

Patent

Its history, characteristic and impact

Characteristic

- Monopoly
- Exclusive
- Anti-innovation
- Restricted Freedom

All are bad characteristic

then Why we allow it?



Modern Reason

US Constitution

- Article I [The Legislative Branch],
 - Section 8 [Scope of Legislative Power]

The Congress shall have power ... To promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries

How about its origin?

Middle age “Patent”

- Europe, in the form of King Decree
 - Called “Letter Patent”
 - In contrast with letter under seal

Guild vs King

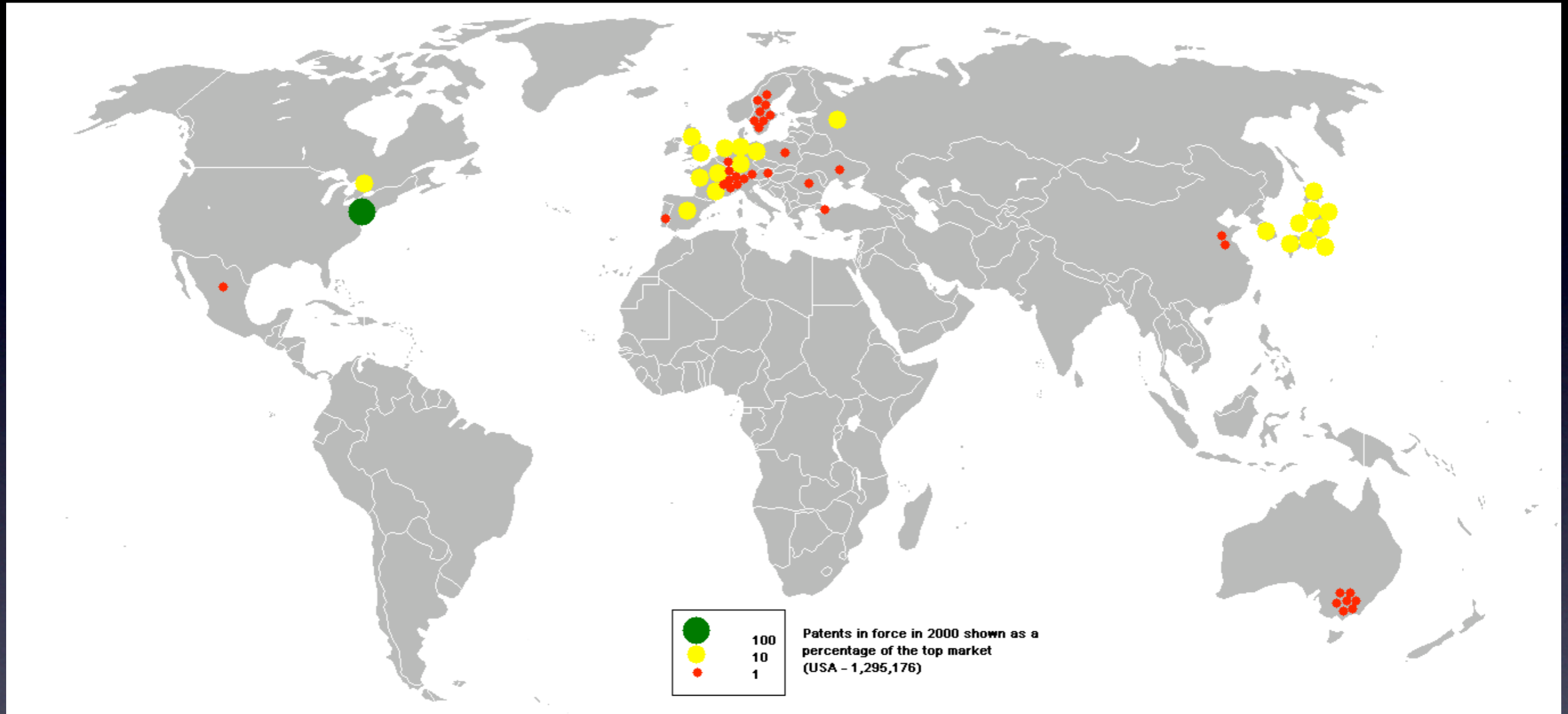


King win by imposing
time limit on patent

Today Capitalism

Developed country vs Developing Country

US vs China



Patent distribution

Debate

- Biological patent(Human DNA)
- Business model patent
- Software patent
- Chemical patent(Drug)