# NATIONALISTIC MODEL OF CITIZENSHIP

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## The Standing of Nationalistic Model

- The nationalistic model is the long-standing, dominant view of citizenship— the one
  most clearly institutionalized in the law of America and other nation states.
- It embraces the idea that the United States is a spatially bounded political community and a sovereign state to defend its physical borders; to define for itself who are insiders, outsiders, and in-betweens; to determine the rights of these individuals and their obligations to the state; and to decide which, if any, international law limits on America's sovereignty it will accept.
- The model invokes America's distinctive values, governing institutions, culture, and public policies to shape the law, practice, and meanings of citizenship.

### **Justification**

- Conservative nationalists accept the class of Americans as a privileged and exclusive group (Samuel Huntington, John Miller, Peter Brimelow, and Georgie Anne Geyer).
- Liberal nationalists articulate a thinner, civic notion of American identity, and consider citizenship a pillar of inclusiveness and equality (Michael Walzer, Kenneth Karst, David Miller, Rogers Smith, and Peter H. Schuck).

#### **Role of Territoriality**

• The nationalistic model of citizenship is premised on a bounded state's sovereignty over particular territory.

### **Entitlements / Rights**

- In principle, the nationalistic model is agnostic about the nature and scope of entitlements.
- In fact, the liberal, highly individualistic American polity takes a decidedly ambivalent view of entitlements

#### The question about the nationalistic model

 The question about the nationalistic model concerns its relevance in a rapidly globalizing world.

#### THANK YOU

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