

PATRIOTISM. Patriotism - and nationalism - are well disguised manifestations of the negative force; next to religion, patriotism is the foremost cause for extremism, fanaticism, violence, war. **P**atriotism is a base emotion used unashamedly by rulers to blind, distract and pacify the populace and to exploit their reasonable demands for safety, prosperity and peaceful continuity.

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It is with patriotism that we have our emotions whipped up and manipulated by unscrupulous leaders who clamber to firm up their positions.

This works best in totalitarian systems or with leaders bereft of constructive, progressive ideas, who go all out to fill the idea-void with patriotism.

The Spanish film director Luis Bunuel said, "God and Country are an unbeatable team, they break all records for oppression and bloodshed."

Patriotism & nationalism - as Krishnamurti makes clear - causes war; says he: "So long as there is nationalism, so long as you are a German or a Russian or an American, clinging to sovereignty, to an exclusive nationality, you are sure to have war."

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