

Nationalism: Activities

Applying Nationalism (AO1, AO2)

Stated below are a series of different political situations. Carefully read through the descriptions and then consider how individuals in support of nationalism would choose to respond in these different situations. Remember to also consider whether different kinds of nationalists would choose to respond in exactly the same way in each situation. For instance, would liberal nationalists respond differently to conservative nationalists, or would civic nationalists respond differently to ethnic nationalists? Also, would the response of the members of a minority nation differ to that of the members of a majority nation in some situations? Give reasons to explain your conclusions in the different situations.

Political commentators in the press arguing that restrictions need to be applied to international immigration to protect the nation's unity and prevent the undermining of cultural tradition.

A case where the members of a substate nation wish to hold a referendum to decide whether they should break free to form a new independent state, but are being prevented from carrying out the vote by the majority state government.

A government transferring national powers in areas such as the economy or environmental policy to a supranational body (such as the EU), arguing that contemporary political challenges require close collaboration on the international level.

A state introducing constitutional reforms to extend a measure of self-government to two substate nations located within its boundaries.