

Argentina's Paradox:

Protecting Rights while Trampling Democratic Institutions

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Ratios of the Argentine per Capita Product to that of Other Countries, 1913-82

Country	1913	1929	1937	1957	1965	1978	1982
Canada	0.48	0.52	0.57	0.38	0.31	0.21	0.22
Australia	0.49	0.49	0.47	0.41	0.38	0.24	0.23
Britain	0.51	0.59	0.48	0.47	0.42	0.38	0.26
Switzerland	0.99	0.75	0.72	0.49	0.33	0.16	0.15
Sweden	1.09	0.82	0.61	0.43	0.3	0.19	0.18
France	1.18	0.89	0.94	0.6	0.4	0.23	0.22
Austria	1.38	1.42	1.38	0.88	0.6	0.27	0.26
Italy	2.09	1.96	1.96	1.16	0.7	0.5	0.37
Japan	7.23	3.72	2.76	2.75	0.89	0.26	0.25
Chile	na	2.2	1.34	1.92	1.36	1.35	1.14
Mexico	na	na	2.22	2.37	1.69	1.48	1.11
Brazil	na	5.14	3.52	2.47	2.88	1.2	1.13
Argentina	470	540	510	605	770	1910	2520

Argentine Presidents, 1946-Present

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<http://english.safe-democracy.org/2006/11/02/argentina-s-eternal-peronism/>



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Communism	Anti-oligarchy rhetoric Pro-labor union	Command Economy

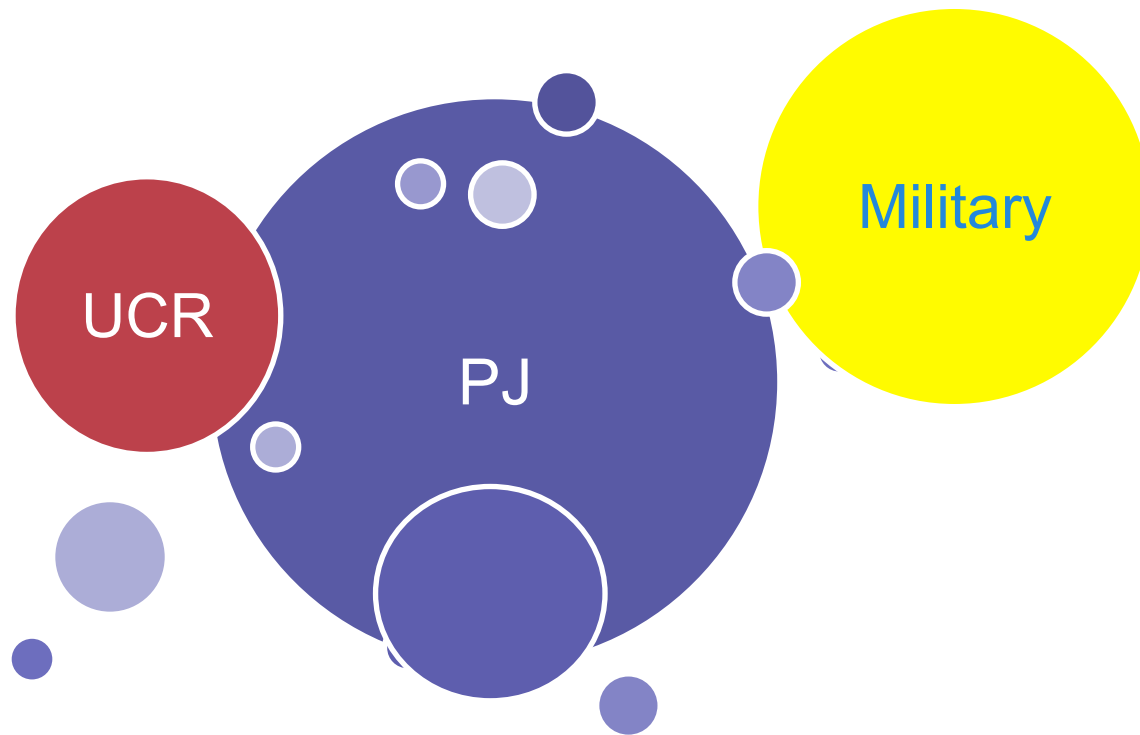
The Rise of Peronism

	1946	1951
Peronist (PJ)	52.4	62.49
UCR	42.1	31.81

“The Impossible Game”

(Guillermo O'Donnell)

The Impossible Game: The Structure



The Impossible Game: The Rules

Military

- Bans the PJ

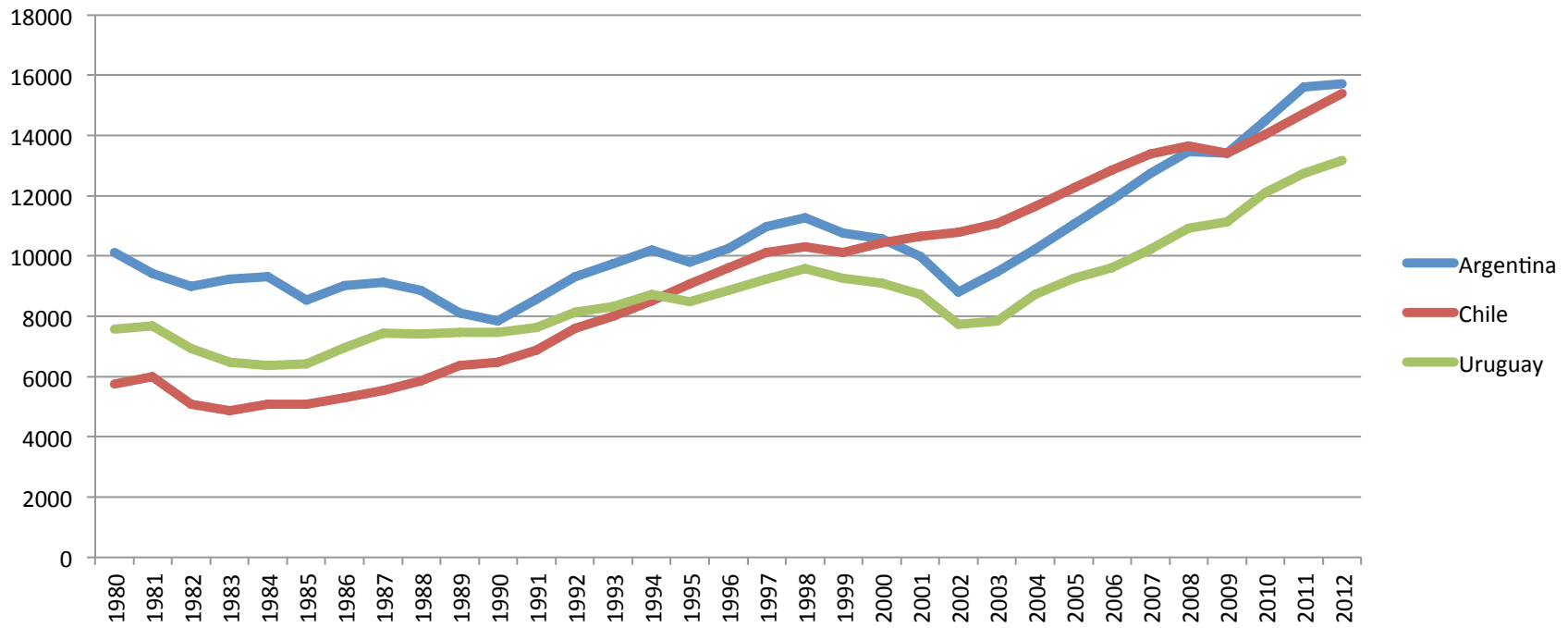
PJ

- Mistreats the Opposition

UCR

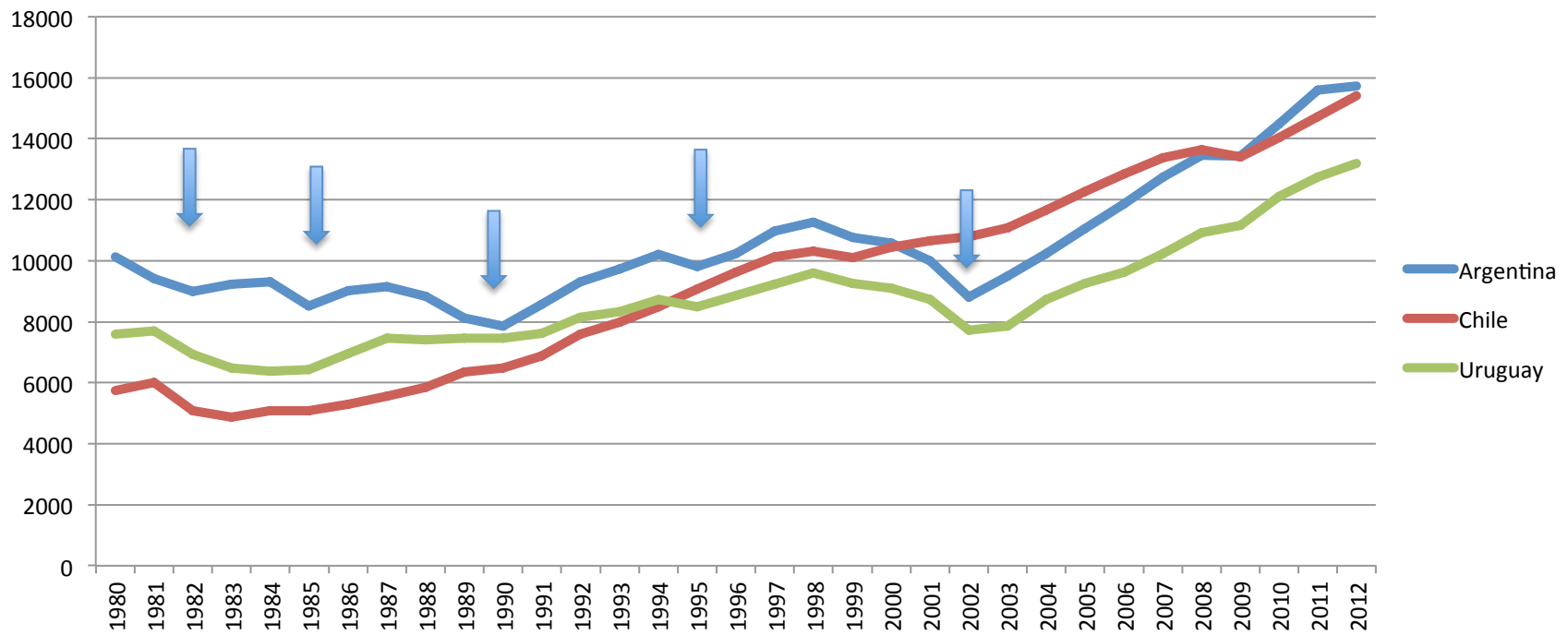
- Democratic but Minoritarian

GDP Per Capita



Source: www.gapminder.org

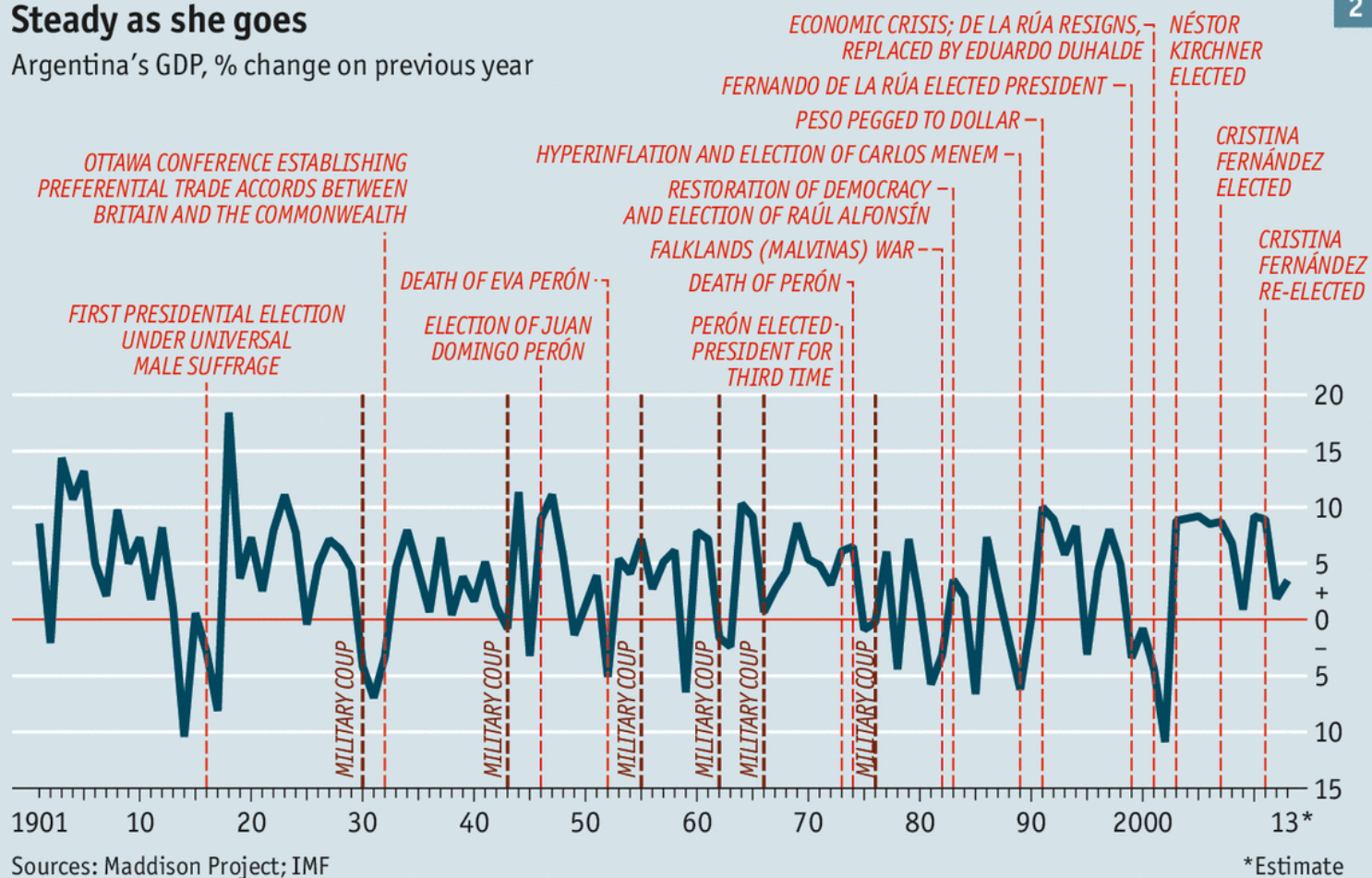
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Steady as she goes

Argentina's GDP, % change on previous year

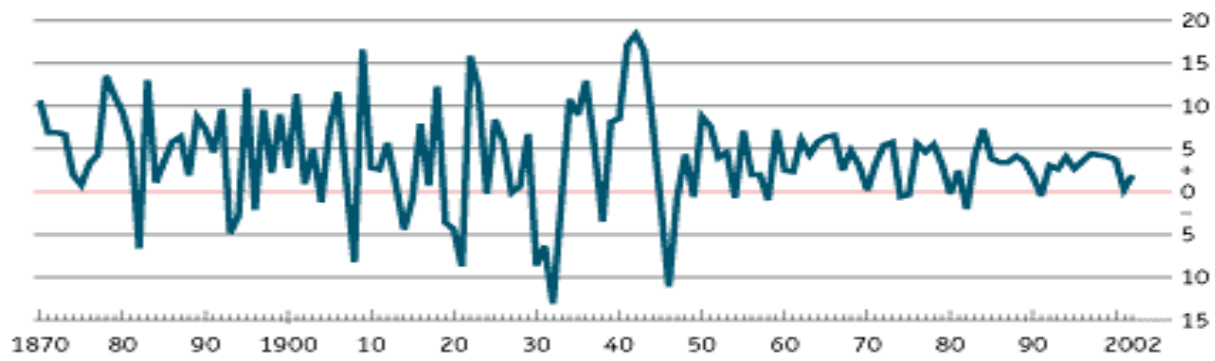


Source: *The Economist*, February 17, 2014.

The economic heartbeat

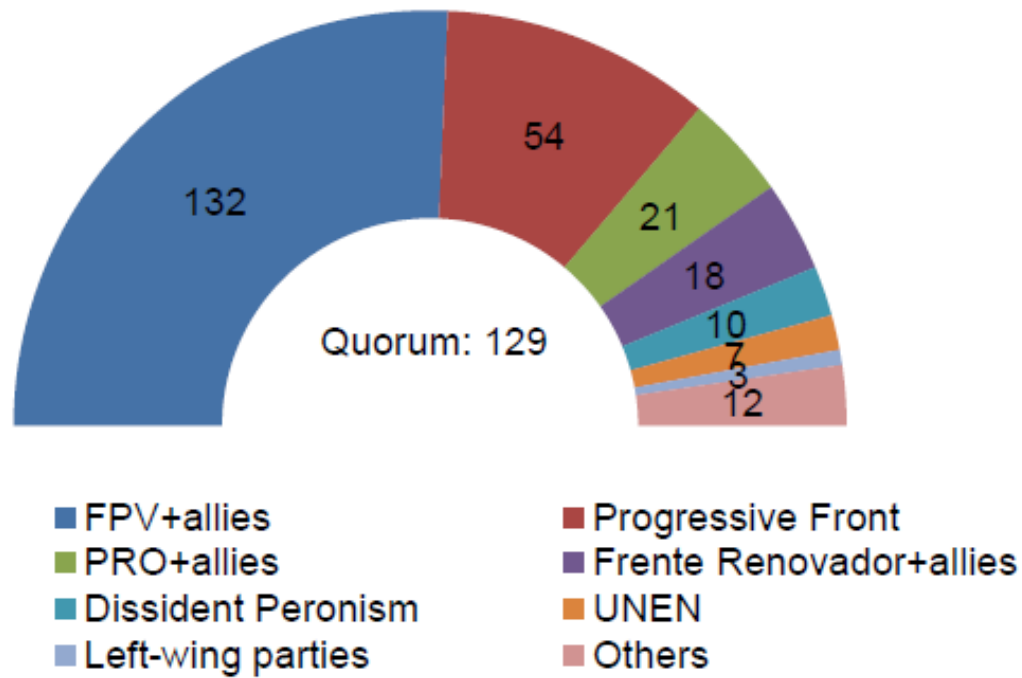
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US GDP, % change on a year earlier



Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis; B.R. Mitchell, "International Historical Statistics"

Composition of the House of Representatives (from December 10)



Source: Cefeidas

Kirchnerism and Peronism







<http://portales.educacion.gov.ar/dnps/eva-peron-mujer-del-bicentenario/>



<http://www.contra-cara.com/cc/index.php/82-contracara/internacional/239-cristina-kirchner-y-los-cambios-en-argentina>



Photo: Nestor Sieira http://www.clarin.com/politica/Admiten-cajeros-billetes-Eva-Peron_0_745125619.html

Persecution of Economists



<http://www.economist.com/node/15580245>

Attacks against the Press



http://www.urgente24.com/sites/default/files/notas/2012/08/01/cristina_clarin-telam.jpg



<http://momento24.com/en/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/CristinaFernandez.jpg>

President Cristina Kirchner accuses *Clarín* Group, *La Nación*, *Perfil*, and their related media of promoting her overthrow.



<http://static.guim.co.uk/sys-images/Guardian/Pix/pictures/2013/10/29/1383075264452/Argentina-media-empire-CI-008.jpg>

The president and most of her cabinet have increasingly avoided press conferences and interviews with independent media, relying instead on Twitter, press statements, and public service announcements to communicate with the populace.

 Cristina Kirchner
@CFKArgentina

Les pido a todos los argentinos, y en especial a nuestros hombres y mujeres que integran nuestro movimiento...

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 Cristina Kirchner
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que sigamos trabajando en esa misma dirección de ir saldando deudas, levantando pasivos que teníamos en la historia.

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Los saldamos con los derechos humanos y ahora también tenemos que saldarlos con mayor justicia, con mayor seguridad

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http://currinonline.blogspot.com/2013_06_02_archive.html



Supreme Court Issues

Supreme Court



Human Rights and Trials



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<http://revistaarchivosdelsur.blogspot.com/2010/11/la-asoc-madres-de-plaza-de-mayo.html>

Under Kirchners:

Average >8 bills related to Human Rights per year in Kirchner cabinets

LGBT Rights

- The Equal Marriage law (2010)
- The Law of Gender Identity (2012)



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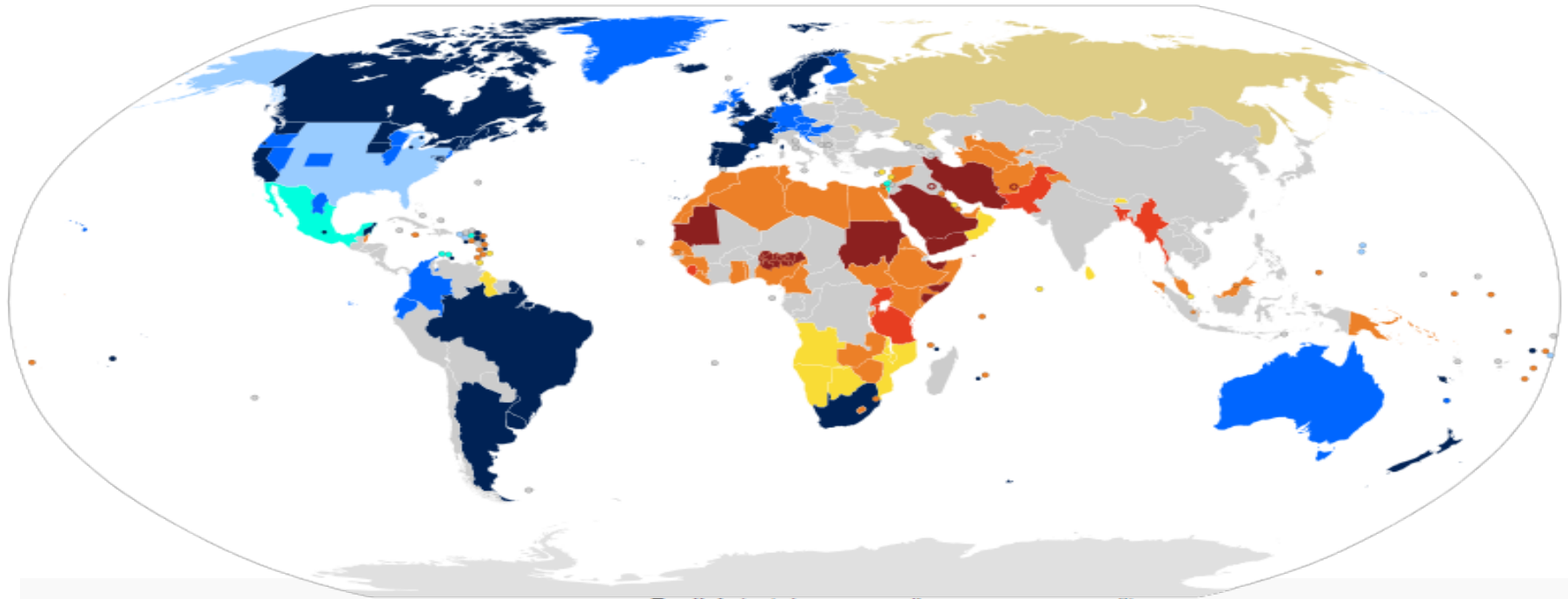
Argentina since 2010:

Marriage Equality, Adoption Equality, Gender Choice



Same-sex marriage map





English (en): Laws regarding same-sex sexuality

Homosexuality legal

- Same-sex marriage¹
- Other type of partnership (or unregistered cohabitation)¹
- Foreign same-sex marriages recognized¹
- No recognition of same-sex couples

Homosexuality illegal

- Minimal penalty
- Heavy penalty
- Up to life in prison
- Up to death (ring = local judges)

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:World_homosexuality_laws.svg;
[http://old.ilda.org/Statehomophobia/ILGA State Sponsored Homophobia 2013.pdf](http://old.ilda.org/Statehomophobia/ILGA_State_Sponsored_Homophobia_2013.pdf)









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