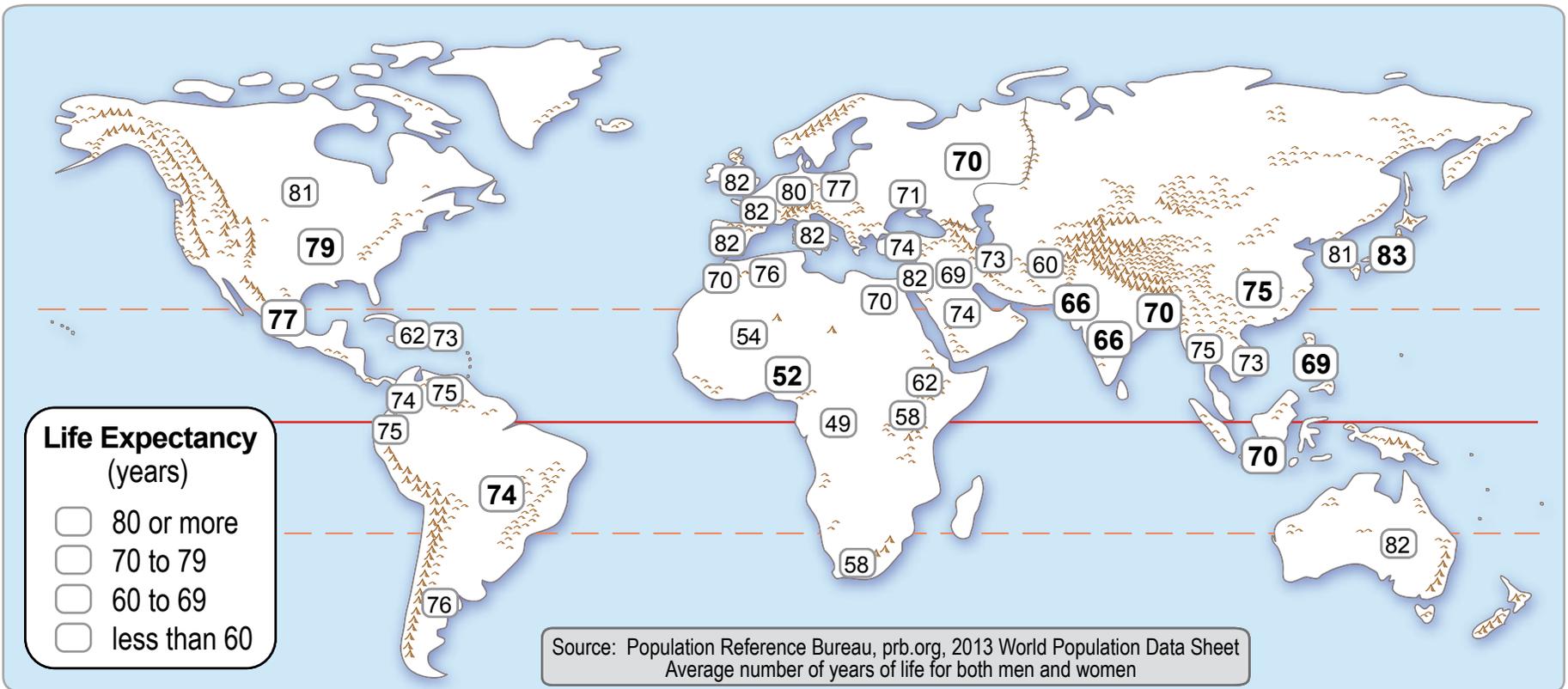


# AVERAGE NUMBER OF YEARS OF LIFE



Definition: average life expectancy is the number of years that a person born in a country can expect to live if he or she stays in that country.  
In general, females tend to live two or three years longer than the average; males live two or three years less than the average.

1. In which continent do people generally have the highest average life expectancy? Circle: Africa Europe South America
2. Which two regions have the lowest average life expectancy? Circle: Africa North America South America South Asia
3. Among the 44 countries on this map, what is the U.S. rank in life expectancy? Circle: Top 10 Top half but not top 10 bottom half
4. **History connection:** Compared to western Europe, life expectancy in eastern Europe is Circle: higher the same lower  
Suggest a historical reason for this pattern.
5. **Map comparison discussion question.** As you go away from the equator, life expectancy tends to go Circle: UP DOWN  
Do you think this is due to Circle: higher income more people working on farms lower literacy rates