In order to understand the notion of the micronation, the term must first be defined. "Micronational entities which are reliably known to have projected one or more aspects of their operations into the corporeal world." These include: claiming, holding, or the combination of the two of legal title to or occupying a defined physical territory on Earth, or on other planets or asteroids; producing original stamps, coins, banknotes, flags, medals, regalia etc in commercial quantities, via commercial processes, either for commercial sale or for specific publicly documented internal purposes; creating and maintaining group-specific monuments, buildings and structures; conducting publicly-documented, group-specific activities (such as inaugurations, commemorations, media briefings, meetings of principals and social gatherings) - in person (List).

In addition to these presuppositions, Novaroma.org offers five different categories in which micronations can usually be divided into. The first category is Established States, which are more commonly known as "Micro States." These independent Microstates are recognized by at least some large nations. An example of an Established State is Vatican City. The second type is Exiled States, which are micronations that no longer hold a piece of sovereign land, but still have a form of government. The third type of micronation is Unrecognized Peoples. This type is formed when a group of people demands independence with the claim that their current nation is not meeting their needs. Fourth, Model States, are micronations that start with the goal of experimenting or testing out a new government among a group of people. The final type of micronation is Imaginary States. These are essentially "just for fun," in the sense that they are formed with fictional information across the board. Imaginary States are not serious about obtaining sovereign status and sometimes exist in a purely virtual domain.
Many micronations do not last long, but there is one which may have found the key to building a stable micronation, its name is Liberland. Vít Jedlička, a Czech politician and libertarian activist, created Liberland on April 13th, 2015. He said that his original intent was to create a political stunt similar to a protest to raise awareness for his political party, but Liberland blew up bigger than had Jedlička ever imagined it would. The micronation received over 20,000 requests for citizenship in less than a week, so Jedlička decided to take the endeavor seriously and write up a charter. Jedlička dictated that in Liberland taxes would be voluntary, there would be no military, and anyone can apply for citizenship as long as they do not have any Nazi, communist, or other extremist affiliations in their past (Liberland).

The micronation of Liberland is slightly smaller than 3 square miles and is located on a spot of land between Serbia and Croatia. This particular plot of land is highly contested between these two nations because they both claim the land as their own. It is this disagreement that is the key to the Liberland’s stability. Now that a Liberland has claimed the area, neither, Croatia nor Serbia can interfere without provoking the other. If Serbia were to try and put an end to Liberland, Croatia would retaliate to claim the land they believe they own and start a war. The same situation would unfold if Croatia were to strike first. This gives Liberland very secure borders and ensures that it will continue to exist in the foreseeable future. Vít Jedlička successfully claimed a new land just as Alexander the Great, Christopher Columbus, and Neil Armstrong did before him.

When people become citizens of a micronation, they do not lose their citizenship of the nations they live in. In fact, micronationalists most often freely coexist with the nation surrounding them (Underwood). Underwood provides the example of the micronation Theodia in his article as evidence of this phenomenon. Theodia is located within the borders of the United
States, so the members of this micronation are still U.S. citizens, despite the fact that they claim sole allegiance to Theodia.

Micronations strive to have legitimacy and recognition as a sovereign state. They try to accomplish this by writing a Constitution detailing their government. Additionally, there has been the formation of the Organization of Active Micronations (OAM), which acts like the United Nations to provide diplomatic relations between micronations. The formation of the OAM is also a step in the right direction for recognition of micronations by established countries around the world (Underwood).

In addition with the formation of the OAM, there is now an international conference for micronations, called PoliNation. This is an academic event started by George Cruickshank where micronations can come together to share ideas and knowledge. There have been two conferences so far; 2010 was in Sydney and 2012, in London. A third conference is planned for 2015 within the borders of the micronation called The Free Republic of Alcatraz in Perugia, Italy.

So far, Micronations have showed their emergence to the world, and the world has been curious as to why. Not why in terms of why did they want to start them in the first place? But instead, what kind of benefits would they bring? Many of them have not been around enough or have made enough noise to show impact on the economics or collective values of neighboring countries but there is much to be said about the humanitarian impact and adjustment in political views of curious onlookers globally.

Liberland, as earlier discussed, walks the fence between Croatia and Serbia (Daily Sheeple) and is balanced by the “passive resistance” temporarily, while the two countries glare at each other across the yard. But why? Because it is more trouble than it is worth. This is
something that could be referenced in textbooks for the ages, maybe it can provide insight to future countries with overzealous ambitions, or simply the heavyweights of the present day. Sure, it is easy to shrug off many of the Micronations that arise from the dust and dissipate in the breeze, but there is a point to be said about the social context they carry to the common man. Whether to say that a leader is simply human, capable of the same progress, errors, and ill judgment we are each capable of. Or even that a government itself, imposing as any with a military, can be humbled by a bush, a trailer, and a couple of hotplates. Atlantuium, outside of Sydney, Australia is one of these humbling Micronations that has hung around for a bit; it has a botanical garden, it is a bush. The unique architecture is seen in the construction of the Government House, which is a “modular trailer, featuring bunk beds and a small kitchen area with two hot plates” (Voice of America). Still think it is something easy to shrug at and turn from? 20,000 people for [Liberland] alone, walked in the opposite direction for a bold statement. One of the oldest micronations is the Republic of Molossia, founded by James Spielman and Kevin Baugh in May 1977. Molossia was not its first name, it started out as the Grand Republic of Vuldstein and then later renamed because of James Spielman’s inactivity as king, which brought Kevin Baugh in as president. This nation is located in the United States within the city of Dayton, Nevada. Also with territory in the San Bernardino County, Southern California. Homed to twenty-two people and eight dogs who mostly populate their largest city called Desert Homestead. Even though small, this nation has been to war a few times. Against other micronations or tribes like the Mustachistan. An ongoing war of about thirty-one years is still going on now with East Germany, a tiny Ernst Thälmann Island off the coast of Cuba. Even though the island is uninhabited, there is no one there to negotiate a formal peace treaty with Molossia. Therefore the war between Serbia and Croatia continues on.
- Liberland which started off as a political stunt is now a very secure Micronation
- Liberland is a 3 square mile plot of land between Serbia and Croatia.
- Neither Serbia nor Croatia will destroy Liberland out of fear the other nation will retaliate, causing a war.
- “Micronationalists are still citizens of the nations they live in” (Underwood).
- The Organization of Active Micronations (OAM) acts like the United Nations, but for micronations
- A micronation is formed when an individual or a group claims an abandoned piece of land as their own independent nation, even though governments around the world do not recognize them.
- There is an international conference called PoliNation that is an academic event where micronations come together to share ideas and knowledge
- “Some are established as a vehicle for political protest or in response to perceived abuses at the hands of governments or their organs; others take the form of elaborate, self-contained performance-art projects, and yet others explore utopian themes or serve role-playing functions of varying degrees of sophistication. Most are the creation of a single eccentric individual, family or group” (Cruickshank)
- “Micronations are the smallest form of official nationhood. Usually they are nations which hold little or no land, but have laid claim to sovereign independence and territory.”
- Micronations can usually be divided into five types: Established States, Exiled States, Unrecognized Peoples, Model States, and Imaginary States
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