

Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict

Section 10

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- 50-50 split on people asking for more discussion and more recap of readings
- More interactive games
- More vocab

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Figure 1: Azeris women

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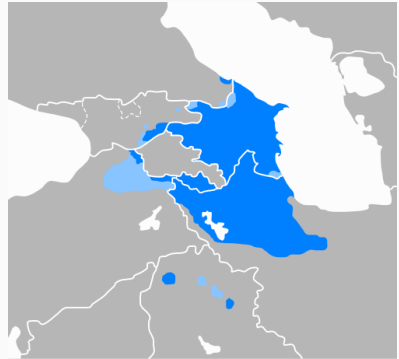
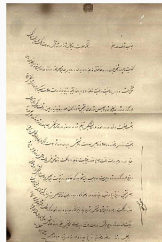
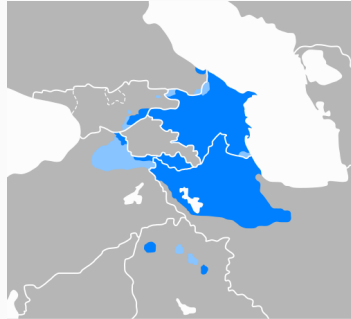


Figure 2: Distribution of Azeris across Iran and Azerbaijan

Ethnic mobilization

Ethnic mobilization organizes around collective identity in pursuit of collective ends



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Theory overview

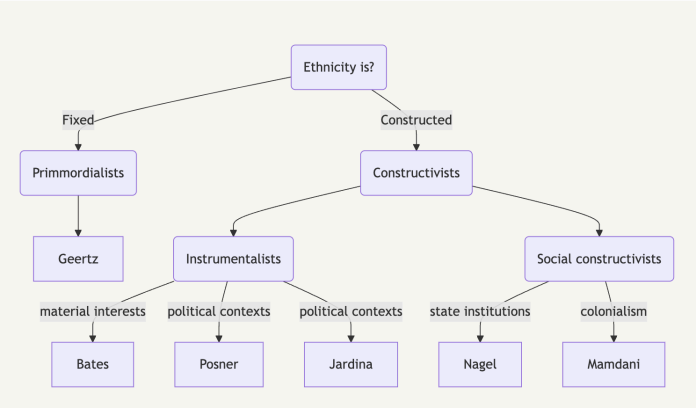


Figure 3: Theory map

Modernization theorists predict that ethnic conflict will disappear with modernization. Do you agree? Will ethnic conflict ever cease?

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