



U.S.-Latin America Relations in the 2010s

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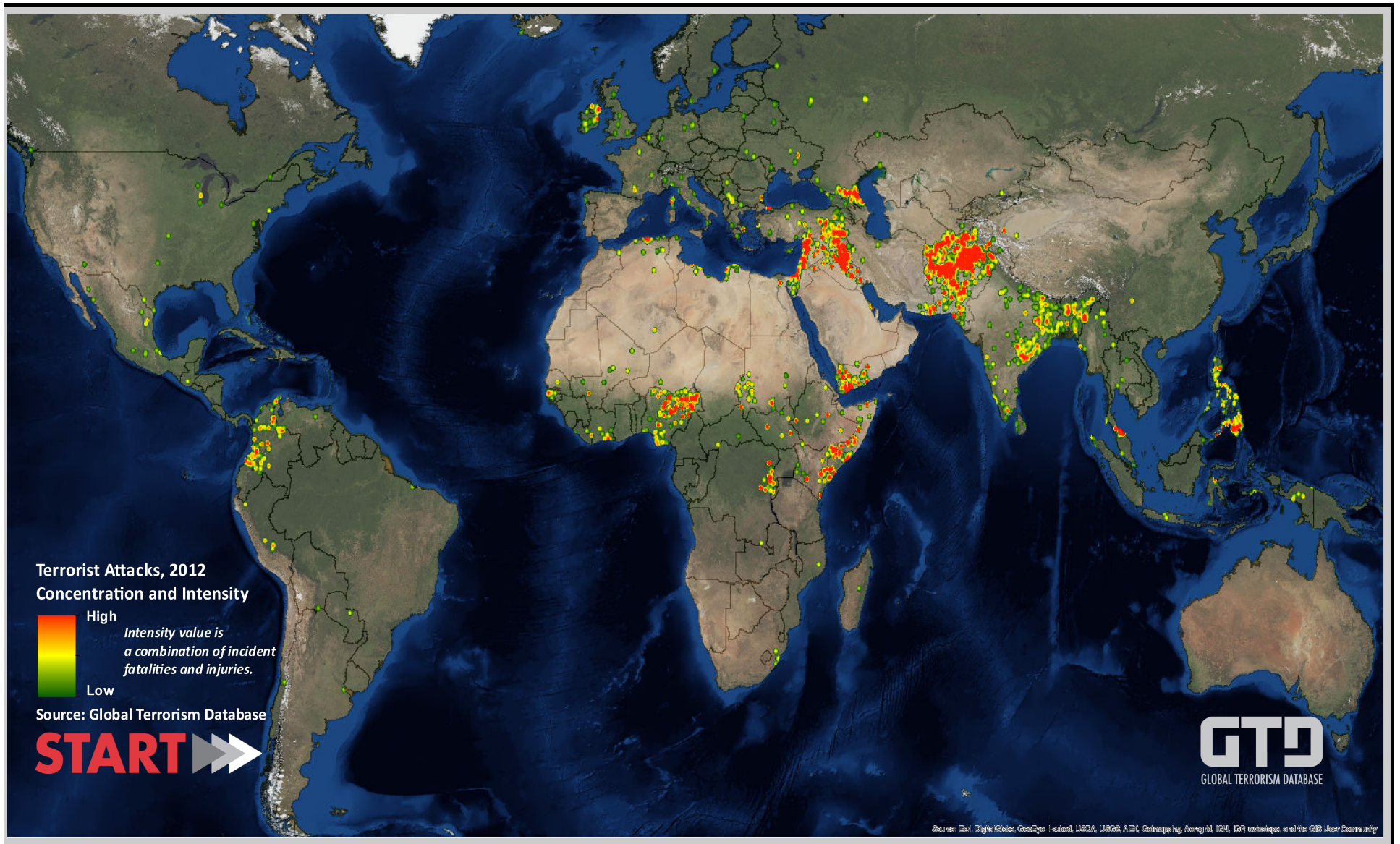


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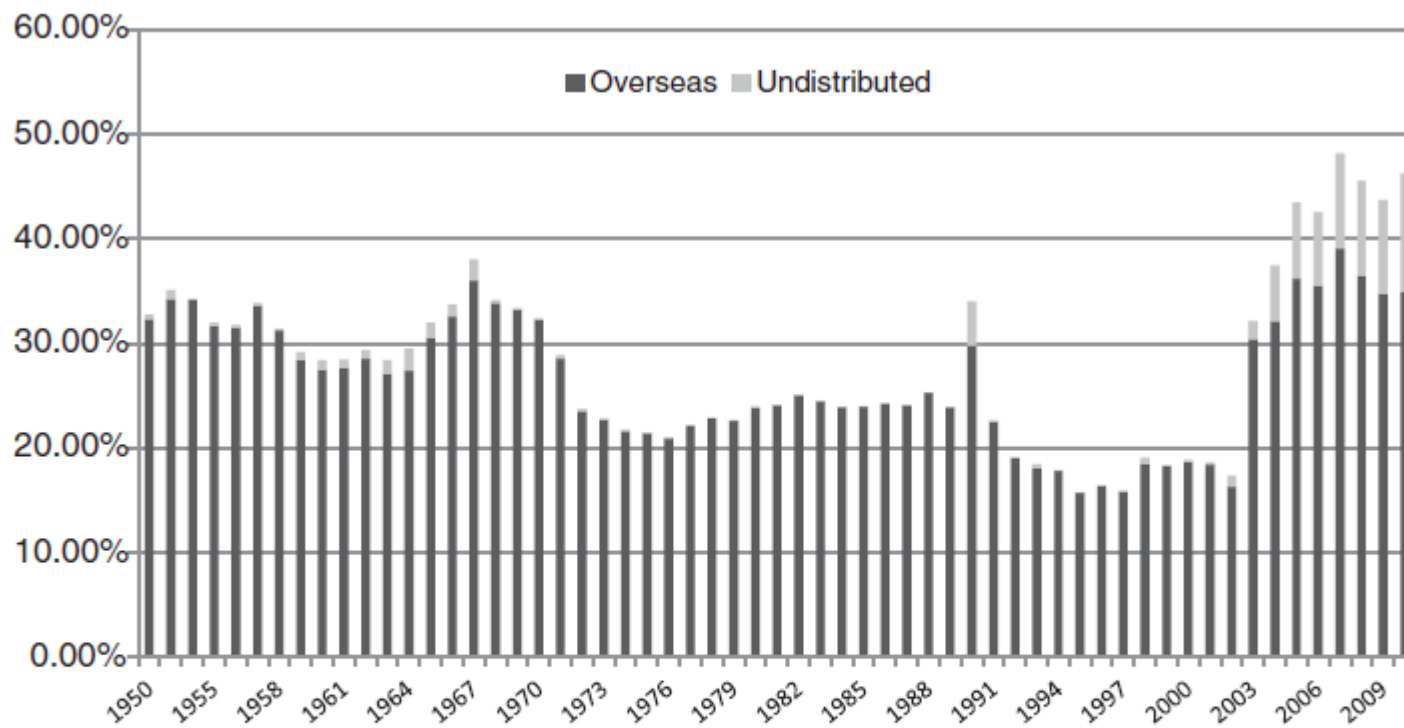


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Not of all Latin America



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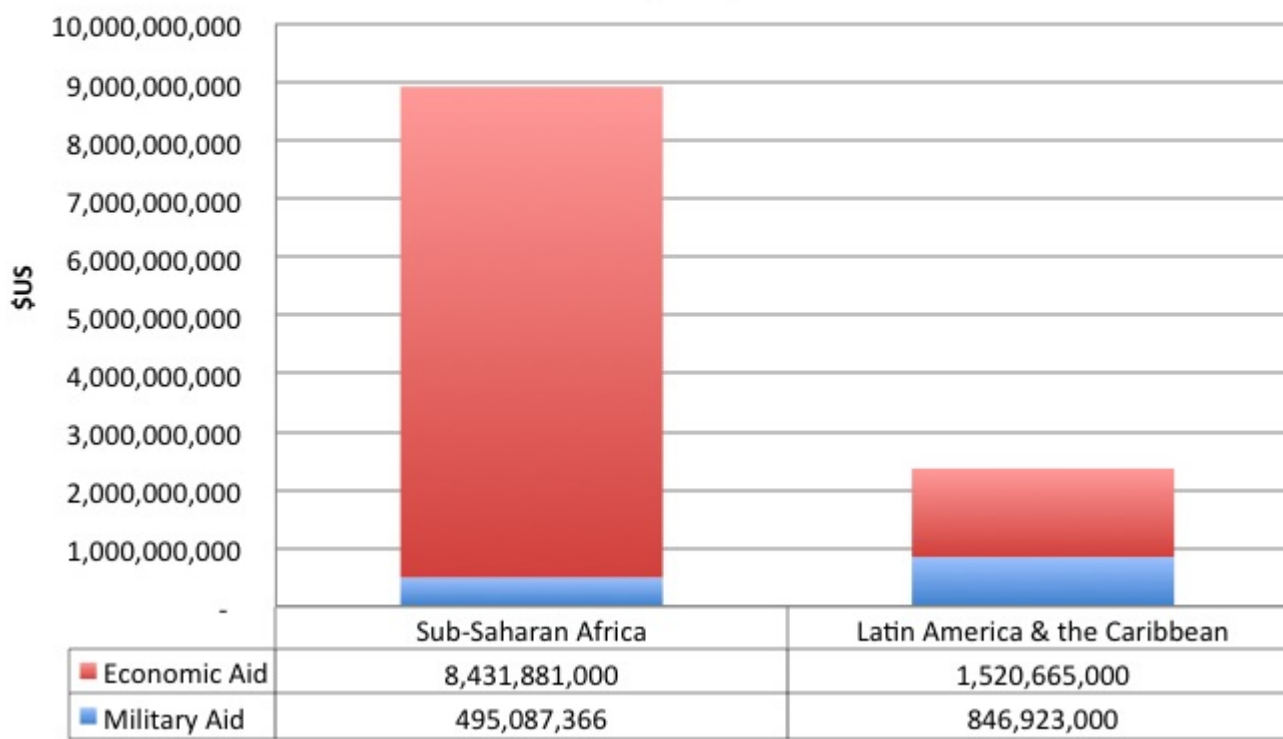


Notes: "Undistributed" refers to troops deployed abroad but no country is indicated. There is no data for 1951 and 1952.

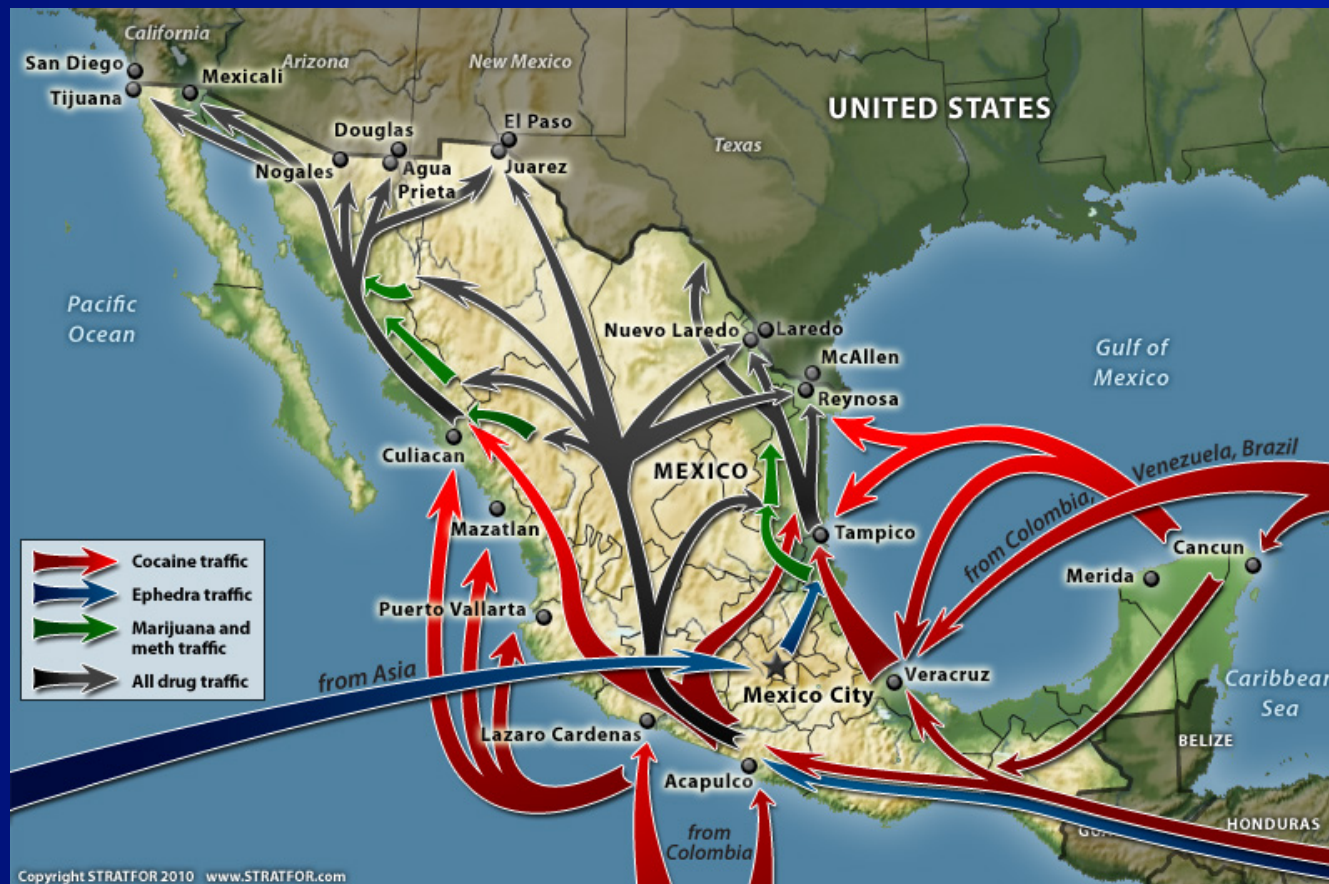
Source: United States Department of Defense http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Overseas_Troops.gif

FIGURE 5.3 U.S. troop deployment, overseas and undistributed, 1950–2010.

**U.S. Foreign Operations Assistance
to Latin America & the Caribbean and Sub-Saharan Africa
2009 (USD)**



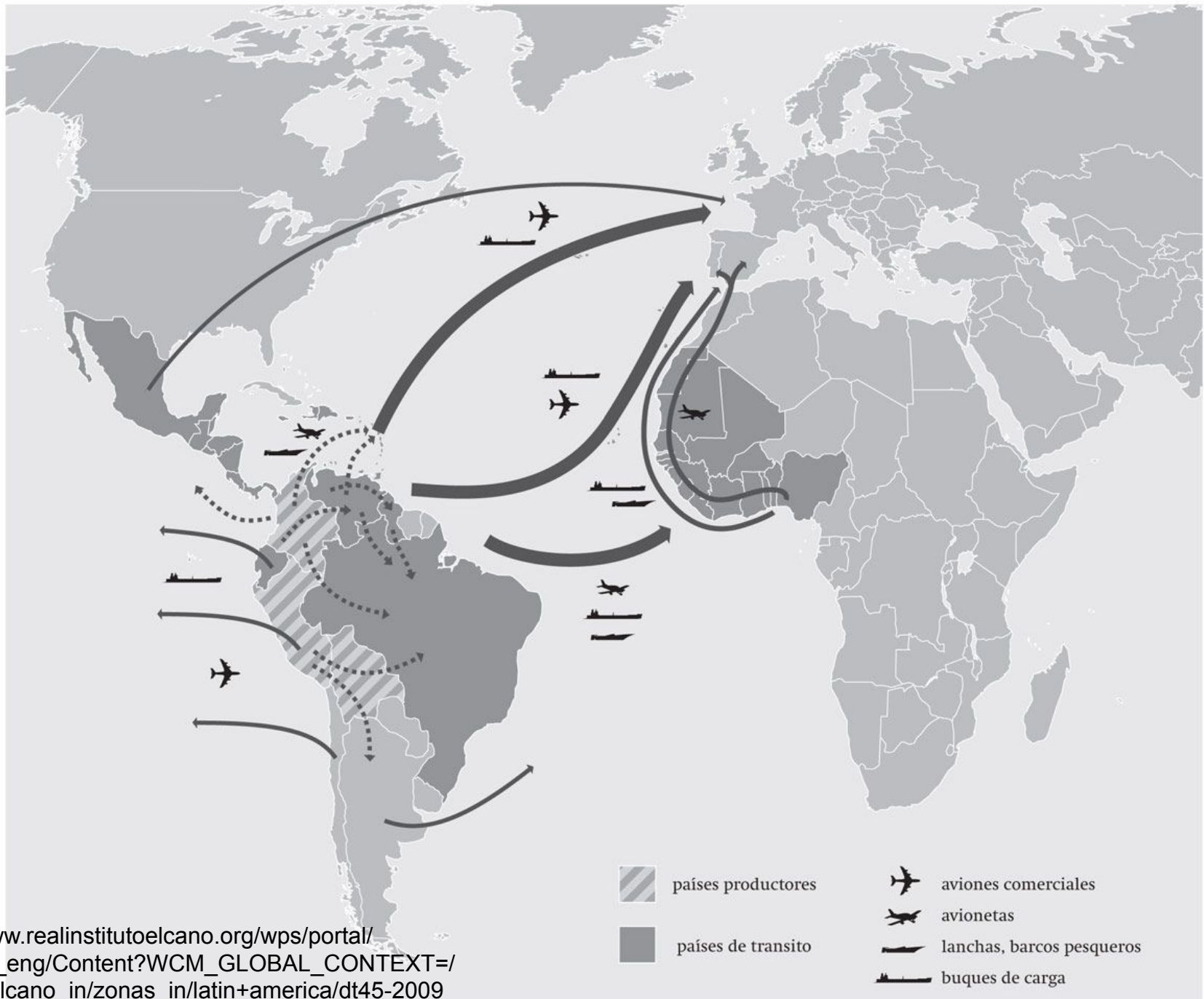
Drug Routes: Mexico



■ Source: Stratfor, "Mexican Drug Cartels: An Update, May 17, 2010." 10.

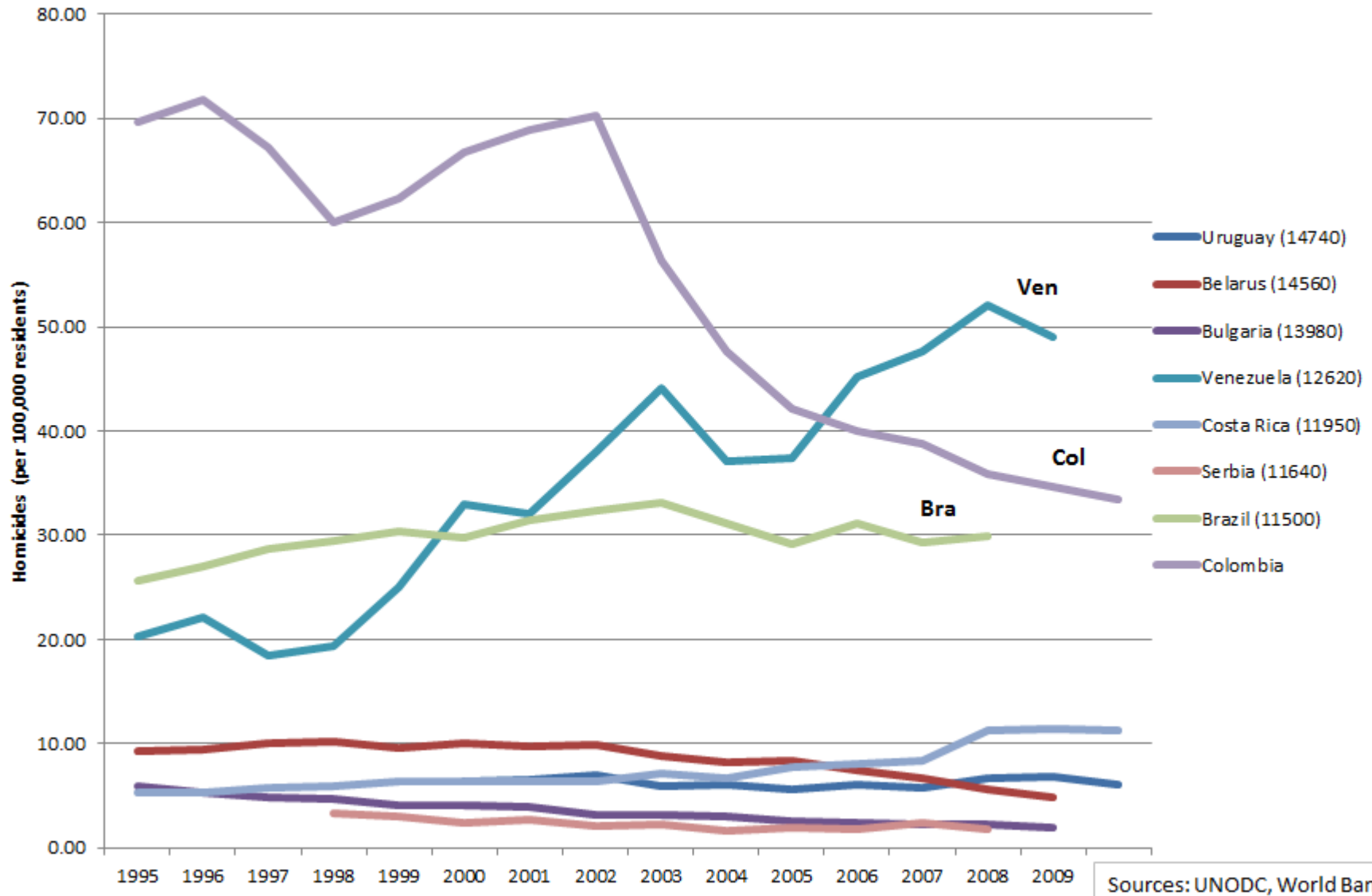


II. ... with some exceptions



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Homicide Trends Among per capita GNI at PPP peers, 1995-2010



Sources: UNODC, World Bank



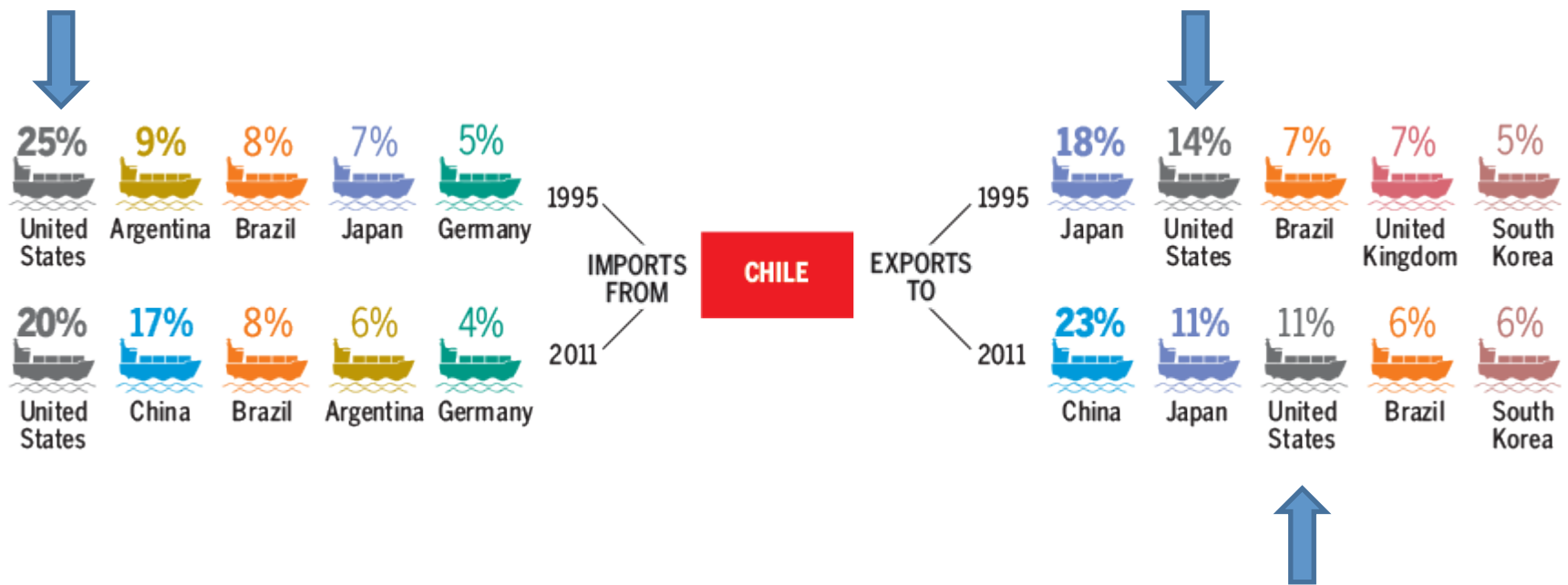
III. New actors...and familiar ones.

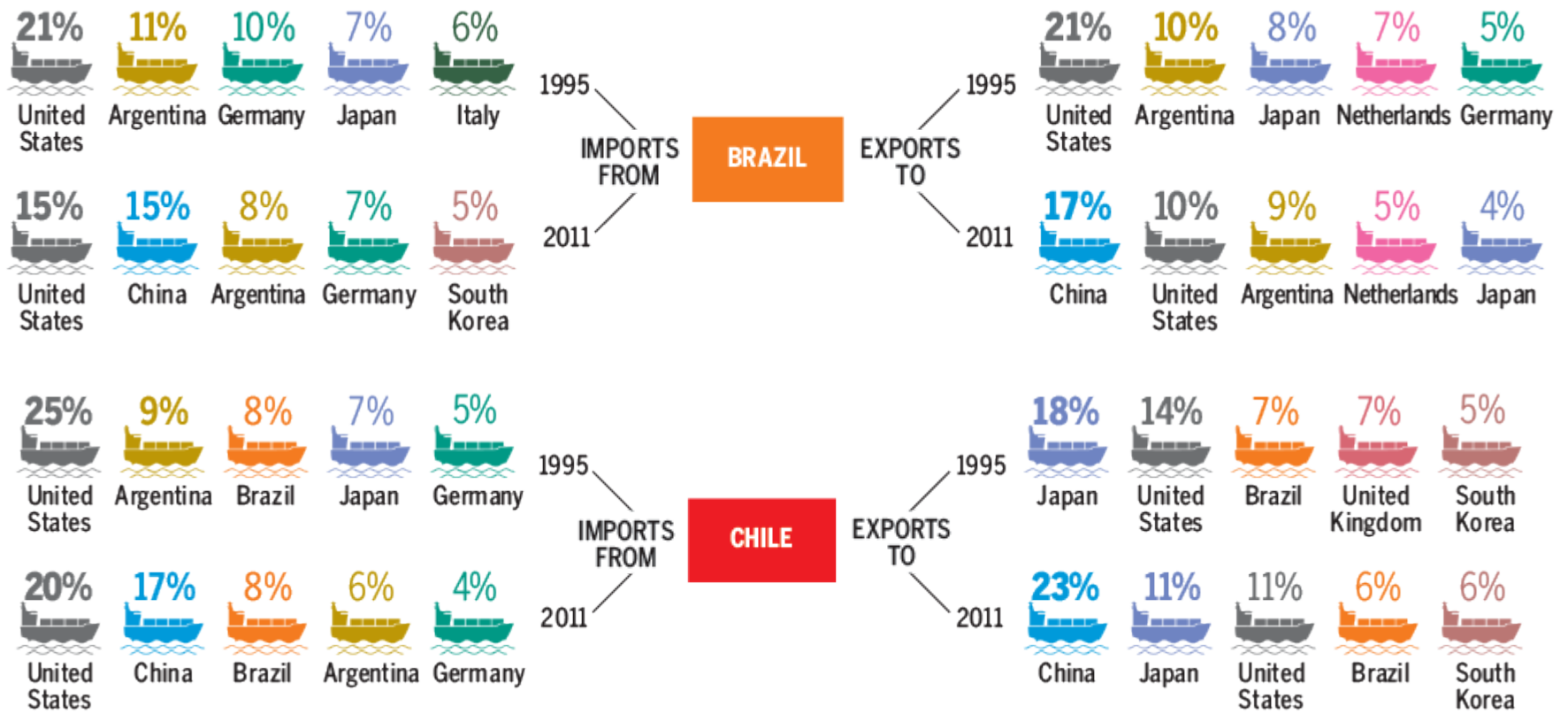


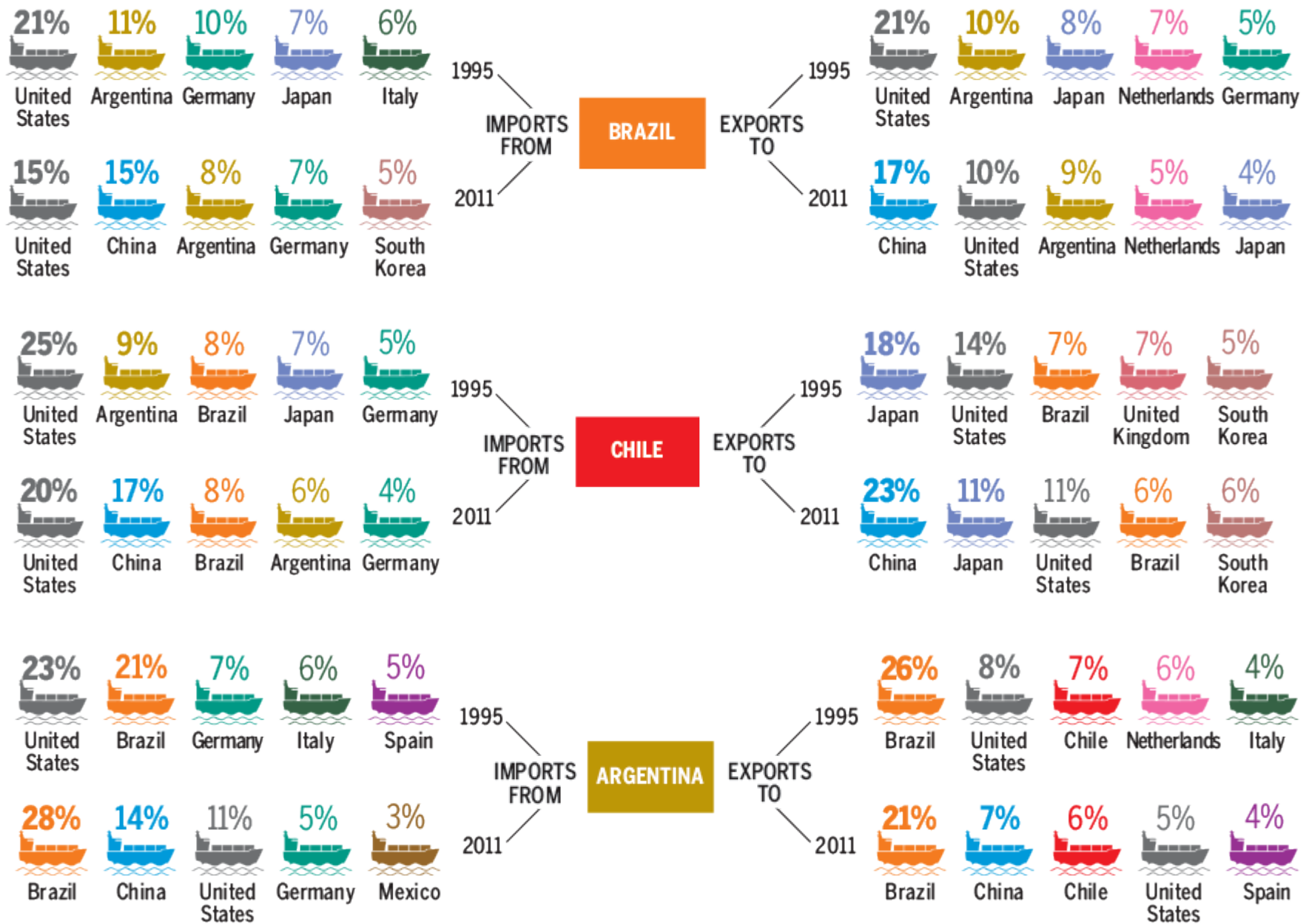
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The new kid on the block



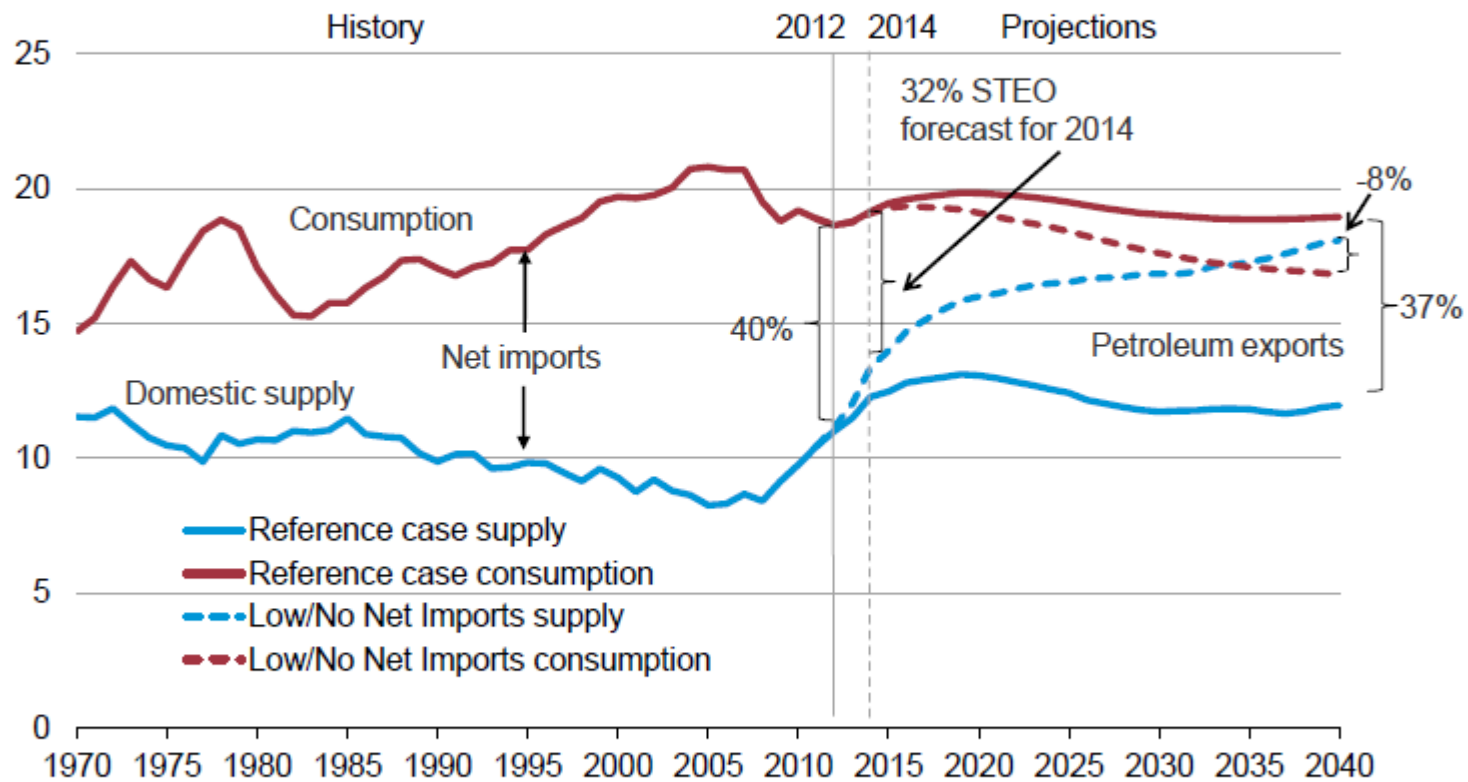


IV. A Revolution up North

Shale Oil and Shale Gas in the United States

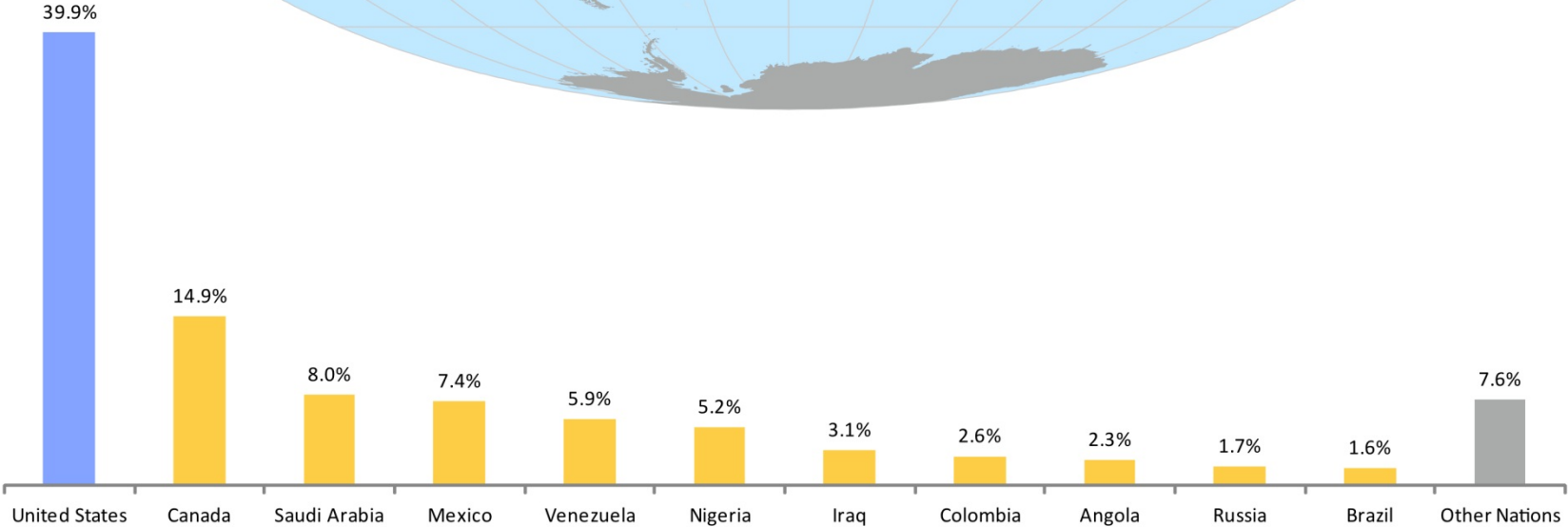
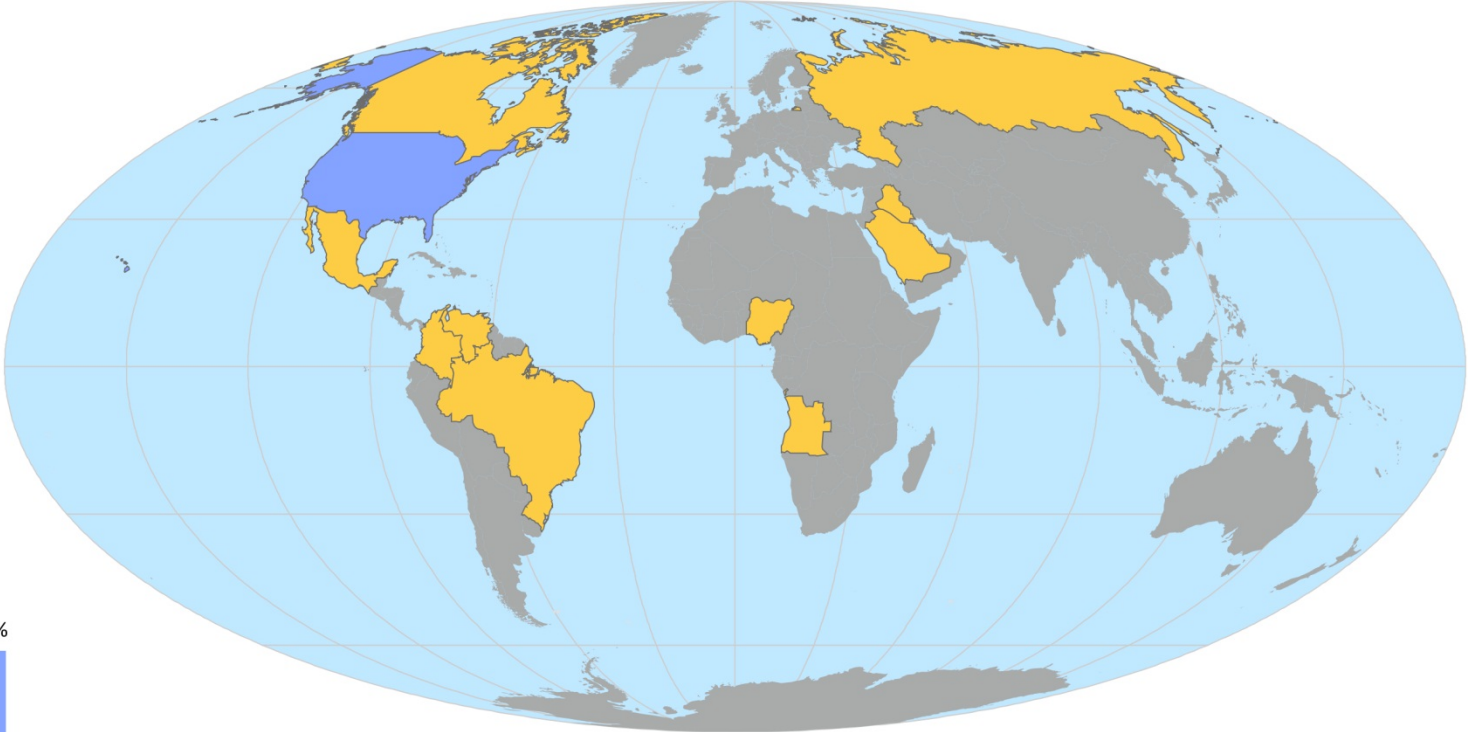
U.S. dependence on imported liquids depends on both supply and demand

U.S. liquid fuel supply
million barrels per day



Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2013 and Short-Term Energy Outlook, April 2013

Where Does U.S. Oil Come From?





V. The Perennial Wedge: U.S-Cuba

2004-05 New Cuba Policy



- Limiting family visits to Cuba to **1 trip every 3 years** (ending the 3 trips per year)
- Limiting the **definition of "family"** for the purposes of family visits to immediate family (including grandparents, grandchildren, parents, siblings, spouses, and children); and
- Reducing the current authorized **per diem** amount (the authorized amount allowed for food and lodging expenses for travel in Cuba) from \$164 per day to \$50 per day
- Restrictions on **remittances** and **educational exchanges**
- Restrictions on **religious** travel



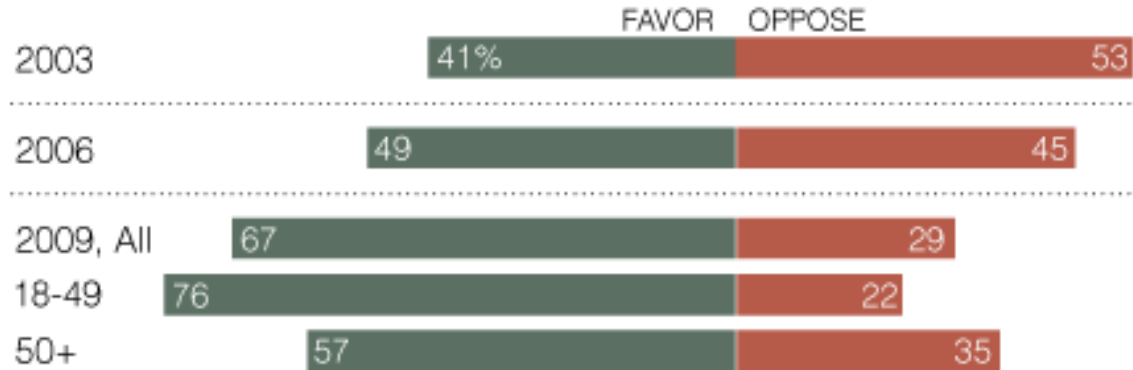
“There are no better ambassadors for freedom than Cuban-Americans. That’s why I will immediately allow unlimited family travel and remittances to the island. It’s time to let Cuban-American money make their families less dependent upon the Castro regime”

“I will maintain the embargo. It provides us with the leverage to present the regime with a clear choice: if you take significant steps toward democracy...we will take steps to begin normalizing relations.”

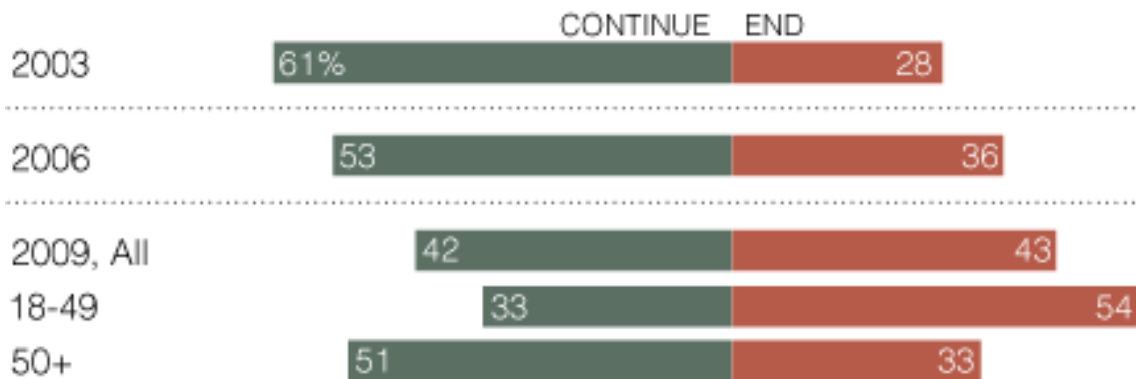
Barak Obama, May 23, 2008.

Survey of Cuban-Americans

Do you favor or oppose all American citizens being able to travel to Cuba?



What is your opinion about the U.S. embargo against Cuba?



Source: Bendixen & Associates,
2009 National Survey of Cuban Americans

THE NEW YORK TIMES

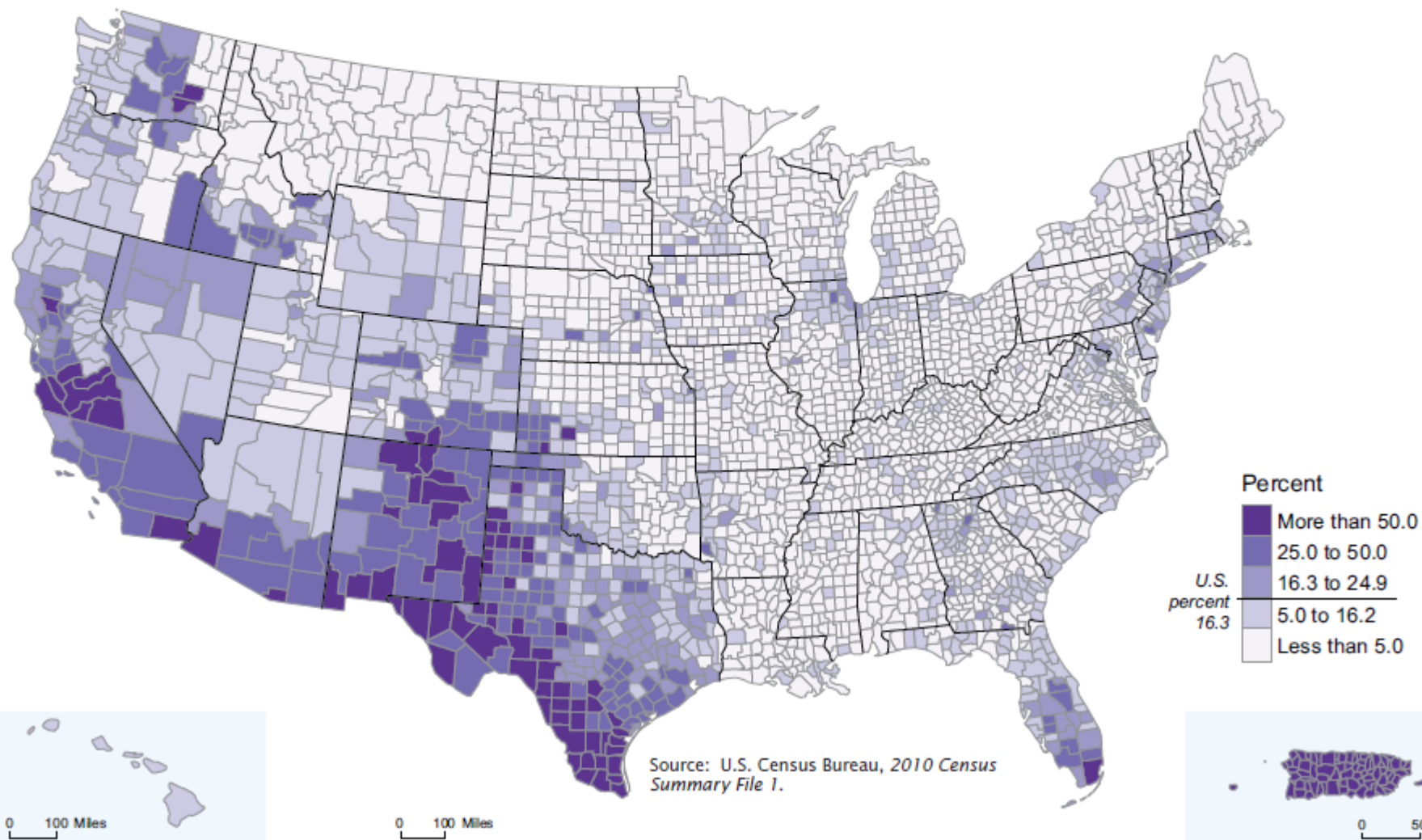


VI. Latinos: Threat or Opportunity?

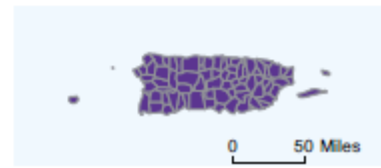
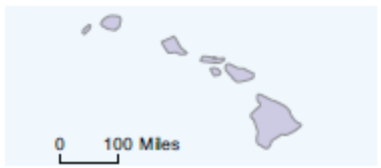


Figure 5.
Hispanic or Latino Population as a Percent of Total Population by County: 2010

(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/doc/sf1.pdf)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File 1.

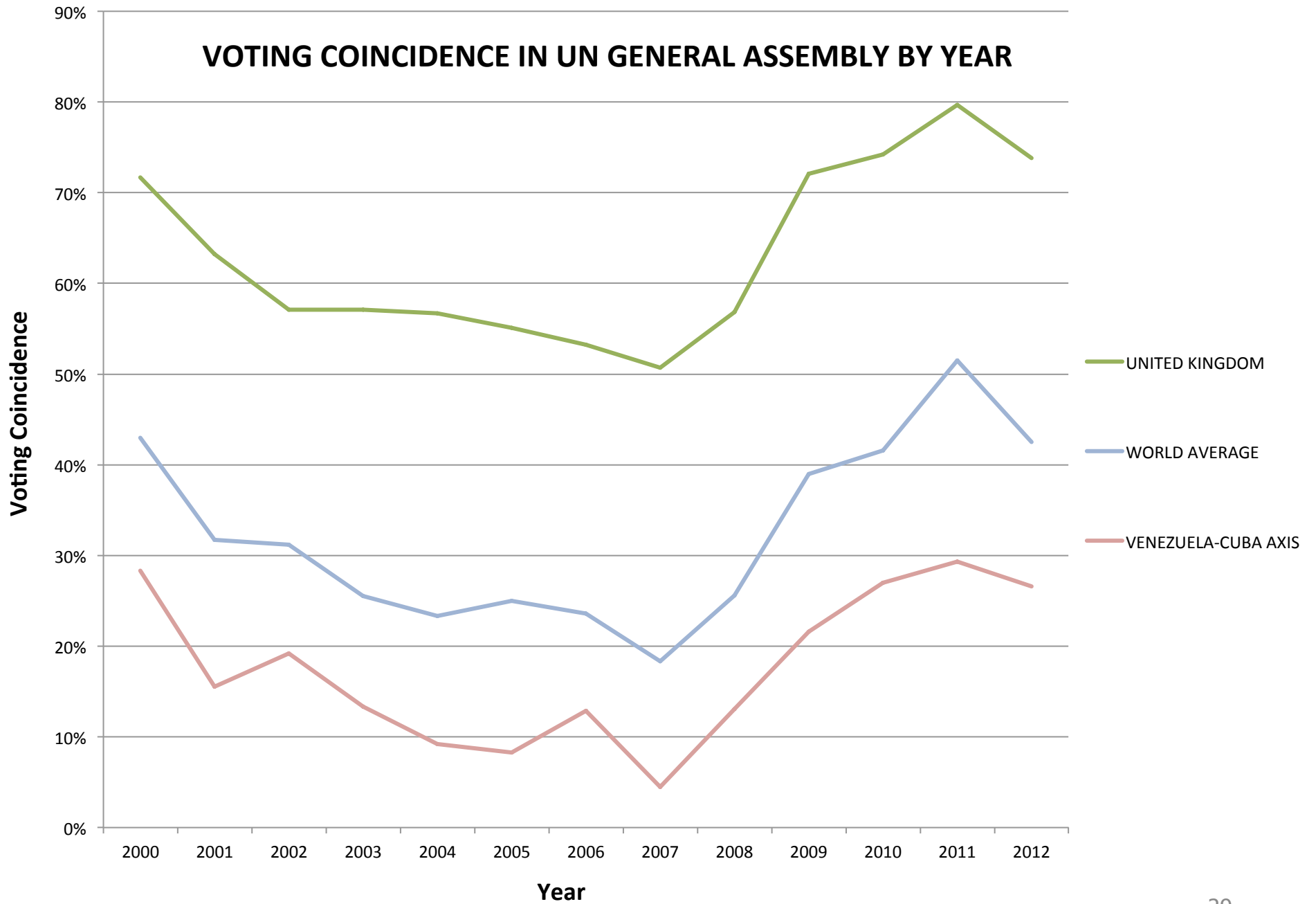




VII. The Three Latin Americas?



VOTING COINCIDENCE IN UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY YEAR



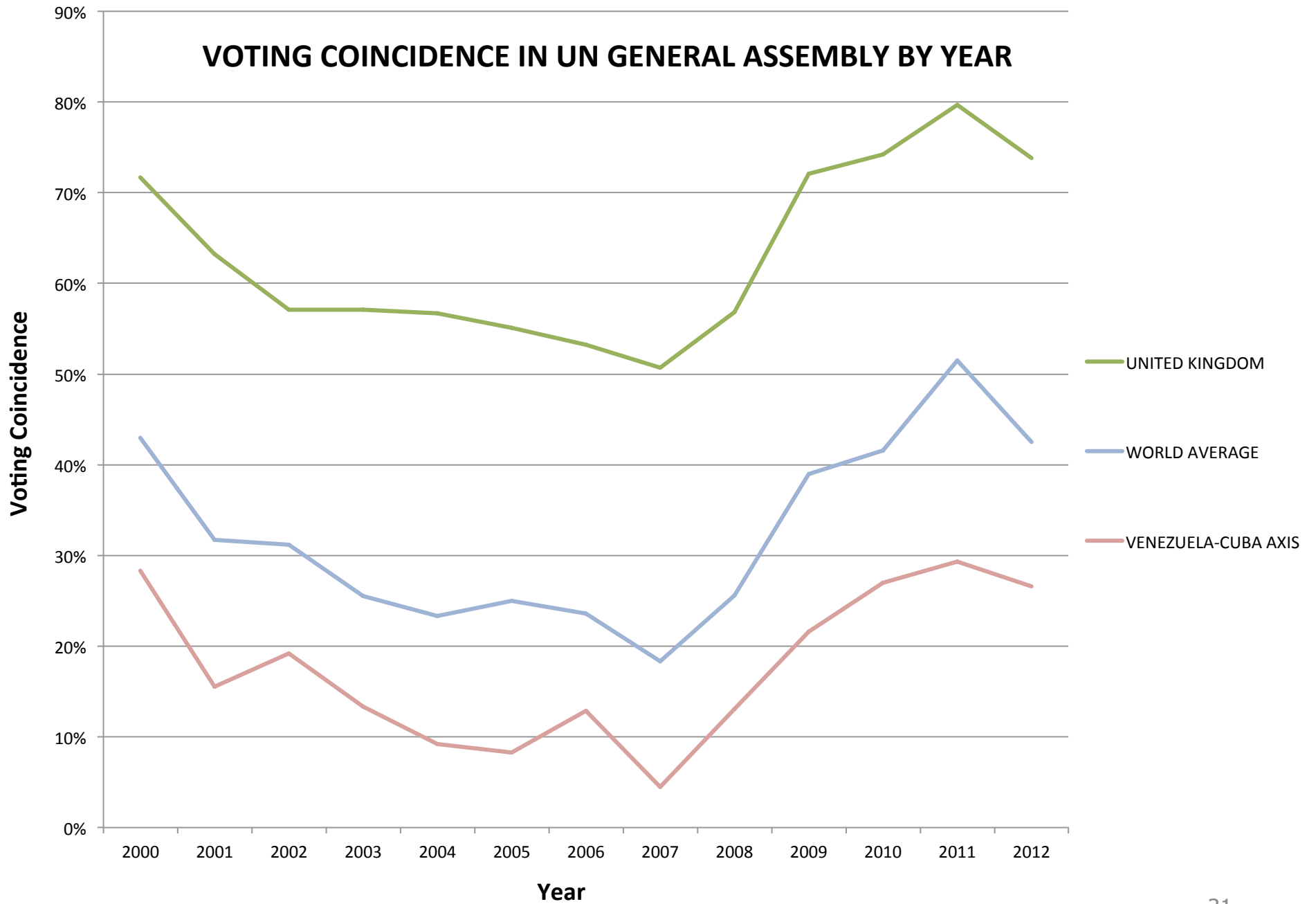
$$\text{VOTING COINCIDENCE} = \frac{\text{SAME VOTES}}{\text{Total Votes}}$$

"SAME VOTES" =

No. of votes for which US voted **YES** and country voted **YES**
+
no. of votes for which US voted **NO** and country voted **NO**

Source: U.S. State Department, "Voting Practices in the United Nations." Reports 2000-2012. Available at: <http://www.state.gov/p/io/rls/rpt/>

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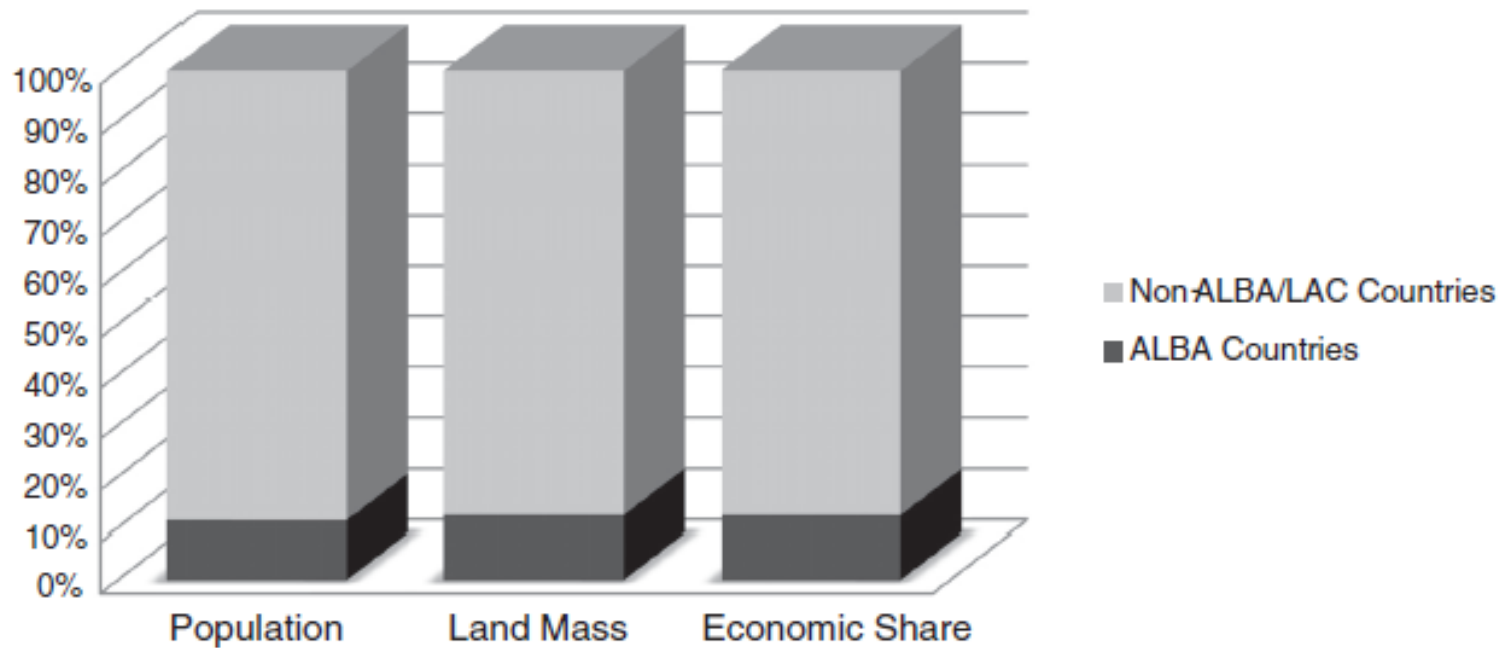
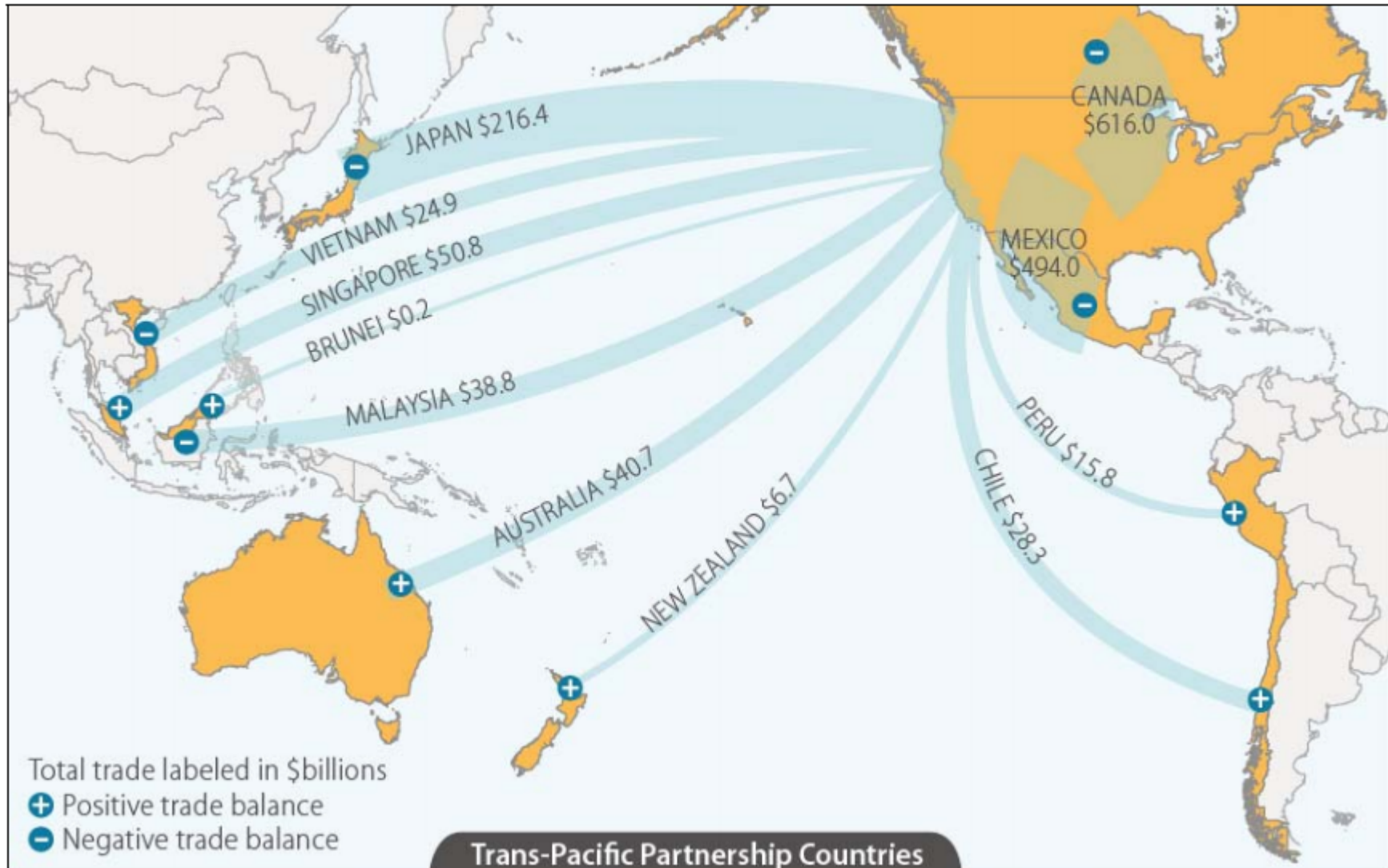


FIGURE 8.2 ALBA in relation to Latin America and the Caribbean

Fuente: Corrales, Javier and Carlos Romero. 2012. *U.S.-Venezuela Relations: Coping with Midlevel Security Threats* (Routledge), based on Hirst (2011).

Figure I. Trans-Pacific Partnership Countries
(2012)



<http://qz.com/130928/how-republicans-in-washington-are-helping-china-wield-more-influence-in-southeast-asia/>

Trans-Pacific Partnership

Members

1. Australia
2. Brunei
3. Canada
4. Chile
5. Colombia
6. Japan
7. Malaysia
8. Mexico
9. New Zealand
10. Peru
11. Singapore
12. South Korea
13. United States
14. Vietnam

Expressed Interest

1. Costa Rica
2. Panama



V. Conclusions

1. Less obsession is not that bad.
2. Rising demand in LAC for the U.S.