



3.3 Cultural Patterns

Objective and Essential Learning

3.3 Explain patterns and landscapes of language, religion, ethnicity, and gender.

- Regional patterns of language, religion and ethnicity contribute to a sense of place, enhance placemaking, & shape the global cultural landscape.
- Language, ethnicity and religion are factors in creating centripetal and centrifugal forces.



Regional Patterns

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Sense of Place: Unique attributes of a specific location - cultural influences and feelings evoked by people in a place.
Distinctiveness.

- Example: Great Wall of China



Regional Patterns

Cultural Realm: Areas of the world that share cultural traits such as language families, religious traditions, food preferences, architecture, and/or a shared history. These cultural traits comprise a similar cultural landscape (although not the exact same) in each cultural realm.



Note:
Remember the importance of **scale of analysis!** A **small scale** view will not always be totally accurate.

Regional Patterns



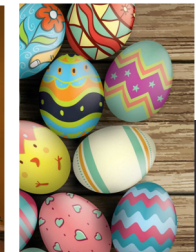
Anglo-American

Language: English (Indo-European Family)

Religion: Christianity

Shared History: European settlement & colonization

Ethnicity: Indigenous, European, African, Hispanic



Regional Patterns



Latin America

Language: Spanish (Indo-European Family)

Religion: Roman Catholicism

Ethnicity: Hispanic, Afro-Caribbean and Afro-Latino, European, Indigenous

Shared History: Colonized by Europeans



Centripetal and Centrifugal Forces

Cultural factors such as language, ethnicity, and religion can be:

CENTRIPETAL FORCES

Characteristics that **unify** a country and provide stability.

- Examples: Common language, ethnicity, religion



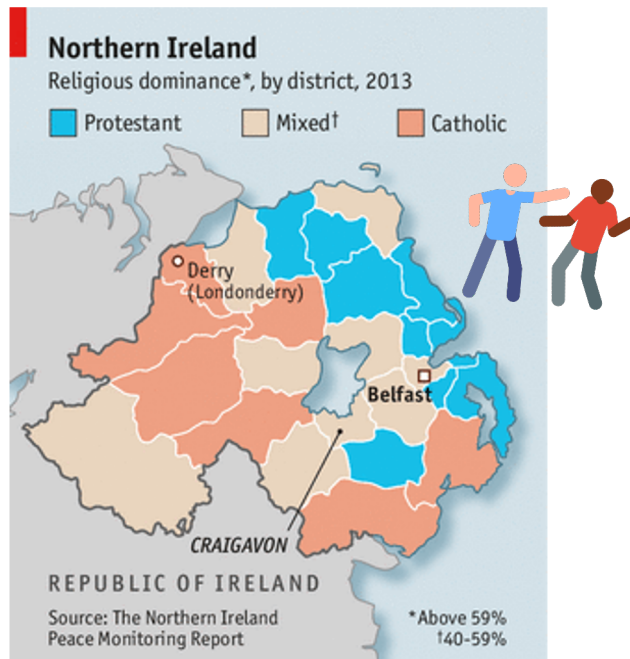
CENTRIFUGAL FORCES

Characteristics that **divide** a country and create instability, conflict and violence.

- Examples: Multiple competing ethnicities, languages or religions



Centripetal and Centrifugal Forces



Religion in Northern Ireland

Estimated distribution of Shia Muslims in the Middle East

■ 0-1%
 ■ 2-20%
 ■ 21-40%
 ■ 41-60%
 ■ 61-80%
 ■ 81-100%



Religion in Iran