

Theories and Practices of Nationalism - Assignment 1

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Question: *How are nations like communities? Is there is a difference between the communities which are formed by civic and ethnic nationalisms?*

(Write an essay (800-1200 words) explaining your answer. Draw on examples of at least two nations and nationalisms other than India.)

Points

- How are nations like Communities (Benedict Anderson):
 - Conceived as horizontal
 - Conception of a connect, even if most will never meet
 - Not exactly Gemeinschaft. There's millions, not thousands. There is individual movement, and family does not define social status, economic role, etc. We're still in Society, but we imagine there is a connection between random people we will never meet, cannot possibly ever meet, because we're born within the same arbitrary plot of land. Sometimes not even that.
 - Kohn - people consider themselves to be "of" a place, as opposed to "in" a place