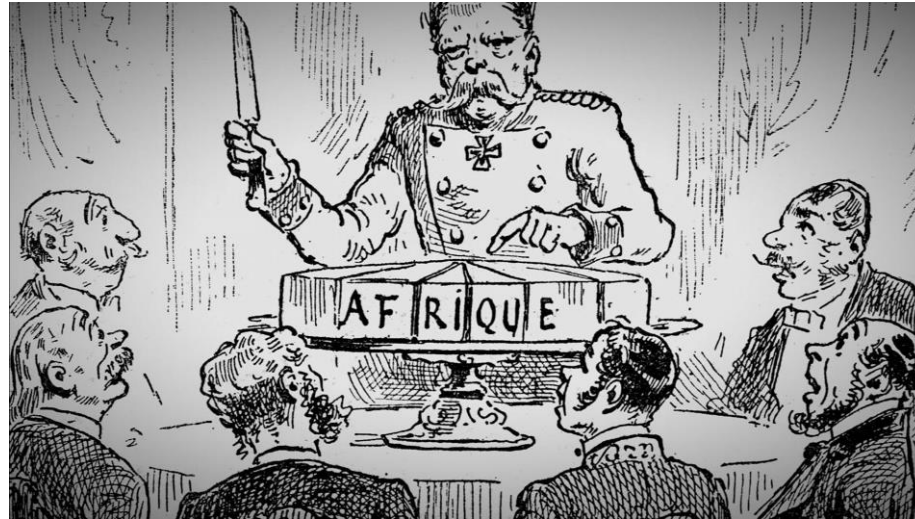


Berlin Conference

Colonization of Africa 2020



Everyone Wants a Piece of the "Magnificent African
Cake"

The Berlin Conference



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- 1. Britain
 - 2. France
 - 3. Germany
 - 4. Belgium
 - And others...

 - Let's do things the "civilized" way.
 - Let's have a conference!

Colonization in Steps

1st: Europeans weren't able to colonize Africa

2nd: Europeans engaged in the slave trade, leads to weakening of African strengths.

3rd: The Industrial Revolution - demand for raw materials, & motivation for colonization

4th: Social Darwinism (survival of the fittest) gave Europeans further desire to colonize

5th: Mindset behind *White Man's Burden* allowed Europeans to justify (wrongly) their actions through claims that they were helping African nations in the process

The Scramble for Africa

- In the 1870s the Belgian's began to trade with Africans in the Congo.
- Fearing they would miss out on various **raw materials**, the other European nations scrambled to establish their presence on the continent.

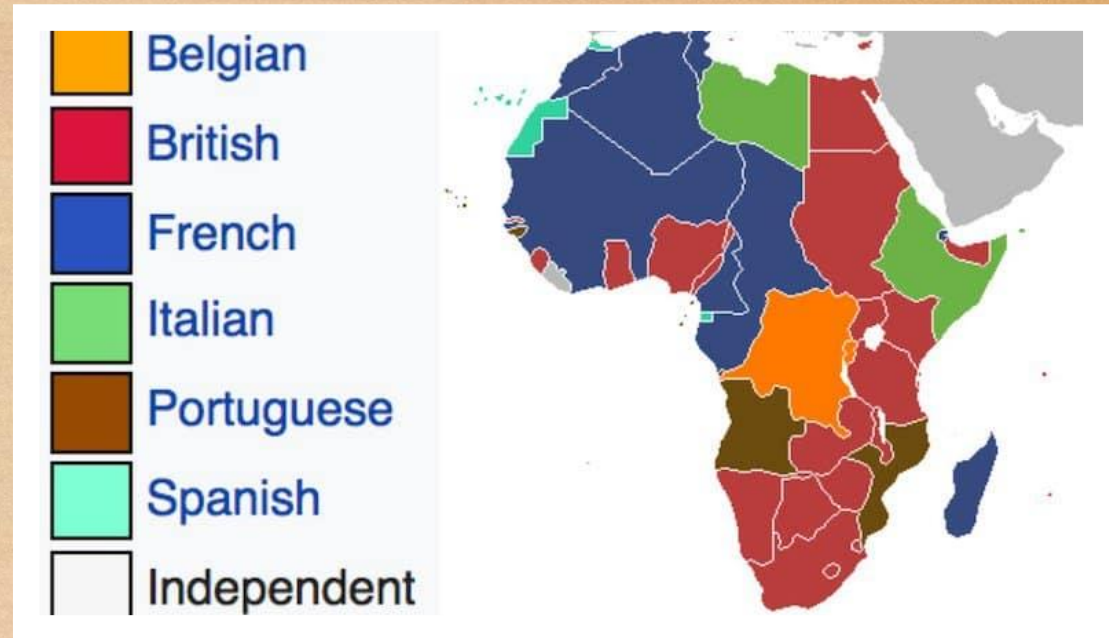
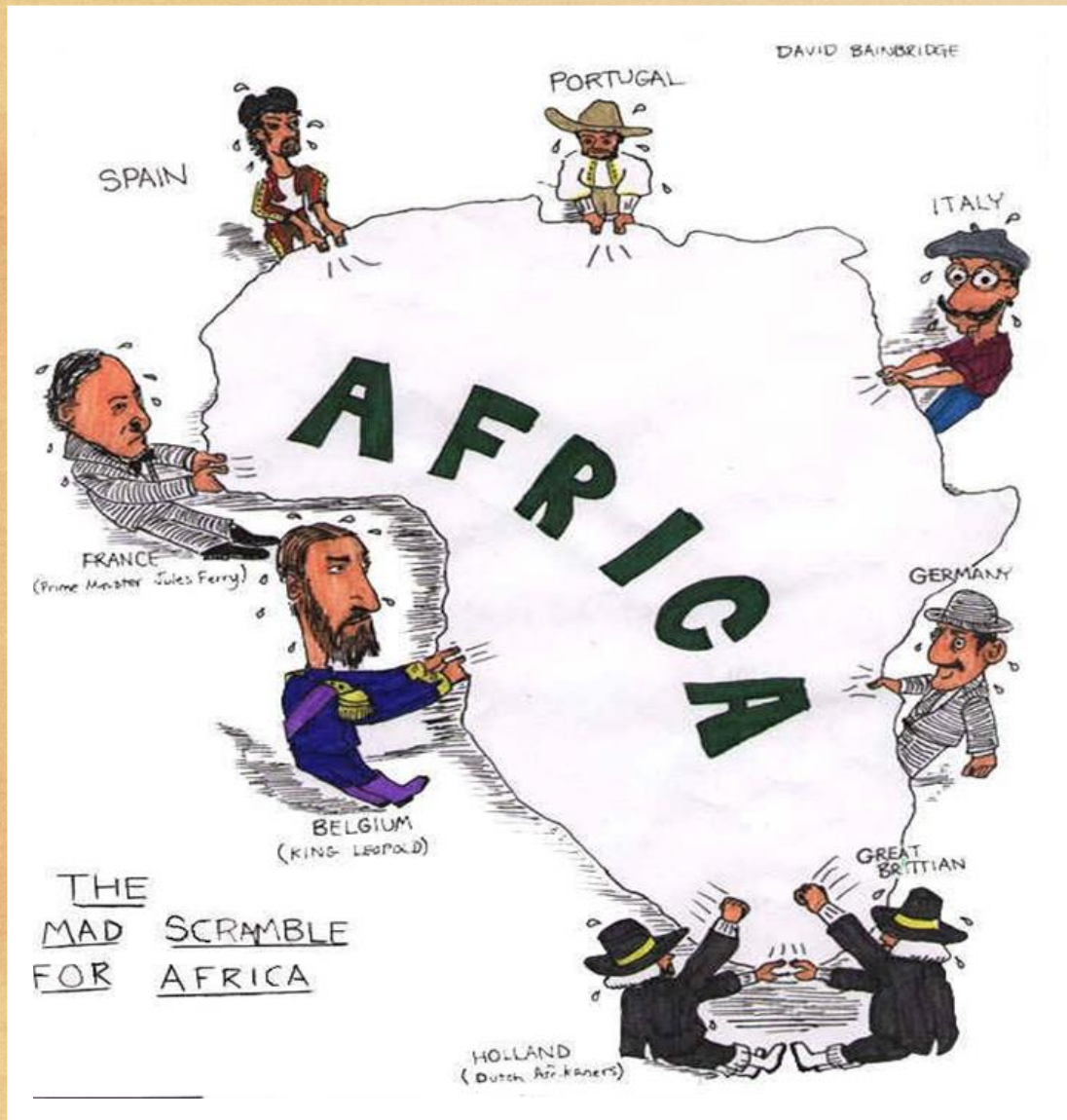


The Berlin Conference

- In 1884, to avoid conflict amongst themselves, European leaders met at the Berlin Conference to set up rules for colonizing Africa. No Africans were invited.
- The European powers agreed that before they could claim territory, they would have to set up an outpost. Whoever was the first to build the outpost gained that area of land.

The Berlin Conference

- **The Industrial Revolution left European countries in need of raw materials**
 - The continent of Africa had a diverse and abundant supply of raw materials
 - European countries began to colonize Africa to gain said materials/wealth
- The European countries made borders/boundaries based on which European country was in control of that territory and they had nothing to do with the cultural/ethnic groups of Africa
 - These borders often split groups up and even forced rival groups to share colonial
 - **Sadly, these borders are still in place today**



Forms of Imperialism

Colony: internal rule
by a foreign power

Protectorate: internal
government, outside
control

Sphere of Influence:
outside claim to
investment or trade
privileges

**Economic
Imperialism:** control
by private business
interest rather than
foreign government

Management Methods

Indirect Control

- Locals used for government
- Limited self-rule
- Goal (in theory) to develop eventual self-government
- Based on European styles but with some local rules
 - **Ex. Algeria**

Direct Control

- Foreign government officials
- No self-rule (seen as incapable)
- Goal (in theory) to assimilate
- Based on European styles
 - **Ex. Nigeria**