

10. Similar in being unique

Required and recommended texts to read

- Kapor, Momo. A Guide to the Serbian Mentality. Belgrade: Dereta, 2014. pp. 22-26, 243-246, 302-306.
- Berka, Petr, Aleš Palán, and Petr Stastny. Xenophobe's® Guide to the Czechs. London: Xenophobe's guides, 2013. pp. 1-28.



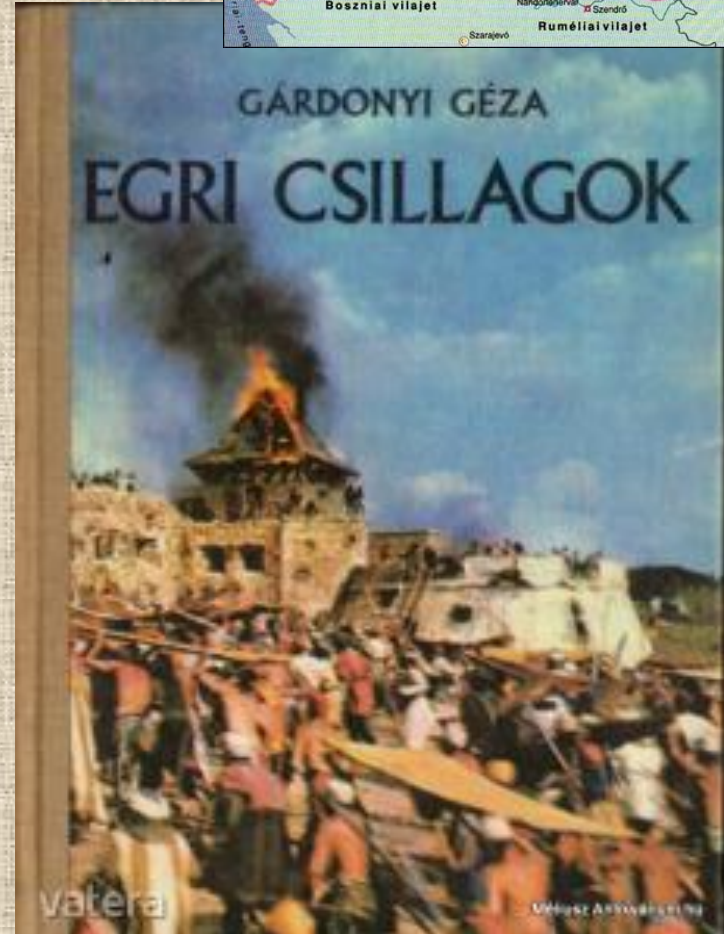
Small-nation grandeur



„... our self-confidence (...) has prompted us to fight several wars against world empires like Turkey, Austro-Hungary, the Third Reich, and to say NO to the Soviet Union when it was at the height of its power. Seventeen Nato-member countries couldn't stand this high dose of self-confidence (...) dropping more tons of explosives on Belgrade and other towns (...) than on Hiroshima and Nagasaki combined.” (Kapor, 2014, p. 244.)

Defenders of Europe

Mongol invasion, Ottoman
Turkey, Soviet Union,
illegal immigrants



Being second is a tragedy

„When our basketball players win the silver and not the gold medal at a world championship or the Olympic games, nobody other than customs officers shows up to give them a warm welcome. Serbs are still in deep mourning about the poor results at Eurobasket 2005...”

(Kapor, 2014, p. 246.)



Nandor Hidegkuti scores Hungary's final goal in their 6-3 win against England at Wembley on 25 November 1953. Photograph: Popperfoto

„Match of the Century”
(Wembley, 1953) =>

“Das Wunder von Bern” (The
Miracle of Bern, 1954)

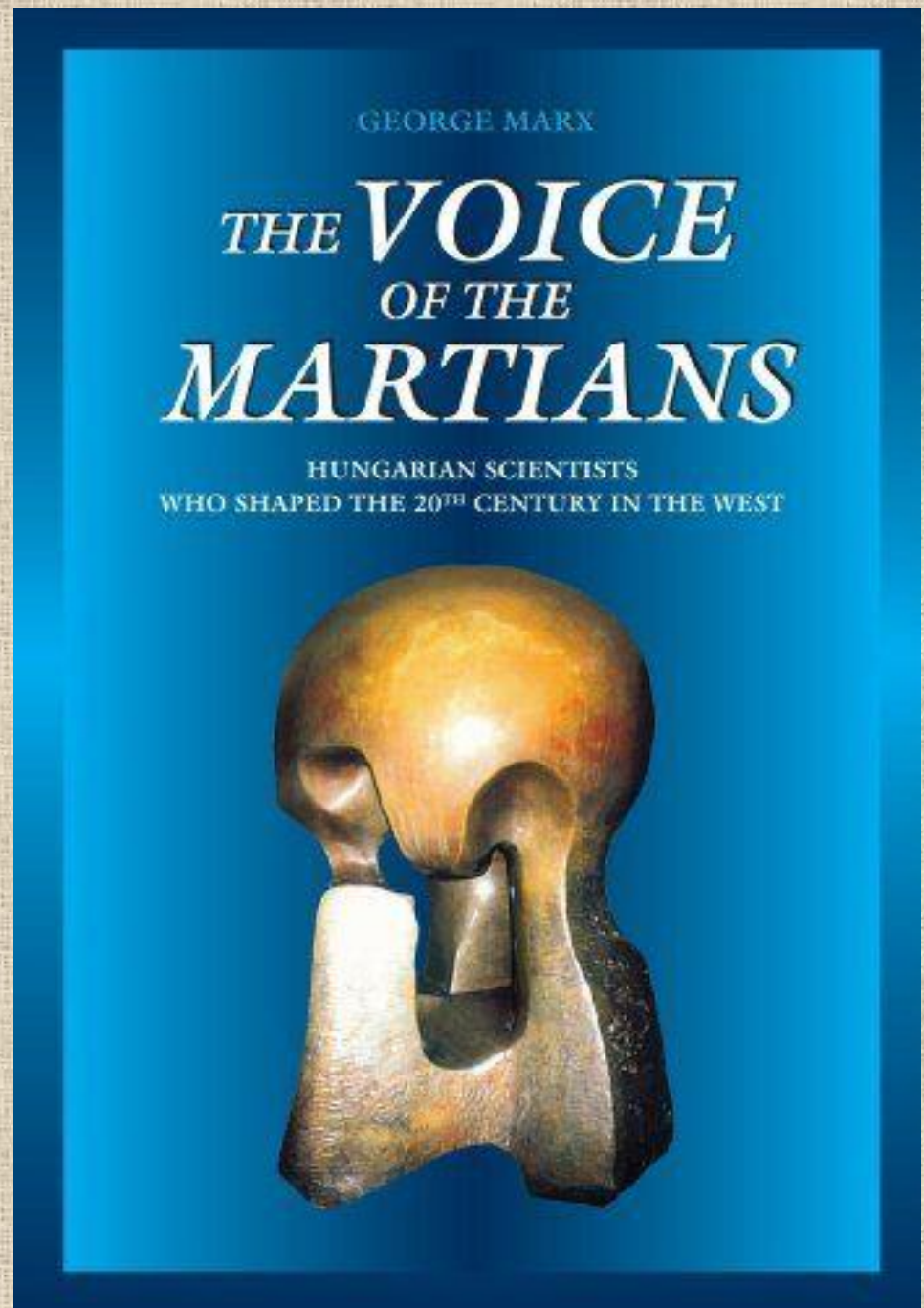
Hospitality



Talented people

Intrinsic intelligence

„Czech cunning is not the product of a mediocre mind – more an inherent quick-witted intelligence.... (...) ...The Czechs are fast learners and tend to remember what they learn for as long as it is usable, and sometimes long after it has become useless.” (Berka et.al. 2013., p. 21.



„Creative cunning”

Lack of resources make you inventive?



Cocom list => programmable calculators => 3D designing (for cheap)

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**Motorcycle built from
an old tractor**

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Slavic textile engineering



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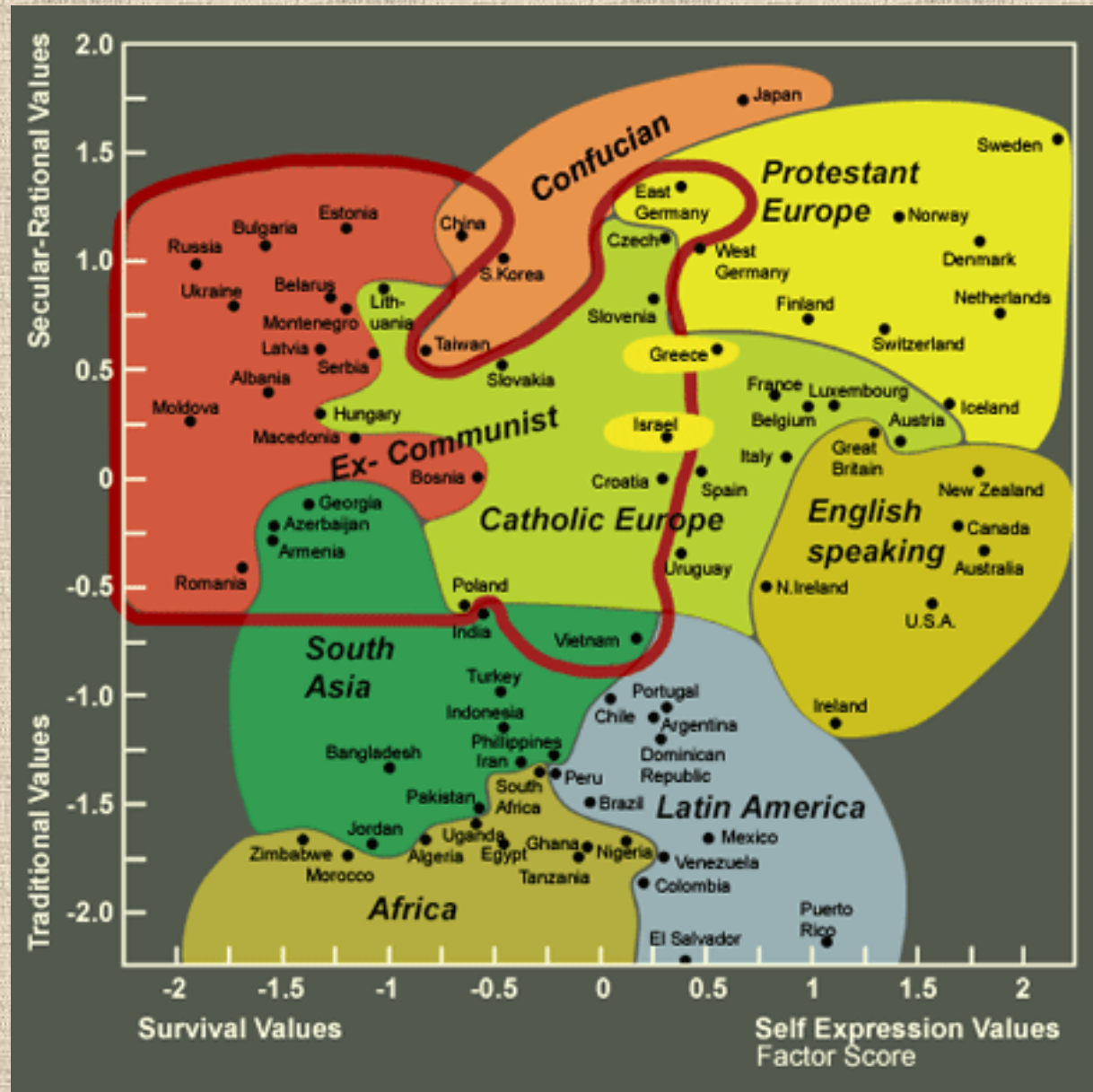


Cultural traits: more survival, less self-expression

Science, reason, modernity

Inglehart–Welzel cultural map of the world based on the World Values Survey (Ronald Inglehart - Christian Welzel)

Religion, family, authority



Security, low level of trust

Openness, inclusiveness, tolerance

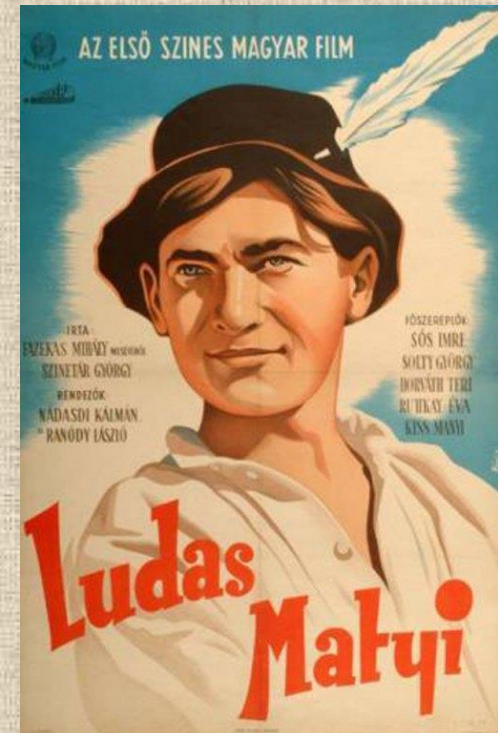
Cultural traits: revolving door



„forgóajtó” (revolving door)
„megcsináljuk okosba” (do it in
[the] smart [way])
„kiskapu” [little gate]
„bt.” [limited partnership]
„pávatánc” [peacock dance]

„One smallish town during a population census realised that to reach the desired ,big town’ marker of 50’000 inhabitants it was short of some 200 souls. So it announced that any ,new’ resident (which involved merely formal, paper residency, and everybody remaining where they actually lived) would receive as a reward a nice little sum of money” (Berka et al. 2013. p. 20.)

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*„In Serbian folk tales (...) poor shepherds defeat giants and marry emperors' daughters”
(Kapor, 2014, p. 244.)*

Cultural traits: self-victimization... and making fun of it



Thank you for your attention!

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