

Colonial Footprints: A Global Ranking of Historical Colonizer Influence

This dataset ranks 249 countries and territories on a scale from **0 to 10** based on their historical role in global colonization. A score of **10** represents nations with the most expansive and impactful colonial empires (such as the United Kingdom, France, and Spain), while a score of **0** denotes countries with no significant history of colonization. The ranking takes into account factors like territorial expansion, duration of colonial rule, geographic spread, and systemic influence on colonized regions.

This classification is intended to **visually map historical colonial power** across the world, helping to contextualize legacies of empire, cultural transformation, and geopolitical inequality. It serves as a foundation for speculative visualizations, such as mapping colonizer influence as volumetric extrusions on a 3D Earth.

Country	Colonizer Score (0-10)
United Kingdom	10
Spain	9
France	9
Portugal	8
Netherlands	8
Belgium	7
Germany	6
United States	5
Japan	5
United States Minor Outlying Islands	5
Italy	5
Russian Federation	4
Turkey	4
Sweden	4
Denmark	4
Hungary	3
Austria	3

Taiwan, Province of China	2
Norway	2
Poland	2
China	2
Ireland	1
Finland	1
Montenegro	0
Mongolia	0
Nepal	0
Nauru	0
New Zealand	0
Oman	0
Pakistan	0
Panama	0
Pitcairn	0
Peru	0
Philippines	0
Palau	0
Moldova, Republic of	0
Papua New Guinea	0
Monaco	0
Morocco	0
Saint Martin (French part)	0
Puerto Rico	0
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	0
Macao	0
Latvia	0
Paraguay	0
Luxembourg	0
Madagascar	0
Maldives	0
Niue	0

Malawi	0
Myanmar	0
Malta	0
Northern Mariana Islands	0
Mozambique	0
Mauritania	0
Montserrat	0
Mali	0
Martinique	0
Mauritius	0
Palestine, State of	0
Nicaragua	0
North Macedonia	0
Mayotte	0
Namibia	0
New Caledonia	0
Niger	0
Marshall Islands	0
Norfolk Island	0
Mexico	0
Nigeria	0
Malaysia	0
Aruba	0
French Polynesia	0
Uruguay	0
Thailand	0
Tajikistan	0
Tokelau	0
Turkmenistan	0
Timor-Leste	0
Tonga	0
Trinidad and Tobago	0

Tunisia	0
Tuvalu	0
Tanzania, United Republic of	0
Uganda	0
Ukraine	0
Uzbekistan	0
Chad	0
Holy See (Vatican City State)	0
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	0
Virgin Islands, British	0
Virgin Islands, U.S.	0
Viet Nam	0
Vanuatu	0
Wallis and Futuna	0
Samoa	0
Yemen	0
South Africa	0
Zambia	0
Togo	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	0
Qatar	0
Sierra Leone	0
Réunion	0
Romania	0
Lesotho	0
Rwanda	0
Saudi Arabia	0
Sudan	0
Senegal	0
Singapore	0
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands	0

Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha	0
Svalbard and Jan Mayen	0
Solomon Islands	0
El Salvador	0
Syrian Arab Republic	0
San Marino	0
Somalia	0
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	0
Serbia	0
South Sudan	0
Sao Tome and Principe	0
Suriname	0
Slovakia	0
Slovenia	0
Eswatini	0
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	0
Seychelles	0
Lithuania	0
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0
Sri Lanka	0
Congo, The Democratic Republic of the	0
Barbados	0
Brunei Darussalam	0
Bhutan	0
Bouvet Island	0
Botswana	0
Central African Republic	0
Canada	0
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	0
Switzerland	0
Chile	0
Côte d'Ivoire	0

Cameroon	0
Congo	0
Dominican Republic	0
Cook Islands	0
Colombia	0
Comoros	0
Cabo Verde	0
Costa Rica	0
Cuba	0
Curaçao	0
Christmas Island	0
Cayman Islands	0
Cyprus	0
Czechia	0
Djibouti	0
Brazil	0
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	0
Bermuda	0
Belize	0
Angola	0
Anguilla	0
Åland Islands	0
Albania	0
Andorra	0
United Arab Emirates	0
Argentina	0
Armenia	0
American Samoa	0
Antarctica	0
French Southern Territories	0
Antigua and Barbuda	0
Australia	0

Azerbaijan	0
Burundi	0
Benin	0
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	0
Burkina Faso	0
Bangladesh	0
Bulgaria	0
Bahrain	0
Bahamas	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0
Saint Barthélemy	0
Belarus	0
Dominica	0
Algeria	0
Liechtenstein	0
Jordan	0
Croatia	0
Haiti	0
Indonesia	0
Isle of Man	0
India	0
British Indian Ocean Territory	0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	0
Iraq	0
Iceland	0
Israel	0
Jamaica	0
Jersey	0
Kazakhstan	0
Ecuador	0
Kenya	0
Kyrgyzstan	0

Cambodia	0
Kiribati	0
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0
Korea, Republic of	0
Kuwait	0
Afghanistan	0
Lebanon	0
Liberia	0
Libya	0
Saint Lucia	0
Honduras	0
Heard Island and McDonald Islands	0
Hong Kong	0
Guyana	0
Egypt	0
Eritrea	0
Western Sahara	0
Estonia	0
Ethiopia	0
Fiji	0
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	0
Faroe Islands	0
Micronesia, Federated States of	0
Gabon	0
Georgia	0
Guernsey	0
Ghana	0
Gibraltar	0
Guinea	0
Guadeloupe	0
Gambia	0
Guinea-Bissau	0

Equatorial Guinea	0	
Greece	0	
Grenada	0	
Greenland	0	
Guatemala	0	
French Guiana	0	
Guam	0	
Zimbabwe	0	