



## Today in History

*November 24, 1859*

▲ **Charles Darwin's "On the Origin of Species" was published. His controversial theory of evolution upset many people who feared it undermined religious beliefs**

**1639:** The Transit of Venus across the Sun was first observed

**1874:** An improved type of barbed wire was patented, enabling ranchers to prevent their herds from roaming

**2004:** Ukraine's Orange Revolution intensified with supporters of opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko insisting the presidential election had been rigged

**2009:** China executed two men for their role in the 2008 tainted baby milk scandal