If you haven’t given a talk recently, please volunteer to give one and tell us about anything!

* i had very little time for preparation so it can’t be worse than my upcoming talk anyways, dw 😊
Kazakhstan
THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY
by Alex Kim
Disclaimer

This presentation is not sponsored by the government of Kazakhstan.

P.S.: In fact, they’d probably not like my presentation much.
Rough breakdown of people I meet

“What? Kazakhstan… Where is it?” - 40%

“Oh... But you look Korean!” - 20%

“You are from Kazakhstan! Did you watch the movie Borat?” - 15%

“That’s cool!” - 10%

“Oh, do you mean Kazakhstan?” - 10%

“Are you maybe from Astana or Almaty?” - 5%
Facts

Area: 2 724 902 km²

Obtained independence: in 1991

Population: ~18 million

Capital: Astana (~1 million)

Neighbors: Russia, China, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan
Ethnic groups and languages

Official state language: Kazakh

2nd official: Russian

Percentage of Kazakh ethnic group grew from 39.69% in 1989 to 66.48% in 2016.

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* as of 2016
Flag and coat of arms
A few (useless but) interesting facts

- 9th largest country
- Largest landlocked country
- 2nd longest border is between KZ and RU
- Place where apples originated from
- Place where horses were first tamed
- Home to the first and largest space launch facility (Baikonur)
- 2nd (sometimes 1st) coldest capital in the world
The Good
downtown of Astana
The Good
The Good (?)

KZ generates 60% of Central Asia’s GDP, mainly through oil&gas
The Bad

Corruption is a common problem. From teachers to police to governmental structures.
The Bad - Conservatism (LGBT)

Homosexual marriages are prohibited
Not allowed to adopt
Not allowed to serve in ministry of internal affairs
Often shamed by the general public
Discriminated
The Bad - Conservatism

“You live in Kazakhstan, therefore your mother tongue must be Kazakh”. 
The Bad - Conservatism (extreme!)

Bride kidnapping, ~5000 occurrences per year
The only president in the history of the Republic of Kazakhstan - Nursultan Nazarbayev
The Ugly - Failing to obtain international recognition
Kazakhstan Spent $5 Billion on a Death Star and It Doesn’t Even Shoot Lasers

The Central Asian country built a futuristic city to host the World's Fair and polish its own brand. One small problem: it forgot to invite guests.

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Thank you!

Almaty (Apple city)