Centripetal, Centrifugal, Devolution, Balkanization and Supranationalism Notes

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – forces that unify a state (provide stability, strengthen, bind together, create solidarity)

* Examples:
  + Religion, Language, Expressions of national pride/symbols, Transportation/communication infrastructure, Shared History, External threats, Morpohology (shape of state - compact), Strong leader, Response to disaster/tragedy, Economic-development programs, Physical Geography, Government

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– forces that divide a state (lead to balkanization/devolution, disrupt internal order, destabilize, weaken)

* Examples:
  + Religion, Language, Federal Government/Regionalism, Ethnicities/Separatist movements, Morphology (fragmented/prorupted), External threats, Territorial disputes, Physical Geography

**What is the difference between Devolution and Balkanization (Centrifugal Forces)?**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – the process whereby regions within a state demand and gain political strength and growing autonomy at the expense of the central government
  + Can be a result of ethnocultural, economic or spatial factors
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - The process by which a state breaks down through conflicts among its ethnicities.

**Centrifugal Forces and Devolution**

* Movement of power from central government to regional governments within the state.
  + - Ethnocultural (Czechoslovakia): We aren’t like you.
    - Economic (Catalonia): Why should we pay for you?
    - Spatial (Hawaii?)

Does Devolution = Independence Movement?

**What would happen if you had Centripetal Forces work beyond the State scale?**

What might bring people together beyond state identity?

Think…Economic, Political, Military, Social

* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** – A separate entity composed of three or more states that forge an association and form an administrative structure for mutual benefit and in pursuit of shared goals

**Political, economic and military cooperation**

- The United Nations (est. 1945)

- Regional military alliances

\* Balance of power

\* Post–World War II: NATO or the Warsaw Pact

Other regional organizations

- OSEC (est. 1975) – organization on Security and cooperation in Europe

- OAS (est. 1962) – Organization of American States

- AU (est. 2002) – The African Union

- The Commonwealth – United Kingdom & former British colonies

- European Union (EU) - Economic cooperation

- Commonwealth of Independent States –

NAFTA –

Arab League –

OPEC -