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The Need For Humanistic Nationalism

National identity, though often rooted in myth and imagination, evolves through historical forces that can make it rigid and exclusionary. When nationalism is shaped by ethnic and regional fixations, it undermines the Universal humanism long upheld by intellectual traditions. Thinkers who advocated justice, balance and cultural openness remind us that national pride must be moderated by ethical principle to avoid becoming oppressive. Yet modern nationalism frequently narrows perspectives. It blurs into xenophobia, producing violent political outcomes and eroding democratic ideals, which at times function only as a superficial cover for power interests. Consequently, weaker nations remain vulnerable to domination, while nationalism

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continues to oscillate between unifying aspirations and divisive impulses. In this complex landscape, a more restrained and principled form of nationalism is necessary, pluralism, and shared human dignity.

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