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Iqbal's Nationalism: Inclusive and Pluralistic

Benedict Anderson's concept of nationalism is similar to Iqbal's vision of an inclusive national identity. Iqbal's nationalism was pluralistic with Islam being capable to incorporate heterogeneous cultures. Infact, it was derived from both Islamic and Western ideals. He advocated for the formation of a central unit of Muslims free of sectarianism and regionalism. Moreover, his nationalism was ^{also} touched by ^{the} ~~western~~ ideas of individualism and cultural dynamism of Western philosophers. Therefore, Islamic values and modern democratic norms together revitalised Iqbal's nationalism. Nevertheless, Iqbal denounced the parochial outlook of Hindu nationalism which suppressed Muslims and other minorities. However, Iqbal's nationalism was dynamic targeting the social justice and welfare of all citizens. Thus, Iqbal's nationalism keeps on promoting a uniform national community which follows the rule of unity is strength.

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