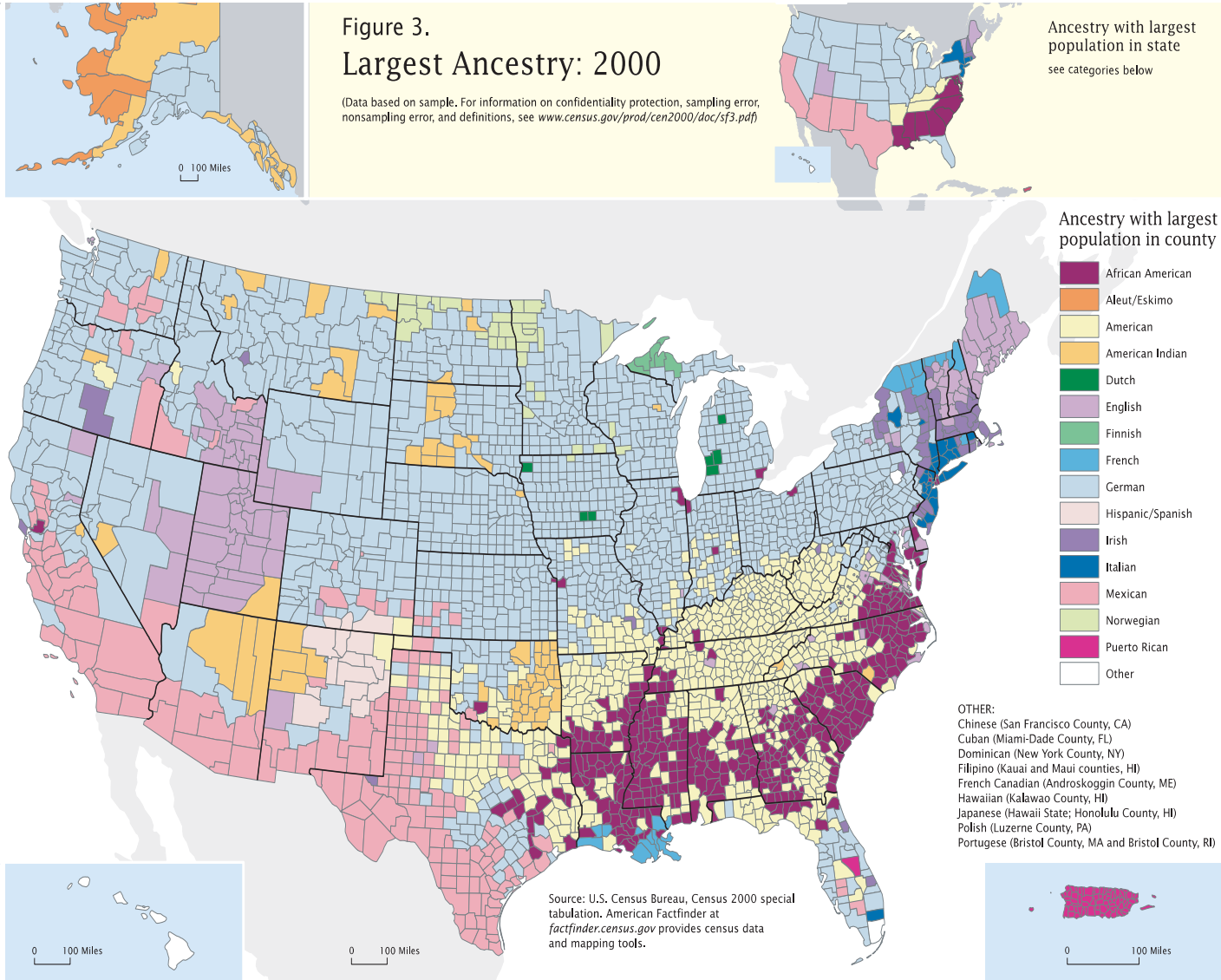


# The Great **Anglo**-**Celtic** Divide in The History of American Foreign Relations

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# American Nations



# On Theory

“So for confidence in a theory to grow we don’t require that all of its features be verifiable; a robust and varied assortment of confirmed predictions is enough. Scientific work going back well over a century has accepted that a theory may invoke hidden, inaccessible elements—provided that it also makes interesting, novel, and testable predictions about an abundance of observable phenomena.”

Brian Greene. *The Hidden Reality: Parallel Universes and the Deep Laws of the Cosmos*. New York: Knopf, 2011, p. 170.

# Underlying Pattern of US Foreign Affairs

## Anglo-American President

- Protect and Expand Commercial System
- Resist and Compete with England
- High Risk Wars
- Total Victory or Cut Losses: War with France; N. Africa; War of 1812; WWII; Gulf I.
- In Asia, Focus on China
- In Mediterranean, focus on Arabia

## Celtic-American President

Seek Territory

Indulge England and avoid competition with England

Low Risk Wars

Bog Down: Seminole War, Mexico, P.I., Korea, Vietnam

In Asia, Focus on China's neighbors

In Mediterranean, focus on Turkey, Greece

# The Great **Anglo-Celtic** Divide: Republics of the United States of America

- First **Anglo-American: Washington to JQ Adams**
- First **Celtic-American: Jackson to Buchanan**
- Second **Anglo-American: Lincoln to Cleveland**
- Second **Celtic-American: McKinley to Wilson**
- Third **Anglo-American: Harding to FD Roosevelt**
- Third **Celtic-American: Truman to Reagan**
- Fourth **Anglo-American: GHW Bush to Trump?**

# The First **Anglo-American** Republic: **Washington to John Quincy Adams**

- Avoid Entangling Alliances; Betray France
- High Risk Wars: Naval War with France; Total War with England
- In Mid-East, focus on and fight in Arabia
- In Asia, Focus on China
- Build National Infrastructure and Global Trade, Philadelphia the financial key
- Buy Land from Indians

# The First Celtic-American Republic: Jackson to Buchanan

- Despoil the Indians of their land
- War Against the Weak: Mexico Despoiled  
Exception: **Anglo Pierce**: Gadsden Purchase
- In Mid-East focus on Turkey, not Arabia
- In Asia, focus on China's neighbors, esp. Japan
- Struggle with U.S. Congress
- New York Promoted to Financial Center

# The Second **Anglo-American** Republic **Lincoln to Cleveland**

- High Risk Civil War between **Anglo-Americans**
- Confrontation with England
  - Exception: **Celtic Andrew Johnson**
- Confront France over Mexico
- Build and Rebuild U.S. Navy
- Small Standing Army
- Systematically develop Strong National Infrastructure
- In Asia, focus on China; in Pacific, respect Hawaii



# The Second Celtic-American Republic: McKinley to Wilson

- Attack the Weak: Spain, Philippine Rep., Rep. of Hawaii, China, Colombia, Mexico, Haiti, D.R.
  - Exception to Militarism: **Anglo Taft**, Dollar Diplomacy
- Reduce Catholicism in Cuba and Philippines
- In Asia, focus on Philippines, support Japan
  - Exception: **Anglo Taft** focused on China
- Support England, Support France, Fight Germany
- Fight Bolsheviks

# The Third **Anglo-American** Republic: **Harding to F.D. Roosevelt**

- “Return to Normalcy”
- Reduce Army, Modernize Navy
- Compete with England for Control of the Global Economy, Trouble with France
- Undertake High Risk, Two-Front War
- Co-operate with Communists
- In Asia, Aid China, confront Japan
- In Mid-East, focus on Arabia

# The Third Celtic-American Republic: Truman to Reagan

- Perpetual War and War Scares
- Confront Communism with Entangling Alliance, NATO
- Support England
- Support France in Europe and Southeast Asia
- Warfare in Caribbean
- Anti-Catholicism in Central America
- In Asia, Focus on Japan, Confront China, War in Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia
- In Mid-East, focus on Turkey, Israel, Iran

# The Fourth **Anglo-American** Republic: G.H.W. Bush to Obama?

- Struggle to Maintain Control of Global Economy
- Dominate England
- Troubles with France
- In Mid-East, focus on Arabia (Two Iraq Wars and Obama's Libyan Initiative)

Exception: **Celtic Clinton** focused on Turkey

- In Asia, Focus on China
  - Exception: **Celtic Clinton** focused on Japan and Afghanistan

# Fourth Celtic-American Republic

## Donald J. Trump & Joseph R. Biden

- Attack International Trading System
- Attack Centralized Government, including intelligence and diplomatic agencies but not military
- Seek to buy Greenland
- Indulge England
- Indulge Turkey and Arabia
- Confront China, focus on North Korea
- Bully Canada, Mexico, Central America, Venezuela