

# Mapping the Future of Countries

## A Ted Talk by Parag Khanna

1. Khanna begins with the premise, “Well here is a fundamental problem we have not solved: our basic political geography. How do we distribute ourselves around the world?”

Why does he believe this is a “fundamental problem”? What makes it so important to study?

2. Khanna claims that we need a deeper understanding of how people, money, power, religion, culture, and technology interact to change the map of the world in the past and present to predict the future. Outline the primary evidence and reasoning he employs to help the viewer come to a deeper understanding and to convince the viewer that there is a problem with our basic political geography in the following categories.

<b>A World of 200 Sovereign Nations</b>	<b>Russia &amp; China</b>
<b>Iraq &amp; Kurdistan</b>	<b>The “Stans”</b>
<b>Another Example</b>	