

Understanding Nationalism

Chapter Highlights

Chapter 5: National Interest and Foreign Policy

This chapter explores national interest as well as foreign and domestic policy. Sometimes there are contending national interests such as Arctic sovereignty, 9/11 and the war in Afghanistan, and interests for women.

Chapter Issue: *To what extent do national interest and foreign policy shape each other?*

In this chapter you will learn about the following concepts:

- That national interest can change and that there are differing views of national interest;
- That a country must develop both domestic and foreign policy; and,
- That a country's foreign policy may benefit some communities but have negative effects on others.

Topics covered in this chapter include:

1. What is national interest?
2. How are nationalism and national interest related?
3. How has national interest shaped foreign policy?
4. How has foreign policy shaped national interest?

You will apply these skills to your understanding of national interest and foreign policy:

1. **Document** using words or images your current ideas about nationalism.
2. **List** five personal interests that are the most important to you now.
3. **Explain** the idea of national interest in your own words.
4. **Express** why you think a country would choose to host the Olympics.
5. Use the Internet to **research** Canada's claims to sovereignty in the Arctic.
6. **Create** a historical map.