## How Progressive Elites, Tribalism, and Globalization Are Destroying the Idea of the Nation-State



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The nation-state, as a concept, has been under attack from multiple fronts in recent decades. Progressive elites, tribalism, and globalization have all contributed to the erosion of national sovereignty and the weakening of the nation-state.

Progressive elites, in their pursuit of a globalized world order, have sought to undermine the nation-state as a barrier to their agenda. They have promoted policies that weaken national borders, dilute national identities, and erode traditional values. This has led to a decline in national cohesion and a rise in multiculturalism, which has made it more difficult for nations to maintain their unique cultures and traditions. Tribalism, in turn, has divided societies along racial, ethnic, and religious lines. This has led to a rise in identity politics, which has replaced national identity with group identity. This has made it more difficult for nations to come together as a unified force and has increased the likelihood of conflict and instability.

Globalization, while bringing undeniable benefits, has also contributed to the weakening of the nation-state. The free flow of goods, services, and capital across borders has made it more difficult for nations to control their economies and protect their national interests. This has led to a decline in national sovereignty and increased dependence on global institutions.

The combined effect of these forces has been a decline in national identity, a weakening of national sovereignty, and an increase in societal fragmentation. This has made it more difficult for nations to address their problems and has increased the risk of conflict and instability.

#### The Problem with Progressive Elites

Progressive elites are the driving force behind the globalization agenda. They believe that the nation-state is an outdated concept and that the world would be better off if it were governed by a globalized elite. This elite would be responsible for managing the global economy, protecting the environment, and promoting social justice.

Progressive elites have a number of problems with the nation-state. They believe that it is a barrier to their agenda, that it promotes inequality and injustice, and that it is responsible for environmental degradation. They also believe that the nation-state is a source of conflict and instability. The problem with progressive elites is that they are out of touch with the needs of ordinary people. They do not understand the importance of national identity, and they do not appreciate the benefits of national sovereignty. They are more concerned with promoting their own agenda than with the well-being of their fellow citizens.

#### The Problem with Tribalism

Tribalism is the tendency to divide society into groups based on race, ethnicity, or religion. This can lead to conflict and instability, as different groups compete for resources and power.

Tribalism is often rooted in fear and ignorance. People who feel threatened by others who are different from them may turn to tribalism as a way of protecting their own group. This can lead to a vicious cycle of violence and retribution.

The problem with tribalism is that it is divisive. It creates barriers between people and makes it difficult to build a cohesive society. It also makes it more difficult to address the problems that face all of us, regardless of our race, ethnicity, or religion.

#### The Problem with Globalization

Globalization is the process of increasing interconnectedness between countries and peoples. This can lead to a number of benefits, such as increased trade, economic growth, and cultural exchange.

However, globalization can also have negative consequences, such as increased inequality, the loss of jobs, and the erosion of traditional cultures.

It can also make it more difficult for nations to control their own economies and protect their national interests.

The problem with globalization is that it can be a force for both good and evil. It is up to us to decide how we want to use it. We must ensure that globalization benefits all people, and not just a select few.

#### The Way Forward

The challenges facing the nation-state are real and serious. However, they are not insurmountable. We can overcome these challenges by working together and by rediscovering the importance of national identity, national sovereignty, and national unity.

We must resist the siren song of progressive elites who would lead us down the path of globalism. We must also reject the divisive forces of tribalism. Instead, we must embrace our national identity and work together to build a better future for all.

The nation-state is not a perfect system, but it is the best system that we have. It is the only system that can provide us with the freedom, security, and prosperity that we all desire.

Let us work together to strengthen our nation-states and to build a better future for all.

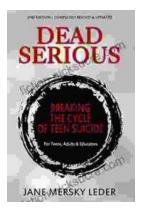


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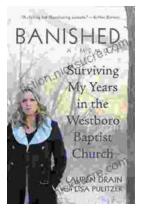
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