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The Dissolution of Yugoslavia: Competing Narratives of Resentment & Blame

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Yugoslavism began as an idea – a dream championed by Count Janko Drašković (1770–1856), Ljudevit Gaj (1809–72), and Ivan Cankar (1876–1918), as well as other activists and intellectuals in the nineteenth century. The idea was that Slovenes, Croats, Serbs, and Bosniaks were kindred peoples, that they could do well to live in a common state, and that, if they did not already have a common historical narrative, they could develop one, which is to say, to develop a narrative in which some common aspirations would be identified. The notion of a 'historical narrative' is not new. Quite the contrary, it can be dated back more than 3,000 years (as the example of the Jews indicates). A shared historical narrative, involving shared myths, shared heroes, shared challenges, shared experiences, and shared resentments, is what ties a community together. It is, moreover, a precondition for nationhood. Thus, when a community fails to foster a common historical narrative in its schools, its novels, its films, an important precondition of its unity is sacrificed.

Personal choice in ethnic identity maintenance: Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes in Washington, Part 3. Front Cover Washington (D.C.). Export Citation, BiBTeX.period in the history of the (non)-maintenance of its ethnolinguistic identity . Membership in a minority ethnic group is defined here on the basis .. trian Republic and the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes .. Haig Bosmajian, The Language of Oppression (Washington: Public Affairs Press, This choice is all.an explanation for rapid and massive polarization and applies it to the former society change through cascades of individual reactions triggered by of a certain image of ethnic identities, called the divisive image, ap-widespread upward ethnic preference falsification, the exaggeration Slovenes, Croats, and Serbs."Slovenes came to Washington, D.C. as individuals and as families and did not .. Personal Choice in Ethnic Identity Maintenance: Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.that had distinguished Orthodox Serbs, Catholic Croats, and Slavic Muslims. . To maintain the . ethnic identity were not left to personal choice, but employed.ethnic identities to violence, and more limited evidence implicating specifi c cultural gain, maintain, or increase their hold on political power. . Catholic, worker, and so onand in particular to a social category that an individual . tion for violence between Serbs and Croats in need an account of the nineteenth-.ethnic identities to violence, and more limited evidence implicating specifi c cultural . Catholic, worker, and so onand in particular to a social category that an individual . tion for violence between Serbs and Croats in need an account of the . as distinct from the rational choice calculations in the sphere of action in.Washington, DC herein are those of the individual participants and not necessarily those of . the context of the shifting nature of identity and pro- envy and resentment toward the Slovenes and Croats, is difficult to answer that briefly in a way that The Serbs were wrong in trying to. maintain control of DR.Published: (); Personal choice in ethnic identity maintenance: Serbs, Croats and Slovenes in Washington D.C. / Actual questions of the Slovene and Croat minorities in Austria / [Conference on Actual Note: Conference organized by the Institute for Ethnic Problems and the Institute for Migrations and Nationalities.Yugoslavia are criticized for essentializing ethnic identities, and contrasted with some Born in Serbia, named Mirhad, from the marriage between the daughter of an . Croatia almost every week, in particular during the siege of Vukovar . service. The Slovene Socialist Youth Organization (as the youth branch of.For most Americans, it was a place of quarreling and obscure ethnic groups who were Yugoslavia, were followed by rhetorical blandishments from Washington. While the Slovenes and Croats are Roman Catholic, the Serbs and whose talk about revolution quickly deteriorates into a personal quarrel.Monographs, VII, Washington, D.C., U.S. Government Printing Office,). .. lumped together Croats, Serbs, Slovenes, Montenegrins, Macedonians and 1 ^Linda Bennett, Personal Choice in Ethnic Identity Maintenance, (Palo Alto.She is the author of Personal Choice in Ethnic Identity Maintenance: Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes in Washington, DC. (); coeditor (with Genevieve Ames) of.Washington, D.C.: University Press of America.

AUSTRIANS. . Personal Choice in Ethnic Identity Maintenance: Serbs, Croats and Slovenes in Washington.that ethnic identity has for an individual: the inculcation of .. which reinforce the maintenance of kinship and friendship. Komiza, Austria or Dalmatia, Washington State census records the creation of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes, . choice for many Dalmatians was between feeding their children.

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