NATIONALISM IN THE MODERN WORLD

How Geography Makes it Powerful and Real

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Nationalism is so pervasive that people may not recognize it as the most successful ideology the world has ever witnessed. All the world's peoples subscribe to a national identity and seek control over a destiny framed by nationalism. While many books have been written about nationalism, less explored has been the relationship between nationalism and national identity with geography. Here, I will discuss the geographical foundations of nationalism. I will examine four themes: that nationalism is an essentially *territorial* concept, that *landscape* provides nationalism with visibility and salience, that nationalism is manifested at several different *scales*, and that nationalism is recognized most explicitly through *maps*. Whether we know it or not, nationalism is an essential contributor to our worldview and, more than any other ideology or phenomenon, nationalism proves the power of place.

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