



*Leviathan*. The title of the philosophical treaty that laid the foundations of the modern theory of social contract contains an apparent paradox. For his 1651 volume that “sought to discover rational principles for the construction of a civil polity that would not be subject to destruction from within,” Thomas Hobbes employed the name of the biblical monster Leviathan.<sup>1</sup> How come his model of an ideal government came under the moniker of an out-of-this-world beast? Is there something inherently monstrous to the very idea of a commonwealth?

Drawing upon Hobbesian paradoxes, in her installation for the Courtyard Gallery, Jiwon Park explores promises and discontents of the contemporary nation-states. She starts by investigating the flags of 206 existing sovereign nations, whether recognized by the United Nations or not. Park defamiliarizes these common, usually rectangular, symbols by turning them into pie-chart-like objects. She disrupts their colors’ order and dislodges significant markers from their customary places. Each color field becomes a wedge occupying a percentage a circle’s area, emphasizing the standardized character of the flags’ designs.

There are processes of codification and agreed-upon, rational language beyond these color-coded symbols of the utopian aspirations to national cohesion. At their core, they are made up of abstract, geometric and arbitrary forms. So how do these artificial, cool constructions rally and unite certain people? How do they engender perceptions of shared values and histories? How can they incite fervor to the degree that “flag waving” has become a synonym for the populist, excessive or chauvinistic expressions of patriotism?

As a hyperbole of its imagined ability to summon “all” in Park’s standardized presentation, each nation is shown as an independent unit designed to amount to a total, cohesive whole. All these entities appear analogous and equal, regardless of the size of their territory and population; their economic prowess and actual status on the world stage, including official recognition. As an immaterial, ideational body, every single one of them aspires to wield ultimate power, internally and externally—to be *the* Leviathan. This terrific being lures its members with the promise of peace and order. Only in practice some promises are more alluring than the others: Not all beasts were created equal.

The issues embedded in Park’s installation resonate strongly—especially today, when volatile national politics and global conflict have resulted in the greatest number of migrants ever recorded in history.<sup>2</sup> The presence of the migrants shakes up traditional criteria used to define a nation-state; most notably, a permanent population and defined territory. At the same time, vulnerability of many migrant populations highlights the fact that many seemingly “universal human” rights are only practically available within the realm of a functioning nation-state. However, regardless of the models with hegemonic ambitions, the definition, form and means of constitution of a commonwealth are as elusive as ever.

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1 Sharon A. Lloyd and Susanne Sreedhar, “Hobbes’s Moral and Political Philosophy,” *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Spring 2014 Edition), Edward N. Zalta, ed.

2 See: Thomas Nail, *The Figure of the Migrant*, (Stanford, CA: University of Stanford Press, 2015).

# Leviathans

Jiwon Park

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Conventional Short Form	Official Long Form	ISO code	Population	Area (km²)	GPS	Government Type	UN Membership	Status and Recognition of Sovereignty
Abkhazia	Republic of Abkhazia	–	242,862	8,660	43° 00'N 41° 01'E	presidential republic	non-UN member state	Sovereignty dispute with Georgia. Recognised by 6 UN member states and 3 other states.
Afghanistan	Islamic Republic of Afghanistan	AF	32,564,342	652,230	33° 00'N 65° 00'E	presidential Islamic republic	UN member state	–
Albania	Republic of Albania	AL	3,029,278	28,748	41° 00'N 20° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
Algeria	People's Democratic Republic of Algeria	DZ	39,542,166	2,381,741	28° 00'N 3° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Andorra	Principality of Andorra	AD	85,580	468	42° 30'N 1° 30'E	parliamentary democracy	UN member state	Retains its chiefs of state in the form of a co-principality: the president of France and bishop of Seu d'Urgell, Spain.
Angola	Republic of Angola	AO	19,625,353	1,246,700	12° 30'S 18° 30'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Antigua and Barbuda	Antigua and Barbuda	AG	92,436	442.6	17° 03'N 61° 48'W	parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm with an autonomous region, Barbuda.
Argentina	Argentine Republic	AR	43,431,886	2,780,400	34° 00'S 64° 00'W	presidential republic	UN member state	A federation of 23 provinces and an autonomous city.
Armenia	Republic of Armenia	AM	3,056,382	29,743	40° 00'N 45° 00'E	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	Not recognized by Pakistan.
Australia	Commonwealth of Australia	AU	22,751,014	7,741,220	27° 00'S 133° 00'E	parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm and a federation of 6 states and 10 territories.
Austria	Republic of Austria	AT	8,665,550	83,871	47° 20'N 13° 20'E	federal parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU. Austria is a federation of nine states.
Azerbaijan	Republic of Azerbaijan	AZ	9,780,780	86,600	40° 30'N 47° 30'E	presidential republic	UN member state	Two autonomous regions: Nakhchivan and Nagorno-Karabakh, a de facto state since 1991.
Bahamas, The	Commonwealth of the Bahamas	BS	324,597	13,880	24° 15'N 76° 00'W	parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm.
Bahrain	Kingdom of Bahrain	BH	1,346,613	760	26° 00'N 50° 33'E	constitutional monarchy	UN member state	–
Bangladesh	People's Republic of Bangladesh	BD	168,957,745	148,460	24° 00'N 90° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–

Barbados	Barbados	BB	290,604	430	13° 10'N 59° 32'W	parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm.
Belarus	Republic of Belarus	BY	9,589,689	207,600	53° 00'N 28° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	Forms the Union State jointly with Russia.
Belgium	Kingdom of Belgium	BE	11,323,973	30,528	50° 50'N 4° 00'E	federal parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	Member of the EU. Belgium is a federal state, composed of communities and regions.
Belize	Belize	BZ	347,369	22,966	17° 15'N 88° 45'W	parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm.
Benin	Republic of Benin	BJ	10,448,647	112,622	9° 30'N 2° 15'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Bhutan	Kingdom of Bhutan	BT	741,919	38,394	27° 30'N 90° 30'E	constitutional monarchy	UN member state	–
Bolivia	Plurinational State of Bolivia	BO	10,800,882	1,098,581	17° 00'S 65° 00'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bosnia and Herzegovina	BA	3,867,055	51,197	44° 00'N 18° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Two first-order administrative divisions: the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina; the Republika Srpska. An internationally supervised district: Brcko District, a self-governing administrative unit.
Botswana	Republic of Botswana	BW	2,182,719	581,730	22° 00'S 24° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
Brazil	Federative Republic of Brazil	BR	204,259,812	8,515,770	10° 00'S 55° 00'W	federal presidential republic	UN member state	Brazil is a federation of 26 states and 1 federal district.
Brunei	Nation of Brunei, Abode of Peace	BN	429,646	5,765	4° 30'N 114° 40'E	absolute monarchy or sultanate	UN member state	–
Bulgaria	Republic of Bulgaria	BG	7,186,893	110,879	43° 00'N 25° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU
Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso	BF	18,931,686	274,200	13° 00'N 2° 00'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Burundi	Republic of Burundi	BI	10,742,276	27,830	3° 30'S 30° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Cambodia	Kingdom of Cambodia	KH	15,708,756	181,035	13° 00'N 105° 00'E	parliamentary constitutional monarchy	UN member state	–

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Cameroon	Republic of Cameroon	CM	23,739,218	475,440	6° 00'N 12° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Canada	Canada	CA	35,099,836	9,984,670	60° 00'N 95° 00'W	federal parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm and a federation of 10 provinces and 3 territories.
Cape Verde	Republic of Cabo Verde	CV	545,993	4,033	16° 00'N 24° 00'W	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
Central African Republic	Central African Republic	CF	5,391,539	622,984	7° 00'N 21° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Chad	Republic of Chad	TD	11,631,456	1,284,000	15° 00'N 19° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Chile	Republic of Chile	CL	17,508,260	756,102	30° 00'S 71° 00'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
China	People's Republic of China	CN	1,367,485,388	9,596,960	35° 00'N 105° 00'E	communist state	UN member state	Claimed by the Republic of China (Taiwan). China contains five autonomous regions, and has sovereignty over Hong Kong and Macau. Not recognised by 21 UN member states and the Holy See, which instead recognise Taiwan. Controls part of the territory of Kashmir, which is disputed by India and Pakistan.
Colombia	Republic of Colombia	CO	46,736,728	1,138,910	4° 00'N 72° 00'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Comoros	Union of the Comoros	KM	780,971	2,235	12° 10'S 44° 15'E	federal presidential republic	UN member state	A federation of 3 islands.
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	Congo, Democratic Republic of the	CG	4,755,097	342,000	1° 00'S 15° 00'E	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	–
Congo	Congo, Republic of the	CD	79,375,136	2,344,858	0° 00'N 25° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Cook Islands	Cook Islands	CK	9,838	236	21° 14'S 159° 46'W	self-governing parliamentary democracy in free association with New Zealand	non-UN member state	Has diplomatic relations with 44 states. Member of 8 UN specialized agencies.
Costa Rica	Republic of Costa Rica	CR	4,814,144	51,100	10° 00'N 84° 00'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	Republic of Côte d'Ivoire	CI	23,295,302	322,463	8° 00'N 5° 00'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–

Croatia	Republic of Croatia	HR	4,464,844	56,594	45° 10'N 15° 30'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU.
Cuba	Republic of Cuba	CU	11,031,433	110,860	21° 30'N 80° 00'W	communist state	UN member state	–
Cyprus	Republic of Cyprus	CY	1,189,197	9,251	35° 00'N 33° 00'E	presidential democracy	UN member state	Member of the EU. Not recognized by Turkey and Northern Cyprus. Claimed by Northern Cyprus.
Czechia	Czech Republic	CZ	10,644,842	78,867	49° 45'N 15° 30'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU.
Denmark	Kingdom of Denmark	DK	5,581,503	43,094	56° 00'N 10° 00'E	parliamentary constitutional monarchy	UN member state	Member of the EU. Two self-governing territories: Faroe Islands and Greenland.
Djibouti	Republic of Djibouti	DJ	828,324	23,200	11° 30'N 43° 00'E	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	–
Dominica	Commonwealth of Dominica	DM	73,607	751	15° 25'N 61° 20'W	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
Dominican, The	Dominican Republic	DO	10,478,756	48,670	19° 00'N 70° 40'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
East Timor	Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste	TL	1,231,116	14,874	8° 50'S 125° 55'E	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	–
Ecuador	Republic of Ecuador	EC	15,868,396	283,561	2° 00'S 77° 30'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Egypt	Arab Republic of Egypt	EG	88,487,396	1,001,450	27° 00'N 30° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
El Salvador	Republic of El Salvador	SV	6,141,350	21,041	13° 50'N 88° 55'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Equatorial Guinea	Republic of Equatorial Guinea	GQ	740,743	28,051	2° 00'N 10° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Eritrea	State of Eritrea	ER	6,527,689	117,600	15° 00'N 39° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Estonia	Republic of Estonia	EE	1,265,420	45,228	59° 00'N 26° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU.
Ethiopia	Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia	ET	99,465,819	1,104,300	8° 00'N 38° 00'E	federal parliamentary republic	UN member state	A federation of nine regions and two chartered cities.
Fiji	Republic of Fiji	FJ	909,389	18,274	18° 00'S 175° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Fiji contains 1 autonomous region, Rotuma.

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Finland	Republic of Finland	FI	5,476,922	338,145	64° 00'N 26° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU. Åland is a neutral and demilitarised autonomous region of Finland.
France	French Republic	FR	66,553,766	643,801	46° 00'N 2° 00'E	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	Member of the EU. 22 metropolitan regions and 5 overseas regions: French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, and Réunion. Dependent areas: Clipperton Island, French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Saint Barthélemy, Saint Martin, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Wallis and Futuna, French Southern and Antarctic Lands.
Gabon	Gabonese Republic	GA	1,705,336	267,667	1° 00'S 11° 45'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Gambia, The	Islamic Republic of the Gambia	GM	1,967,709	11,300	13° 28'N 16° 34'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Georgia	Georgia	GE	4,931,226	69,700	42° 00'N 43° 30'E	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	Two autonomous republics, Adjara and Abkhazia. In Abkhazia and South Ossetia, de facto states have been formed.
Germany	Federal Republic of Germany	DE	80,854,408	357,022	51° 00'N 9° 00'E	federal parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU. Germany is a federation of 16 federated states.
Ghana	Republic of Ghana	GH	26,327,649	238,533	8° 00'N 2° 00'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Greece	Hellenic Republic	GR	10,775,643	131,957	39° 00'N 22° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU. An autonomous part, Mount Athos is jointly governed by the multinational Holy Community on the mountain and a civil governor appointed by the Greek government.
Grenada	Grenada	GD	110,694	344	12° 07'N 61° 40'W	parliamentary democracy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm.
Guatemala	Republic of Guatemala	GT	14,918,999	108,889	15° 30'N 90° 15'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Guinea	Republic of Guinea	GN	11,780,162	245,857	11° 00'N 10° 00'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Guinea-Bissau	Republic of Guinea-Bissau	GW	1,726,170	36,125	12° 00'N 15° 00'W	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	–
Guyana	Cooperative Republic of Guyana	GY	735,222	214,969	5° 00'N 59° 00'W	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–



Haiti	Republic of Haiti	HT	10,110,019	27,750	19° 00'N 72° 25'W	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	–
Holy See (Vatican City)	The Holy See (Vatican City State)	VA	1,000	0.44	41° 54'N 12° 27'E	ecclesiastical elective monarchy; self described as an absolute monarchy	UN observer state	A sovereign entity with diplomatic ties to 180 states. Member of 3 UN specialized agencies and the IAEA, and multiple other UN organizations.
Honduras	Republic of Honduras	HN	8,746,673	112,090	15° 00'N 86° 30'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Hungary	Hungary	HU	9,897,541	93,028	47° 00'N 20° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU.
Iceland	Republic of Iceland	IS	331,918	103,000	65° 00'N 18° 00'W	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
India	Republic of India	IN	1,251,695,584	3,287,263	20° 00'N 77° 00'E	federal parliamentary republic	UN member state	A federation of seven union territories and 29 states. Exerts control over part of its state Kashmir, which is disputed by China and Pakistan.
Indonesia	Republic of Indonesia	ID	255,993,674	1,904,569	5° 00'S 120° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	Five provinces with official special autonomy status: Aceh, Jakarta SCR, Yogyakarta SR, Papua, and West Papua.
Iran	Islamic Republic of Iran	IR	81,824,270	1,648,195	32° 00'N 53° 00'E	theocratic republic	UN member state	–
Iraq	Republic of Iraq	IQ	37,056,169	438,317	33° 00'N 44° 00'E	federal parliamentary republic	UN member state	Iraq is a federation of 18 governorates, 3 of which make up the autonomous Iraqi Kurdistan.
Ireland	Ireland	IE	4,892,305	70,273	53° 00'N 8° 00'W	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU.
Israel	State of Israel	IL	8,049,314	20,770	31° 30'N 34° 45'E	parliamentary democracy	UN member state	Not recognised by 32 UN members and by the SADR. Israel exerts control over the territory claimed by Palestine, and annexed East Jerusalem. West Bank and Gaza Strip are Israeli-occupied with current status subject to the Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement.
Italy	Italian Republic	IT	61,855,120	301,340	42° 50'N 12° 50'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU. Has five autonomous regions, Aosta Valley, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Sardinia, Sicily and Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol.
Jamaica	Jamaica	JM	2,950,210	10,991	18° 15'N 77° 30'W	parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm.
Japan	Japan	JP	126,919,659	377,915	36° 00'N 138° 00'E	parliamentary constitutional monarchy	UN member state	–
Jordan	Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	JO	8,117,564	89,342	31° 00'N 36° 00'E	parliamentary constitutional monarchy	UN member state	–

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Kazakhstan	Republic of Kazakhstan	KZ	18,157,122	2,724,900	48° 00'N 68° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	-
Kenya	Republic of Kenya	KE	45,925,301	580,367	1° 00'N 38° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	-
Kiribati	Republic of Kiribati	KI	105,711	811	1° 25'N 173° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	-
Korea, North	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	KP	24,983,205	120,538	40° 00'N 127° 00'E	communist state	UN member state	Sovereignty dispute with South Korea who claims to be the sole legitimate government of Korea. Not recognised by two UN members: Japan and South Korea.
Korea, South	Republic of Korea	KR	49,115,196	99,720	37° 00'N 127° 30'E	presidential republic	UN member state	Sovereignty dispute with North Korea. Has an autonomous region, Jeju-do. Not recognised by one UN member: North Korea.
Kosovo	Republic of Kosovo	XK	1,870,981	10,887	42° 35'N 21° 00'E	parliamentary republic	non-UN member state	Sovereignty dispute with Serbia since its declaration of independence in 2008. Recognised by 109 UN member states and Taiwan. Member of 2 UN specialized agencies: IMF and the World Bank. Has de facto control over most of the territory.
Kuwait	State of Kuwait	KW	2,788,534	17,818	29° 30'N 45° 45'E	constitutional monarchy	UN member state	-
Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyz Republic	KG	5,664,939	199,951	41° 00'N 75° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	-
Laos	Lao People's Democratic Republic	LA	6,911,544	236,800	18° 00'N 105° 00'E	communist state	UN member state	-
Latvia	Republic of Latvia	LV	1,986,705	64,589	57° 00'N 25° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU.
Lebanon	Lebanese Republic	LB	6,184,701	10,400	33° 50'N 35° 50'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	-
Lesotho	Kingdom of Lesotho	LS	1,947,701	30,355	29° 30'S 28° 30'E	parliamentary constitutional monarchy	UN member state	-
Liberia	Republic of Liberia	LR	4,195,666	111,369	6° 30'N 9° 30'W	presidential republic	UN member state	-
Libya	State of Libya	LY	6,411,776	1,759,540	25° 00'N 17° 00'E	in transition	UN member state	Has one self-declared autonomous region: Cyrenaica
Liechtenstein	Principality of Liechtenstein	LI	37,624	160	47° 16'N 9° 32'E	constitutional monarchy	UN member state	-

Lithuania	Republic of Lithuania	LT	2,884,433	65,300	56°00'N 24°00'E	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	Member of the EU.
Luxembourg	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	LU	570,252	2,586	49°45'N 6°10'E	constitutional monarchy	UN member state	Member of the EU.
Macedonia	Republic of Macedonia	MK	2,096,015	25,713	41°50'N 22°00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Referred to as the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, by international organizations, due to naming dispute.
Madagascar	Republic of Madagascar	MG	23,812,681	587,041	20°00'S 47°00'E	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	–
Malawi	Republic of Malawi	MW	17,964,697	118,484	13°30'S 34°00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Malaysia	Malaysia	MY	30,513,848	329,847	2°30'N 112°30'E	federal constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A federation of 13 states and three federal territories.
Maldives	Republic of Maldives	MV	393,253	298	3°15'N 73°00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Mali	Republic of Mali	ML	16,955,536	1,240,192	17°00'N 4°00'W	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	–
Malta	Republic of Malta	MT	413,965	316	35°50'N 14°35'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU.
Marshall Islands	Republic of the Marshall Islands	MH	72,191	181	9°00'N 168°00'E	presidential republic in free association with the US	UN member state	–
Mauritania	Islamic Republic of Mauritania	MR	3,596,702	1,030,700	20°00'N 12°00'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Mauritius	Republic of Mauritius	MU	1,339,827	2,040	20°17'S 57°33'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Has an autonomous island, Rodrigues.
Mexico	United Mexican States	MX	121,736,809	1,964,375	23°00'N 102°00'W	federal presidential republic	UN member state	A federation of 31 states and one autonomous city.
Federated States of Micronesia	Federated States of Micronesia	FM	105,216	702	6°55'N 158°15'E	federal republic in free association with the US	UN member state	A federation of four states.
Moldova	Republic of Moldova	MD	3,546,847	33,851	47°00'N 29°00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Has the autonomous regions of Gagauzia and Transnistria, the latter of which has established a de facto state in 1990.
Monaco	Principality of Monaco	MC	37,731	2	43°44'N 7°24'E	constitutional monarchy	UN member state	–
Mongolia	Mongolia	MN	2,992,908	1,564,116	46°00'N 105°00'E	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	–

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Montenegro	Montenegro	ME	647,073	13,812	42° 30'N 19° 18'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
Morocco	Kingdom of Morocco	MA	33,322,699	446,550	32° 00'N 5° 00'W	parliamentary constitutional monarchy	UN member state	Claims sovereignty over Western Sahara and controls most of it, which is disputed by the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic.
Mozambique	Republic of Mozambique	MZ	25,303,113	799,380	18° 15'S 35° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Myanmar	Republic of the Union of Myanmar	MM	56,320,206	676,578	22° 00'N 98° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
Nagorno-Karabakh	Nagorno-Karabakh Republic	–	150,932	11,458	39° 00'N 46° 00'E	presidential republic	non-UN member state	A de facto independent state, recognised only by Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Transnistria. Sovereignty dispute with Azerbaijan.
Namibia	Republic of Namibia	NA	2,212,307	824,292	22° 00'S 17° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Nauru	Republic of Nauru	NR	9,540	21	0° 32'S 166° 55'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
Nepal	Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal	NP	31,551,305	147,181	28° 00'N 84° 00'E	federal parliamentary republic	UN member state	A federation composed of 14 zones.
Netherlands	Kingdom of the Netherlands	NL	16,947,904	41,543	52° 30'N 5° 45'E	parliamentary constitutional monarchy	UN member state	Member of the EU. The continental part of the Netherlands, Aruba, Curaçao, and Sint Maarten form the 4 constituent countries of the Kingdom.
New Zealand	New Zealand	NZ	4,438,393	268,838	41° 00'S 174° 00'E	parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm. Has the dependent territories (Ross Dependency, Tokelau) and two freely associated states (Cook Islands, Niue)
Nicaragua	Republic of Nicaragua	NI	5,907,881	130,370	13° 00'N 85° 00'W	presidential republic	UN member state	Has two autonomous regions, Atlántico Sur and Atlántico Norte.
Niger	Republic of Niger	NE	18,045,729	1,267,000	16° 00'N 8° 00'E	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	–
Nigeria	Federal Republic of Nigeria	NG	181,562,056	923,768	10° 00'N 8° 00'E	federal presidential republic	UN member state	Nigeria is a federation of 36 states and 1 federal territory.
Niue	Niue	NU	1,190	260	19° 02'S 169° 52'W	self-governing parliamentary democracy in free association with New Zealand	non-UN member state	Recognised by 19 states. Member of 5 UN specialized agencies

Northern Cyprus	Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus	–	313,626	3,355	35° 16′N 33° 22′E	semi-presidential republic	non-UN member state	Sovereignty dispute with Cyprus. Recognised by one UN member, Turkey. An observer state of the organisation of OIC and ECO.
Norway	Kingdom of Norway	NO	5,207,689	323,802	62° 00′N 10° 00′E	parliamentary constitutional monarchy	UN member state	Has the dependent territories of: Bouvet Island, Peter I Island, and Queen Maud Land.
Oman	Sultanate of Oman	OM	3,286,936	309,500	21° 00′N 57° 00′E	absolute monarchy	UN member state	–
Pakistan	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	PK	199,085,847	796,095	30° 00′N 70° 00′E	federal parliamentary republic	UN member state	It disputes the entire territory of Kashmir with India, and part of it with China.
Palau	Republic of Palau	PW	21,265	459	7° 30′N 134° 30′E	presidential republic in free association with the US	UN member state	–
Palestine	State of Palestine	PS	4,550,368	6,220	32° 00′N 35° 15′E	semi-presidential republic	UN observer state	Sovereignty dispute with Israel. Declared in 1988. Recognised by 136 UN member states, the Holy See, and the SADR. Member of one UN specialized agency, UNESCO.
Panama	Republic of Panama	PA	3,657,024	75,420	9° 00′N 80° 00′W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Papua New Guinea	Independent State of Papua New Guinea	PG	6,672,429	462,840	6° 00′S 147° 00′E	parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm with 1 autonomous region, Bougainville.
Paraguay	Republic of Paraguay	PY	6,783,272	406,752	23° 00′S 58° 00′W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Peru	Republic of Peru	PE	30,444,999	1,285,216	10° 00′S 76° 00′W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Philippines	Republic of the Philippines	PH	100,998,376	300,000	13° 00′N 122° 00′E	presidential republic	UN member state	One autonomous region: Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.
Poland	Republic of Poland	PL	38,562,189	312,685	52° 00′N 20° 00′E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU.
Portugal	Portuguese Republic	PT	10,825,309	92,090	39° 30′N 8° 00′W	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	Member of the EU. Portugal contains two autonomous regions, Azores and Madeira.
Qatar	State of Qatar	QA	2,194,817	11,586	25° 30′N 51° 15′E	absolute monarchy	UN member state	–
Romania	Romania	RO	21,666,350	238,391	46° 00′N 25° 00′E	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	Member of the EU.
Russia	Russian Federation	RU	142,423,773	17,098,242	60° 00′N 100° 00′E	semi-presidential federation	UN member state	A federation of 85 federal subjects. Forms the Union State jointly with Belarus.

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Rwanda	Republic of Rwanda	RW	12,661,733	26,338	2° 00'S 30° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic	Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic	EH	100,000	266,000	24° 12'N 12° 53'W	semi-presidential republic	non-UN member state	Sovereignty dispute with Morocco. Recognised by 84 UN member states and South Ossetia, 37 of which have retracted or suspended recognition.
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis	KN	51,936	261	17° 20'N 62° 45'W	federal parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm. A federation of two islands, St. Kitts and Nevis.
Saint Lucia	Saint Lucia	LC	163,922	616	13° 53'N 60° 58'W	parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm.
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	VC	102,627	389	13° 15'N 61° 12'W	parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm.
Samoa	Independent State of Samoa	WS	197,773	2,831	13° 35'S 172° 20'W	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
San Marino	Republic of San Marino	SM	33,020	61	43° 46'N 12° 25'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
São Tomé and Príncipe	Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe	ST	194,006	964	1° 00'N 7° 00'E	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	Contains 1 autonomous province, Príncipe.
Saudi Arabia	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	SA	27,752,316	2,149,690	25° 00'N 45° 00'E	absolute monarchy	UN member state	–
Senegal	Republic of Senegal	SN	13,975,834	196,722	14° 00'N 14° 00'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Serbia	Republic of Serbia	RS	7,176,794	77,474	44° 00'N 21° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Two autonomous regions: Vojvodina; Kosovo and Metohija (in sovereignty dispute with Kosovo who has the de facto control over)
Seychelles	Republic of Seychelles	SC	92,430	455	4° 35'S 55° 40'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Sierra Leone	Republic of Sierra Leone	SL	5,879,098	71,740	8° 30'N 11° 30'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Singapore	Republic of Singapore	SG	5,674,472	697	1° 22'N 103° 48'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
Slovakia	Slovak Republic	SK	5,445,027	49,035	48° 40'N 19° 30'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU.

Slovenia	Republic of Slovenia	SI	1,983,412	20,273	46° 07'N 14° 49'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Member of the EU.
Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands	SB	622,469	28,896	8° 00'S 159° 00'E	parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm.
Somalia	Federal Republic of Somalia	SO	10,616,380	637,657	10° 00'N 49° 00'E	federal parliamentary republic	UN member state	Two self-declared autonomous regions: Puntland and Galmudug, while the territory of Somaliland has formed an unrecognised de facto state.
Somaliland	Republic of Somaliland	–	4,500,000	137,600	9° 24'N 46° 49'E	Presidential constitutional republic	non-UN member state	An unrecognised de facto state since 1991. Engages in diplomatic operations with UN, Arab League, and EU. Sovereignty dispute with Somalia.
South Africa	Republic of South Africa	ZA	53,675,563	1,219,090	29° 00'S 24° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
South Ossetia	Republic of South Ossetia	–	53,559	3,900	42° 20'N 44° 00'E	semi-presidential republic	non-UN member state	A de facto independent state since 1991. Recognised by 4 UN member states and 3 other states. Sovereignty dispute with Georgia.
South Sudan	Republic of South Sudan	SS	12,042,910	644,329	8° 00'N 30° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	A federation of 28 states. Territorial disputes in Abyei and Kafia Kingi with Republic of Sudan.
Spain	Kingdom of Spain	ES	48,146,134	505,370	40° 00'N 4° 00'W	parliamentary constitutional monarchy	UN member state	Member of the EU. Divided into 17 autonomous communities and 2 special autonomous cities.
Sri Lanka	Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	LK	22,053,488	65,610	7° 00'N 81° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	Formerly known as Ceylon.
Sudan	Republic of the Sudan	SD	36,108,853	1,861,484	15° 00'N 30° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	A federation of 17 states. Territorial disputes in Abyei and Kafia Kingi with South Sudan.
Suriname	Republic of Suriname	SR	579,633	163,820	4° 00'N 56° 00'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Swaziland	Kingdom of Swaziland	SZ	1,435,613	17,364	26° 30'S 31° 30'E	absolute monarchy	UN member state	–
Sweden	Kingdom of Sweden	SE	9,801,616	450,295	62° 00'N 15° 00'E	parliamentary constitutional monarchy	UN member state	Member of the EU.
Switzerland	Swiss Confederation	CH	8,121,830	41,277	47° 00'N 8° 00'E	federal republic	UN member state	A federation of 26 cantons.
Syria	Syrian Arab Republic	SY	17,064,854	185,180	35° 00'N 38° 00'E	presidential republic; highly authoritarian regime	UN member state	The Syrian National Coalition, was recognized by more than 130 countries as the sole legitimate representative, and has established an interim government to rule rebel controlled territory during the Syrian civil war. Has one self-declared autonomous region: Syrian Kurdistan

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Taiwan	Republic of China	TW	23,415,126	35,980	23° 30'N 121° 00'E	semi-presidential republic	non-UN member state  former UN member state (1945-71)	Competing for recognition with the People's Republic of China as the government of China since 1949. PRC claims to be the successor of the former ROC and claims all the territory under ROC jurisdiction as part of its sovereign territory: Taiwan and associated islands. Recognised by 21 UN member states and the Holy See. Observer in one UN specialized agency, WTO and participates in international organizations.
Tajikistan	Republic of Tajikistan	TJ	8,191,958	144,100	39° 00'N 71° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	Contains 1 autonomous region, Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Province.
Tanzania	United Republic of Tanzania	TZ	51,045,882	947,300	6° 00'S 35° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	Contains 1 autonomous region, Zanzibar.
Thailand	Kingdom of Thailand	TH	67,976,405	513,120	15° 00'N 100° 00'E	constitutional monarchy	UN member state	–
Togo	Togolese Republic	TG	7,552,318	56,785	8° 00'N 1° 10'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Tonga	Kingdom of Tonga	TO	106,501	747	20° 00'S 175° 00'W	constitutional monarchy	UN member state	–
Transnistria	Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic	–	505,153	4,163	47° 12'N 29° 27'E	semi-presidential republic	non-UN member state	A de facto independent state, recognised only by Abkhazia, Nagorno-Karabakh, and South Ossetia. Sovereignty dispute with Moldova.
Trinidad and Tobago	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	TT	1,222,363	5,128	11° 00'N 61° 00'W	parliamentary republic	UN member state	Trinidad and Tobago contains 1 autonomous region, Tobago.
Tunisia	Republic of Tunisia	TN	11,037,225	163,610	34° 00'N 9° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
Turkey	Republic of Turkey	TR	79,414,269	783,562	39° 00'N 35° 00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
Turkmenistan	Turkmenistan	TM	5,231,422	488,100	40° 00'N 60° 00'E	presidential republic; highly authoritarian	UN member state	–
Tuvalu	Tuvalu	TV	10,869	26	8° 00'S 178° 00'E	parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy	UN member state	A Commonwealth realm.
Uganda	Republic of Uganda	UG	37,101,745	241,038	1° 00'N 32° 00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Ukraine	Ukraine	UA	44,429,471	603,550	49° 00'N 32° 00'E	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	–



United Arab Emirates	United Arab Emirates	AE	5,779,760	83,600	24°00'N 54°00'E	federation of monarchies	UN member state	The United Arab Emirates is a federation of seven emirates.
United Kingdom	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	GB	64,088,222	243,610	54°00'N 2°00'W	parliamentary constitutional monarchy	UN member state	Member of the EU. A Commonwealth realm consisting of four constituent countries: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Has sovereignty over: Anguilla; Bermuda; British Indian Ocean Territory; British Virgin Islands; Cayman Islands; Falkland Islands; Gibraltar; Montserrat; Pitcairn Islands; Saint Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha; South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands; Turks and Caicos Islands.
United States	United States of America	US	321,368,864	9,833,517	38°00'N 97°00'W	federal presidential republic	UN member state	A federation of 50 states and 1 federal district. Has sovereignty over: American Samoa, Baker Island, Guam, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Islands, Navassa Island, Northern Mariana Islands, Palmyra Atoll, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Wake Island. In a Compact of Free Association with: Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau.
Uruguay	Oriental Republic of Uruguay	UY	3,341,893	176,215	33°00'S 56°00'W	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Uzbekistan	Republic of Uzbekistan	UZ	29,199,942	447,400	41°00'N 64°00'E	presidential republic; highly authoritarian	UN member state	Contains 1 autonomous region, Karakalpakstan.
Vanuatu	Republic of Vanuatu	VU	272,264	12,189	16°00'S 167°00'E	parliamentary republic	UN member state	–
Venezuela	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	VE	29,275,460	912,050	8°00'N 66°00'W	federal presidential republic	UN member state	A federation of 23 states, 1 capital district, and federal dependencies.
Vietnam	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	VN	94,348,835	331,210	16°10'N 107°50'E	communist state	UN member state	–
Yemen	Republic of Yemen	YE	26,737,317	527,968	15°00'N 48°00'E	in transition	UN member state	–
Zambia	Republic of Zambia	ZM	15,066,266	752,618	15°00'S 30°00'E	presidential republic	UN member state	–
Zimbabwe	Republic of Zimbabwe	ZW	14,229,541	390,757	20°00'S 30°00'E	semi-presidential republic	UN member state	–

There is no definitive list of sovereign states in the world. The United Nations (UN) is made up of 193 Member States and two non-member observer states: The Holy See and the State of Palestine. Each state defines the meaning of an independent state in a unique way, reflecting its political agenda and diplomatic relationships. For example, the US Department of State recognizes 195 independent states, which are different from the UN: it includes Kosovo but does not include Palestine, while both entities exclude Taiwan. International organizations such as ISO, IOC and WTO, use their independent inclusion criteria.

The Montevideo Convention on Rights and Duties of States (1933) sets out the criteria for statehood. Article 1 of the treaty codified that “the state as a person of international law should possess the following qualifications: a) a permanent population; b) a defined territory; c) government; and d) capacity to enter into relations with the other states.”

Following these criteria, the installation and this booklet list the total of 206 sovereign states: 193 UN member states and 2 observer states; 10 states with partial recognition; and 1 unrecognized but de facto sovereign state.

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