

Understanding Nationalism

Chapter Highlights

Chapter 8: National Self-Determination

This chapter explores factors and effects associated with the pursuit of self-determination such as nation-states.

Chapter Issue: *Should national self-determination be pursued?*

In this chapter you will learn about the following concepts:

- Self-determination means that people are trying to gain or keep the power to control their own affairs;
- The charter of the United Nations states that people have the right to seek self-determination; and,
- A successor state is a country created from a previous state.

Topics covered in this chapter include:

1. What is national self-determination?
2. Some effects on Canada of pursuing national self-determination.
3. Some unintended consequences of the pursuit of national self-determination.

You will apply these skills to your understanding of national self-determination:

1. **Document** your current ideas on national interest using words or images.
2. **Develop** three criteria that would help the UN decide when to recognize a new country.
3. **Explain** your view of the Chinese resettlement program into Tibet.
4. **Discuss** the positive outcomes from creating indigenous-run schools in Canada.
5. **Examine** a political cartoon to interpret its message.
6. **Write** a paragraph or two about how the items in your museum display show your response to the issue-related question.