

## II Forces leading to Devolution

\* Devolution: transfer of political power from the central government to subnational levels of government.

\* ~~Some~~ Several forces can lead or accelerate this.

## A. Physical Geography

1. Can cause isolation

Ex: Kashmir Region (N. India, N. Pakistan)

## B. Ethnic Separatism

1. Usually take place regionally

2. Ethnic groups usually concentrated in particular regions

Ex: Spain: Basques + Catalans Both culturally and linguistically different groups from Spain.

## C. Terrorism

1. Organized violence aimed at government and civilian targets that is intended to create fear.

2. Commonly used by non-governmental groups that do not have an Army

## D. Economics

1. Control of natural resources

- regions might want to use the resources in their area to help that specific region.

Ex: Scotland wanted more revenue from North Sea Oil, spurred their wanting independence from the UK.

## E. Social Issues

1. Language, History, Religious Differences.

2. Belgium faces huge issues  
Flanders: Flemish Speaking: North  
Wallonia: French Speaking: South

## F. Irredentism

1. Movement to unite by people who share a language or other cultural elements but are divided by a national boundary.