



Nationalism

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Nationalism

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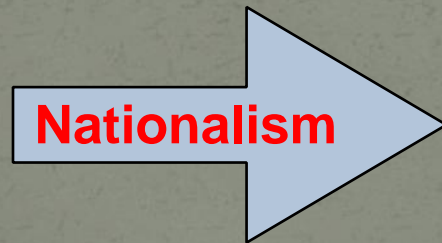
Nationalism is the political belief that some group of people represents a natural community which should live under one political system, be independent of others and, often, has the right to demand an equal standing in the world order with others. (Robertson, 2004: 331).

Nationalism

“In 1869, the Ottoman government issued the Ottoman Law of Nationality, which defined Ottoman citizenship (*tabi'iyet*) without reference to religion. Without distinction, all Ottoman subjects were defined as Ottoman nationals. Around this same time, Egyptian intellectuals began to spread ideas of territorial nationalisms distinct from an Ottoman identity (*osmanlilik*). According to the work of historian Ussama Makdisi, Syrian Butros al-Bustani in the 1860s distributed pamphlets throughout Syria addressed to his countrymen; these advocated that a secular citizenship be developed, taught and actively practiced. These Ottoman Arabs were influenced by the French concepts of *patrie*, or fatherland, and used *watan* to mean the same - the homeland as the focus of identity, belonging, and duty”.

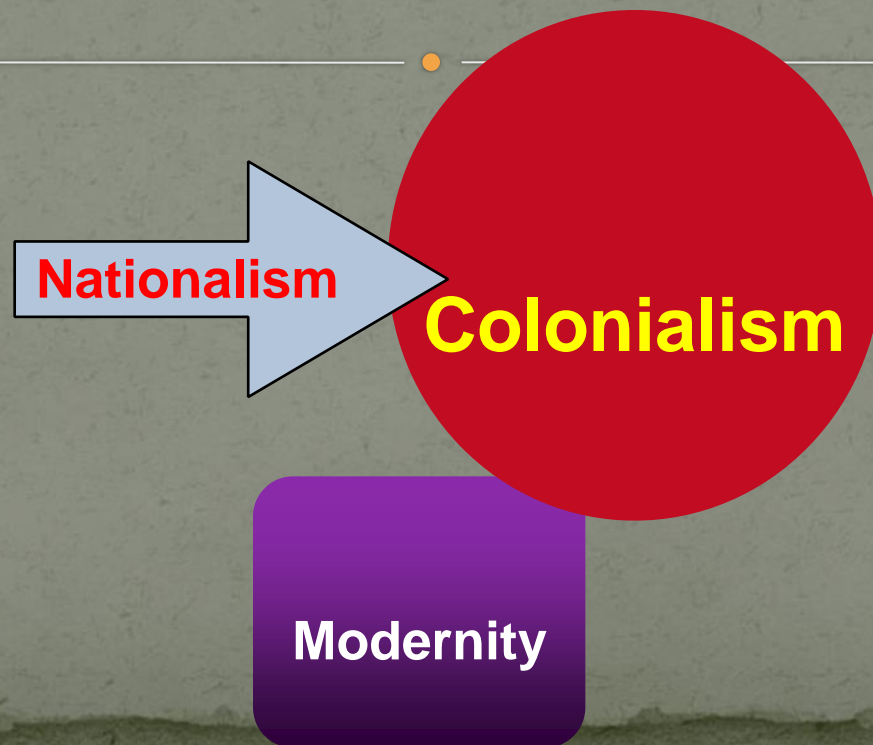
(Banko (2011))

Nationalism into the ME



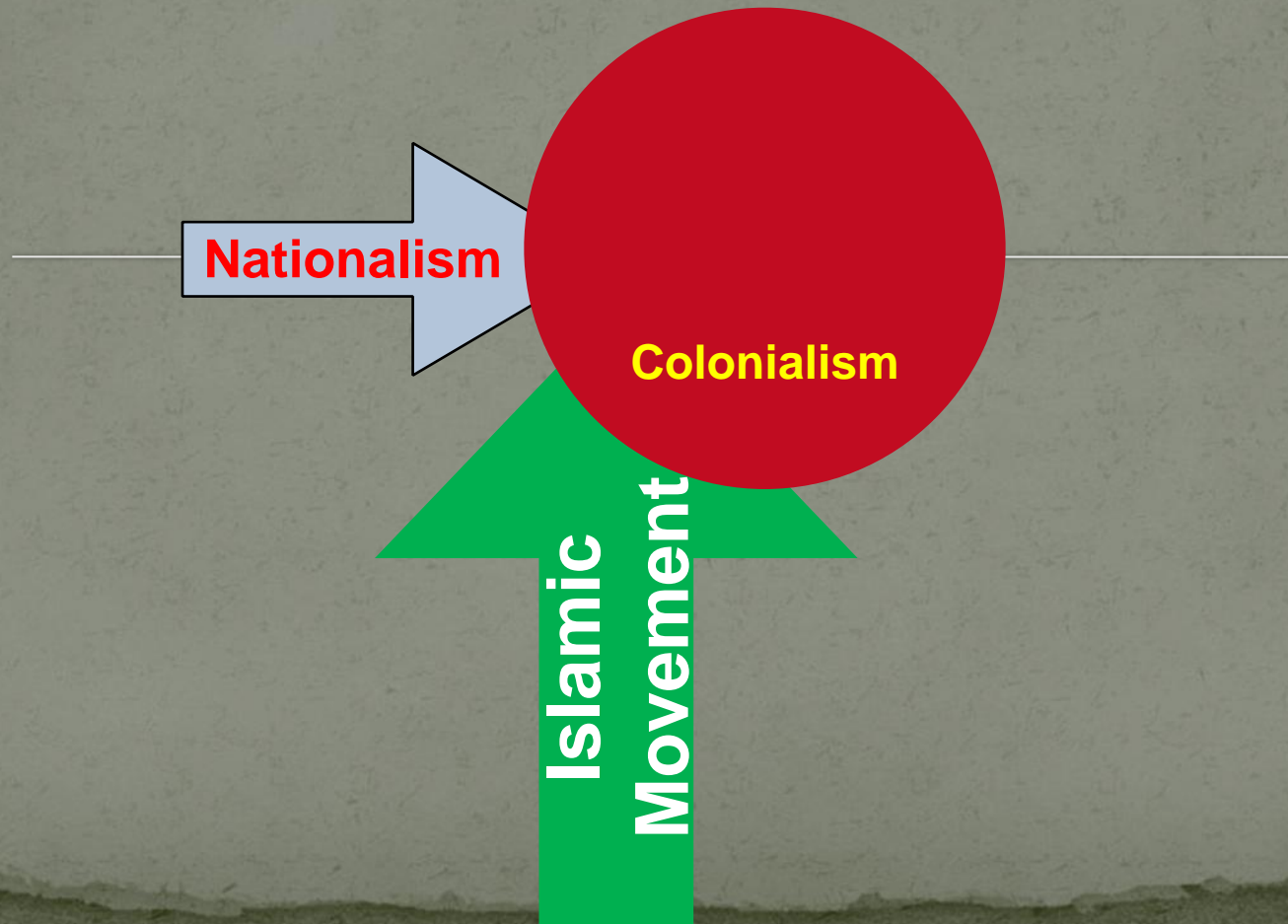
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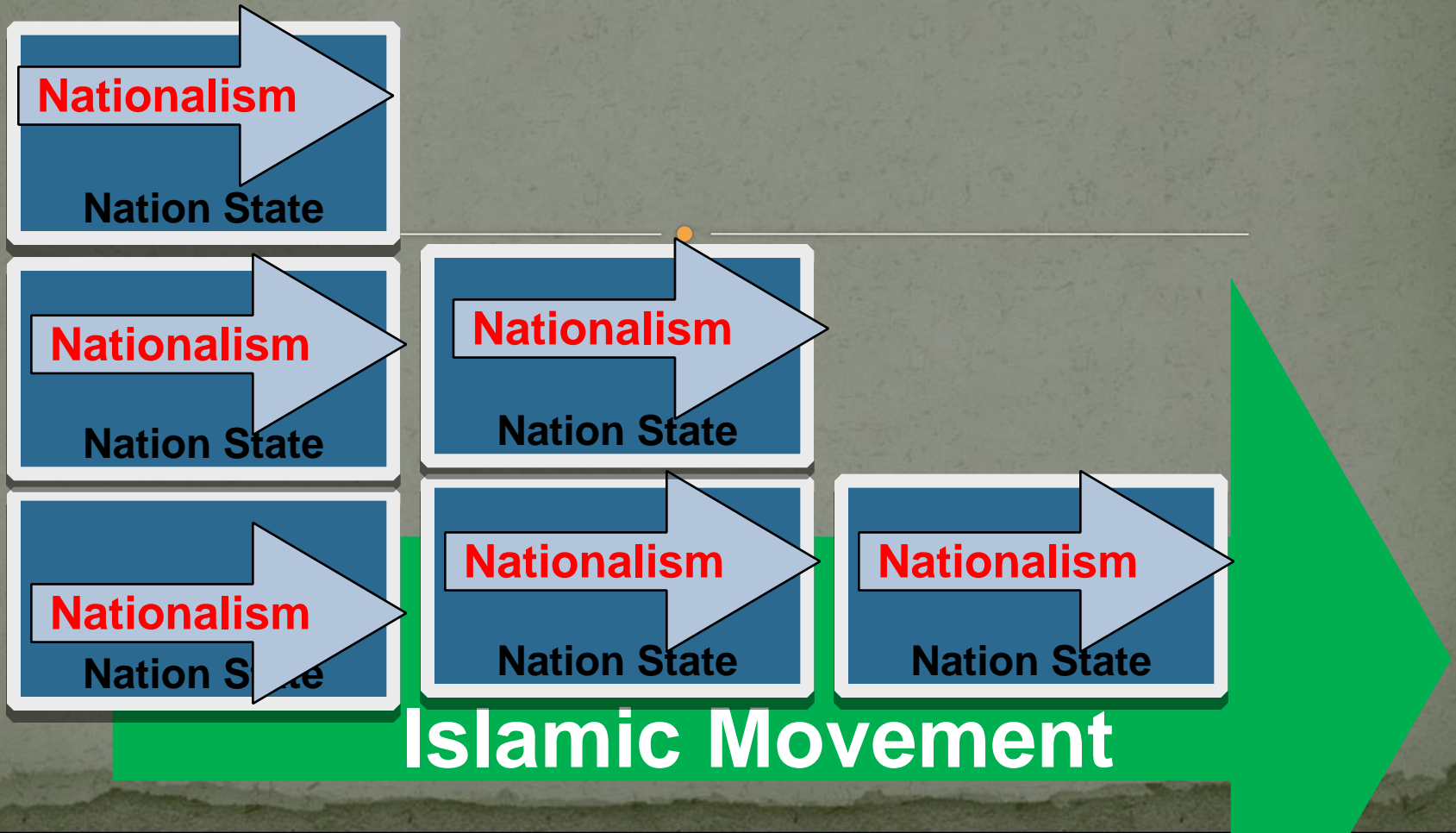
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Emergence of the Muslim Brotherhood



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Emergence of Neo-RN



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Seminar's Questions

- How could possibly the Kurds benefit from Islam as the majority's religion in nation building process?
- To what extent has Islamism gone into the politics of nationalism?