

D. Cardinal Cultures

1. If we look at the main events of history in recent times, including, unfortunately, many wars, we see that they are connected to cultures that are trying to change the world.
2. Such cultures can be called “cardinal cultures,” where the word “cardinal,” means “of highest importance.”
3. Russia and China are two of the cardinal cultures who are most active in trying to change the world at this time. As most people know, Russia has invaded Ukraine. China, for its part, wants to regain control of Taiwan, and also causing trouble in other nearby countries.
4. There are also many wars in the Islamic World, because of terrorists who want to change the world by forcing other people to live differently.
5. The European Union has been trying to change the world as well, and it has grown to include new members who want to be a part of it.
6. Everyone knows that the United States is in a unique position of power and influence. For this reason, we say that America has *primacy* in the world.

E. Putting it All Together

When we take all the components that we have identified and put them in a single definition, we get:

The world we live in is an interconnected agglomeration of nearly two hundred countries organized into ten major cultural blocks (and others), mainly controlled by five cardinal cultures, in which the United States has primacy.