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IN DISCUSSION WITH
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SAMUEL HUNTINGTON (1927-2008)

FACTS....
Where was he from....
What was his field of study...
What historical issues influenced his work...

Why is his work of importance...

NAME TWO OF HUNTINGTON’S MOST FAMOUS BOOKS

Which form of power do you think Huntington would advocate, Dictatorship or Democracy, and what would his argument be for this...

Explain your understanding of Kin Countries Syndrome...

When did the Yugoslav Wars take place? What was this conflict fought for and how do you think it influenced Huntington’s work, The Clash of Civilizations?
What does it mean to assimilate into another culture?

The demographic landscape of Ireland has changed significantly in the last few decades. Describe how it is more diverse now. Do you think Irish culture has changed with the diversity of the population, if so, in what way?

Explain the concept of ETHNONCENTRISM….

IN THE 1980’S HUNTINGTON ADVISED THE SOUTH AFRICAN APARtheid GOVERNMENT ON STATE SECURITY. WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS GOVERNMENT WORRIED ABOUT & WHY?

Samuel Huntington was certainly a very controversial academic. What is your opinion of his contribution to political thought? If his ideas were implemented globally what would the world look like today? What do you think of this vision?

Huntington believed in a strong authoritarian state with structure and tight controls, including legitimate use of violence to maintain state control. Do you think this approach is right or wrong, and how does the state maintain control here?

Politics can be driven by rational or emotional ideas, do you think Huntington’s politics were from his head or his heart?