

# THE COLD WAR

COLD WAR  
& DECOLONIZATION c.1900 to the present



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**OTAN**

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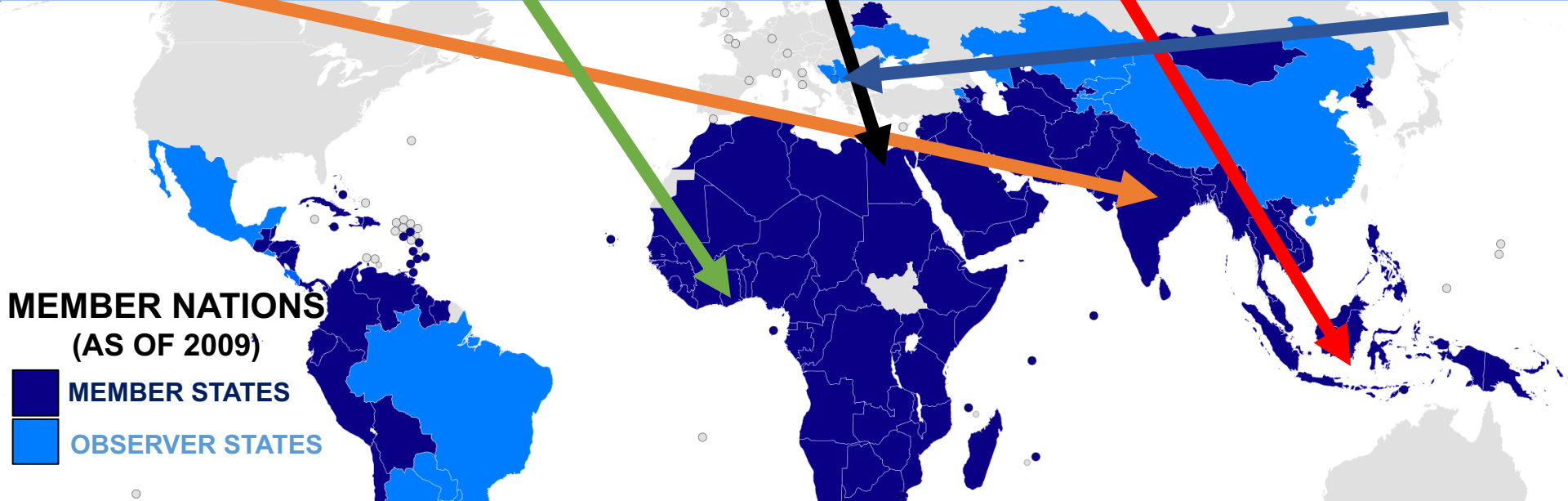
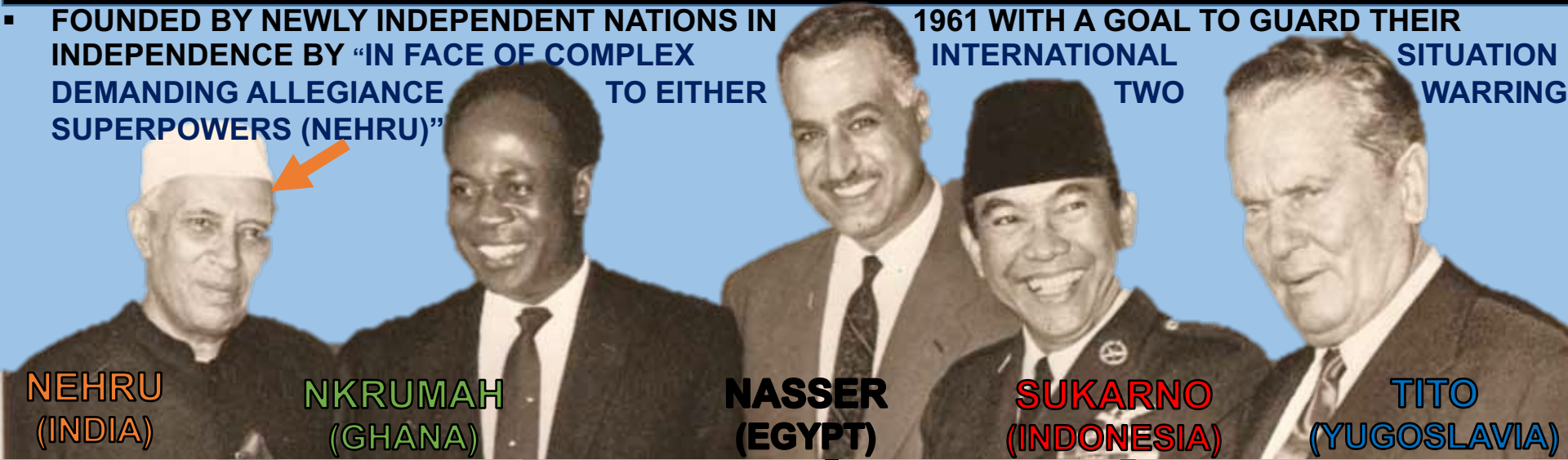
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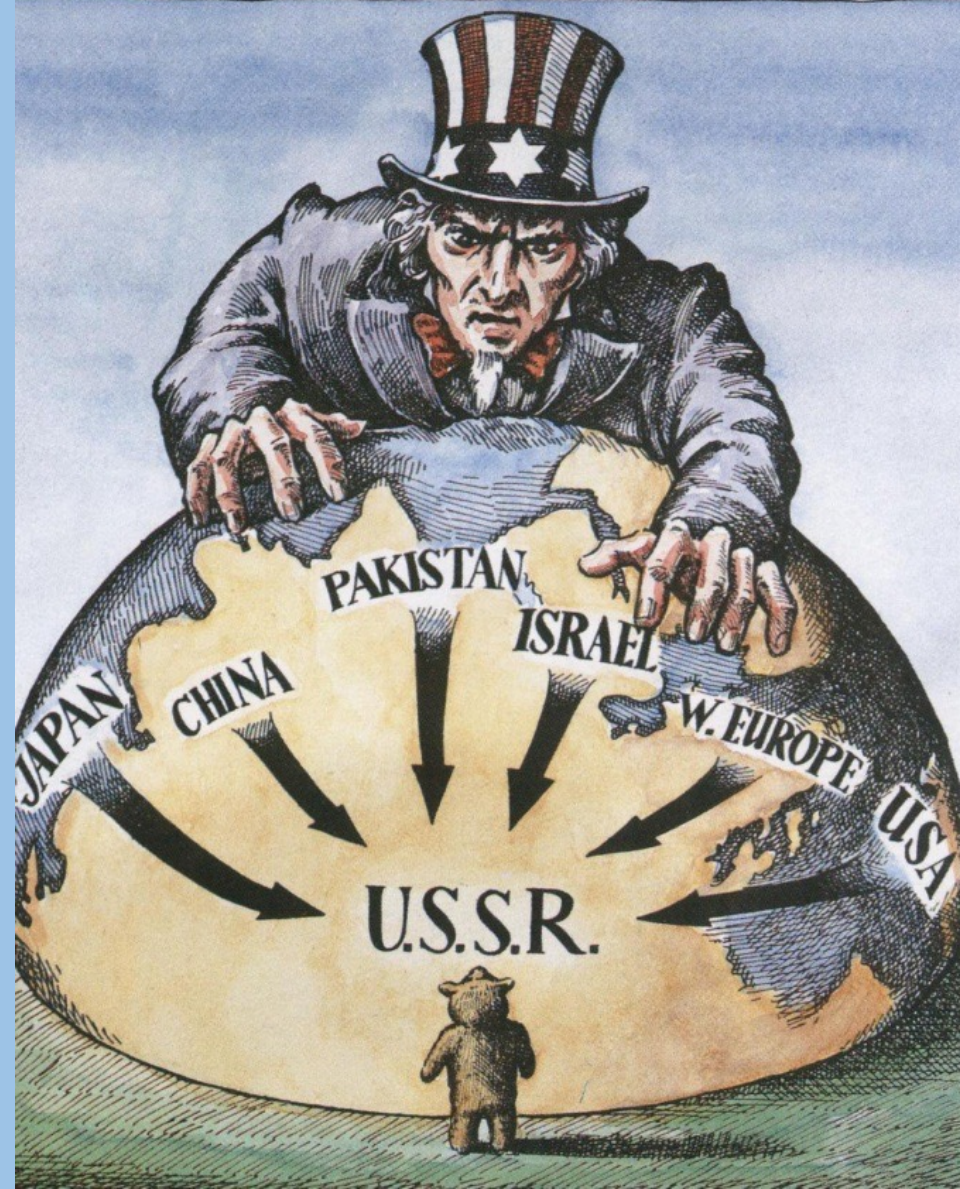
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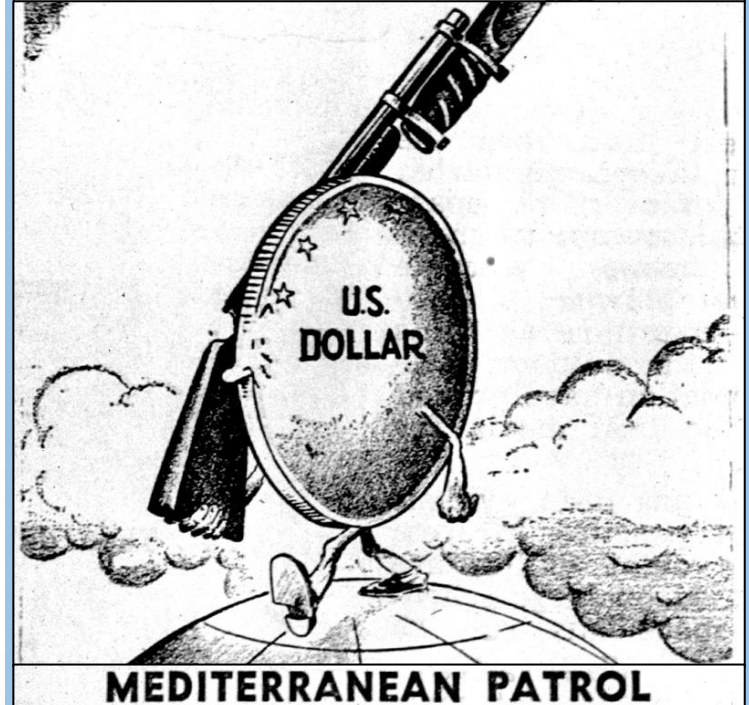
# TRUMAN DOCTRINE

- FINANCIAL CONTAINMENT OF COMMUNISM
- GREECE & TURKEY WERE ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE COLD WAR:
  - **TURKEY**: USSR PRESSURING FOR ACCESS TO THE MEDITERRANEAN
  - **GREECE**: COMMUNISTS WERE TRYING TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT
- THE MONROE DOCTRINE IS DEAD...



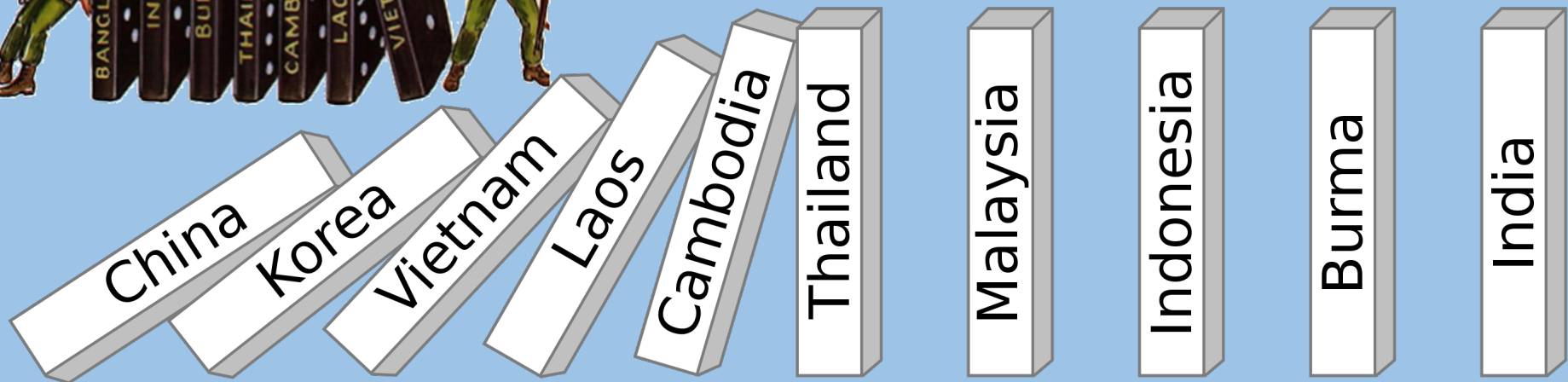


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# DOMINO THEORY

- COINED BY EISENHOWER IN 1954 AS THE “FALLING DOMINO PRINCIPLE”
- IF ONE COUNTRY FALLS TO COMMUNISM...
  - THEN THEIR NEIGHBOR,
  - THEN THEIR NEIGHBOR,
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1949 → 1953 → 1954 → 1975 → 1975 → ????? → ????? → ????? → ????? → ?????



# IRON CURTAIN

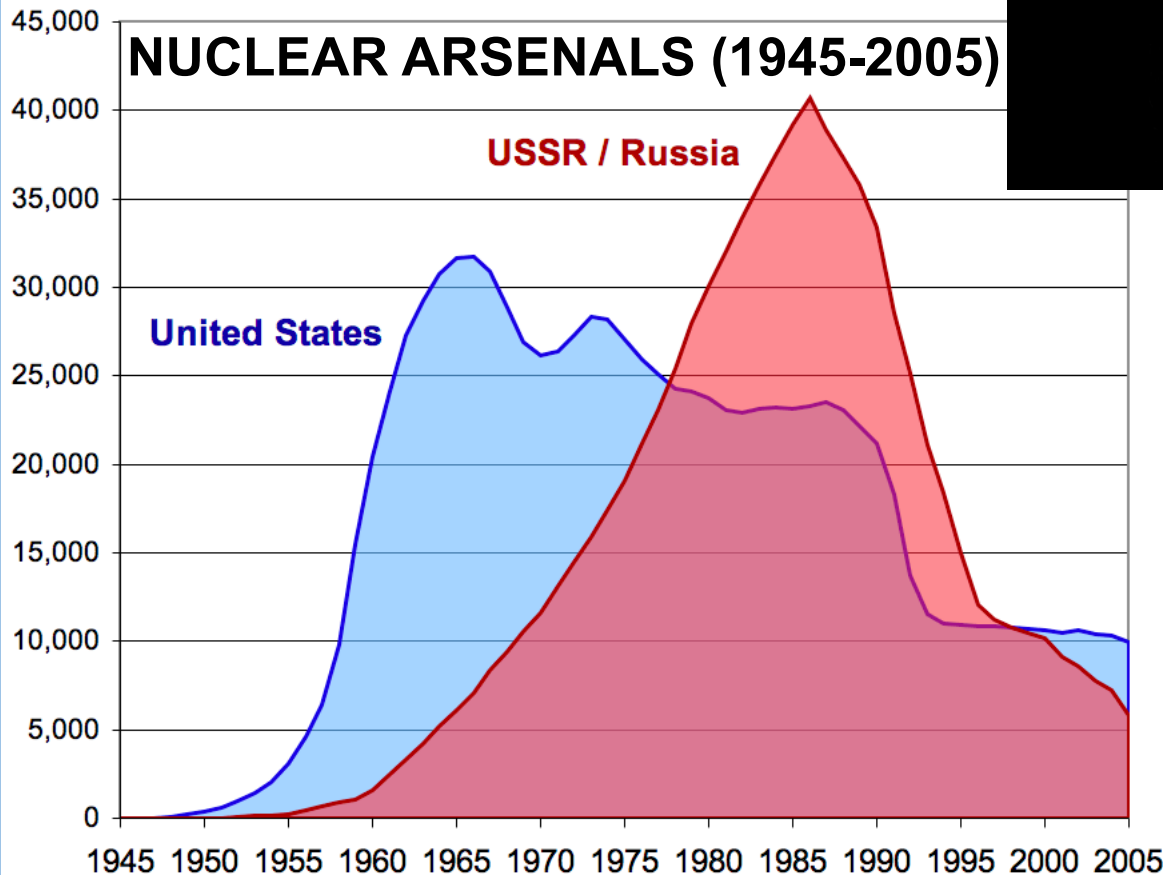
WINSTON CHURCHILL LABELLED THE NON-PHYSICAL BOUNDARY DIVIDING EUROPE IN A SPEECH GIVEN IN MISSOURI IN 1946

- NAMED FOR THE FIREPROOF CURTAIN (IRON CURTAIN IN BRITAIN) IN A THEATER THAT DIVIDES THE STAGE FROM THE AUDIENCE IN CASE OF A FIRE TO GIVE THE AUDIENCE TIME TO EVACUATE



# DETERRENCE

- POLICY INTENDED TO STOP AN ENEMY FROM ATTACKING IN THE FIRST PLACE
  - THE DETERRENT MUST ALWAYS BE READY, BUT NEVER USED...
- ROBERT McNAMARA WAS SECRETARY OF STATE FROM 1961-1968 WITH AN EXAMPLE→





# MUTUALLY ASSURED DESTRUCTION

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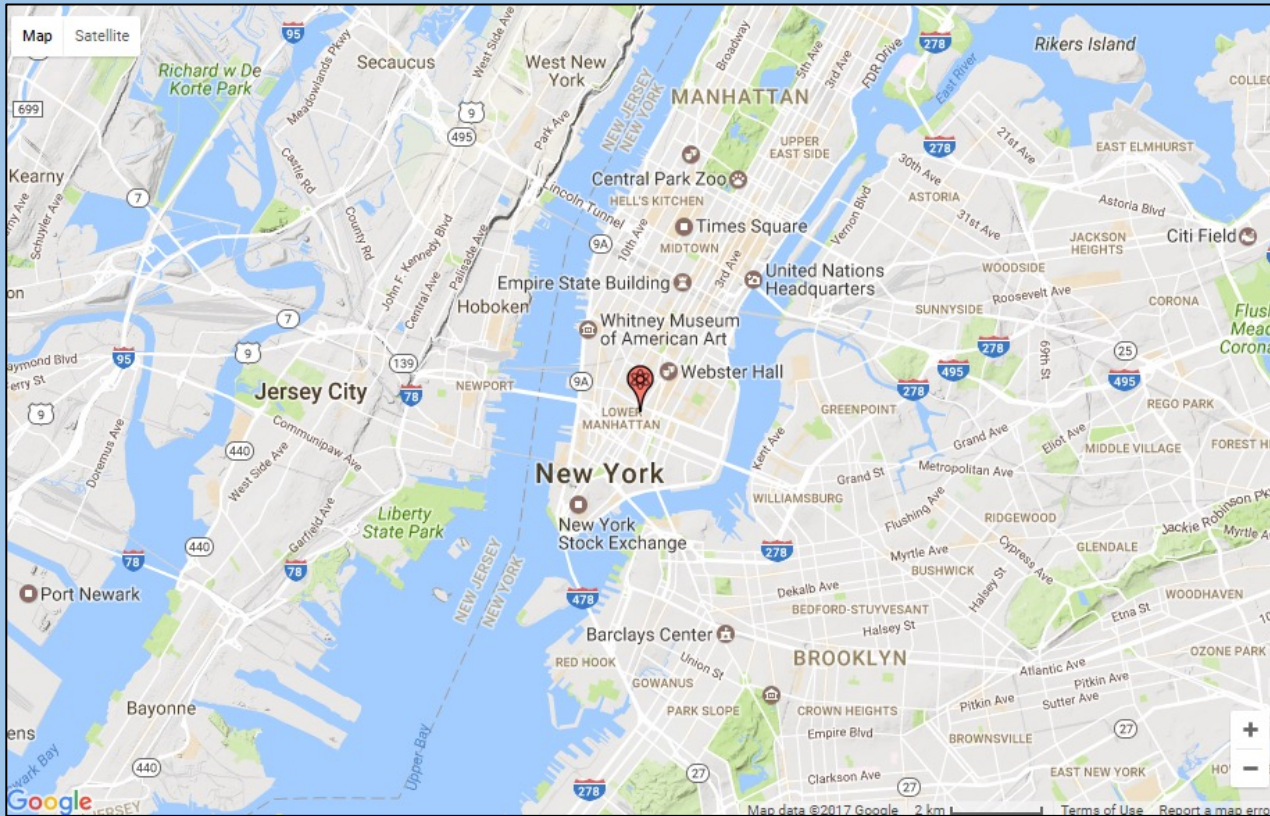


# ATOMIC CAFE

- THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR ANNIHILATION WAS OMNIPRESENT IN THE MID 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY
- HERE, YOU SEE THE MOST FAMOUS OF THESE FILMS THAT WAS SHOWN TO CHILDREN IN THE 1950s and 1960s: ***DUCK & COVER***



# NUKEMAP



## NUKEMAP 2.42 : [FAQ](#)

1. **Drag** the marker to wherever you'd like to target.

Or you can select a preset...

Or type in the name of a city:

2. **Enter a yield** (in kilotons):

Or you can select a preset...

3. **Basic options:** Height of burst: [?]  Airburst  Surface  
Other effects:  Casualties  Radioactive fallout

**Advanced options:** ▶

4. Click the "Detonate" button below.

Note that you can drag the target marker after you have detonated the nuke.

Created by [Alex Wellerstein](#), 2012-2017.

+108.7 million detonations and counting!

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Other options:  Auto-zoom  Don't log usage data  Grayscale map

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**EVERY NUCLEAR WEAPON  
DETONATION SINCE 1945**







# SPACE RACE



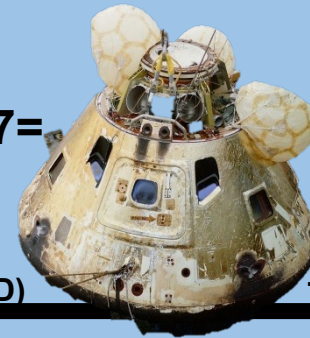
1965  
MARINER 4 =  
1<sup>ST</sup> MARS FLYBY



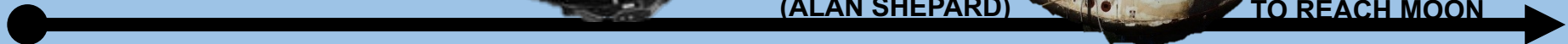
1969  
APOLLO 11 =  
1<sup>ST</sup> TO LAND ON  
THE MOON



1961  
FREEDOM 7 =  
1<sup>ST</sup> HUMAN  
CONTROLLED  
SPACECRAFT  
(ALAN SHEPARD)



1968  
APOLLO 8 =  
1<sup>ST</sup> MANNED TRIP  
TO REACH MOON



1957

1<sup>ST</sup> ICBM  
SPUTNIK  
LAIKA



1959  
LUNA 1 =  
1<sup>ST</sup> LUNAR  
SPACECRAFT

1959  
LUNA 2 =  
1<sup>ST</sup> LUNAR  
IMPACT

1960  
SPUTNIK 5 =  
1<sup>ST</sup> ANIMALS TO  
RETURN (BELKA  
& STRELKA)



1961

VOSTOK 1 =  
1<sup>ST</sup> MAN IN SPACE  
(YURI GAGARIN)



1963

VOSTOK 6 =  
1<sup>ST</sup> WOMAN IN SPACE  
(VALENTINA  
TERSHKOVA)





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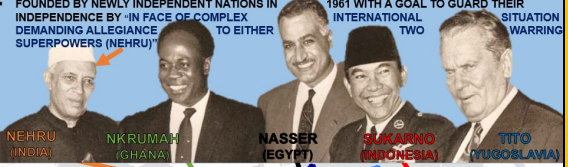
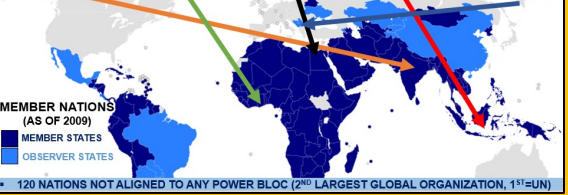
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