

Nationalism class preparation:

1. What is the difference between a state, a nation, and a nation-state? What is nationalism? What are the different forms of nationalism?
2. What is the link between nationalism and conflict, including terrorism? Be prepared to discuss specific examples from the reading and the news to illustrate this connection.
3. What can be done to stop nationalistic conflict? One possibility, and Drachman's emphasis, is self-determination. How might self-determination alleviate nationalistic conflict? Drachman's chapter focuses on the situation of the Kurds, a nation that has also been featured in the news as efforts to re-build Iraq continue. Come prepared to provide your recommendations over what policy options should be pursued in the Kurdish case (note that Drachman provides a useful summary of possible policy options on pp. 236-238). How would your recommendations be similar/different in relation to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (which is covered in a case study in the Kassem, Talbott, and Snarr chapter)?