



Comparing Liberalism and Conservatism

Differing Views: Businesses and the Economy

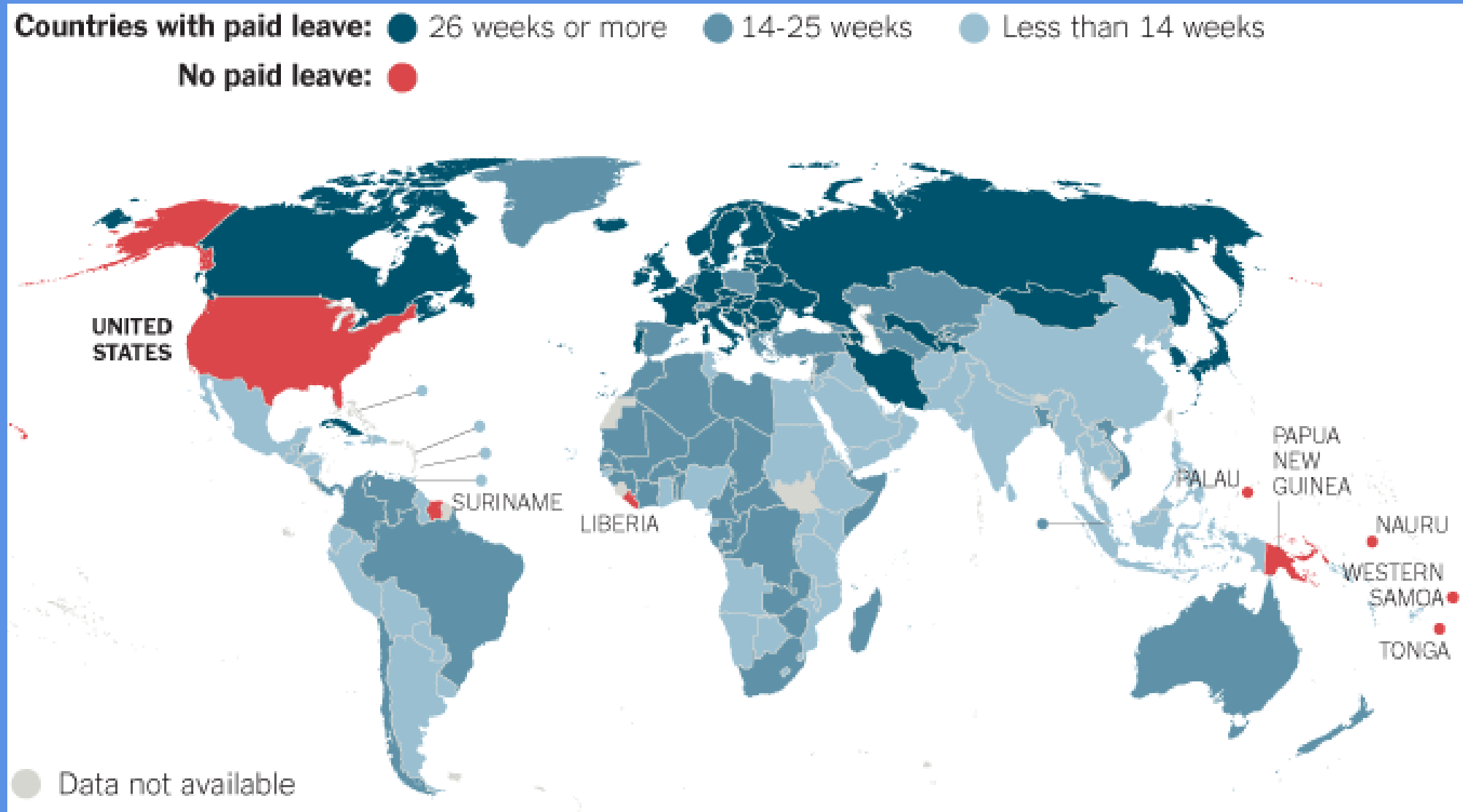
Liberalism

- Prefers more government regulations that allow businesses to fairly compete with one another
- More protections for workers from corporate interests
 - Labor Unions

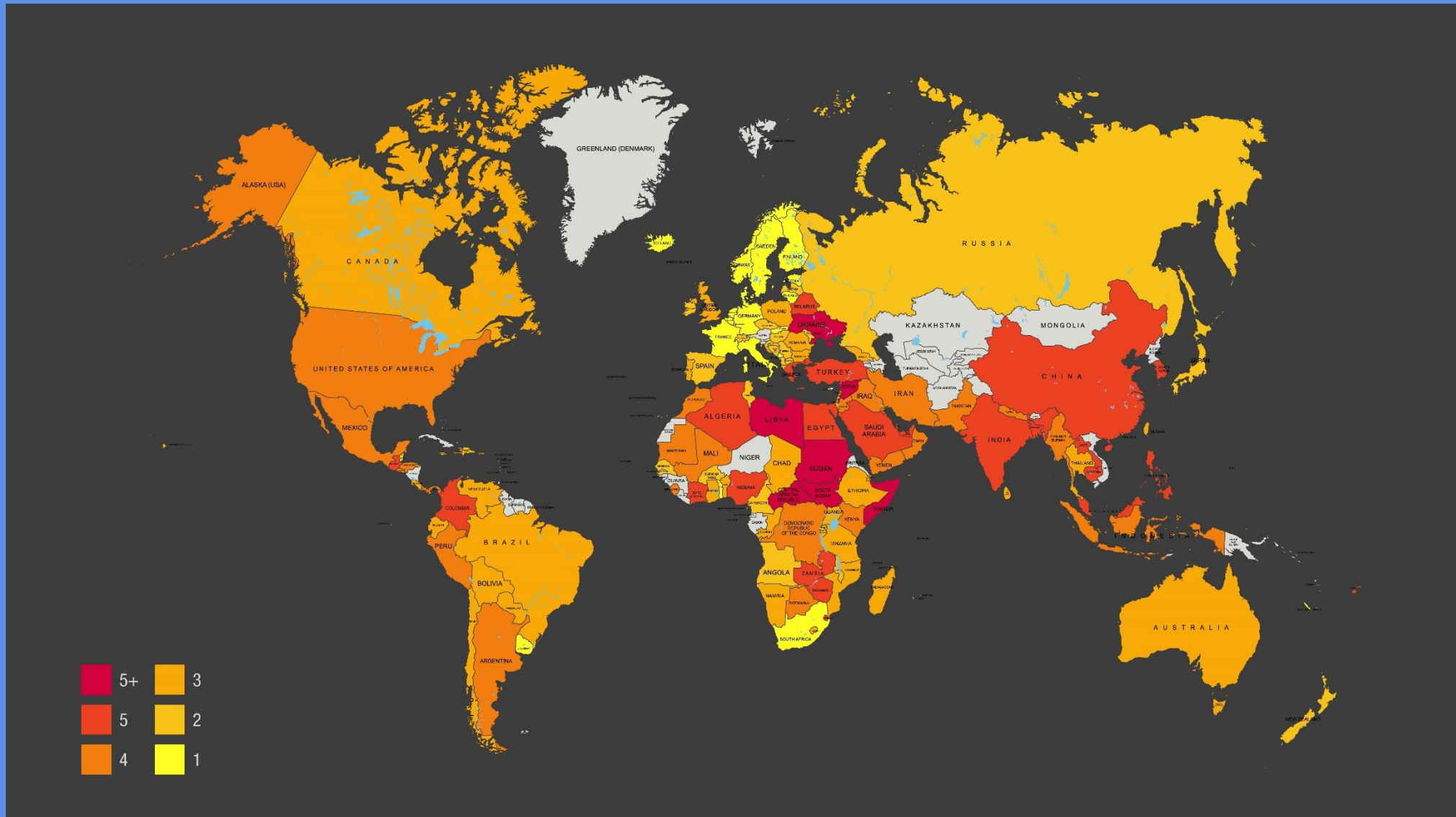
Conservatism

- Desires little government intervention in the economy and few restrictions that would prevent businesses from making as much money as possible
- Wants services to be provided by businesses
 - Less dealing with bureaucracy
 - Retirement in hands of private businesses

Paid Maternal Leave



Workers Rights



Lighter color signifies more rights for workers

Differing Views: Social Choice

Liberalism

- Promote principles of personal liberty
 - Values freedom of choice without restrictions of religion
 - Pro-Abortion
 - Pro-Homosexuality
 - Pro-Doctor Assisted Suicide
 - Reform rather than punish criminals
 - Progressive ideals

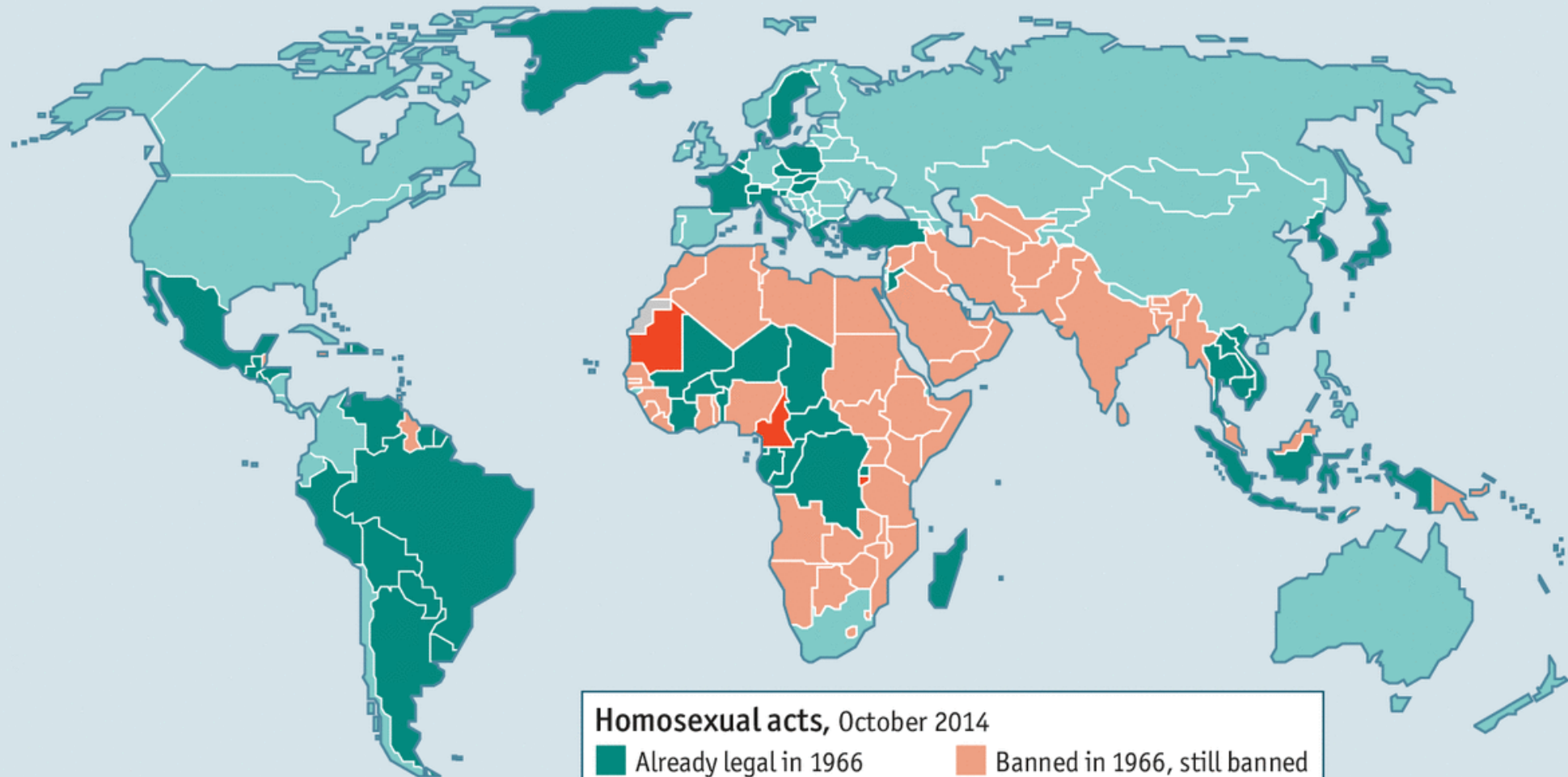
Conservatism

- Promotes traditional values of society
 - Ideas conform to traditional religious values
 - Anti-Abortion
 - Anti-Homosexuality
 - Anti-Doctor Assisted Suicide
 - Harsher penalties for crimes
 - Including Death Penalty
 - Traditional definition of marriage



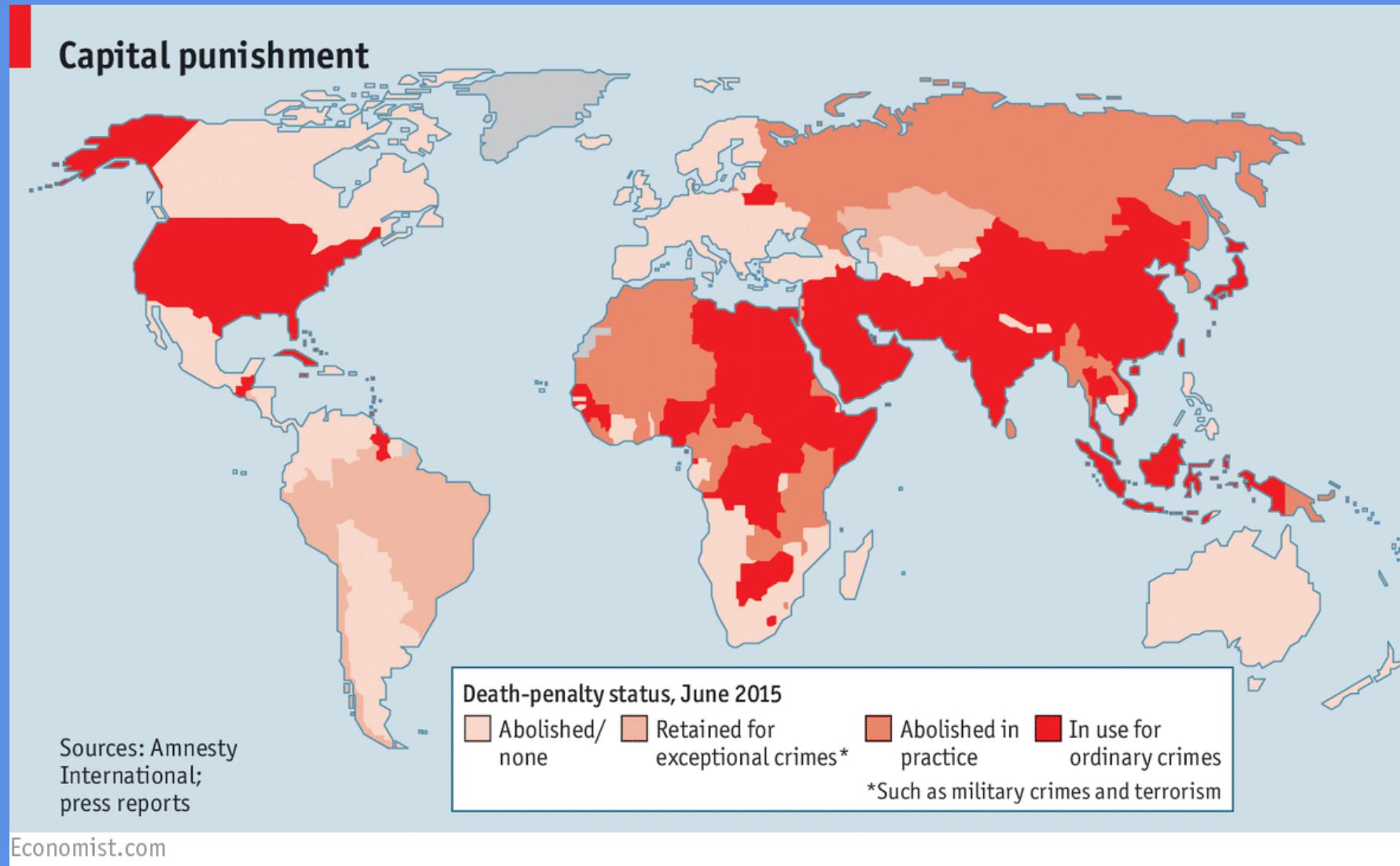
Social Choice: Homosexuality

Then and now



Sources: Jingshu Zhu; ILGA; *The Economist*

Social Choice: Death Penalty



Differing Views: Religion

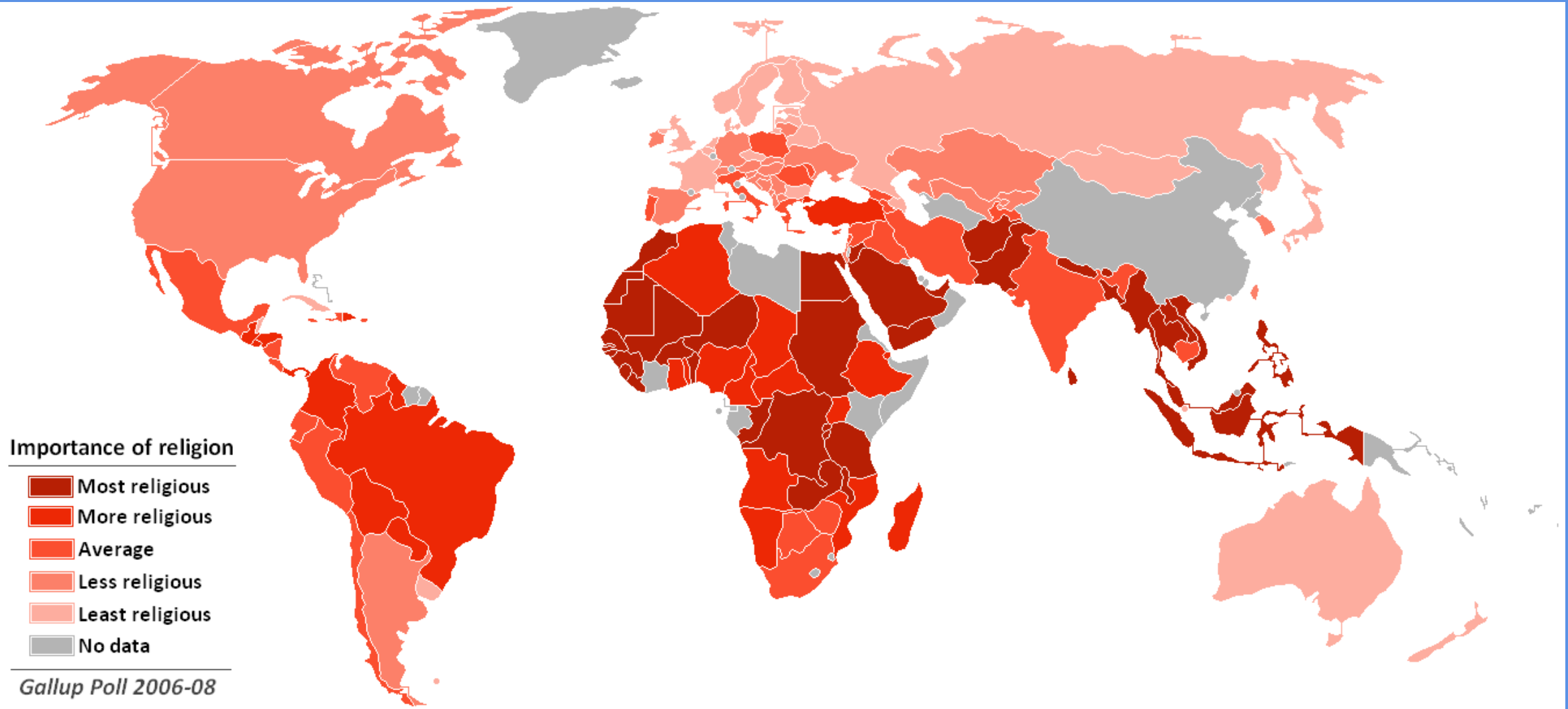
Liberalism

- Would prefer separation of church from the public sphere
 - Wants religion to be personal choice, not dictated by government
- Separation of Church and State
 - Prevent laws from being made for religious reasons

Conservatism

- Believes that religion provides a moral guide for laws to be based on
 - Lot of justifications for new laws based off religious ideals

Role of Religion



Differing Views: Government Services

Liberalism

- More government services in return for more taxes
- Wants government to provide social services
 - Healthcare, Welfare, etc...
- Free and high quality education

Conservatism

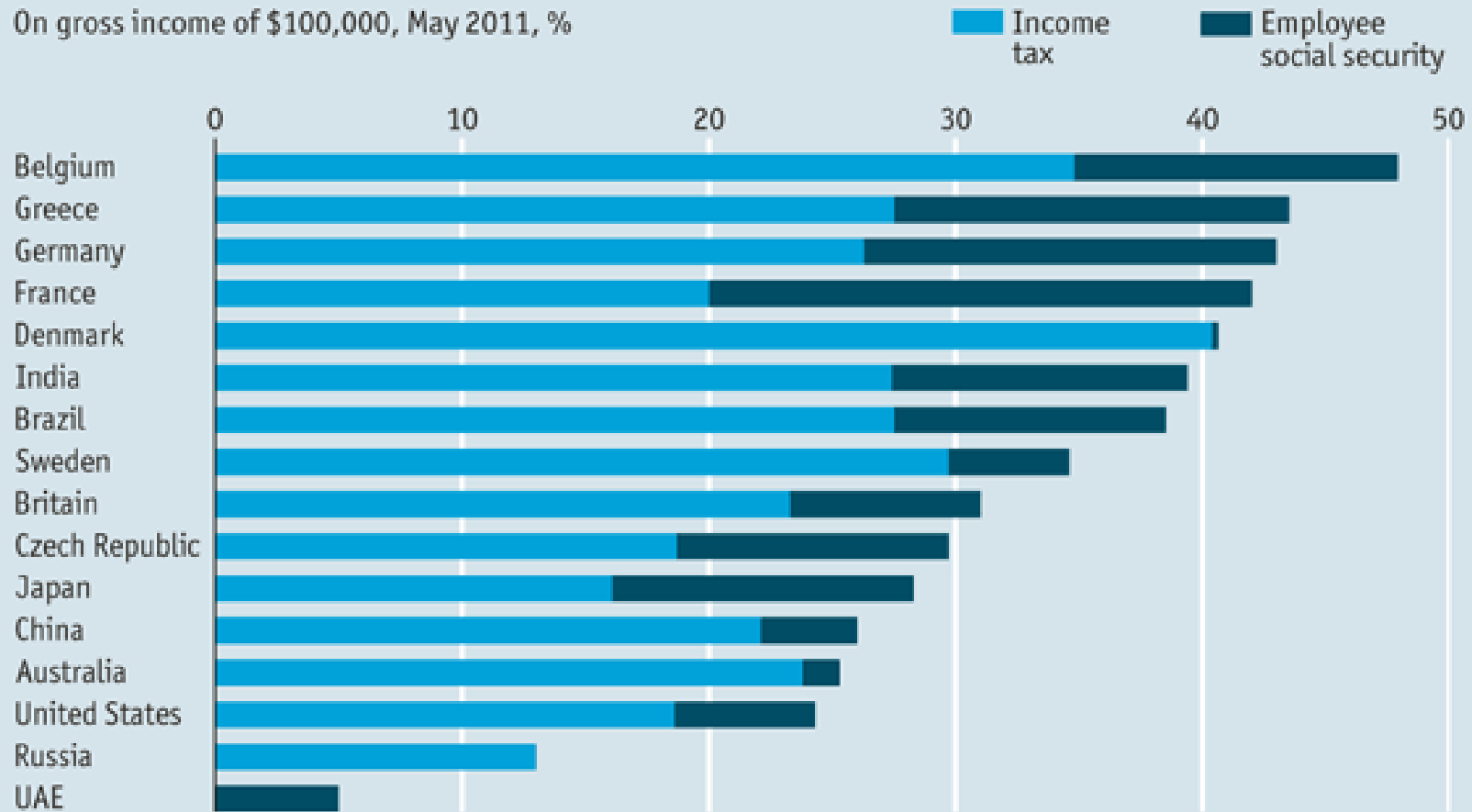
- Wants services to be provided by businesses
 - Less dealing with bureaucracy
 - Retirement in hands of private businesses
- Lower taxes allow more choice for people to choose programs
- Free primary and secondary education



Taxation Rate

Effective tax rates

On gross income of \$100,000, May 2011, %



Source: KPMG