

# **WHAT IS HISTORY?**

**AND WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?**

# DISCOVERING HISTORY

- How do historians discover and create history?
  - Sources
  - Types of sources?
- Primary vs. Secondary Sources
  - Primary Source
    - Produced by people/groups *directly involved* in an event or topic
  - Secondary Source
    - Produced by people/groups *NOT directly involved* in an event or topic

# IS THIS “HISTORY”?

- <http://on.cc.com/2vPYwOc>
- <https://youtu.be/JFg3kdFKDEU>
- <http://on.cc.com/2fXEFJ5>
- So how are we to make sense of all of these “stories”? How do we find “the truth”?

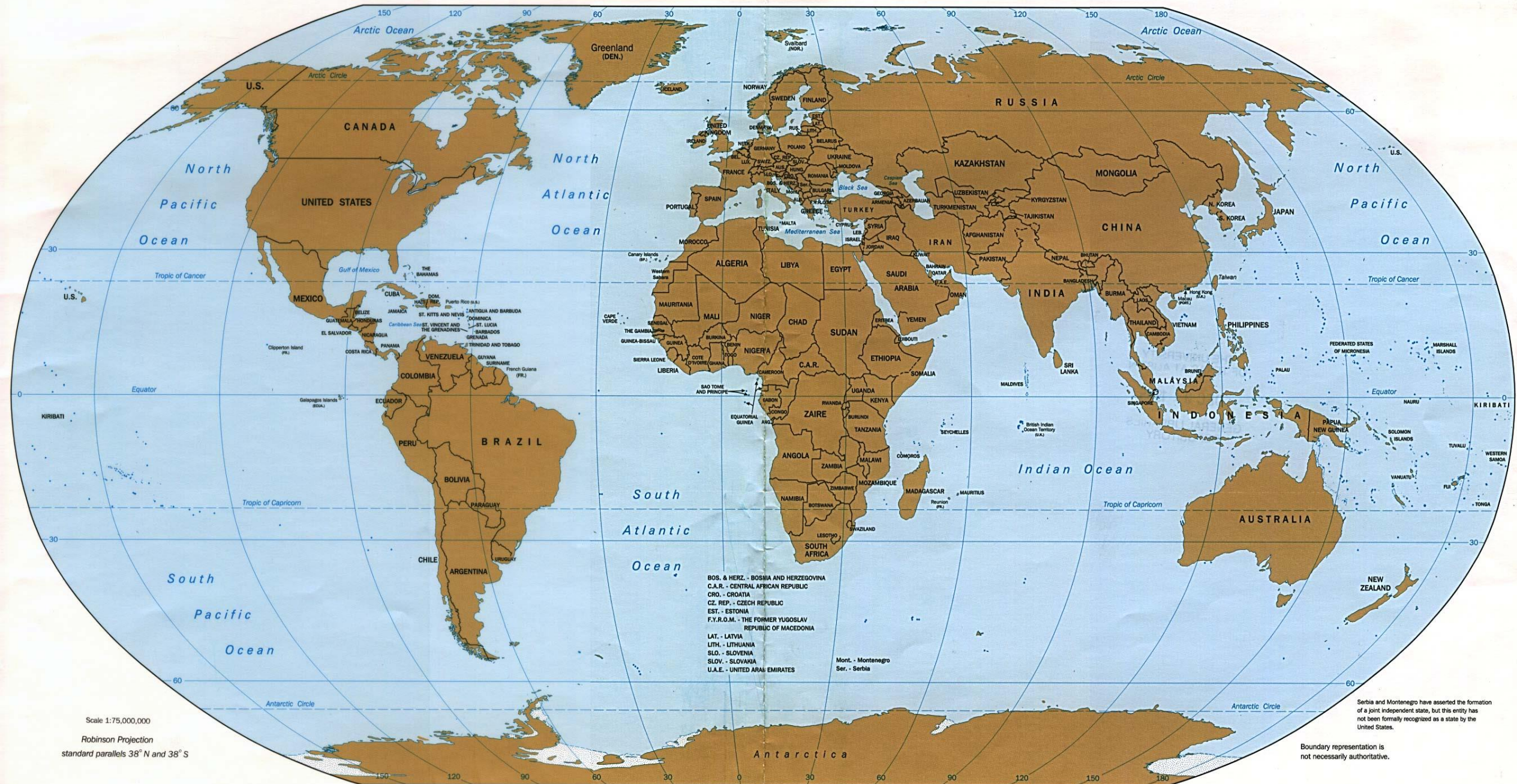
# WHY “LATIN AMERICA”?

- What does “Latin America” mean?
- What is included in “Latin America”?





# Political Map of the World



Scale 1:75,000,000

Robinson Projection  
standard parallels 38° N and 38° S

Serbia and Montenegro have asserted the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized as a state by the United States.

Boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative.



# WHY DOES ANY OF THIS MATTER?

- How does this course relate to you today, in August 2017? Why should anyone care about “Latin America”? How does this history impact our contemporary society ...
  - Politically
  - Economically
  - Religiously
  - Linguistically?
  - Culturally?

# SO, AGAIN, WHY DOES THIS ALL MATTER?

