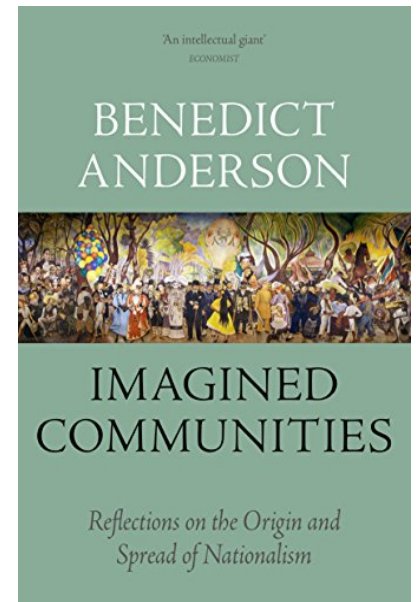


# Imagined Communities Book Summary (PDF) by Benedict Anderson

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## Why This Book Matters:

Imagined Communities explains to readers the constructive and argumentative debate over nationalism.

## The Big Takeaways:

1. **Nationalism received fame from the decline in the importance of religion after the Enlightenment era.**
  1. If When people lost faith in a religion as a community, new idea-nationalism was founded.
2. **The establishment of national languages paved the way towards the rise of nationalism.**
  1. The binding force among diverse social groups had become their unique national languages which developed a sense of harmony.
3. **The rise of nationalism was a practical threat to**

**enormous political empires.**

1. The sense of unity among different communities denied the supremacy of foreign powers over the local groups, affecting imperial rule.
4. **The colonial mentality and the resistance toward the imperial rule redefined history.**
  1. Starting from Europe, nationalism swept the globe. Even very small communities were determined to gain a new identity under this ideology.
5. **The rise of nationalism in Europe is due to the diversity in the languages at that time.**
  1. When the revolution came, the diverse languages of states compelled them to think about their separate identity.

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