

AIM 7.9:

**How did the fall of communism
affect the world?**

Do Now: Watch Video #1.

**1) What did you remember
from class?**

**2) What did you think of
the lyrics & drawings?**

The Soviet Union Crumbles



Effects on The World as a Whole

- Cold War ends
- U.S. lone superpower



Who Ended the Cold War?

- *“There was one vital factor in the ending of the Cold War: Ronald Reagan’s decision to go ahead with the Strategic Defense Initiative... That was a completely different level of defense. It required enormous computer capability, which he knew at the time the Soviet Union could not match. And that was the end of the arms race as we had been pursuing it”*
- **Margaret Thatcher, former British prime minister**
- *If you accept that reforms in the Soviet Union started under the pressure from the West, particularly as a result of the SDI, that would distort the real picture and offer the wrong lesson for the future... the first impulses for reform were in the Soviet Union itself, in our society which could no longer tolerate the lack of freedom, where no one could speak out or choose their own party or select their own creed... this was the decisive factor, not SDI.”* – **Mikhail Gorbachev**

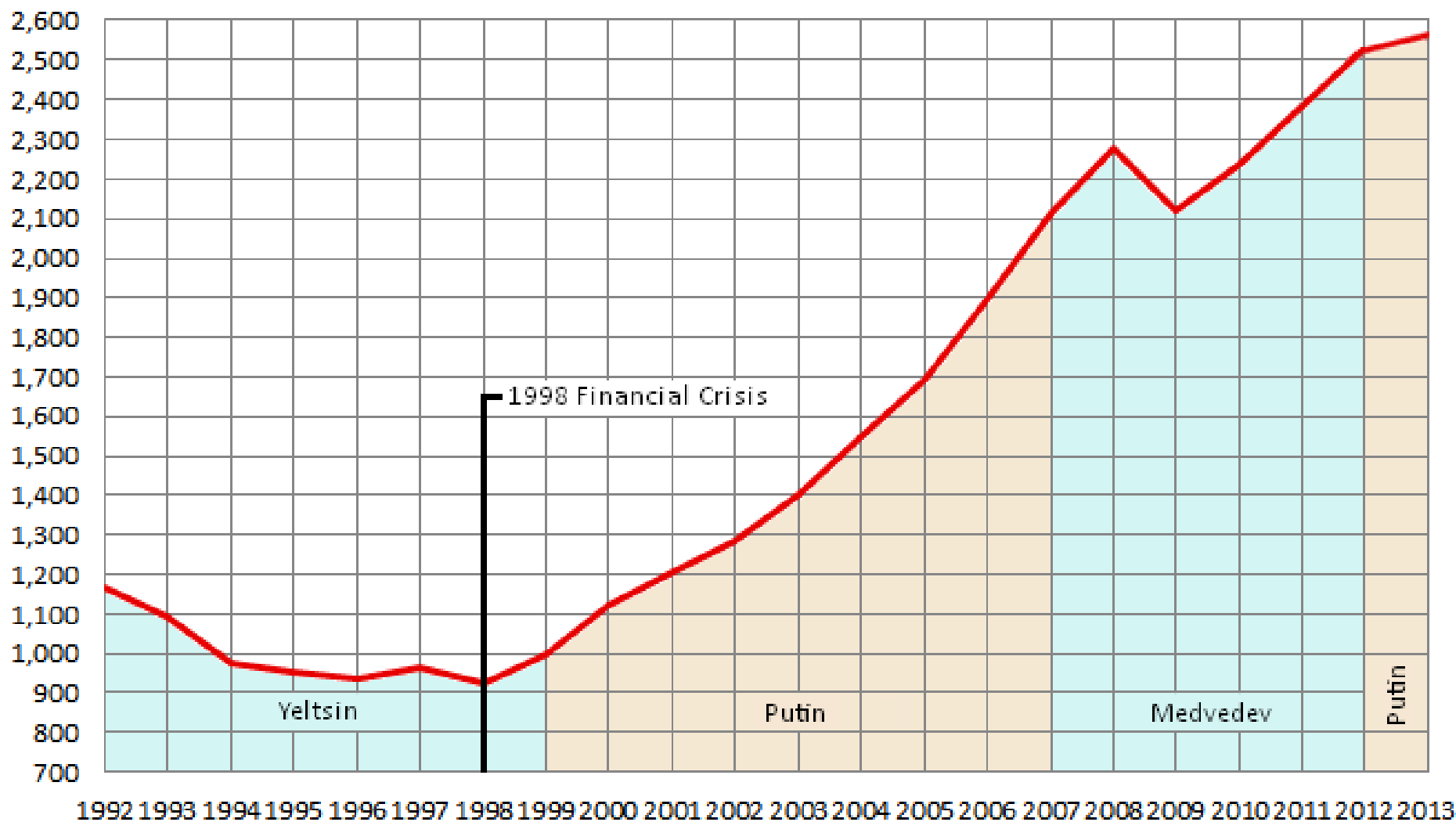
Russia Under Yeltsin (1991-99)

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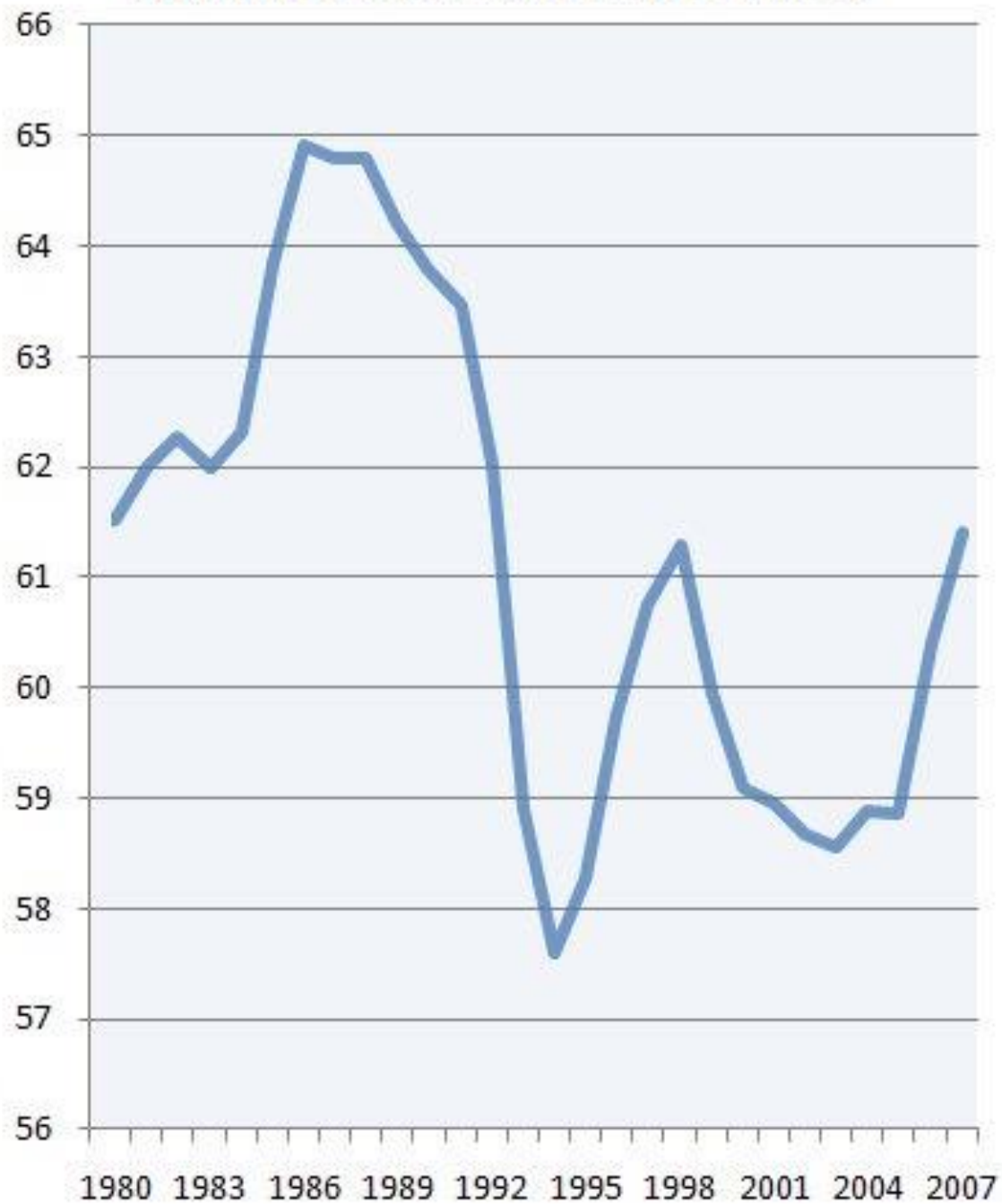
Russian GDP (PPP) Since Fall of Soviet Union

Billions of International Dollars (2013)



1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013
Source: International Monetary Fund (<http://www.imf.org>)

Russian Male Life Expectancy



Russia Under Yeltsin (1991-99)

- Shock Therapy – abrupt shift to market economy
- Difficulties:
 - Unemployment
 - Living standards decline
 - Inflation
 - Corruption
 - Social problems



Chechnya Seeks Independence



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- Two wars w/Russia
- Terrorist attacks (early 2000s)
- Russian control restored (2009)



The Other Former Soviet Republics

- Political conflicts (comm. vs. democracy)

Armenia & Azerbaijan



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The Georgian Civil War (August 1993 - October 1993)



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Do We Want Nuclear Weapons? Yes or No?



A Soviet Missile Being Prepared for Destruction in Ukraine (1997)



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- **Difficult transitions to capitalism**

Poland



Poland

- Free elections ('89) → **Lech Walesa** president
- “Shock Therapy” → some success



Czechoslovakia

- Free elections ('89) → 'shock therapy'
- Splits into Czech Republic & Slovakia ('93)



Video #2 - Questions

1. Why was this such an emotional celebration for the residents of Berlin?
2. Why was event so significant, not only for Germans, but for the whole world?

Video #3 – Just Watch!

Germany

- E. Germ. govt. opens Berlin Wall ('89)

Reagan's Speech: "Tear Down This Wall" (1987)





BETONDEMONTAGETE

LOVE & PEACE
IN
WEST & EAST

Test West







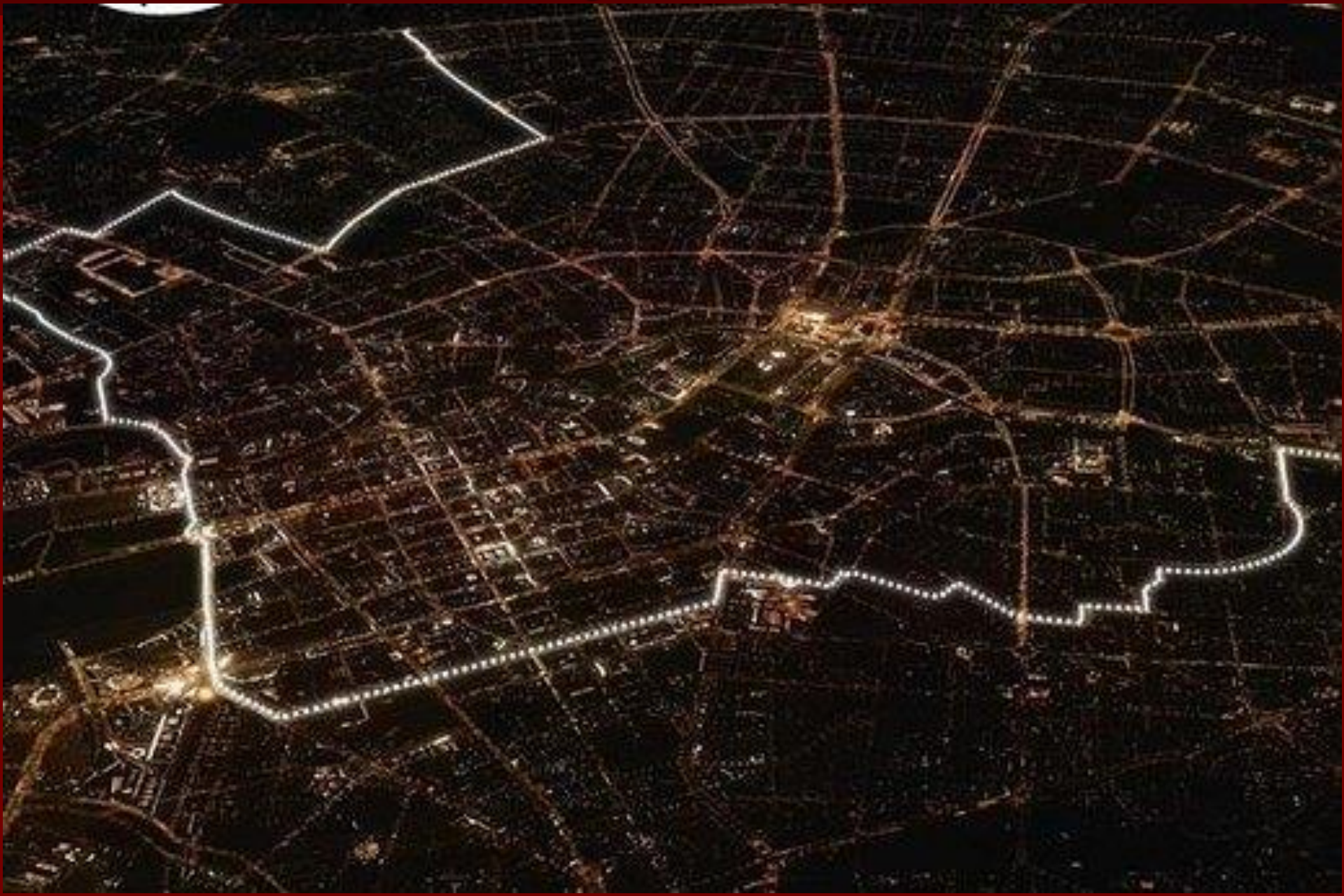




25th Anniversary Celebration (2014)



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German Reunification (1990)



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 - E. Germ. economy holds back growth

Yugoslavia

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Video #4 - Questions

1. Which ethnic groups were in conflict in Bosnia?
2. Which group wanted to 'cleanse' Bosnia of another group?
3. How was the conflict resolved?

Bosnian Genocide (1992-1995)



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Slobodan Milosevic



Radovan Karadzic



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Arrested in 2008,
Karadzic was found
guilty of genocide on
March 24, 2016.
He was sentenced to
40 years in prison.

Yugoslavia

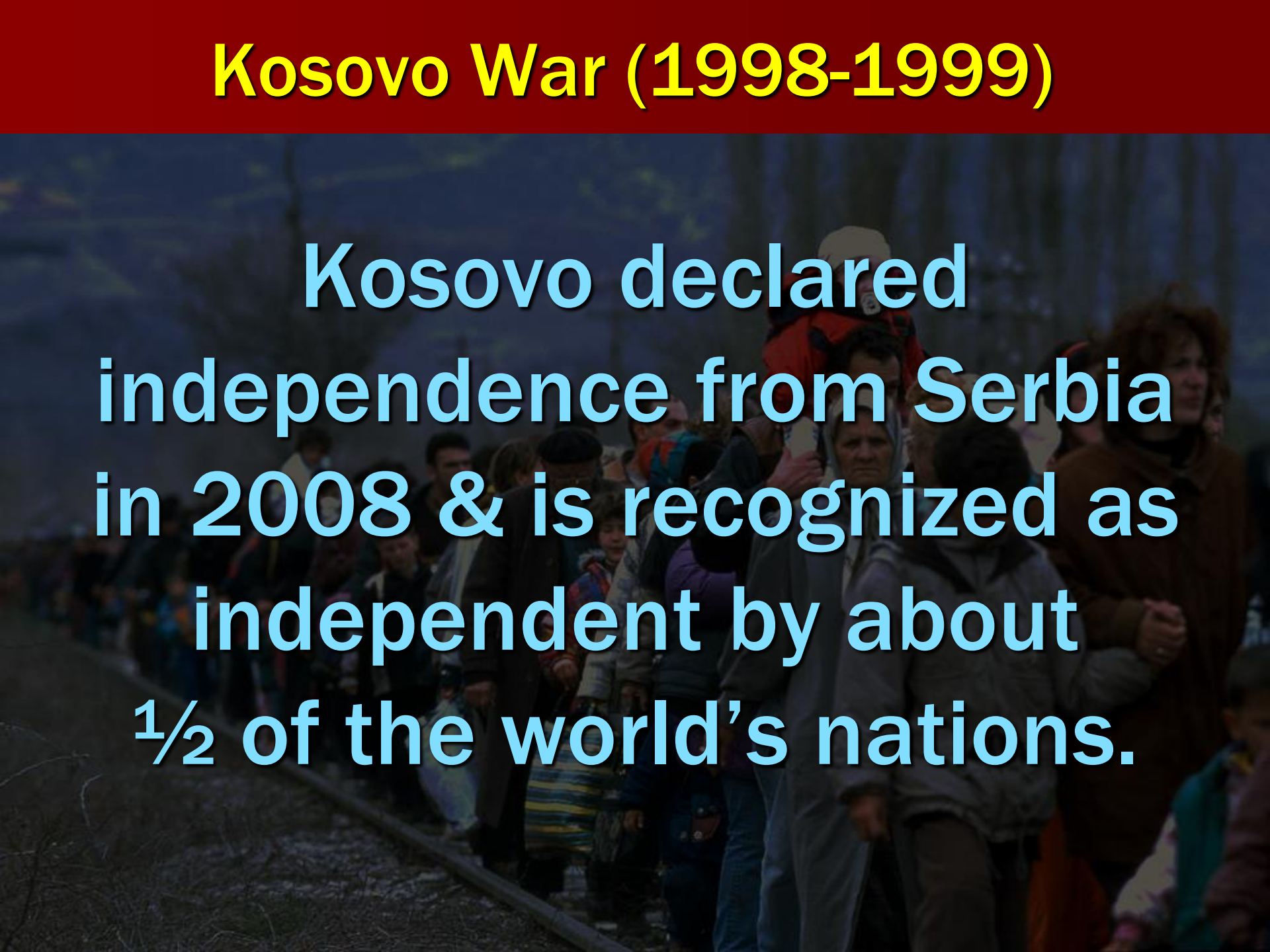
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Kosovo declared
independence from Serbia
in 2008 & is recognized as
independent by about
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the world's nations.



Yugoslavia Breaks Apart



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- Now 7 countries (Serbia, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, & Kosovo)