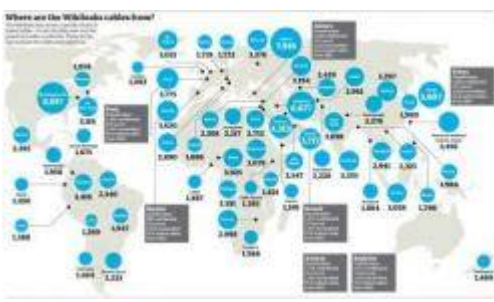


THREE READINGS ON GEOPOLITICS IN TIMES OF EXPOSED DIPLOMACY

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These are days of bare diplomacy. The **cablegate** opens the doors to the ins and outs of international geopolitics. Piecemeal information, as befits this era of flashes of decontextualized and ephemeral information. I propose three readings in order of interest. From geopolitical-fiction bordering on humor to a review of the emerging world, going through the imperial vision of the oceans.

[Joel Kotkin](#), well-known political writer, [urban planner](#) and scholar of future trends, published a few weeks ago a **< a**

href="http://www.newsweek.com/2010/09/26/the-new-world-order-a-map.html"

target="_blank" rel="noopener">article in which he fantasized about a new geostrategic world order marked by the emergence of new global power groups such as a new Hanseatic League made up of the Nordic and Central European countries, the city-States, the North American alliance (formed by Canada and United States), the Bolivarian republics, the Wild East (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Tajikistan,...), etc. Where do you place Spain? In a confused group of countries of **Olive Republics**, formed by Italy, Portugal, Greece, Bulgaria, Montenegro or Slovenia, among others) marked -I understand- by their belonging to the Mediterranean basin.

Exaggerated? Political-fiction? Reductionist? Probably. But, as stated [Enric Juliana](#) in his article on the subject In La Vanguardia, the bad image of Spain in the international arena is worrying. Not to mention, of course, the consideration of a republic that he gives to Spain. Who knows if in the future..... In any case, the author -to whom I refer too many times lately as an excuse to write when I rarely agree with his opinions- remains in a great *boutade* which also reflects a surprising and reductionist vision of the world, something that we discussed a few days ago in [another post](#).

Beyond the Spanish case, the grouping of countries is also debatable. The category of *liberalist* countries in Central and South America seems built solely to oppose that feared group of Bolivarian republics, a classic effort by the United States to reserve in its backyard a defensive wall of ideologically close countries. O a category of .city-states that reduces to only four (London, Paris, Singapore and Tel Aviv)

On the other hand, the latest book by journalist and international policy analyst, [Robert D. Kaplan](#), invites us to consider where the