

Political Science 352

Nationalism and Ethnic Politics

Spring 2008

For this class you will write a research paper of 18-20 pages in length.

You should write on a topic relating to some aspect of ethnic conflict, such as its causes or resolution, or about the sources and consequences of nationalism in a country of your choice. In selecting a topic and country, keep in mind that you are going to have to research whatever it is that you select, and some topics and countries are much more easily researched than others.

Please give me a written description of your intended topic by Monday, February the 4nd, latest. If you want advice on topics, please come talk to me. Approximately one month later, on Monday, March 3rd, I will want an outline, a preliminary bibliography, and abstract. In order to receive a grade on this assignment, you must complete these two steps.

You will need to turn the paper in first draft of the paper on Friday, April 4th, and re-write after I have gone over the first draft with each of you individually.

The final paper is due on the last day of class, Tuesday, May 6th.

This is a research paper, so a substantial part of the grade depends on the quality and quantity of your research. If you have any questions about sources of information, feel free to ask me for advice. You can, for purposes of this paper, you can use sources from the Internet. You should not rely too heavily on them. You **must** use other sources, including scholarly books and journal articles, newspapers, etc.

Yes, you do have to use footnotes or endnotes. Please use the Chicago Manual of Style citation system. The easiest system is to use in-text citation with a complete bibliographic reference at the end of the paper. For example, at the end of the relevant sentence you would write (Giddens, 1952, 257).

This means that the quote is from the reference to a piece written by Giddens, published in 1952, that appears in your bibliography, on page 257.

Then in the bibliography you have something like

Giddens, Anthony. 1952. *The Origins of Nationalism*. Cambridge: Oxford University Press.

If you have any questions about what sorts of things need to be footnoted, ask me. In general, better safe than sorry. That means you need to footnote specific information, for example the percent of a country's population voting for a particular party, direct quotes and paraphrases, and unique ideas that you didn't come up with your self.