

Are you here and ready to learn  
about community?

A. Yes

B. No

# Hierarchical Communities

Religious, Cultural, and National

# Why community as a purpose: Even more than freedom and equality, humans long for community

- Instead of individuals or classes-- **identification with the community**
- Instead of rational self-interest, profit or class struggle, **altruism, diffuse reciprocity, and “self-realization” through contribution to the community is emphasized**
- Instead of Market competition, no equal opportunity, or distributive justice.....**communal sharing is emphasized**
- Instead of private property.....**communal stewardship is emphasized**
- Instead of freedom or equality.....**communal solidarity and security is emphasized**

# Religious Community: Islamic Economics (Mohammad Umar Chapra)

- Three characteristics:
  - Multifaceted ownership
  - Freedom within limits: personal and external
  - Principle of social justice—much like distributive justice
- Corporatism...Combines religious norms with the market
- Communitarian principles: (Nisbet)
  - Assumptions about Human Well being
  - Assumptions about scarcity: More is not necessarily better than less. May be better if.....
  - Social Interest must constrain Self-Interest
    - No harmony between self-interest and social interest
- The filter of moral values
  - Two levels of filtering
- Role of the State
- Implementation of Islamic Economics: Banking, finance, and Zakat

# Islamic Economics

**POWER, Purpose**

Distributed  
hierarchically

**AND**

Security and Community  
well being in line with a  
Moral /cultural  
/Ideological code

Distributed equitably  
in order to meet  
Social priorities

**WEALTH**

# Cultural Community: The Asian Case (Lee Kwan Yew)

- Community is the best allocative principle  
修身，齐家，治国，平天下
- Doubts about individual self-interest
- Community is more important than Freedom
  - Freedom is not needed for market success
- Doubts about democracy
  - "too much" democracy and "too many" individual rights destabilize social order.
    - Censorship, LGBT rights, corporal punishment

# So he advocates another form of political economy combining markets with community

- **And Community with Authoritarian Governments**
- Societies need hierarchies of authority to cooperate.
  - (the collective action problem)
- Singapore is a market economy with an authoritarian government (Markets don't need democracy to function)
  - But rising inequality
  - (not as much as Hong Kong)
- A dominant leader solves the collective action problem
- Nations as communities always require authority

# Cultural Communities and Political Economy

**POWER, Purpose**

Distributed hierarchically

Security and Community well being in line with a Moral /cultural /Ideological code

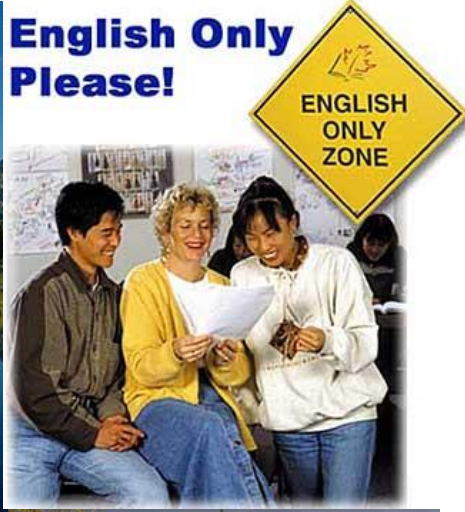
**AND**

Distributed by the market in order to meet Social priorities

**WEALTH**



National Community: The “nation” is a community of strangers tied together by a common identity of “nationalism “ expressed in symbols



# The Nation as “spiritual” and emotional community

- The identity is not an accident but a mystical “given”
- National uniqueness
- Nationalism is a corporatist ideology....Nations have “souls”
  - The “State” represents the soul of the Nation
    - States are Hierarchical and powerful
- Importance of LAND
- Nations and War

# Emotion, land, tradition, religion, sense of historical mission,

- "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee i sing."  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride, land where my fathers died, from  
every mountain side, Let freedom ring. **Ideology of liberty,  
importance of war and land**
- My native country thee, Land of the noble free
- Thy name I love. I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and  
templed hills, My heart with rapture thrills, Like that above.  
**Ideology of freedom, emotion (corporatism), Land**
- Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.
- Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might, Great God our King. **Origin in  
spirituality, uniqueness—evoke security....God protects the  
nation**



**Emotion, land, religion, community identity  
(brotherhood), an identity bigger than our  
individual self**



# **Nations are communities that fill the vacuum left by liberalism**

- They evoke emotion, not reason
- They evoke solidarity, not competition
- They provide an identity bigger than ourselves
- They provide security, not individual striving



**Liberal nations are  
In tension...is liberal nationalism possible?**



# Extreme National Community: Fascism

- Corporatist View of Human Beings
- Fascism and the State
- State and Nation
- War and Heroism
- Allocation of Resources: Corporatism



# Fascism and Democracy

- The maxim that society exists only for the well-being and freedom of the individuals composing it does not seem to be in conformity **with nature's plans, which care only for the species and seem ready to sacrifice the individual.** It is much to be feared that the last word of democracy thus understood ... would be a form of society in which a degenerate mass would have no thought beyond that of enjoying the ignoble pleasures of the vulgar “

--Moussilini

AFRICA

VALLEY

PERFECTIONS

THEOLOGICAL  
DEOLOGICAL

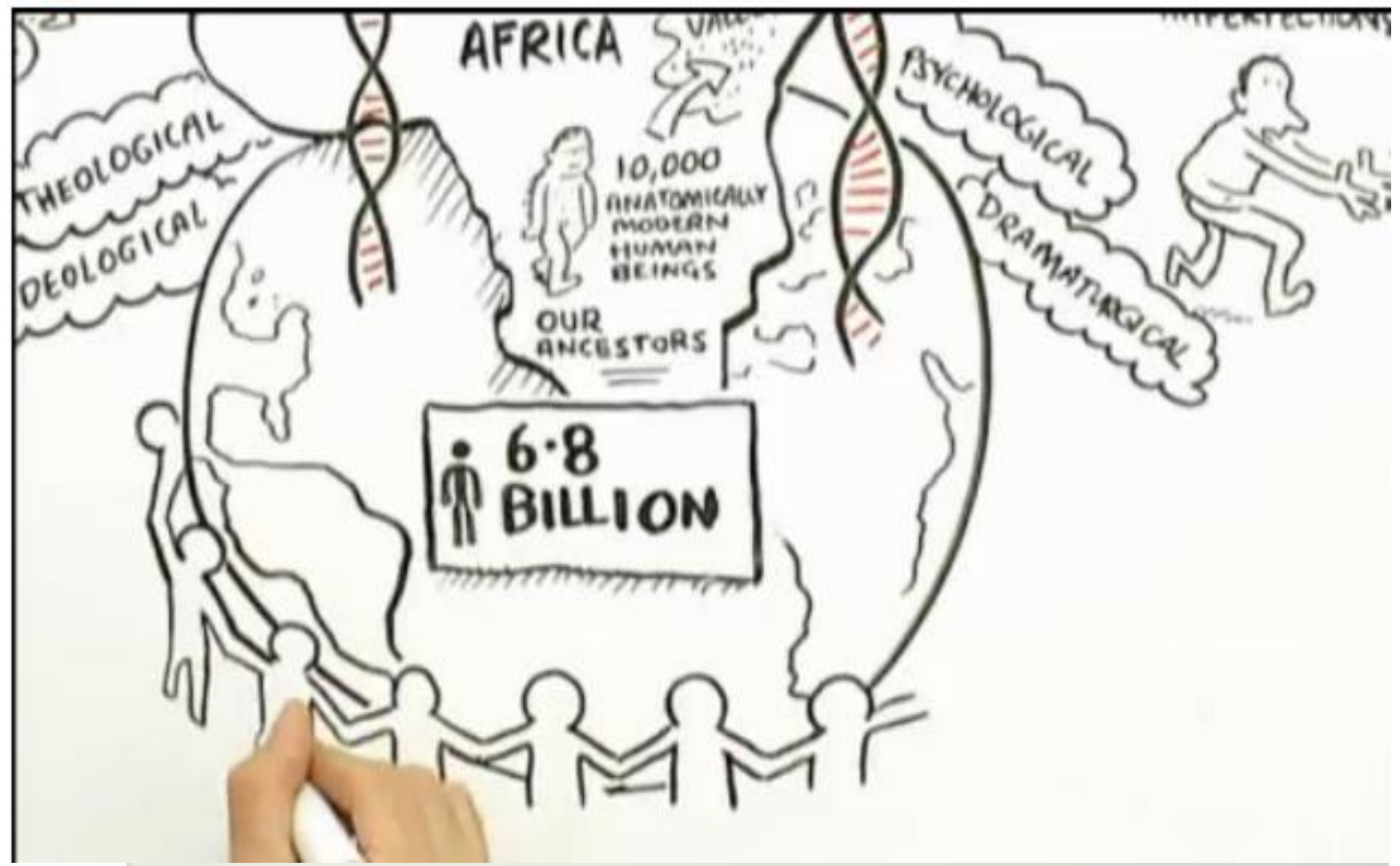
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DRAMATICAL

10,000  
ANATOMICALLY  
MODERN  
HUMAN  
BEINGS

OUR  
ANCESTORS

6.8  
BILLION



The End!