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# Quotes about Nationalities and Nationalism

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The English instinctively admire any man who has no talent, and is modest about it.

- Agate, James

Patriotism is a lively sense of collective responsibility. Nationalism is a silly cock crowing on its own dunghill and calling for larger spurs and brighter beaks. I fear that nationalism is one of England's many spurious gifts to the world.

- Aldington, Richard

The French are wiser than they seem, and the Spaniards seem wiser than they are.

- Bacon, Francis

There are few more impressive sights in the world than a Scotsman on the make.

- Barrie, Sir James M.

All nationalisms are at heart deeply concerned with names: with the most immaterial and original human invention. Those who dismiss names as a detail have never been displaced; but the peoples on the peripheries are always being displaced. That is why they insist upon their continuity -- their links with their dead and the unborn.

- Berger, John

Nothing and no one can destroy the Chinese people. They are relentless survivors.

- Buck, Pearl S.

England is paradise for women, and hell for horses: Italy is a paradise for horses, hell for women.

- Burton, Robert

Switzerland is a curst, selfish, swinish country of brutes, placed in the most romantic region of the world.

- Byron, Lord

It is a well-known fact that we always recognize our homeland when we are about to lose it.

- Camus, Albert

There are few virtues that the Poles do not possess and there are few errors they have ever avoided.

- Churchill, Winston

It is easier for a Russian to become an atheist than for anyone else in the world.

- Dostoevsky, Fyodor

I find that the Americans have no passions, they have appetites.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Americans are like a rich father who wishes he knew how to give his son the hardships that made him rich.

- Frost, Robert

Irish Americans are no more Irish than Black Americans are Africans.

- Geldof, Bob

The Jews have always been students, and their greatest study is themselves.

- Goldman, Albert

With disadvantages enough to bring him to humility, a Scotsman is one of the proudest things alive.

- Goldsmith, Oliver

Historians are to nationalism what poppy-growers in Pakistan are to heroin-addicts: we supply the essential raw material for the market.

- Hobsbawm, E. J.

Nationalist pride, like other variants of pride, can be a substitute for self-respect.

- Hoffer, Eric

In dealing with Englishmen you can be sure of one thing only, that the logical solution will not be adopted.

- Inge, Dean William R.

Pervading nationalism imposes its dominion on man today in many different forms and with an aggressiveness that spares no one. The challenge that is already with us is the temptation to accept as true freedom what in reality is only a new form of slavery.

- John Paul II

The Irish are a fair people: They never speak well of one another.

- Johnson, Samuel

The noblest prospect which a Scotchman ever sees is the high road that leads him to England.

- Johnson, Samuel

Much may be made of a Scotchman, if he be caught young.

- Johnson, Samuel

The British have a remarkable talent for keeping calm, even when there is no crisis.

- Jones, Franklin P.

All the nationalists are wasms -- except one, the most powerful of this century, indeed, of

the entire democratic age, which is nationalism.

- Lukacs, John

If you want to eat well in England, eat three breakfasts.

- Maugham, W. Somerset

Without country you have neither name, token, voice, nor rights, no admission as brothers into the fellowship of the Peoples. You are the bastards of Humanity. Soldiers without a banner, Israelites among the nations, you will find neither faith nor protection; none will be sureties for you. Do not beguile yourselves with the hope of emancipation from unjust social conditions if you do not first conquer a Country for yourselves.

- Mazzini, Giuseppe

We Jews have a secret weapon in our struggle with the Arabs; we have no place to go.

- Meir, Golda

An Englishman thinks seated; a Frenchman standing; an American pacing, an Irishman, afterwards.

- O'Malley, Austin

Nationalism is power hunger tempered by self-deception.

- Orwell, George

No man has a right to fix the boundary of the march of a nation; no man has a right to say to his country, Thus far shalt thou go and no further.

- Parnell, Charles Stewart

Italians come to ruin most generally in three ways, women, gambling, and farming. My family chose the slowest one.

- Pope John XXIII

The Canadian spirit is cautious, observant and critical where the American is assertive.

- Pritchett, V. S.

The Irish ignore anything they can't drink or punch.

- Proverb

The French work to live, but the Swiss live to work.

- Proverb, French

Bulls get rich, bears get rich, but pigs get slaughtered An Irishman is never at his best except when fighting.

- Proverb, Irish

Nations whose nationalism is destroyed are subject to ruin.

- Qaddafi, Colonel Muammar

The English are predisposed to pride, the French to vanity.

- Rousseau, Jean Jacques

Put an Irishman on the spit and you can always get another Irishman to turn him.

- Shaw, George Bernard

The English have a heavy hearted way of amusing themselves.

- Sully

The Britons are quite separated from all the world.

- Virgil

How I like the boldness of the English, how I like the people who say what they think!

- Voltaire





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