

In 1945 there were 71 sovereign nations. In 2010, due to the dissolution of European colonial empires and the fracturing of the USSR, there were 206. This map seeks to list and locate current independence movements. It focuses on peoples and areas seeking sovereignty and self-determination rather than autonomy within a larger state. The motivations of the peoples converge around cultural, ethnic, religious, linguistic, racial and historical forces. There are no doubt errors and omissions here, but we might look forward to an additional 300 countries in the future, in addition to considerable tribal strife.

