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CONTEMPORARY

KEY CONCEPTS, IDEAS, MOVEMENTS, RELIGIONS, PEOPLE, ETC. FOR THE **CONTEMPORARY PERIOD** (1914 CE→)

**CHALLENGING BECAUSE...**

1. We are close too close to these events
  - a. We don't know the end of the story

2. Internally Divided
  - a. WW & Gdep, Cold War, Whatever Since

## 4 ORGANIZING PRINCIPLES

# 1

### Decline of the Relative Position of the West

- In world politics

  1. Decolonization
  2. Difficulty of the West to use its military advantage



# 2

### World Economy Model Gets Much More Difficult

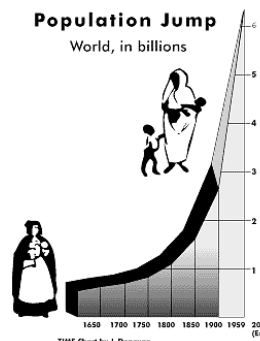
- Core Changes
- Add: China & Pacific Rim
- Periphery Changes:
- Moves toward Sub-Saharan Africa
- Key Facets of the Theory still stand:
  1. 2 Countries attempt to set up their own Economic System USSR & CHINA
  2. # of societies (don't become core) but pull out of the periphery
  - 3 WAYS
    1. Import Substitution
      - make it difficult to import standard factory goods. Instead make it themselves
      - Still import Tech.
      - Reduce reliance on CORE
    2. Find an advantage your society can exploit
      - Oil, Agric, Industry, Software, etc.
    3. Only about 20% of the world is Industrialized
      - 40% are industrializing
      - Terms 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>=inaccurate

# 3

### Population Growth

- 3X from 1914→Present
- 2 BILL-6 BILL
- Huge Fallout
  - Resources
  - Rate
- Improvements in Public Health
- NOT new medicines
- Increase in Public Health and Food production
- Even with more people being killed in this century than all other centuries combined
  - Population continues to grow

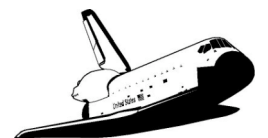
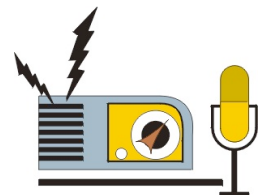
Population Jump  
World, in billions



# 4

### Increase in Technology

- Radio
- Telephone
- Satellites
- Air Travel
- Internet
- Literal Connections
- Educational/Informational Connections increase Exponentially



**OTHER PATTERNS OTHER PATTERNS**

**MOST SOCIETIES GO THROUGH ONE OR MORE POLITICAL CHANGES SINCE 1914**

**KEY: EMPIRE & MONARCHY**

- Monarchy is essentially gone
  - Originally this had been around the **MOST!**
- What will the replacement be????
  - Totalitarian, Authoritarian, Democratic...

**SOCIAL UPHEAVAL**

- Landed Aristocracy replaced by an upper middle class
  - L. Arist. Was the dominant class

**CULTURAL CHANGE**

- Messy
- Marxism, Western Science, & Consumer Society
- Religious Revival
- CAN' T SPECULATE HOW THIS WILL TURN OUT!
  - MANY CULTURES DIVIDED @ TURN OF 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

**GENDER**

- Less education gap between Men & Women
- Voting rights for both Men & women
  - Where voting rights exist
- Legal protections (on paper) for women
- Birth Rates Dropping
- As Landed Aristocracy loses influence; women gain more equality

**GLOBALIZATION**

- Red Cross, Canals (Previous Globalization from other periods)
- From WWI→ Globalization retreats
- USSR Retreats; Chinese Communists retreat, etc.
- 1970s→ Accelerates again
  - Multinational Corporations
  - Ch & Russ rejoin
  - Huge New Technologies

**KEY AFRICAN CHANGE**

- Change from POLY to MONOtheistic
- 40% Muslim, 40% Christian; 20% Poly

**MAJOR COMPARISONS**

- Compare Patterns and results of deconlization in Africa & India
- Pick two Revolutions (Russian, Chinese, Cuban, Iranian) and compare their effects on the roles of women
- Compare the effects of the WW on areas outside of Europe
- Compare legacies of colonialism and patterns of economic development in two of three areas (Africa, Asia, and Latin America)
- Analyze the notion of “the West” and “The East” in the context of Cold War ideology
- Compare Nationalist ideologies and movements in contrasting European and colonial environments
- Compare the different types of independence struggles
- Compare the impacts of consumer society on two civilizations outside of Europe
- Compare High Tech warfare with guerilla warfare
- Assess different proposals (or models) for economic growth in the developing world and the social and political consequences

**NEED TO KNOW**

- Causes of the WW
- Cultural and political transformations resulting from the wars
- Authoritarian Regimes
- Feminism and Gender relations
- Growth of international organizations
- Colonial independence movements
- The issue of genocide
- Internationalization of popular culture

**DON'T NEED TO KNOW**

- Battles of the WW
- French political & cultural history
- Mussolini's or Vargas's internal policies
- Simone de Beavoir or Huda Shaarawi
- History of the ILO
- Details of a particular struggle
- Cambodia, Rwanda, or Kosovo
- Beatles