Each color of the Brazilian flag represents something:

- (1) Green represents the Brazilian forests.
- (2) Yellow represents mineral wealth found in the Brazilian soil.
- (3) Blue represents the sky.
- (4) White represents peace.

In the blue area, there’s one star (not shown) for each Brazilian state and the country’s capital city. They are positioned as they were positioned in the Rio de Janeiro’s sky at 8:30pm on November 15, 1889, the day Brazil became a republic. The words in the middle say: *Ordem e Progresso* (Order and Progress).

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