A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW LATIN AMERICA "UPSIDE DOWN" Uruguay Why is North always at the top of the map? Argentina The Chinese oriented their maps to the South. Prior to the Renaissance most maps used East Chile ("the orient") as the uppermost direction, which is where the word "oriented" comes from. Paraguay Seeing a map oriented to the South gives a fresh perspective on the world and how countries relate Bolivia to each other geographically. It also challenges the assumption that countries at the top of a map Brazil are more important than those at the bottom. Peru Ecuador The Pacific Ocean Colombia Panama French Guiana Costa Rica Suriname Venezuela El Salvador Guyana Guatemala Nicaragua Hondurás Jamaica Belize Dominican Haiti The Atlantic Ocean Republic Puerto Mexico Rico The United States Canada 🔅 Spanish411.net