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            ISIS, from the perspective of its inhabitants, should be considered a nation. Renan’s definition of a nation is one where people willingly agree that they are part of a nation. The people validate the nation, and the nation validates the people. The people of ISIS consider themselves to be their own political entity, and they even hold territory. Since they find common ground with their interpretation of Islam, they are an ethnic nation. Other nations in the world may not recognize the Islamic State as a nation because they have exported terrorism to many other countries and take land via violence. While the people of ISIS think of themselves as a nation, if no other nation acknowledges them as one, then ISIS cannot really be considered a country.