NYT: The Maps That Show That City vs. Country Is Not Our Political Fault Line

Midlands
Culturally pluralistic, founded by English Quakers. Ethnic and religious purity were never priorities; community-oriented and distrustful of government intervention.

Left Coast
New Englanders (by ship) and farmers, prospectors and fur traders from Appalachian Midwest (by wagon). Yankee utopianism meets individual self-expression and exploration.

Far West
Settlement largely controlled by corporations or government via deployment of railroads, dams, irrigation, mines; exploited as an internal colony, to the lasting resentment of its people.

Yankedorn
Puritan legacy; perfect earthly society with social engineering, individual denial for common good; assimilate outsiders; vigorous government to thwart would-be tyrants.

New Netherland
Dutch-founded; retains traits of 17th-century Amsterdam: a global trading culture; materialistic; multicultural; committed to tolerance and freedom of inquiry and conscience.

Tidewater
17th-century gentry recreated semi-feudal manorial society of English countryside. Conservative; respect for authority and tradition, not equality or political participation.

El Norte
Borderlands of Spanish-American empire, far enough from Mexico City and Madrid to develop own characteristics: independent, self-sufficient, adaptable and work-centered.

Greater Appalachia
Settlers from war-ravaged Ulster, northern England, lowland Scotland. Deep commitment to personal sovereignty and individual liberty; intense suspicion of external authority.

New France
Folkways of French peasantry blended with traditions of Algonquin-speaking people of what is now Eastern Canada. Down-to-earth, egalitarian, consensus-driven.

Spanish Caribbean
Legacy of the maritime component of Spain’s New World empire with hub in Havana. Includes Puerto Rico and other territories in Caribbean basin.
The Partisan Landscape

2016 presidential vote by region.

The regions ranked by partisan vote margins in the 2016 presidential election:

- Greater Appalachia: 25
- New France: 22
- Deep South: 9
- Far West: 9
- Midlands: 9
- Yankeeedom: 8
- Tidewater: 8
- Spanish Caribbean: 6
- El Norte: 6
- New Netherland: 3
- LEFT COAST: 3

By The New York Times | Source: Colin Woodard
LANDMARKS & PATHS
STREET LIGHT VIEW
(2010)
ISOPLETH MAPS

➤ Use lines to show data
➤ First in 1701
  ➤ Lines of Equal Magnetic Declination
  ➤ By Edmond Halley (comet guy)
CHOROPLETH MAPS

➤ Use colors/shadings to show data
➤ First in 1826
➤ Illiteracy in France
➤ Perception problems?
KERRY VS. BUSH (2004)

2004 Popular Vote

- Bush: 62 million
- Kerry: 59 million

Amount of red and blue shown on map

- Bush: 2,500,000 mi$^2$
- Kerry: 525,000 mi$^2$
The deep red down the center of this map highlights the president's support in sparsely populated areas.
This map removes mostly uninhabited areas, revealing Mr. Bush's suburban and rural support in the East and South.
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Michael Gastner, Cosma Shalizi, and Mark Newman

University of Michigan
Note: NV, with an estimated concert attendance of over 600,000, is excluded because of space limitations.

Elvis Concerts
Attendance per State, 1970 - 1977

Note: DE, DC, ID, MT, NH, ND, VT, WY, AK = 0 NJ data are unavailable.
UNFOLDING THE EARTH: MYRIAHEDRAL PROJECTIONS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMKaxQvJQp4

Population based
Spending on healthcare
DENSITY-EQUALIZING MAP PROJECTION (2004)
Figure 1.8 Airlines’ view of the United States.
Maps can be scaled to units other than distance. In this case, airline fares are used instead of miles or other linear units.

(Map copyright by the author.)
RECMAP (2004)
States sized by number of electoral votes

Obama 243 Needs 27 to win
Romney 206 Needs 64 to win

270 needed to win

Maine and Nebraska give two electoral votes to the statewide winner and allocate the rest by congressional district.
Mapping America: Every City, Every Block

Browse local data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, based on samples from 2005 to 2009. Because these figures are based on samples, they are subject to a margin of error, particularly in places with a low population, and are best regarded as estimates.

Distribution of racial and ethnic groups

MAP KEY
- One dot = 200 people
- White
- Black
- Hispanic
- Asian
- Other
FLOW MAPS

➤ First in 1837

➤ Transportation of Passengers in Ireland
FLOW MAP LAYOUT (2005)
TIME-VARYING MAPS

12 a.m. Sunday

Penn Station
One of the busiest train stations in the world, and the busiest cab stand in the city.

Columbus Circle
Central Park, Whole Foods and Lincoln Center nearby.

Lower East Side
Comes alive after work, and throbs until well after midnight.

Bloomingdale's
Midday center for shopping.

Grand Central Terminal

Meatpacking District

Ward's Island

Central Park

Long Island City

Queens Blvd

Woodside

Sunnyside Gardens

Sunnyside

Long Island

Manhattan

Central Park

New York
Some Say New Wal-Mart Intrudes on Historic Mexican Pyramids
Oct 5, 2004, Mexico

The multinational retailer is building a discount supermarket 28 miles from one of Mexico’s most treasured ruins. The pre-Columbian city’s mighty pyramids, dedicated to the sun and moon, tower within view of the Bodega Aurrera, a Wal-Mart subsidiary.

User location: San Jose (37.338208 -121.886328) Seattle (47.603961, -122.329887)
Map of Online Communities and Related Points of Interest

Geographic area represents estimated size of membership.

NOT A COMPLETE SURVEY. SIZES BASED ON BEST FIGURES I COULD FIND BUT INVOLVED SOME GUESSEWORK. DO NOT USE FOR NAVIGATION.

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