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I. Controversy of identity.

- controversy over "Chinese" is really because of various identity struggle and tug-of-war.
- people can be identified as however they believe to be correct.

II. Definition of Identity

- Breakdown of "ethnic identity", "cultural identity", and "political identity".

-Ethnicity defines what you are in terms of your blood, it is the least important part in defining who you are.

-Cultural identity is a bit more important than racial background for it defines how you become what you are.

- political identity is the most important factor in determining your overall identity because this is how people will USUALLY and TYPICALLY identify you. And it usually is defined by the kind of citizenship or nationality you have.

III. Details of each identity

- ethnic identity is like "family name"

- cultural identity as our "nick name"

- and political identity as our "full name"

- E.g.,, Michael Jordan the "Air walker" can tell us that he is from the "Jordan Family", he played basketball and that was how he became famous from the nick name "Air Walker", and his full name is simply how we all address him officially. "Michael Jordan", even though he may have other alias like "Mike" or "MJ".

- "Chinese" CAN INDEED apply to all categories: ethnically, culturally, and politically.

-How you identify yourself is completely your choice.

-Chinese as ethnicity come from the term "Zhong Hua Min Zu" and before that the "Hua Xia Min Zu"(another name for the Han people).

- the Zhong Hua Ming Zhu is based on Dr. Sun's version of Zhong hua ming zhu. Which is "inclusively all members of China within its borders and all those sons and daughters who can trace their ancestry back to China."

-Communist Party impose that Zhong Hua Min Zu as inclusively all members of China within its borders and all those sons and daughters who can trace their ancestry back to China.

- China as a nationality(political identity) would be all citizens of the People's Republic of China circa 1947 since they have replaced the Republic of China(currently on Taiwan) as the only legal representation of the country China. People who are NOT a citizen of the PRC will not be recognized as politically Chinese.