

Balanced, Independent, Non-Government Organizations

The great Republican, President Lincoln, once said we: “*shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.*” [Final phrases spoken during his delivery at Gettysburg, PA].

The above words were uttered about *eight score* years ago. This essay will take under consideration an updated interpretation of the five phrases Lincoln used such as (1) *new birth of freedom*, (2) *government of the people*, (3) *by the people*, (4) *for the people* and, finally, (5) *perish from the earth*.

Background

Today’s world consists of hundreds of governments that belong to those living therein (i.e. **owned by** the people - or *‘of the people’* as Lincoln would say). We observe this ideal government by stating that empirical evidence exists that many inhabitants do not feel that they participate in this **ownership** model. Perhaps this is due to their inability to say how the government is adequately conducted.

Democratic governments, in particular, do strive to achieve this *‘of the people’* ownership model. But not one hundred percent of people participate in ownership. Some say that’s okay thinking a fair percentage cannot really focus on shoring up their own government just like they cannot attend to fixing leaky roofs.

When too many people don’t bother to vote, or perhaps cannot vote at all, or, worse, fair exit polling mismatches **official** results, any vestige of true democracy has collapsed. This means the country is no longer a *‘government of the people,’* as Lincoln suggests it should be.

Discussion

How many nationally-recognized governments exist in this world of ours? This **loaded** question needs a correct answer. For example, in some respects, the European Union **acts** like a single federal government. But it isn’t. Countries such as China would come up with a different count than, for example, the USA.

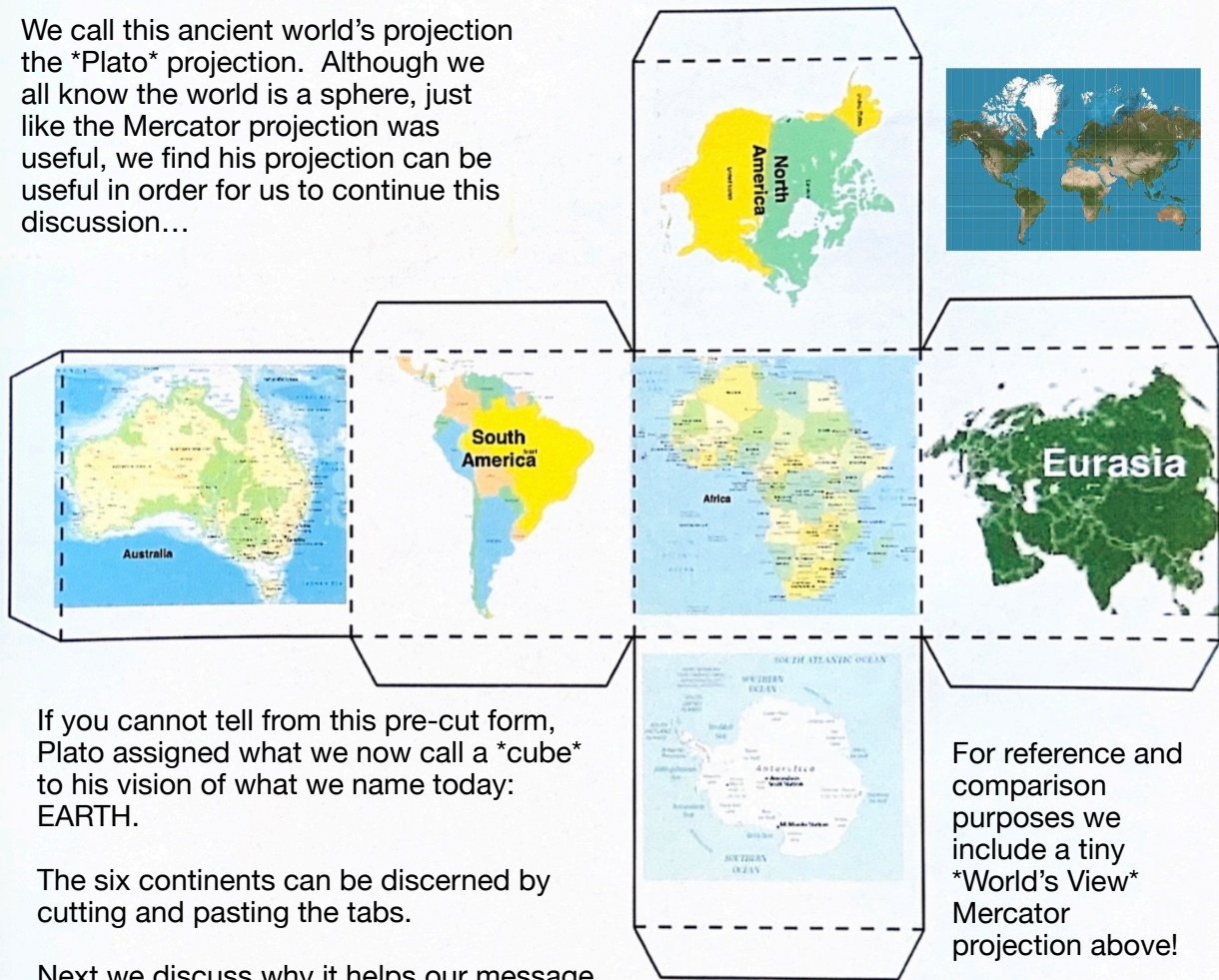
Here, the world’s projection is dated over a century and proved helpful for sailboat captions for navigation purposes even though, for example, Greenland looks more extensive than Africa but is a mere fraction of that continent’s size.

Not knowing how many countries exist today, folks have yet to agree on how many continents exist!



Useful (but deceptive) Mercator Projection

We call this ancient world's projection the *Plato* projection. Although we all know the world is a sphere, just like the Mercator projection was useful, we find his projection can be useful in order for us to continue this discussion...



If you cannot tell from this pre-cut form, Plato assigned what we now call a *cube* to his vision of what we name today: EARTH.

The six continents can be discerned by cutting and pasting the tabs.

Next we discuss why it helps our message.

For reference and comparison purposes we include a tiny *World's View* Mercator projection above!

In 1996, a Concorde Jet traveled from New York to London in about 7 minutes, less than three hours! The passenger jet set a record. And, by the way, folks started calling the Atlantic Ocean *the pond*. If you assemble Plato's earth model, you will see that the North American continent is *around the corner* from Eurasia (and the UK is part of that vast continent). The UK, as well as London, lies *across the pond* from the USA!

The Plato projection, albeit over two thousand years old, can be used to discuss issues such as migration patterns. No wonder, for example, the USA has grave concerns about a perceived increase in migrants. It seems migrants are *around the corner*, from every continent and every country within!

It is clear that migration patterns need to be addressed. We are convinced there are reasonable solutions. However, our intent here is to turn focus, using this projection, onto the daunting worldwide issue of data suggesting the entire earth is being threatened by an obvious lack of any kind of coordinated effort to address climate-control issues.

When Lincoln uttered the phrase '*perish from the earth,*' we think he could not have known about this threat. Today, we do know.

When Lincoln uttered the phrase '*government of the people,*' we think he did, at least, understand that there was no known worldwide government. Today we do know.

We postulate that there is a real connection between, for example, the USA's concern about a perceived influx of migrants and climate change. An observed condition called desertification is on the increase. People need to eat. Lack of water and too much heat make life difficult.

Today, we lack any notion of a global government '*of the people.*' That means we are left with the less attractive option of digging in with more resolve than ever, thus addressing the climate issue worldwide using a '*by the people*' approach!

We hope some governments will promote and support an independent movement '*by the people.*' However, quite a few governments are happy to use up their resources or even scout around for new resources that are counterproductive to the climate-control agenda. Venezuela, Russia, Middle Eastern countries (such as Saudi Arabia), and even Uganda hope to exploit black gold (oil), as reported by Venessa Nakate¹.

Perhaps the reader is aware that on June 1, 2017, US President Donald Trump announced that the United States would cease all participation in the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change mitigation, contending that the agreement would "undermine" the U.S. economy and put the U.S. "at a permanent disadvantage."²

The above paragraph convinces us that some countries (and their governments) pooh-pooh the scientifically accumulated data trend that tracks this issue!

In the USA, we have a long-standing notion of what is sometimes called a nonprofit. These organizations are organized *by the people* to advocate *for the people's* causes, etc. Worldwide, such movements are termed NGOs (aka Non-Government Organizations).

What is interesting to observe is this startling fact. The USA is the most likely country to spawn an actual movement that reaches worldwide and addresses this paramount issue. Why? Precisely because of a *new birth of freedom* received by an influx of migrants! In a way, this movement that cannot be kickstarted, for example, in Venezuela, can be pushed by these same immigrants who fled that country! The USA is unique. It has within it people from countless countries throughout the world!

For this reason, we suggest the creation of **B**alanced, **I**ndependent **N**on-**G**overnment **O**rganizations as nonprofits in the USA. What does this mean? The 'Balanced' implies we strive to enlist previously polarized segments of our society. To launch this foray into addressing climate change, we have established three websites: www.ByThePeople.today, www.UAM.today, and, to ensure the approach works and addresses a far simpler problem, www.UAim.today.

The 'Independent' means an earnest effort to purposely keep the government out of the effort to pursue our goal. The 'Non-Government Organization' (i.e., NGO) reinforces our independence!

We advocate for supporting farmers (and even their dogs). Once, a farmer had a dog, and his name was BINGO: B I N G O, B I N G O, and BINGO was his name-o!

We had a BINGO moment: **B**alanced, **I**ndependent **N**on-**G**overnment **O**rganizations!

¹ *A Bigger Picture* written by Venessa Nakate

² As reported by various press agencies.