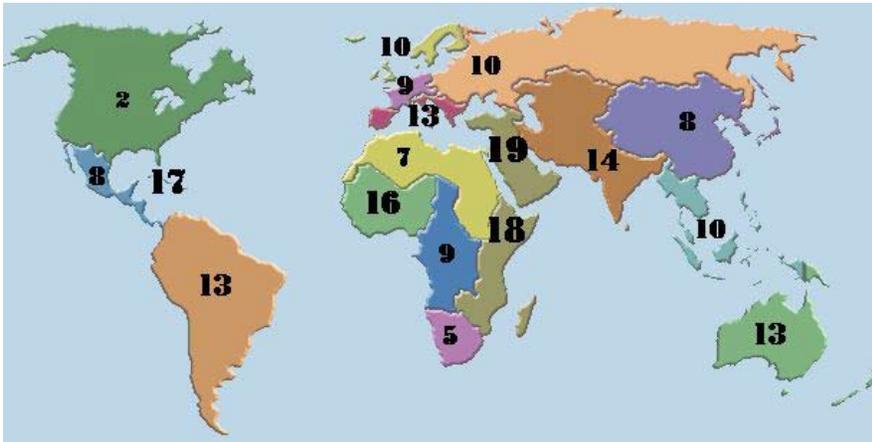


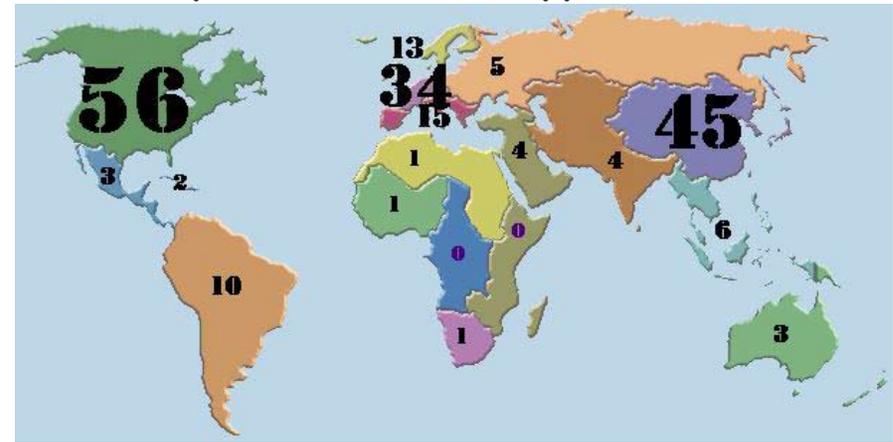
Voting in the United Nations General Assembly

Background. At present, each member country gets one vote in the United Nations General Assembly. The tiny island country of Tuvalu (population 9,900) gets as many votes as China (population 1,360,000,000). Some people say that the United Nations would work better if the votes were allocated in a different way. These maps show how many votes each World Region would get with four different ways of allocating votes.

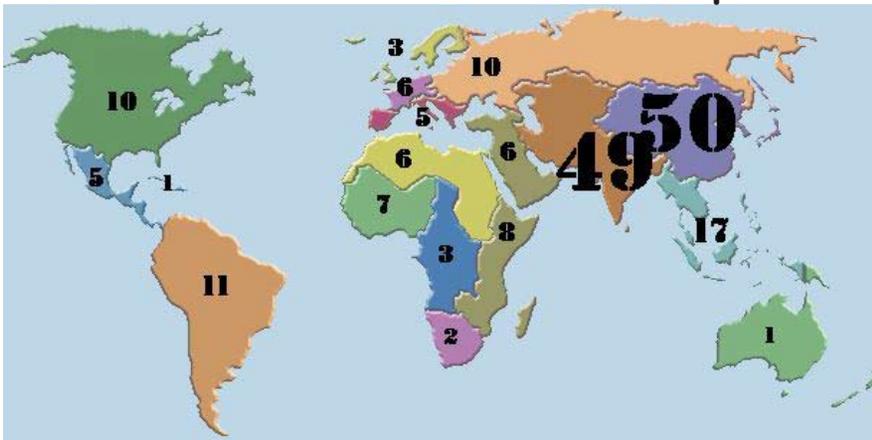
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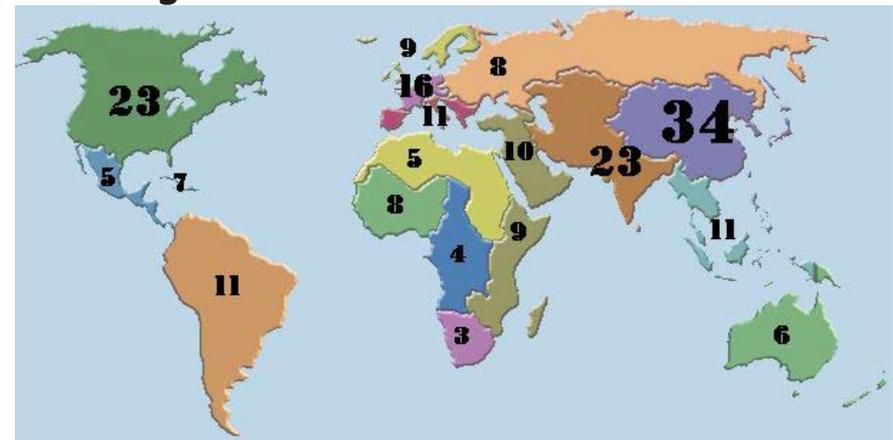
Economy and Financial Support



Population



Average of All Three Measures



Discussion questions. What are some advantages and disadvantages of each way of allocating votes in the UN? Which way of allocating votes do you think is the most fair? Why?