Relationships Between States and Nations

**Nation State**
- The borders of one national group coincide with the borders of one country.

**Stateless Nation**
- One national group is spread out over several states and is NOT the majority in any of the states.

**Bi-National State**
- A single country that is home to two distinct nations/national groups.

**Multi-national State**
- One country is home to several national groups.

**Multi-State Nation**
- One national group is spread over several adjacent states, and is the majority in one of those states.
Irridentism

- A national group controls one country while also seeking control of an adjacent area of a second country.

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Ethnic Enclave

- A small national group is completely surrounded by larger national group inside of a country.

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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.

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What is the Importance?

- Conflicts between national groups is a major force in redrawing modern borders.
- Devolution: Breakdown of the state along national lines.

Conflicting Forces

- Nations seek freedom to create their own countries.
- Countries seek to stay together to preserve their power and resources.

Why do nations want out?

- Nations claim they have a natural right to:
  - Self-determination
  - Freedom
  - Liberty
Why do nations want out?

• Minority national groups are often the victims of:
  – Discrimination
  – Unequal rights
  – Scapegoating

Why do nations want out?

• Multi-state nations seek to break away from countries that control them to create their own state.

• States involved do not want to give up power of land and people.

Reflections

• Should large countries allow national groups seeking self-determination to break away and form their own countries?