

Political Ideologies

Theory & History

keremblog.info

Nationalism

- Difficult concept, because we are living in it, it is still common and powerful
- Interacts with other ideologies intensely

Nationalism

- **The Core**

- Nation is the basis of political organization
- A desire to unite the nation
- The nation should be the only source of loyalty & identity
- Human nature – belonging to a nation

Nation / Nation-state

- (Modern) Nation-state
- Centralized economy
- Centralized polity
- Bureaucracy
- Citizenship

Nation-state

- National sovereignty
- State & Individual
- Absolute monarchies
- No intermediaries should come in between the two such as nobility, clergy, regional powers, lords, city-states, bandits etc.

Nation-state

- Independence
- Self-determination
- Unity
- Homogeneity
- Uniformity
- Sameness (“difference” is not so much a “positive” value, but often has a pejorative meaning)

Nation-state vs. Multi-ethnic empires

- Sameness & uniformity in nation-state ideology
- “Difference” is not a “negative term” for the imperial mindset
- “Minorities”
- *Millet* system in the Ottoman Empire (classical, pre-modern period)
- *Millet* system *tolerates* differences and *regulates* them
- No conception of “individual” in the *millet* system
- No conception of “equality” in the *millet* system

Nationalism

- Nationalism, importance of the French Revolution
- **Giuseppe Garibaldi** (1807-1882): “Anyone who wants to carry on the war against the outsiders, come with me, I can offer you neither honours, nor wages; I offer you hunger, thirst, forced marches, battles and death”.
- Nationalist history-writing
- “Invention of tradition” – Eric Hobsbawm
- “Imagined communities” – Benedict Anderson
- “Nation” – a modern concept
- National myths

Nationalism

- **Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778)**
- General will (*genel irade*)
- Majoritarian rule
- Illiberal democracy

Nationalism

- Civic Nationalism

- Political
- Inclusive
- Assimilation or integration
- Citizenship, civic loyalty
- Rational

- Ethno-cultural Nationalism

- Cultural, linguistic, mythical
- Exclusive
- Discrimination or racism
- Particularism, descent, ethnic allegiance
- Mystical

Nationalism

- **Xenophobia** – “fear of the other, fear of the stranger”
- **Chauvinism** – “Uncritical or unreasoned dedication to a cause or group based on a belief in its superiority”. (example: national chauvinism, male chauvinism)

Nationalism - challenges

- Nation-state and independence (economic & political)
- Civic & ethno-cultural nationalisms and minorities
- Populism and ethno-cultural nationalism

Nationalism

- **Andrew Heywood**, *Political Ideologies: An Introduction*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012, 5th edition or above.
- **Kevin Bloor**, *The Definitive Guide to Political Ideologies*. Milton Keynes: Author House, 2010.

Links

- www.keremblog.info
- *avesis account:* <https://avesis.yildiz.edu.tr/keremkar>
- *departmental website:* www.itb.yildiz.edu.tr

Next Week

- next week, **anarchism**
- please don't forget to check out the relevant chapters from both our books!
- thank you...