

Understanding Nationalism

Chapter Highlights

Chapter 4: Reconciling Nationalist and Non-nationalist Loyalties

This chapter explores factors such as non-nationalist and competing loyalties and how people have reconciled contending loyalties.

Chapter Issue: *How can nationalist and non-nationalist loyalties be reconciled?*

In this chapter you will learn about the following concepts:

- That there are non-nationalist loyalties (like loyalty to your family);
- That there can be competing factors; and,
- That sometimes people live with contending loyalties; that they can try to change their nation to accommodate non-nationalistic loyalties.

Topics covered in this chapter include:

1. What are non-nationalist loyalties?
2. How nationalist and non-nationalist loyalties compete.
3. How have people reconciled contending loyalties?

You will apply these skills to your understanding of reconciling nationalist and non-nationalist loyalties:

1. **Explain** the difference between a nationalist and a non-nationalist loyalty.
2. **Create** a chart listing five of your nationalist loyalties and five non-nationalist loyalties.
3. **Review** the loyalties involved in the Winnipeg General Strike.
4. **Examine** a map of Northern Ireland to determine if its land mass should influence whether it remains split or unites into one country.
5. **Discuss** with a partner how the cutting down of forests to produce oil from the oil sands could create contending loyalties for an environmentalist.
6. **Rewrite** the epigraph by poet Rainer Maria Rilke.