

A photograph of Giulio Andreotti, an Italian politician, wearing a dark blue suit, a light blue shirt, and a patterned tie. He is wearing glasses and looking slightly to the left. In the background, there are other people in dark uniforms, possibly military or police, with some gold buttons visible.

Giulio Andreotti

# **Operation Gladio and NATO's secret armies**

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- In Italy, on 3 August 1990, then-prime minister Giulio Andreotti confirmed the existence of a secret army code-named “Gladio” - the Latin word for “sword” - within the state.
- Source: Daniele Ganser: NATO’s Secret Armies. Operation Gladio and Terrorism in Western Europe. Januar 2005 Frank Cass London

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- "I have gone to prison because I did not want to reveal the existence of this super secret organization. And now Andreotti comes along and tells it to parliament!"



Quelle: General Vito Miceli, director Italian military secret service, SISMI 1970-1974.  
Quoted in: Ganser NATO's secret armies.



- Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti declared that also representatives of the French secret army had taken part in a secret ACC meeting in Brussels on October 24, 1990.
- Thereafter French President Francois Mitterrand had to confirm the existence of a secret army in France, too.

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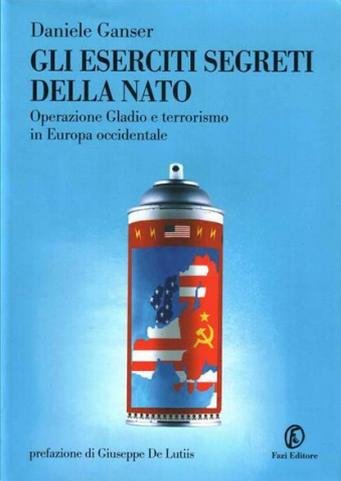
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- On 5 November 1990, a NATO spokesman told an inquisitive press: "NATO has never contemplated guerrilla war or clandestine operations".
- The next day, NATO officials admitted that the previous day's denial had been false, adding that the alliance would not comment on matters of military secrecy.

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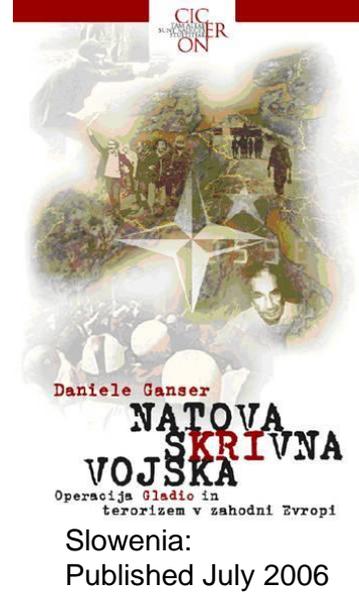
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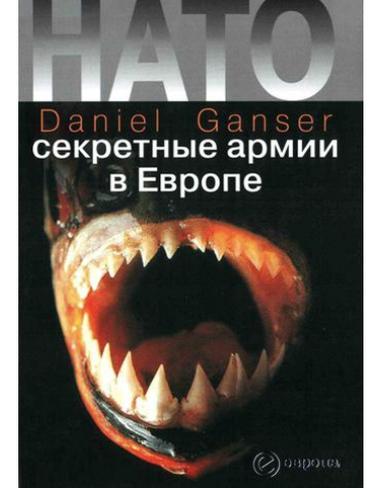
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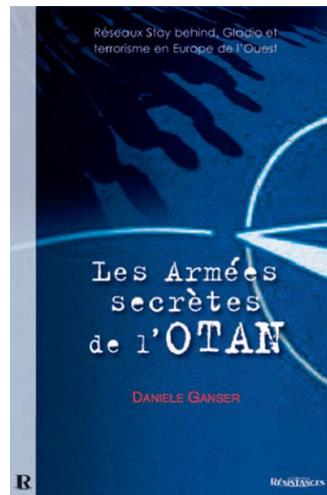
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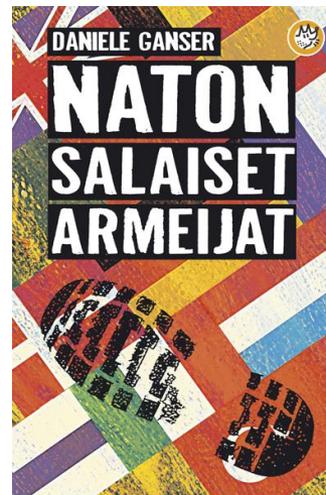
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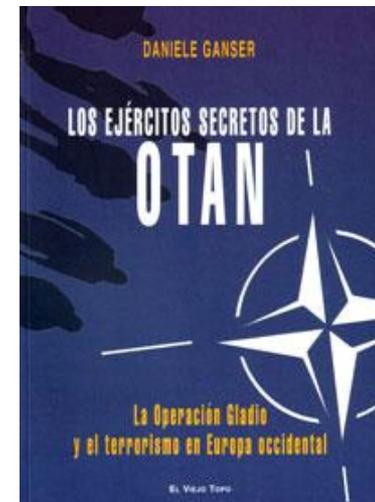
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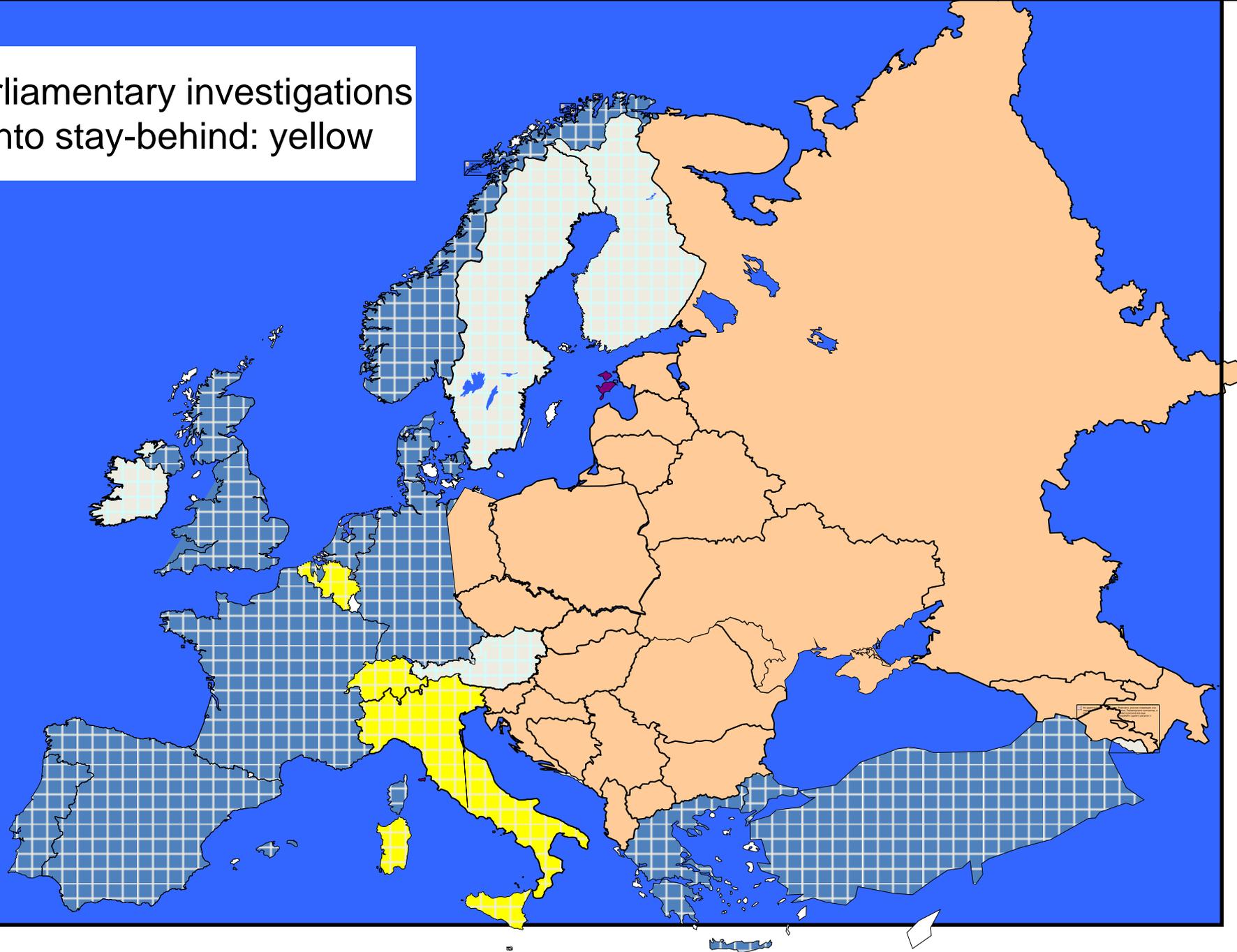
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A map of Europe and the Mediterranean region. NATO countries are shaded in dark blue with a white grid pattern. Neutral countries are shaded in bright blue. Countries to the east of the Iron Curtain are shaded in light orange. A small red area is visible in the Balkans. A white text box is overlaid on the right side of the map.

Secret stay-behind armies  
in western Europe  
1950 -1990

Dark blue: NATO countries  
Bright blue: Neutral countries

Parliamentary investigations  
into stay-behind: yellow





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- Chain of Command:
- Pentagon, Virginia, USA
- NATO SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe), Casteau, Belgium.
- ACC (Allied Clandestine Committee)
- CPC (Clandestine Planning Committee)

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- CIA (Picture: Headquarters in Langley, USA)



- MI6 (SIS) (Picture: Headquarters in London, England)

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- The EU “protests vigorously at the assumption by certain US military personnel at SHAPE and in NATO of the right to encourage the establishment in Europe of a clandestine intelligence and operation network”, calling for a “a full investigation into the nature, structure, aims, and all other aspects of these clandestine organizations or any splinter groups, their use for illegal interference in the internal political affairs of the countries concerned, and the problem of terrorism in Europe”.
- Quelle: Resolution of the EU parliament 22 November 1990



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I. L'eventualità di una situazione di emergenza che coinvolga, in tutto o in parte, i territori dei Paesi della NATO ad opera di sovvertimenti interni o di forze militari di invasione è da tempo oggetto di studio e di conseguenti predisposizioni, alcune sul piano NATO, altre sul piano nazionale.

Sul piano NATO si registrano:

1. l'attività del C.P.G di Parigi (Clandestine Planning Committee) emanante da SHAPE, con funzione consultiva per il tempo di pace, rivolto a definire le possibilità di concorso, in tempo di guerra, alle operazioni di SACEUR da parte dei servizi speciali delle Nazioni Alleate nel settore delle operazioni speciali;
2. alcuni incontri tra lo S.M.D. italiano e AFSOUTH in vista di studiare le possibilità di pianificazione delle forze olandestine in Italia;
3. l'invito rivolto anni addietro da SHAPE agli SS.MM. Na

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According to a document compiled by the Italian military secret service in 1959, the secret armies had a two-fold strategic purpose:

firstly, to operate as a so-called "staybehind" group in the case of a Soviet invasion and to carry out a guerrilla war in occupied territories;

secondly, to carry out domestic operations in case of "emergency situations".



- Italian judge Felice Casson discovered the Gladio documents when researching the terrorist attack of Peteano 1972 in the archives of the military secret service SIFAR in 1990.

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- “There exists in Italy a secret force parallel to the armed forces, composed of civilians and military men, in an anti-Soviet capacity, that is, to organise a resistance on Italian soil against a Russian army.”
- It is “a secret organisation, a super-organisation with a network of communications, arms, and explosives, and men trained to use them.”
- Quelle: Vincenzo Vinciguerra, on trial 1984



- This “super-organisation, lacking a Soviet military invasion which might not happen, took up the task, on NATO’s behalf, of preventing a slip to the left in the political balance of the country. This they did, with the assistance of the official secret services and the political and military forces.”
- Quelle: Vincenzo Vinciguerra, on trial 1984

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- "You had to attack civilians, the people, women, children, innocent people, unknown people far removed from any political game."
- "The reason was quite simple. They were supposed to force these people, the Italian public, to turn to the state to ask for greater security. This is the political logic that lies behind all the massacres and the bombings which remain unpunished, because the state cannot convict itself or declare itself responsible for what happened."
- Vincezo Vinciguerra, 1990



- "Those massacres, those bombs, those military actions had been organized or promoted or supported by men inside Italian state institutions and, as has been discovered more recently, by men linked to the structures of United States intelligence."
- Italian Senate investigation 2000



- “The CIA, following the directives of its government, wanted to create an Italian nationalism capable of halting what it saw as a slide to the left, and, for this purpose, it may have made use of right-wing terrorism...Don’t forget that Nixon was in charge and Nixon was a strange man, a very intelligent politician, but a man of rather unorthodox initiatives.”
- General Giandelio Maletti, former head of Italian counterintelligence, in March 2001 at the Piazza Fontana trial.



- Some “terrorist actions” against de Gaulle and his Algerian peace plan had been carried out by groups that included “a limited number of people” from the French stay-behind network, former director of the French military secret service DGSE Admiral Pierre Lacoste said in 1990.

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- US General John Galvin (SACEUR 1987 bis 1992) confirmed on 7. November 1990 in front of NATO the existence of stay-behind armies. They were coordinated by SHAPE.



- German parliamentarian Hermann Scheer criticized in November 1990 that former SS members were part of the German stay-behind army and called it a „Ku-Klux-Klan“ which should be investigated.

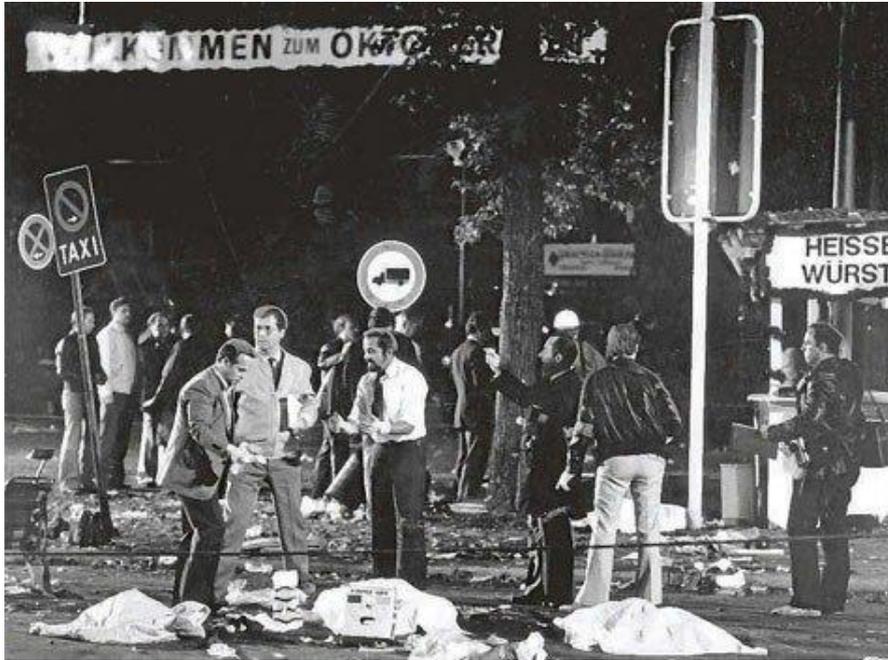
- Quelle: SPD Parlamentarier Hermann Scheer, November 1990. Zitiert in: Ganser: Geheimarmeen, S. 325

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- The KGB in Operation Skorpion targeted BND secretary Heidrun Hofer. She worked at the BND Departement IV in München responsible for stay-behind. She probably told her husband „Hans“, a KGB agent, about NATO’s secret armies. She was arrested in December 1976 and later tried to comit suicide.
- Source: Ganser: NATO’s secret armies



- On 26. September 1980 a bomb exploded at the Munich Oktoberfest killing 13 and wounding 211.



- Gundolf Köhler (21) allegedly planted the bomb. He died in the terrorist attack. He was a member of the right wing Wehrsportgruppe Hoffmann.



- Right wing extremist Heinz Lembke supplied the Wehrsportgruppe Hoffmann with weapons and explosives.
- „Herr Lembke zeigte uns verschiedene Sprengstoffarten, Zünder, Luntten, Plastiksprengstoff und militärischen Sprengstoff ... Er sagte, er habe viele Waffenverstecke voll mit derartigem Material und dass er eine Menge davon zur Verfügung stellen könnte“.
- Raymund Hörnle, Mitglied der Wehrsportgruppe Hoffmann, am Tag nach dem Münchner Anschlag zur Polizei. Zitiert in: Ganser, Geheimarmeen, S. 322



- On 26. Oktober 1981, 13 months after the Munich terror attack, a large arms cache was discovered in Ülzen in the Lüneburger Heide in Germany. Was this arms cache part of the stay-behind network?
- The arms belonged to Heinz Lembke, probably a member of the German stay-behind. He was arrested by the police, said he will testify, and was then found dead in his prison cell on November 1, 1981.

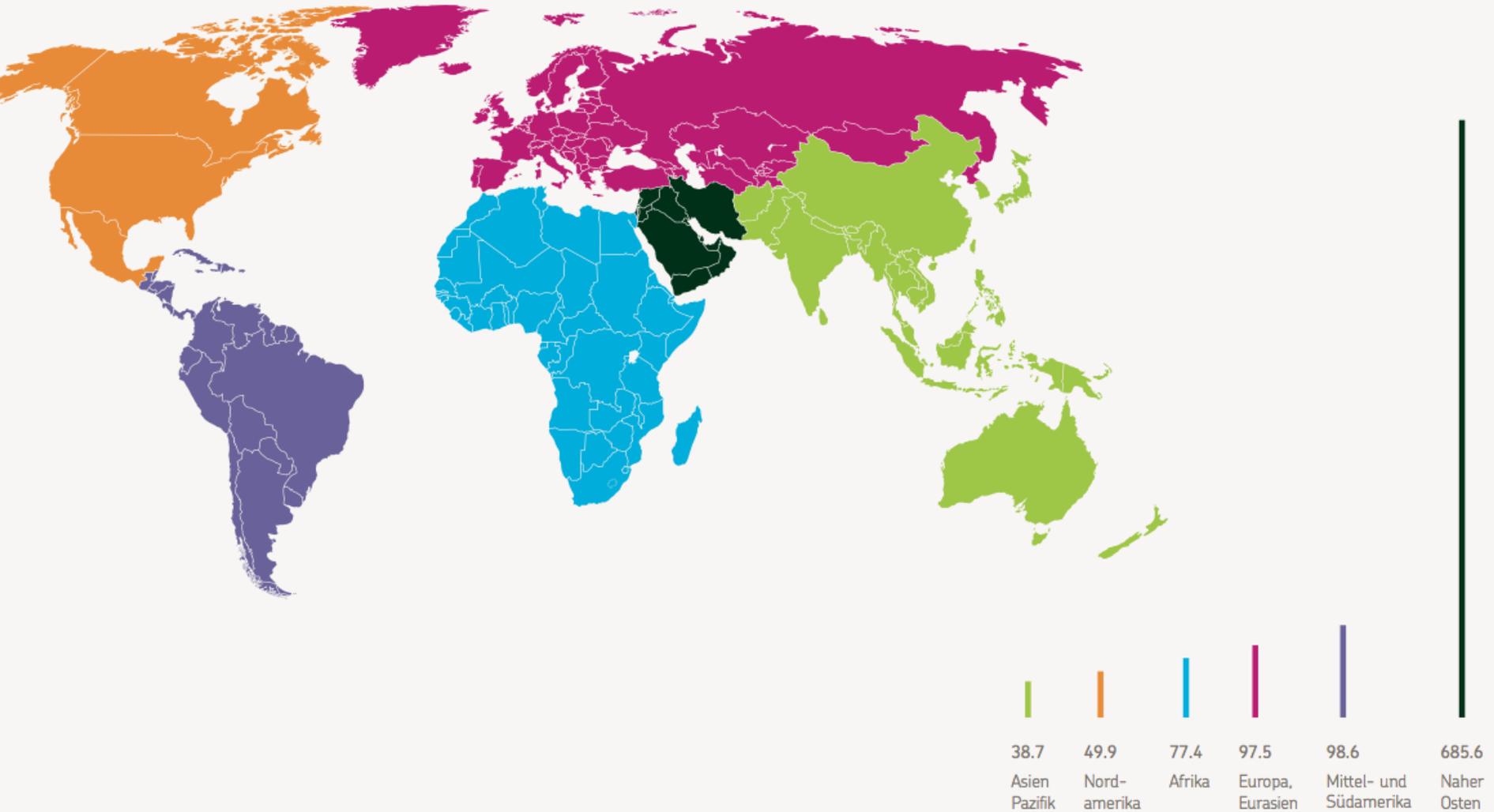


- „Can you tell us whether after the discovery of the arms caches of mister Lembke there are new insights into the terror Munich attack ?“
- Quelle: Herta Däubler Gmelin, Bundestag 25. 11. 1981.  
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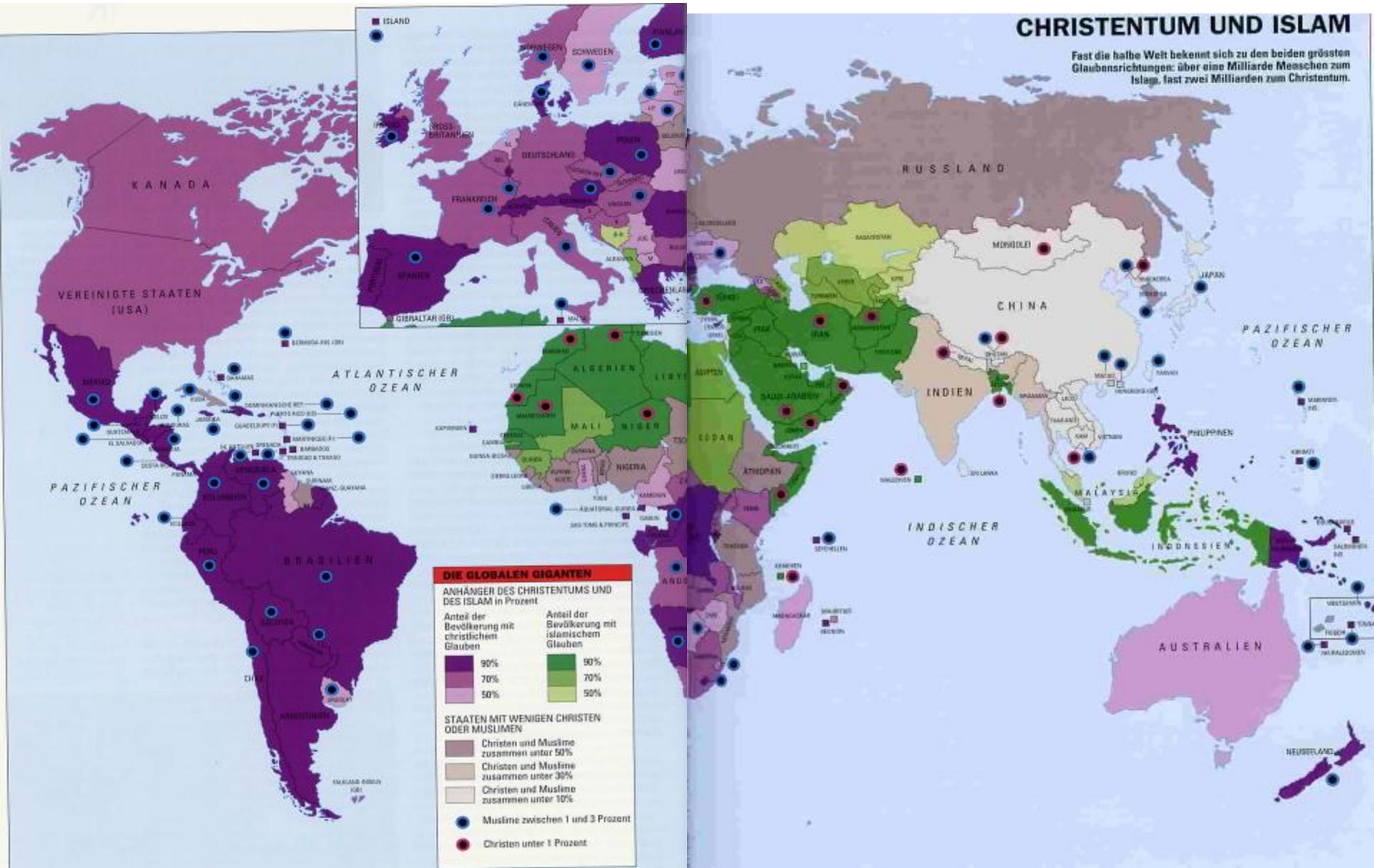
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**DIE GLOBALEN GIGANTEN**

ANHÄNGER DES CHRISTENTUMS UND DES ISLAM in Prozent

Anteil der Bevölkerung mit christlichem Glauben	Anteil der Bevölkerung mit islamischem Glauben
90%	90%
70%	70%
50%	50%

**STAATEN MIT WENIGEN CHRISTEN ODER MUSLIMEN**

- Christen und Muslime zusammen unter 50%
- Christen und Muslime zusammen unter 30%
- Christen und Muslime zusammen unter 10%

- Muslime zwischen 1 und 3 Prozent
- Christen unter 1 Prozent



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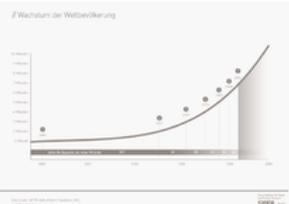
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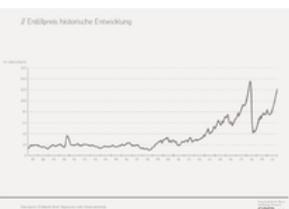
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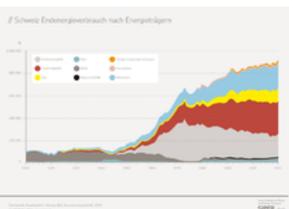
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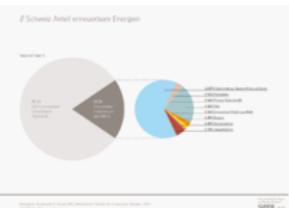
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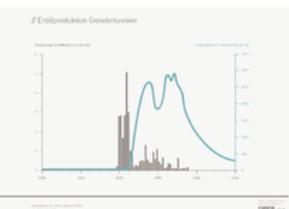
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