The Cultural Imprint

The Cultural Landscape

Landscape is a reflection of the people who live there and their cultural values. Humans change the landscape to reflect their values, and through "reading a landscape" a geographer can learn more about a group of people

Carl Sauer

• American Geographer who was chair at UC Berkeley who developed idea of Cultural Landscape in the 1920s

• Recognized humans as influential in the study of geography

"The physical area is fundamental to any geographic study because it furnishes the materials out of which man builds his culture"

- C. Sauer, (1925) "The Morphology of Landscape" Land and Life, pg. 308

Connections to Place

The Human and Physical Characteristics of a place

• Human Characteristics - Made Made changes and culturally significant factors to an area

• Physical Characteristics – Natural defining features about a location

Placelessness

Through globalization and the diffusion of ideas areas can become indistinguishable from one place to another, losing their unique qualities
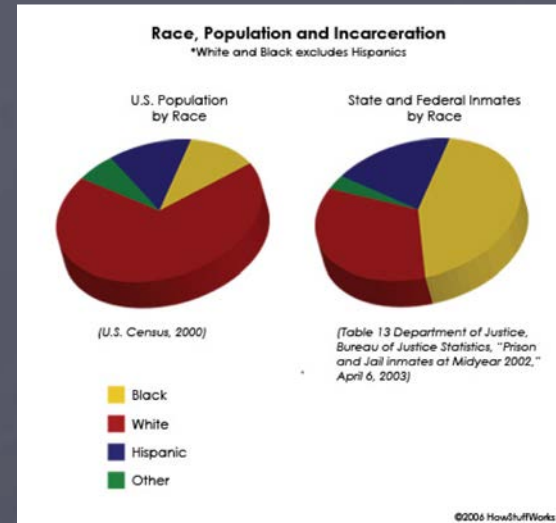
Racism

- The belief that all members of each race possess characteristics or abilities specific to that race, especially so as to distinguish it as inferior or superior to another race or races.
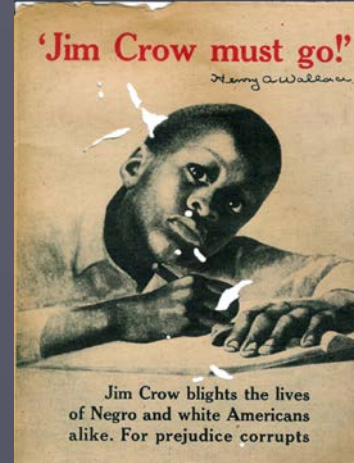
Un-Official Racism

- Individual perceptions of race and stereotypes based off preconceived notions of race
  - Ex. Disliking someone due to the color of their skin

Race, Population and Incarceration
*White and Black excludes Hispanics

U.S. Population by Race

State and Federal Inmates by Race

(U.S. Census, 2000)

(Table 13 Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, "Prison and Jail inmates at Midyear 2002," April 6, 2003)

- Black
- White
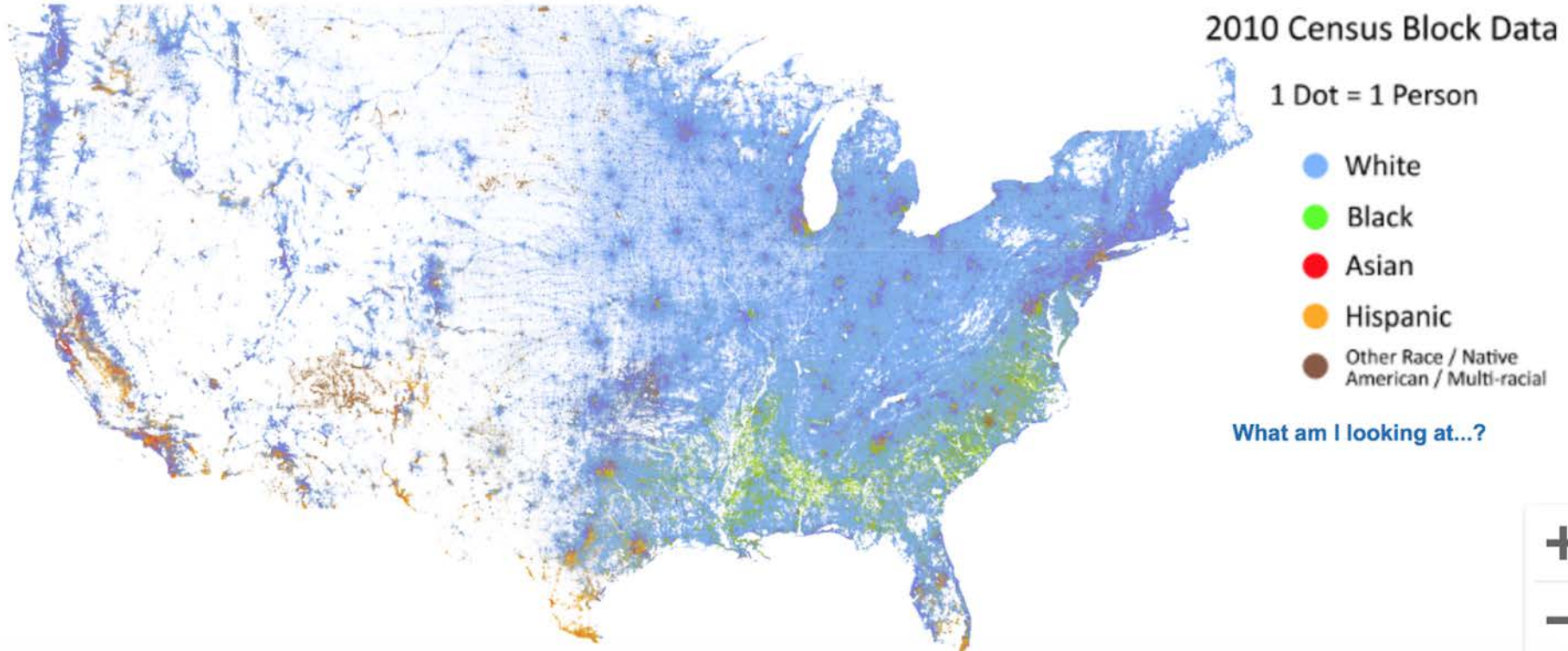- Hispanic
- Other

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Official Racism

- Passing laws that put a racial group at a political, economic, or social disadvantage, and sanction persecution based off racial characteristics
  - Ex. "Jim Crow" laws in the United States or Apartheid in South Africa

The U.S. Racial Landscape

2010 Census Block Data

1 Dot = 1 Person

- White
- Black
- Asian
- Hispanic
- Other Race / Native American / Multi-racial

What am I looking at...?

Ethnocentrism

- Judging another culture based off the values and beliefs of one's own culture. Often associated with extreme beliefs of racial/ethnic superiority.

Examples of Ethnocentrism

- Eugenics – Attempting to improve the genetic makeup of the human race through selective breeding

- Imperialism/Colonization – The forced replacement of indigenous cultural traits in favor of "superior" European ideals.
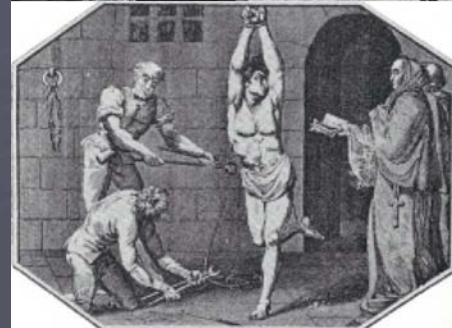
Extreme Ethnocentrism

- Extreme beliefs of superiority sometimes lead to desire to remove "impurities" resulting in Ethnic cleansing

Matriarchy vs. Patriarchy

- In a Matriarchy the power structure revolves around women
  - Ex. Decisions such as leaders
  - Often associated with lineage
    - Leaders descendants of female line
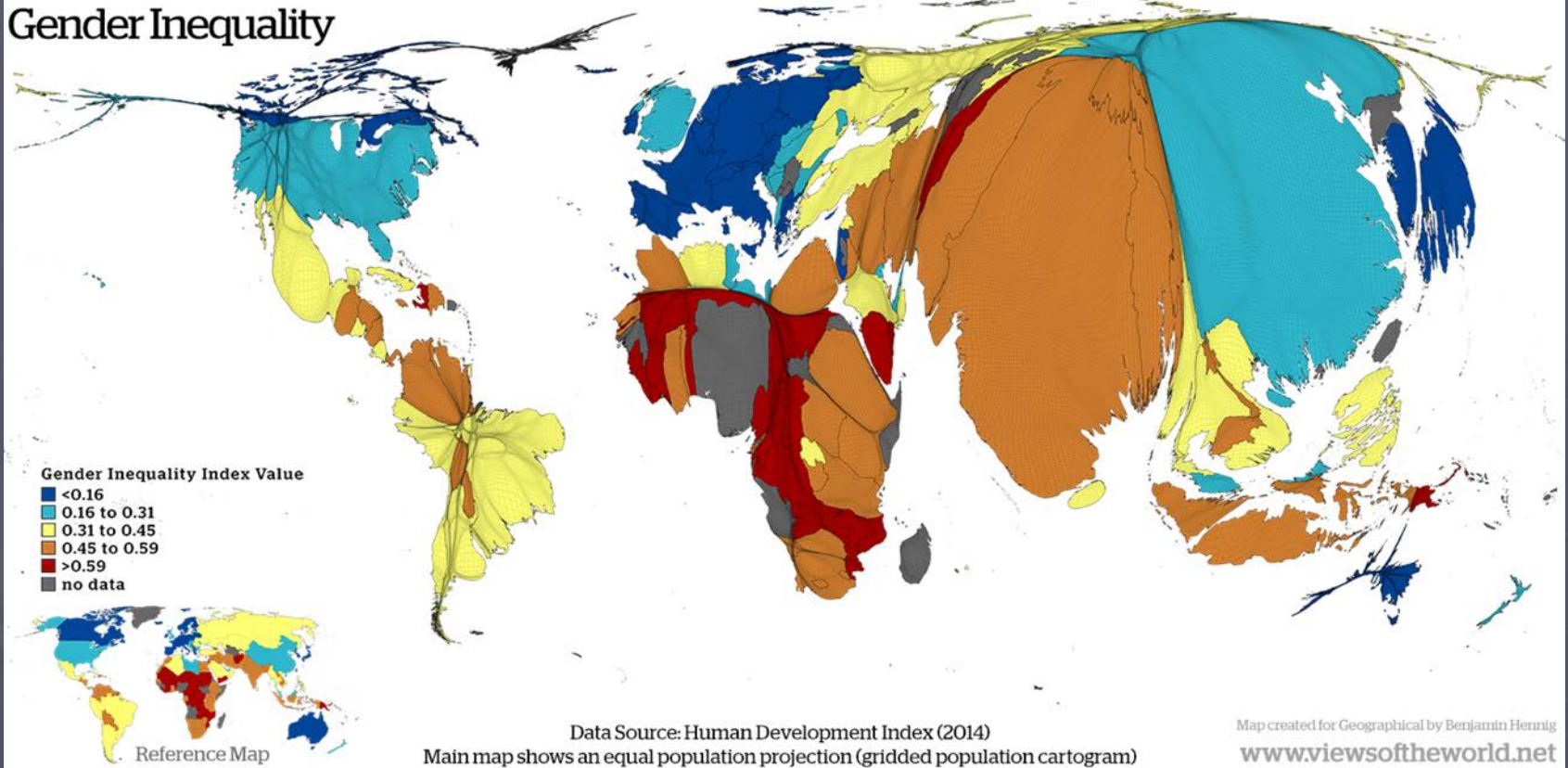- Matriarchal societies primarily rural folk cultures

Popular Culture and Gender Norms

- Contemporary culture still based off of patriarchal model of society
  - Generally shifting towards a more equal balance of power socially, economically, and politically
- Children still expected to conform to cultural norms

Gender Inequality Index

Gender Inequality

Gender Inequality Index Value
- <0.16
- 0.16 to 0.31
- 0.31 to 0.45
- 0.45 to 0.59
- >0.59
- no data

Reference Map

Data Source: Human Development Index (2014)
Main map shows an equal population projection (gridded population cartogram)

Map created for Geographical by Benjamin Hennig
www.viewsoftheworld.net

Sexuality Norms

- Homosexuality and bisexual relations often considered taboo by some societies
  - Norms reinforced by religious ideals
  - Slowly being accepted but still highly restricted in some societies

HATE CRIMES: BEHIND THE BIAS

There were 9,691 victims of hate crimes in 2008, targeted because of a bias against:

4,943	1,732	1,706	1,226	85
Race	Religion	Sexual orientation	Ethnicity/ national origin	Disability

Victims include individuals, businesses, institutions, and society as a whole.
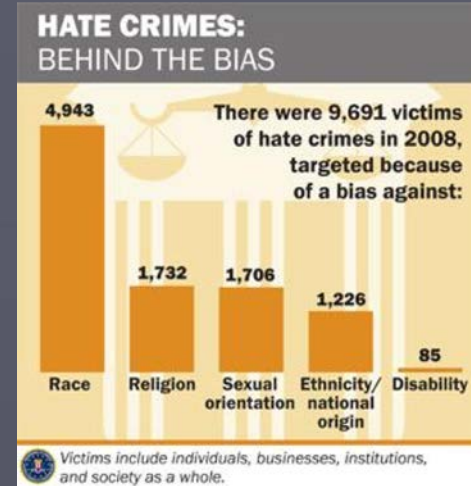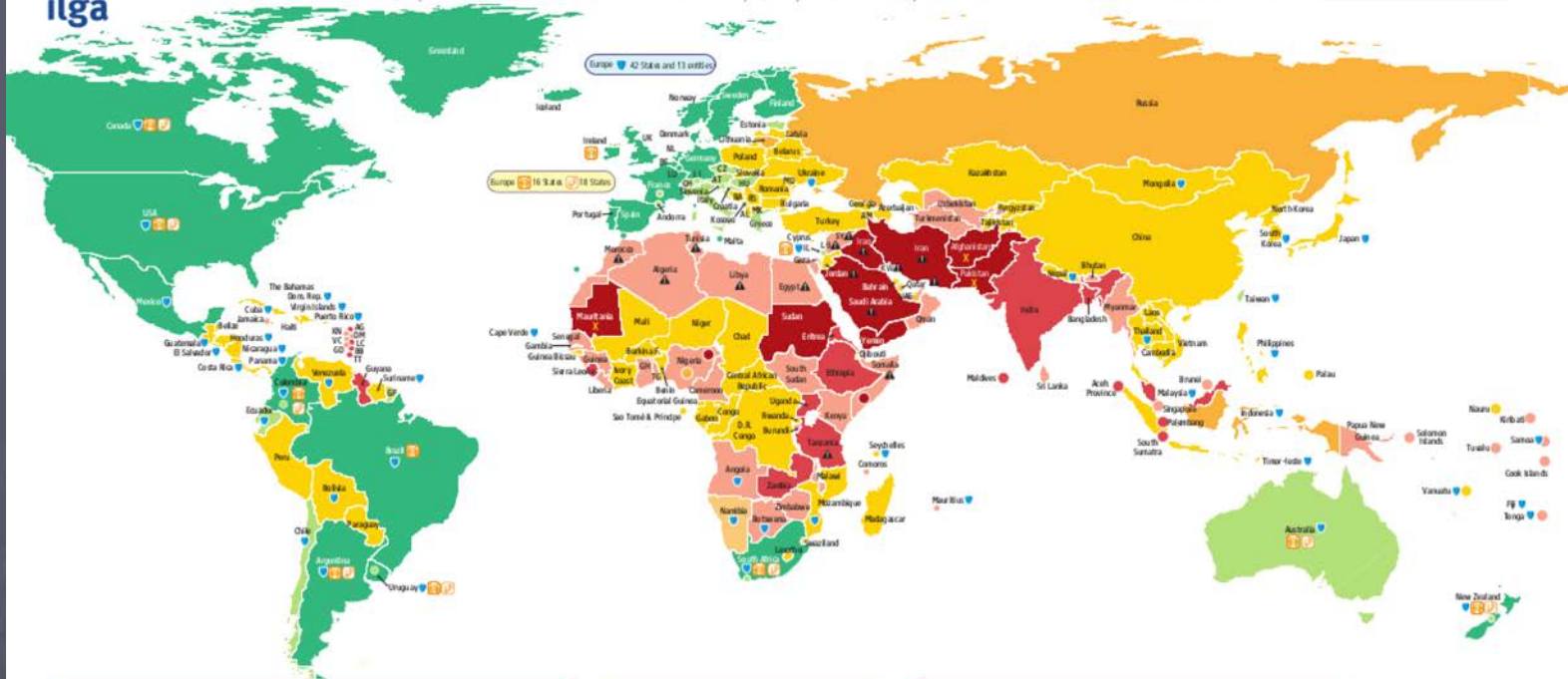
SEXUAL ORIENTATION LAWS IN THE WORLD - OVERVIEW

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CRIMINALISATION

72 STATES

DEATH

■	implemented in **8 States** (or parts of)	
X	not implemented in **5 States**	

⚠ Religious-based laws alongside the civil code: **19 States**

	14 Y – life (prison)	**14 States**
	Up to 14 Y	**57 States**
	'Promotion' laws	**3 States**
	No penalising law	

In green, yellow and orange countries, same-sex sexual acts were decriminalised or never penalised: **123 States**

PROTECTION

85 States
Many States run concurrent protections

Constitution	**9 States**
Employment	**72 States**
Various	**63 States**
Hate crime	**43 States**
Incitement to hate	**39 States**
Ban on 'conversion therapy'	**3 states**

RECOGNITION

47 States
A small number of States provide for marriage and partnership concurrently

■	Marriage	**24 States**	Joint adoption	**26 States**
■	Partnership	**28 States**	2nd parent adoption	**27 States**

Separate detailed maps for these three categories are produced alongside this Overview map.

The data represented in these maps are based on *State-Sponsored Homophobia: a World Survey of Sexual Orientation Laws: Criminalisation, Protection and Recognition*, an ILGA report by Aengus Carroll and Lucas Ramón Mendos. The report and these maps are available in the six official UN languages: English, Chinese, Arabic, French, Russian and Spanish on ILGA.org. This edition of the world map (May 2017) was coordinated by Aengus Carroll and Lucas Ramón Mendos, (ILGA), and designed by Eduardo Enoki (eduardo.enoki@gmail.com).

Transgender

- Gender identity, expression, or behavior do not conform with societal gender norms assigned
  - Ex. person born a female but dresses and acts like a man
- Complication of identity
  - Either hide identity or seek gender modification
    - Including gender reassignment

Case Study: Kathoey of Thailand

- Primarily refers to "cross dressing" men in Thailand
  - Socially accepted as "third gender"
  - Often have surgeries to appear more feminine