Understanding Nationalism

Chapter Highlights

Chapter 6: Nationalism and Ultranationalism

This chapter investigates factors of ultranationalism such as propaganda, charismatic leaders, and environments that lead to ultranationalism.

Chapter Issue: How can nationalism lead to ultranationalism?

In this chapter you will learn about the following concepts:

• That ultranationalism shifts from liking one’s own nation to hostility toward other nations;
• Propaganda is information and ideas that are spread to reach a goal;
• The Great Depression provided fertile ground for extreme nationalism; and,
• That often ultranationalism is accompanied by charismatic dictators.

Topics covered in this chapter include:

1. What is ultranationalism?
2. How ultranationalism develops.
3. How have people responded to ultranationalism?

You will apply these skills to your understanding of nationalism and ultranationalism:

1. Examine a map of Kosovo to determine the location of ethnic Albanians and Serbs.
2. Explain how three major nations followed a similar course in the years between World War I and World War II.
3. View a map of Europe showing the expansion of Germany from 1933–1939.
4. Examine the impact of Nazi slogans on ultranationalism.
5. Present an example of propaganda.
6. Explain your views on whether you believe it is acceptable to use propaganda in times of crisis such as war.