

Bangladesh and Its Nationalism

Nationalism is a concept where people believe that they should devote their interest to their nation's culture, national independence and therefore separate because they strongly believe that their nation will benefit from acting independently rather than collectively. An example of a nation which dealt with nationalism was the country of Bangladesh.

The moments which were major in their history under the influence of nationalism are in 1905 when Bengal was divided by the British which provoked a powerful movement by the Bengali nationalists to undo that. In 1911, the British government was forced to cancel the partition.

The condition, however, in 1947 changed, when Bengal was divided on based on religion and the idea of an independent Bengal was rejected by the Congress. Before 1971, when Bangladesh became an independent country, it was called East Bengal becoming East Pakistan, aligning itself with West Pakistan on the basis of religion.

Despite their common religion of Islam, it was the differences in culture and language which separated the two nations according to the government of West Pakistan. The notion that all Muslim areas of former India should come together in to one state was in opposition. This resulted in a demand of independence from Pakistan and from the leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, of the party the Awami League, which led the struggle for independence. They grew out of the Bangla language movement basing themselves on Bengali nationalism. Rahman won a major victory in the elections, meaning that their league had the majority and East Pakistan finally had control of the country. He won 167 out of 169 of the 300 seats in the National assembly. However Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was denied the prime ministership.

In a speech Sheikh Mujibur Rahman stated these famous words; *"The struggle this time is for our freedom. The struggle this time is for our independence."*

Due to East Pakistan's belief in cultural nationalism, Bangladesh went into war which was called the Bangladesh Liberation War against Pakistan in which Bangladesh was supported by the nation of India and whereas, Pakistan was supported by the United States both politically and materially.

Soldiers from West Pakistan were sent to East Pakistan in order to stop the resistance inspired by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman 's speech. On March 25, the Pakistani army struck a heavy blow against the Bengali opposition, focused in the capital of Dhaka. Hindu intellectuals were most heavily hit.

Following the violence Mr. Rahman signed Bangladesh's declaration of independence which stated that;

Today Bangladesh is a sovereign and independent country. On Thursday night, West Pakistani armed forces suddenly attacked the police barracks at Razarbagh and the EPR headquarters at Pilkhana in Dhaka. Many innocent and unarmed have been killed in Dhaka city and other places of Bangladesh. Violent clashes between EPR and Police on the one hand and the armed forces of Pakistan on the other, are going on. The Bengalis are fighting the enemy with great courage for an independent Bangladesh. May God aid us in our fight for freedom. Joy Bangla.

Due to both Guerilla and conventional forces (many of the guerilla fighters were just simply civilians), the Pakistani army surrendered unconditionally on December 16, 1971. The Bangladesh Liberation war lasted 9 months. This created the country of Bangladesh. Religious nationalism does exist inside Bangladesh where many Muslims believe they are superior to the other religions because they compose the majority of the country and try to kill them. The cultural nationalism for Bangladesh was positive because they wanted a nation of their own with their own culture and language not being under the control of the country of Pakistan. They had different beliefs and culture as well than Bangladesh similar to the province of Quebec. The religious nationalism on the other hand was negative because the Muslims believe they are superior and want to kill innocent Hindus because they are inferior in their society in the similar case the Nazis demonstrated.

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Future invasion

Act I

Scene I

Lenny and Carl, two who are geniuses build a time machine to go to the future. Their time machine is installed in their basement. However, nobody knows about this project and they embark on to the journey.

Lenny: Yes, we're finally done building the time machine, an invention that can change the world (Jumping up and down).

Carl: Before we tell anyone about this, I think we should try the invention first to see if it works.

Lenny: Ok then. Let's visit the year 2100.

Carl: (with a confusing look) Alright let's start with that year. This is going to be awesome.

SceneII

They get inside the time machine and set the time to August 28, 2100. As the time changes from December 2, 2006 to August 28, 2100, they notice that their surroundings dramatically change.

Lenny: Ooh! (while time is still going on the time clock) is that a flying saucer in the sky.

Carl: No, it's 100 saucers in the sky attacking the human race.

Lenny: Oh man, this can't be good.

Carl: Well, Here it is year 2100.

Scene III

As they get out of the machine by opening the door, they notice that their surrounding is deserted.

Lenny: Man, this feels so different.

Carl: Obviously, cause we went 94 years into the future.

Lenny: I don't know about you but I don't feel good about this.

Carl: Seems, there's no one here, no houses either. Man, Earth changed a lot in all that time.

Lenny : I think we should look for people and ask them about what happened with the aliens and the attack.

Carl: Sounds good to me, let's walk and try and find people.

Act II

Scene I

As they walked, they saw more deserted land. Lenny and Carl seemed worried about what happened to the people. Many questions rose on their mind unable to be answered by their brains. They knew that if they wanted to know the answer they had to search some more. They did not want to give up.

Carl: Do you see that house over there? Maybe there's people inside we could go ask.

As they were about to enter, they both saw a weird creature with huge eyes and an eclipse shaped head. They quickly hid behind a wall right next to them.

Lenny: If I'm right, that looks a lot like an alien. We either are living peacefully with them or they terminated us. These are the only possibilities I see.

Carl: there's also a possibility that they may be holding the entire race in captivity and taken over Earth as well. Anyway, this does not look good.

Lenny: Would you stop it with that. Maybe it's not as bad as you think.

As they turned their heads, they are shocked to see several tall aliens staring at them.

Alien 1: Humans, we thought we terminated them all.

Alien 2: What must we do with them?

Alien 3: Let's kill them (while taking out a gun).

Alien 4: No let's bring him to the leader.

Lenny: I told you they terminated the human race. Oh my god they can speak English.

Alien 2: Yes that's how we learned all about your species and knew the perfect tactics to take over and rule this planet.

Carl: Who would have thought they existed, spoke English and took over sweet planet Earth.

Alien 1 : Stop talking and follow us.

Lenny: (talking softly to Carl) Did you bring your camera to tape this so when we go back if we do, we can show this to our people to prevent all this. All we have to do and get out of here at the right time.

Carl: Ok, I got that.

Alien 3: What are you guys talking about?

Lenny: Oh we are just talking about how smart you guys are and how beautiful this place is.

Alien 3: Stop talking nonsense and be quiet.

Scene II

As the aliens and Lenny and Carl enter the house, they see a bunch of aliens around the corner of the house with a royal chair at the back where sits the leader.

Alien 2: Leader we bring you more humans.

The leader: Humans, I despise them so much. Who are you and how come you are not dead?

Lenny: Oh great leader please don't kill us. We're simply inventors from the past trying to learn what happens to us in the future. We traveled here from a time machine.

The leader: Then we can't let you go can't we? Aliens find that machine and destroy it and terminate these vial humans.

Carl: Nice job Lenny, you told them the truth now we can't go back. We're going to die because of you and so will the entire human race. Didn't you ever think of lying?

Lenny: Oops, that never occurred to me. Sorry.

Carl: Just make a run for the time machine.

Carl and Lenny starts running towards the time machine as the aliens all watch.

The leader: Well, don't just stand there run after them.

Lenny: (while running)I never thought in my life I would be running to escape from aliens who would want to kill both of us. Oh my god, they are catching up to us.

Carl: Stop talking and keep running. Look I can see the time machine.

Scene III

Carl and Lenny arrive inside the time machine and set the time to December 6, 2006. The time machine starts going back in time.

Alien 1: Oh man, we had fun being rulers, now the humans will take control.

Alien 2: The leader will kill us for sure if he finds out they escaped.

Alien 3: Who's saying we have to tell him?

Alien 4: Either way, this does not look good for our race.

Act III

Scene I

Back to the year 2006.

Lenny: Man that was a scary adventure our entire race would be terminated in the year 2100.

Carl: Good thing we made it back so now we can tell them about this info.

Lenny and Carl head to the White House and tell the President that their race will be in danger and that we have to protect ourselves from anyway possible.

President: How do I know this is not just complete nonsense or a prank?

Lenny: We have a tape displaying their images and their voices talking about the end of human race. Play it on your VCR.

President watches the tape and is surprised by the outcome.

President: How do I know that this is not just a fake tape with fake images and videos created by a cool program I don't know about.

Carl: You don't believe us do you?

President: No, not really.

Lenny: Fine we'll take you on our time machine and show you what we saw, then will you help us, I mean the entire planet.

President: Ok, if it's true I'm willing to take drastic actions.

Carl: Sweet we finally did something that will save the world. We're heroes. High five man.

Lenny: Yeah, Ooh! (giving high five to Carl)
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