

Nationalism

Nation

from ancient Latin:

- *nasci, natus*
- to be born

- *natio*
- a group of people united by birth or birthplace
- birth, family and stock origin
- no political significance

- *nationem*
- sector of the country from which students were from in medieval universities
- multinational

- *nationes*
- the first converted to Christendom (in the new Testament)

Ethnicity

from ancient Greek:

ethnos
(ἔθνος) - people, human grouping based on “group”, language, culture

ethnicos
(ἔθνικοός) - pagan (late Greek)
- concerning “people”, what is proper to a people, or fraction of it

ethnikoi (ἔθνικοοί) - pagans (in the Greek Bible)

from ancient Latin:

ethnicus - pagan (late Latin)

ethnici - *gentes*
- *gentiles*
- “*nationes*”: the first converted to Christendom (in the new Testament)

Nation

- is self-defined

- members are aware of the group uniqueness

Ethnicity

- is other-defined

- members need not to be conscious of belonging to an ethnic group

- ethnic membership *Gemeinsamkeit* differs from kinship group

- a group of people must know ethnically

- what they are not

- before they know what they are

Nation

Nation - self-consciousness - identity - national identity

Nation - group of people believing to possess something in common
- (ethnicity - language - history - religion - culture - customs - traditions)

Nation - social construct - nation inventing - myth creating

Nation - invented (imagined) by the intelligentsia
- not a primordial concept
- concept socially and politically constructed by elites, intellectuals

Nation - defined by government
- state authorities deny that the notion of shared blood (kinship) is a factor
- Bismarck: "Think with your blood"
- American authorities: "a nation of immigrants," "melting pot," "salad bowl"
- the word nation is used to substitute the word state

Nation - confusion and interchangeable use of terms: - state - country - "race"

Nation / State

(sometime made to coincide)

Germany

- *Deutsches Reich* (state)

- *Volksdeutsch* (people)

- *Deutschland* (homeland)

Russia

- "Mother Russia"

- "Patriotic war"

Nation / State

- UN United Nations = united states (not nations) - United nations live probably in Brooklyn

Nationality

- the quality of belonging to a nation
- no factor essential
- some are necessary
- some are unnecessary (state)

Principle of Nationality

- principle according to which a nation is organized into a political independent State

Nation-State

- formation of European Monarchies in 1300
- French Revolution (Nation = popular sovereignty = general will)

National Identity

- Ancient Hebrews (chosen people, common cultural history)
- Ancient Greeks (cultural superiority, sense for political community)

Law

- modern international law deals with states (not nations)

Nationalism

- ideology

- collective state of mind

- consciousness

- identification with a nation

- ethnocentrism

- integrative function

- disintegrative function

- not well defined concept

- not well defined contemporary forms of nationalism

Ethnic Nationalism

- defines nationhood in terms of lineage

- stresses common elements: ethnicity, culture, language, religion, common ancestry

- the state is not needed to qualify as nation

- usually before the possession of a state

- destabilizing

Civic Nationalism

- defines nationhood in terms of citizenship plus political participation
- stresses common elements: participation, common political values
- stresses the sense of belonging to a state
- territorial state is crucial
- common language (usually)
- bonds formed through the process of statehood not ethnicity
- more inclusive, more rare form of nationalism
- present only in relatively sophisticated political communities

Nationalism inside a polyethnic state

- group distinctiveness

- group autonomy

- group secession

Nationalism inside a Nation-State

- state-claiming - civic terms

- state-building - devotion to the state

- state-expanding - imperialism

