Geographic Relationships between States and Nations

Definitions.

1. Stateless Nation: a national group that is spread throughout two or more countries, and is not the majority in any of those countries.

2. Nation-State: a national group that whose national/ethnic borders are nearly the identical to the borders of the country in which they reside.

3. Bi-national State: a single country that is home to two distinct nations/national groups.

4. Multi-state Nation: a national group that is spread throughout two or more countries, and is the majority in one or more of those countries.

5. Multi-national State: a single country that has two or more national groups residing inside of its borders.

6. Irredentism: a national group controls one country while also seeking control of an adjacent area of a second country.

7. Ethnic Enclave: a small distinct region where a national group resides inside of a state surrounded by a much-larger national group.

8. Ethnic Exclave: a national group not only controls its own country, but members of that group are clustered into areas of other countries as well.