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Different philosophers have given their views on nationalism. Homi K. Bhabha urges that Nationalism has historic roots and is product of regional and ethnic interactions. It is present in minds of individuals. Al-Ghazali focuses on a balance between nationalism and universalism. He supports the concept of justice for all citizen must equate the patriotism. He refutes the extreme nationalism with include citizenship. Bhabha's work also dwells in roots of nationalism and emphasise on humanism than nationalism. But rise in nationalist sentiments prefers the regionalism and undermine the creativity. Nationalism have both pros and cons. Though nations are aware of importance of universalism yet the desire to subjugate others result in violence, as happened in palestine and

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Bosnia. This is hard to believe when democracy has not fulfilled the hopes. Allama Iqbal argues that democracy is a pretext for imperialism. Iqbal's argument seems valid in the world where dictatorship is consolidated in pretext of patriotism. Democracy provides cover to nationalism in pretext of economic equality. Powerful nations engage the weak nations on name of patriotism. Nationalism can divide or unify a nation depending how it is dealt. So a balance is essential between patriotism and humanism.

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