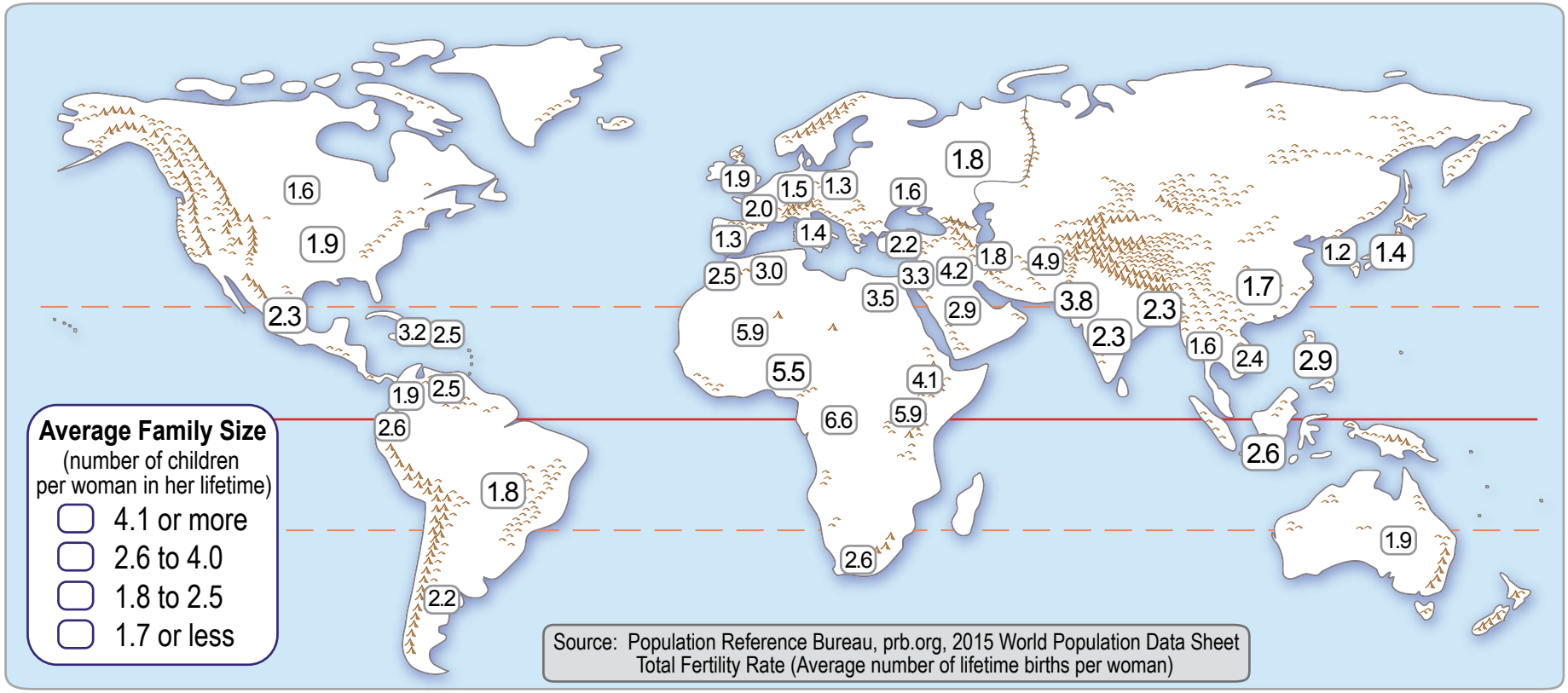
AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PER WOMAN



Definition: One measure of **Family Size** is the average number of children a typical woman has in her lifetime.

1. In which continent do countries generally have the largest families? Circle: Africa Europe South America

2. Which <u>two</u> countries on this list have the smallest families? Circle: Australia Germany Japan Mexico

3. A **spatial transition** is a change that occurs as you go from one place to another. As you go north from the equator in Africa, average family size tends to Circle: go up stay about the same go down

4. **Current Events connection.** Four countries on this map have had civil wars since 1990: Afghanistan and Iraq in Asia, and Congo and Nigeria in Africa. Do people in countries with civil wars tend to have small families. Circle: Yes No

5. **Map comparison discussion question.** Circle the <u>six</u> countries on the map where women have the <u>fewest</u> children. What do these countries have in common? Check <u>all</u> the answers you think are true, and be ready to explain why:

___ high income per capita ___ large percentages of people working in agriculture ___high literacy rates

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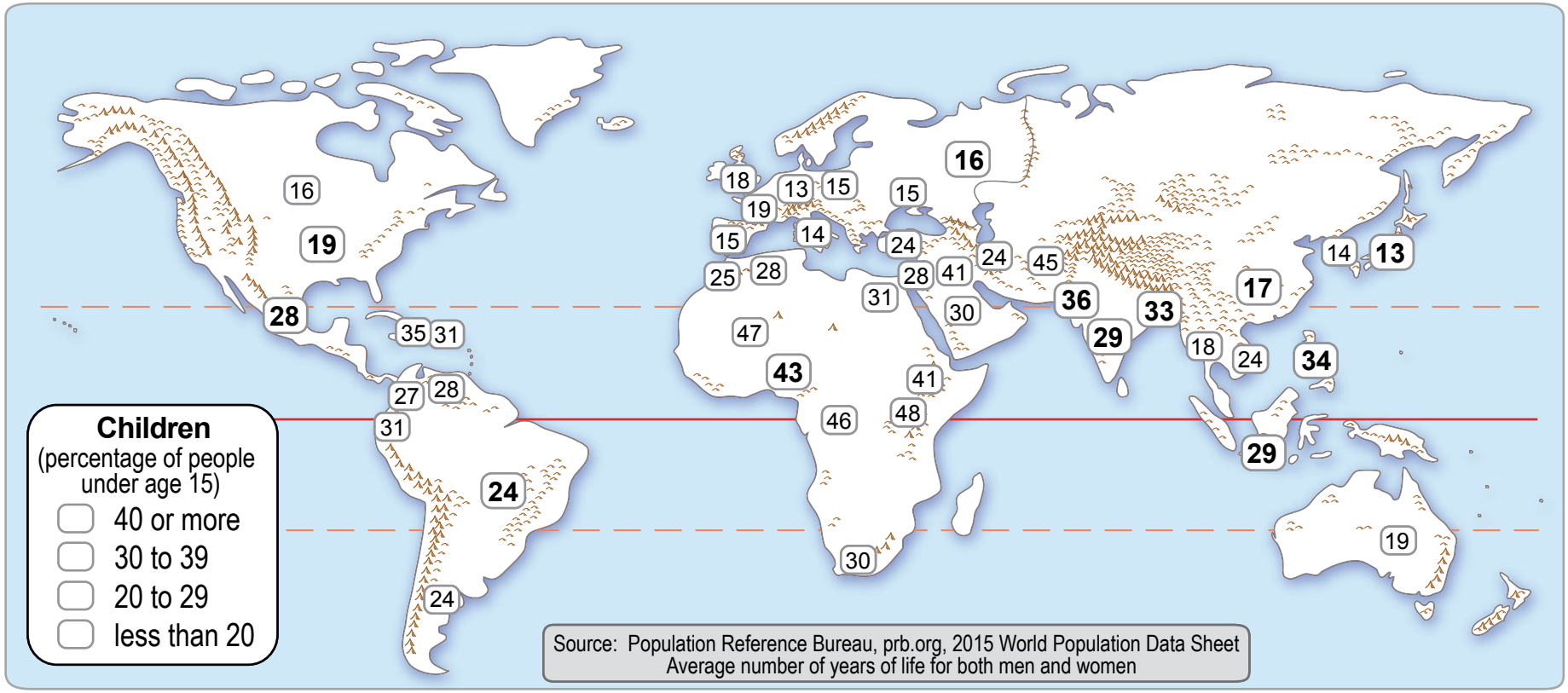
PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION UNDER AGE 15



1. Which continent has the largest percentage of population under age 15? Circle: Africa Australia South America

2. What country has the smallest percentage of people under age 15? Circle: Canada China Japan United States

3. Write T (true) by the most plausible reason why a country has a large percentage of children under age 15.

___ Many people are likely to wait until after they finish college before getting married.

___ Farmers want large families in order to have more help with planting and harvesting.

4. **Current events connection:** China and India have about the same population in 2015.
Which country is likely to be larger in 2040? Circle: China India
Why do you think so?

5. **Map comparison discussion question**. What other map shows the most likely the cause of the pattern on this map?
Circle: Income per person Average Life Expectancy Percent of People Working on Farms Lifetime Children per Woman

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