The intent of this map is to give the reader a visual appreciation for the spatial pattern of the total amount of Carbon Dioxide emitted by various nations around the world. What should become immediately apparent, and is supported by many scientific articles, is the dominance of industrialized nations in emitting large amounts of CO₂. This also supports the claim that industrialization, i.e., the anthropogenic use of fossil fuels is a large contributor to CO₂ emissions. What is of interest is the increasing amount of emissions stemming from developing nations like China and India, which by the end of 2007 could surpass the United States in total amount of CO₂ emissions.