

Wesley Cecil PhD. And Peninsula College present:

*Myths of the Modern American Mind*

## Race

Family history is in our DNA. *What's in yours?*

Get personalized details about your ethnic origins. Discover more about your story with advanced DNA science from the experts in family history. (Ancestry.com)

**Bring your ancestry to life  
through your DNA.**

**Discover your ancestral origins and trace your lineage  
with a personalized analysis of your DNA.**

- Ancestry composition
- Family tree tool
- DNA relatives
- Maternal and paternal lineages
- Neanderthal percentage  
(23andme.com)

Barack Obama: 44<sup>th</sup> man to be president, 25<sup>th</sup> lawyer, 6<sup>th</sup> Harvard grad, Sixteenth senator, 4<sup>th</sup> from Illinois.

# The True Size of Africa

A small contribution in the fight against rampant immappancy, by Kai Krause

Graphic layout for visualization only (some countries are cut and rotated)  
But the conclusions are very accurate: refer to table below for exact data

COUNTRY	AREA x 1000 km <sup>2</sup>
China	9.587
USA	9.828
India	3.287
Mexico	1.964
Peru	1.285
France	633
Spain	506
Papua New Guinea	462
Sweden	441
Japan	378
Germany	357
Norway	324
Italy	301
New Zealand	270
United Kingdom	243
Nepal	147
Bangladesh	144
Greece	132
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30.102</b>
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>30.221</b>

In addition to the well known social issues of *illiteracy* and *innumeracy*, there also should be such a concept as "*immappancy*", meaning *insufficient geographical knowledge*.

A survey with random American schoolkids let them guess the population and land area of their country. Not entirely unexpected, but still rather unsettling, the majority chose "1-2 billion" and "largest in the world", respectively.

Even with Asian and European college students, geographical estimates were often off by factors of 2-3. This is partly due to the highly distorted nature of the predominantly used mapping projections (such as *Mercaator*).

A particularly extreme example is the worldwide misjudgement of the true size of *Africa*. This single image tries to embody the massive scale, which is larger than the *USA*, *China*, *India*, *Japan* and all of *Europe*.....combined!

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## Top 100 Countries

Area in square kilometers, Percentage of World Total  
Sources: CIA World Factbook, Wikipedia, Alesana: 2010

	AREA	%
1	Russia	17.098.245
2	Canada	9.984.670
3	China	9.828.210
4	United States	9.828.210
5	Brazil	8.511.977
6	Australia	7.692.024
7	India	3.287.243
8	Argentina	2.780.400
9	Kazakhstan	2.724.000
10	Bolivia	1.098.581
11	Algeria	2.381.741
12	Congo	3.441.054
13	Greenland	2.166.086
14	Saudi Arabia	2.149.600
15	Vietnam	336.719
16	Indonesia	1.904.569
17	Libya	1.759.540
18	Iran	1.628.700
19	Myanmar	1.664.100
20	Peru	1.285.214
21	Chad	1.284.000
22	Niger	1.267.000
23	Angola	1.246.700
24	Madagascar	596.940
25	South Africa	1.213.007
26	Colombia	1.141.546
27	Ukraine	1.040.000
28	Burkina Faso	273.947
29	Guinea	1.055.540
30	Egypt	1.008.000
31	Kenya	225.168
32	Nigeria	923.768
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The *Chinese Exclusion Act* prohibited Chinese immigration and created barriers to Chinese already residing in the US. The *Immigration Act of 1924* prohibited all "Asians" from immigrating including people from: Japan, China, the Philippines (then under U.S. control), Siam (Thailand), French Indochina (Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia), Singapore (then a British colony), Korea, the Dutch East Indies (Indonesia), Burma (Myanmar), India, Ceylon (Sri Lanka) and Malaya (mainland part of Malaysia).

Next lecture February 19<sup>th</sup> *Myths of the Modern American Mind: Religion*

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