

Decolonization in Africa

- **Mainly in 1950s-60s**
- **1957—Ghana 1st sub-Saharan African colony to gain indep.**
- **Most of African colonies received indep. in 1960s**
- **1990—Namibia last African Colony to gain indep.**



Decolonization

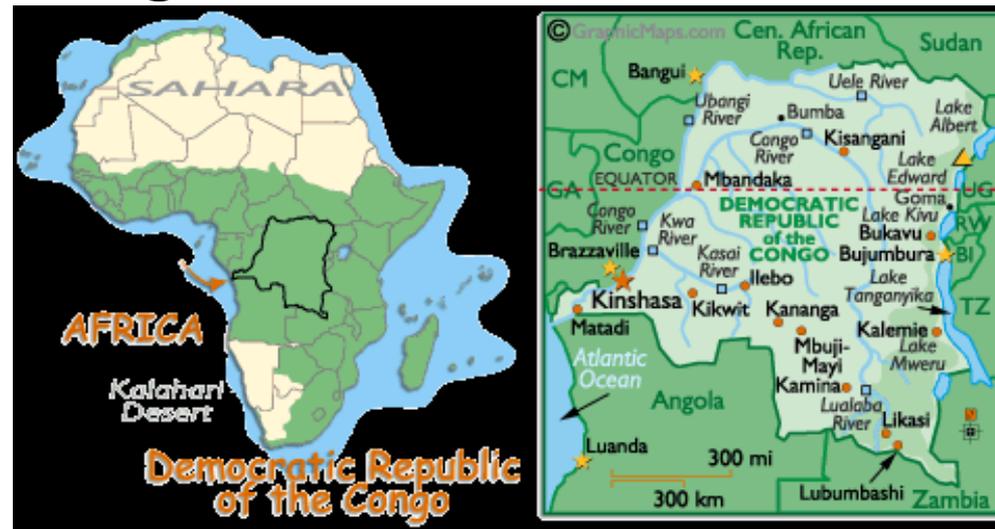
- After WWII most of Europe & U.S. decided that colonies were **too expensive** to maintain
- 1946—U.S. granted the **Philippines** indep.
- France was alone in wanted to keep holdings in **Algeria & Indochina [Vietnam]**
- **Military takeovers** are most common in Africa since decolonization



French troops fighting off Algerians wanting independence.

Effects of Decolonization

- **Independence didn't bring peace or prosperity to most African nations**
- **New states tended to maintain colonial boundaries—ethnic issues**
- **Sometimes ethnic conflicts turned violent—i.e. tribal conflict in Belgian Congo**
 - **Belgian Congo—once personal property of Leopold II of Belgium (made wealthy through the selling of rubber)**
 - **Over 200 ethnic groups in Congo**



**Should Western nations still be
involved in Africa today?**

Violent Revolutions in Africa

- **Settler colonies of Algeria, Kenya, & Southern Rhodesia (violent b/c higher # of Europeans)**
- **1963—Kenya independent**
- **1962—Algerian revolt ended colonial rule (Fr.)**
- **1980—Southern Rhodesia became Zimbabwe (indep. 1965)**
 - **White-controlled gov. declared indep.—repressed blacks—became violent**
 - **1980 under native rule**
- **1962—Belgium gave Rwanda independence**
 - **1994—issues b/w Hutu & Tutsi (Hutu Power)**
 - **genocide of 1 million people in 100 days (20% of pop.)**
- **1960—Congo from Belgium**
 - **So much violence afterwards—U.N. had to intervene**



Hutu 10 Commandments

1. Every Hutu should know that a Tutsi woman, whoever she is, works for the interest of her Tutsi ethnic group. (don't marry or befriend Tutsi women)
2. Every Hutu should know that our Hutu daughters are more suitable and conscientious in their role as woman, wife and mother of the family.
3. Hutu women, be vigilant and try to bring your husbands, brothers and sons back to reason
4. Every Hutu should know that every Tutsi is dishonest in business. His only aim is the supremacy of his ethnic group. (Don't do business with Tutsi)
5. All strategic positions, political, administrative, economic, military and security should be entrusted only to Hutu.
6. The education sector must be majority Hutu.
7. The Rwandan Armed Forces should be exclusively Hutu.
8. The **Hutu should stop having mercy on the Tutsi.**
9. The Hutu, wherever they are, must have unity and solidarity and be concerned with the fate of their Hutu brothers.
10. The Hutu Ideology, must be taught to every Hutu at every level. **Every Hutu must spread this ideology widely.**

Rwanda 1994 Genocide



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North Africa

- **Advantages over sub-Saharan:**
 - More **homogeneous** in religion, ethnicity, & lang.
 - **Existed as meaningful political units for long time—transition easier**
 - **Colonizers left b/h techn. & industry (esp. Egypt & Algeria)**



Libya

- **1951**—independence from Italy (became monarchy)
- **1959**—**discovered petroleum** in Libya—went from one of poorest, to one of wealthiest nations in Africa
- **1969**—Muammar al-**Gaddafi** took over gov.
 - Suspension of all existing laws
 - He said that the country would be purged of the "politically sick"
 - Executed dissidents publicly & often rebroadcast it on TV
- **2011 Civil War**
 - Protesters calling for new leadership and democratic elections
 - Began w/ peaceful protesters Feb. 15
 - Gaddafi responded w/ military force, censorship, & blocking of communication
 - NATO currently is helping the rebel forces
 - Gaddafi killed Oct. 20, 2011



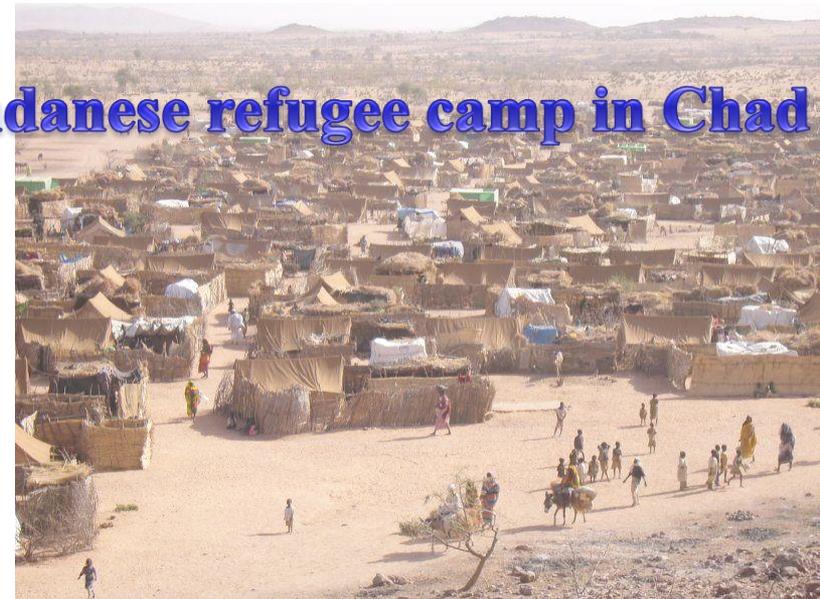


Sudanese Crisis

- **Largest nation in Africa**
- **1956—Indep. from UK (put 2 territories together)**
- **Issues b/w Afro-Arabs in north & black Christians in south**
- **1983-2005—Civil War**
 - **“Lost Boys”—27,000 boys fled 1,000 (most 5-8 yrs. Old)**
 - **Orphaned during Civil War**
 - **Experts say they are most war-traumatized children ever examined**
- **2003-today—Civil War in Darfur**
 - **Afro-Arabs (w/ support of gov.) attack black-Africans**
 - **~ 400,000 killed**
 - **Jan. 2011—voted to separate north & south Sudan—still violence**



Sudanese refugee camp in Chad



As we walk across the lot [parking lot], Benson says, “Cars stand here like cattle in cattle camp.”

... “Be careful in parking lots,” I caution...

“Oh!” Benson exclaims. “It is like when walking among the cow. One must use caution. A cow may swing her head very, very fast...The horns , very long, can injure a boy.”

“That must be dangerous. Why don’t you remove the horns of the cow?”

“Cows need horn to fight lion.”

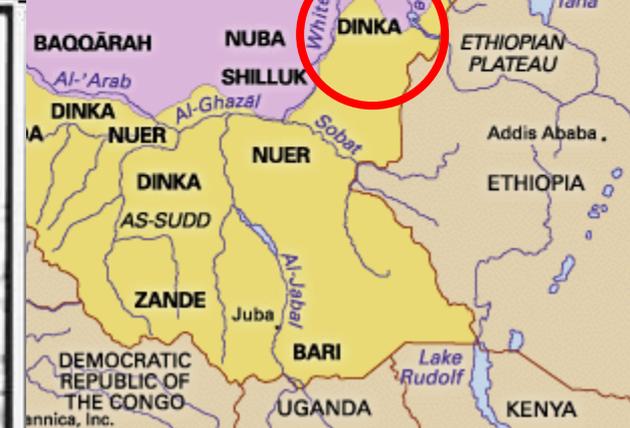
Cliff’s eyes widen [12 yr. old American] and the mouths, “Lions! *Real* lions?”

Inside the store, the stop and crane their necks up at the voluminous space above. Benson reaches his arms toward the ceiling and with reverential awe in his voice declares, “This is like a king’s palace.”

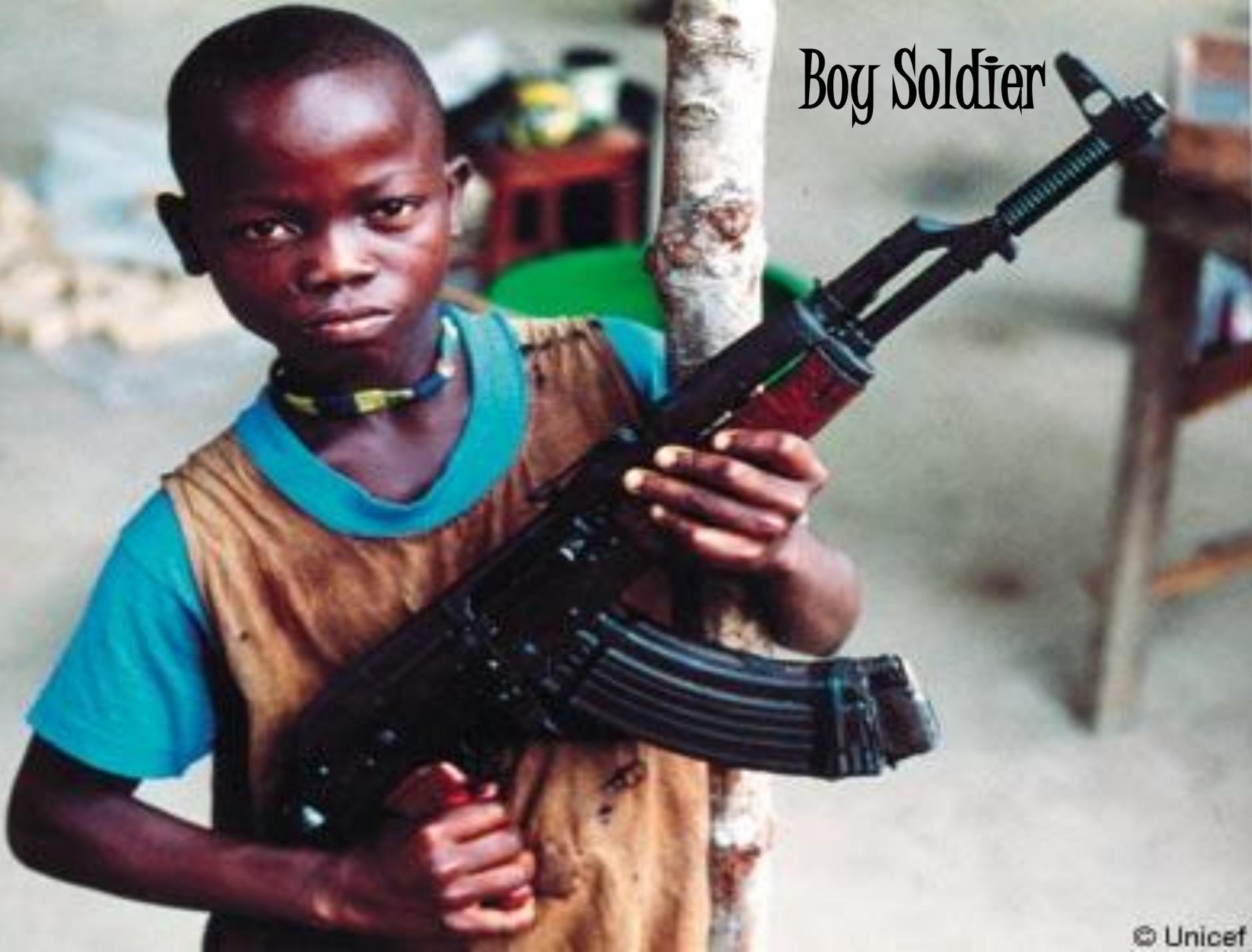
***A king’s palace.* It’s a Wal-Mart—an old, small one.**

They poured Fire on Us from the Sky, p. xvii

The Lost Boys



Boy Soldier





South Africa

- **1910—gained indep. from Britain; part of Commonwealth (alliance of old British colonies)**
- **White settler pop. divided ~ equally b/w Afrikaner (descendants of Dutch Boers) & English settlers**
 - **Minority of population white (25%)**
- **1930s—miners prospered from export of gold & copper**
- **1948—Afrikaners imposed apartheid—highly racial segregations**
 - **Prohibited blacks from voting & having contact w/ whites**
 - **Best jobs for whites only**

South Africa Cont.

- One of richest sources of **gold & diamonds**
 - White gov. turned nation into wealthiest & modernist in Africa
- **1959—Bantu Self Gov. Act** —created 10 homelands for non-whites—allowed to vote in their homeland, not in South Africa
- **1961—forced to leave Commonwealth**
- **1990—Nelson Mandela freed—showed that racial tensions were loosening (in prison 1964-90)**
- **1990s—ended apartheid & held elections in which all adults could vote**





Peace in our city
stop the killings



Nelson Mandela—imprisoned for suspicion of plotting to overthrow the government—he became a symbol of the anti-apartheid movement—he worked over 4 decades to achieve this



Invictus



BERRY

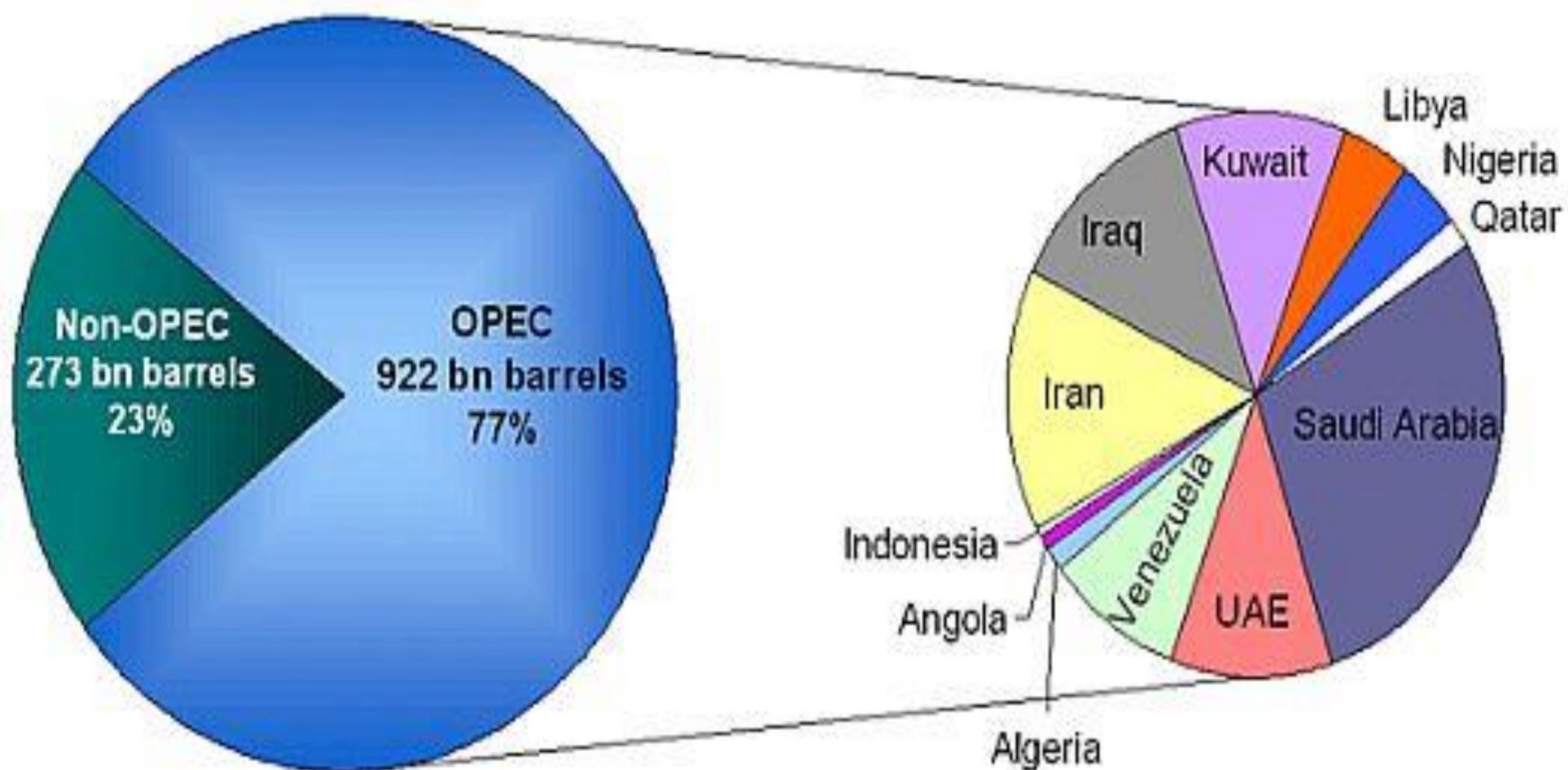
African Economies

- **After WWI didn't have \$\$ to purchase industrial goods from other regions**
- **After WWII had to rely on sale of minerals & cash crops to finance industries**
 - **Influx in price of goods has hampered the economy**
- **New nations didn't have resources to further development**
- **Nigeria—oil producing country—member of OPEC (Org. of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) [11% of U.S. oil comes from Nigeria]**
 - **One of the richest countries in Africa [U.S. largest foreign investor]**
 - **250 ethnic groups—violence often b/w them**
 - **Sometimes gangs siphon oil to sell illegally to buy weapons**
 - **Researches suggests that Nigeria might fragment w/in 15 yrs.**
- **Have to get help from international organizations like: World Bank & International Monetary Fund**
- **African art exported**

“Injustice stalks the land like a tiger on the prowl. To be at the mercy of buffoons is the ultimate insult. To find the instruments of state power reducing you to dust in the injury.”

Saro-Wiwa—Nigerian who protested the oil drilling in his native province—he was imprisoned & hung in 1995

OPEC Share of World Crude Oil Reserves (2006)



THERE, ARE YOU
HAPPY NOW, OPEC??

... SEE WHAT
YOU'VE DONE??

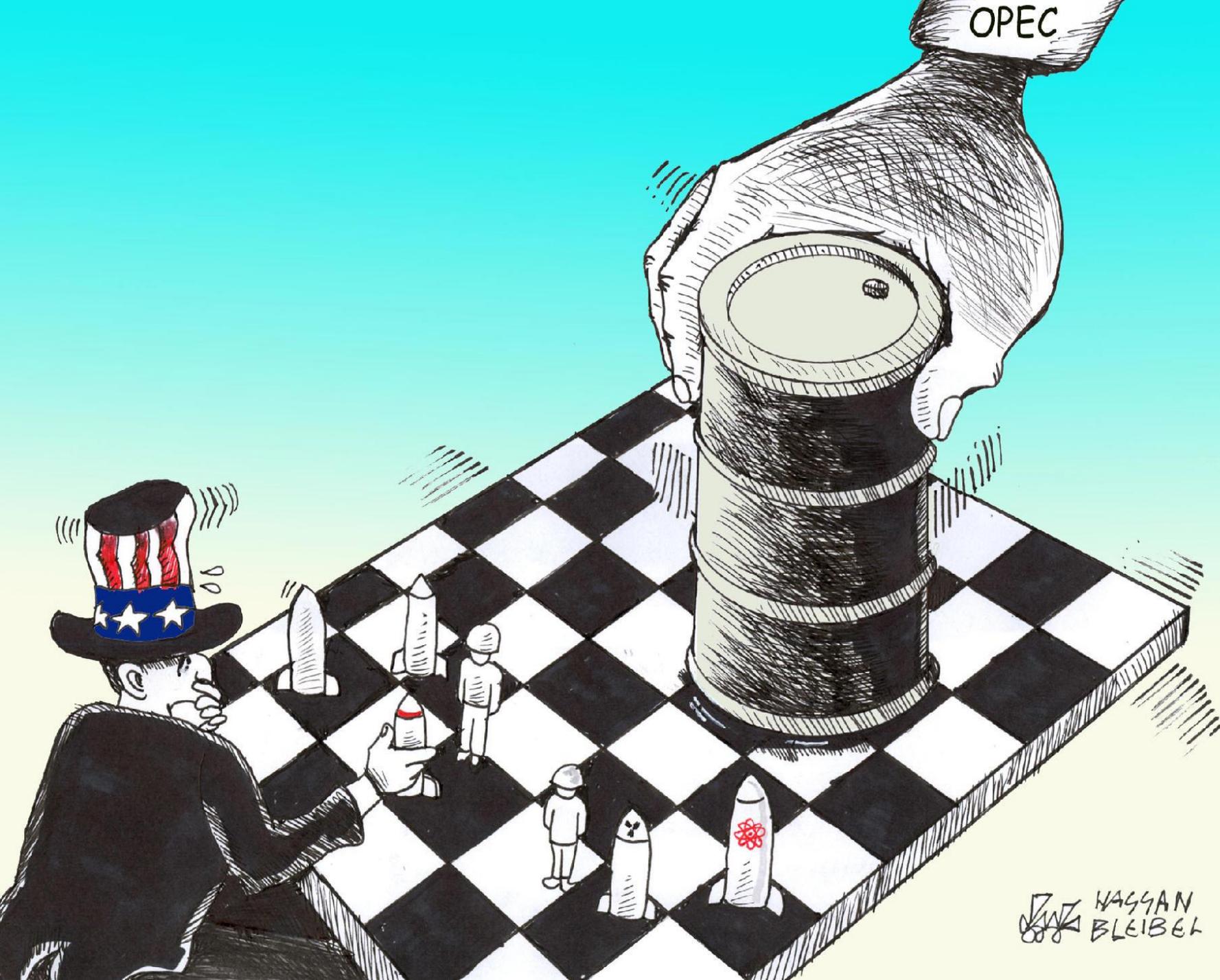
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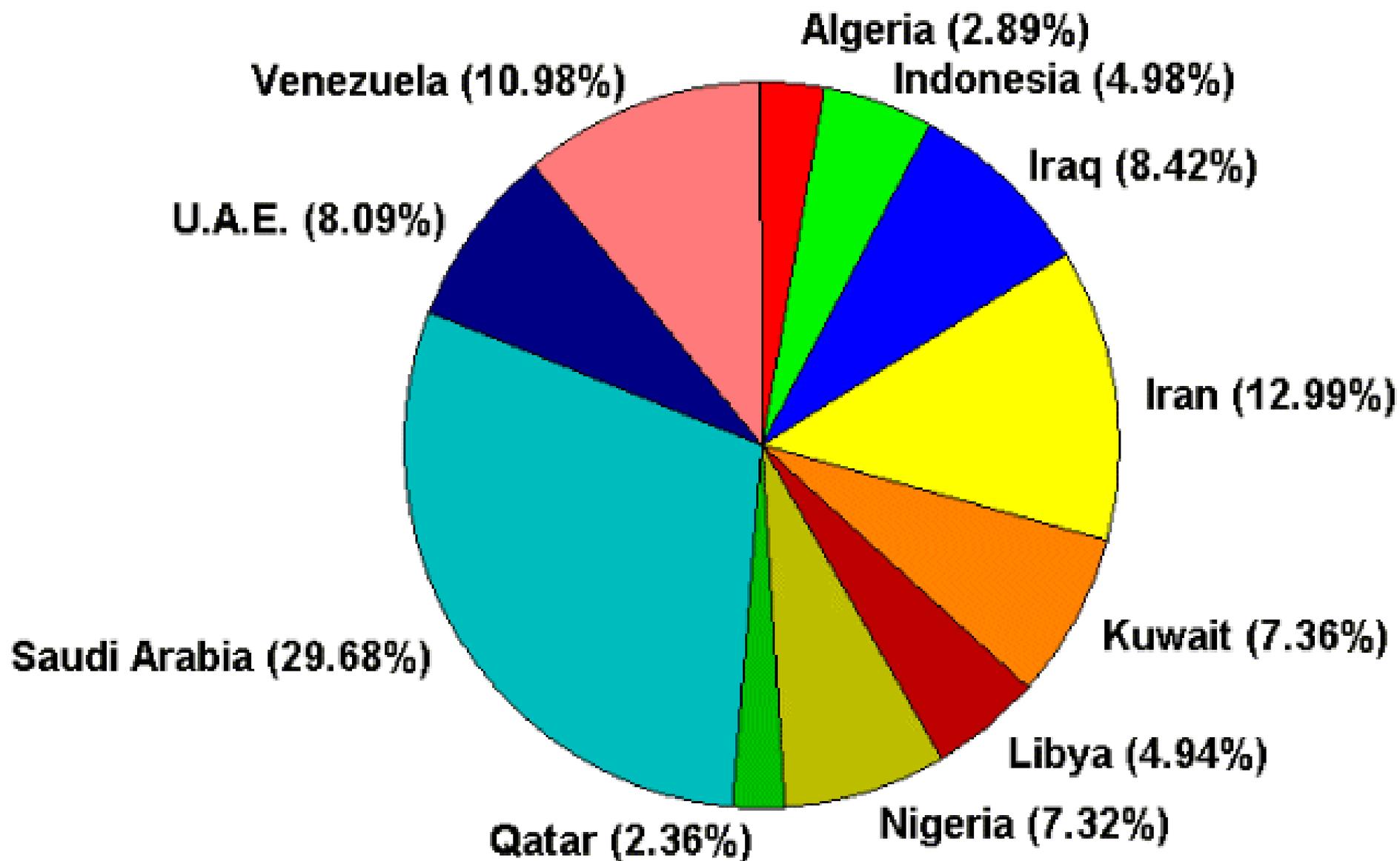




OPEC

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Members Share of OPEC Production December 1998



Top World Oil Net Exporters, 2005
(OPEC members in italics)

	Country	Net Oil Exports (million barrels per day)
1)	<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	9.1
2)	Russia	6.7
3)	Norway	2.7
4)	<i>Iran</i>	2.6
5)	<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	2.4
6)	<i>Nigeria</i>	2.3
7)	<i>Kuwait</i>	2.3
8)	<i>Venezuela</i>	2.2
9)	<i>Algeria</i>	1.8
10)	Mexico	1.7
11)	<i>Libya</i>	1.5
12)	<i>Iraq</i>	1.3
13)	Angola	1.2
14)	Kazakhstan	1.1
15)	<i>Qatar</i>	1.0

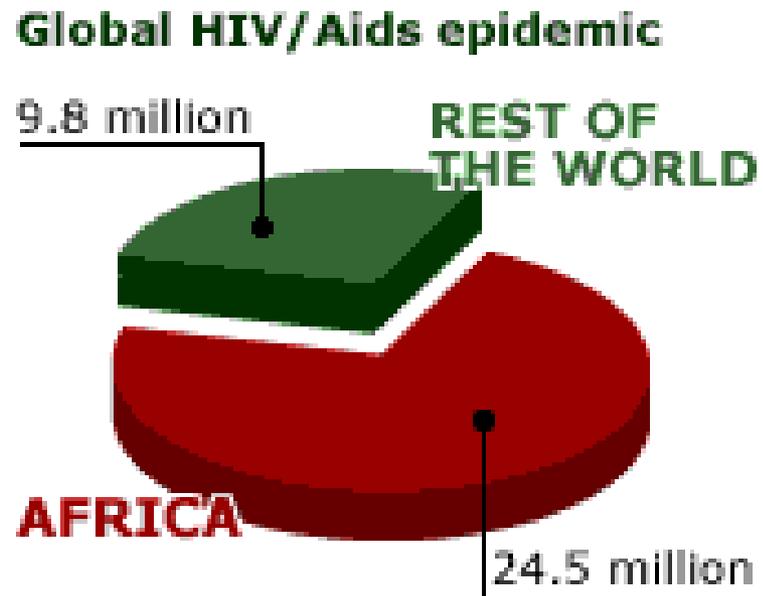
Top World Oil Producers, 2005

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	Country	Total Oil Production** (million barrels per day)
1)	<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	11.1
2)	Russia	9.5
3)	United States	8.2
4)	<i>Iran</i>	4.2
5)	Mexico	3.8
6)	China	3.8
7)	Canada	3.1
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14)	Brazil	2.0

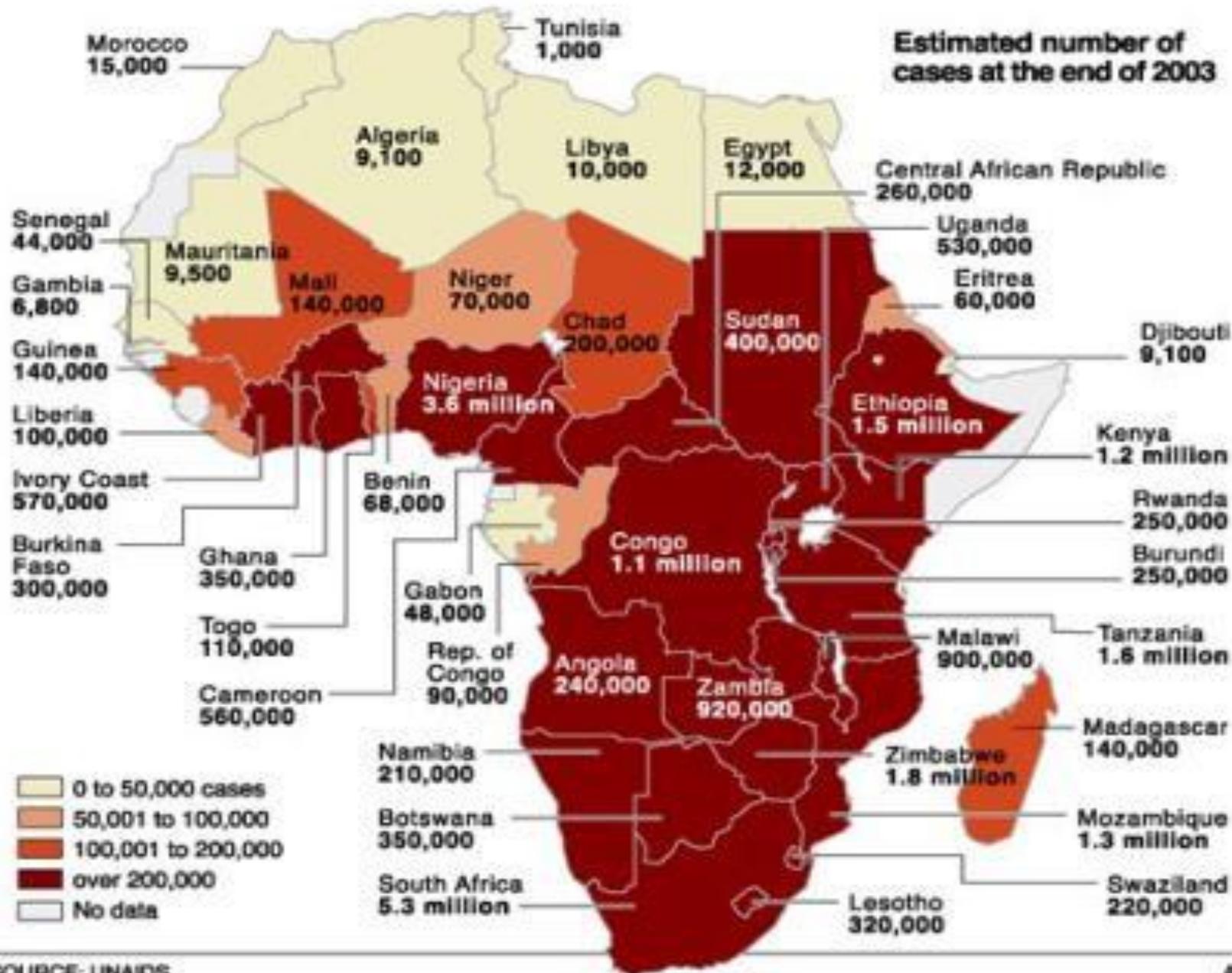
African Interaction w/ Environment

- **Beginning of 20th C.—low pop. levels**
 - High birth rates, lower mortality rates increased pop.
- **Pop. increase cont. even with AIDS pandemic in Africa**
- **Pop. growth in rural areas led to overgrazing & deforestation**
- **Because of pop. growth, massive migration to cities**



AIDS in Africa

Of the estimated 39.4 million people living with HIV worldwide, more than two-thirds of them are in Africa.



African Women

- **Woman suffrage** in new constitutions
- **Women participated in revolutionary** movements
- **Some gave them the right to hold political office**
- **Increased opport. for education & employment**
- **Early marriages still confine some women to traditional roles**

