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limited

imagined

WHAT IS A NATION?

- Anderson argues that “nation-ness is the most universally legitimate value in the political life of our time.”
- Nation is “an imagined political community” in which the term ‘imagined’ means “both inherently **limited** and **sovereign**.”
- The nation is **imagined** because even members of the smallest nations never meet everyone who belongs to the community, and it’s a limited imagination because it has boundaries, albeit elastic.

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