

## Exploring Three Lists of the Top Dozen Countries



This is a strange map, for several reasons.

It is centered on east Asia, so the western hemisphere is on the right, not the left.

It shows the names or initials of 21 countries, but it does not show the borders around them.

The purpose is to help you focus on the general position of each country within its continent, not on its shape.

The 21 countries on this map include the top dozen when ranked by different criteria: area, population, and wealth.

The named countries are Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Indonesia, and Russia

The country initials stand for:

Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Britain, Congo, France, Germany, Italy  
Kazakhstan, S Korea, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, United States