

Ridding a Sense of Modern Nationalism

It is common for us to make the mistake of viewing history in the lens of our very modern concept of the nation state, and this is best demonstrated in the work of Rachel Hutchins. In her work, *Nationalism and History Education*, she pointed out the difficulty of painting a broader picture of the multitude of peoples and cultures in today's civic society if history textbooks continue to refer to past political entities like they are today.

More than likely, educators might run into the problem of either over-glorifying a minority's assimilation or using a privileged status to talk about a minority's historic trauma. Perhaps the best way is to follow the "You Tell Me Your History" method, where the minority population's history is educated by members of ethnic minorities themselves, allowing a space of better understanding and lived experience as part of a changing history education.

