

**United Kingdom: Foreign Relations**

**Week 7**

**Words** | The limits of my language  
stand for the limits of my world



# prestige

(page 116)



*noun*

Widespread respect and admiration felt for someone or something on the basis of a perception of their achievements or quality.

# deterrent

(page 117)



*noun*

A thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something.

# schizophrenic (page 118)



*noun*

(in general use) A mentality or approach characterized by inconsistent or contradictory elements.

# unilateral

(page 119)



*adjective*

Performed by or affecting only one person, group, or country involved in a particular situation, without the agreement of another or the others.

- to “act independently”

# reluctant

(page 120)



*adjective*

unwilling and hesitant

# nationalize

(page 122)



*verb*

Transfer (a major branch of industry or commerce) from private to state ownership or control.



## Discussion Question

In George Orwell's book 1984 (*published 1948*), Britain is merely an 'outpost' of the USA.

Do you think Orwell's prediction has come true or do you believe Britain acts independently, even if the USA disagrees?

# Mid-Term Group Project

## This Week:

- As a group, choose ONE of the stereotypes that you have listed.
- This will be one of two stereotypes you will research and report on.
- Hand in your group's list of cultural stereotypes.



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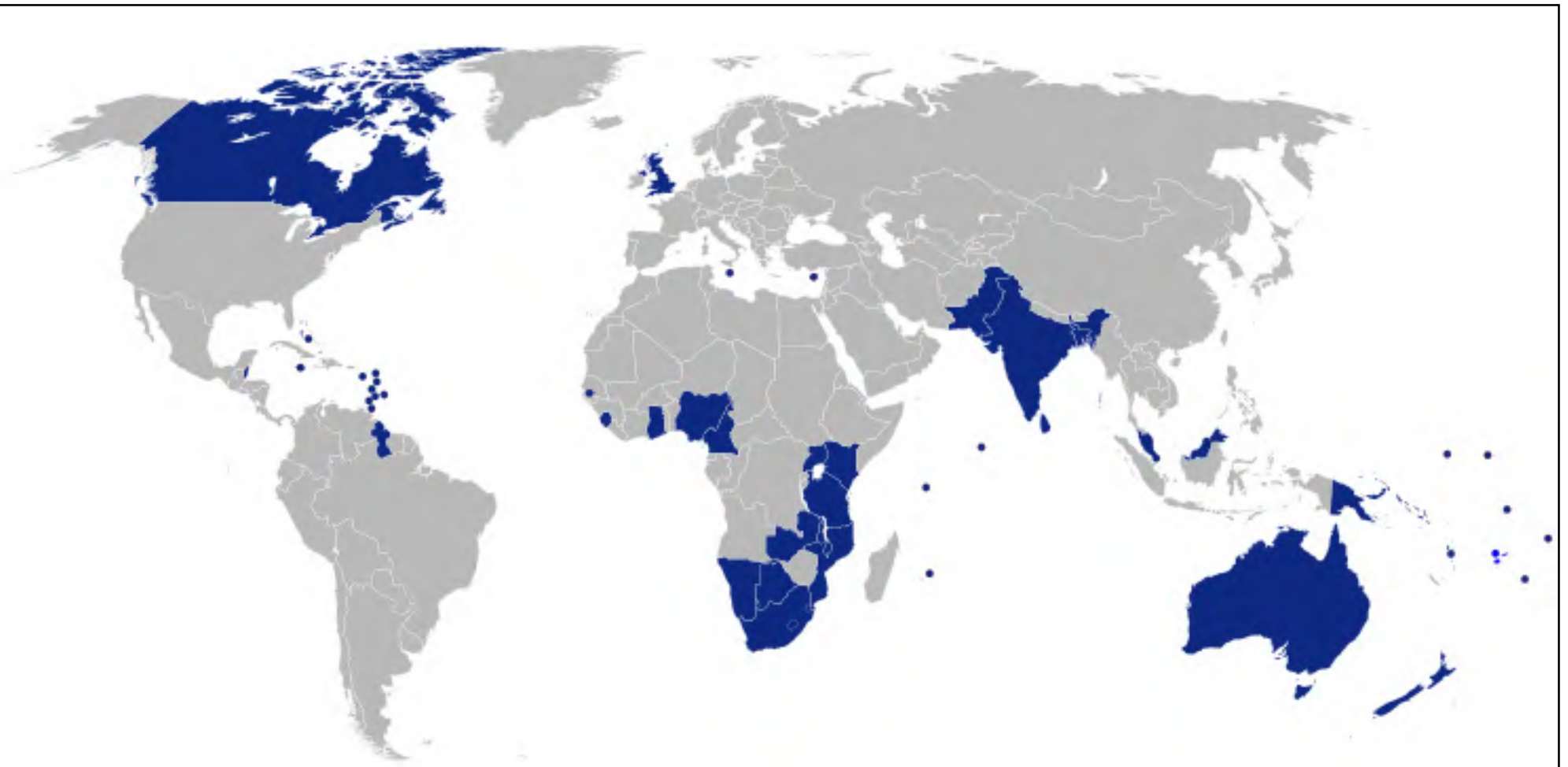
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Stereotype List

List of cultural stereotypes people in China often have of the West or of people living in English speaking countries. (minimum of 5)

1	<i>All people from the West love "fast food."</i>
2	<i>Every American has a gun and they often shoot them from the windows of their cars.</i>
3	<i>People from New Zealand are all short and they live in underground homes.</i>
4	<i>British people have no sense of humor and they dislike comedy.</i>
5	<i>Western people do not place a high value on their families and family traditions.</i>
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# The United Kingdom

*(British Foreign Relations – unit 8)*



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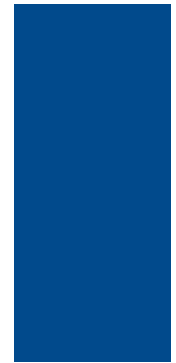
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  - **Relationship with USA**
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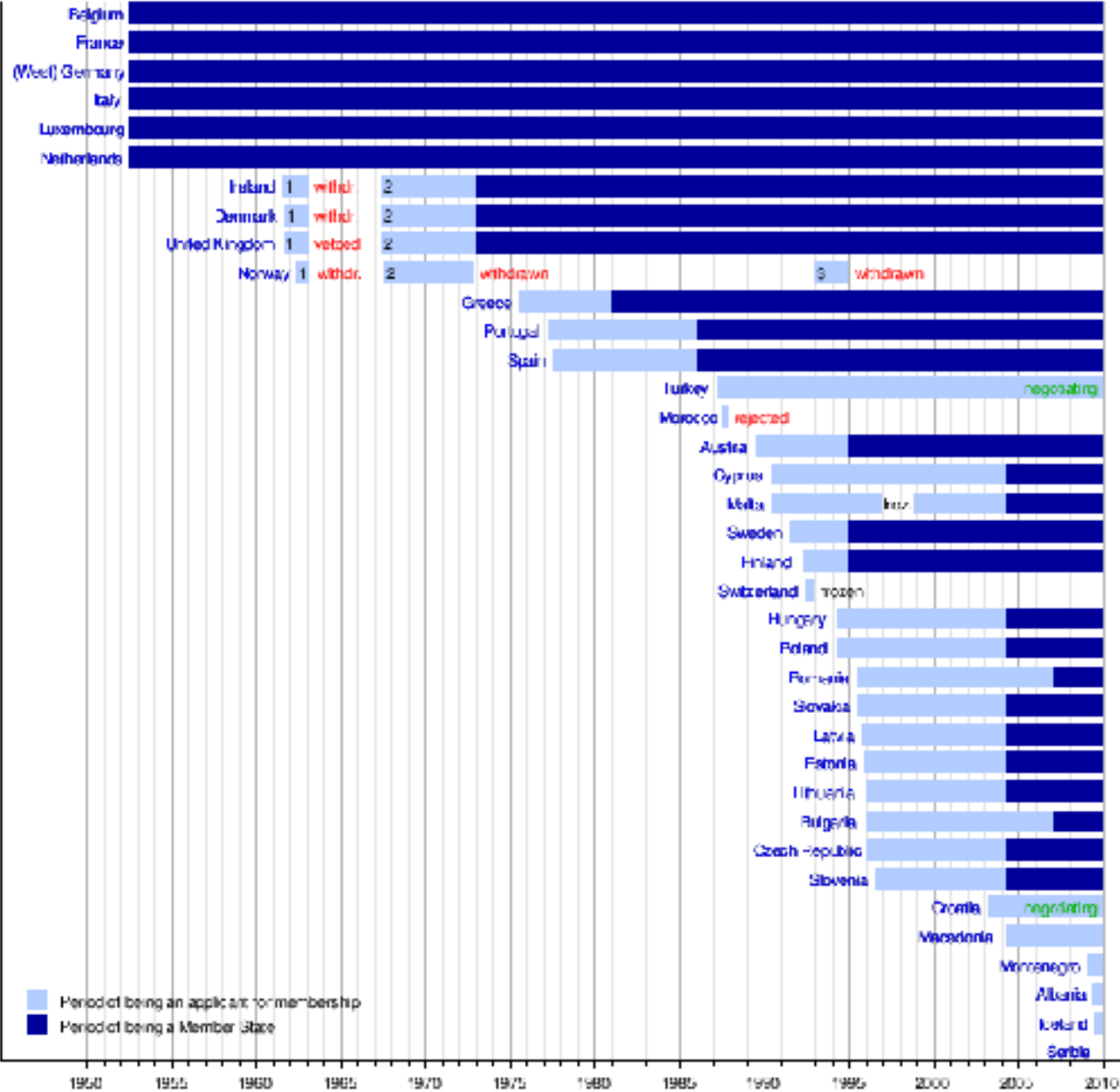
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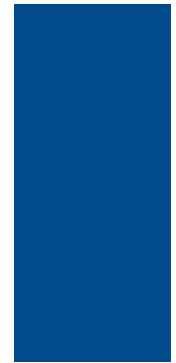
# Enlargement of the European Union



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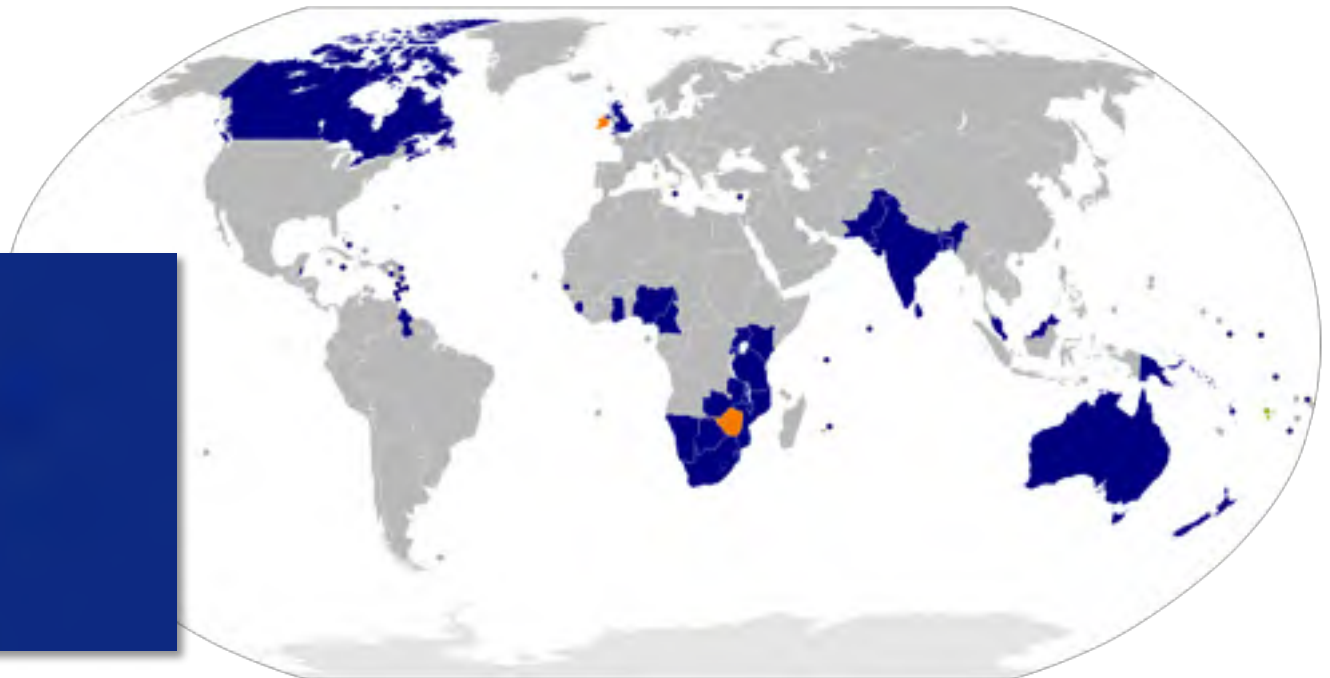
# The Commonwealth



The Commonwealth is an intergovernmental organization of 54 independent member states. *All but two (Mozambique and Rwanda) of these countries were formerly part of the British Empire.*

The member states co-operate within a framework of common values and goals.

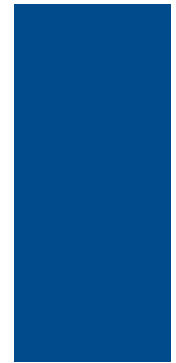
Through the Commonwealth, countries with diverse social, political and economic backgrounds are regarded as equal in status.



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# British / US Relationship



British–American relations encompass many complex relations over the span of four centuries, beginning in 1607 with England's first permanent colony in North America called Jamestown, to the present day, between the United Kingdom and the United States.

The United States is bound to Britain by shared history, a common language and legal system, culture, and kindred, ancestral lines in British Americans which can be traced back hundreds of years.

Present British policy is that the relationship with the United States represents Britain's "most important bilateral relationship"



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