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LOCATION

- The United Republic of Tanzania is **located** in Eastern Africa and borders the Indian Ocean. It is located between Kenya and Mozambique. Located longitude 29° and 41° East, Latitude 1° and 12° South. The total area is 364,900 square miles
- The **climate** is mainly tropical with sea breezes near the coast. Depending on the month and geographic area, temperatures can vary from hot & dry causing droughts, cold & dry and with heavy rains which can cause flooding



LITERACY RATES

- Literacy Rates

Youth (15-24), 2005-2010:

- Male-78%
- Female-76%

- Population

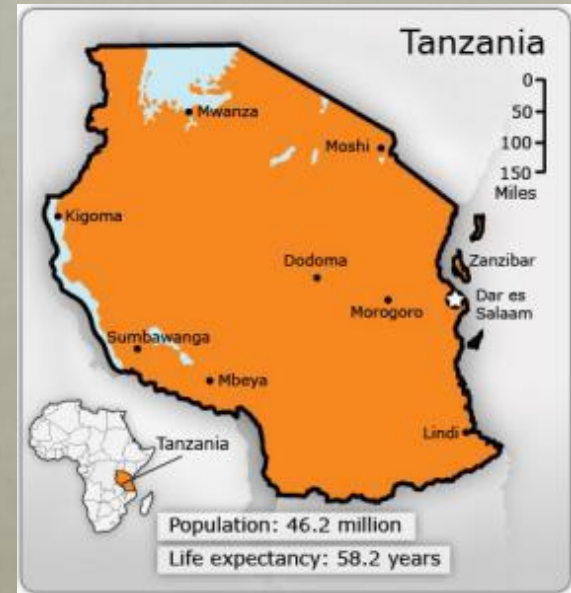
- 46,2 million(est. Jan.2012)

- Poverty

- 33.4% of population living below the national poverty line. (2007)

- Geography

- Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest point in Africa. It is the tallest free-standing mountain in the world



POLITICAL STABILITY

- Tanzania is a politically stable sovereign country
- It's economy is steadily growing
- The President and members of the National Assembly are elected concurrently by direct popular vote for five-year terms
- The President appoints the Prime Minister who serves as the government's leader in the National Assembly and selects his cabinet from among members of parliament
- Elections for the President and all Members of Parliament were last conducted in October 2010



President Jakaya Kikwete, pictured with George Bush in 2008, had his commitment to fighting corruption questioned, according to the cables. Photograph: Jim Watson/AFP/Getty Images

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Schooling Available

- Private & Public

- Grade Level Configuration

- (Kindergarten – Standard 7 = Primary School, Forms 1-4 = Secondary School O Level, and Forms 5-6 = High School A Level)

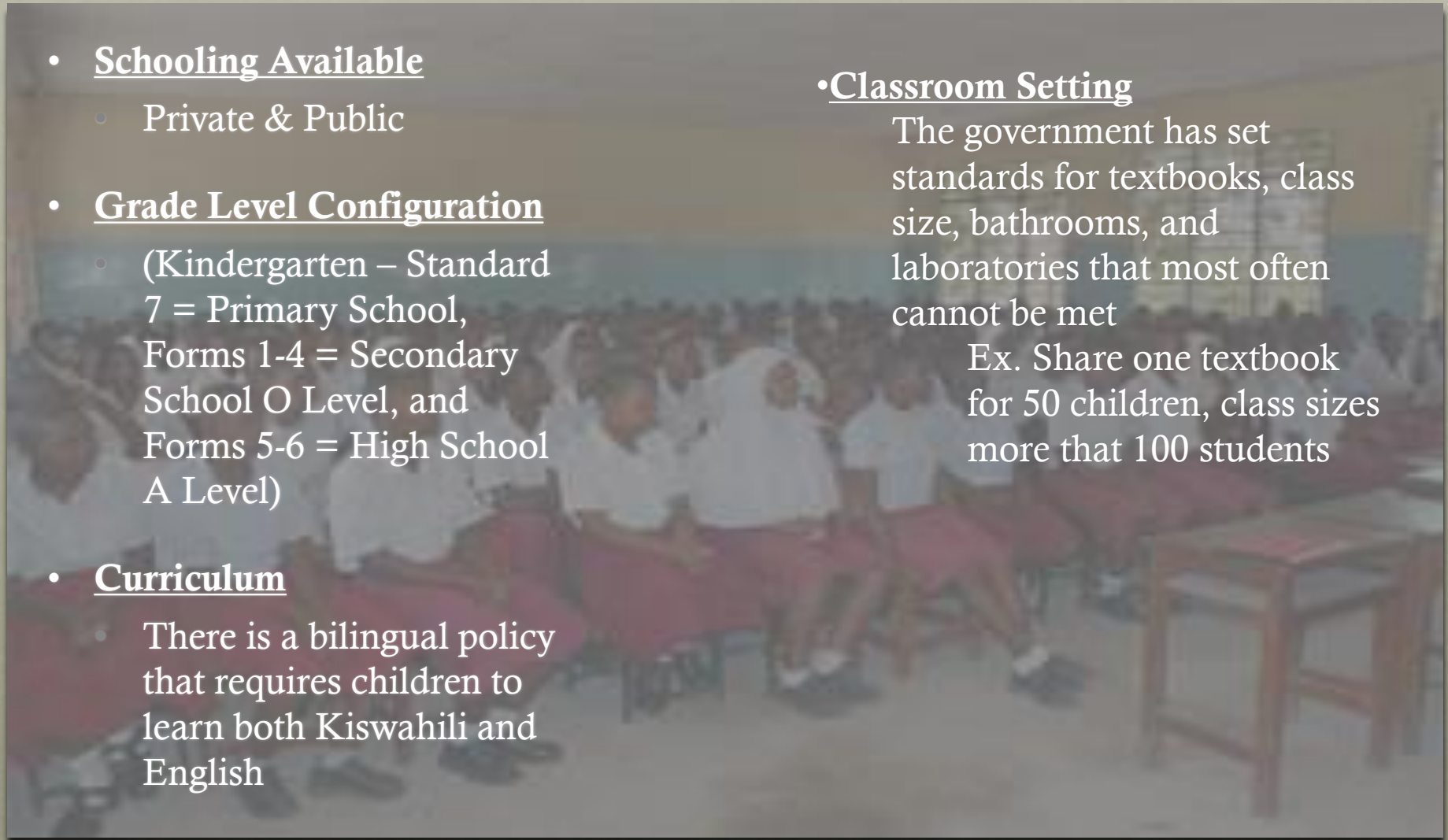
- Curriculum

- There is a bilingual policy that requires children to learn both Kiswahili and English

- Classroom Setting

The government has set standards for textbooks, class size, bathrooms, and laboratories that most often cannot be met

Ex. Share one textbook for 50 children, class sizes more that 100 students



SECONDARY ENROLLMENT FIGURES FOR THE TANZANIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006
Enrollment Rate	10.2%	12.9%	15.9%	20.2%
Boys	55.4%	54.0%	53.2%	53.8%
Girls	44.6%	46.0%	46.8%	46.2%

Enrollment is increasing but continues to be higher for boys. The government is responding by allowing girls to choose their secondary school and university.

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Teachers are in high demand
- Incentives for new graduates to become teachers remain low
- Teachers' salaries are low
- Staff housing is largely non-existent
- The government is often late in offering paychecks



LANGUAGE

- Official Language Policy
 - English and Swahili
 - Primary school is taught in Swahili, with students taking one mandatory English class each year
 - Secondary school is taught in English except for one Swahili class
 - This is the government's attempt to create graduates that are competent in English in order to be successful in what they consider to be the “global language”



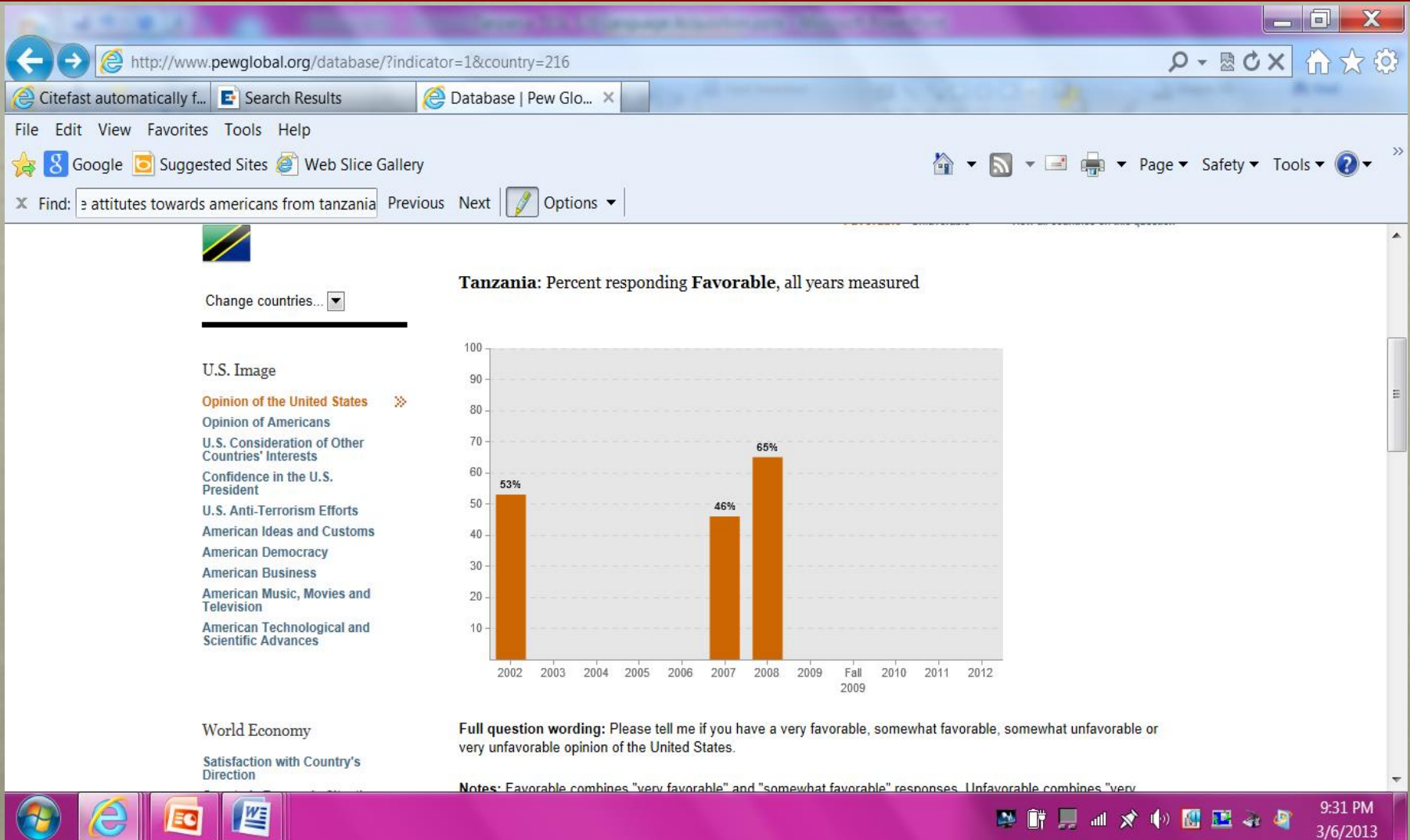
ATTITUDES TOWARD ENGLISH/SPEAKERS

- Some believe that English is just a second language
- Someone can still survive with their mother tongue of Kiswahili
- At the University of Dares Salaam, people hardly speak English
- Tanzanian graduates will be at a disadvantage because East Africa will be more marketable with English speakers

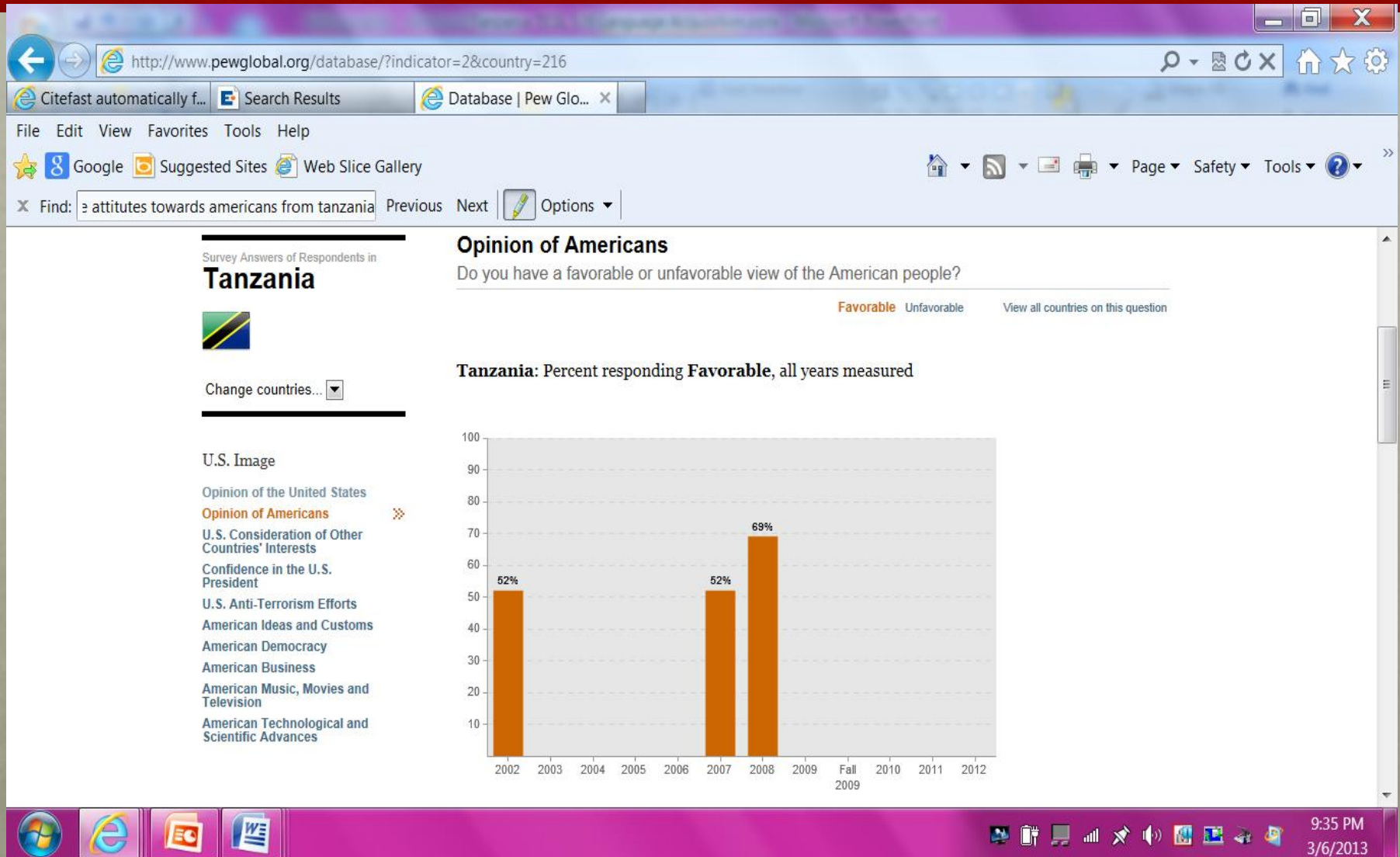


A graduation ceremony in Dar es Salaam. Experts say English proficiency has become more and more important for Tanzanian graduates in recent years

ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE US AND AMERICANS



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VALUES AND WHERE MIGRATED IN THE US

- Education is valued, however, families might not be able to afford. If there isn't enough money, the boy goes to school and the girl stays home helping mom until she gets married
- Students are expected to respect their teachers
 - Corporal punishment is still practiced in Tanzanian schools
- Religion is practiced, but is not weighed over family
- Male are the dominant and respect is expected
- Tanzanians have Migrated to Kansas, North Carolina, Texas, New York



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