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Although some nation-states have been formed by polity-seeking national movements, others have formed when existing polities were nationalized  
—i.

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Chávez Ravine: A Record by Ry Cooder by Ry Cooder, Little Willie G. The two narrators each speak from a specific position in terms of history, religion, and views of nature, time, and space.

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Through their documentary film practices, Indigenous filmmakers such as Alanis Obomsawin 1932- and Michael Mitchell birthdate unknown-before her reveal the ideological and colonial underpinnings of maps, and restore an Indigenous experience within the national space of Canada. Nation-state, a territorially bounded polity—i.

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If borders and boundaries are central to this film, they become a reminder of the political power implied in spatial delimitation, including and excluding populations from the settler colonial space.

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Many scholars have argued that contemporary nation-states face unprecedented challenges to their capacity to policies and to maintain social cohesion within their borders. Even their most sympathetic observers deemed the disembodied, synoptic vision implied in the geometrical measure of European cartography beyond them

## **nation**

Treaties are a central part of the political cartographies of colonialism that frame First Peoples filmmaking in Canada, and would deserve a separate intervention. In her new book, *For Space*, Massey proposes a new conception of space and its challenges. The doubling here of violence--of how hostilities perceived as potentially arising from state insecurities, whether in the fields or at the geopolitical borders, may bleed into espousing the necessity of extreme violence in response--is significant, I feel, as an impetus for McCarty's spare but telling words.

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In , for example, Arabs and Palestinians a large minority of citizens about 20 percent , yet Arab-Palestinian political parties have never been part of the government, official state symbols contain only the symbols of the Jewish majority group, and the Palestinian narrative of the Jewish-Palestinian conflict is excluded from the curriculum at schools, which exclusively teach the Zionist narrative.

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