

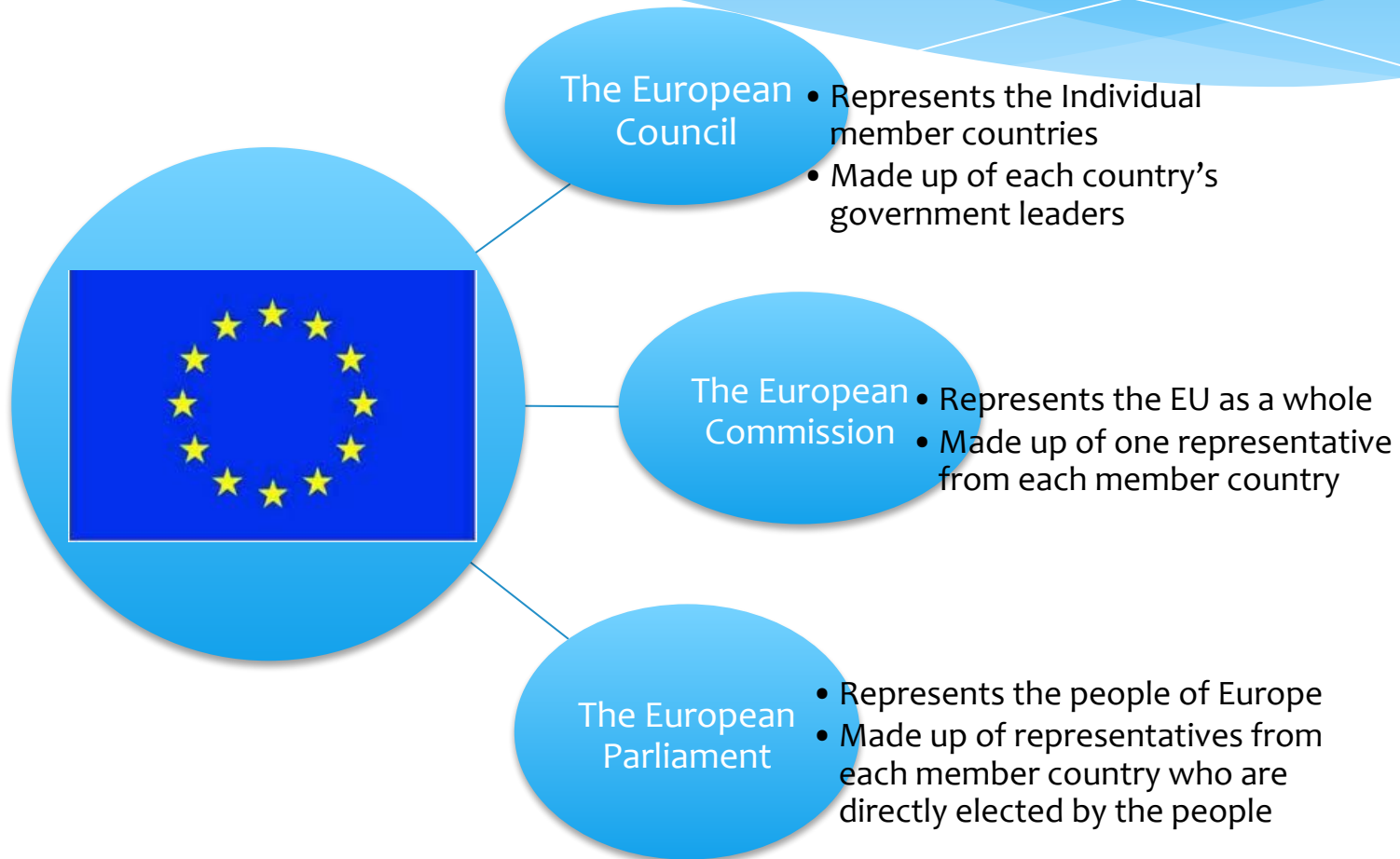
# The European Union

How It Works

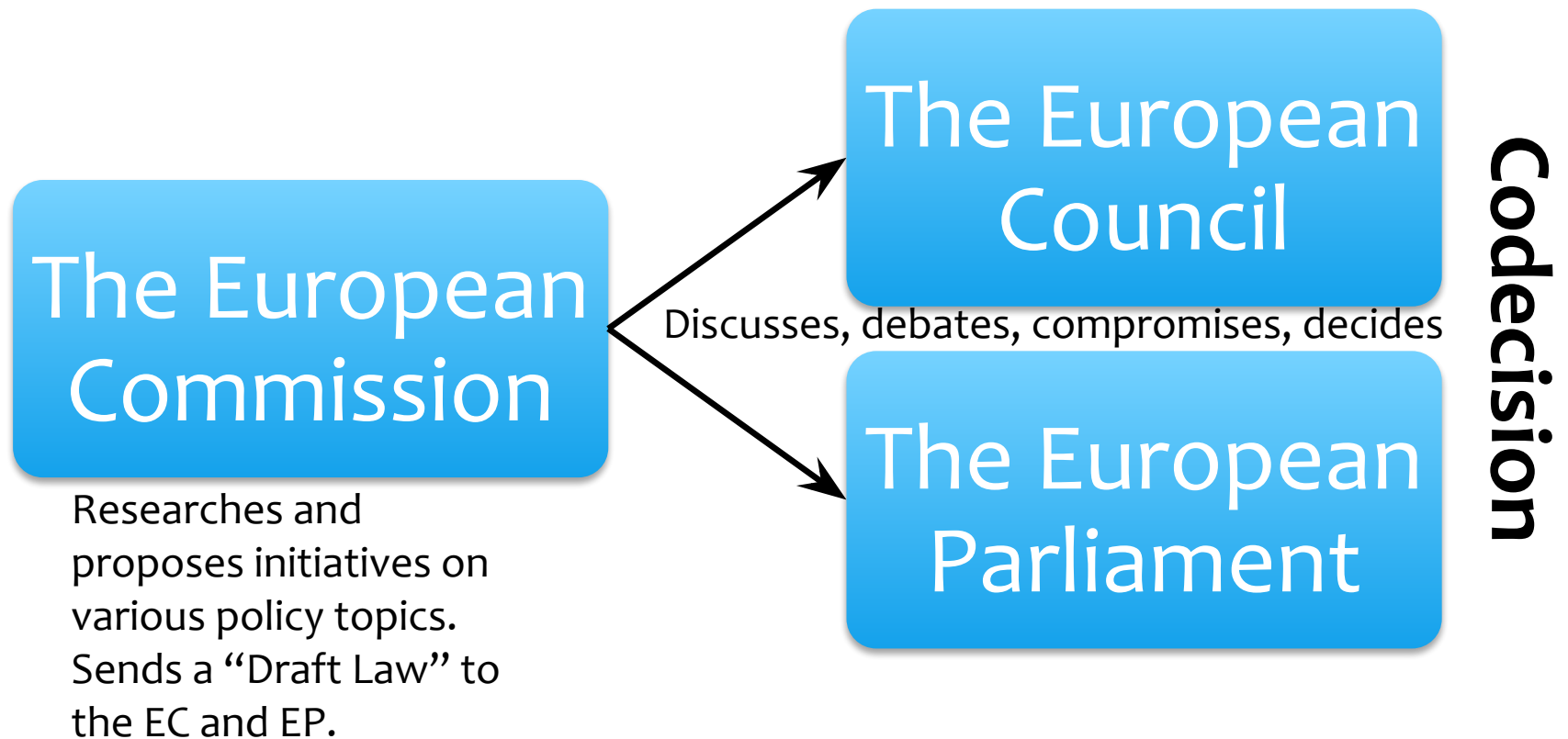
# Purpose

- \* To better understand how decisions are made in the European Union
  - \* Why?
    - \* We are going to be simulating the European Union, so we should probably know something about how they work.

# The European Union: 3 Bodies



# The EU: Passing Laws



# Video

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# For Our Purposes

- \* We will be simulating the European Council. We are comprised of the heads of government of EU member countries, each with unique perspectives and priorities. We have received a Draft Law from the European Commission regarding the Ebola epidemic, specifically focusing on support for West Africa and protection for Europe.
- \* The decisions before our Council are:
  - \* Do we provide aid to West Africa? If so, in what form(s)?
  - \* What measures should be taken to ensure containment and prevent the spread of the disease to European nations?

# The Ebola Epidemic

What is Happening and How

# Purpose

- \* To better understand the geography of a disease and its possible movement
  - \* Why?



# Ebola Epidemic Stats

- \* Outbreak Declared Epidemic: March 2014
- \* Number of Infected People to Date: 13,000+
- \* Number of Dead to Date: 4,800+
- \* Death Rate: 70%
- \* Major Countries Impacted: Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia
- \* Economic Impact: Sierra Leone's economy has dropped by 30%, due to Ebola
- \* Disease Containment: Spreading – Isolated cases in Europe/US
- \* Incubation Period: 2 – 21 Days (Highly contagious after symptoms develop)
- \* Spread through exposure to infected person's bodily fluids
- \* No Vaccines or Cures

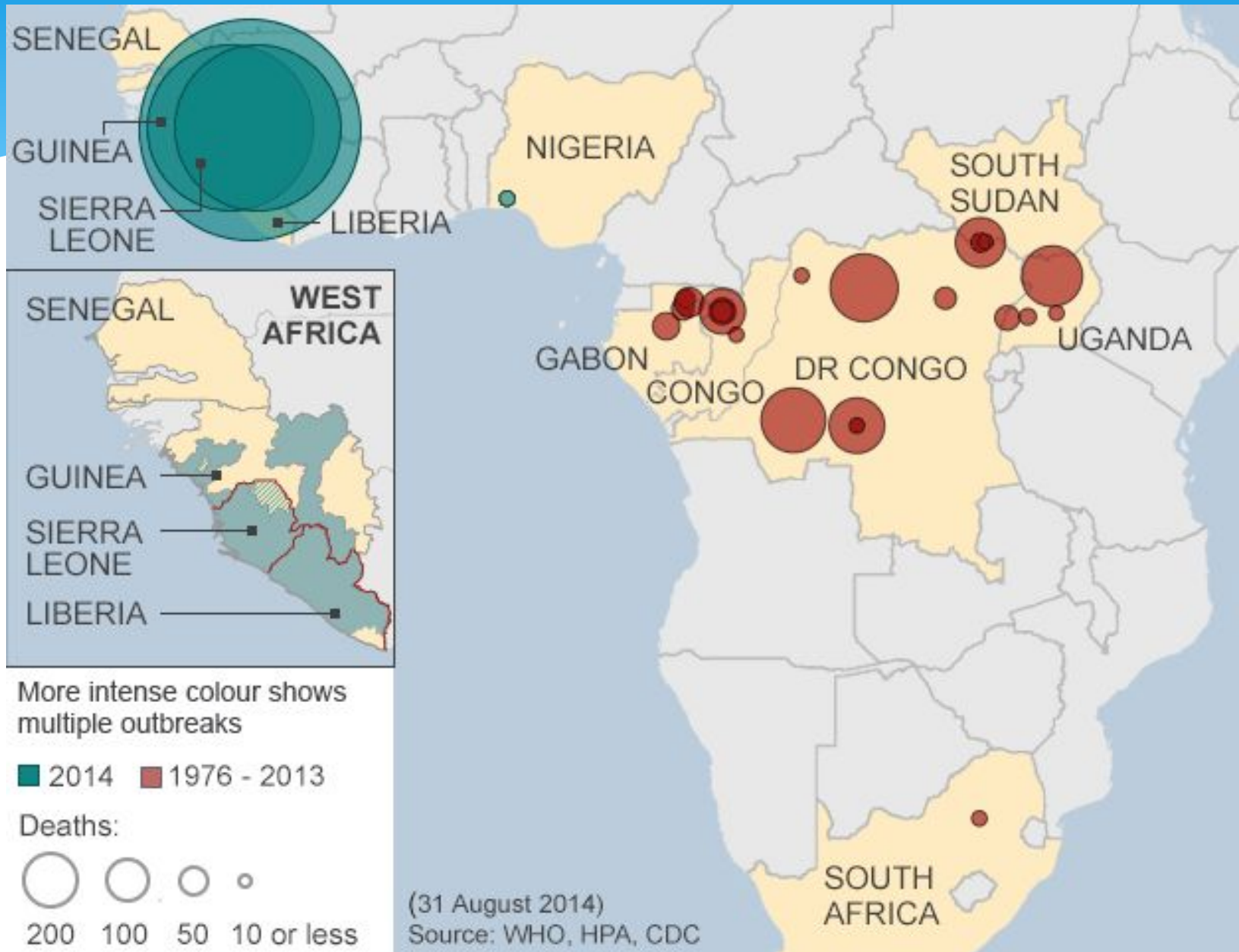
# In Your Textbook...

- \* Political Borders: Page 487
- \* Population Density: Page 488
- \* Access to Health Care: Page 516 (read first paragraph under “Population and Health Care” heading)

# Overview

## **BBC News Video**

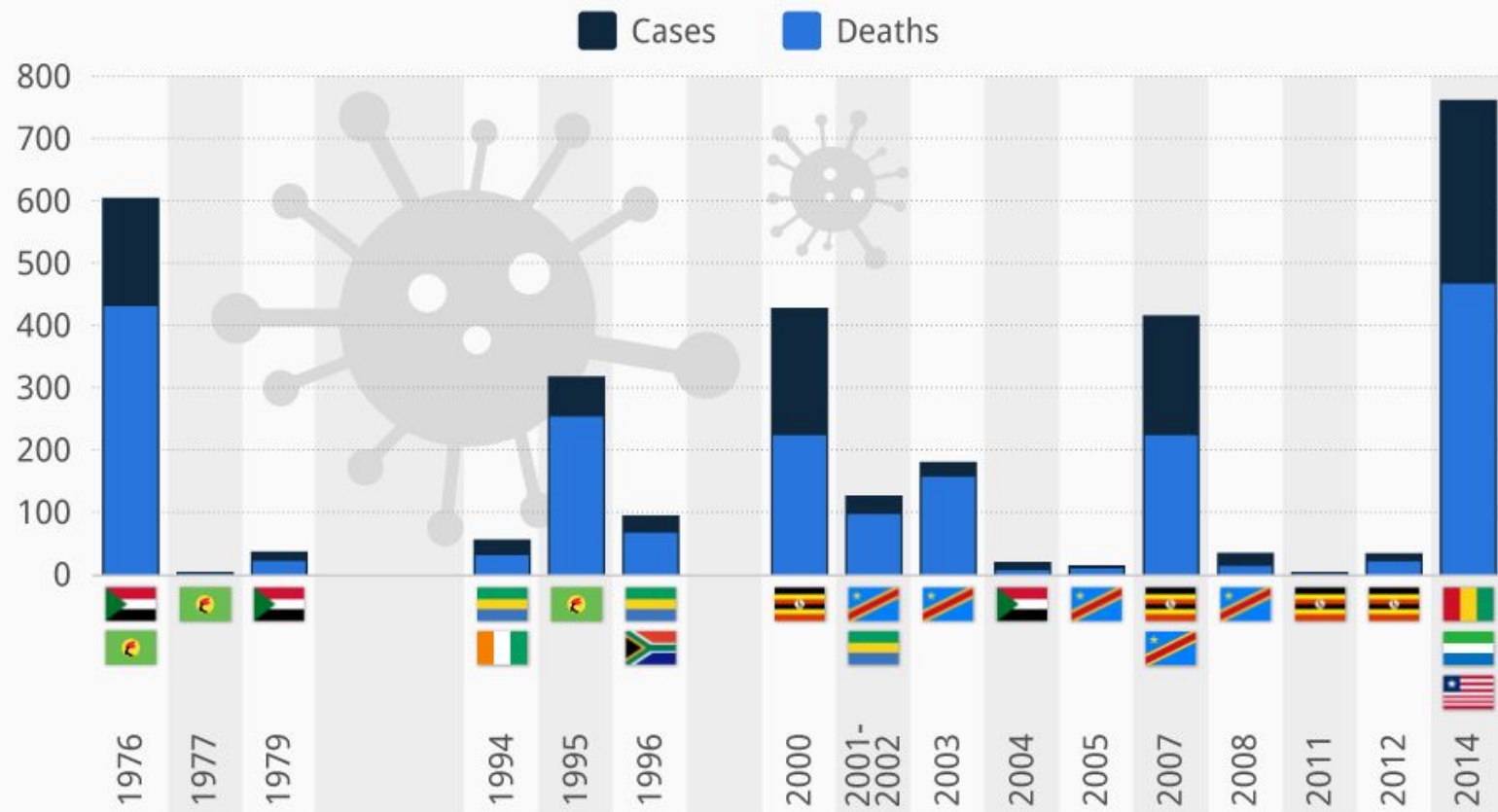
# Past v. Present



# Through the Years

## 2014: The Deadliest Ever Ebola Virus Outbreak

Ebola virus outbreaks by year







# Outbreak Map: October 29th

## EBOLA OUTBREAK RESPONSE: REGIONAL CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES

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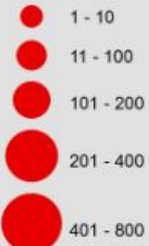


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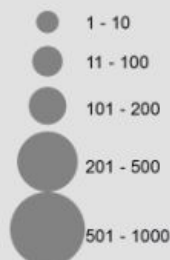
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MAP DATE: 29 October 2014

### Recent Cases (21 Days Prior)



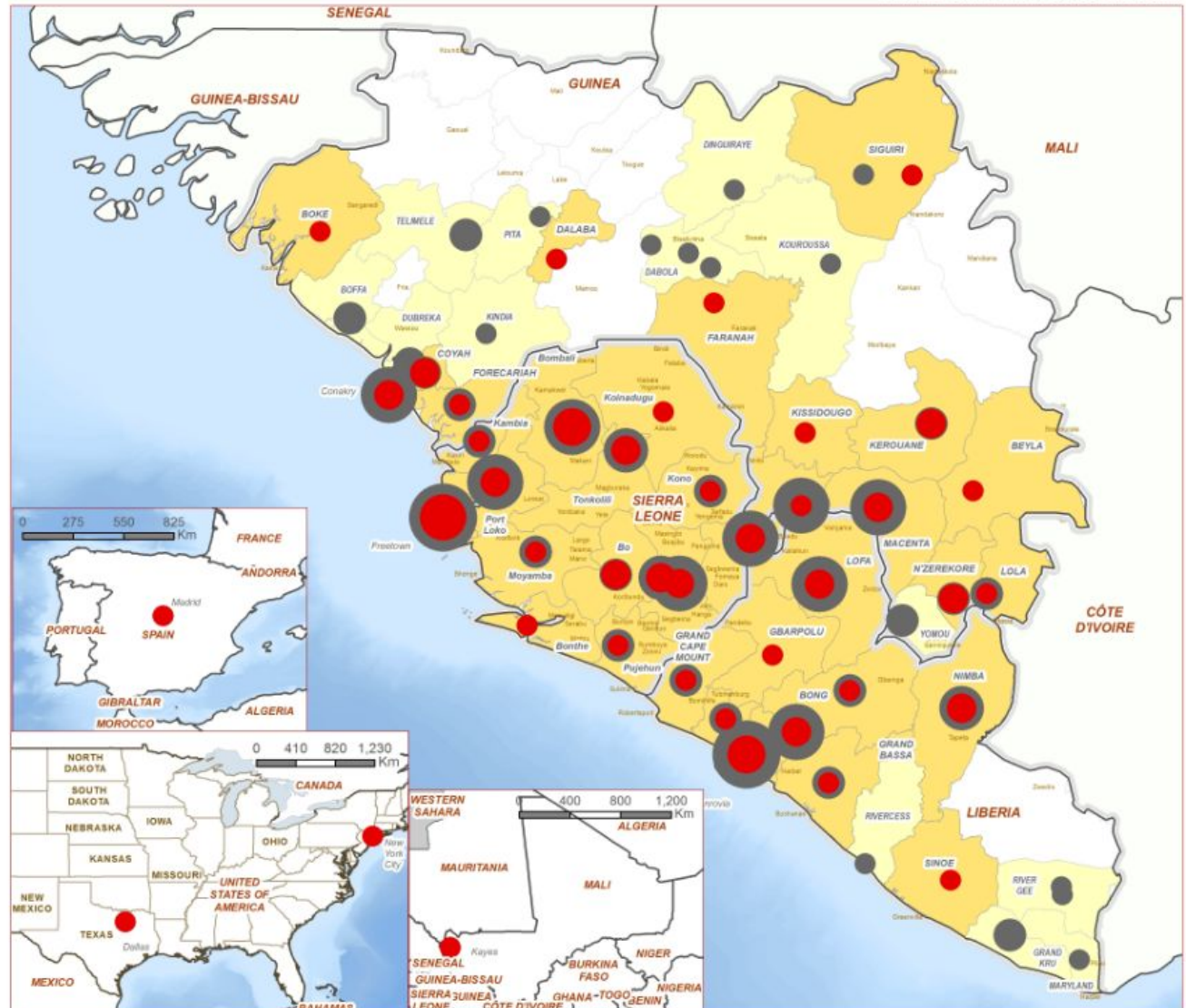
### All cases



NOT ACTIVE - No cases in previous 21 days

ACTIVE - New cases in previous 21 days

NEWLY INFECTED - New cases in previous 7 days (in previously uninfected areas)



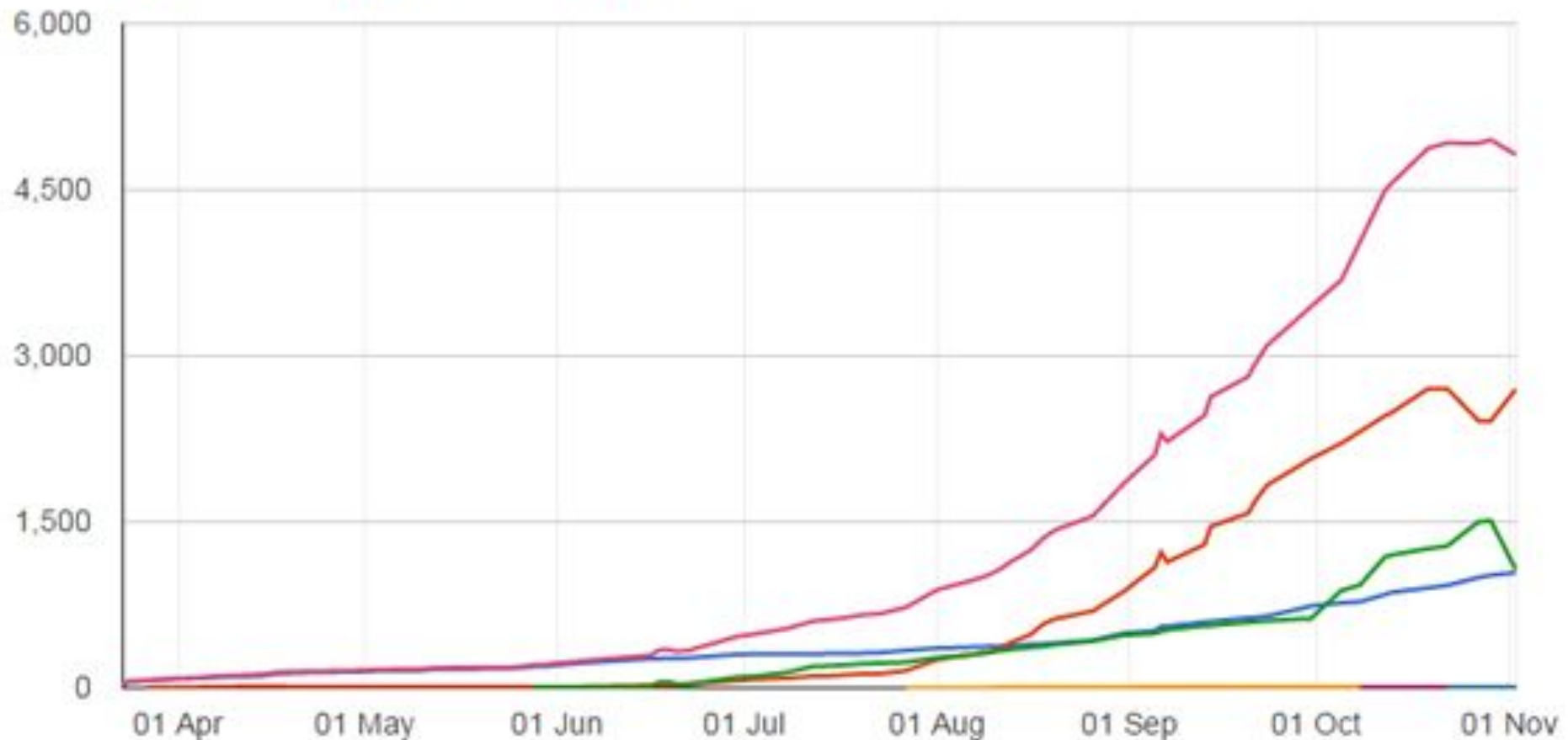
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1 cm = 37 km



# Current Numbers

Guinea: 1,041   Liberia: 2,697   Nigeria: 8   Sierra Leone: 1,070  
USA: 1   Mali: 1   Total: 4,818





# Breakdown of Deaths

## Ebola deaths in West Africa

Up to 2 November

**4,818**

Deaths - probable, confirmed and suspected

(Includes one death in US and one in Mali)

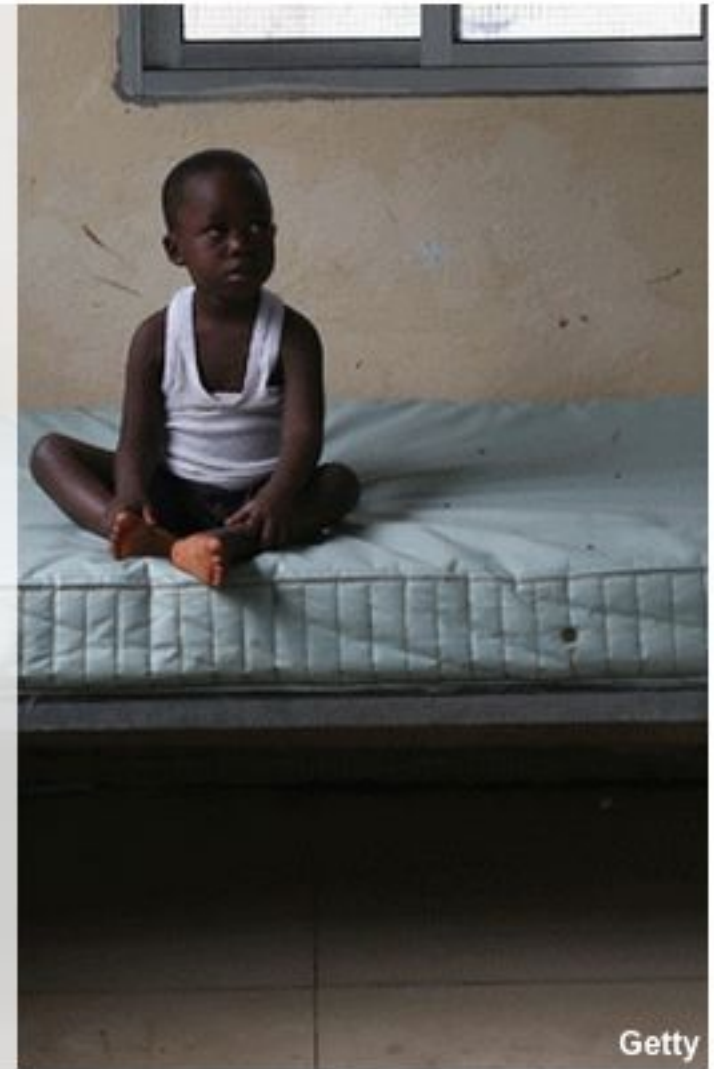
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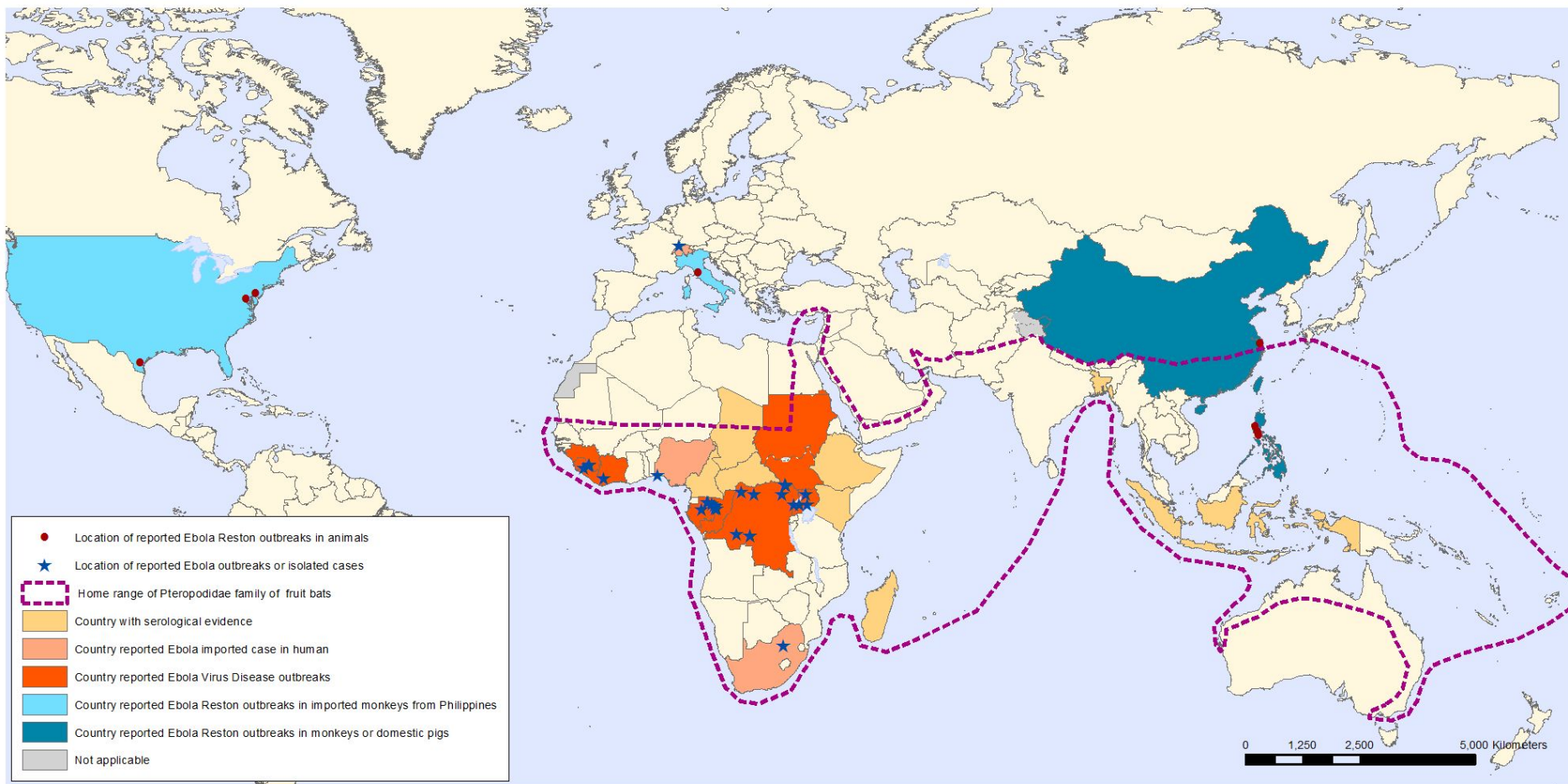
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# Worldwide Ebola

## Geographic distribution of Ebola virus disease outbreaks in humans and animals



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# The Fear



# Prevention

## 6 WAYS TO PREVENT EBOLA

EBOLA IS A DANGEROUS VIRUS BUT CAN BE AVOIDED EASILY!



**1**

AVOID **PHYSICAL CONTACT** WITH PEOPLE SHOWING SYMPTOMS OF THE **EBOLA VIRUS**



**2**

WASH YOUR HANDS **REGULARLY** WITH CLEAN **WATER** AND **SOAP**



**3**

KEEP **AWAY** FROM (FRUIT)BATS, MONKEYS, **DEAD ANIMALS** AND BUSH MEAT



**4**

ANIMAL **PRODUCTS** SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY **COOKED** BEFORE CONSUMPTION



**5**

INFORM **HEALTH AUTHORITIES** IMMEDIATELY IN CASE OF **CONTACT** WITH EXPECTED OR CONFIRMED **EBOLA CASES**



**6**

ONLY **TRAVEL** TO AREAS WHERE THERE IS AN **EBOLA OUTBREAK** IN CASE OF **URGENT NEED**

**SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:** SUDDEN FEVER, INTENSE WEAKNESS, MUSCLE PAIN, HEADACHE AND SORE THROAT. POSSIBLY FOLLOWED BY VOMITING, DIARRHEA, RASH, IMPAIRED KIDNEY AND LIVER FUNCTION, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL BLEEDING.

# Identifying Geography Pillars

Come up with at least one example from the Ebola Epidemic for each of the five pillars:

- \* Location
- \* Place
- \* Region
- \* Movement
- \* Human/Environment Interaction

# What should we do?

- \* Support for West Africa
- \* Protection for Europe

# Where do we go from here?

- \* Get back in your partnerships
  - \* Go over your proposal. Does it include everything it should? Are you happy with it? Does it require additional diplomacy?
  - \* Do you have your opening statement prepared? Have you practiced it? Have you decided who is going to present it?
  - \* Is your country profile finished?
  - \* Is your placard finished?
  - \* Are you familiar with the order of events for tomorrow?