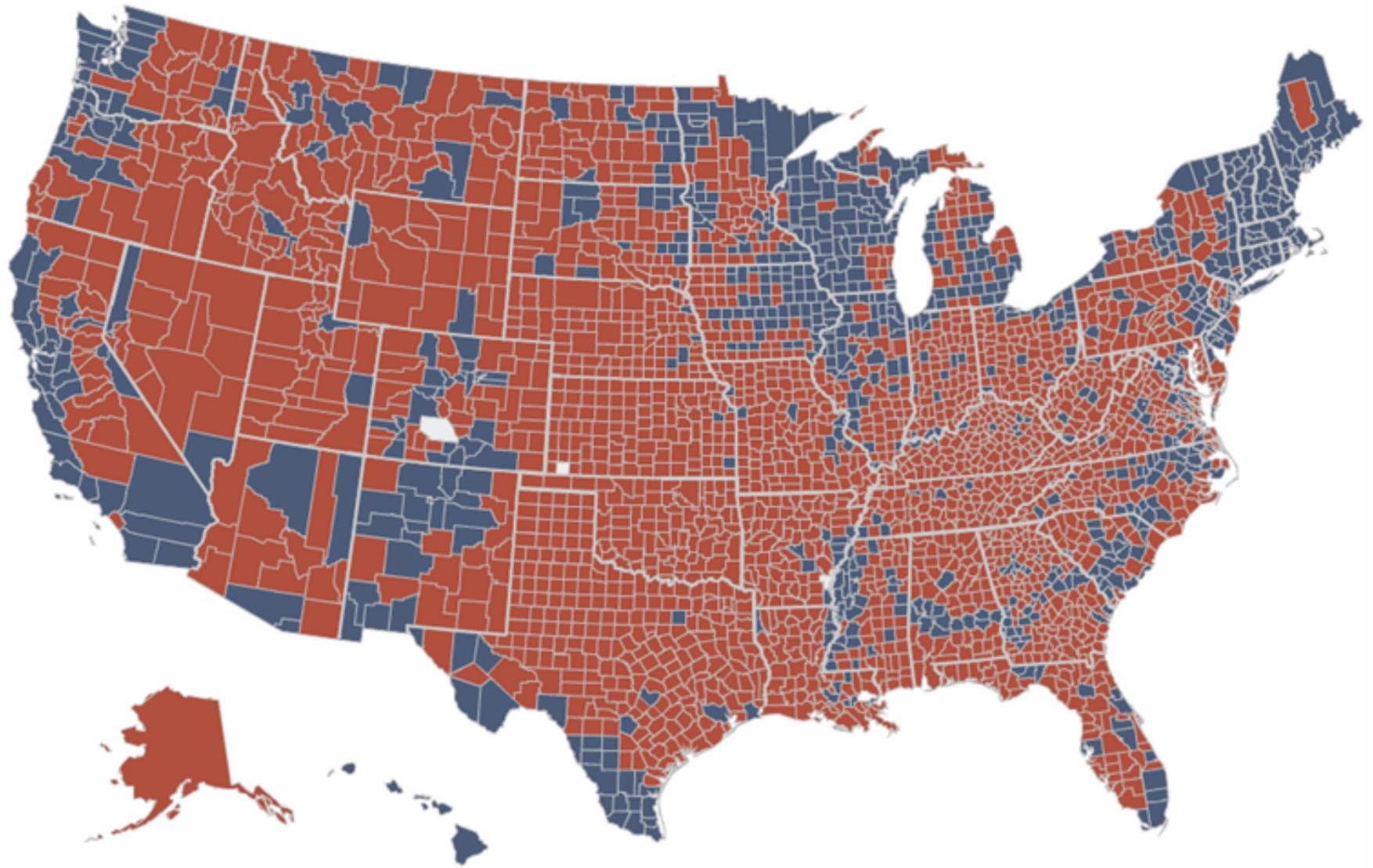
- DEMOCRATS  
Lead Win
- REPUBLICANS  
Lead Win



\* One electoral vote in Nebraska remains undecided. The state allocates its electoral votes on the basis of the results in each Congressional district. Only 569 votes separate John McCain and Barack Obama in unofficial returns from the 2nd District.

2008 Presidential Election Electoral College Map

<http://elections.nytimes.com/2008/results/president/map.html>



2008 Presidential Election Results by County (Red- McCain, Blue- Obama)

<http://politicalmaps.org/maps-of-the-2008-us-presidential-election/>

**The population of the United States** is not distributed evenly. Instead, we tend to bunch up in communities, leaving the spaces in between more sparsely inhabited. Most Americans live in or near cities; today 53 percent live in the 20 largest cities. 75 percent of all Americans live in metropolitan areas.

**This map shows population density. The relative height of each major city reflects its population in 1990.**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

**Go West.** Nevada is the fastest growing state, followed by Arizona, Idaho, Colorado, and Utah.

**Wyoming** has the lowest population density of all states in the lower 48 with an average of five people per square mile.

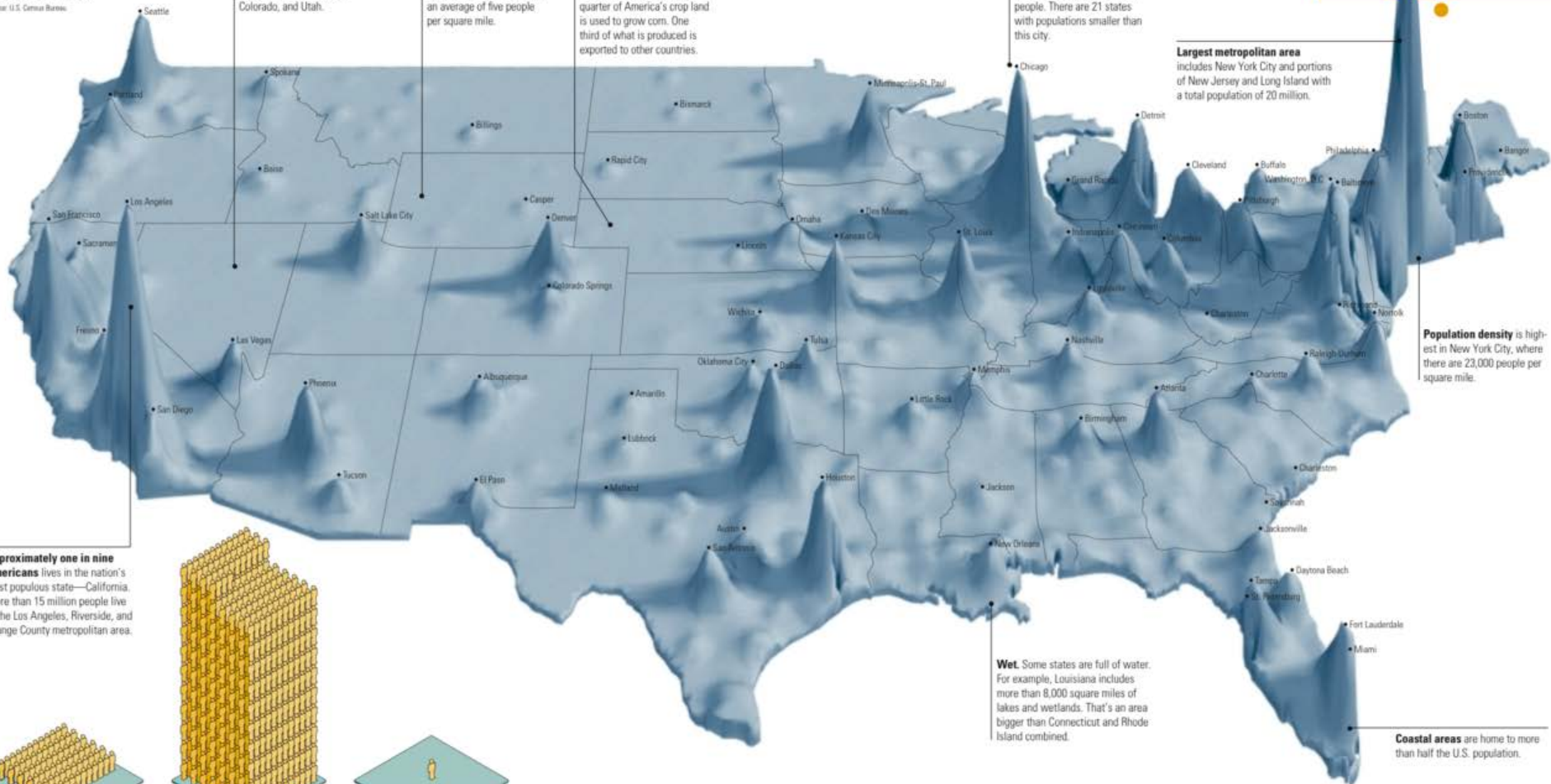
**What happens in the empty spaces?** Some of it is farming country. More than one quarter of America's crop land is used to grow corn. One third of what is produced is exported to other countries.

**Chicago, the country's third largest city,** has a population of about three million people. There are 21 states with populations smaller than this city.

**Largest metropolitan area** includes New York City and portions of New Jersey and Long Island with a total population of 20 million.

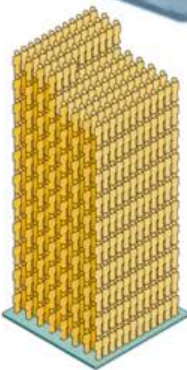
**Population Distribution**

*Where do we live?  
Where don't we live?*



**Population density** is highest in New York City, where there are 23,000 people per square mile.

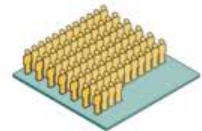
**Approximately one in nine Americans** lives in the nation's most populous state—California. More than 15 million people live in the Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange County metropolitan area.



**New Jersey** is the most densely populated state with an average of more than 1,000 people per square mile.



**Alaska** is a sparsely populated state with an average of one person per square mile.

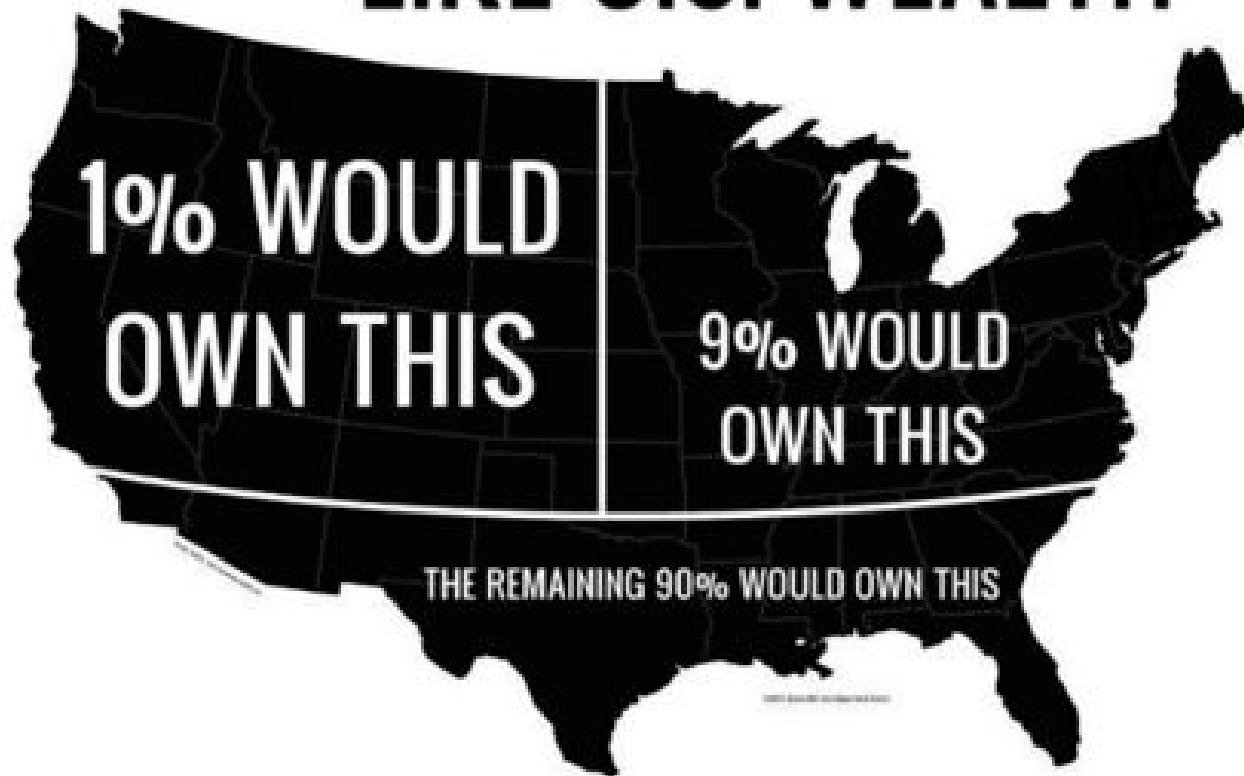


**Distributing our population evenly** would put an average of 76 people per square mile.

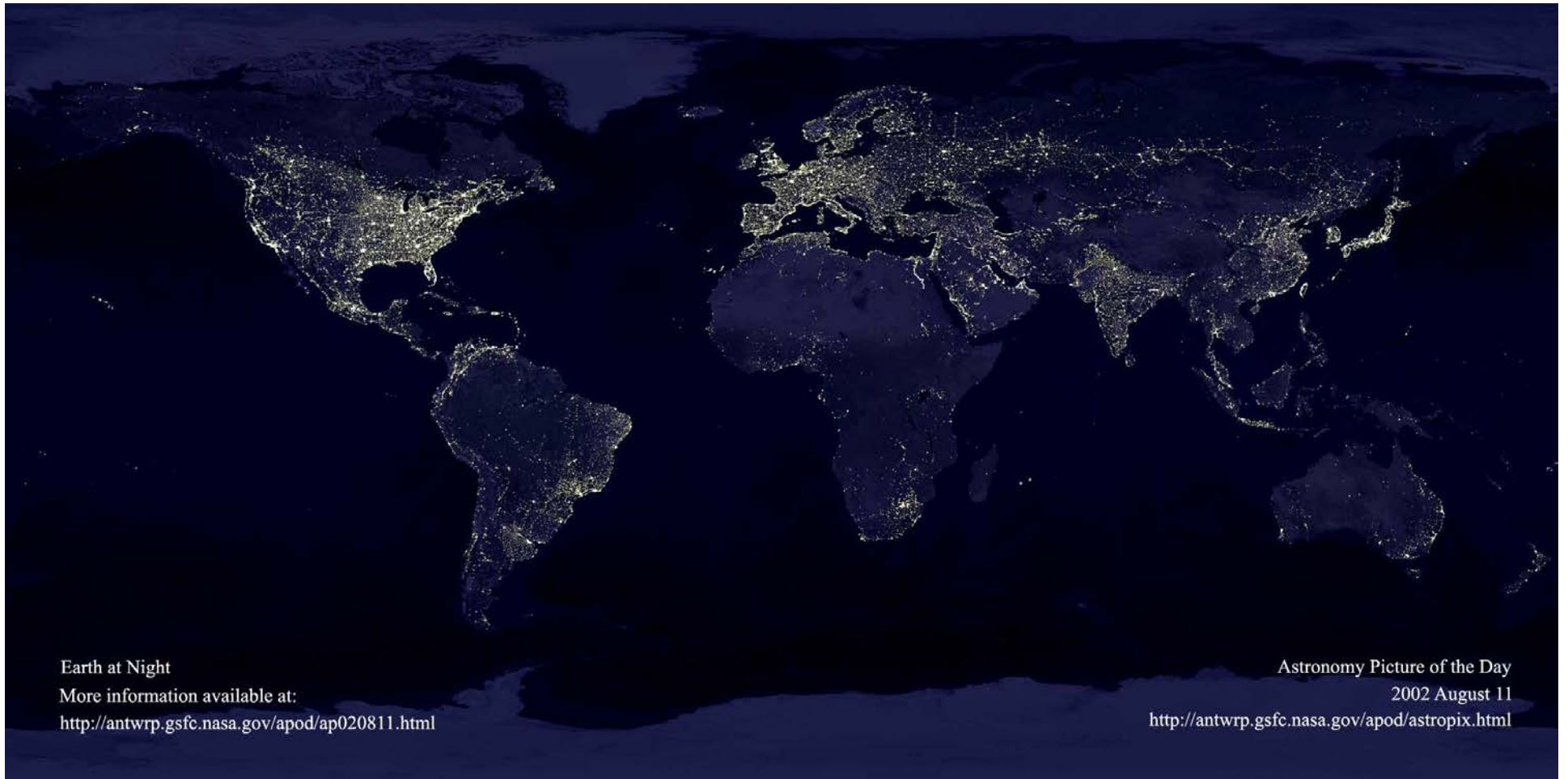
**Wet.** Some states are full of water. For example, Louisiana includes more than 8,000 square miles of lakes and wetlands. That's an area bigger than Connecticut and Rhode Island combined.

**Coastal areas** are home to more than half the U.S. population.

# IF U.S. LAND WERE DIVIDED LIKE U.S. WEALTH



<http://geographer-at-large.blogspot.com/2011/12/map-of-week-12-12-2011us-population.html>



Earth at Night

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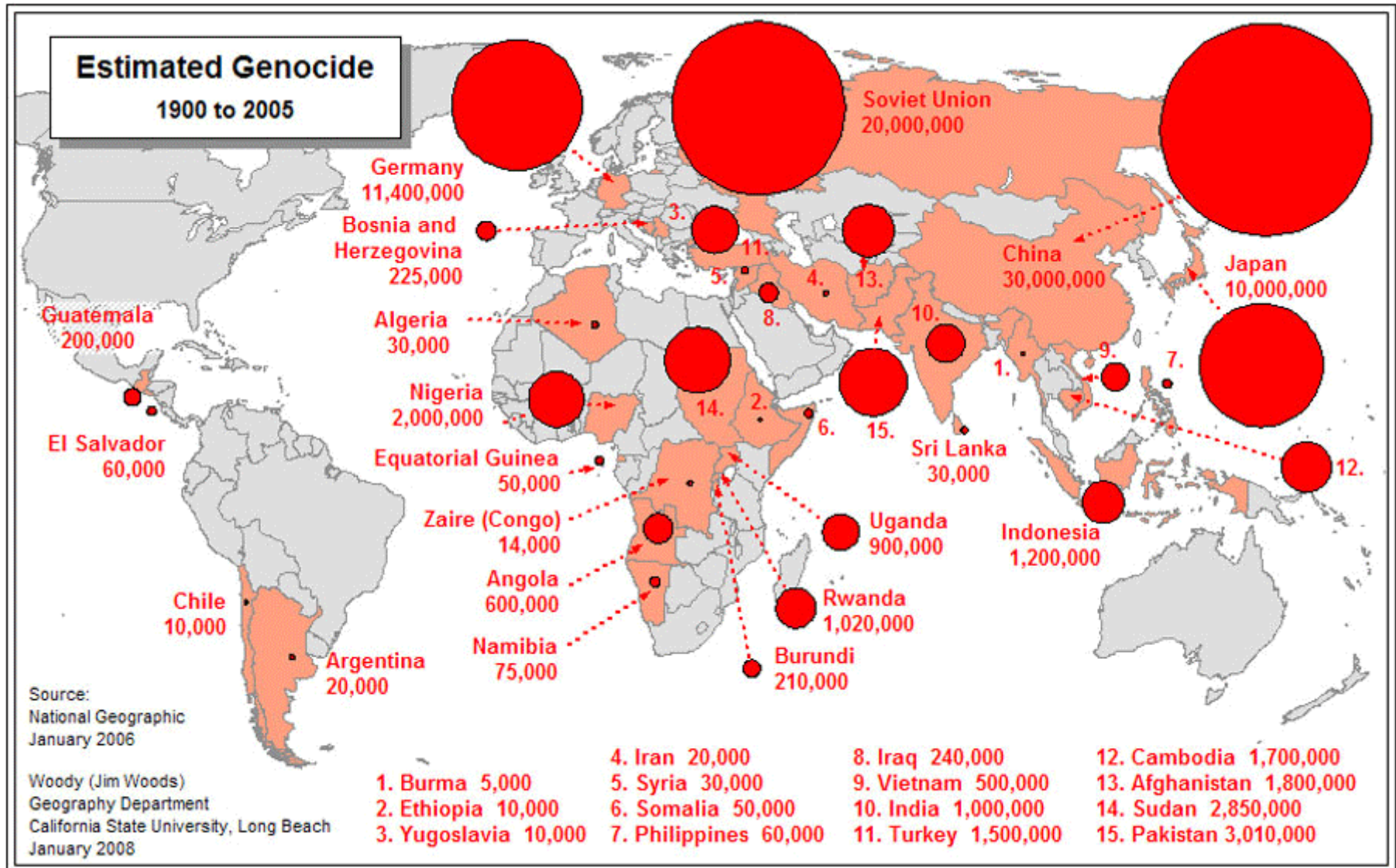
Astronomy Picture of the Day

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