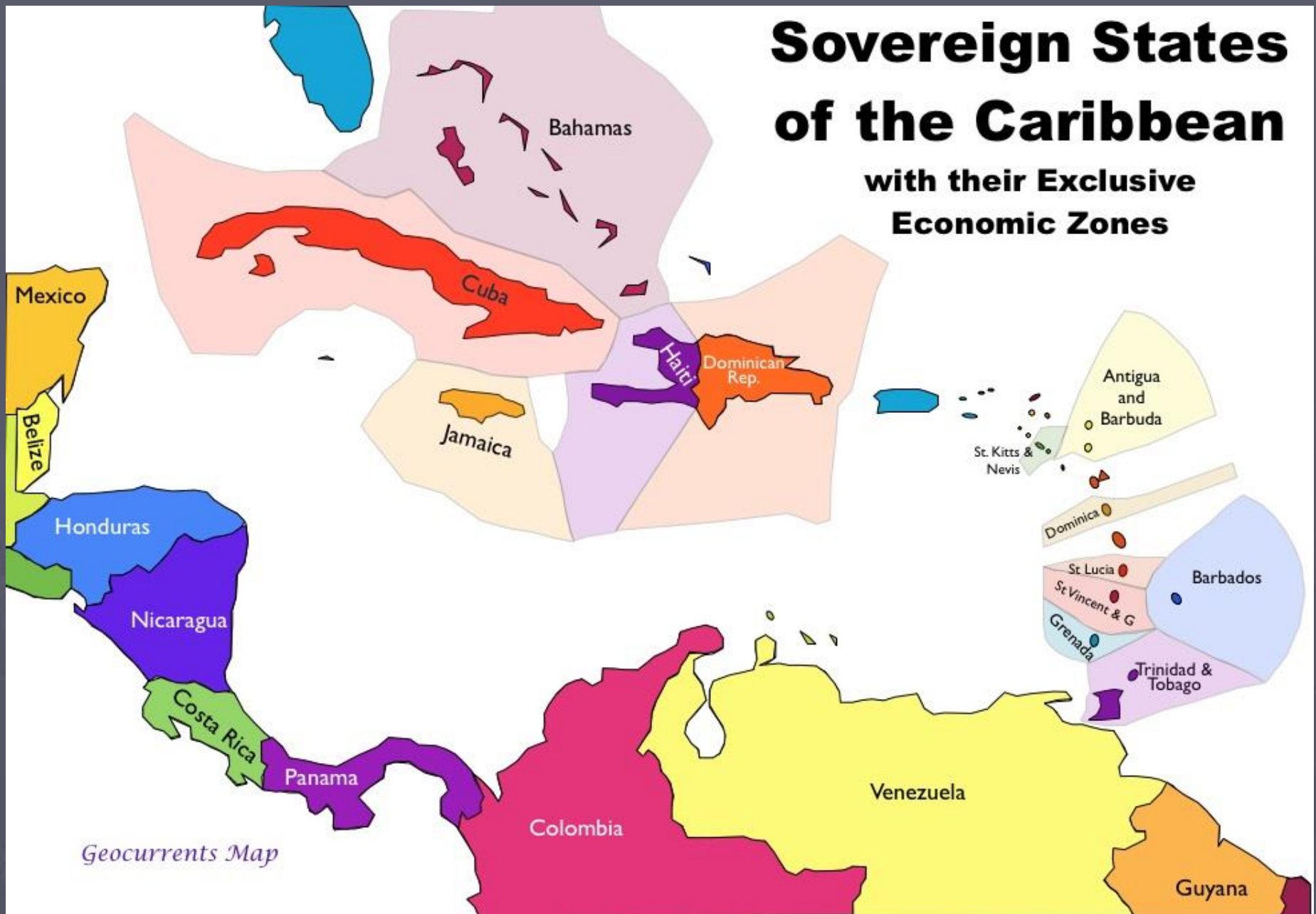


The Caribbean Islands

Major issues and factors of the
Caribbean Islands

Sovereign States of the Caribbean

with their Exclusive
Economic Zones



The divided Island

- Island divided in 1692
 - Dominican Republic had Spanish Influence
 - Haiti had French Influence
- Long standing animosity between two countries
 - Refugees from Haiti seek better life in Dominican Republic



Hispaniola Issues

- Racial tensions between Dominicans and Haitians
 - Both cultures have heavy influence from Africa, Natives, and Europeans
 - Antihaitianismo – Dominican hatred of Haitians
- Dominican Republic receives more rain
 - Better agricultural base



Differences in Policy

- Resources allow Dominican Republic to be more protective while Haiti needs as many resources as possible



The 2010 Earth Quake

- In January 2010 a massive earthquake hit the capital of Haiti Port-au-Prince
 - Estimated 300,000 dead
- Dominican Republic offered help at beginning
 - More Haitian refugees sought out help



Socio-Economic Divides

- Dominican Republic Economically better off
 - GDP Per Capita (PPP) of \$15,000 vs. \$1,800
- Dominican Republic socially better off
 - Life expectancy of 63 years in Haiti, 78 in Dominican Republic
 - Literacy is 91.8% in Dominican Republic vs. 60.7% in Haiti

*2015 CIA World Factbook



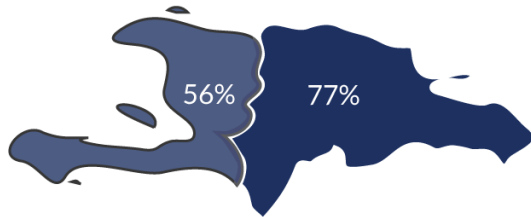
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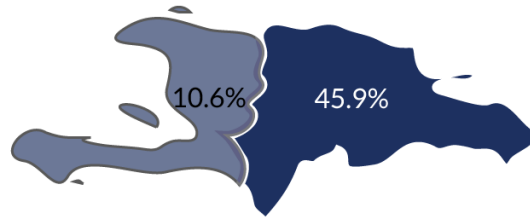
REPUBLIC OF HAITI vs. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



URBAN POPULATION



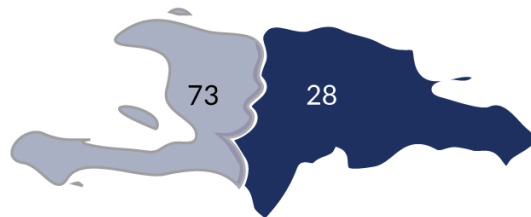
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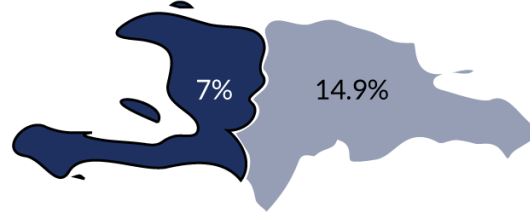
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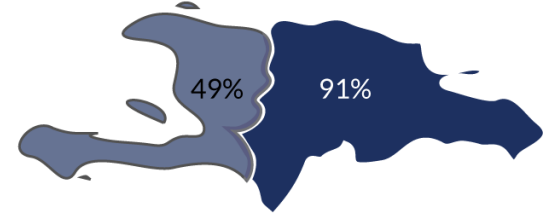
INFANT MORTALITY RATE (PER 1,000)



UNEMPLOYMENT



ADULT LITERACY RATE



The Lesser Antilles

- Division of smaller islands of Eastern Caribbean
 - 8 States and 16 dependencies
 - Owned by the United States, France, Netherlands, the UK, and Venezuela



Religious Influence



Linguistic Influence



Tourism

- Beautiful beaches attract tourist from all over and account for large amounts of Islands' economies

Table 4. Revenues of tourism (in % of exports of each independent country in the Lesser Antilles).
Tabela 4. Receitas do turismo (em % das exportações de cada país independente nas Pequenas Antilhas).

Country	1995	2000	2005	2010
Antigua & Barbuda	61,5	58,7	56,7	57,5
Barbados	59,1	56,6	59,6	51,9
Dominica	39,1	33,2	44,1	47,5
Grenada	61,4	39,5	47,7	57,4
St. Kitts & Nevis	53,2	38,7	53,4	39,2
St. Lucia	60,6	74,6	72,8	52,3
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	38,9	45,7	51,9	47,4

Sources : Authors, based on the World Bank data (2012) (< www.data.worldbank.org >).

Nota : Data from independent countries are only recorded by the World Bank.

Hurricanes

- Warm winds from Africa develop into Hurricanes over the Atlantic Ocean and frequently hit Caribbean Islands
 - Southern Caribbean in earlier Summer, Northern Caribbean in late Summer

