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Balancing Nationalism with Humanity

According to Homi K. Bhabha, nations are created due to various factors.

They are molded by ethnic obsessions and regional associations. Resultantly, national identities often become exclusionary. Moreover, humanism is antagonized.

Numerous philosophers have talked about this issue.

They endorse balancing nationalism with equality for all citizens. Bhabha also encourages prioritizing shared humanity over narrow national interests.

Nationalism often leads to narrowed perspectives and xenophobia. However, it is not an outright disaster.

It has also led towards pluralism. Nevertheless the

longing for dominance still remains, leading to violence.

Democracy also plays a role in disguising nationalism. It is exposed by Allama Iqbal in his

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poem, "The Devil's Parliament".
According to him, democracy
in reality is imperialist.
And imperialism indeed gives
rise to nationalism. Nation-
alism can unify or divide
depending on how it is
exercised. Nationalism needs
a different approach. One
that balances patriotism
and human rights.

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