

Geography and Culture: So You Want to Be a Czechionaire?

Find the Czech Republic on this map. Would you say it is in :

A. Eastern Europe	C. Western Europe
B. Afghanistan	D. Hawaii

Need a *LIFELINE* ?

1. Eliminate two answers: leaving _____ and _____
2. Poll the audience. They say: _____
3. Call a friend. (Okay, you can call several friends!) They say:

Czuck: The Czech language is Slavic, like Bulgarian, Byelorussian, Polish, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Slovak, Slovene, and Ukrainian, so I'd say *eastern* Europe.

Czeryl: Yes, but written Czech utilizes the Roman alphabet, just like French, German, English, and other *western* languages.

Czester: Well, historically, Czech lands have been Roman Catholic like *western* Europe, not Eastern Orthodox Catholic.

Czarlene: Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia were ruled from Vienna, a cultural center of western Europe, for almost 300 years until 1913. Czechs in the cities spoke and read German more and better than their "native" language. Definitely *western*!

Czauncy: But Czechoslovakia was part of the Communist bloc throughout most of the last century until 1989, clearly making the nation *eastern* in the eyes of today's world leaders.

You've used all your lifelines, and I need your answer. _____

IS THAT YOUR FINAL ANSWER?

(Play this game again in ten years, after the Czech Republic has been in the European Union for a decade or so.)