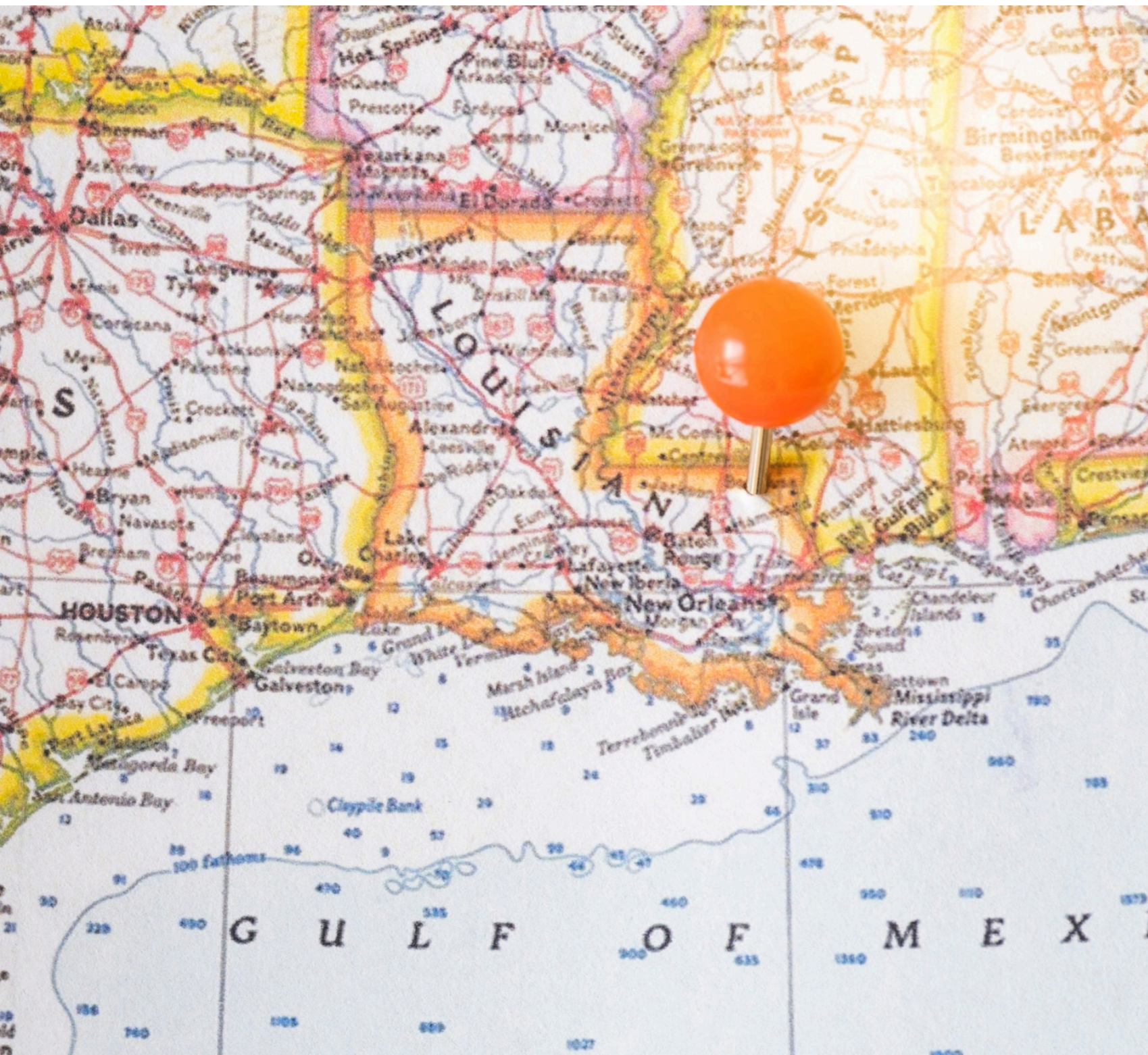




# **HISTORICAL REASONS BEHIND MOROCCO'S RIVALRY WITH ALGERIA**



## INTRODUCTION TO THE RIVALRY

The **historical rivalry** between Morocco and Algeria is rooted in a complex web of **political, cultural, and territorial** disputes. Understanding this rivalry requires a deep dive into the **historical events** that shaped their relations over the decades. This presentation aims to explore these underlying reasons.

# COLONIAL LEGACY

Both Morocco and Algeria experienced **colonial rule**, which significantly influenced their national identities. The **French colonization** of Algeria and the **Spanish protectorate** in Morocco created a backdrop for future tensions, as both nations sought to assert their **sovereignty** and **territorial integrity** post-independence.



# THE WESTERN SAHARA CONFLICT

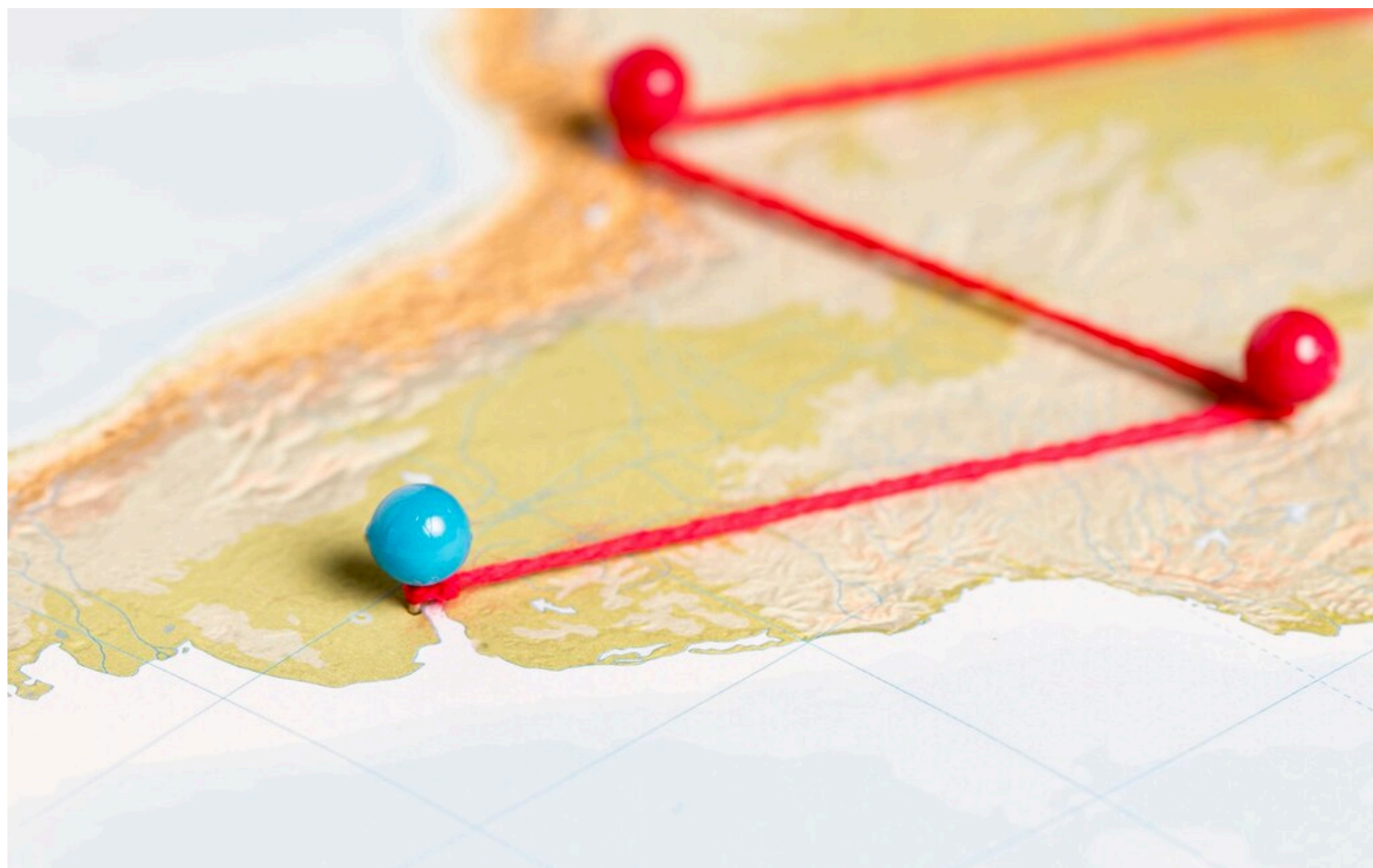
The **Western Sahara** issue is a major point of contention between Morocco and Algeria. Morocco claims sovereignty over this territory, while Algeria supports the **Sahrawi independence movement**. This conflict has fueled **diplomatic tensions** and military posturing, complicating relations further.



# PAN-ARABISM VS. NATIONALISM

The rise of **Pan-Arabism** in the 20th century created ideological rifts. While Algeria embraced **Arab nationalism**, Morocco maintained a distinct **monarchical identity**. This divergence in political ideologies has contributed to the ongoing **rivalry** and competition for regional influence.





# BORDER DISPUTES

Border disputes have historically fueled tensions between Morocco and Algeria.

The **closure of borders** in 1994 and ongoing disagreements over territorial claims have led to a **militarized** atmosphere, impacting trade and **bilateral relations**.

## SUPPORT FOR OPPOSING MOVEMENTS

Both nations have supported opposing political movements in the region, further intensifying their rivalry. Algeria has backed the **Polisario Front**, while Morocco has sought to undermine Algerian influence in the **Maghreb**. This proxy conflict exacerbates their historical grievances.



# ECONOMIC FACTORS

Economic competition also plays a role in the rivalry. Both countries strive for **regional dominance** in trade and resources, leading to **economic sanctions** and **trade barriers** that hinder cooperation. This economic discord further entrenches their historical animosities.





# CONCLUSION: ONGOING RIVALRY

The rivalry between Morocco and Algeria is deeply rooted in **historical, political, and economic** factors. As both nations continue to navigate their complex relationship, understanding these historical reasons is crucial for addressing future challenges and fostering potential **reconciliation**.