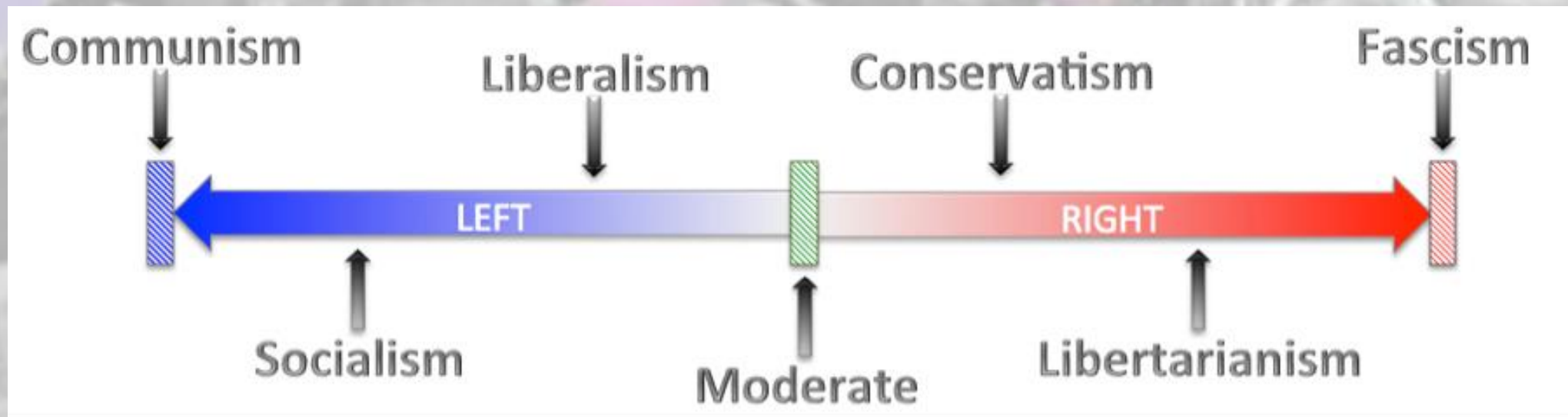




# Views on Role of Government

# Political Affiliation

- One's basic beliefs about power, political values, and the role of government
- Grows out of economical, educational, and social conditions and experiences
- Ranges from Liberal (Left) to Conservative (Right)
  - Socialism is far left, Libertarianism is far Right



# Liberalism

- Supports active federal government in promoting individual welfare and supporting civil rights, and accepts peaceful political social change within the existing political system
  - In favor of more government role in society and progressive social stances

# Conservatism

- A Promotes a limited government role in helping individuals economically, supports traditional values and lifestyles, favors a more active role for government in promoting national security, and approaches change cautiously
  - Promotes a more limited government role and supports traditional values

# Differing Views: Businesses and the Economy

## **Liberals**

- Prefers more government regulations that allow businesses to fairly compete with one another
- More protections for workers from corporate interests
  - Labor Unions

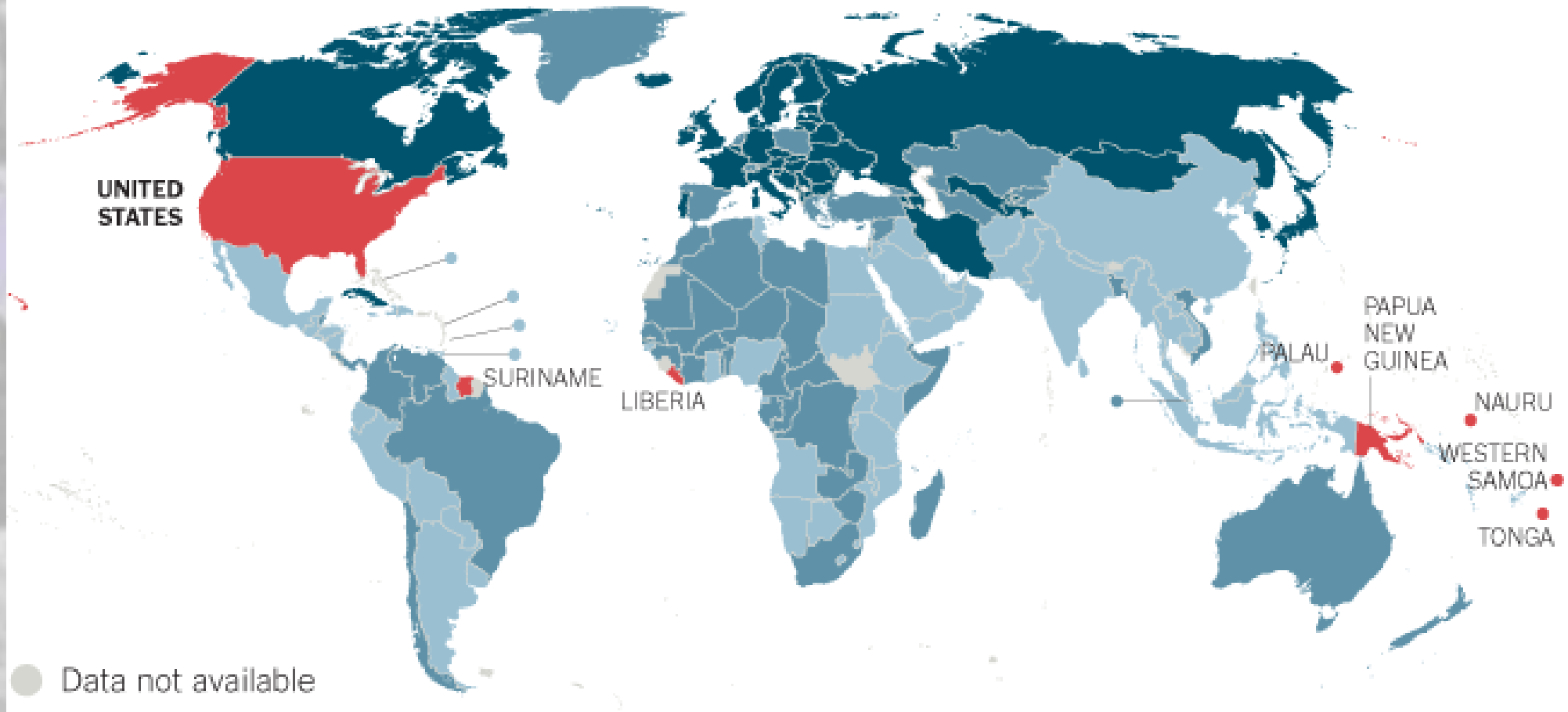
## **Conservatives**

- Desires little government intervention in the economy and few restrictions that would prevent businesses from making as much money as possible
- Wants services to be provided by businesses
  - Less dealing with bureaucracy
  - Retirement in hands of private businesses

# Paid Maternal Leave

Countries with paid leave: ● 26 weeks or more ● 14-25 weeks ● Less than 14 weeks

No paid leave: ●





# Differing Views: Social Choice

## **Liberals**

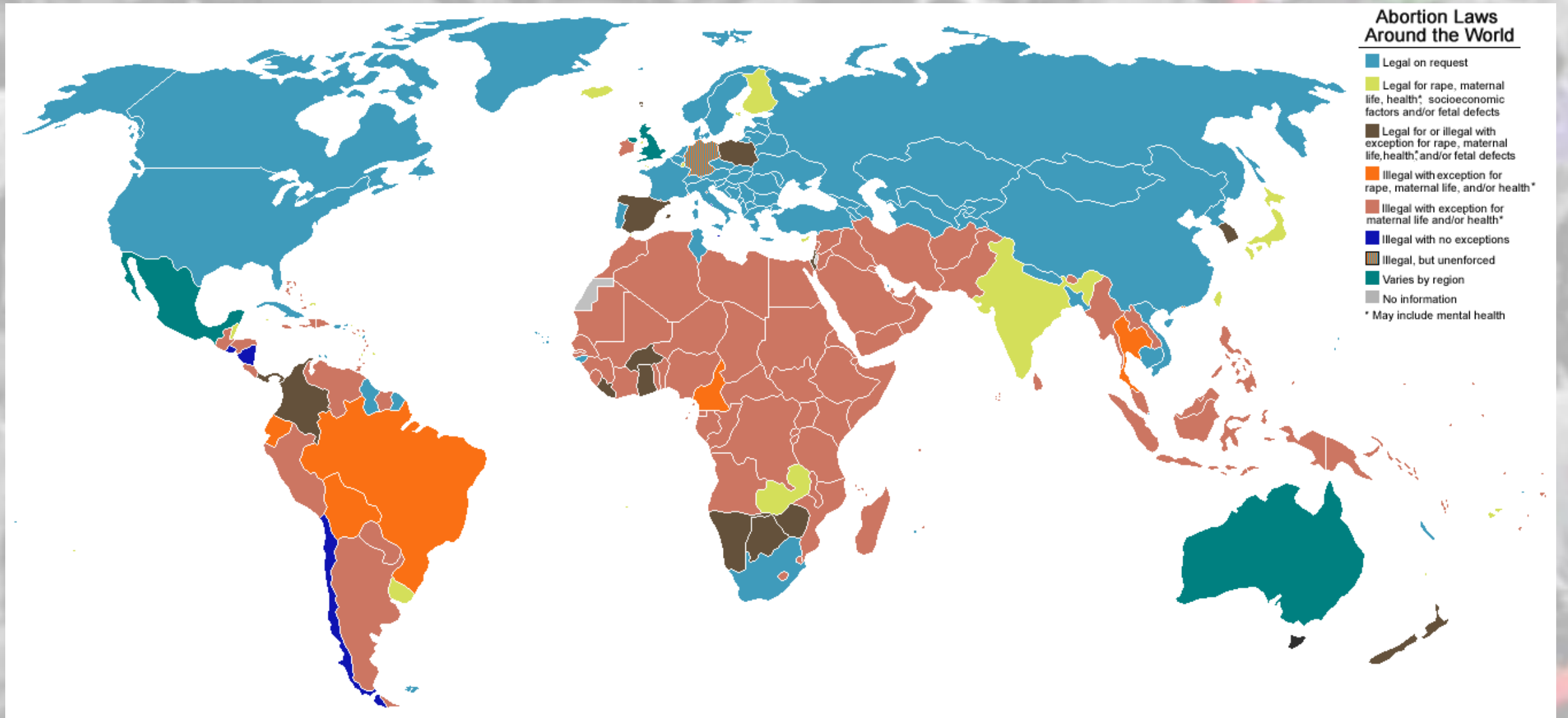
- Promote principles of personal liberty
  - Values freedom of choice without restrictions of religion
    - Pro-Abortion
    - Pro-Homosexuality
    - Pro-Doctor Assisted Suicide
  - Reform rather than punish criminals
  - Progressive ideals

## **Conservatives**

- Promotes traditional values of society
  - Ideas conform to traditional religious values
    - Anti-Abortion
    - Anti-Homosexuality
    - Anti-Doctor Assisted Suicide
  - Harsher penalties for crimes
    - Including Death Penalty
  - Traditional definition of marriage

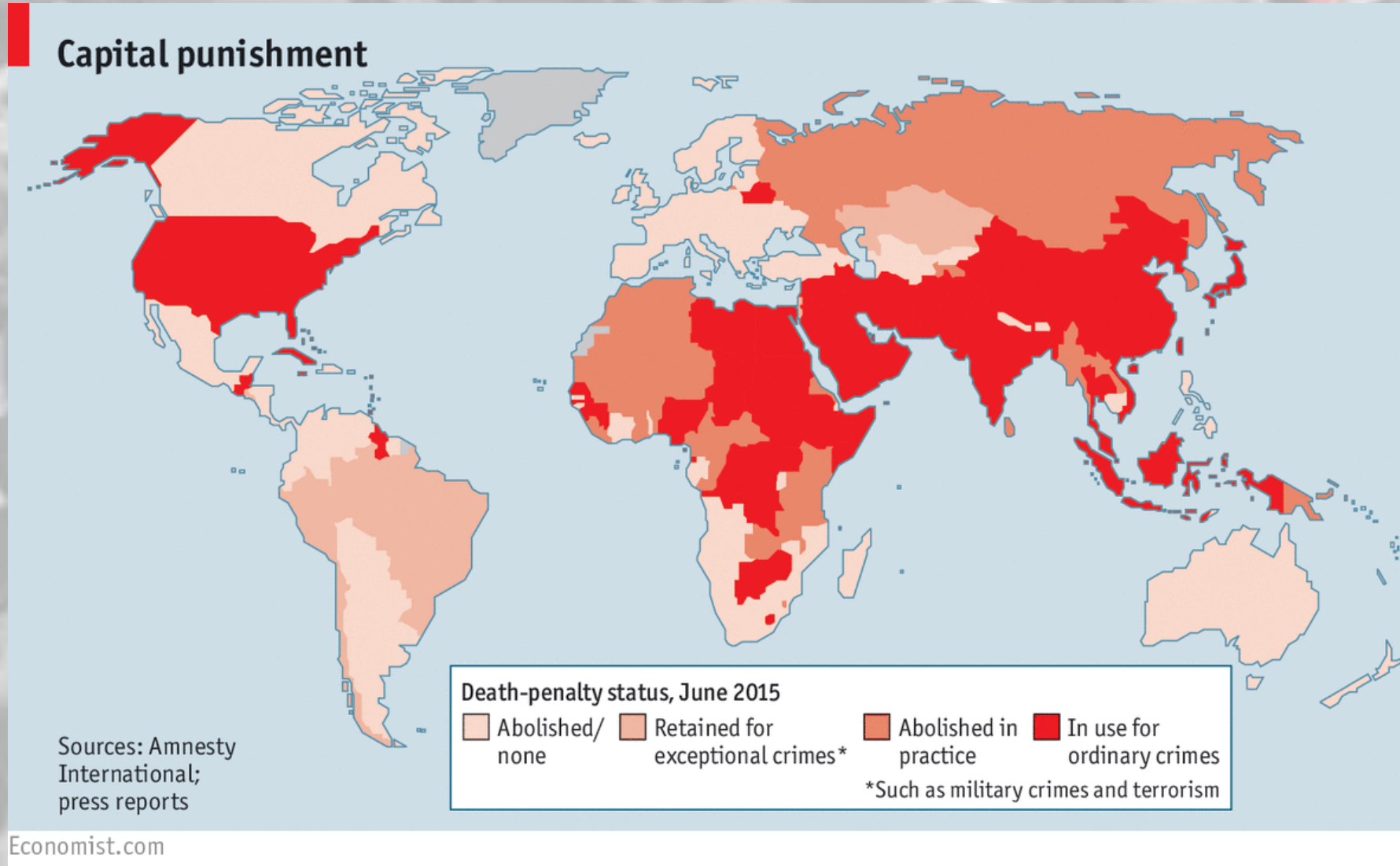


# Social Choice: Abortion





# Social Choice: Death Penalty



# Differing Views: Religion

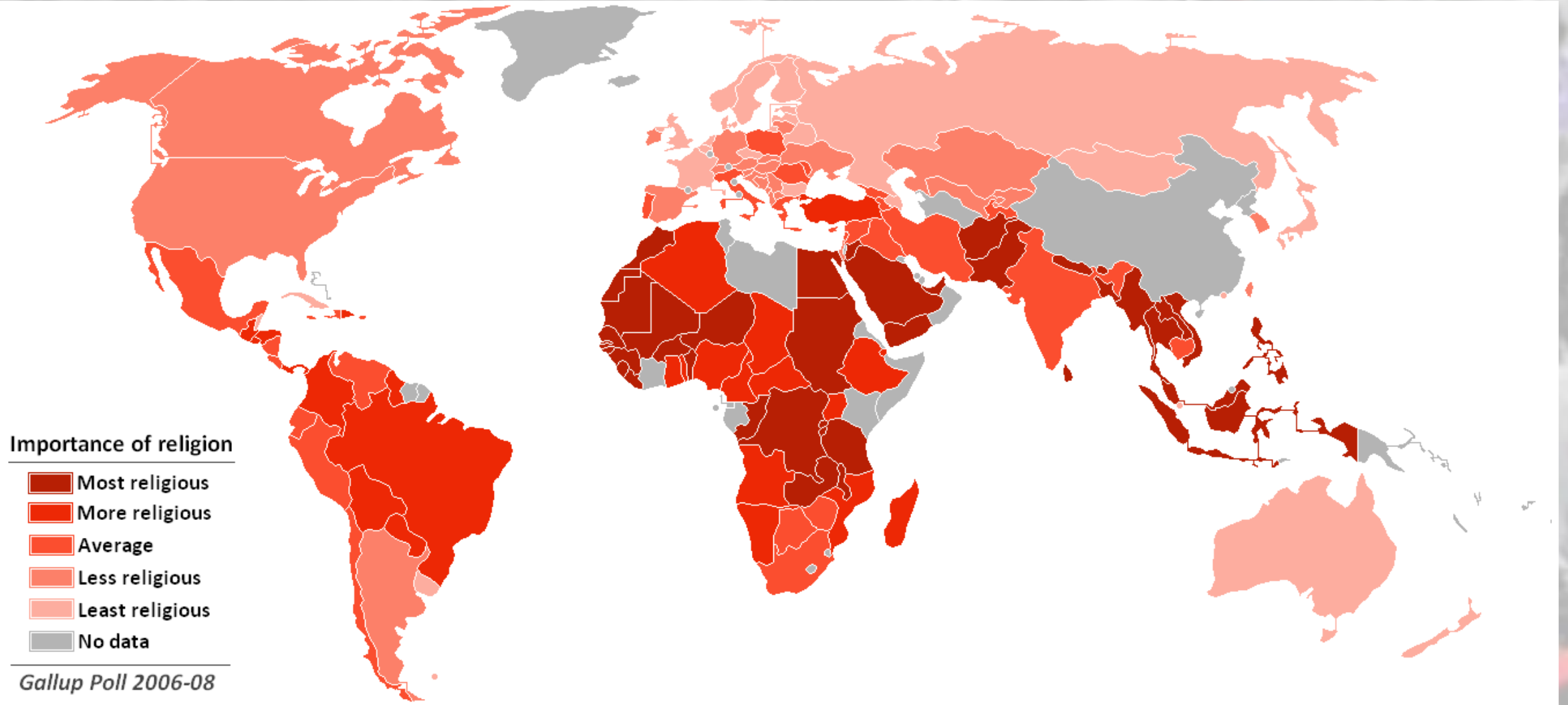
## **Liberals**

- Would prefer separation of church from the public sphere
  - Wants religion to be personal choice, not dictated by government
- Separation of Church and State
  - Prevent laws from being made for religious reasons

## **Conservatives**

- Believes that religion provides a moral guide for laws to be based on
  - Lot of justifications for new laws based off religious ideals

# Role of Religion



# Differing Views: Government Services

## **Liberals**

- More government services in return for more taxes
- Wants government to provide social services
  - Healthcare, Welfare, etc...
- Free and high quality education

## **Conservatives**

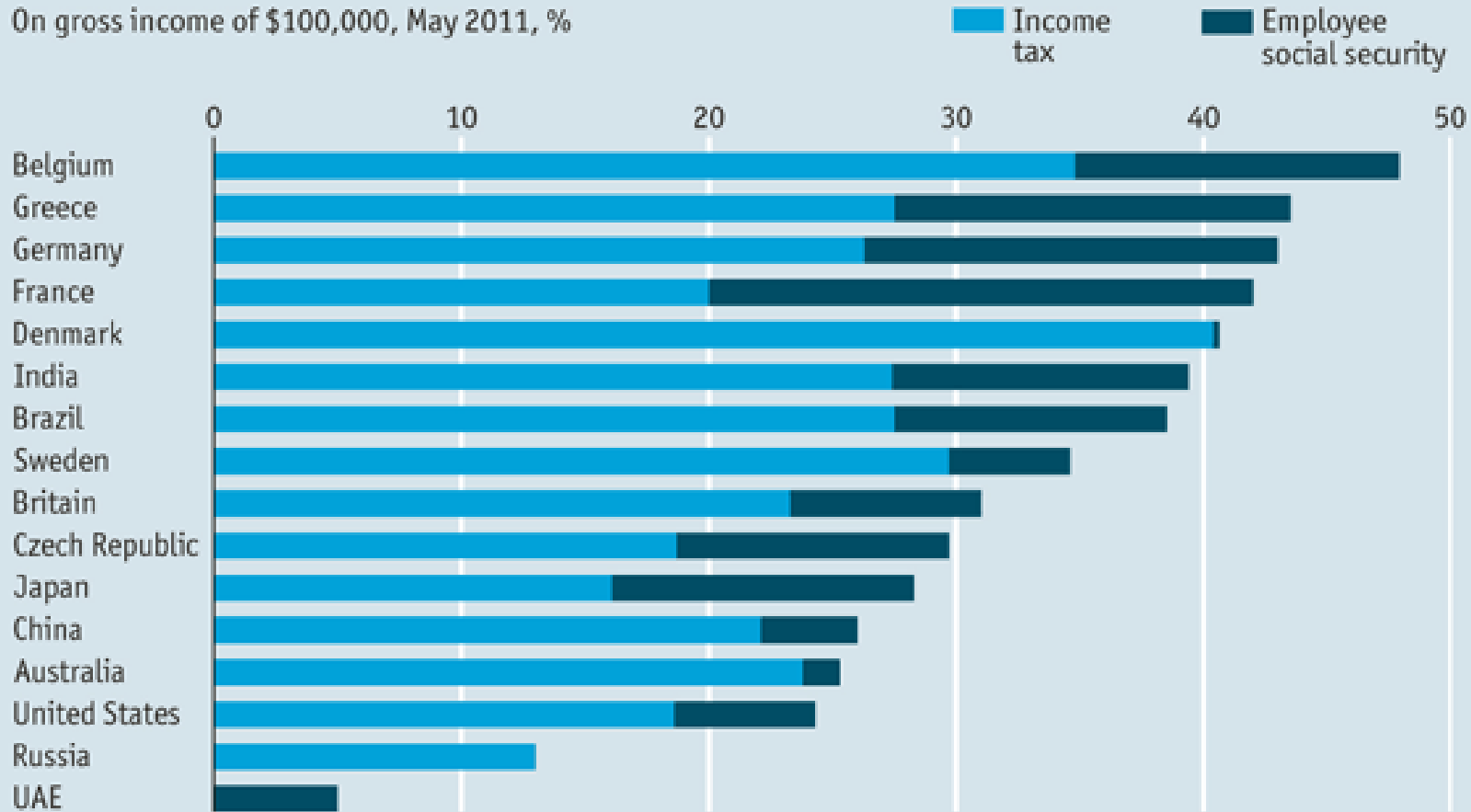
- Wants services to be provided by businesses
  - Less dealing with bureaucracy
  - Retirement in hands of private businesses
- Lower taxes allow more choice for people to choose programs
- Free primary and secondary education



# Taxation Rate

## Effective tax rates

On gross income of \$100,000, May 2011, %



Source: KPMG