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Nationalism: A Product of Post

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A post colonial scholar examined the ideological and physical realities of various nations. The nations are built on the historical, ethnical and territorial aspirations. But hyper-nationalism overshadows humanism and universalism. The negation of the universal human experience proves an anti-thesis to the inter-cultural harmony. Some philosophers are agreed that a moderate approach should be adopted based on rationalism to promote indigenous identity. The advocates of integrative nationalism demand egalitarian society based on justice. The postulate that the universal identity should be prioritized over local affiliations. In many cases, nationalism breeds prejudice which results in creativity deficit. The hyper-nationalism harbours racism. It can be argued that the nationalism has its own merits and demerits. But the expansionist aspirations

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which emanate from the nationalism sometimes outweigh the democratic norms of equality and plurality. The democratic myth of economic equality serves the interests of the powerful nations over the expense of the weaker nations. It makes democracy a predatory approach. The imperialism of the powerful nations birthed nationalism. Nationalism in turn, fueled the expansionist aspirations which is justified in the name of patriotism. Evidently, nationalism can be moulded either into an integrated or a divided society. A moderate nationalism is required to maintain a balance among patriotism, universalism, and humanism.

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