

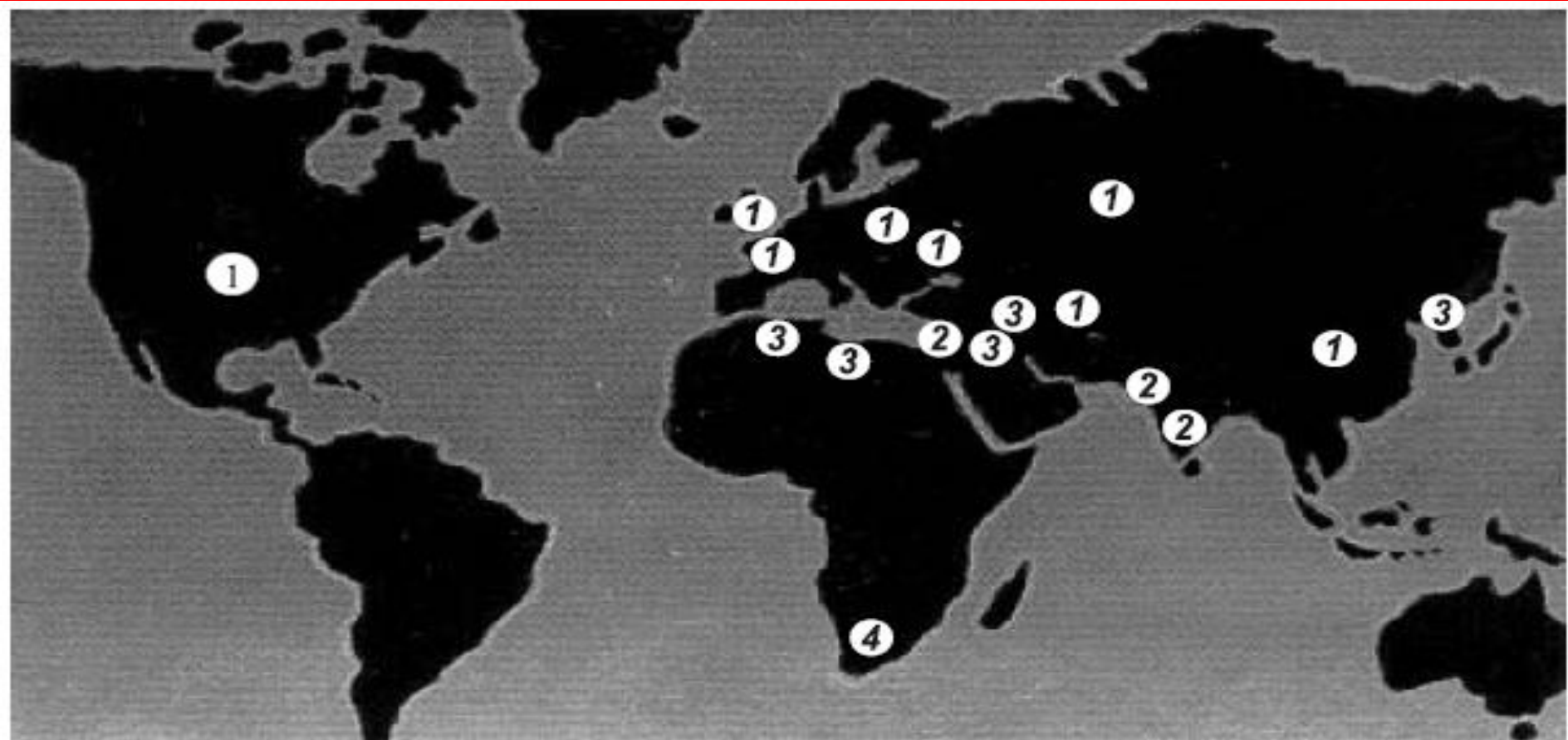
UNIT SIX:

CHALLENGES OF THE MODERN ERA Part II

ARMS PROLIFERATION

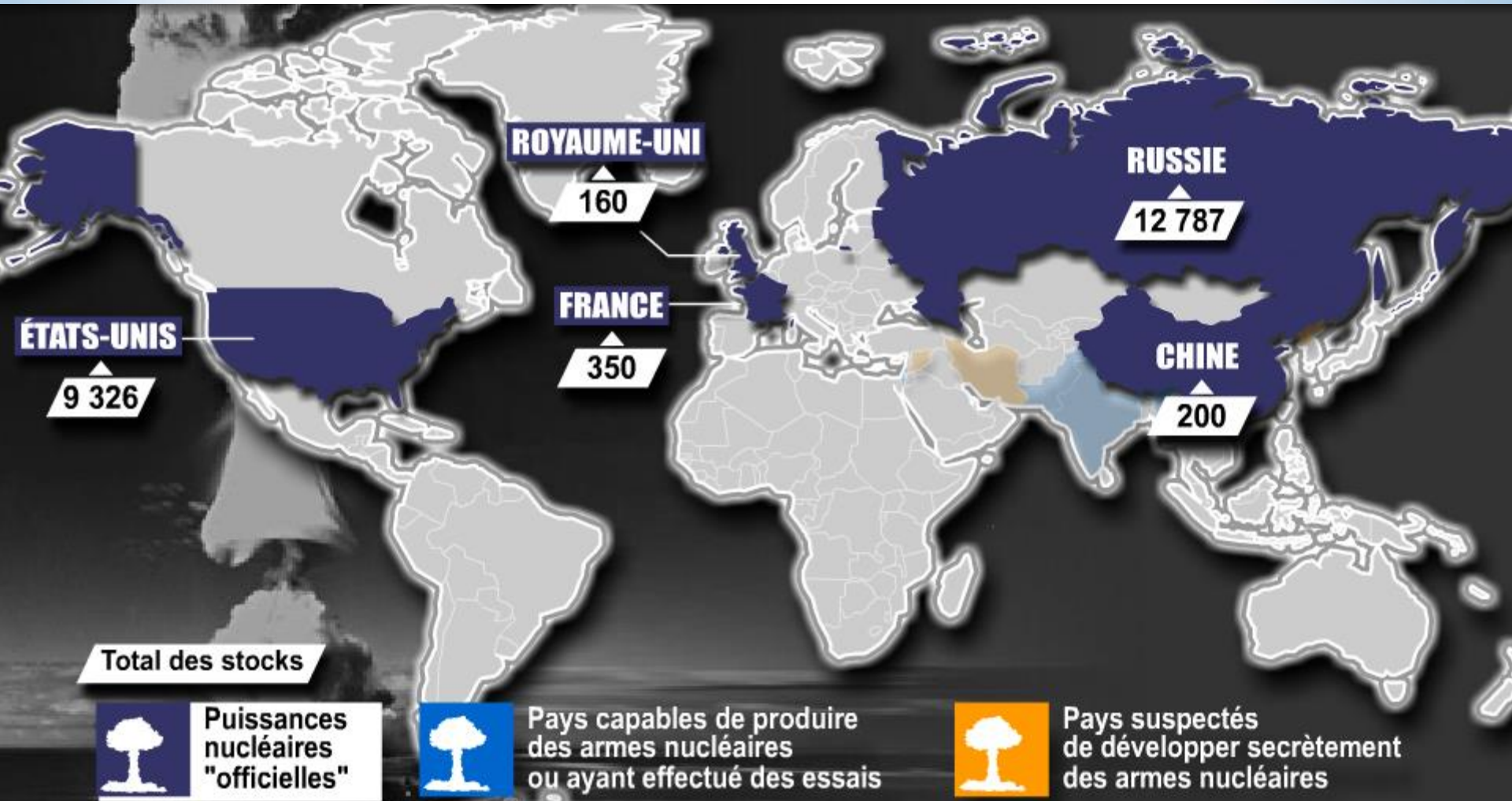
- Spread of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) (nuclear, chemical & biological weapons) throughout the world.*
- This is seen as dangerous as it is feared dictators/terrorists would be more willing to use WMDs.
- * Also refers to spread of conventional weapons such as jet warplanes, tanks, etc.

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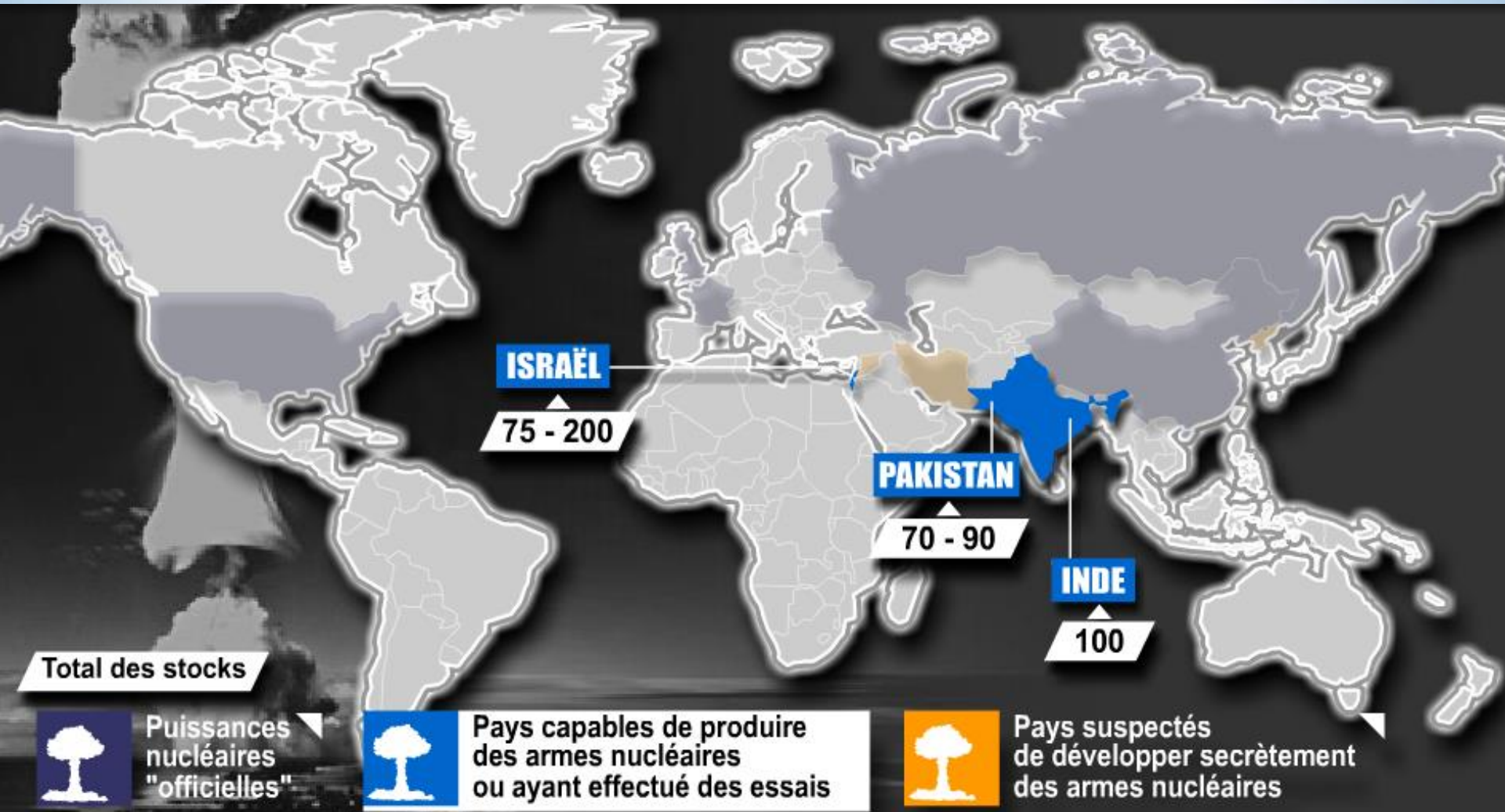


1. Countries which have nuclear weapons.
2. Countries which probably have them.
3. Countries possibly developing them.
4. Countries which had them.

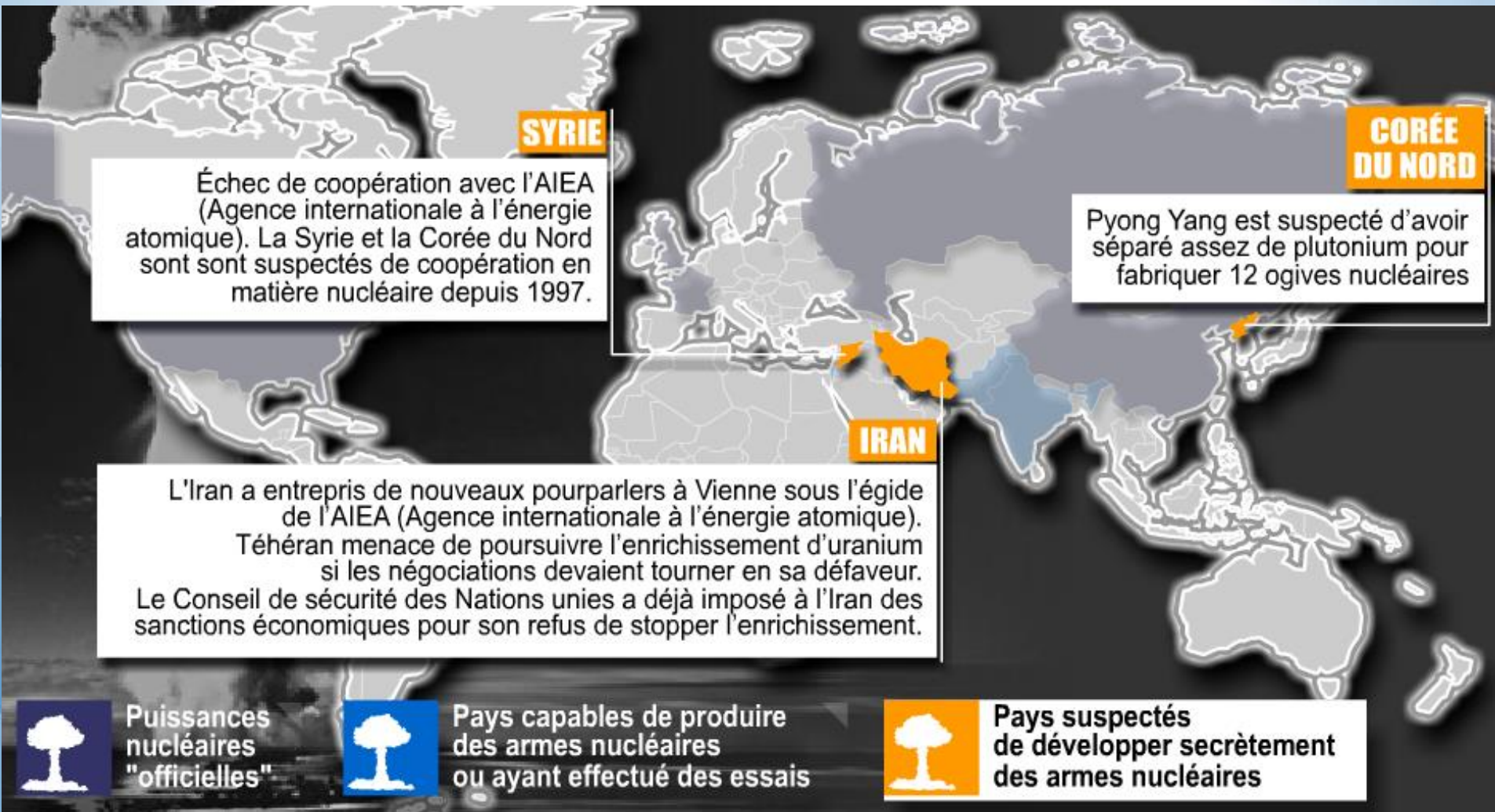
“Official” Nuclear Powers



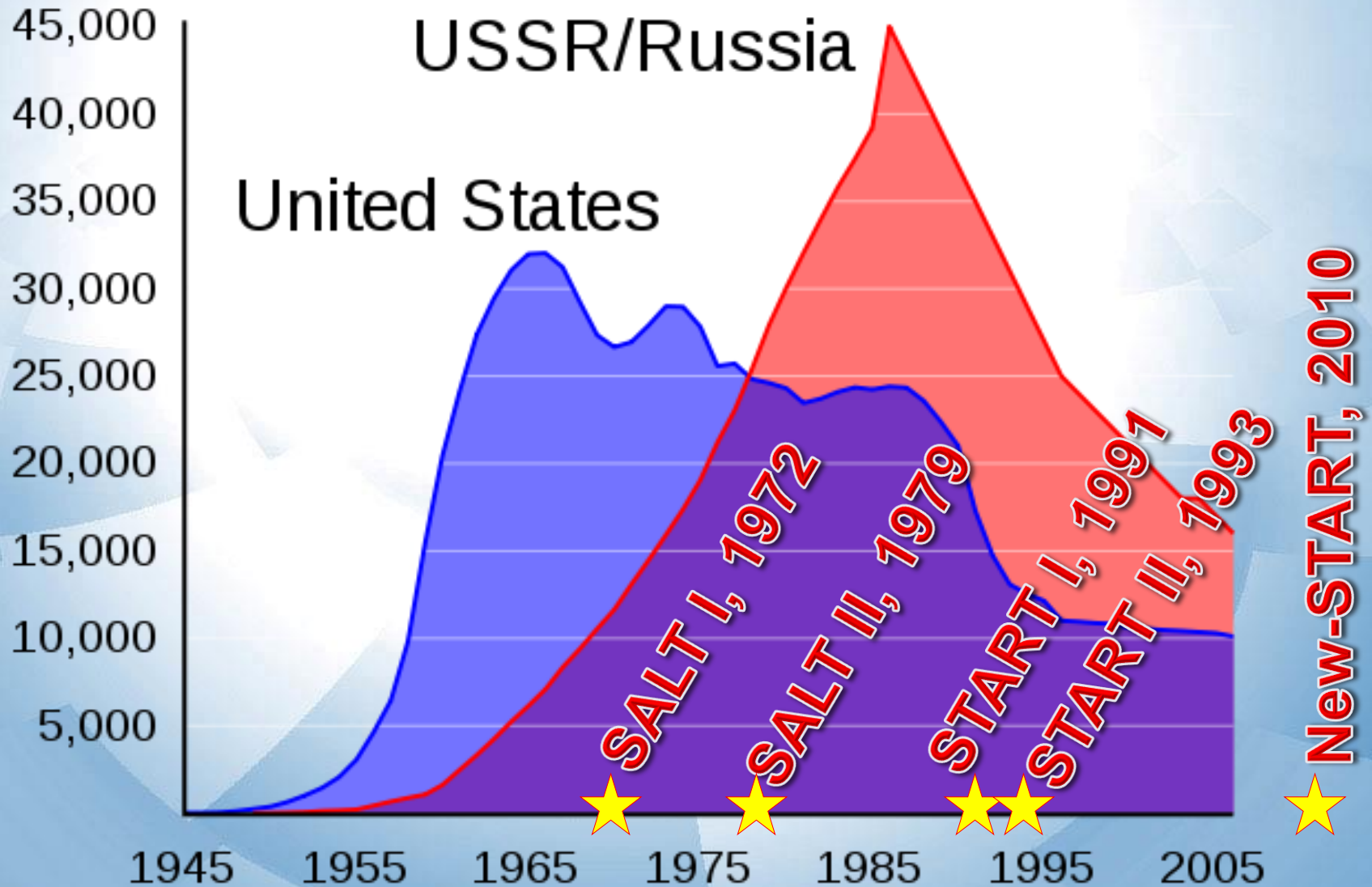
Countries able to produce nuclear weapons or have done trials



Countries suspected of secretly of secretly having nuclear weapons



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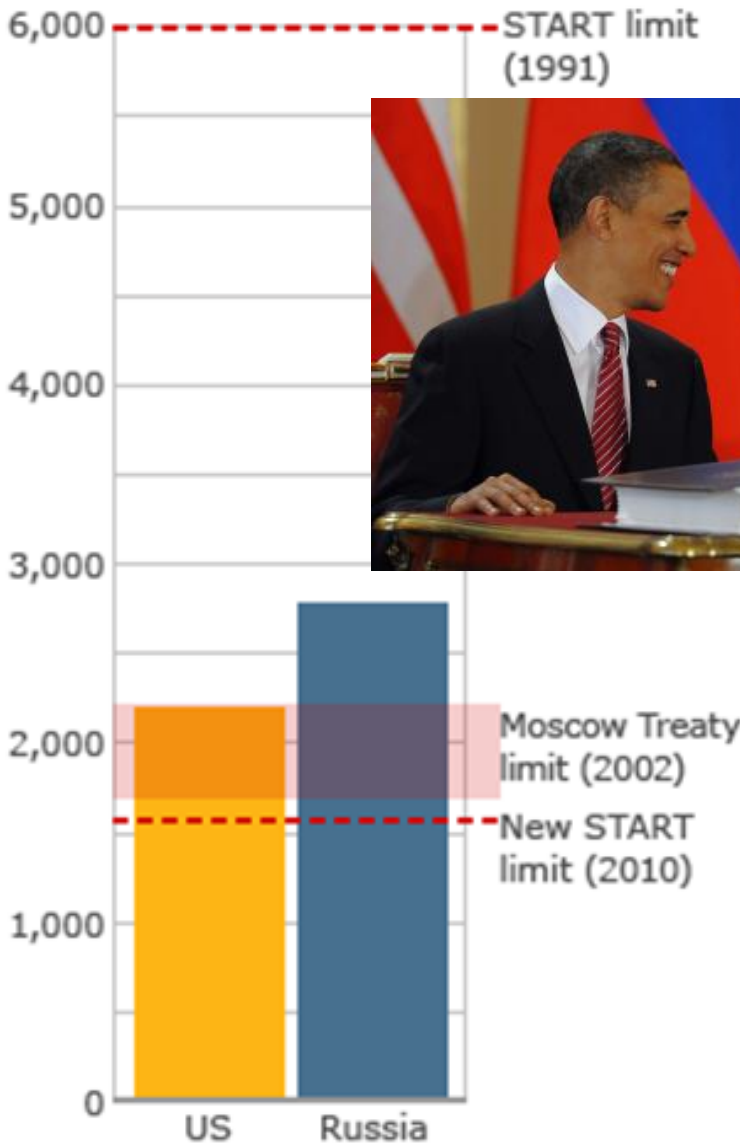
US AND RUSSIA NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Nuclear arsenals and treaty limits

Launchers



Warheads*



*Additional warheads in reserve / awaiting dismantlement: US 6,700, Russia 8,150

Source: Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

QUESTIONS:

1. How does the quest for nuclear capability affect global security?

Ex: Iraq, Iran, North Korea, Moores

2. How does recent terrorist attacks pose a treat to world peace and **security**?

Ex: World Trade centre, France, Brussels, etc.....

TERRORISM

- Violent acts (suicide bombings, assassinations, kidnappings, etc...) so that **terror & fear** go largely beyond the circle of victims directly related to the act – all for a common goal which is usually political.
- Terrorism is politically motivated violence against **non-military** targets by **non-state** groups or individuals.

TERRORISM



6.1.5 - Assess how the quest for nuclear capability by Iraq and North Korea have affected global security.

FEAR AND SECURITY ...

INCREASED!!!!

GLOBAL SECURITY

- The end of the Cold War brought hope for global relationships that did not depend on military threats the accompanying quest for weapons of mass destruction (WMD) did.
- Throughout the 1990s many treaties were signed eliminating or reducing WMDs. Unfortunately such treaties could not solve the existence of nuclear weapons technology and the desire of some countries to develop them.

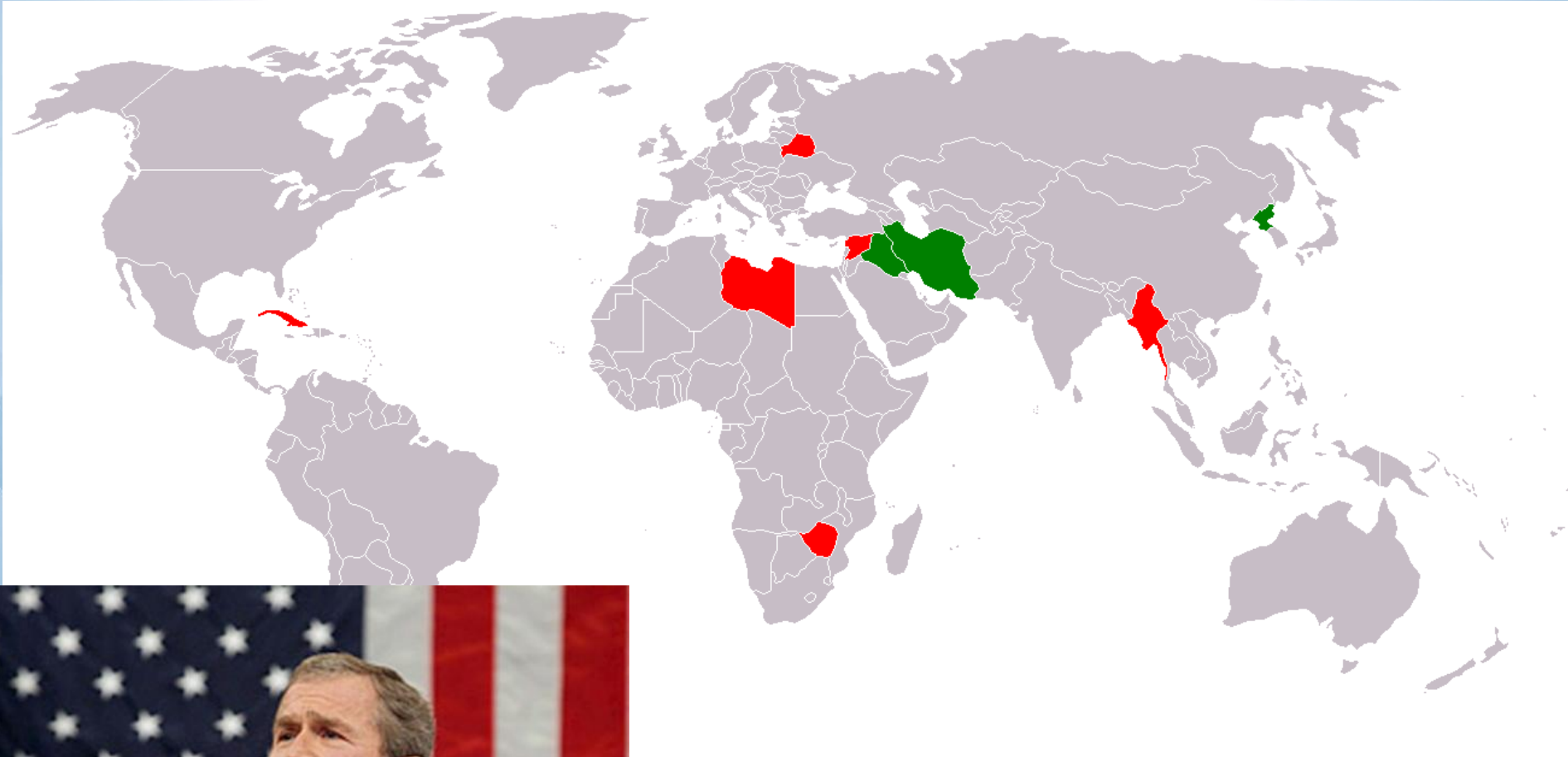
GLOBAL SECURITY

- Some nations such as Iraq, North Korea and Iran, began shopping to buy materials and expertise to establish their own nuclear arsenals.
- These countries justified the development of their own nuclear weapons because countries such as the USA, Russia and China had them already.

GLOBAL SECURITY

- Some people feel the threat of nuclear war has increased because of the desire of more countries to develop nuclear arsenals. They may be right.
- Following the attack on the World Trade Center on 11 September 2001 President Bush said that the countries of Iraq, Iran and North Korea formed an “**axis of evil**” that promoted terrorism and possessed weapons of mass destruction.

AXIS OF EVIL



GLOBAL SECURITY

- As result of this thinking the U.S. declared war on Iraq in 2003.
- Though the USA toppled Iraq's leader, **Saddam Hussein**, it seems that terrorist activity in this region of the world has only escalated – **thus making the world a more dangerous place.**



GLOBAL SECURITY

- Iran's program to build nuclear weapons threatens Middle Eastern peace & is a direct threat to Israel which could be forced to attack Iran to protect itself.

Iran's nuclear facilities

Iranian and Russian nuclear officials have begun a test run of Iran's first nuclear power plant at Bushehr.



GLOBAL SECURITY

- North Korea conducted a nuclear weapon test in 2006 & is believed to have between 12-27 nuclear weapons as of 2009.
- Under its new leader Kim Jong-un, North Korea has upset stability in Asia in 2013, & could lead to war with the USA.
- **In summary, possession of nuclear WMDs makes it very difficult for the United Nations & USA to maintain global peace!**

... AND AROUND THE WORLD ...

MATTHEWS

Windsor Square Shopping Center

CHARLOTTE

The Tyvola Mall

1-800-GO-SHOP-KG

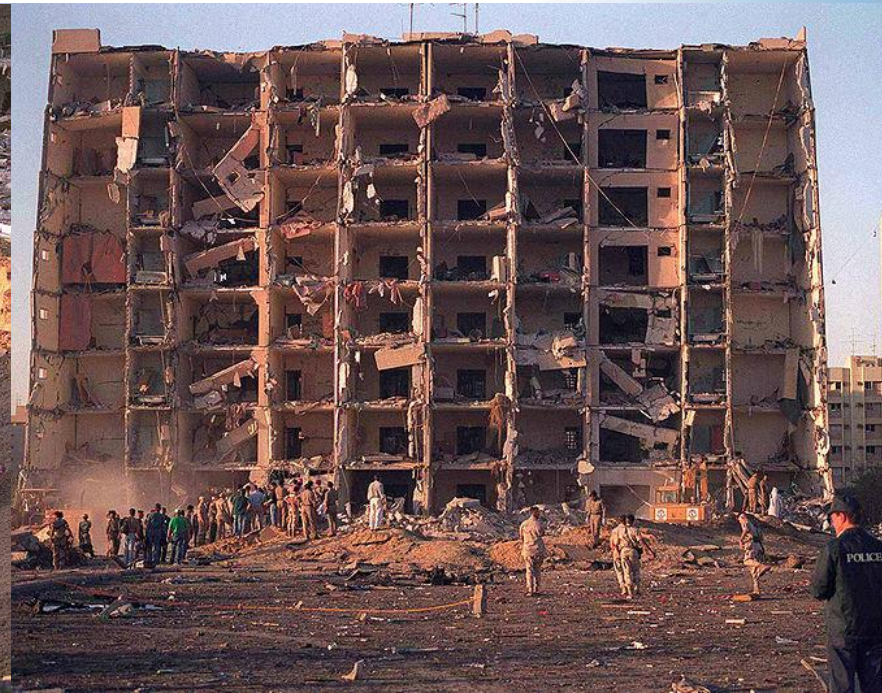
OTHER ATTACKS AGAINST AMERICA ...

- World Trade Center bombing in 1993 – 6 killed, over 100 injured



OTHER ATTACKS AGAINST AMERICA ...

- Suicide bombing of the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia on a US-Air Force base in 1996 – in all, 19 Americans and 1 Saudi were killed, and 372 others from many nationalities were injured.



OTHER ATTACKS AGAINST AMERICA ...

- Attacks on American Embassies in Africa in 1998 (Kenya and Tanzania) – hundred killed and wounded.

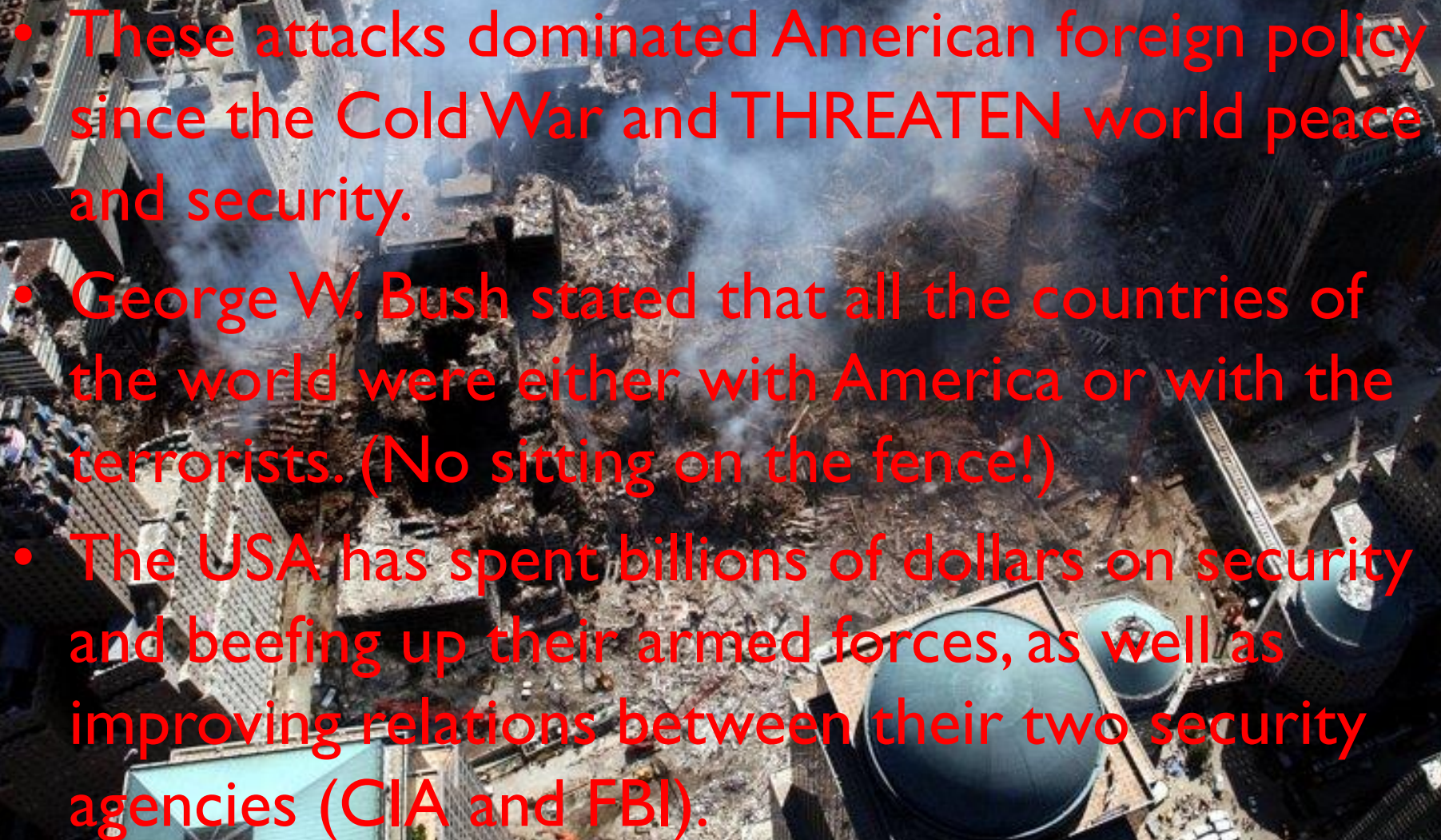


WHAT DO THEY ALL HAVE IN COMMON?



GLOBAL SECURITY

- Since the 1990s, terrorist attacks have threatened peace and security around the world.
- **Al Qaida** threatens American interests around the world. Al Qaida justifies its attacks in saying that the USA is trying to secularize the Middle East.
- American influence in the Middle East is in fact increasing as the USA tries to establish “pro-Western” regimes in this area.

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- An aerial photograph of a city, likely New York City, showing the aftermath of a major disaster. The ground is covered in rubble and debris, with thick plumes of white smoke rising from the center. Several tall skyscrapers remain standing, but many are partially obscured by the smoke. The scene is one of significant destruction and chaos.
- These attacks dominated American foreign policy since the Cold War and THREATEN world peace and security.
 - George W. Bush stated that all the countries of the world were either with America or with the terrorists. (No sitting on the fence!)
 - The USA has spent billions of dollars on security and beefing up their armed forces, as well as improving relations between their two security agencies (CIA and FBI).

GLOBAL SECURITY

- Palestinian terrorism against Israel makes it more difficult for peace in the Middle East.
- Islamic terrorism has forced the western world to limit civil liberties in some cases & forced society to adopt intense security measures (e.g. airport security measures, etc.).

... THE EFFECTS ON THE USA ...

- USA declared the 'war on terror' against the Axis of Evil.
- USA invaded Afghanistan (2001 - ??)
- USA invaded Iraq to search for WMD (2003-2011)
- Increase of security measures at airports worldwide.

... AND AROUND THE WORLD ...

- London Bombings on 7 July 2005.
- Hamas attacks against Israel.
- An increase in Islamic fundamentalism.



... AND AROUND THE WORLD ...

- An increase of hatred and racism against ethnic minorities that leads to conflict.
- The **secularization** of the Middle East by the West.
- Efforts to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons and to reduce those that already exist (New-START, 2010).



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