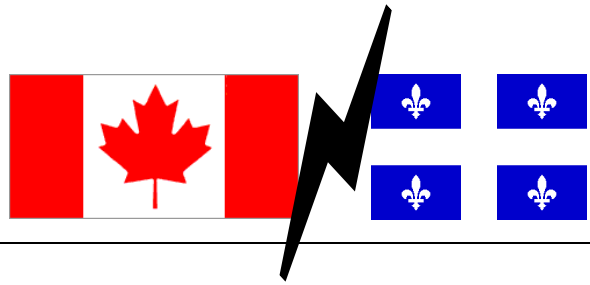


What is Nationalism?



- Canada and Quebec
- Indonesia and East Timor
- Turkey, Iraq, and Iran and Kurdistan
- Russia and Chechnya
- Spain and Basque
- United Kingdom and Northern Ireland
- Israel and Palestine

In all of these fractured national geographies, neo-national identities are in the midst of political contest with their predecessors. Each predecessor views the new or new-old claimant as a threat to its own integrity, or even to its continued existence as a state.

Neo-nationalism has come to mean violence, whereas it should mean mutual recognition and new opportunity. “Velvet divorces”, as between Slovakia and the Czech Republic, or successful new federal solutions are rare.

Other notable locations with neo-nationalist movements include Scotland, Japan, Denmark, Poland, and Yugoslavia, although **the United Nations estimates that only 25 of its 191 members are free from secessionist disputes.**