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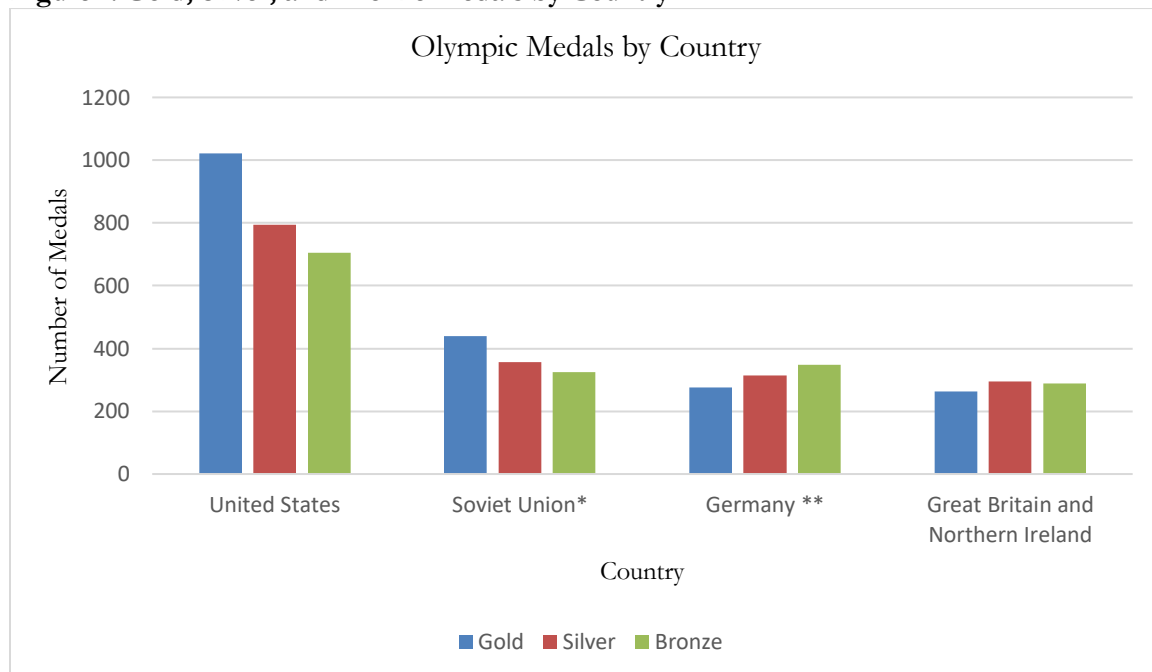
Table 1: Olympic Gold Medals by Country

Team	Total Games	Number of Medals
<i>United States</i>	27	1022
<i>Soviet Union*</i>	10	440
<i>Germany**</i>	24	275
<i>Great Britain and Northern Ireland</i>	28	263
<i>France</i>	28	212

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Figure 1: Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals by Country



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